



Expertise – Passion – Automation



**SMC - Experts
in photovoltaic industry**



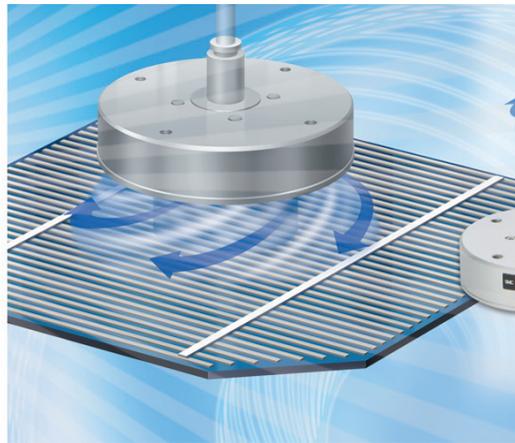
■ Gain competitive advantage – discover some simple and effective ways to ensure operational savings and improve productivity

We are all being urged to save energy. Headlines remind us almost daily of the need to reduce our carbon footprint and adopt a greener lifestyle. It's an important issue and one we ignore at our peril. Growing customer expectations and increasing legislation also mean that businesses can no longer afford to ignore green issues.

By adopting an energy saving strategy as a part of your business efficiency programme, not only will you save money but you'll help make a sustainable lifestyle for future generations.

As world leaders in pneumatics, our experts have developed some of the most innovative ranges of energy saving products and activities for compressed air systems which will help you save money as well as helping in the fight to protect our environment.

If this sounds too good to be true, we'll be happy to share our energy efficiency knowledge and technology with you!



SMC - Experts in the Photovoltaic Industry

Expert (noun) - a person who is very knowledgeable about or skilful in a particular area (Oxford English Dictionary)

At SMC we recognise that an ability to fully understand the requirements and issues of any manufacturing process is the key to our and your continued success.

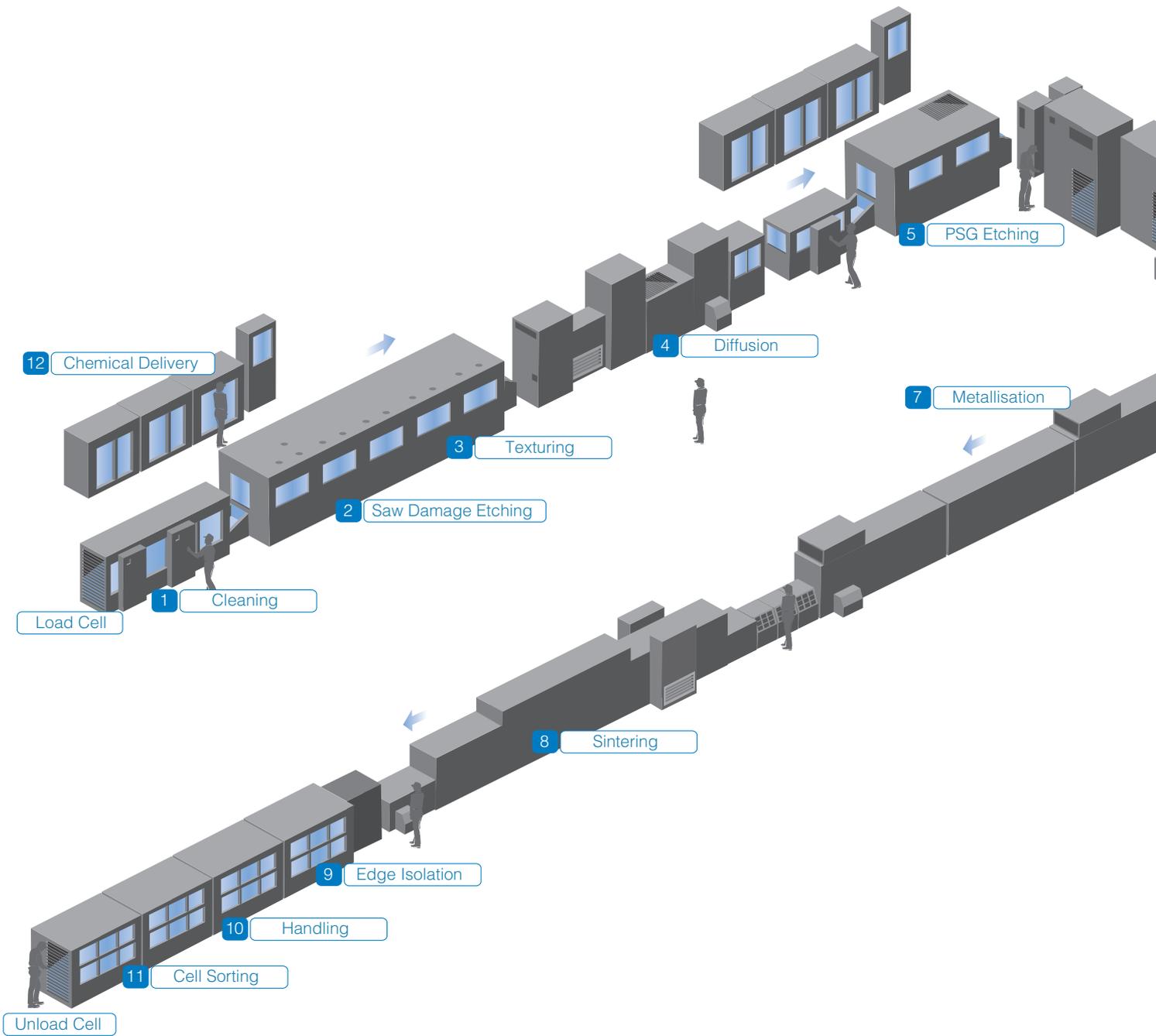
That's the reason why we have developed specialist teams - experts - dedicated to all the major manufacturing industries throughout the world.

