





#### SpraySpy® ProcessLine - for highest process stability

Even small variations within a spray can lead to a significant decrease of coating quality in production processes. For decorative or for functional coatings this can incur unnecessary postproduction costs or even rejection of units. Therefore, it is of great interest to insure that a spray is properly functioning and that deviations from nominal operation are kept to a minimum.

The solution for this task is the SpraySpy® ProcessLine. This laser based sensor system monitors the spray and detects even the smallest variations in spray operation, and this is achieved inline and in real time. Deviations from the set-point value of the spray are detected and the operator is immediately notified by the process control system. This allows counteractions to be invoked, before rejections or extra costs are incurred.

The measurement system detects up to 60% of the most common coating defects during the production process. The integrated artificial intelligence Software SprayAl® collects digital process data. This data can be used for further Internet of Things (IoT) applications. The SprayAl® software is easy to use, achieves a high precision of detection rate and is sensitive to anomalies of spray characteristics down to 2%.



#### SpraySpy® increases production and decreases costs

With the SpraySpy® ProcessLine, production runs are more stable. The comprehensive data collection allows an ongoing and complete documentation of the product quality, a predictive maintenance, pattern recognition of failures, and the implementation of closed-loop control of the coating process. As a result, SpraySpy® insures a higher Spray quality and lower costs.

# SpraySpy® ProcessLine highlights:

- Detects anomalies in the spray of 2% or higher
- Inline monitoring of deviations in the spray
- No training time for the operators
- Relays status signals in real time to process control system
- Automated process documentation
- Objective and stable classification of production quality
- Digitalization of the spray process (IoT-ready)
- Applicable for fixed or moving nozzles
- Measurement probe can be mounted on the gun or bell
- Suitable for explosive atmospheres (ATEX) & High-Voltage Application
- Minimize lost production
- Increase machine availability





## The SpraySpy®-Technology

The SpraySpy<sup>®</sup> technology is based on the scattered light from a moving droplet or particle, illuminated by a light beam. The resulting light scattering is separated by the acquisition time into the individual scattering orders and registered by photodetectors. The characteristics of the scattering orders are correlated with the spatial and temporal flux density in the spray. Therefore, even the smallest fluctuations in spray properties are detected.

#### SpraySpy<sup>®</sup> & SprayAl<sup>®</sup> application

SpraySpy<sup>®</sup> monitors the droplet size, the droplet velocity, the spray angle and the volume flow rate in the spray by correlating light scattering parameters and assigned set values.

If the parameters of the spray are within the defined ranges, your spray is okay. However, if the integrated artificial intelligence, SprayAl<sup>®</sup> detects a deviation from the set value, an alarm signal is generated and made available in real time.

The measured spray parameters can be transferred to a local database or to a cloud. Here the data can be automatically analyzed.

The digitization of the spray provides the operator the datadriven certainty for process control and regulation.



## SpraySpy® ProcessLine Model Specification

| Model   | SpraySpy® ProcessLine  |        |                         |
|---|--|--------|-------------------------|
|   | PL100  | PL100X | PL200                   |
| Monitored spray / process<br>parameters   | <ul> <li>Drop size</li> <li>Drop velocity</li> <li>Number of drops</li> <li>Volume flow</li> <li>Spray angle &amp; geometry</li> <li>Viscosity</li> <li>Nozzle contamination / defect</li> </ul> |        |                         |
| Measurement range<br>• Size<br>• Velocity<br>• Amount of Drops                              | > 1 µm<br>< 100 m/s<br>1   |        |                         |
| Conditions<br>• Explosive Atmosphere (ATEX)<br>• High-Voltage Application                   | N<br>N   | 0      | ATEX: Zone 1 & 2<br>Yes |
| Drop characteristics  | Transparent, Semi-transparent &<br>Non-transparent   |        |                         |
| Repeatability <ul> <li>Drop size</li> <li>Drop velocity</li> <li>Number of drops</li> </ul> | 1,7%<br>0,6%<br>1,5%   |        |                         |
| Sampling rate   | 250 MS/s   |        |                         |
| Interfaces  | Ethernet, ProfiNet, Current loop or others   |        |                         |
| Database (optional)   | SQL database administration & WebApp   |        |                         |
| Detachable Measurement probe  | No   | Yes    | No                      |
| Hardware size <ul> <li>Measurement probe</li> <li>Processing unit</li> </ul>                | ~115 x 95 x 45 mm<br>~600 x 482 x 222 mm   |        |                         |
| Operating parameters <ul> <li>Power supply</li> <li>IP-Class</li> </ul>                     | 24 V / 4 A<br>IP 67 (Measurement probe)  |        |                         |

#### AOM-Systems - Your Partner for Smart Sprays

Since years, **AOM-Systems** (**A**dvanced **O**ptical **M**easurement Systems) has been involved in droplet and spray measurements. The development of an easy to use and ATEX conform measurement technology has had a major influence on droplet and spray analytics.

The newly developed ProcessLine for the application in production lines, monitors spray anomalies and provides digitization data inline and in real time. SpraySpy<sup>®</sup> is equipped with the artificial intelligence SprayAl<sup>®</sup>, and supports the data-driven coating process of current and future generations of atomization technologies.

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