Optical Gauge series

Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system

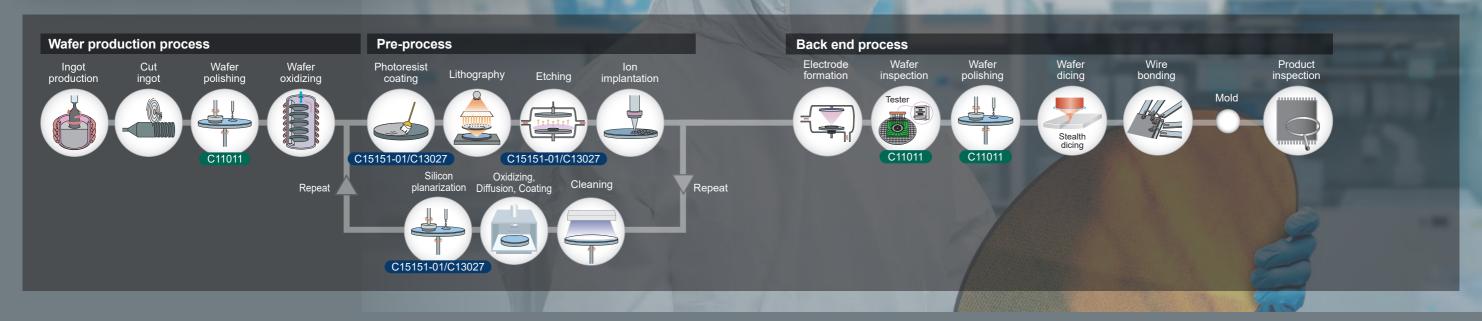
Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system





Provides solutions for deposition monitoring and wafer thickness control during the semiconductor device manufacturing process

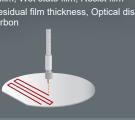
The Optical Gauge series is used in the various manufacturing processes of semiconductor devices, where metal wiring is more multi layered. These processes use a lower voltage and are increasingly miniaturized. This contributes to improvement in the yield and shortens the time required to start a process.



Semiconductor Application Examples

On-wafer film thickness measurement • Film thickness measurement after deposition process • Thin film measurement after CMP Metal-oxide coating such as SiO2, SiC film,

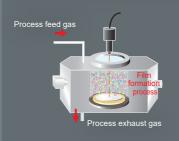
Nitrided film, Wet state film, Resist film



In-situ measurement

- Film formation process monitor
- Dry and wet etching measurement

Metal-oxide coating such as SiO₂ and Si



Wafer thickness measurement

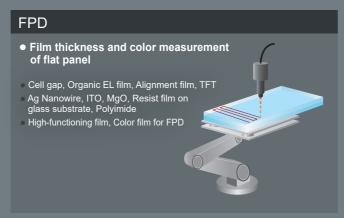
- Thickness control after wafer grinding
- Thickness control after wet processing

SiO₂, Si film, Wet state film

Silicon residual film thickness

Other Application Examples





Line-up • The refractive indices in this catalog are 1.5 for glass and 3.67 for silicon. **Optical NanoGauge Optical MicroGauge** Film thickness measurement from nm to µm Film thickness measurement from µm to mm C15151-01 C13027 C11011 Thick film measurement High-speed measurement Super-thin film measurement High-precision measurement Wide film thickness measurement range High-speed measurement 10 nm 100 um **Glass Silicon** 43 µm 4.3 nm 1 nm **Glass** 20 µm 8.6 µm Silicon 0.43 nm *1 25 µm **Glass** 2.9 mm 10 µm Silicon 1.2 mm Sample thickness 10 nm 100 nm 10 µm 100 µm 1 nm 1 µm 10 mm 1 mm

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^{*1:} This is a calculated value converted to the refractive index of silicon (3.67).

Optical MicroGauge



The Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system is a non-contact film thickness measurement system utilizing spectral interferometry.

Our systems are capable of high-precision spectroscopic measurement, which enables to measure accurate reflection spectra. Analysis of the reflection spectrum enables various film thickness measurements from the nanometer order to the micrometer order. It also calculates optical constants with high accuracy.

C15151-01
High-end model for super-thin films
P06-07

C13027
Compact standard model

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Five Key Features

1. Reliable film thickness measurement based on state-of-the-art spectrometry technology

Hamamatsu Photonics has been developing multichannel spectrometers for many years. We have applied our highly sensitive spectroscopic measurement technology to the measurement of film thickness resulting in highly accurate measurement.

