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Contract

## Scratch Testing Module

University of Northumbria at Newcastle

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## Scope

## Description

Northumbria University entered to a contract for the supply and installation of an OEM Scratch Testing Module (FT-ST04) and a Two-axis Microforce Sensing Probe (range up to 20 mN) with a diamond Berkovich tip. This equipment is an essential upgrade to the existing FemtoTools iO4 nanomechanical testing system located at the NU-PICO facility. The award was made directly to Oxford Instruments NanoTechnology Ltd. as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and sole authorized supplier of the FemtoTools iO4 and NMT04 systems.

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## Contract 1

### Supplier

- Oxford Instruments NanoTechnology Tools Ltd

### Contract value

- £49,893.60 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### Date signed

19 December 2025

### Contract dates

- 5 January 2026 to 3 July 2026
- 5 months, 30 days

### Main procurement category

Goods

### CPV classifications

- 38410000 - Metering instruments
- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring

## Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

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## Supplier

### **Oxford Instruments NanoTechnology Tools Ltd**

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Email: [Paul.Edwards@oxinst.com](mailto:Paul.Edwards@oxinst.com)

Region: UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **University of Northumbria at Newcastle**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government