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WHO IS UAH

- Tier 1 National Research University
- 1st in Alabama Universities for Math and Science
- 6th Nationally for federally financed Aeronautical and Aerospace Research, 9th in Computer Science
- Leading member of the FAA UAS Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Research – UAS in Disasters / Resiliency
- Leader in the FAA UAS Detections at Airports Program, DOJ training
- Leading Subcontractor supporting a large US Army UAS Program
- James P. Cogswell Superior Rating for Security Excellence with clearances at all levels

WHY UAH

- Access to DoD, FAA, NASA, and DOJ customer sets and support organizations, honest broker
- Access to SME's, students, and PhD's in niche aerospace engineering fields
- Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) compliant facilities with cleared staff
- Access to advanced academic research (6.1, 6.2, and 6.3)
- Ability to influence future research
- Provision of future talent Student worker program





RFAL INTRODUCTION



The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) Reliability and Failure Analysis Laboratory (RFAL) is located in the Von Braun Research Building on the Campus, at 301 Sparkman Drive Huntsville, AL 35899. RFAL is an independent research organization within UAH. Mr. Mark Gauldin is the Associate Director for Reliability within RFAL and leads the team on a daily basis.

RFAL is an ISO 9001:2015 Certified organization for their Reliability Testing Services. This certification can be supplied to any potential customer upon request.



The capability of RFAL extends beyond their staff to the entire campus staff and faculty. The ability to reach out to the UAH staff and faculty provides RFAL areas of expertise across many disciplines. This ability is reflected in the quality product that is provided to our customers.

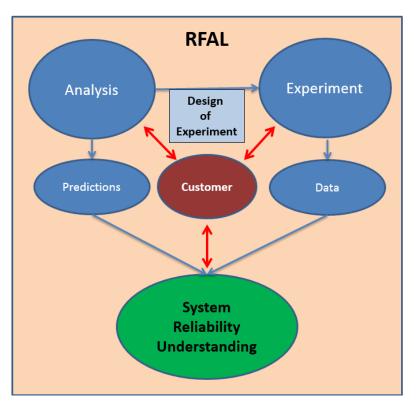




WHO IS RFAL

RFAL is a research organization which works closely with other departments within the university and other research centers.

The RFAL focuses on expanding the body of knowledge in the reliability engineering discipline to obtain an overall system reliability understanding. The following is the RFAL Process that is used:



RFAL Process

- The lab investigates possible failure mechanisms acting on a part through math modeling and physical testing.
- By looking at the Physics of Failure, the lab is able to develop FMEA, FMECA, and FRACAS to aid in the risk assessment of components.

Much of our commercial customer's focus has been on verifying that their delivered products meet or exceed the stated standards for reliability and maintainability. The impact of our analysis has a positive impact on their designs resulting in cost effective design changes and optimization of vendor selection.





RFAL LAB RESEARCH FOCUS

- Lab is focused on providing our customers with a full range of capabilities grounded in the Reliability Engineering Discipline.
- Offer capabilities that span the life cycle of a product from Design for Reliability to After Market Testing, aka... "Cradle to Grave"
- Services include (but not limited to):
 - Design for Reliability and Maintainability
 - Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM)
 - Condition Based Maintenance (CBM)
 - Reliability Modeling and Model Based Engineering
 - Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
 - Failure Mode, Effects, and Critically Analysis (FMECA)
 - Root Cause Failure Analysis
 - Probability Risk Assessment (PRA)
 - Testing to determine design and destruct limits
 - Physics of Failure / Root Cause Analysis
 - Design of Experiments
 - Materials Research, Analysis and Development
 - Analysis of HUMS Data through Probabilistic Methods
 - Prognostics of Dynamic Components using Sensor Data
 - Effective Conditioned-Based Maintenance (CBM) from HUMS Data
 - Component Level Reliability Testing
 - Product Development, Optimization, and Validation
 - Environmental Simulation Testing
 - MIL-STD Qualification Testing
 - Airworthiness test planning and reports





RFAL QUALITY

QUALITY POLICY

RFAL is a test laboratory that relies on funding from testing contracts in order to help fund its organization. It recognizes that to maintain that source of funding it must consistently provide high quality testing services that meet or exceed interested parties' expectations in order to achieve / maintain customer satisfaction. To demonstrate our commitment to customer focus, RFAL has implemented a Quality Management System (QMS) to continue our being compliant with our ISO 9001:2105 Certification. RFAL is committed to the continual improvement of this QMS in order to ensure that it remains effective in a dynamic business environment.