In the Photovoltaic Industry our experts know the stringent requirements that need to be met and all have extensive knowledge of both your production process and your business needs.

We understand the important issues such as the fast and safe handling of cells, the need for a uniform deposition layer and other specific technical requirements unique to the Photovoltaic Industry.

Our experts recognise that maximum operator health and safety is vital and with energy costs increasing at an alarming rate, even the smallest saving can have a real impact on the bottom line as well as the environment.





1 Cleaning

Removes particles from the surface of the Si-substrate.

A Handling	▶ P.10	E Temperature Control	▶ P.14
B Control	▶ P.12	F Chemical Products	▶ P.14
C Transfer	▶ P.13		

2 Saw Damage Etching

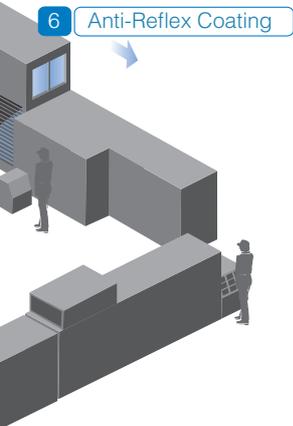
Removes any scratches from the surface of the Si-Substrate and then smooths it out.

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3 Texturing

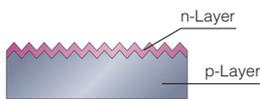
Forms a micro rough surface.

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6 Anti-Reflex Coating

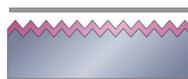
4 Diffusion



Implementation of pn-junction with gas under high temperature.

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- D** High Vacuum ▶ P.13

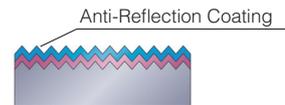
5 PSG Etching



Removal of Phosphore-Silicat glass from Diffusion process.

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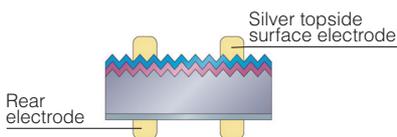
6 Anti-Reflex Coating



Deposition of Anti-Reflex coating.

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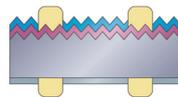
7 Metallisation



Screen printing forms electrodes on the surface on both the front and the back.

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8 Sintering



The silver electrode penetrates the anti-reflective coating and connects to the pn-Layer.

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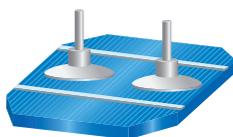
9 Edge Isolation



To prevent a short circuit a groove is cut using a Laser.

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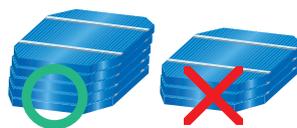
10 Handling



A handling system is used to transport the cell.

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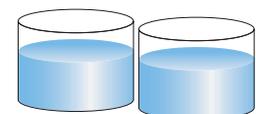
11 Cell Sorting



To measure and sort cells by performance.

