



# Dimensional measurement calibration of dial calipers based on JIS B 7507: 2016 standard in the measurement laboratory

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## ABSTRACT

Dial calipers are very frequently used by both measurement laboratories and production. Dial calipers need to be calibrated every 12 months. The purpose of this study is to provide an understanding of how to calibrate a dial caliper, using a method based on JIS B 7507:2016 Standard. The JIS standard itself provides guidance and reference for dial caliper calibration. Based on the calibration results obtained, it is known that the dial caliper has deviation or error values in each measurement (outside, inside, depth, and step) with values of 0.0200 mm and -0.01000, referring to an accuracy of +/-0.03mm. After evaluation based on the standard, these error values still meet the requirements of JIS B 7507-2016. The benefit of this calibration is dial calipers are important to calibrate both before and after use to ensure optimal accuracy and consistent measurement results and also this calibration performed is sufficiently valid and reliable.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Calibration is a regular process arranged systematically to adjust and ensure the accuracy of measuring instruments and devices according to established standards. This calibration involves a series of activities that serve to establish a connection between the value displayed by the measuring instrument, or represented by a measuring object, and the known value of the measured quantity under certain conditions (Ismaini, Naomi Tosani, 2021). The aim is to ensure that the device provides consistent results and meets recognized standards, so that the measurement results produced by the device can be trusted (Suleman, et al., 2011). Test or measurement results are merely approximations. These approximations still have a level uncertainty. An uncertainty value is a way to express the uncertainty that results from the measurement procedure. The calibration procedure allows for the measurement of this value (Ni Luh Tirtasari, 2017).

A vernier caliper is a gadget used to quantify the distance between two inverse sides of an item (Yoneda, 2022). Accurate and fast access to Vernier Caliper readings is a critical issue in automated verification of Vernier Calipers (Chen et al., 2022). High resolution automated systems continue to gain prominence, manual metrological instruments like the digital vernier caliper remain prevalent due to their affordability and ease of use (Alsoufi et al., 2025). A reliable procedure for the metrological assessment of manufacturing processes and manufactured parts would be highly

advantageous for micro/nano manufacturing as well as for large-scale manufacturing (Kankar et al., 2022). These devices have become even more important in the diagnosis and treatment process (Hilal Yayan et al., 2020). The center distance caliper is a measuring rotation system or electronic measurement to read the distance of relative movement (Xiong et al., 2025). The calibration of measuring systems, as well as individual measuring instruments is required in many fields of technology (Klebba et al., 2023).

Every measuring instrument must be calibrated against national or international standards at specified intervals, typically every 12 months. Both before and after use, the measuring instrument must be calibrated to ensure optimal accuracy and consistent results in measurements. Measurement is the process of obtaining information about the true value of a certain physical quantity. This activity has been a part of communal life for generations and keeps improving to become more efficient (Rahmah & Salsabila, 2022).

Measuring instruments have a significant impact on the quality of the products produced because they are directly related to the process and therefore require maintenance to ensure a long lifespan (Rochim & Taufiq, 2006). One type of measuring instrument is the caliper. The caliper is a tool used to measure length, with an accuracy of up to 0.1 mm and capable of measuring the length of an object up to 20 cm (Mila Rosa Angraini et al., 2024; Nurlina & Riska, 2019). This caliper is more precise than tape measures and rulers, which makes it ideal for measuring small objects. The diameter of rings, the inner diameter of pipes, the depth and thickness of an object, and even the area of an object may all be measured with this tool in addition to its ability to measure length (Chusni, 2019; Fatiatun et al., 2022). One kind of caliper is the dial caliper, a measuring device used in instrumentation to determine an object's inner and exterior diameters as well as the depth of any holes or gaps in it (Zulfabri & Arief, 2015).

