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SPS•P²C-100 SPARK PLASMA SINTERING

Direct Current Sintering System

The superior SPS•P²C-100 equipment utilizing the patented, time proven, and award winning P²C consolidation processing and control technology can deliver next-in-class materials allowing the realization of your most challenging and dynamic materials engineering and research ideas

- 1st—Auto-Shutoff over-temp protection systems monitor kev components. Fully enclosed svstem promotes user safety. Cover panels are removable, allowing full access to all internal mechanical, electrical, process cooling, and heat chamber connections. Current power levels, and hydraulic pressure application limits can be set and locked from unauthorized changes
- PROGRAMMING & DISPLAYS—A variety of configurations are available for HMI touch screen, laptop, or panel mounted user interfaces, with graphical output options to meet application monitoring and recording requirements.
- VACUUM CHAMBER—Water cooled, and can be configured for continuous operation at temperatures up to 2,500 °C. Mixed inert gas (Ar/He/N₂) monitoring and mass flow control system instrumentation is provided. Vacuum system for 10^{-3} torr provided
- PRESS FRAME—Up to 2.25" square fully dense samples can be consolidated on the rugged 4-Post press, that can be designed to operate at up to 18 tons (0 to 160 kN) of hydraulic capacity
- HYDRAULICS and THERMAL MONITORING—Manual or user programmable 10,000 psig systems designed to give maximum flexibility, and ram position accuracy up to 0.01 mm (0.0004")
- Temperature can be monitored from 0 to 2,500 °C using thermocouple and optical pyrometer system. Motion slide and video tracking pyrometer positioning systems are provided; operating (Temperature vs. Time) profiling is user programmable via industry proven controllers (Eurotherm / Watlow). Heating cycle can be on-the-fly switched from current to temperature control
- SMR or SCR POWER RECTIFIER OPTIONS—100% duty cycle, 0 to 5,000 Amperes @ 10 or 12 Volts per user defined requirements. The Switch Mode or Silicon Controlled Rectifiers are fully programmable with touchscreen HMI or laptop based heating and cooling ramp cycles. The power supply can be configured for straight DC, or combined DC with variable duration pulsing profiles
- SYSTEM START UP & TRAINING—Installation and basic training will be provided onsite and will demonstrate all equipment functions, equipment operation and basic troubleshooting. Operating manual will be provided and reviewed with system operators.















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SPS•P²C-100 is a production-proven system for the development and optimization of novel engineered materials with innovative performance properties

- Metals—Fe, Ni, Cu, Al, Co, Re, W, Mo, Ta, Ti, Mg, NiAl, TiAl
- Ceramics—SiC, B₄C, ZrO₂, TiB₂, HfB₂, ZrB₂, Y₃Fe₅O₁₂, TiC, WC, Y₃Al₅O₁₂, MgB₂, CaF₂, MgF₂, MoS₂
- Composites—TiB₂-Al₂O₃, TiB₂-ZrO₂, TiB₂-B₄C, SiC-B₄C, WC-Co, Mo-Cu, W-Cu, C-Cu, HfC-TaC, ZrC-B₄C
- Multilayered Materials—Up to 5 layers of differing functional properties
- Unconventional Structures—Nano-Carbon and Layered Composites | Porous Materials | Joining of Dissimilar Materials

Who are we? Materials Modification Inc. (MMI) was founded in 1986—www.matmod.com

- Dynamic applications driven Development Company within the areas of materials science
- Cutting-edge research and development programs for private industry and government
- Pioneer in the field of nanomaterials and coatings technology
- 33 patents covering novel materials, equipment, nano applications and coatings

Our Product—SPS•P²C-100 consolidation technology is specifically designed to unlocking the high performance promises suggested by submicron and nano-scale science and materials engineering.

- Plasma Pressure Compaction can consolidate nano, submicron and micron particulate blends
- P²C equipment and processing offers significant economic and physical performance improvements over traditional hot pressed and sintered ceramics and powders.

The Innovative Solution—P²C Leaps Beyond Conventional Hot Pressing and Sintering

- Predictable Uniformity—Ability to start consolidation with nano-scale materials and end with nano crystalline grain structure
- Greater final material purity—No binders, No cementation/alloying agents, Low/No unprocessed reactants
- One-Step in-situ compaction, plus rapid uniform plasma heating for maximum densification and control over grain structure
- Maximum theoretical densities, exclusive preprocess cleaning and out gassing of particulate surface contaminants for excellent inter-particle fusion
- Low-temp/high thermal energy sintering yields fast-cycle consolidation—minutes vs. hours.

Answering Challenges of High Purity, Wear, Heat and Corrosion in Typical Commercial Applications

Unrestricted R&D engineering with submicron/nano-scale metallic, ceramic and hybrid materials, new classes of bi-metal, ceramic/metal laminations, multi-material matrix/composites

Custom Nano and Sub-Micron Sputtering Targets | Super Performance Seals and Bearings | Oil and Gas Well Drilling Components | Tube/Wire Drawing and Extrusion Die Inserts | Hot and Cold Forming Punches | Carbides for Wire EDM | Large Cutting Inserts | Brake Materials | Wire and Mandrel Tube Preforms | Nozzles

Broad Government and Commercial Market Segments

Metals, ceramics or hybrids designed for applications in land, sea, air and space defense, medical and industrial markets where low/no downtime are crucial considerations.

High Temperature Mirrors | IR Windows | Lightweight Body Armor Inserts | Exterior and Interior Vehicular Armor | Fixed and Rotary Wing Aircraft Cockpit Armor | General R&D and Engineering Development of Ceramic, Metallic, and Functionally Gradient Materials

US Patents: 5,989,487 | 6,001,304 | 6,183,690 B1 | 6,187,087 B1 | 6,309,591 B1 | International Patents: AU: 752326 | IN: 197635

