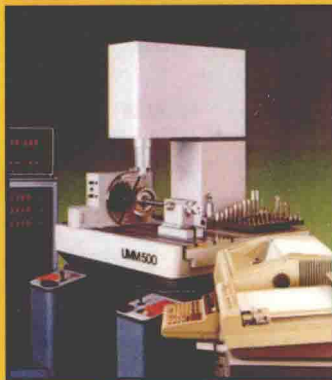
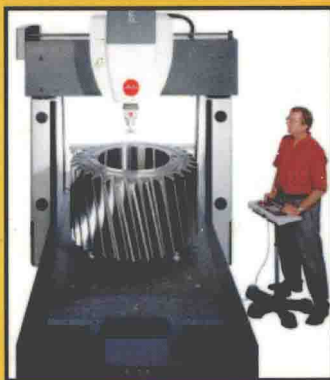
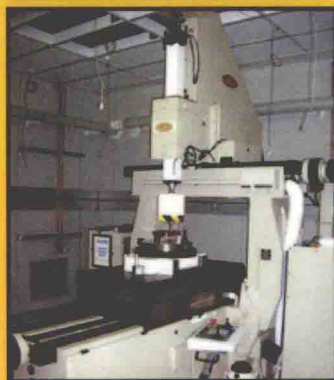
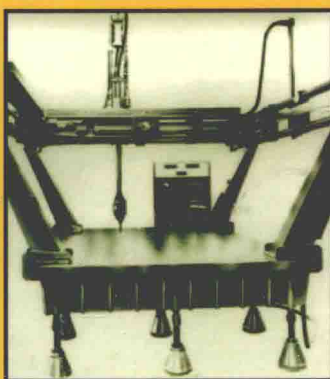
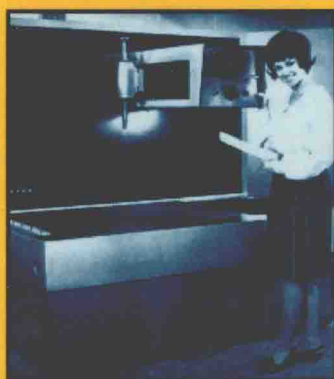


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Preface

Since John Bosch edited and published the first version of this book in 1995, the world of manufacturing and coordinate measuring machines (CMMs) and coordinate measuring systems (CMSs) has changed considerably. Perhaps most significantly, we have seen a large volume of manufacturing move to Asia, particularly the People's Republic of China. We have also seen enormous growth in the capability of what were once called microcomputers and the incredible strides in communication through the multifaceted ever-changing marvel, the World Wide Web. In addition to that the proliferation and miniaturization of the cell phone, personal digital assistants of all sorts, digital books, etc. and much of the work we do and the tools we do it with would have seemed quite alien a decade and a half ago.

So, what has changed in *Coordinate Measuring Machines and Systems*? First and foremost, it is helpful to remind ourselves that the basic physics of the machines has not changed at all. A good deal of this book, therefore, deals with topics that have not changed in essence but have just become more deeply understood. In other areas, software as an example, the expectations of the user for operator interfaces, ease of use, algorithms, speed, communications, and computational capabilities have expanded remarkably. Further, some types of machines, particularly the non-Cartesian CMMs, have expanded in market share and increased in accuracy and utility. We have also seen big changes in probing systems, called accessory elements in this text, and the number of points they can deliver to ever more sophisticated software. New applications have multiplied and pressures to improve machine performance have continued to increase. The concept of uncertainty has been better defined and is now widely used. It has been an interesting and exciting 16 years.

In addition to two new editors, one from academia and one from a metrology-intensive user industry, this book has many new authors and a known cadre of experts who have grown with the field since the last version. Many of them the reader will recognize from the literature on metrology, machine, and software standards development, and their activities in technical societies. We, the editors, are confident that we have assembled a first-rate team and believe that this book will be a valuable resource for students, practitioners, and researchers. Our authors come from around the world, and we intend that this book will play an important part in the global economy of manufacturing.

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Measurement is an integral part of our everyday lives. It is something that most people take for granted. In looking back at the evolution of measurement, one finds that it relates directly to the progress of mankind. This chapter provides a brief historical summary of this evolution from the perspective of industrial metrology.