2. Wide range of solutions from the nanometer order to the micrometer order

We have a line-up of models that can accurately measure film thicknesses from 1 nm. Select the Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system that best suits your application.

3. Support in-line measurement

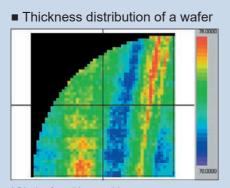
It is compatible with sequencer connection. The small size allows for easy integration into manufacturing and inspection equipment.

4. High-speed measurement contributes to shorter takt time

High-speed measurement at speeds of up to 200 Hz reduces takt time, contributing to higher productivity.

5. Mapping measurements (option)

Unevenness within the wafer surface often occurs during the wafer processing. The optional mapping stage enables thickness distribution measurement, which can be used to check the in-plane uniformity of etching and grinding characteristics. It is also ideal for quality control following wafer processing.



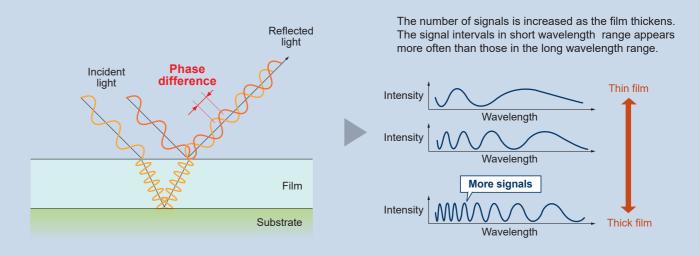
* Display from 70 µm to 76 µm Sample: 8-inch Si bare wafer (Protective film/after grinding process)

Measurement Principle

Spectral interferometry is used for film thickness measurement

Multiple reflections occur inside the thin film as light enters a thin film sample. These multiple-reflection light waves boost or weaken each other along with their phase difference. The phase difference of each multiple-reflection light is determined by the light wavelength and optical path length. Therefore, the reflected or transmitted spectrum from the sample shows a specific spectrum determined by the film thickness.

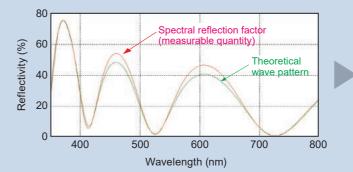
Spectral interferometry is a technique for measuring film thickness by analyzing that particular spectrum. The Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system utilizes spectral interferometry to analyze a target spectrum by the curve-fitting or FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) method that matches your application.



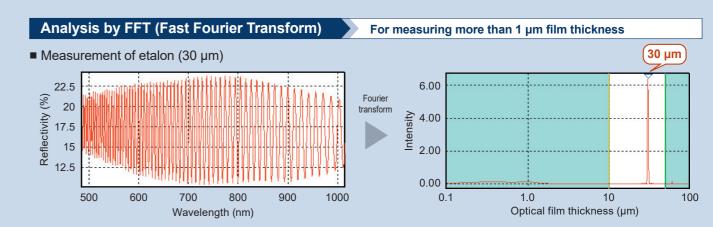
Analysis by curve fitting

For measuring less than 1 μm film thickness

■ Interference spectrum measurement of transparent electrode (ITO film: 350 nm)



The analyzed film thickness is the theoretical value, which is the least RMS (Root Mean Square) value of the theoretical wave pattern and measurement reflection pattern.



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C15151-01 NEW

High-end model for super-thin films

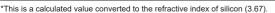
Super-thin film measurement

High-precision measurement

The Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system C15151-01 is a non-contact film thickness measurement system utilizing spectral interferometry. The high-power, highly stable white light source enables precise measurement of film thicknesses, even of super-thin films. The Optical NanoGauge series offers rapid measurements up to 200 Hz, making it an ideal choice for high-speed production lines.