All testing services provided by RFAL, including testing, test planning, and test supervision, shall comply with requirements that are contractually agreed upon by the customer and RFAL. All employees performing these services shall be competent and qualified to perform their assigned tasks. All testing services shall be completed within the schedule that RFAL and the customer contractually agree upon.

It is the responsibility of all RFAL employees to familiarize themselves with the documents within the quality management system in order to ensure that the policies and procedures within are incorporated into their work. RFAL employees are also encouraged to engage the QMS by observing and reporting to management potential areas of improvement in the QMS.

QUALITY OBJECTIVES

RFAL strives to meet all requirements 100% of the time and has implemented a Quality Management System employing continuous improvement to achieve that desired goal. However, from a Risk Based Approach we understand that we must plan for and mitigate the risks involved in business. Based on this, we have established the below measurable objectives consistent with our Quality Policy:

- Customer Responses Expectations 98% of the time.
- Delivery of Contract Data Requirements List items (CDRL) on-time 98% of the time.
- Customer satisfaction at 95% satisfaction.





RFAL STRATEGIC DIRECTION

VISION

Expanding the body of knowledge in the reliability engineering discipline by assisting customers with the full range of reliability services.

MISSION

RFAL is committed to providing world-class reliability services to provide our customers with the appropriate tools to design and manufacture the highest quality product.

VALUES / GOALS

- Team collaboration to achieve a common goal
- Deliver services to support customers at a fair price
- Exceed the customers expectation with every deliverable
- Train a workforce that will support our customers abilities
- Operate with integrity
- Provide fact-based decisions and data to support the services provided
- Always do the right thing





LAB EQUIPMENT

HALT CHAMBER

Manufacturer:	Hanse
Type/Model:	VTC-9
Table Size:	36" x 36"
Internal Dimensions:	42"W x 42"D x 38"H
Max Load (lbs):	700
Vibration Output:	Tri-Axial (6DoF) 10-10,000 Hz up to 100 G/RMS
Temperature Range:	-100° C /+200° C
Product Change Rate:	70° C/min
Humidity:	10-85 % RH from 25°-65° C



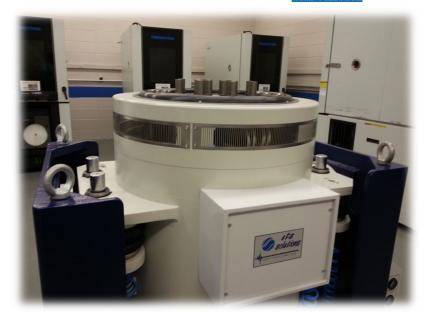
The HALT "Highly Accelerated Life Testing" chamber is used to test the robustness of system components. The chamber allows test specimens to be subjected to vibration in 6 degrees of freedom and up to 100g(rms) (root mean square). The system can simultaneously be subjected to thermal shock and vibration. When you want to determine the capability of systems components to withstand harsh conditions the HALT chamber will meet your needs. The HALT chamber has been applied to test electronics, but is able to subject system dynamic components to levels of vibration and thermal loading with chamber adaptations. Using the HALT capability many engineers and scientist believe that in as little as 24 hours you can stress the object being tested to the extremes that it will see in the life of the object.





DYNAMIC VIBRATION SYSTEM

Manufacturer:	ETS Solutions
Type/Model:	MPA404-LS232A
Sine/Random Force:	3,300 lbf
Shock Force:	6,600 lbf
Frequency Range:	DC to 2,700 Hz
Continuous Displacement	t: 3.5 inches
Shock Displacement:	4.0 inches
Max Velocity:	5.9 ft/s
Max Acceleration (sine):	70 g
Max Static Payload:	



The dynamic vibration system is designed to simulate vibration or shock that an item will be subjected when in its normal application. The system can perform random vibration, sine vibration, sine on random vibration, sine on sine vibration, and all varieties of mechanical shock. The controller has the capability to interface with the output of a recording device permitting testing under the actual vibration profile of the target component under use.









