

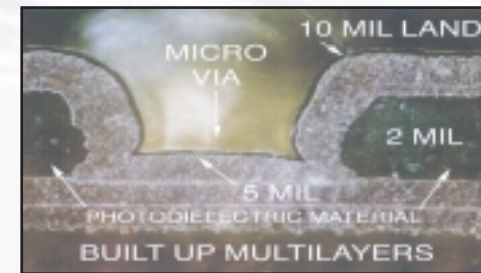
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Dual-Sided Photoimageable Ink Coaters



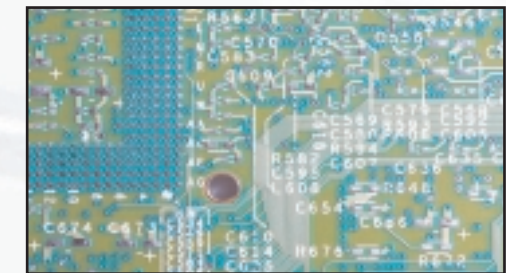
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Versatile • Productive • Efficient



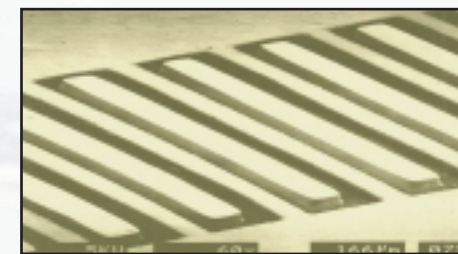
Versatility of the Machine

Photoimageable dielectric material, BGA panels and liquid photoimageable resist material are coated on DP-1500's in production.



Photoimageable Legend Ink

Dual sided coating of photoimageable legend and marking inks will improve yields and reduce cycle time in this critical process.



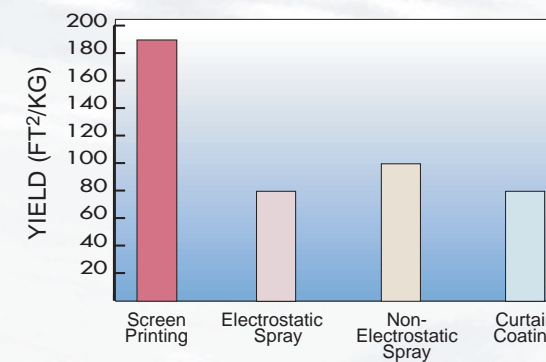
Fine Line Feature Capability

The uniform and controllable thickness of screen printed LPISMA allows the imaging of very fine features. Soldermask can be coated over that feature height.



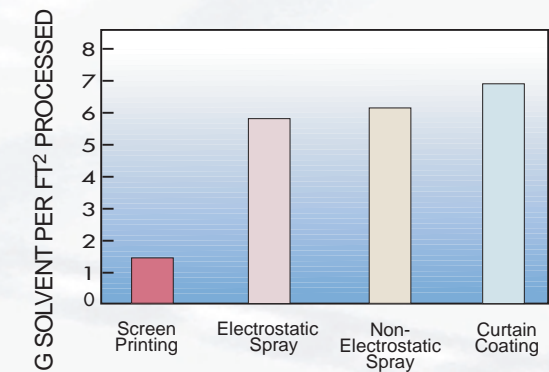
Flat and Thick Coverage

BGA panels require a thick, consistent and flat surface and can be coated with one pass of the desired thickness of soldermask.



Efficiency

Screen printing is much more efficient than curtain coating or spray coating for applying mask. In typical use, screen printing can be expected to coat early twice as much surface area as other processes, and thus cost half as much.



Lower Solvent Emissions

The lower solvent content of the ink actually applied reduces solvent emissions by two to five times over other processes. This reduces, and may eliminate, additional air pollution control costs.

DP-1500-2X Dual-Sided Coater

The DP-1500 coating machine is a reliable choice for coating liquid photoimageable on printed circuit boards. DP-1500's apply all types of liquid photoimageable coatings, including soldermask, primary image, dielectric, and legend. The DP-1500-2X expands the maximum panel size from 30" on the DP-1500-2X to a large 36" x 24" backpanel. These versatile machines in corporate environments have earned a reputation for experience of dual-sided coating with many new features designed to reduce cycle time, increase yields and improve process reliability.