Measurable range Glass: 1 nm to 20 μm

Silicon: 0.43 nm* to 8.6 µm





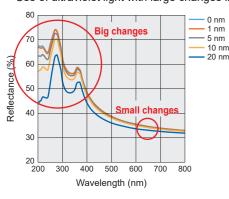
Features

- · For super-thin film measurement (Glass: from 1 nm, Silicon: from 0.43 nm)
- (Measurement reproducibility: ≤ 0.1 nm) *When measuring SiO₂ of 2 nm thickness
- Uses a high-power white light source
- Long service life (Maintenance cycle: more than 1 year)
- Supports PLC connections
- · Shortening of cycle time (Max. 200 Hz)
- Covers broad wavelength range (200 nm to 790 nm)
- · Simplified measurement is added to the software
- Capable of both surface analysis
- · Better measurement stability against distance fluctuations
- Analyze optical constants (n, k)

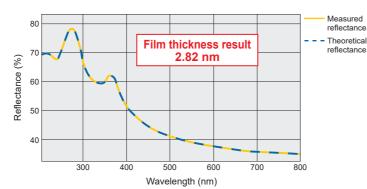
Advantages of using a high-power, highly stable white light source

Effective use of the ultraviolet range allows super-thin films to be measured with high precision.

■ Use of ultraviolet light with large changes in reflectance.

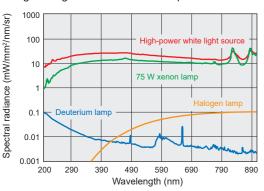


■ Measured value close to theoretical value

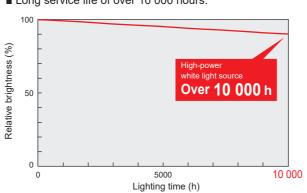


Applicable to a variety of environments for in in-line operation.

■ Higher brightness than other lamps



■ Long service life of over 10 000 hours.



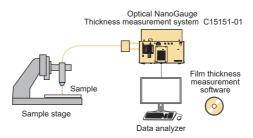
Specification

Product number		C15151-01		
Measurement film thickness range	film glass *1	1 nm to 20 μm		
	e silicon *2	0.43 nm*3 to 8.6 μm		
Measurement reproducibility	glass *4 *5	0.1 nm		
	silicon *6	1 nm		
Measurement accuracy *5 *7		±0.4 %		
Light source		High-power white light source		
Measurement wavelength range		200 nm to 790 nm		
Spot size *5		Approx. Ф1 mm		
Working distance *5		From 10 mm		
Number of measurable layers		Max. 10 layers		
Analysis		FFT analysis, Fitting analysis, Optical constant analysis		
Shortest tact time		< 2 ms/point		
External communication interface		RS-232C, Ethernet		
	Analog output	0 V to 10 V / High impedance 3-channel (Max. 3 layers)		
Output signal	Alarm output	TTL/High impedance 1-channel		
· • —	Warning output	TTL/High impedance 1-channel		
Input signal	Measurement start signal	TTL/High impedance 1-channel		
Power supply voltage		AC100 V to AC240 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz		
Power consumption		Approx. 130 VA		
Light guide connector shape		FC		
When converted with the refractive index of glas.		ss = 1.5. *4: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 2 nm thick class film. *7: Range of measurement guarantee as recorder		

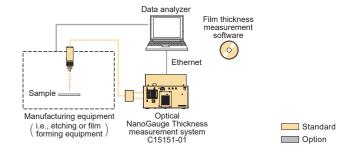
- *2: When converted with the refractive index of silicon = 3.67.
- *3: This is a calculated value converted to the refractive index
- *5: Depending on optical system or objective lens magnification
- nange of measurement guarantee as recorded in the VLSI Standards measurement guarantee

Configuration examples

■ C15151-01 Example of system configuration (off-line)

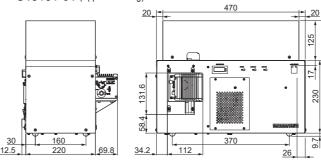


■ C15151-01 Example of system configuration (in-line)

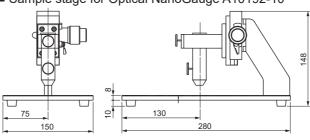


Dimensional outline (Unit: mm)

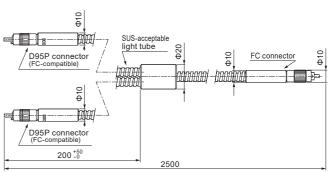
■ Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system C15151-01 (Approx. 14.3 kg)



■ Sample stage for Optical NanoGauge A10192-10



■ Two split light guide



*The bending radius of the fiber is R100 mm or more.

