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About DIERS

DIERS International GmbH is an innovative, family owned and operated enterprise which has successfully designed, developed, produced, distributed, installed and serviced biomechanical measuring systems since 1996.

From the beginning, we have engaged in close scientific cooperation with German and foreign universities to guarantee continuous developments at high technical and scientific levels for our customers.

The objective of DIERS is to offer the market a comprehensive biomechanical product portfolio for complete head to toe analysis of the human body. During the course of product development we place great value on interdisciplinary utilization by various professional groups such as orthopedists, orthopedic technicians, physical therapists, dentists, orthodontists, sports medicine specialists, etc.

All DIERS products pass through a demanding research and development process. Their measuring accuracy and reliability has been proven in multiple clinical studies.

Meanwhile DIERS has emerged as a worldwide market leader in the field of optical 3D / 4D postural and locomotion analysis. With the new product generation, DIERS 4D motion®, a new milestone has been reached in the field of spine analysis.

For the first time it is possible to measure the spine and posture while the patient is walking.

In addition to the development and distribution of high-quality measuring systems we strive to maintain close contact to our customers and to promote the exchange of scientific expertise.

To this aim we regularly organize continuing education courses, e.g. in cooperation with the Academy of German Orthopedists (ADO) which are certified by the German Medical Association.

A competent team consisting of engineers, sport scientists, computer scientists and economists is always available for your questions and suggestions.

With kind regards,

Your DIERS-Team

DIERS International GmbH maintains a complete quality assurance system (TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE) according to appendix II of the directive 93 / 42 / EEC and is certified by the Germany BSI Group, also for ISO 9001 and 13485.
3D / 4D Spine & Posture Analysis

- radiation-free
- contactless
- fast & accurate

The DIERS formetric measuring technology is the most widespread system for the optical 3D Spine & Posture Analysis worldwide.

The DIERS formetric measuring procedures were developed in close collaboration with leading universities and through research projects within the European Union.

The original clinical objective was the development of a radiation-free spine analysis system to reduce the high x-ray exposure of scoliosis patients during follow-ups.

The DIERS formetric allows a radiation-free and markerless surface topography scanning method including a 3D reconstruction of the spine. Varied clinical parameters from the objective and quantitative analysis of the body statics and posture, scoliosis, and various spinal deformities can be shown.

Based on the formetric method of analysis of the back, there is generally no need for markers. The anatomical landmarks (Vertebra Prominens (VP), Dimple Left/Right (DL/DR) as well as the spinal center line and spinal rotation are automatically detected by the system.

Clinical Applications:
- Scoliosis & scoliotic malpositions
- Leg length discrepancies
- Pelvic obliquity / rotation / torsion
- Posture-related pain symptoms
- Posture variances
- Hyper-/Hypo-Lordosis/-Kyphosis
- Osteoporosis
- Arthrosis
- Temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ)
- Vertebral blockages
- Neurologic symptoms (e.g. Romberg-Test)
- Muscle deficits/imbalances (Matthiass-Test, Flamingo Test)
- and many more
To be able to fulfill individual demands, we offer measuring systems with various performance options at different price levels.

**DIERS statico 3D**

for static measurement

This is the basic system of the formetric series which allows a three-dimensional analysis of the human back. A 3D reconstruction of the spine is also possible (optional). Only for single captures.

**DIERS formetric 4D**

for functional measurement

The 4D technology (3D + time) has expanded the clinical field of applications. It allows functional testing and postural analyses up to 1 minute by recording up to 10 frames per second. In addition to the functional analysis it is also possible to gain the average data of a recording to increase measurement precision (4D averaging) needed due to postural sway of the human body.

**DIERS 4D motion®**

for dynamic measurement

With the new product generation DIERS 4D motion® a new milestone has been reached in the area of spine analysis. For the first time it is possible to measure the spine & posture while the patient is walking.
The formetric measurement technology is based on the physical principle of the Moiré Topography and optical triangulation. The latest solution is called “video-raster-stereography” for use in advanced surface topography and spinal analysis.

