LENS® PROCESS MONITORING AND CONTROLS

LENS™ systems are used in the repair and rapid manufacturing of metal components in state-of-the-art materials such as titanium, stainless steel and Inconel®. LENS users demand the highest quality, repeatability and reproducibility, and the latest LENS system options and accessories provide the process monitoring and control tools they need.

Melt-Pool Sensor
In use for over ten years, the LENS Melt-Pool Sensor provides a closed-loop option for users looking to control the heat input and microstructure of the LENS process. This sensor measures the size of the melt-pool and keeps it constant by continuously adjusting the laser power.

FEAT URES AND BENEFITS
▶ Control heat input – from part to part, and throughout a build
▶ Reduce burn-back – attenuate heat input on sensitive repairs
▶ Constant cooling rate throughout build – for constant microstructure
▶ Rapid response – up to 100Hz adjustments

Thermal Imager
Stratonic's ThermaViz system uses an innovative two-wavelength imaging pyrometer with sophisticated image acquisition and analysis software to provide real-time, true temperature images and measurements. By providing a highly magnified image of the melt-pool, the ThermaViz software can provide the user with high-resolution, high accuracy temperature information. ThermaViz is coaxially integrated into the LENS Deposition Head and is controlled through the LENS System HMI.

FEAT URES AND BENEFITS
▶ Record temperature movies - verify process consistency
▶ Measure cooling rates – correlate to microstructure
▶ Measure melt-pool dimensions – control geometry
▶ Visualize the melt-pool – shortcut process development
Laser, Powder and Thermal Imager Calibration Systems

With these new LENS system accessories, the LENS user can monitor, adjust and calibrate the laser spot, and Thermal Imager. Production users will benefit from process traceability. Researchers will enjoy the ability to quickly generate gradient material recipes.

**Laser Calibration System**

Ophir-Spiricon, a global leader in laser beam measurement, has packaged the Nanoscan beam profiler, a 5000 W thermal sensor, and the Nanoscan software to provide an integrated package for calibrating the LENS system laser at the workpiece.

The unit can provide the following information:
- Laser power at the workpiece
- Beam width and profile
- Beam position

**Thermal Imager Calibrator**

To accompany the Thermal Imager, Stratonics has now released a calibration system that can be operated by the user to verify the calibration of the Thermal Imager on a regular basis. Bulbs are calibrated by Stratonics and shipped to the user, and can be recalibrated by Stratonics to NIST-traceable standards.

**ABOUT OPTOMEC**

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