Dial calipers are often used in measurement laboratories and manufacturing. Given the importance of this issue, it is necessary to calibrate the calipers to determine the correction/distortion value and the measurement component values. Deviation can be defined as a correction or an error (Irawan, 2019). Deviations in dial calipers can occur for several reasons, including wear and tear, temperature changes, or mechanical damage to the device itself. With continuous use, dial calipers can experience wear on components such as gears or the pointer needle, which can lead to inaccuracies in measurements (SNSU, 2020). An error or correction can be used to describe a deviation. Additionally, the temperature stability in the workplace can also affect the performance of dial calipers, as temperature changes can cause dimensional changes in the materials used to make the device (Muflikhun, et al., 2022). Research by experts has shown that continuous use of measuring tools or instruments leads to deviations in measurements. A study conducted by Professor and Head of the Department at Oxford University, N.V. Raghavendra, published in the journal "Engineering Metrology and Measurement," reported on the examination of deviations in several types of instruments used in the manufacturing process. He took measurements with several types of dimensional measuring instruments, performed repetitions or repeatability tests, and drew a conclusion. Every measuring instrument used is important to calibrate within a specified timeframe in order to determine the error value of an instrument so that all sources of instrument error can be evaluated and controlled (Raghavendra & Krishnamurthy, 2013).

The significance of metrology grew during the era of industrialization. Improvements in technology are increasingly demanding enhancements in this sector (Lamichhane, 2024). The conformity assessment of a product often includes a measured value, which is located close to the uncertainty zone (Arief et al., 2021). The industry has now entered an era of full automation, with marketing and technological advancements leading to products with extremely high performance and sophisticated quality engineering. There are also cutting-edge technologies such as measuring instruments for industrial data measurement (Husnah et al., 2023). The vernier caliper is widely used in both measurement laboratories and production (Amani & Arief, 2013). The partial surface contact error applies to any measurements made using the outside measuring faces, and the scale shift error applies to measurements using any other measuring faces available on the caliper, such as inside, step, and depth measurement (Mitutoyo, 2018). Every dial caliper used, whether before or after a certain period, must be calibrated according to national or international standards. The

conformity assessment of a product often includes a measured value, which is located close to the uncertainty zone (S. Arief, et al., 2021).

Ideally, the accuracy of a caliper is determined by its ability to provide measurements that correspond to the actual value of the object's dimensions being measured. The accuracy of a caliper is usually provided by the manufacturer. Mitutoyo dial calipers have an accuracy of  $\pm 0.03$  mm or  $\pm 0.04$  mm for measurements up to 200 mm. Based on this background, this study aims to provide an understanding of how to calibrate a dial caliper based on JIS B 7507:2016 Standard in the measurement laboratory to determine the correction/distortion value and the value of measurement components.

## 2. RESEARCH METHOD

Before the calibration process is carried out, the things we need to pay attention to are preparing the digital dial caliper calibration tools, such as: considering the room conditions, considering the type of caliper to be calibrated, and preparing the standard calibration tools (Gauge Block). The method used in this study is shown in the flowchart in Figure 1.

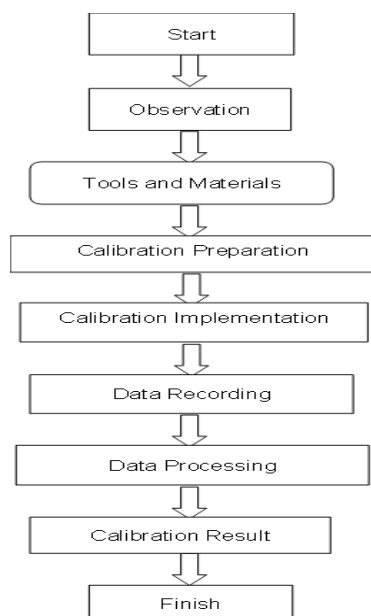


Figure 1. Calibration Flowchart

Here are the steps in the research process to obtain the following research:

1. Observation  
The first step in the research is to observe the title that will be researched. In this process, the obligation of the calibration process for each measuring instrument used in every company is identified. Using one dial calliper in this step.
2. Tools and Materials  
After observation, the next step is to prepare the main tools and materials for the calibration process.
3. Calibration Preparation  
This process involves a visual check of the measuring instruments and standards used, as well as the humidity and temperature in the calibration room.
4. Calibration Execution.

