

Application TM1: Metal Part Gauging

Problem: A manufacturer of machined metal parts needed an automatic method of gauging the diameter of processed parts.

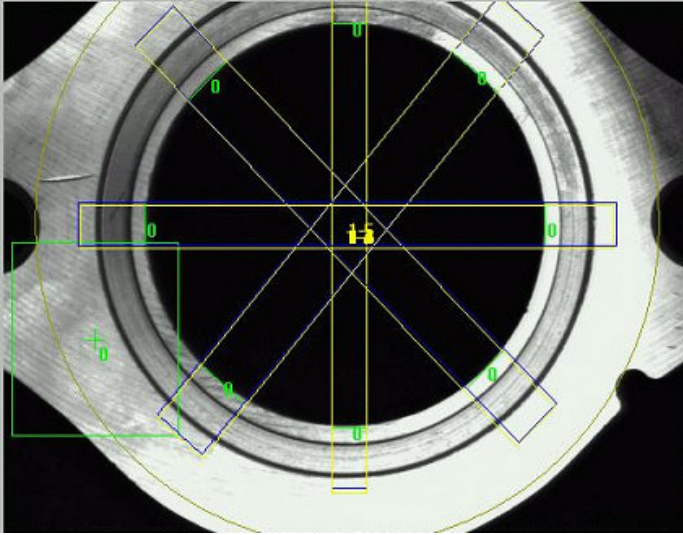


Figure 1: Top-lit Metal Part

Solution: Stand-alone inspection system installed onto a fabricated inspection fixture (QSInspector). Diffuse fluorescent back light illumination lighting the part from the bottom. One camera with a FOV of 100mm (Resolution approximately 0.02mm). Cycle time: 2 sec.

The part number of the inspected part is selected from a Windows recipe menu. Parts are automatically indexed into an inspection station by existing material handling system. A Part-In-Place signal triggers the camera to acquire an image. Software tools detect the various attributes. After all attributes are verified, a digital output is sent to the material handling system for either acceptance or rejection.

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Figure 2: QSInspector