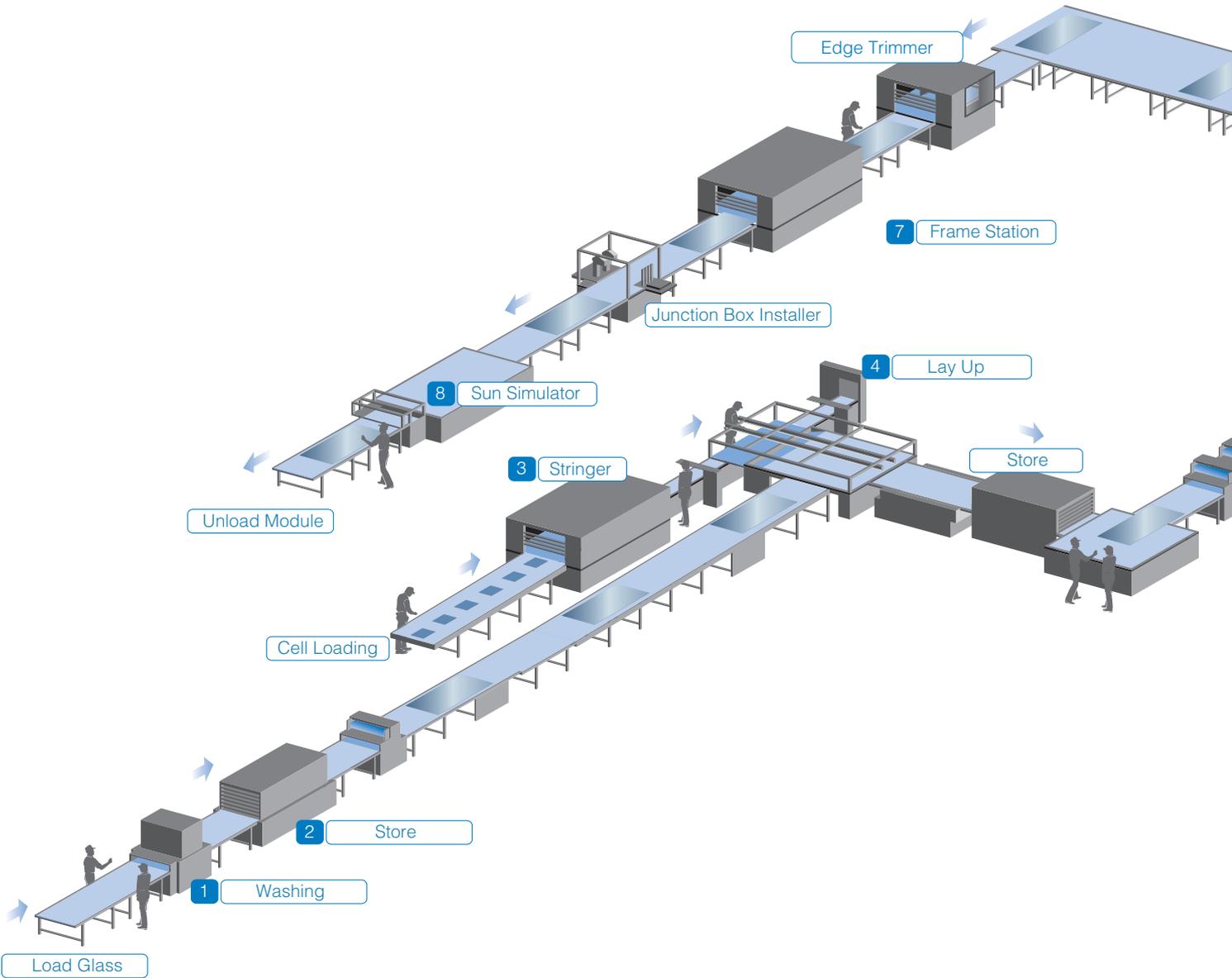
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12 Chemical Delivery

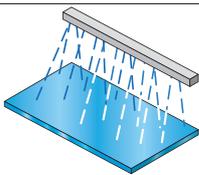


Chemicals are stored in tanks and delivered to the wet benches.

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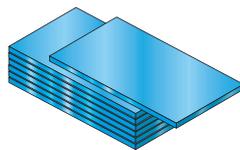
1 Washing



Removes particles from the surface of the glass.

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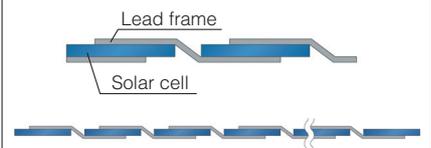
2 Storage



Clean glass store.

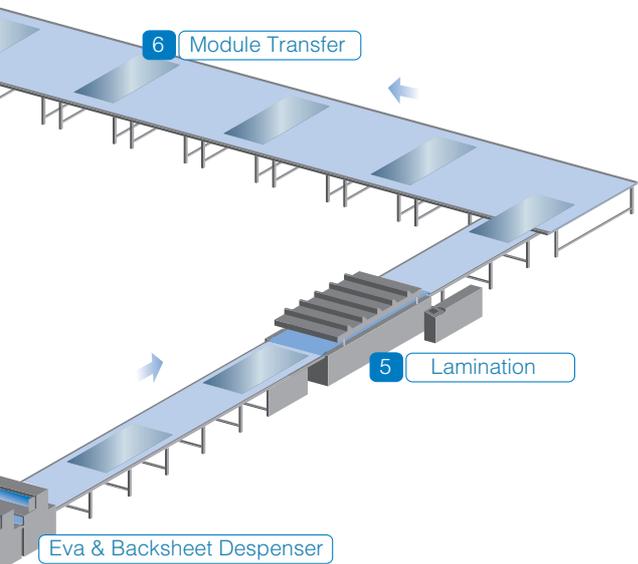
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3 Stringer

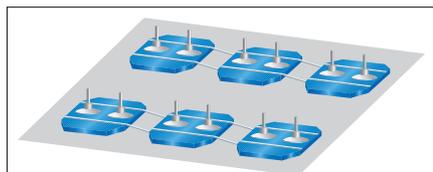


Electrical ribbons are soldering to cells and wired in series.

