# 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 SiO<sub>2</sub>, SiC film, Si film, TiO<sub>2</sub> etc.
- Nitrided film, Wet state film, Resist film Silicon residual film thickness, Optical disk, DLC, Carbon



## In-situ measurement

- Film formation process monitor
- Dry and wet etching measurement
- Metal-oxide coating such as SiO<sub>2</sub> and Si



#### Wafer thickness measurement

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



## **Other Application Examples**

#### Film

- Coating film
- Plastic film
- Object color measurement
- AR coating, PET, Coating layer
- PE, PMMA
- Coating film, Evaporation film,
- Ag Nanowire, Acrylic resin, Video head



#### FPD

- Film thickness and color measurement of flat panel
- Cell gap, Organic EL film, Alignment film, TFT
- Ag Nanowire, ITO, MgO, Resist film on glass substrate, Polyimide
- High-functioning film, Color film for FPD



# **Optical NanoGauge Thickness measurement system**

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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











# **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 um to 76 um 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

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





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The number of signals is increased as the film thickens. The signal intervals in short wavelength range appears more often than those in the long wavelength range. Thin film Wavelength Wavelength More signals Thick film Wavelength

#### For measuring less than 1 µm film thickness

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.

## C15151-01 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

\*This is a calculated value converted to the refractive index of silicon (3.67).

- · For super-thin film measurement (Glass: from 1 nm, Silicon: from 0.43 nm)
- High accuracy (Measurement reproducibility: ≤ 0.1 nm) \*When measuring SiO<sub>2</sub> of 2 nm thickness
- Uses a high-power white light source
- Long service life (Maintenance cycle: more than 1 year)

- (200 nm to 790 nm)
- to the software

## 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.







• Capable of both surface analysis

· Better measurement stability against

· Analyze optical constants (n, k)

distance fluctuations

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

Higher brightness than other lamps





## **Specification**

Product number		C15151-01		
Measurement film thickness range	n glass *1	1 nm to 20 µm		
	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 *8		±0.4 %		
Light source		High-power white light source		
Measurement wavelength range		200 nm to 790 nm		
Spot size *5		Approx. Φ1 mm		
Working distance *5		From 10 mm		
Number of measurable layers		Max. 10 layers		
Analysis		FFT analysis, Fitting analysis, Optical constant analysis		
Shortest takt 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		
<ul><li>*1: When converted with the refractive index of glas</li><li>*2: When converted with the refractive index of silic</li></ul>		*4: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 2 nm thick glass film.       *7: Range of measurement guarantee as recorded in the VLSI Standards measurement guarantee         son = 3.67.       *5: Depending on optical system or objective lens magnification       *7: Range of measurement guarantee as recorded in the VLSI Standards measurement guarantee		

- to be used \*3: This is a calculated value converted to the refractive index
- **Configuration examples**

of silicon (3.67).

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



#### Dimensional outline (Unit: mm)

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





Sample stage for Optical NanoGauge A10192-10



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- Covers broad wavelength range
- Simplified measurement is added

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\*6: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 30 µm thick etalon.

\*8: When measuring silicon

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



#### Two split light guide



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

# Optical MicroGauge

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

Standard model with wide film thickness

High-speed measurement

measurement range and compact size

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



#### Features

measurements.

C13027

Wide film thickness measurement range

- 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
- Better measurement stability against distance fluctuations
- Capable of both surface analysis
- 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		Approx. Φ1 mm	
Working distance *4		10 mm	
Number of measurable layers		Max. 10 layers	
Analysis		FFT analysis, Fitting analysis, Optical constant analysis	
Shortest takt time		< 3 ms/point	
External communication interface		RS-232C, Ethernet	
Output signal A V	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		ss = 1.5. *4: Depending on optical system or objective lens magnification to be used.	

When converted with the refractive index of silicon = 3.67. \*3: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 400 nm thick glass film.

## **Configuration examples**



## Dimensional outline (Unit: mm)

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





■ Sample stage for Optical NanoGauge A10192-10



\*5: Standard deviation (tolerance) when measuring 30 µm thick etalon.

\*6: Range of measurement guarantee as recorded in the VLSI Standards measurement guarantee document.

#### Two split light guide



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

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# 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 ▶P12-13

# **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 µm 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.





\* 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





2000

Intensity (counts)

3000

4000

500

0

1000





## **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	glass *3	250 nm				
reproducibility	silicon *4	100 nm				
Measurement accuracy *5		±0.5 μm (≤500 μm), ±0.1 % (>500 μm)				
Light source		Infrared LD (1300 nm)				
Spot size		Approx. Φ60 μm				
Working distance *6		155 mm				
Number of measurable layers		Max. 1 layer		Max. 10 layers		
Analysis		Peak detection				
Shortest takt 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 *2: When converted with *3: Standard deviation (to	the refractive index of glas the refractive index of silic olerance) when measuring	on = 3.67. *6: Optio	dard deviation (tolerance) when me n measuring silicon. nal model with 1000 mm working c	easuring silicon. distance is available.		

## **Configuration example**

■ C11011-22, -22W Example of system configuration (in-line)



## **Dimensional outline** (Unit: mm)

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



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# 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 ement spot diameter: Φ1.5 mm Measurements

#### FC Receptacle A12187-02

A tool for setting a fiber probe in a mount.

#### Micro optics A13097

Micro optics A13097-01, -02

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 µm 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.

#### Sample stage FC connector type for VIS A10192-05



#### This stage accommodates samples up to $\Phi 200 \text{ mm in}$ diameter. It comes with a visible light condenser lens with corrected chromatic aberration.

• WD: approx. 35 mm ment spot diameter: Φ1.5 mm Moacu

#### Film thickness measurement software for both surface U12708-01

Analysis software for both surface.

#### Lamp unit L12839-02

Lamp unit for C13027

#### 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	4 %	
Light source	Halogen li	ght source	
Measurement wavelength range	700 nm to 1100 nm	400 nm to 800 nm	
Spot size	Ф10	0 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.

#### 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.



Droduot number	Measurable range		Compatible with	
	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 Φ200 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		

\*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



Č11011-02, -02W **USB 2.0** Wafer mapping Probe head software Acid resistance Optical fiber A8653-02 0 Interface 0 (USB 2.0) Data analyzer Mapping stage C8126-21, -22

Product number	C8126-21, -31	
Stage movement resolution		
Stage movement repeatability		
Power requirement *1	AC100 V to AC117	
Power consumption	60 VA (	
Dimensional outline / Weight	820 mm (W) × 595 mm (H) × 600 mm (D) / Appro	
*1: Either 100 V system or 200 V system can be selected.		

• Please contact us for more details of the specification

#### Horizontal setting optics A9925-01



This optical system is designed to be connected to the probe head.

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

#### Features

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

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



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