Accordingly, the system consists of a light projector which projects a pattern of parallel stripes onto the back of the patient, which is then recorded by a camera unit. A software analyzes the line curvature and generates from it - by means of the method of photogrammetry - a three-dimensional model of the surface.

Through the automatic detection of anatomical landmarks and a scientifically based correlation model, which describes the relation between the surface curvature and the orientation of the vertebra, it is possible to reconstruct a 3D-model of the spine.

As opposed to x-rays, the DIERS formetric provides comprehensive information about posture, spine and pelvis, e.g. spine curvature (lateral and frontal), vertebral rotation, and pelvic position. In certain cases even muscular dysbalances can be detected based on the curvature analysis of the back surface.
Technological Features:

**Automatic Detection of Anatomical Landmarks**

Based on the surface curvature analysis, the system automatically determines the landmarks which are needed to reconstruct the spinal column.

As a result, there is generally no need to place markers.

**4D-Technology**

The development of the 4D-technology (3D + time) has enhanced the quality and reproducibility of the DIERS formetric system.

- Extremely short exposure times to avoid motion artifacts
- Compensation for variances due to unavoidable body sway through averaging of a series of images

Therefore, even posture tests and functional studies can be taken over a period of time (e.g., Matthiass-Test, Flamingo-Test, Romberg-Test).

**3D Spine Reconstruction**

Based on a correlation model, which describes the relation between the surface curvature and the orientation of the vertebra, it is possible to reconstruct the curve of the spine and the rotation of each vertebra of the spinal column.
3D / 4D Spine & Posture Analysis

Clinical Examples ...

Pelvic obliquity: pre and post therapy (insoles)

Hyper Lordosis
Osteoporosis

Scoliosis
The DIERS formetric 4D can be combined with the following products to extend the range of applications on the whole musculoskeletal axis.

**Additional Components:**

**Benefits:**
- Extended range of applications
- Time saving through simultaneous measuring
- High economic efficiency
DIERS pedogait

Example: Simulation of leg length compensation

DIERS cervical spine

DIERS leg axis (lateral)

DIERS leg axis (posterior)

3D simulation platform

DIERS pedoscan
Using the cervical spine module the mobility of the cervical spine (range of motion) can be three-dimensionally recorded. The movement directions of flexion, extension, lateral flexion left and right, and rotation to the left and right are measured. The measurement data and asymmetries are graphically shown and can be analysed. The measurement process takes place using a light, specialized head hood. The DIERS formetric 4D system requires an additional camera system for the cervical spine module.
Using the additional leg axis module it is possible to provide two-dimensional documentation of leg axis geometry (posterior view) in addition to spinal and postural analysis. This allows the user to directly include the effects on the leg axis when correcting foot malpositions. The DIERS formetric 4D requires an additional camera system for the leg axis module.
The simulation platform can be used to evaluate leg length discrepancies and foot malpositions. The effects of treatments on the spine, pelvis and posture can be simulated. During the examination the patient stands on two separate surfaces which can be adjusted in three directions. Correctional parameters – e.g. for insoles which are to be made – are determined with millimetric precision.
Combining the two measuring systems DIERS formetric 4D and DIERS pedoscan enables simultaneous analysis of the spinal form, the pelvic position, the pressure conditions under the feet and the body’s center of pressure. This synchronized measurement is a valuable feature in determining optimal treatment (e.g. with posture-correcting insoles).
DIERS digiscan

The DIERS digiscan system is conceived for static foot analysis using a mirror system, for controlled foot treatment (e.g. in proprioceptive insoles), for immediate documentation using a foot scanning device and to link to DIERS DICAM with the option of electronic data transmission.

Aside from diagnostic procedures users have the option of employing a system for documentation of treatment.

Clinical Applications:

- Static foot analysis while standing
- Asymmetries in foot pressure distribution
- Foot malpositions and foot corrections
- Conventional and proprioceptive/sensomotoric insole treatment

Measurement of Longitudes / Angles / Area sizes
DIERS pedoscan

The foot pressure recording and gait analysis system DIERS pedoscan allows the pressure distribution on the human foot to be captured and displayed quickly and precisely while standing or while walking. Many clinical issues concerning the objective and quantitative analysis of pressure distribution, pressure peaks, and movement asymmetries as well as the roll over behavior are recorded to help diagnose foot malformations or functional limitations of the lower extremities.

