

PV-600 Series

Solar Cell Firing Furnaces

The PV Series furnaces are optimized for paste burnout, metallization firing in the 750-950°C range, and BSF layer processing using Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP). RTP produces higher efficiency, lower cost solar cells.



Higher efficiency solar cells are achievable using RTC's PV Series furnaces. Unique technology features of the furnace assure fast heating, fast cooling and fast belt speeds. Rapid heating and cooling during metallization firing results in lower contact resistance and higher shunt resistance which improves solar cell efficiency and maximizes power output.

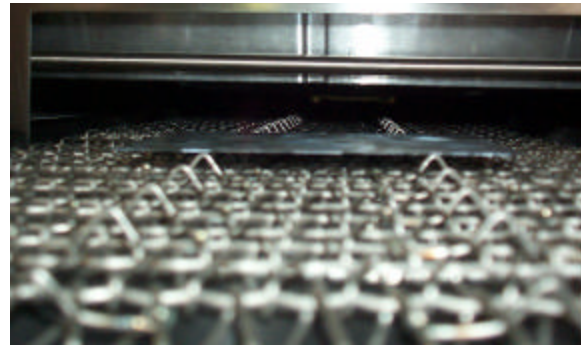
Lower cost solar cells are produced with faster processing speeds and improved equipment efficiency. With shorter processing time and faster belt speeds, one PV-600 Series furnace processing a single lane of parts can produce up to 30MW of solar cells per manufacturing line. Costs for equipment, factory space and utilities are all lower.

Technology Benefits

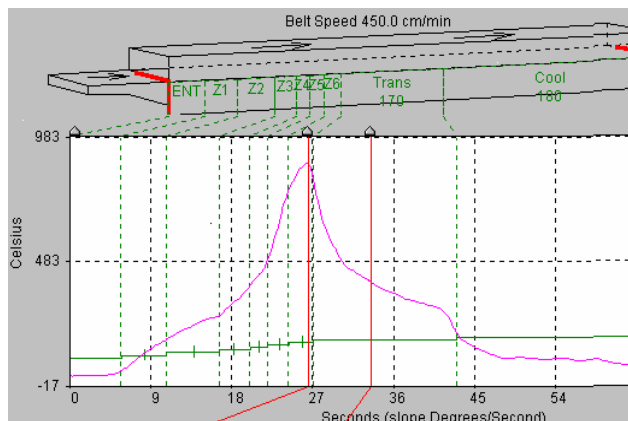
Fast heating is achieved with a higher density of IR lamps in shorter temperature zones. Heat up rates can exceed 75°C per second between 400°C and 875°C.

Fast cooling is achieved with water-cooled cold walls above and below the conveyor belt. The cold walls are separated from the last heated zone by a 13cm transition tunnel with CDA-fed curtain and baffles. Cool down rates can exceed 65°C per second between 875°C and 400°C.

Fast belt speeds transport lightweight solar cells smoothly. Belt vibration is minimized with a friction drive roller. Optional dimpled belts enable faster heating and cooling by reducing solar cell contact with the conveyor belt.



Dimpled belt holds solar cells above the belt



130mm polycrystalline solar cell, 250µm thick, 450cm/min

Uniform atmosphere with a laminar flow of pre-heated gas produces a broad process window. Clean dry air (CDA) is fed into the heating chamber through the top and bottom porous ceramic chamber walls (RTC patent).

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SPECIFICATIONS	PV-609	PV-614	PV-624	PV-636
Parts Clearance (in, cm)	0.75, 1.9 (customer may specify other clearance height)			
Belt Width (in, cm)	9, 23	14, 36	24, 61	36, 91
Conveyor Speed (ipm, cm/min)	18-180, 46-460			
Load Station (in, cm)	15, 38			
Unload Station (in, cm)	15, 38			
Entrance Baffle (in, cm)	15, 38			
Heated Length (in, cm)	60, 152			
Number of Heated Zones	6			
Heat Up Time (minutes)	15	15	15	20
Maximum Operating Temperature	1000°C			
Transition Tunnel (in, cm)	5, 13			
Water Cooling Length (in, cm)	20, 51			
Forced Air Cooling Length (in, cm)	90, 229			
Product Temperature at Exit	40°C			
Atmosphere, CDA, typical (scfh, lpm)	600, 282	900,423	1200, 564	2100, 987
Process Exhaust, Venturi Assist	2	2	2	2
Electrical	208-480VAC, 3 phase, 50/60Hz 4-wire (safety ground) or 5-wire (safety ground, separate neutral)			
Power (KW) Peak, Typical	63, 25	96, 38	161, 64	173,95
Water (gpm-psi, lpm-Kg/sq.cm)	5-50, 19-3.5	5-50, 19-3.5	10-50, 38-3.5	15-50, 57-3.5
Overall Length (in, cm)	223, 567	223, 567	223, 567	223, 567
Overall Width (in, cm)	43, 109	43, 109	51, 130	63, 160
Overall Height (in, cm)	68, 172	68, 172	68, 172	68, 172
Weight Net (lb, Kg)	2400, 1100	2750, 1260	3250,1480	4050, 1840
Weight Crated (lb, Kg)	4250, 1940	4600, 2100	4900, 2220	6050, 2760

Options

- **Air Purification System**
- **Dimpled Mesh Belt**
- **Lamp Element Monitor**
- **On-Screen Profiling System**
- **Over Temperature Shutdown**
- **Process Ready/Alarm Light Tower**
- **Ultrasonic Belt Cleaner with Dryer**
- **Uninterruptible Power Supply**
- **Exit Backlight for Solar Cell Pickup**
- **Controlled Atmosphere Firing**

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