DP-1500 Coating Applications

- Dual-sided coating of LPI soldermask
- Soldermask for BGA boards
- Photoimageable Legend
- Photo definable dielectric for built up multilayers
- Backpanels
- Thin substrates and flexible circuits

DP-1500's are fast: cycle time for loading, coating and unloading a 18" x 24" panel can be as short as 22 seconds. High productivity is maintained even when a variety of different sized jobs are encountered due to the

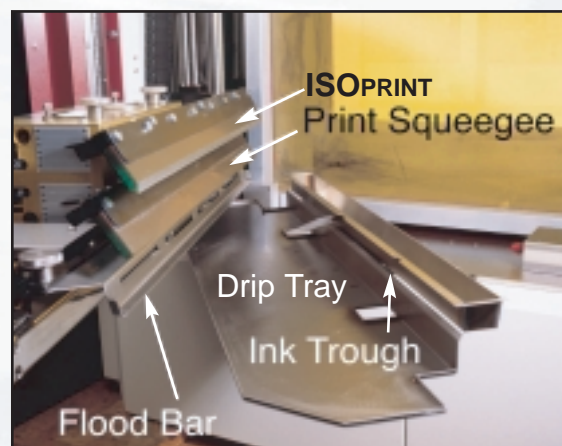
DP-1500's **QC (Quick Change) TECHNOLOGY**. **QC TECHNOLOGY** allows complete changeover of panel size and ink type in less than 10 minutes. This is accomplished by the unique design of the squeegee and ink reservoir assembly.

Both can be swung out so that the screen

frames can be removed without disturbing the alignment of the squeegee assembly. This provides complete access to the squeegees, flood bars, ink troughs, and the print window on the screen so that they may be exchanged or cleaned readily. These productivity benefits are only found on Circuit Automation equipment.

Quality and reproducibility of the coating are enhanced by the unique screen printing technique utilized by the DP-1500. Printing occurs at high squeegee pressure and fast print speeds with high off-contact but with a shallow squeegee angle to tight screen mesh. This technique ensures uniform coverage over and between

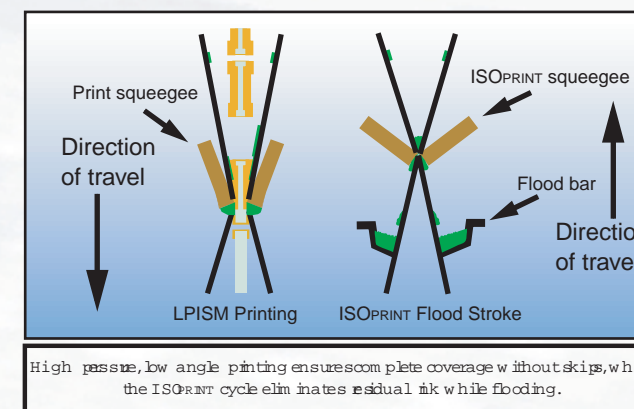
traces. Leading edge printing forces the ink between and over traces. Two additional lines and spaces can be encapsulated without skips or bubbles. Even in the tightest races, recoated reliably. BGA boards require thick, consistent, and repeatable coatings. DP-1500 consistently produces boards to meet the ever-changing parameters in coating requirements.



Advantages of Simultaneous Dual-Sided Coating

- Elimination of side-to-side variation
- Variety of coatings applied on one machine
- Controllable coating thickness
- Elimination of handling defects
- Multiskewable push stroke printing eliminates skips and ensures coverage of traces

The DP-1500 incorporates several new features as standard equipment to enhance the finished coating quality. **ISOPRINT** is a system to remove the ink that remains on the back of the screen, for example over the



slots after printing. **ISOPRINTING** forces the residual ink back to the front side of the screen mesh, where it is incorporated into the next flood stroke. There are now three different flood choices available to maximize the potential of different soldermasks. The latest process innovation, **NO FLOOD**, has been proven to dramatically reduce the amount of ink that is scooped into component holes. The servo-controlled positioning system allows the machine to reposition the panel between coating cycles (jog), and even to reposition the panel between print strokes (shuffle).