The next step is to perform the calibration process, which includes all measurements on the dial caliper, in accordance with JIS B 7507:2016 standards. This calibration method is generally can be used for any dial caliper.

5. Data Recording

Next is the data recording process on a worksheet to record the calibration measurement results for the dial caliper. For quality control, taking data recording more than one data is required for accuracy.

6. Data Processing

After the data is collected, the next step is to process the data to obtain the error value of a dial caliper. Quality control conducted during the calibration process to ensure the accuracy of the results

7. Calibration Results

The final step is to issue a calibration certificate containing data about the calibration results and the deviation value of a dial caliper.

### Tools and Materials

- Gauge Block Set Grade 0 (0.5 – 100 mm) brand Mitutoyo and certificate are used as a measuring tool to calibrate dial calipers, as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Mitutoyo Gauge Block (0-200 mm) with certificate

- A thermohygrometer is used to measure the temperature and humidity conditions of a calibration room.
- The flat table is used as an aid for taking measurements with the dial caliper.
- Alcohol as a cleaning fluid
- Latex hand gloves are used to protect hands during calibration work.
- Cloth/tissue is used to clean instruments of dust.

### Dial Caliper Calibration Preparation

Visual inspection and function checks are performed on the dial caliper to be calibrated.

- Before calibration, condition the caliper and standard for at least 6 hours in the calibration room to ensure uniformity of the instrument.
- All identification details of the dial caliper to be calibrated have been recorded on the data analysis sheet.
- Room temperature and humidity during calibration are recorded on the calibration data analysis sheet.

### Calibration Procedure

The dial caliper and gauge blocks were prepared according to the maximum capacity of the dial caliper.

- Outside measurements were taken by measuring values at 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 100% of the dial caliper's full capacity, repeated 3 times.

- Inside measurements were taken by measuring values at 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 100% of the dial caliper's full capacity, repeated 3 times.
- Depth measurements were taken by measuring values at 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 100% of the dial caliper's full capacity, repeated 3 times.
- Step measurements were taken by measuring values at 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 100% of the dial caliper's full capacity, repeated 3 times as seen in Figure 3.

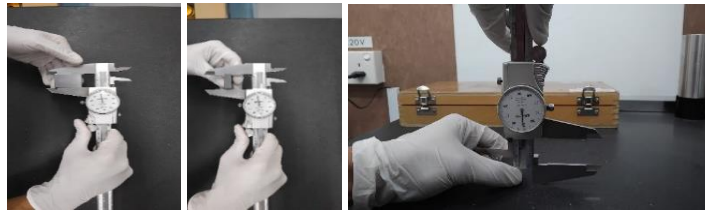


Figure 3. Dial caliper calibration process

- The goal of accuracy is to reflect the extent to which measurement results approach the true value or expected standard. This is important to ensure that the measurements taken provide accurate and reliable information. Here are some values across the dial caliper measurement range, as well as the accuracy and permissible instrument error values for dial calipers, which must comply with Table 1, referring to JIS B 7507, 2016 (JIS B 7507, 2016).

Table 1. Caliper error based on JIS B 7507:2016

Measuring Length (mm)	Scale intervals, minimum indicating quantities or minimum reading values (mm)	
	0.1 or 0.05	0.02 or 0.01
50 or under	±0.05	±0.02
Over 50 to 100 or under	±0.06	
Over 100 to 200 or under	±0.07	±0.03
Over 200 to 300 or under	±0.08	
Over 300 to 400 or under	±0.09	±0.04
Over 400 to 500 or under	±0.10	
Over 500 to 600 or under	±0.11	±0.05
Over 600 to 700 or under	±0.12	
Over 700 to 800 or under	±0.13	±0.06
Over 800 to 900 or under	±0.14	
Over 900 to 1000 or under	±0.15	±0.07

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

After calibrating the dial caliper, the next step will be to process the calibration data. Data processing was done using Microsoft Excel, utilizing mathematical calculations. Obtaining the data meets the more accuracy measurement.