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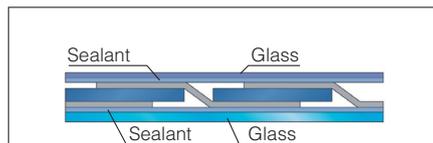
4 Lay Up



Cells are layed-up on the glass.

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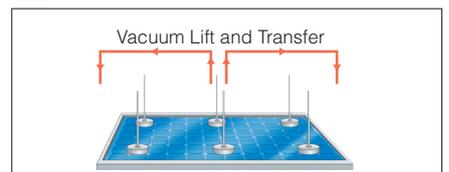
5 Lamination



Under vaccum cells, glass and a foil is encapsulated.

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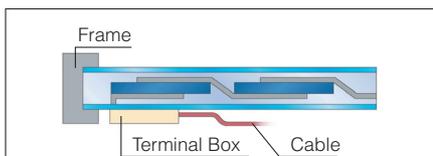
6 Module Transfer



The module is transferred to the next part of the process.

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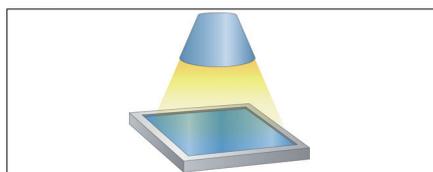
7 Frame Station



An aluminum frame is formed around the panel and a junction box is installed.

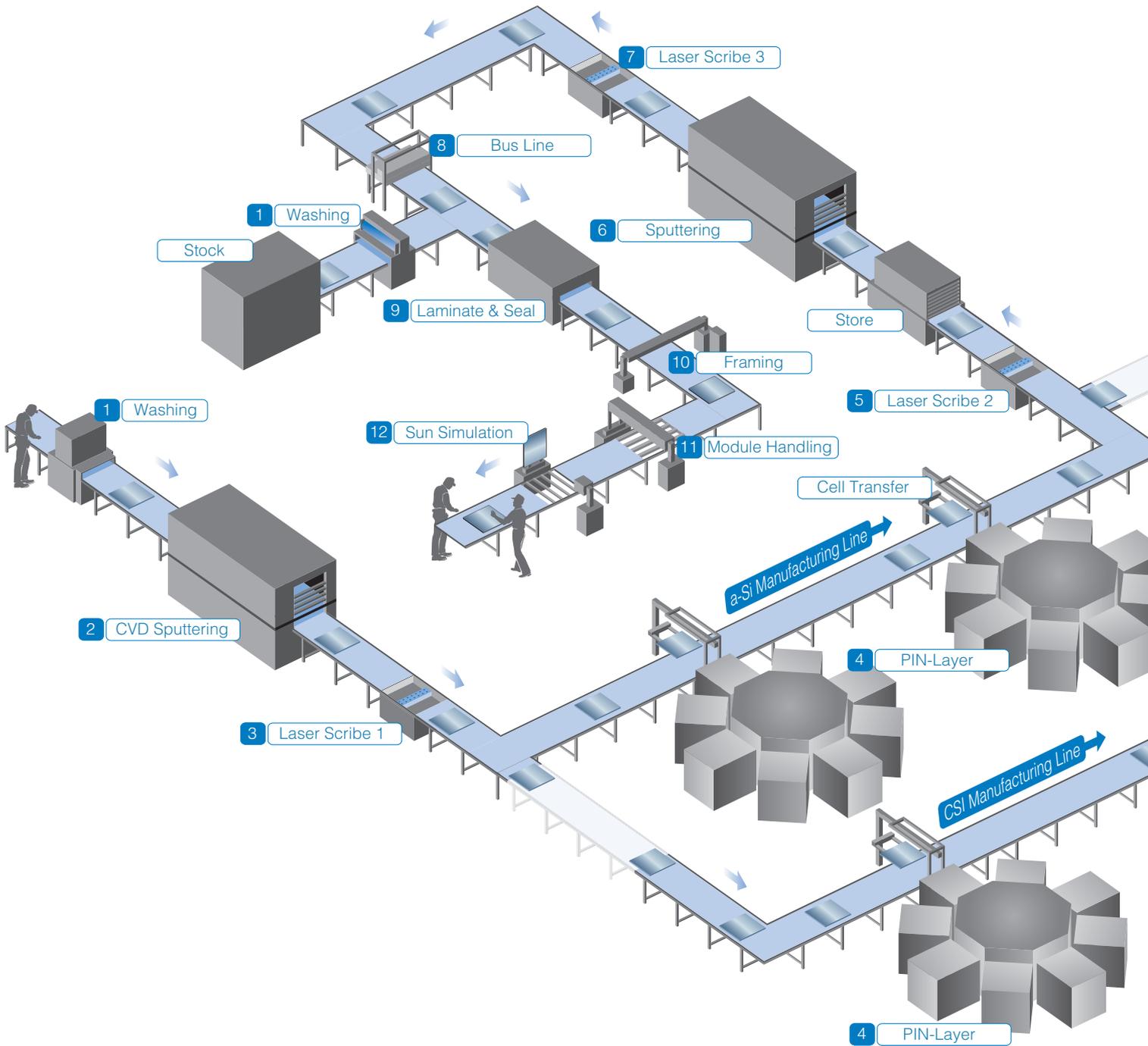
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8 Sun Simulator