The DP-1500's are designed to meet the specifications and expectations of high production manufacturing. Critical components have been up-sized to provide vibration-free operation and long operating life with a minimum of downtime. Maintenance personnel will appreciate the simplicity and elegance of the design, making routine maintenance fast and straightforward.

The DP-1500 is simple to operate, clean, and maintain. The coating chamber is isolated from the operator and comprehensive safety interlock systems are provided. The machines are constructed to meet the European Committee for Standardization and carry the CE mark.

The versatility of the DP-1500 is enhanced by its proven and reliable panel transport system. Panels are pinned in place and hung in the coater. During coating, the panels are tensioned so that even thin panels are held rigidly. The tensioning straightens warped panels as well. This allows for the application of soldermask on all types of panels.



DP-1500-2X/2XL Dual-Sided Photoimageable Coaters

Panel Dimensions

Minimum size	8" x 12"	203 x 305mm
Maximum size		
DP-1500-2X	24" x 30"	610 x 762mm
DP-1500-2XL	24" x 36"	610 x 914mm

Minimum thickness	0.010"	0.25mm
Maximum thickness*	0.250"	6.4mm

*Optional fixtures available to accommodate panels up to 0.400".

Coating Features

Coating Modes	Flood and print Flood, print, print Flood, print, flood, print, print Flood only Fully manual No Flood Printing Reverse home position flooding
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Print Speed 1.0 to 10in /sec 2.5 - 25 cm/sec

Flood Speed 1.0 to 10in /sec 2.5 - 25 cm/sec

Skew Squeegee may be skewed or straight
skew is reversible on alternate strokes

Frame Type Aluminum; stretch and glue or
self-tensioning frames

Frame Size		
DP-1500-2X	37" x 46.6"	940 x 1184mm
DP-1500-2XL	37" x 53.6"	940 x 1361mm

Servo Positioning Provides for precise panel positioning
Allows jogging of a panel between prints
Permits shuffle of panel between print
strokes

Shipping

Net weight	2500 lbs	1136 kilos
Gross weight	3000 lbs	1364 kilos
Crated Dimensions		
L	106"	2692mm
W	46"	1168 mm
H	92"	2337mm

Productivity

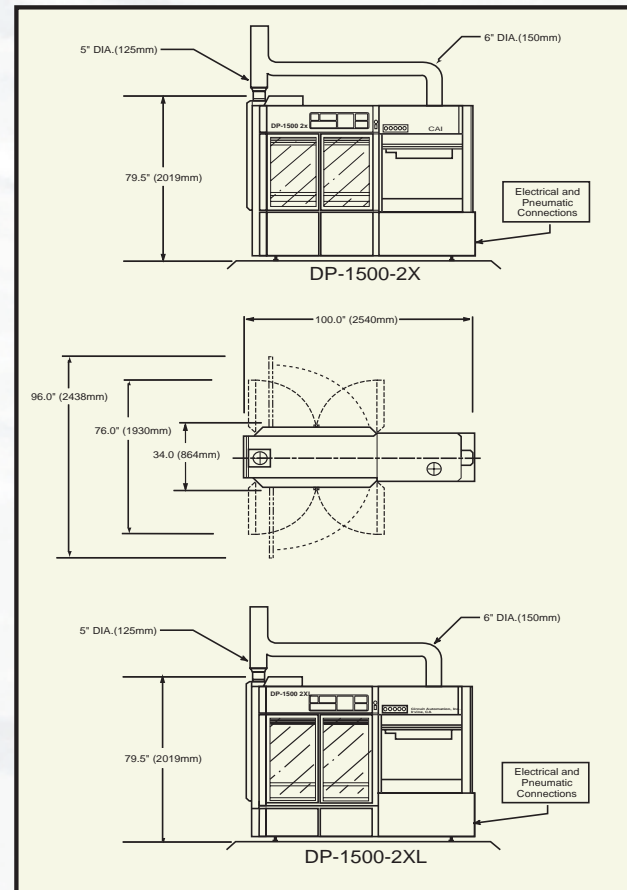
Panel size	Flood/Print	Flood/Print/Print
12" 305mm	20se c	25se c
18" 454mm	22se c	27se c
24" 610mm	24se c	29se c
30" 762mm	26se c	31se c
36" 914mm *	28se c	33se c

Cycle time is time to load, coat, and unload a panel with LPI soldermask. "Panel size" is the dimension in the direction of coating. Different thicknesses can require different print and flood speeds for optimal results.

