







# SMC - Experts in the Photovoltaic Industry



Front cover: With over 20 years combined experience, SMC Experts find the perfect customer solution - SMC helping its customers to be superior to their competitors.





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Expert (noun) - a person who is very knowledgeable about or skilful in a particular area (Oxford English Dictionary)

At SMC we recognise that an ability to fully understand the requirements and issues of any manufacturing process is the key to our and your continued success.

That's the reason why we have developed specialist teams - experts - dedicated to all the major manufacturing industries throughout the world.

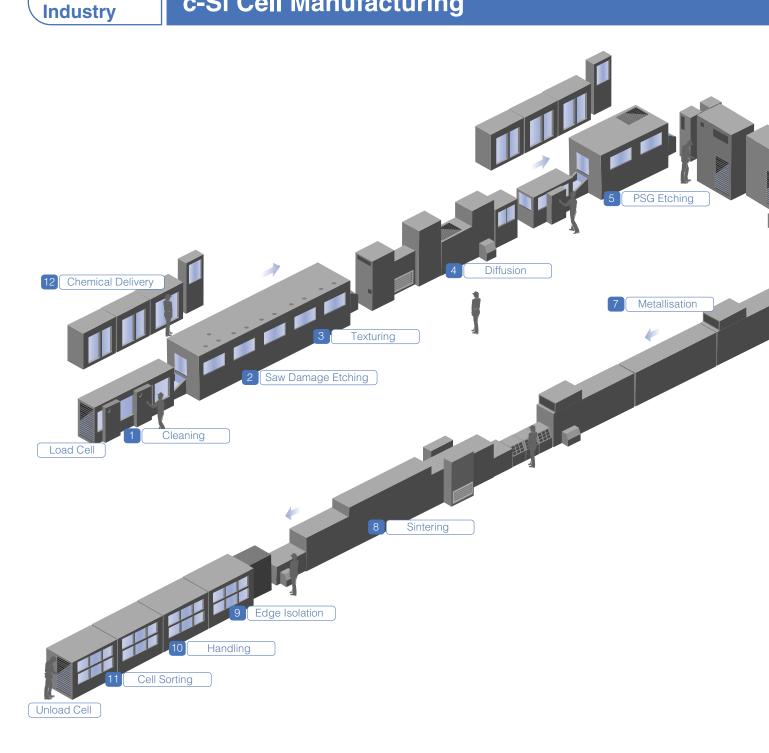
In the Photovoltaic Industry our experts know the stringent requirements that need to be met and all have extensive knowledge of both your production process and your business needs. We understand the important issues such as the fast and safe handling of cells, the need for a uniform deposition layer and other specific technical requirements unique to the Photovoltaic Industry.

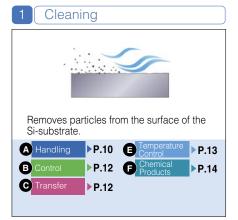
Our experts recognise that maximum operator health and safety is vital and with energy costs increasing at an alarming rate, even the smallest saving can have a real impact on the bottom line as well as the environment.



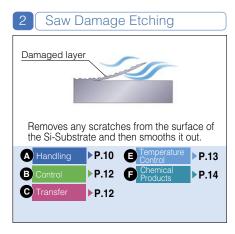


# c-Si Cell Manufacturing

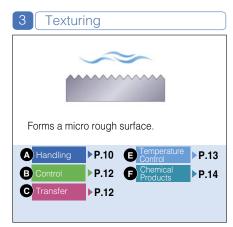




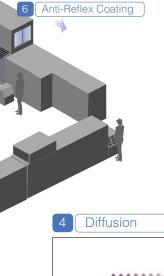
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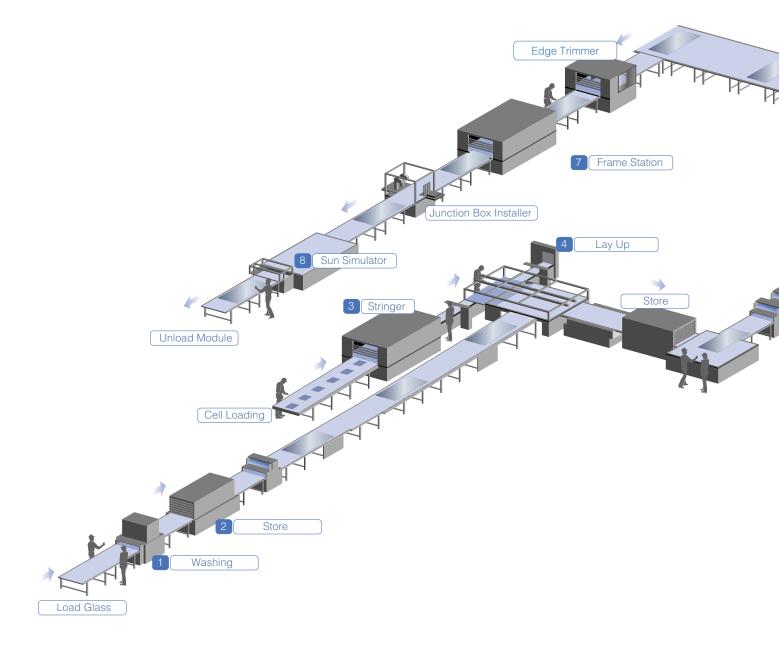