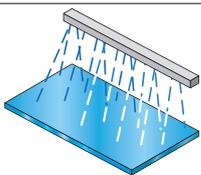


A sun simulator confirms the output performance and a final check for defects.

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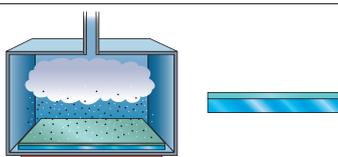
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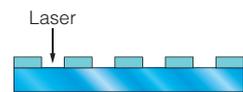
2 Layer CVD/Sputtering



The TCO-layer is deposited on the glass substrate.

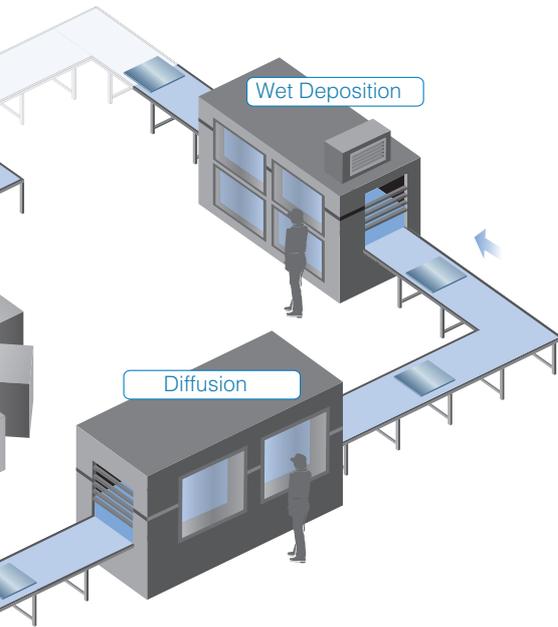
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3 Laser Scribe 1

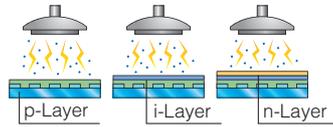


A laser is used to selectively scribe the TCO-Layer into individual cells.

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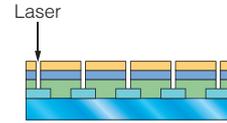
4 PIN-Layer Deposition



PIN-layer is deposited on the glass substrate.

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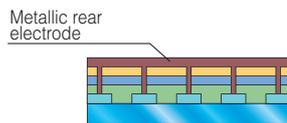
5 Laser Scribe 2



A laser is used to selectively scribe the PIN-layer into individual cells.

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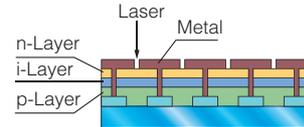
6 Layer-Deposition



A rear contact is deposited on the glass substrate.

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- D** High Vacuum ▶ P.13

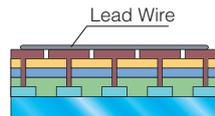
7 Laser Scribe 3



A laser is used to selectively scribe the rear contact-layer into individual cells.

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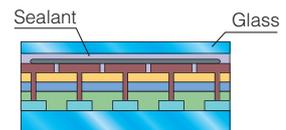
8 Bus Line Attachment



Assembly of the electrical bus line.

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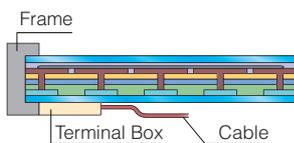
9 Lamination



Between a second glass substrate on top the Thin film stack is encapsulated.

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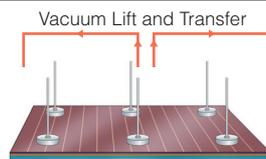
10 Framing



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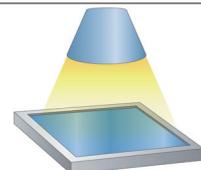
11 Module Handling



The module is transferred to the next process step.