#### Data Recording

- Record the calibration results on the analysis sheet from the measurements. Below are some deviations found in the dial caliper measuring tool.

**Lembar Kerja Kalibrasi Caliper**

Data Order		Spesifikasi Alat	
		Nama Alat	Dial Caliper
		Merek	Mitutoyo
		Model	.
Spesifikasi Standar		No. Seri // Tag No.	08016192 // AAB22
		Rentang Ukur	0-100 mm
		Resolusi	0.01 mm
Nama Standar	Gauge Block Set Grade 0	Tanggal Kalibrasi	14/04/2021
Kondisi Ruang			
		Reff. Suhu	20 ± 1 °C
		Suhu Awal	20.9 °C
		Suhu Akhir	20.8 °C
		Reff. Kelembaban	50 ± 10 %
		Kelembaban Awal	47%
		Kelembaban Akhir	48%

Data Pengamatan													
No	Poin Pengukuran	Reading of UUT (mm/inch)											
		Outside Measurement			Inside Measurement			Step			Depth		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
1	10	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00
2	20	20,01	20,01	20,01	20,00	20,00	20,00	20,00	20,00	20,00	20,00	20,00	20,00
3	30	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00
4	40	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,02	40,02	40,02	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00
5	50	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,02	50,02	50,02
6	60	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00	60,00
7	70	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00	70,00
8	80	79,98	79,98	79,98	80,00	80,00	80,00	80,00	80,00	80,00	80,00	80,00	80,00
9	90	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00	90,00
10	100	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	99,99	99,99	99,99	100,00	100,00	100,00
11													
12													
13													
Repeatability		79,98	79,98	79,99	40,02	40,02	40,02	99,99	99,99	99,99	50,01	50,01	50,00
		79,99	79,99	79,98	40,01	40,01	40,01	100,00	99,99	100,00	50,02	50,02	50,01
		79,98	79,99	40,02		40,02	99,99		99,99		50,01		50,02
		79,99		79,98	40,01		40,01	100,00		100,00	50,02		50,00

Figure 4. Measurement Sheet

**Data Processing**

Calibration data processing contains measurement point values, dial caliper measurement results, repetitions, average values of the measuring instrument, standard reference values, and deviations or discrepancies in the calibration measurement results.

1. Measurement point values are the values obtained from the dial caliper calibration measurement points. These values are taken from 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% up to 100% of the measuring instrument's range.
2. Measurement Result values are obtained from the readings on the dial caliper compared to the standard reference, which is taken 3 times according to the standard reference.
3. Repetition or repeatability values are the process of obtaining measurement deviation values considered furthest from the standard reference, taken 10 times.
4. The average value of the measuring instrument is obtained by summing the measurement results and dividing by the number of data points taken.
5. Standard reference values are the values on the standard reference used as calibration material for comparison.
6. Deviation values are obtained by subtracting the dial caliper reading values from the standard reference values.

Deviation Value (Error)

$$E = UUT - STD$$

UUT ( Unit Under Test)

Obtained from the results of reading the measuring instrument by  $(N1+N2+N3)/3$  STD (Standard)

Obtained from the reference standard value based on the standard calibration certificate.

$$E = UUT - STD$$

$$= ( 79,98 - 80,00000 )$$

$$= - 0,02000$$

Here is the data processing table for the calibration data that has been obtained. Based on Table 2, the deviation value from the measurement results of the outer side at a setpoint of 20.0 mm was found to be 0.01 mm.

