

Solid-Source ECR Plasma Deposition System



A solid-source electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) plasma deposition system forms high-quality thin films by directly reacting a low-pressure, high-density ECR plasma flow with particles sputtered from a solid source (target) placed at the outlet of the plasma flow. AFTEX-6200 is equipped with two ECR plasma sources and enables automatic transfer and deposition, which is optimal for multilayer film deposition. As an option, the system can be equipped with a spectrometer in the deposition chamber which enables the in-situ measurement of film thickness and refractive index.

System Features

- Automatic transfer system for 75 mm trays. 5 trays can be set in the load-lock chamber.
- High throughput by continuous deposition of 5 trays in the deposition chamber.
- Suitable for high-vacuum with a 3-chamber system
- Two microwave branching/coupling type ECR plasma sources make it suitable for massproduction
- Multilayer of max. 22 layers can be automatically formed.

Deposition Characteristics

Single layer and multilayer films of wide range of materials

Any solid material which can be formed into a sputtering target can be used as a raw material, and it is easy to form films of various oxides or nitrides as well as multilayer films by combining it with introduced gases. For example, if Si is used as the solid source, it is possible to form single layer and multilayer films of SiO2, Si3N4, and Si.

High-speed reactive deposition

High-speed deposition is possible by the reaction between a solid source and a large-current ECR plasma of a gas such as oxygen or nitrogen.

- Electric system Indication of details of error information/Large operation display/Backup function of deposition recipes
- Options

Data logging system/Vdc plotter/Spectrometer for in-situ measurement of film thickness and refractive index/Additional magnetron sputtering units (max. 2 units)/Additional gas lines (max. 2 units)

High controllability of refractive index

Refractive index can be easily controlled without generation of any intermediate product like in CVD. In addition, films having arbitrary refractive index can be created simply by running oxygen and nitrogen gas simultaneously.

Low-temperature, low-damage and surface cleaning effect

Deposition using the ion-assist effect at a low energy but high current enables to form high-quality and highly crystalline thin films at low temperatures and with low damage in comparison with conventional deposition methods. Cleaning of substrates and grown surfaces can also be accomplished.

AFTEX-6200 Mark II

AFTEX-6200 Standard Specifications

| Item | | Specification |
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| Ultimate pressure | | Process chamber: < 3x10⁵Pa Load-lock chamber: < 3x10⁴Pa |
| Vacuum pump | | Process chamber: TMP (1000L/sec) Load-lock chamber: TMP |
| Deposition chamber | Sputtering source | ECR: 2 sets Magnetron: 2 sets (option) |
| | Substrate holder | Planar type, stepping rotation Substrate size: Max. 3inch |
| | Substrate heating | Max. 400°C |
| | Substrate position | Target-Substrate distance: 170mm |
| Load-lock chamber | Transfer system | Automatic tray transfer Batch processing of 5 trays |
| | Number of samples | 5 trays can be set. |
| ECR plasma source | Quantity | 2 sets |
| | Plasma source | Microwave branching/coupling type |
| | Plasma chamber | ID Φ 150mm, With water-cooling jacket |
| | Cylindrical target | ID $\Phi 100 \times 40 \text{ mm}$ Direct cooling system of backing-tube |
| Gas feed system | | Mass flow controller: 3sets Gas type: Ar, O2, N2 |
| Operations | Vacuum | Automatic |
| | Substrate transfer | Automatic |
| | Deposition | Automatic/Manual (selectable) |
| Power supply controller | ECR ion source | Microwave power supply (2 sets): 2.45GHz, 1kW Coil power supply (2 sets): DC1.5kW |
| | ECR sputtering | Target power supply (2 sets): RF 13.56MHz, 1kW |
| Utilities | Foot print | Approx. 3.5 × 3 m (including maintenance area) |
| | Electrical supply | 3-phase 200VAC 50/60Hz 75A |
| | Cooling water | Flow: 20L/min, Pressure: 0.3MPa |
| | System weight | 2000kg |

Dimensional Drawing



Schematic





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