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12 Sun Simulation



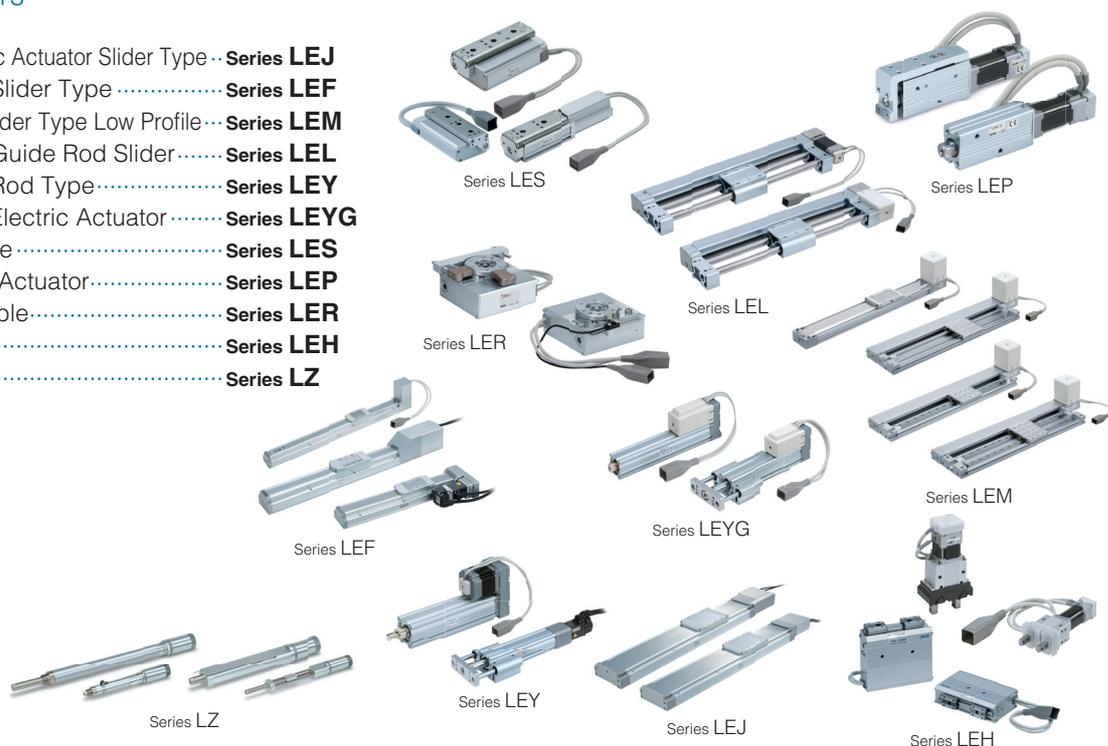
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A Handling

■ Electric Actuators

- High Rigidity Electric Actuator Slider Type **Series LEJ**
- Electric Actuator Slider Type **Series LEF**
- Electric Actuator Slider Type Low Profile **Series LEM**
- Electric Actuator Guide Rod Slider **Series LEL**
- Electric Actuator Rod Type **Series LEY**
- Guide Rod Type Electric Actuator **Series LEYG**
- Electric Slide Table **Series LES**
- Electric Miniature Actuator **Series LEP**
- Electric Rotary Table **Series LER**
- Electric Grippers **Series LEH**
- Electric Cylinder **Series LZ**

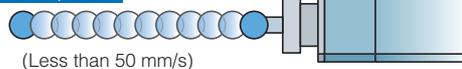


■ Low Speed & Low Friction

Low pressure, friction resistance and speed (less than 50 mm/s) with reduced friction to meet the demands of reduced lurching that occurs during start up.

- Low Speed Cylinder **Series C□X**
- Low Speed Rotary Actuators **Series CRQ2X/MSQX**
- Low Friction Cylinder **Series MQ**
- Smooth Cylinder **Series C□Y**

Low Speed

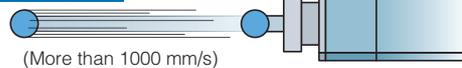


■ High Speed

High Speed Actuators (more than 1000 mm/s) with improved cycle time.

- High Power Cylinder **Series RHC**
- High Speed Rodless Cylinder **Series CY**

High Speed

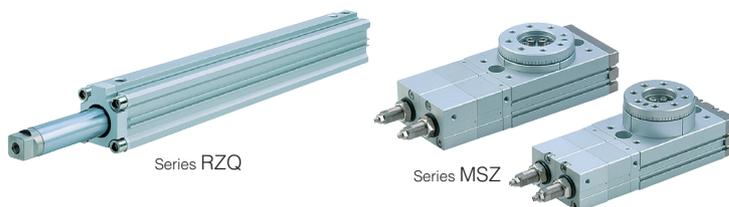


■ Intermediate Stop

Actuators with an intermediate stop mechanism.

- 3 Position Cylinder **Series RZQ**
- 3 Position Rotary Table **Series MSZ**

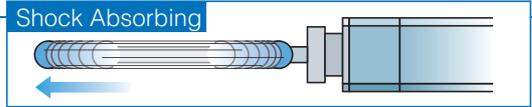
Intermediate Stop



A Handling

Shock Absorbing

In response to delicate workpieces transferred at high speed. Shock absorbing stroke end.