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C13027

Standard model with wide film thickness measurement range and compact size

Wide film thickness measurement range

High-speed measurement

The Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system C13027 is a non-contact film thickness measurement system utilizing spectral interferometry. The C13027 can be connected to a sequencer and is compact for easy installation into equipment. It is capable of a wide range of film thickness measurements.

Measurable range

Glass: 10 nm to 100 μm Silicon: 4.3 nm to 43 μm



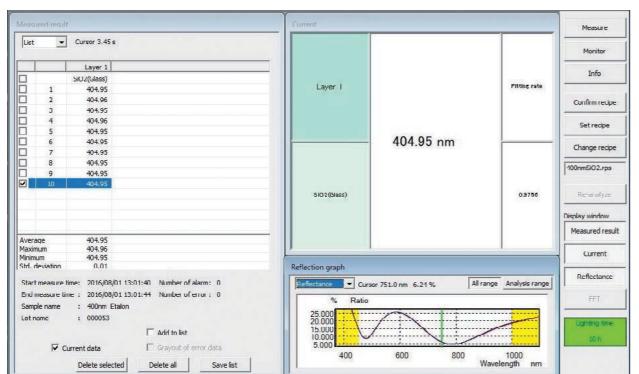
Features

- Supports PLC connections
- Shortening of cycle time (max. 200 Hz)
- For ultra-thin film measurement (Glass: from 10 nm, Silicon: from 4.3 nm)
- Compact

- Covers broad wavelength range (400 nm to 1100 nm)
- Simplified measurement is added to the software
- Capable of both surface analysis
- Better measurement stability against distance fluctuations
- Analyze optical constants (n, k)
- Mapping function (Option)

Measurement example

■ Measurement example of standard oxide film (400 nm)



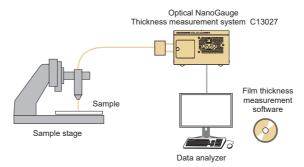
Specification

Product number		C13027-12	
Measurement film thickness range	ilm glass *1	10 nm to 100 μm	
	silicon *2	4.3 nm to 43 μm	
Measurement reproducibility	glass *3 *4	0.02 nm	
	silicon *5	1 nm	
Measurement accuracy *4 *6		±0.4 %	
Light source		Halogen light source	
Measurement wavelength range		400 nm to 1100 nm	
Spot size *4		Арргох. Ф1 mm	
Working distance *4		10 mm	
Number of measurable layers		Max. 10 layers	
Analysis		FFT analysis, Fitting analysis, Optical constant analysis	
Shortest tact time		< 3 ms/point	
External communication interface		RS-232C, Ethernet	
Output signal A	Analog output	0 V to 10 V / High impedance 3-channel (Max. 3 layers)	
	Alarm output	TTL/High impedance 1-channel	
	Warning output	TTL/High impedance 1-channel	
Input signal	Measurement start signal	TTL/High impedance 1-channel	
Power supply voltage		AC100 V to AC240 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz	
Power consumption		Approx. 80 VA	
Light guide connector shape		FC	

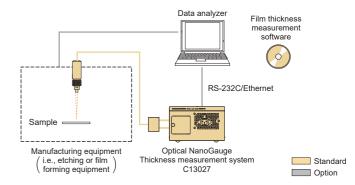
- *1: When converted with the refractive index of glass = 1.5.
- *2: When converted with the refractive index of silicon = 3.67.
- 3: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 400 nm thick glass film.
- *4: Depending on optical system or objective lens magnification to be used.
- *5: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 30 µm thick etalon.
- *6: Range of measurement guarantee as recorded in the VLSI Standards measurement guarantee document.

Configuration examples

■ C13027 Example of system configuration (off-line)

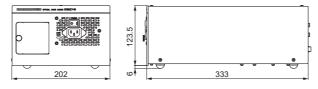


■ C13027 Example of system configuration (in-line)

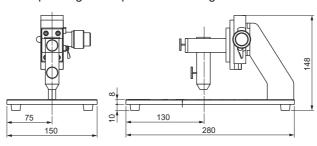


Dimensional outline (Unit: mm)

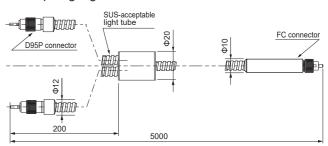
 Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system C13027-11 (Approx. 4.7 kg)



■ Sample stage for Optical NanoGauge A10192-10



■ Two split light guide



*The bending radius of the fiber is R75 mm or more

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Optical NanoGauge

C11011

The Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system utilizes laser interferometry.