*(DP-1500-2XL only)

Utility Requirements

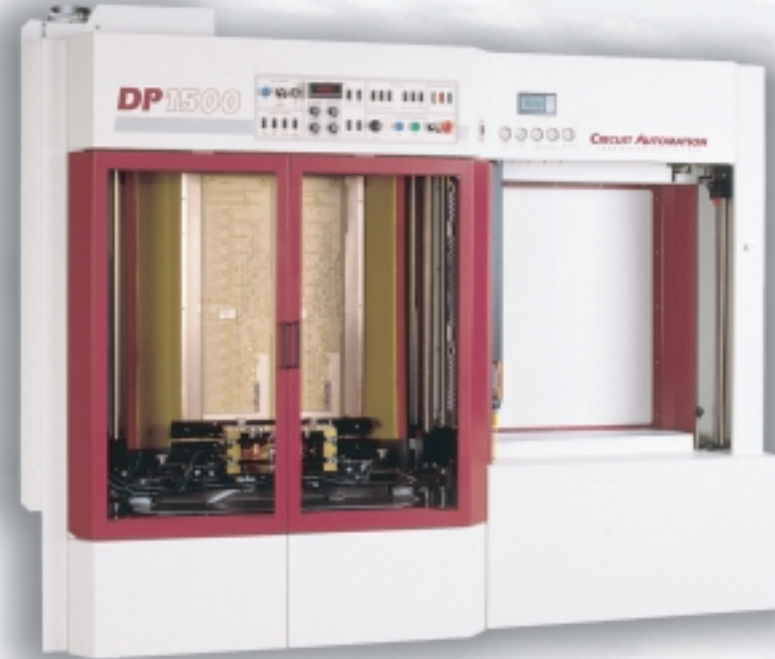
Electrical	110 V 1 , 15 Amp	220 V 1 , 10 Amp
Pneumatic	3 cfm @ 100 psig	5m ³ /hr @ 7 bar
Exhaust	250 cfm Blowernots supplied	425m ³ /hr



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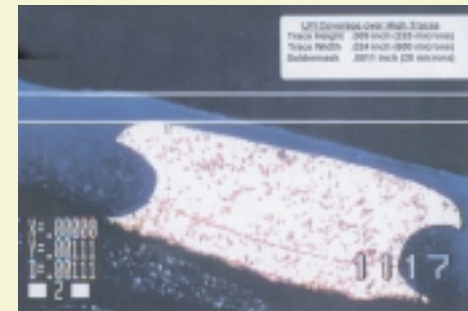
DP-1500-2XL Extra Large Panel LPI Coater



With the addition of the DP-1500-2XL model, an even wider range of panel thicknesses and sizes can be coated. The DP-1500-2XL is designed to coat backpanels up to 24" x 36" in size and as thick as 0.400". The unique coating technique of the DP-1500 allows very high traces to be covered with soldermask. Nine mil traces can be covered with adequate thickness on the knee of the trace.

Coverage of High Traces

Screen printing provides precise metering of the ink deposit over circuitry, and screen printing inks have the highest viscosity and lowest solvent content. This provides uniform coverage even on the highest traces. The unique printing process utilized by the DP-1500 forces the ink between spaces and creates skip-free printing.



Coating Thickness and Fill

Thickness of ink deposited will vary with the type of ink, circuit height, and the screen mesh used. Typical thickness over 3.0 mil trace is 0.6 mil using 110 tpi mesh, 1.0 mil using 86 tpi mesh, and 1.5 mil using 74 tpi mesh. 2.0 mil lines and spaces may be coated without skips or air encapsulation. 2 mil dams are producible because of the precise metering of ink.

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