**Table 2.** Results of outside data recording measurement

Nominal Length (mm)	Measurement Data Outside Diameter (mm)				Average L	L Standards (S) (mm)	Deviation (mm)
0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	Repeatability (mm)		0.0000	0.00000
10.0	10.00	10.00	10.00	79.98	79.99	10.0000	10.00000
20.0	20.01	20.01	20.01	79.99	79.98	20.0000	20.00000
30.0	30.00	30.00	30.00	79.98	79.99	30.0000	30.00000
40.0	40.00	40.00	40.00	79.99	79.98	40.0000	40.00000
50.0	50.00	50.00	50.00	79.98	79.99	50.0000	50.00000
60.0	60.00	60.00	60.00			60.0000	60.00000
70.0	70.00	70.00	70.00			70.0000	70.00000
80.0	79.98	79.98	79.98			79.980	80.00000
90.0	90.00	90.00	90.00			90.0000	90.00000
100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00			100.0000	100.00000

**Table 3.** Results of inner data recording measurement

Nominal Length (mm)	Measurement Data Inside Diameter (mm)				Average L	L Standards (S) (mm)	Deviation (mm)
0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	Repeatability		0.0000	0.00000
10.0	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.02	40.01	10.0000	10.00000
20.0	20.00	20.00	20.00	40.01	40.02	20.0000	20.00000
30.0	30.00	30.00	30.00	40.02	40.01	30.0000	30.00000
40.0	40.02	40.02	40.02	40.00	40.02	40.020	40.00000
50.0	50.00	50.00	50.00	40.02	40.01	50.0000	50.00000
60.0	60.00	60.00	60.00			60.0000	60.00000
70.0	70.00	70.00	70.00			70.0000	70.00000
80.0	80.00	80.00	80.00			80.0000	80.00000
90.0	90.00	90.00	90.00			90.0000	90.00000
100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00			100.0000	100.00000

Based on Table 3, the deviation value for the measurement results of the inner side at a setpoint of 40.0 mm was found to be 0.02 mm.

**Table 4.** Results of inner data recording measurement

Nominal Length (mm)	Measurement Data Step Diameter (mm)				Average L	L Standards (S) (mm)	Deviation (mm)
0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	Repeatability		0.0000	0.00000
10.0	10.00	10.00	10.00	99.99	100.00	10.0000	10.00000
20.0	20.00	20.00	20.00	100.00	99.99	20.0000	20.00000
30.0	30.00	30.00	30.00	99.99	99.99	30.0000	30.00000
40.0	40.00	40.00	40.00	100.00	99.99	40.0000	40.00000
50.0	50.00	50.00	50.00	99.99	99.99	50.0000	50.00000
60.0	60.00	60.00	60.00			60.0000	60.00000
70.0	70.00	70.00	70.00			70.0000	70.00000
80.0	79.99	79.99	79.99			79.990	80.00000
90.0	90.00	90.00	90.00			90.0000	90.00000
100.0	99.99	99.99	99.99			100.0000	100.00000

Based on Table 4, a deviation was found in the measurement results of the step level at a setpoint of 80.0mm, which was 79.99mm or 0.01mm.

Table 5. Results of depth data measurement

Nominal Length (mm)	Measurement Data				Average L	L Standards (S) (mm)	Deviation (mm)
	Depth Diameter (mm)						
0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Repeatability	0.000	0.0000
10.0	10.00	10.00	10.00	50.02	50.01	10.000	10.0000
20.0	20.00	20.00	20.00	50.01	50.02	20.000	20.0000
30.0	30.00	30.00	30.00	50.02	50.01	30.000	30.0000
40.0	40.00	40.00	40.00	50.02	50.01	40.000	40.0000
50.0	50.02	50.02	50.02	50.01	50.02	50.000	50.0000
60.0	60.00	60.00	60.00			60.000	60.0000
70.0	70.00	70.00	70.00			70.000	70.0000
80.0	80.00	80.00	80.00			80.000	80.0000
90.0	90.00	90.00	90.00			90.000	90.0000
100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00			100.000	100.0000

Based on Table 5, a deviation was found in the depth measurement results at a setpoint of 50.0mm, which was 50.02mm or 0.02mm.

Calibration Results

The calibration result is a calibration certificate for the dial caliper, containing information about the dial caliper's deviation values and other metrological properties.

**CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION**

Issued By **PT. X**  
Date of Issue **09-Mar-24**

**Customer**  
Paltelklinik Negeri Batam  
Jl. Ahmad Yani  
Batam Kota  
Batam

**Instrument**  
Instrument : Dial Caliper  
Model Number : S30-119  
Serial Number : 8016192  
Tag Number : AAB22  
Range : 0-100 mm  
Calibration Date : 09-Mar-24  
Rec. Due Date : 08-Mar-25

**Environmental Conditions**  
Temperature : 20.36 ± 0.04 °C  
Relative Humidity : 54.42 ± 0.49 % RH

**Comments**  
- Calibration of this instrument has been accomplished using standards maintained by the instrument Calibration Centre.

**Calibration Method**  
- Japanese Standards Association, JIS B 7507 : 2016 Calipers

**Calibrated by:**  
Ari Angga Manalu

**CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION**

Issued By **PT. X**  
Date of Issue **09-Mar-24**

**Instrument Description** SN  
Dial Caliper 0 0306567 AUB 2.1

**Outside Measurement**

Nominal Length (mm)	Standard Length (mm)	Mean Instrument Reading (mm)	Mean Deviation (mm)	Tolerance (μ)	Status
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	pass
10	10.00	10.00	0.00	-	pass
20	20.00	20.00	0.00	-	pass
30	30.00	30.00	0.00	-	pass
40	40.00	40.00	0.00	-	pass
50	50.00	50.02	0.02	-	pass
60	60.00	60.00	0.00	-	pass
70	70.00	70.00	0.00	-	pass
80	80.00	80.00	0.00	-	pass
90	90.00	90.00	0.00	-	pass
100	100.00	100.00	0.00	-	pass

**Inside Measurement**

Nominal Length (mm)	Standard Length (mm)	Mean Instrument Reading (mm)	Mean Deviation (mm)	Acceptance Criteria (μ)	Status
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	pass
10	10.00	10.00	0.00	-	pass
20	20.00	20.00	0.00	-	pass
30	30.00	30.00	0.00	-	pass
40	40.00	40.00	0.00	-	pass
50	50.00	50.00	0.00	-	pass
60	60.00	60.00	0.00	-	pass
70	70.00	70.00	0.00	-	pass
80	80.00	80.00	0.00	-	pass
90	90.00	90.00	0.00	-	pass
100	100.00	100.00	0.00	-	pass

**Step Measurement**

Nominal Length (mm)	Standard Length (mm)	Mean Instrument Reading (mm)	Mean Deviation (mm)	Acceptance Criteria (μ)	Status
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	pass
10	10.00	10.00	0.00	-	pass
20	20.00	20.00	0.00	-	pass
30	30.00	30.00	0.00	-	pass
40	40.00	40.00	0.00	-	pass
50	50.00	50.00	0.00	-	pass
60	60.00	60.00	0.00	-	pass
70	70.00	70.00	0.00	-	pass
80	80.00	80.00	0.00	-	pass
90	90.00	90.00	0.00	-	pass
100	100.00	100.00	0.00	-	pass

**CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION**

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**Calibration Result (Cont.)**

**Depth Measurement**

Nominal Length (mm)	Standard Length (mm)	Mean Instrument Reading (mm)		Mean Deviation (mm)	Tolerance (μ)	Status
		As found	As left			
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	pass
10	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	-	pass
20	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	-	pass
30	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	-	pass
40	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	-	pass
50	50.00	50.02	50.02	0.02	-	pass
60	60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00	-	pass
70	70.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	-	pass
80	80.00	80.00	80.00	0.00	-	pass
90	90.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	-	pass
100	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	-	pass

Figure 5. The Calibration Certificate contains instrument information and calibration values.

## 5. CONCLUSION

From the results of the dial caliper calibration that has been carried out, it can be seen in the outside, inside, depth, and step tables. The dial caliper has a deviation value of 0.02 for outside, 0.02 for inside, -0.01 for step, and 0.02 for depth measurement, with an accuracy value of +/- 0.03mm. After being evaluated based on the standard, the dial caliper still meets the requirements according to JIS B 7507-2016. This calibration method based on JIS B 7507:2016 is effective and easy to implement in general laboratories.

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