THERMAL SHOCK

Manufacturer:	ESPEC
Type/Model:	TSD-100
Interior Volume:	3.5 cu ft / 100 Liters
Interior Dimensions:	28"W x 16"D x 13.5"H
Temperature Range:	-65 to 200 °C / -94 to 392°F
Transfer Rate:	<11 seconds between zones
Cooling Method:	Air Cooled



The thermal shock chamber has the capability of taking a system component and subjecting it to a rapid thermal shock load. The chamber uses a basket as an elevator that moves a part from one zone to another hot/cold – cold/hot in under 11(s). This can be an important tool when investigating the effects of thermal cycling on system components that encounter various thermal gradients during operation. In electronics this thermal cycling can prove useful in finding components that have solder stress fractures or problems with the components breaking under the temperature cycling.







CYCLIC CORROSION TEST CHAMBER

Manufacturer: Ascott

Type/Model: CC1000xp

Chamber Capacity: 1000 Liters/35.3 cu ft

Condensation humidity mode:

- Temperature Range: Adjustable from ambient to +50°C/+122°F
- Humidity Range:
- Salt spray mode:
 - Temperature Range: Adjustable from ambient to +50°C/+122°F
 - Salt fog fall-out rate: Adjustable from 0.5 to 3.0ml per 80cm² per hr

Fixed at 95% - 100% RH

Air drying mode:

- Temperature Range: Adjustable from ambient to +70°C/+158°F
- Humidity Range: Uncontrolled

Applications:

- ASTM D2247 Condensation Humidity Specification
- ASTM D1735 Water Fog Humidity Specification
- ASTM B117 Salt Spray/Mist/Fog
- ASTM B287 Salt Spray/Mist/Fog
- ASTM B368 Salt Spray/Mist/Fog
- ASTM G43 Salt Spray/Mist/Fog
- ASTM G85 Annex A1-A5 Salt Spray/Mist/Fog
- ASTM G5894 Salt Spray/Mist/Fog
- SAE J 2334 Cyclic Corrosion Test Specification
- NOTE: THESE ARE THE US SPECIFICATIONS ONLY BUT THE EQUIPMENT IS ABLE TO PERFORM OTHERS

The Cyclic Corrosion chamber has the capability of applying a corrosive spray, mist, or fog to a material with adjustable mixtures. This chamber can simulate and accelerate natural corrosive agent's effects on materials. Corrosion testing is vital for components that will be subjected to harsh abrasive/salty environments. The key advantage of the chamber is accelerating the corrosive effects on a material to shorten test time. Flow rate of the corrosive agent can be adjusted to meet specific test standards or RFAL has the capability of implementing a custom test. Upon the completion of a test RFAL has the microscopic capability to examine the effects that the corrosion test had on the object.









AXIAL/TENSION/COMPRESSION FATIGUE TESTING SYSTEM - INSTRON

Manufacturer:	Instron
Type/Model:	8801
Axial force:	+/-100 kN (+/- 22Kip) (22,500 lbf)

The Instron is a servo-hydraulic tension/compression/fatigue test machine. It uses a hydraulic pump and a series of computer-controlled valves to control the force of an actuator. It has the capability to test a variety of materials up to loads of 22,500lbs. The machine can be used for experiments to define the properties of various materials. UAH has two types of grips used in separate applications. For room temperature, hydraulic grips are used, and for elevated temperatures mechanical grips are used to hold test specimens. RFAL can provide custom test fixtures and testing/characterization of materials. While in test RFAL has the ability to take strain gauge measurements for a detailed result of the stress.





Examples:

- Static tensile testing of unidirectional E-glass composite with fiber waviness.

- Static tensile testing under a -200 °C steady state of IM7 carbon fiber composite.

- Static tensile/compression/temp testing of Omni directional carbon fiber weaves.

ADDITIONAL ADAPTERS

Test Oven:	ATS
Type/Model:	3710 Series
Service Temperature:	-100° to +315° C (-150° to +600° F)
Internal Dimensions:	14" W x 14" D x 26" H
Cooling Method:	LN2

The oven adapter for the Instron 8801 has the capability of subjecting test coupons to thermal loads of -100°C to 315°C. This testing capability is important for understanding the thermal effects on a material under stress. RFAL has the capability to perform data capture and analysis for elevated temperature.