Our system is suitable for thickness measurements from a dozen micrometers to the millimeters. It can be used to measure the thickness of various types of wafers, such as patterned wafers and bonded wafers.

C11011

In-line compatible, high-speed model capable of measuring up to 2.9 mm

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Five Key Features

1. Reliable wafer thickness measurement

Highly accurate measurements are possible using laser interferometry, which calculates thickness based on the wavelength of light. The thickness is converted using the interference signal of the laser reflecting the layer structure, enabling accurate measurement even in structures where layers of similar thickness overlap.

2. Various types of wafers can be evaluated, including patterned and bonded wafers

The Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system uses infrared light as the probe light. It can measure the thickness of semi-transparent semiconductor wafers, such as Si, GaAs, and InP without contact. It is also possible to evaluate wafers with patterns or protective films.

3. Wide range of wafer thickness control from a dozen micrometers to millimeters

In the semiconductor manufacturing process, including silicon manufacture, wafers must be maintained at a uniform thickness according to purpose. In addition, wafer thickness must be controlled to meet standards at the wafer manufacturing site. Our Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system can be used to measure thickness in a wide range of processes, from 10 μ m to 2.9 mm.

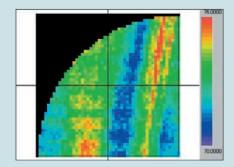
4. Supports in-line measurement

The Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system is capable of in-line high-speed measurement at 60 Hz in processes where rotating or flowing fluids are used. The measurement point deviations are minimized allowing highly accurate measurements to be achieved.

5. Mapping measurements (option)

Unevenness within the wafer surface often occurs during the wafer processing. The optional mapping stage enables thickness distribution measurement, which can be used to check the in-plane uniformity of etching and grinding characteristics. It is also ideal for quality control following wafer processing.

■ Thickness distribution of a wafer

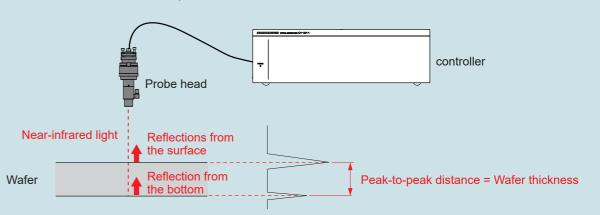


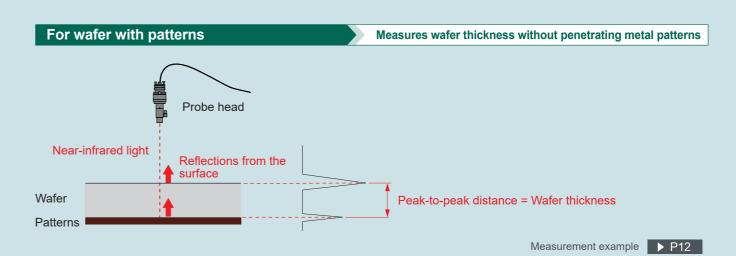
* Display from 70 µm to 76 µm Sample: 8-inch Si bare wafer (Protective film/after grinding process)

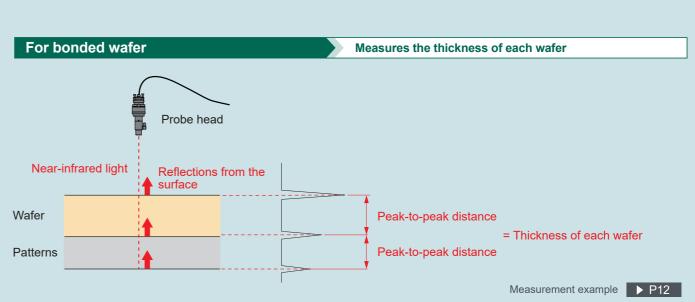
Measurement Principle

Laser interferometry is used for film thickness measurement

The probe head irradiates the sample with near infrared light which reflects back from the front surface of the film. Some of the light transmits through the film and reflects back from the boundary on the opposite side. The controller internally processes each reflected light to detect the position on the film boundary where light was reflected. The controller then calculates the film thickness from the distance between the detected peaks.