- Sine Cylinder **Series REC**
- Sine Rodless Cylinder **Series REA/REB**
- Shock Absorber **Series RB/RJ/RBQ**



Other application

Water Resistant

For use in areas where there is water spray.

- Hygienic Cylinder **Series HY**
- Stainless Cylinders **Series CJ5-S/CG5-S**



Water Resistant

Guide Cylinders

- Slide Table **Series MXS**
- Guide Cylinders **Series MGP-Z**



Series MGP-Z

Directional Control Valves (IP65/67 Enclosures)

- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series SV**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series VQC**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series SV/SYJ**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series SQ**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series VQZ**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series VQ**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series SY**
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve **Series VV100**
- Serial Transmission System **Series EX**



Series SV



Series VQC

To reduce the number of wires.



Series EX



Series EX

Fittings & Tubing (Stainless Products)

- SUS316 One-touch Fittings **Series KQG2**
- SUS316 Insert Fittings **Series KFG2**
- S-Couplers / Stainless Type **Series KKA**
- Antistatic One-touch Fittings **Series KA**
- Antistatic Tubing (Nylon) **Series TAS**
- Miniature Fittings / Stainless Type **Series M/MS**



Series KQG2



Series KFG2



Series KKA

Process Valves

- 2 Port Solenoid Valves **Series VQ20/30**
- 2 Port Solenoid Valves **Series VX2**



Series VQ



Series VX2

Handling

Clean Room Products

Products for use in clean rooms. Particle reducing products, assembled inside a clean room and shipped in double packaging.

- Clean Air Module..... **Series LLB**
- Clean Series Actuators **Series 10-/11/12-/13**
- Clean Speed Controller..... **Series AS-FPQ/FPG**
- Clean Exhaust Cleaner **Series AMP**
- Clean One-touch Fittings..... **Series KPQ/KPG**
- Clean Air Filter **Series SFD**
- Clean Gas Filter **Series SF**
- Clean Regulator **Series SRH**
- Precision Clean Regulator..... **Series SRP**
- Clean Tubing..... **Series TPH/TPS**



B Control

Sensors

For monitoring the flow of fluids, such as air, water oil, Di water chemicals, etc. Can detect vacuum pressure of lift and transfer lines.

- Digital Pressure Switch (Integrated Sensor)..... **Series ZSE/ISE**
- Digital Pressure Switch (Separate Sensor)..... **Series PSE□**
- Digital Flow Switch **Series PF**
- General Purpose Fluid Pressure Sensor..... **Series PSE560/570**
- Digital Flow Air Switch **Series PF2A**
- Digital Flow Water Switch **Series PF3W**
- Digital Flow Switch **Series PFM**



Flow Control Equipment

- Speed Controller..... **Series AS**
- Speed Controller / Stainless **Series ASG**
- Speed Controller with indicator..... **Series AS-FS**



Pressure Control Equipment

- Regulator..... **Series AR**
- Regulator Manifold **Series ARM**
- Electro-Pneumatic Regulator **Series ITV**



C Transfer

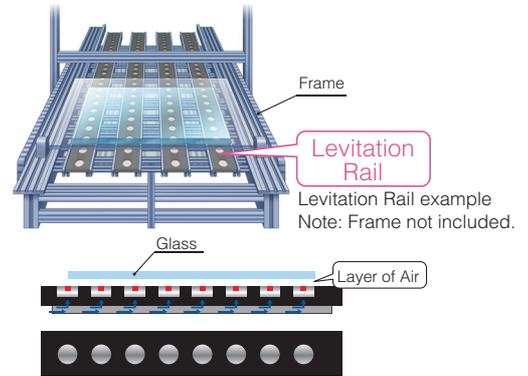
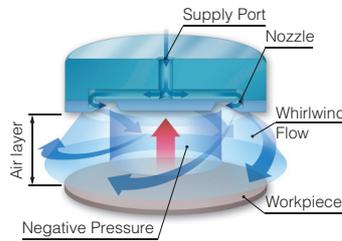
■ Non-Contact Transfer

Non-contact conveyance is possible for uneven surfaces and/or with varying textures (Solar cells).

• Cyclone Pad

Operating Principle

Air enters from supply port and is blown out of the pad's nozzle to generate a whirlwind flow inside the pad and leading to the cyclone effect (vacuum). Supply air is discharged to the atmosphere from between the pad and the workpiece. A layer of air is generated between the Cyclone Pad and the workpiece, resulting in the workpiece being lifted without contact.



To prevent bending and vibration of thin workpieces.

• Levitation Rail (Made to Order)

■ Low Vacuum

Products for vacuum lift and transfer.

- Vacuum Ejectors **Series Z** □
- Air Suction Filters **Series ZF**
- Vacuum Pads **Series ZP** □
- Peek Pads **Series INO**



D High Vacuum

For use in 10 - 6 Pa high vacuum applications.
Valves for high vacuum chamber vent, supply & isolation.