Examples:

- Thermal testing of omnidirectional weave carbon fiber composites @ -65°C & 135°C



Furnace Manufacturer: ATS

Type/Model:	3210
Max Temperature:	1100° C
Dimensions:	3-3/4" ID x 12" OD x 16" long
Heated Length:	12" long

The split tube furnace has the ability to mount to the Instron 8801 and is used for studying elevated temperature effects on materials under stress.







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AXIAL/TENSION/COMPRESSION TESTING SYSTEM - MTS

Manufacturer:

Type/Model:	Insight 50
Axial force:	+/-50 kN (+/- 11Kip) (11,250 lbf)
Vertical Test Space:	1050mm/43inches
Maximum Test Speed:	500 mm/minute (20 inches/minute)
Minimum Test Speed:	0.001 mm/minute (0.0004 inches/minute)

MTS

Space Between Columns: 835mm/33inches





The MTS Insight system is a leading-edge

electromechanical load frame. The MTS Insight 50 kN system features a large column spacing to accommodate testing of oversized test samples. This additional

column



allows up to 5 samples, to be simultaneously tested.

AXIAL/TENSION/COMPRESSION/TORSION SYSTEM - BOSE

Manufacturer: Bose

Type/Model: ElectroForce 3330

Axial force: +/-3 kN

The ElectroForce® Series II 3330 test instrument is well-suited for a variety of tests that include ASTM and ISO standards tests for medical devices, materials characterization, and long-term durability studies. The 3330 system provides static to 100 Hz performance with a load envelope of ±3000 N, allowing versatile performance for a variety of test applications such as durability testing of orthopedic implant devices and dynamic characterization of engineered materials and components.



ElectroForce[®] multi-specimen fatigue test systems are designed to provide

tension-tension, or compression-compression displacement-controlled loading for small soft structures and devices, such as stents, stent structures, stented grafts, vena cava filters, septal patch structures or other similar devices.





INDUSTRIAL OVEN Manufacturer: Thermcraft Type/Model: OBR

Working Envelope: 24" W x 24" D x "24 H (8 Cu Ft)

Operating Temperature: 1250°F/677°C

• 88°F per minute ramp rate

The industrial oven's main use is for thermally stressing materials-system components to study the effects of elevated temperature environments. The oven is also used for heat treatment of adhesive materials for composites. The oven has the ability to capture temperature readings via USB port located on the control tower of the oven.



-Tab curing for tensile samples





ALTITUDE CHAMBER

Manufacturer: Espec

Type/Model: EVTH8-CWA

Working Envelope: 24" W x 24" D x 24" H (8 Cu Ft)

Operating Temperature: -40°C to 100°C (-40°F to 212°F)

Altitude Range: Sea Level to 70,000 feet

Humidity Range: 20%RH to 95%RH +/-5% (Non Altitude Mode); Greater than 20% uncontrollable in Altitude Mode below 5,000 feet

Change Rates:

- 2°C per minute
- 1,000 feet per minute to 37,000 feet

The altitude chamber's main use is for testing samples at different



altitudes as well as being able to control the temperature. The chamber also has a humidity mode of operation where you can subject the samples to different humidity and temperature ranges. While in altitude mode if you have sensitive electronic equipment, the chamber can keep greater than 20% RH while testing at or below 5,000 feet. This will allow you to safely turn on sensitive electronics and not cause static arcing or discharge.

-Altitude stress and effects on electronic equipment







RELIABILITY AND FAILURE ANALYSIS LABORATORY

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER - 8 Cubic Foot

Manufacturer:	Thermotron
Type/Model:	SM8-8200
Working Envelope:	24" W x 24" D x 24" H (8 Cu Ft)
Operating Temperature:	-68°C to 177°C (-90°F to 350°F)
Humidity Range: 10%RH	to 98%RH

These environmental chambers are used to speed the aging process for lifetime testing. It can also be used for exposure testing to verify operation at given environmental conditions. This chamber can be used for material properties testing or on electronic devices that require exposure. By using the environmental chamber, you can inject different failure mechanisms into the device or item being tested. This could be an extreme temperature on an electronic device or advanced material. By



performing this type of testing during the design phase of a program, the weak points of the design can be located.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER

Manufacturer:	ESPEC
Type/Model:	ESL-2CA
Working Envelope:	19.7" W x 23.6" D x 29.5" H
Operating Temperature:	-35°C to 150°C (-31°F to 302°F)
Humidity Range:	10%RH to 98%RH





DROP TESTER

Manufacturer: LAB Type/Model: AD125 125 lbs (56 kg)

Payload Capacity:

Drop Height:

8" - 84"

Specifications / Standards:

- ISTA
- ASTM
- ISO

The drop tester is an important tool to verify impact shock resistance. Shipping standards can be verified using the drop tester to ensure that your packaging designs meet the standard. With remote shock sensors applied to the test specimen and to the external surface of the shipping container we can determine the dampening effects of the packaging material. This is important when shipping



sensitive electronics to make sure they can survive the shipping standard, either custom or published.













CARBONIZING FURNANCE

Manufacturer: Sentro Tech Corporation

Type/Model: STT-1500C-2.5-18

Operating Temperature: 1500C with 30 Temperature Segment programming

Heating Zone: 18" Tube for uniform heating

The Carbonizing Furnace uses an inert atmosphere to subject the test sample to extreme heat during the carbonization process.

Currently this equipment is part of the work involved in producing aerospace grade carbon fiber.



MICROWAVE DIGESTION LABSTATION

Manufacturer: Milestone

Type/Model: ETHOS D

The Microwave Digestion Labstation is designed to prepare samples for AAS, ICR and ICP-MS. One of the reasons is the time saved with using a microwave technology compared to other heating block techniques. Using the Microwave will decrease digestion time from hours to minutes. The application in our lab facility consists of using the microwave for uniform heating of Ionic Liquid mixtures. Having the ability to monitor the heat of the liquid using the temperature



probe guarantees that the solution is at the proper

temperature and by using the microwave we have consistent heating throughout the solution.

ASHING FURNACE Manufacturer: Milestone





Type/Model:

PYRO XL

The determination of ash content is a valuable test in determining material properties. The special microwave-transparent muffle allows the radiation to pass through and rapidly raise the temperature of a high-absorber material plate. The



test sample is placed in a crucible which is weighed pre and post Ashing and recorded in the controller. We have the ability to use our Massspectrometer to analyze the vapor from the Ashing process.







VACUUM OVEN

Manufacturer:	Thermo Electron Corporation
Type/Model:	Lindberg / Blue M V01218A
Working Envelope:	12" W x 18" D x 12" H
Operating Temperature:	6°C Above Ambient to 260°C

Vacuum Capability: 1 x 10⁻² torr (10 Microns)

Atmosphere: Inert gases

The oven is designed for drying, curing, outgassing, ageing, process control, and other applications which require elevated temperature in a reduced atmosphere or vacuum. An inter atmosphere is capable when using the oven.





THERMOGRAVIMETRIC ANALYZER (TGA)

Manufacturer:	TA Instruments
Type/Model:	TGA Q5000
Weight Range:	0.1 g (nominal)
Weighing Accuracy:	+/- 0.1%
Temperature Range:	5°C to 85°C
Humidity Range:	0 to 98% RH



In thermogravimetry weight changes of a substance which occur during a controlled temperature program and in a defined gas atmosphere are measured. In the Difference Thermal Analysis (DTA), temperature changes of a substance

compared to a reference temperature, which occur during a controlled temperature program in a defined gas atmosphere, are measured. This system is capable of performing both of these measurements. In our lab we are measuring the weight loss of rayon fibers as they are being carbonized to help in understanding the characteristic changes of the fiber. This is done using LN2 for the

inert atmosphere to control the carbonization.





MASS SPECTROMETER

Manufacturer:

Type/Model:

Thermostar GSD320

Pfeiffer Vacuum

Analyzer: QMG-220

Mass Spectrometry is a technique that produces a singular spectrum of the masses of atoms of a sample material. This analysis is used to determine the isotropic signature of the sample. This equipment can be used with the TGA, the Ashing Furnace, or any other device to obtain the isotropic signature of the exhaust or atmosphere.