The precise, high-frequency measurement technology allows all users to record and document even rapid movements of the body’s centre of pressure and load changes. For a time-saving dynamic measurement in both directions the walking direction is automatically identified by the software. The high-frequency measurement of the body’s centre of pressure (min. 100 Hz) provides additional information about neurological issues and extends the range of application to (competitive) sports.

Measuring Parameters:
- Foot pressure reaction forces
- Foot roll over characteristics of the feet
- Foot rotation
- Foot pressure distribution in the different phases of walking
- Stride length, stride time, stride width, step length
- Movement of the body’s center of pressure

Clinical Applications:
- Foot malpositions and foot corrections
- Diabetic foot treatment
- Insole treatment
- Gait imbalances / Gait disorder
- Postural analysis
- Treatment with orthotics or prosthetics
- In combination with TMJ treatment

Pressure plates are available in the length:
0.5 / 1.0 / 2.0 / 4.0 m
DIERS pedogait

The DIERS pedogait system allows the functional representation of the foot pressure reaction forces while walking. The integrated measuring platform is 1.0 m long with 5,376 sensors for an exact capture of the pressure values. The admission frequency is 100 Hz, which corresponds to a tact frequency of 10 ms. Measurement precision is gained and needed due to postural variances of the human body. The treadmill can also be used for static measurements of foot pressure as well as for stabilometry.

The DIERS pedogait is ready for simultaneous measurement with the DIERS 4D motion® (dynamic spine analysis) as well as with the module DIERS leg axis (video gait analysis). These three measuring devices can be integrated to the compact motion analysis system DIERS 4D motion® Lab:

Measuring Parameters:
- Foot pressure reaction forces
- Foot roll-over characteristics of the feet
- Foot Rotation
- Foot pressure distribution while walking
- Stride length, stride time, stride width, step length
- Cadence (steps/min)
- Movement of the body’s center of pressure

Clinical Applications:
- Foot malpositions and foot corrections
- Diabetic foot treatment
- Insole treatment
- Gait imbalances / Gait disorders
- Postural analysis
- Treatment with orthotics or prosthetics
- In combination with TMJ treatment

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DIERS 4D motion®  
Dynamic Spine & Posture Analysis

The DIERS 4D motion® system is the leading technology in the field of 3D spine and surface topography. For the first time it is possible to visualize the complex motion pattern of the spine and pelvis while walking and to monitor the results. This technological breakthrough is based on the innovative software and an advanced camera system (60 frames/second).

Clinical Applications:

- Postural Deficits: Scoliosis, hyper/hypo kyphosis, hyper/hypo lordosis, blockades, pelvic obliquities, leg length discrepancies, …
- Motion Asymmetries
- Foot & Gait Deficits (4D motion® Lab)  
  Customized orthopaedic and proprioceptive insoles
- Medical based Training Therapy
- Follow-up Measurements:  
  Scoliosis, pre- & post surgery, posture correcting insoles etc.
- Physiotherapy / Rehabilitation
- Sports Medicine & Professional Clinical Diagnostics
- and many more
The Compact Solution for Motion Analysis

Components:

**DIERS 4D motion®**
Dynamic measurement of the spine, vertebra and pelvis

**DIERS leg axis**
Video gait analysis for the detection and measurement of leg axis

**DIERS pedogait**
Treadmill with integrated pressure plate

**DIERS 4D motion® Lab**
Dynamic analysis of the whole musculoskeletal system with small space requirement (8m²)

The DIERS 4D motion® system for dynamic spine measurement is the key technology for the development of the DIERS 4D motion® Lab.

This motion laboratory allows a synchronized measurement of the whole skeletal system and opens new fields of clinical applications: ranging from medical diagnosis via training therapy to sport sciences.