■ Vent

- Aluminum Angle Valves **Series XL**
- Two stage Control Angle Valve **Series XLD**
- Quick maintenance Angle Valve **Series XLAQ**
- Stainless Sngle/Inline Valves **Series XM/XY**
- Two stage Control Angle Valve **Series XMD**



■ Gas Valve

- Smooth Vent Valve **Series XVD**
- High Vacuum Straight Valve **Series XSA**



■ Transfer

- Gate Valve
- Door Valve



■ Actuator

- Vacuum Rodless Cylinder **Series CYV**
- Bellow Actuator **Series XGL**

E Temperature Control

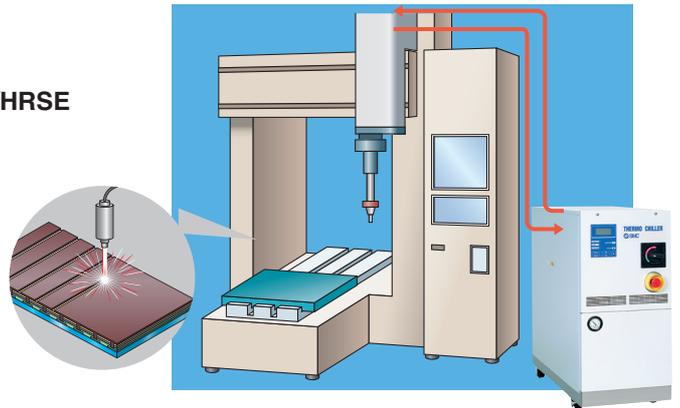
Constant temperature control of the heat source.

Chillers

- Thermo Cooler **Series HRS/HRSH/HRSE**
- Thermo Cooler **Series HRZ/HRW**

Thermo Controllers

- Thermo Controller **Series HEC/HECR**
- Thermostat Bath **Series HEB**
- Chemical Thermo Controller **Series HED**



Ex.) Temperature control of a laser oscillating device.



F Chemical Products

Chemicals & Di Water

High purity products for use with chemicals and Di water.

Process Valves

- Air Operated Chemical Valve **Series LV**
- Needle Valve **Series LVN**

Pressure Control Equipment

- Clean Regulator (Fluororesin Type) **Series SRF/LVR**

Flow Sensors

- Digital Control Switch **Series PF2D**

Pumps

- Process Pumps **Series PAF**
- Process Pumps **Series PB**

Fittings & Tubing

- Fluororesin Fittings **Series LQ**
- Fluororesin Tubing **Series TL**
- FEP Tubing **Series TH**
- Flexible Fluororesin Tubing **Series TD**



G Static Control

■ Antistatic Equipment

To prevent an electrical charge due to conductance and to reduce problems caused by the build-up of static electricity.

Actuators

- Antistatic Cylinder **Series CM2-X1051**

Fittings & Tubing

- Antistatic One-touch Fittings **Series KA**
- Antistatic Tubing (Nylon)..... **Series TAS**
- Antistatic Tubing (Polyurethane)..... **Series TAU**

Flow Control Equipment

- Antistatic Speed Controller..... **Series AS-X260**

Vacuum Products

- Vacuum Pads **Series ZP/ZP2/ZP3**



■ Ionizers

Corona effect used to neutralize ions and eliminate the build up of static electricity.

- Ionizer (Bar)..... **Series IZS40/41/42**
- Ionizer (Nozzle)..... **Series IZN**
- Ionizer (Fan)..... **Series IZF**



■ Measuring Instruments

Measures the electrical charge potential of the workpiece.

- Electrostatic Sensor/Monitor **Series IZD/IZE**
- Handheld Electrostatic Meter **Series IZH**



SMC and Advanced Pressure Technology (APTech)

In 2007 SMC Corporation acquired AP Tech Company:

Advanced Pressure Technology. A North American company founded in 1987 and global leader in pressure regulators and valves used for semiconductor wafer fabrication and other clean industries such as solar and flat panel displays.

AP Tech Products Portfolio:

- Pressure Regulators
- Valves
- Flow Devices

Product dimensions ranging from 1/4" to 1", and rated pressures of more than 300 bar to vacuum compatibility.

AP Tech products are manufactured, tested and packed under clean room conditions and they meet the highest quality standards (ISO 9001).

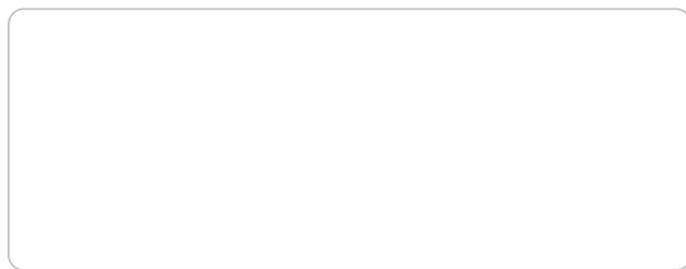




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