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C11011

High-speed, in-line compatible model capable of measuring up to 2.9 mm

Thick film measurement

High-speed measurement

The Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system C11011 series utilizes laser interferometry for high-speed measurement at 60 Hz. This makes it ideal for inline measurement in factories. Prototype thickness distribution measurement is archived by combining with the optional mapping system. The C11011 series can be used in a wide variety of applications, from monitoring manufacturing processes to quality control.

Measurable range Glass: 25 µm to 2.9 mm Silicon: 10 µm to 1.2 mm

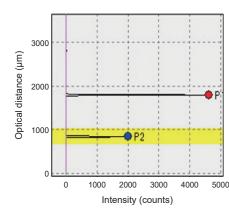
Features

- Infrared light measurement for non-transparent (white) samples
- High-speed measurement at 60 Hz
- Measurement of wafers with patterns or protective films.
- · Long working distance
- Mapping function (Option)
- External control available

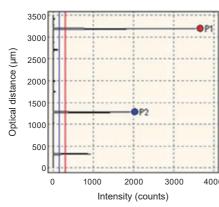
Measurement examples

Patterned and bonded wafers can be measured without contact.

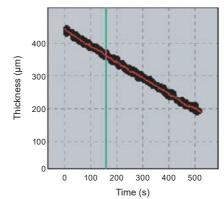
■ Patterned wafer measurement example



■ Bonded wafer measurement example



■ In-situ monitoring example (Thickness measurement data)



Specification

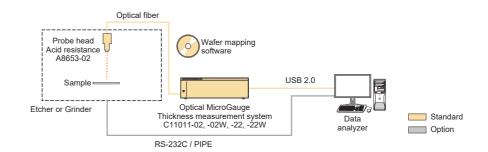
Product number		C11011-02	C11011-02W	C11011-22	C11011-22W	
Measurement film thickness range	glass *1	25 µm to 2.2 mm	25 µm to 2.9 mm	25 µm to 2.2 mm	25 µm to 2.9 mm	
	silicon *2	10 µm to 0.9 mm	10 μm to 1.2 mm	10 μm to 0.9 mm	10 µm to 1.2 mm	
Measurement reproducibility	glass *3	250 nm				
	silicon *4	100 nm				
Measurement accuracy *3		±0.5 µm (≤500 µm), ±0.1 % (>500 µm)				
Light source		Infrared LD (1300 nm)				
Spot size		Approx. Φ60 μm				
Working distance *5		155 mm				
Number of measurable layers		Max. 1 layer Max. 10 layers) layers		
Analysis		Peak detection				
Shortest tact time		16.7 ms/point	22.2 ms/point	16.7 ms/point	22.2 ms/point	
External communication interface		RS-232C, PIPE		RS-232C, Ethernet		
Interface		USB 2.0 (Main unit - Computer)				
Power supply voltage		AC100 V to AC240 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz				
Power consumption		Approx. 50 VA				
Light guide connector shape		FC				

^{*1:} When converted with the refractive index of glass = 1.5.

- *4: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring silicon.
- *5: Optional model with 1000 mm working distance is available

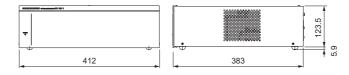
Configuration example

■ C11011-02, -02W, -22, -22W Example of system configuration



Dimensional outline (Unit: mm)

■ Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system C11011-02, -02W, -22, -22W (Approx. 8.5 kg)



■ Prove head Acid resistance A8653-02

*The bending radius of the fiber is R30 mm or more Optical fiber (4 m)

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^{*2:} When converted with the refractive index of silicon = 3.67.

^{*3:} Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring glass film.

For Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system

Sample stage for Optical NanoGauge A10192-10



This stage accommodates samples up to Φ200 mm in diameter. Light condenser is not included. This is a pen type model designed to view samples more easily

- WD: Approx. 10 mm
- Measurement spot diameter: Φ1 mm

Macro optics FC connector type for VIS A10191-03



Visible light conductor lens for A10192-05.

• WD: Approx. 35 mm Measurement spot diameter: Φ1.5 mm

Sample stage FC connector type for VIS A10192-05



This stage accommodates samples up to Φ200 mm in diameter. It comes with a visible light condenser lens with corrected chromatic aberration.

- WD: approx. 35 mm

Film thickness measurement software for both surface U12708-01

Analysis software for both surface.