The dynamic spine analysis is a key measurement modality in clinical diagnostics, research and further studies.
Clinical Example:
Patient: male, 46 years
Diagnosis: Osteoarthritis of the hip (left)

DIERS 4D motion® | Static Measurement

- Pelvic obliquity left (indication for discharge position of the left leg)
- Compensation by a local lateral deviation in the lumbar spine
- Plumb alignment up until thoracic vertebrae T10

DIERS pedogait | Static Foot Pressure Measurement

- COP-Displacement right- and rearwards.
- No toe pressure
Significant asymmetry in pelvis rotation (continuing in the rotation of the vertebral bodies)

Significant lateral deviation of the thoracic spine

High rotation of the vertebrae
DIERS leg axis (leg axis geometry): Suspicion of relieving posture (leaning to the right)

Pelvic obliquity (left) remains in every phase of walking / Suspicion of pelvis forward movement (left)
DIERS pedogait (dynamic foot pressure measurement):

Gait line (left) is shifted to the middle (medial)

Suspicion of pelvis forward movement (left) confirmed by the Butterfly-Diagram

Comparison of the gait parameters (Left | Right)

Left foot: Shortened contact time of the back- and the middle foot as well as in the area of the ball of the toe (metatarsale)
Isometric Muscle Strength Measurement

**Up to 28 Measurement Directions:**

**Possible Measurement Directions:**

**Trunk:**
- Flexion / Extension
- Lateral flexion (left / right)
- Rotation (left / right)

**Legs:** (left & right)
- Leg Flexion / Leg Extension
- Leg Abduction / Leg Adduction

**Shoulder:** (left & right)
- Shoulder outside / inside rotation

**Arms:** (left & right)
- Arm Flexion (biceps)
- Arm Extension (triceps)

**Cervical Spine**
- Flexion / Extension
- Lateral flexion (left / right)

The **DIERS myoline professional** is a multifunctional muscle strength measurement device.

With up to 28 test directions the **DIERS myoline** is a compact solution for recording and documentation of all posture-relevant muscle strength parameters.

As a whole body measurement system, the **DIERS myoline** unifies several conventional devices and offers the user considerable savings of time, because all measurements can be done while the patient is sitting - a new positioning is not necessary.

The device was developed and tested in a university environment. Its solid construction guarantees reliable measurement results and high operating safety.

Aside from recording diagnostic measurement parameters the system is also ready to be used for biofeedback training therapy.
DIERS body balance
Medical Training Therapy
Based on the measurement data of the DIERS myoline and the DIERS formetric 4D

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There are various measurement methods and tools used for biomedical analysis. It creates many problems for clinicians when more than one method is used to control and store all of the collected data, due to different software structures. DICAM solves these problems:

**DICAM** unites the different measurement devices in just one single software structure.

The integrated remote maintenance allows a fast software update and immediate online assistance in case of a problem.

**DICAM** can be plugged directly to existing software systems or networks which are connected to any biomedical device. A repeated input of patient’s data can therefore be avoided.

**DICAM** combines the outcome of different measurement devices with expert’s knowledge of research and clinical case studies, which have been collected over the past 10 years. The result is the DIERS theraline software, which offers customized treatment proposals for individual patient care.
DIAGNOSIS

MUSCLE STRENGTH & EMG

SPINE & POSTURE ANALYSIS

FOOT & GAIT ANALYSIS

DYNAMIC SPINE ANALYSIS

MOTION ANALYSIS

EXPERT’S KNOW-HOW

DICAM

MEDICAL TRAINING

INDIVIDUAL INSOLES

BIOFEEDBACK TRAINING

THERAPY
The DIERS body balance software utilizes the high quality and reliable clinical measurement data of the DIERS formetric system and the DIERS myoline system. The University of Hamburg (Institute for Sports and Locomotor Medicine) brought in the corresponding expert’s knowledge within the context of a research project.

The software DIERS body balance uses the measurement data to generate an individual training plan for the patient. The user can modify this recommendation. The training plans can be exercised on all common training equipment.