DYNAMIC MECHANICAL THERMAL ANALYSIS (DMTA)

Manufacturer:	Rheometric Scientific
Type/Model:	DMTA V
Temperature Range:	Ambient to 500°C (without LN2) /-150°C to 500°C (with)
Frequency Range:	1.0 x 10 ⁻⁶ to 200 Hz
Displacement:	+/- $2.5E^{-4}$ to +/- 0.128 mm with a total force of 15N

The DMTA V will test solid and semi-solid materials, determining properties related to use and wear modulus, temperature-dependent behavior, and frequency



dependent behavior. The DMTA is a mechanical spectrometer that measures the stress/strain relationship of the material being tested. The DMTA can be used to test curing cycles and efficiency for thermosets and elastomers. It can be used for quality control of plastics and



molded parts, coatings, paint, ink on substrates, thin films, and fiber testing. Current use is to test the properties of carbon fiber.

DIFFERENTIAL SCANNING CALORIMETRY-THERMOGRAVIMETRIC ANALYZER (DSC-TGA)

Manufacturer:	TA Instruments
Type/Model:	SDT Q600
Temperature Range:	Ambient to 1500°C
Calorimetric Accuracy:	+/- 2% (Based upon standard metals)
DTA Sensitivity:	0.001°C
Vacuum:	To 7 Pa 10.05 torr



Simultaneous Thermal Analyzers measure both heat flow and weight changes in a material as a function of temperature (or time) under a controlled atmosphere. The simultaneous DSC-TGA can be used in phases of research, manufacturing operations, and quality control. The SDT Q600 can take measurements from ambient lab conditions to 1500°C. The thermobalance uses an accurate and reliable horizontal dual-balance to detect the weight change. The temperature control and the measurements are made using Platinum and Platinum-Rhodium

thermocouples. The SDT Q600 has superior accuracy to a single-beam system. Current use is on carbon fiber analysis.





THERMAL CONSTANTS ANALYZER

Manufacturer:	HotDisk
Type/Model:	TPS 2500 S
Thermal Conductivity:	0.005 to 1200 W/mK
Thermal Diffusivity:	0.1 to 700 mm ² /s
Measurement Time:	1 to 1280 seconds
Reproducibility:	Typically better than 1%
Accuracy:	Better than 5%
Temperature Range:	-253°C to 1000°C
Additional Software Mod	dule: Anisotropic



The Thermal Constants Analyzer is a non-destructive precision analysis of thermal transport properties including thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, and specific heat capacity. The analyzer operates on a wide variety of sensors with radius from 0.5 mm to 30 mm. The test machine operates by pulsing energy into a circular disk sensor and reading a difference in resistivity values over time. These values change as heat is introduced to the material under test. There are two main differentiations between material types. Those that are



Isotropic: meaning (the properties are the same in all directions i.e. metals) or Anisotropic: meaning (properties are not the same in all directions i.e. carbon fiber composites). The software for this machine allows RFAL to determine properties for both Isotropic and Anisotropic materials.

Advantages:

- Contact resistance between sensor and sample does not influence measurement results
- Porous and transparent samples are easy to test without modification
- Surface roughness or color does not influence measurement results
- Minimum or no sample preparation time
- Double-sided testing for maximum accuracy
- Three thermal transport properties testing in a single transient
- No calibration or reference sample required









VARIABLE SPEED GRINDER-POLISHER

Manufacturer:	Buehler
Type/Model:	AutoMet 3000
Memory:	Automatic method memory
Memory Capacity:	Nonvolatile 99 methods
Sample Capacity:	1 to 10 samples

The Ecomet 3000 is a variable speed grinder/polisher. It is a low profile along with a 203 mm (8") aluminum platen and a universal mount. The platen speed ranges from 10 to 500 rpm. A pop-up water dispensing arm can be positioned over the platen and the amount of water dispensed can be regulated by the flow control valve. It is particularly used in getting material samples to 10 or less microns.











PRECISION WAFERING SAW

Manufacturer:	Pace Technologies
Type/Model:	PICO 155
Cutting Capacity:	Max diameter 50mm / 2"
Variable Speed:	0-1500 rpm (Adjustable)
Cutting Load:	0-1000 gram
Micrometer Feed:	0-25 mm / 0-1"



The PICO 155 is a precision wafering saw with touch controls. It has variable cutting speed from 50-1500 rpm with a digital

speed readout, precision micrometer, counterbalanced sliding load system, automatic cut-off switch, with coolant system, magnetic safety switch for the hood, and emergency stop button.