Traverse unit C13800-011505

Combined with the Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system, an in-line film thickness measurement system can be easily constructed.

FC Receptacle A12187-02

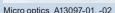
A tool for setting a fiber probe in a mount.

Lamp unit L12839-02

Lamp unit for C13027.

Micro optics A13097





Micro optics A13097-11, -12 (For off-line use)

The A13097 is a micro-optical system for in-line film thickness measurement, designed to measure samples that are difficult or impossible to measure by a wide field of view. When used in combination with an Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system, the spot diameter can be narrowed down to 100 um in diameter to allow measuring interface roughness as well as samples with high scattering and very small areas on patterns, which up until now have been difficult to measure. The A13097 is quite stable even when there are variations in height, and so gives reliable measurements at diverse manufacturing sites. A sample stage type is also provided for off-line applications.

■ Specifications when C13027 and A13097 are combined

Product number	A13097-01, -11	A13097-02, -12	
Measurement film thickness range (glass) *1*2	100 nm to 100 μm	10 nm to 50 μm	
Measurement reproducibility (glass) *3	0.2 nm		
Measurement accuracy	±0.4 %		
Light source	Halogen light source		
Measurement wavelength range	700 nm to 1100 nm	400 nm to 800 nm	
Spot size	Ф100 µm		
Working distance	32 mm		
Height fluctuation	±2 mm		
Maximum repetition frequency	200 Hz		
Measurement time	3 ms/point		
Light guide connector shape	FC		

- *1: When converted with the refractive index of glass = 1.5.
- *2: When combined with C15151, the measurable film thickness value changes.
- *3: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 400 nm thick glass film

For Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system

Probe head Acid resistance A8653-02



This probe head is surface-treated to make it acid-resistant and is recommended for use while mounted in wet etching equipment.

Horizontal setting optics A9925-01



This optical system is designed to be connected to the probe

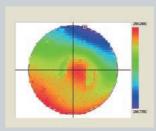
It is useful when installing the probe head in narrow locations with little working distance.

For Both Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system and Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system

Mapping stage C8126 series

This is a mapping system that measures wafer and film thickness distribution when combined with models from Optical Gauge series. It can be used to confirm in-plane homogeneity of etching and grinding features and for quality control.





Features

- Thickness distribution measurement
- Mapping thickness distribution of pattern-formed wafer
- · Mapping thickness distribution of pattern-formed wafer with protective film

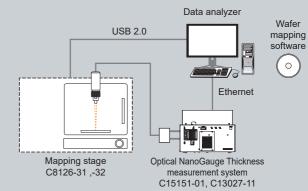
Product number	Measur	able range	Compatible with	
Floddct Hullibel	Wafer (inch)	Film *1	NanoGauge / MicroGauge	
Mapping stage Φ200 mm C8126-21	4 to 8	< 140 mm × 140 mm	C11011-02	
Mapping stage Φ300 mm C8126-22	4 to 12	< 200 mm × 200 mm	C11011-02W	
Mapping stage Ф200 mm C8126-31	4 to 8	< 140 mm × 140 mm	C13027-11	
Mapping stage Φ300 mm C8126-32	4 to 12	< 200 mm × 200 mm	C13027-11	

*1: Please contact us for the specifications of the stage unit for film measurement and information on the compatibility of 16-inch wafers.

■ C8126-21, -22 Example of system configuration (For C11011 series)

Optical MicroGauge Thickness measurement system C11011-02, -02W USB 2.0 Wafer mapping Acid resistance Optical fiber A8653-02 0 Interface 0 (USB 2.0) Data analyzer

■ C8126-31, -32 Example of system configuration (For C15151-01 and C13027)



Product number	C8126-21, -31	C8126-22, -32	
Stage movement resolution	0.1 mm		
Stage movement repeatability	±0.01 mm		
Power requirement *1	AC100 V to AC117 V, AC220 V to AC240 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz		
Power consumption 60 VA (at 100 V), 80 VA (at 200 V)		80 VA (at 200 V)	
Dimensional outline / Weight	820 mm (W) × 595 mm (H) × 600 mm (D) / Approx. 67 kg	940 mm (W) × 595 mm (H) × 750 mm (D) / Approx. 82 kg	

- *1: Either 100 V system or 200 V system can be selected.
- Please contact us for more details of the specification

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