Clinical Applications:
- Muscular imbalances
- Strength deficits
- Performance improvements
- Prevention & rehabilitation

The DIERS posture balance program is based on the principles of posture correction in accordance with Dr. Bourdiol. It uses the measurement data of the DIERS formetric system. The expert knowledge was verified in a research project with the University of Tübingen (Institute of Sports Medicine), Germany.

The DIERS posture balance program is useful for generating recommendations for posture correcting insoles (also known as sensomotoric or proprioceptive insoles) – in consideration of the patient’s medical anamnesis.

Clinical Applications:
- Postural deficits
- Back pain
- In combination with TMJ treatment
- In combination with treatment of foot and leg malpositions
The DIERS foot balance software can be used to generate recommendations for the production of high quality insoles to correct feet and gait. This is based on the high frequency measurement data of the DIERS pedoscan device. The University of Tuebingen (Institute of Sports Medicine) accompanied the development of this software as part of a research project. The new software converts the dynamic foot pressure distribution into numerous strength and acceleration vectors. The additional measurement data improves the efficacy of insoles.

Clinical Applications:
- Plantar foot problems
- Foot malpositions
- Diabetic foot disorders
- Gait deficits and gait asymmetries
- Leg length discrepancies

The biofeedback training software for the foot pressure plate DIERS pedoscan offers various modalities for specific training treatments. The optical feedback of the patient’s activity effects higher motivation and influences the therapy progress positively.

- Training configuration based on an existing foot pressure measurement and/or individual configuration
- 8 different training procedures
- Length of training individually adjustable
Scientifically Based & Clinically Proven:

In the following list you will find a selection of international clinical studies, journals and publications regarding DIERS products:

3D/4D Spine & Posture Analysis (DIERS formetric 4D):


Dynamic Spine & Posture Analysis (DIERS 4D motion®):


Foot & Gait Analysis (DIERS pedoscan /pedogait):


322. Willems, T. (2004). Intrinsic risk factors for sports injuries to the lower leg and ankle. University Gent, Department of rehabilitation science and physiotherapy

323. Segers, V. (2006). A biomechanical analysis of the realization of actual human gait transition. University Gent, Faculty of medicine and health science, Department of movement and sports science


Muscle Strength Measurement (DIERS myoline):


Treatment Proposals (DIERS theraline):


Clinical Cooperations:

Here is a selection of hospitals and universities, with whom we collaborate and maintain a scientific network to continuously develop our measuring systems and find new product solutions to accommodate your needs.

DIERS supports the German Football Association (DFB - Deutscher Fußball-Bund) as well as some teams of the German Professional Football League (DFL - Deutsche Fußball Liga) and the European Football Leagues.
**PRODUCT PORTFOLIO**

Biomechanical solutions for the functional analysis of the musculoskeletal system in the static and the dynamic ...

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### 3D/4D Spine & Posture Analysis:

- **DIERS statico 3D**  
  Static Measurement

- **DIERS formetric 4D**  
  Functional Measurement

- **DIERS 4D motion®**  
  Dynamic Measurement

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#### Additional Components:

- **cervical spine**
- **3D simulation platform**

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### Muscle Strength Measurement:

- **DIERS myoline professional**

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### Therapy Proposals

- **DIERS body balance**
- **DIERS posture balance**
- **DIERS foot balance**
- **DIERS feefback**
Foot & Gait Analysis

DIERS leg axis (posterior)

DIERS leg axis (lateral)

DIERS digiscan

DIERS pedoscan

DIERS pedogait

Compact Motion Analysis:

Only 8 m²

DIERS 4D motion® Lab

Components:
SERVICE
is a priority for us.

- Service & support by competent professionals (Engineers, sports-, computer scientists, i.a.)
- Technical planning assistance
- Professional installation with flexible scheduling
- Intensive product instruction by specialists
- Advanced training courses for medical assistants
- Annual user meetings to promote an intensive exchange of experience
- Immediate assistance via remote maintenance
- Regular maintenance of the systems according to the Medical Device Directive (MDD)