ROCKWELL HARDNESS TESTER

Manufacturer:	Wilson
Type/Model:	Zerominder

Measurement Type: B & C







PORTABLE ROCKWELL HARDNESS TESTER

Manufacturer: Wilson

Type/Model:

M200B

Measurement Type: HL, HV, HRB, HRC, and HS

The Wilson M200B is a Hand-Held Hardness Tester. It is an impact tester that incorporates the Leeb principle of measurement. The M200B is packaged in a rugged carry case and can be used as a portable measurement device. When you cannot bring the material to the lab you can bring this device to the material.



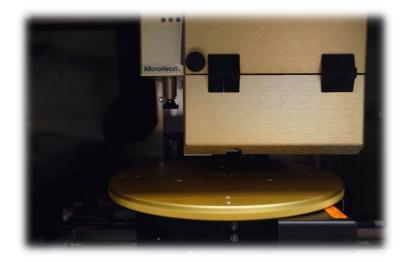




SURFACE PROFILER -PROFILOMETER

Manufacturer:	KLA Tencor
Type/Model:	P10
Wafer Size:	200 mm / 8"

The KLA Tencor P10 is used for measuring step heights to determine the thickness of etched features or film thickness. The system has the ability to measure in steps as small as 10 nm. It has the ability to measure micro-roughness with up to a 0.5A (0.002 min) resolution over short distances as well as waviness over a full 60 mm scan.







ACCELEROMETER CALIBRATION STATION

Manufacturer: The Modal Shop

Type/Model: 9155C

Frequency Range: 5Hz – 10kHz

Typical Measurement Uncertainty:

- 2.2% (5-10 Hz)
- 1.2% (10-100 Hz)
- 0.7% (100 Hz)
- 1.0% (100-1,000 Hz)
- 1.4% (1,000-5,000 Hz)
- 1.9% (5,000-10,000 Hz)



Calibration Method: Back-to-back comparison per ISO 16063-21

Measurements: Sensitivity, Amplitude, Phase, Bias, Resonance, Linearity,

Shock, DC Offset, Bridge Resistance, DC Sensitivity

Accelerometers Supported: ICP®, Charge, Voltage, Capacitive, Piezoresistive, CVLD

Sensors Supported: Acceleration, Velocity

TEDS Sensor Support: IEEE 1451.4, IEEE P1451.4

Excitation Type: Stepped Sine, Multi-sine

Acceleration Levels: 0.1 to 10 g_{pk}

The accelerometer calibration station is an important tool used to verify the accuracy of piezoelectric accelerometers. Piezoelectric transducers create a voltage output when stress is applied to the material. The voltage output is read and filtered by a computer to translate accelerometer output into a component of acceleration. Proper accuracy of accelerometers will provide reliable test data for experiments which analyze the frequency of structures. The Accelerometer calibration system vibrates the accelerometers at a known frequency/magnitude. The system compares the output of the accelerometer to these known values and determines if the output meets its accuracy parameters.



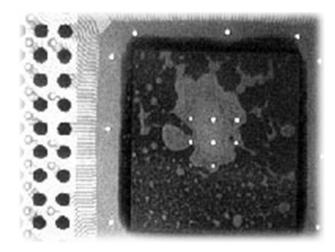




X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEM

Manufacturer:	Glenbrook Technologies
Type/Model:	JewelBox 70T
Anode Voltage:	80 kV (Adjustable)
Anode Current:	100 microamps (Adjustable)
Magnification:	7X to 2000X
Manipulator:	5-Axis Joystick

The JewelBox 70T offers excellent resolution and sensitivity for laboratory and failure analysis inspections. The system has a highresolution x-ray camera and a 10-micron x-ray source to provide magnification from 7X to 2000X, with a resolution of 100 line pairs/mm. Current use for this system is to perform solderability analysis on PCB assemblies.









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in association with the following scope:

Provider of Reliability Testing Services

has been assessed and approved by ASACB against the provisions of:

ISO 9001: 2015

Site Structure: Single

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Initial Certification: 04 September 2019

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