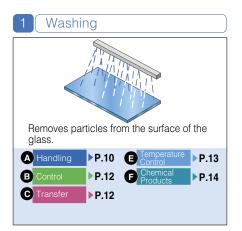
4 Diffusion	5 PSG Etching	6 Anti-Reflex Coating
n-Layer p-Layer Implementation of pn-junction with gas	Removal of Phosphore-Silicat glass from	Anti-Reflection Coating Deposition of Anti-Reflex coating.
under high temperature. A Handling > P.10 Control > P.12 Transfer > P.12 High Vacuum > P.13	Diffusion process.         A Handling       P.10         B Control       P.12         Control       P.12         Fransfer       P.12	A Handling     ▶ P.10       B Control     ▶ P.12       C Transfer     ▶ P.12
7 Metallisation	8 Sintering	9 Edge Isolation
Silver topside surface electrode Rear electrode Screen printing forms electrodes on the surface on both the front and the back. A Handling > P.10 B Control > P.12 C Transfer > P.12	The silver electrode penetrates the anti-reflective coating and connects to the pn-Layer. A Handling > P.10 Demotes the control > P.13 B Control > P.12 C Transfer > P.12	To prevent a short circuit a groove is cut using a Laser. A Handling P.10 B Control P.12 C Transfer P.12
10 Handling	11 Cell Sorting	12 Chemical Delivery
A handling system is used to transport the cell.	To measure and sort cells by performance.	Chemicals are stored in tanks and delivered to the wet benches.
B Control     P.12       C Transfer     P.12       D High Vacuum     P.13	Control P.12 Transfer P.12	B       Control       > P.12       F       Chemical Products       > P.14         C       Transfer       > P.12       G       Static Control       > P.14         D       High Vacuum       > P.13

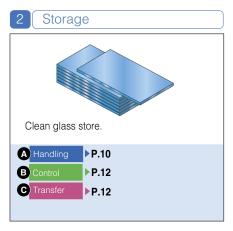


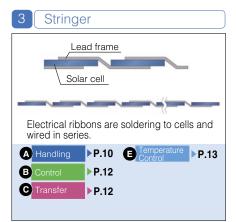


# **Module Manufacturing**



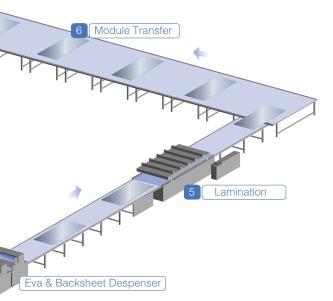


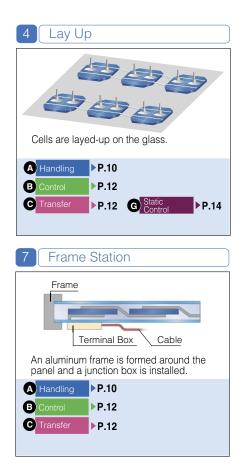


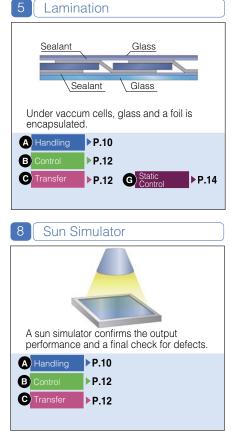


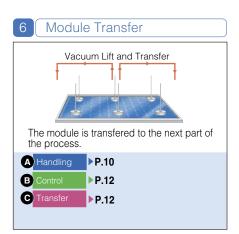




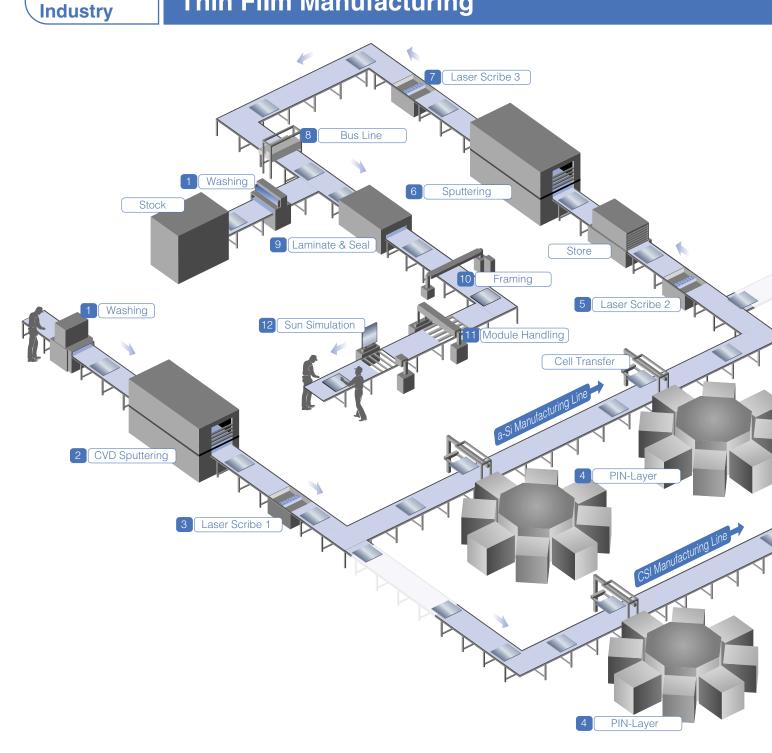


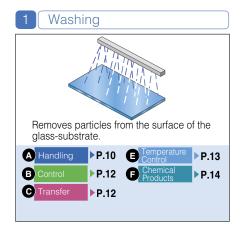






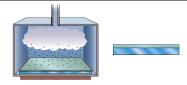
# Thin Film Manufacturing





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Layer CVD/Sputtering



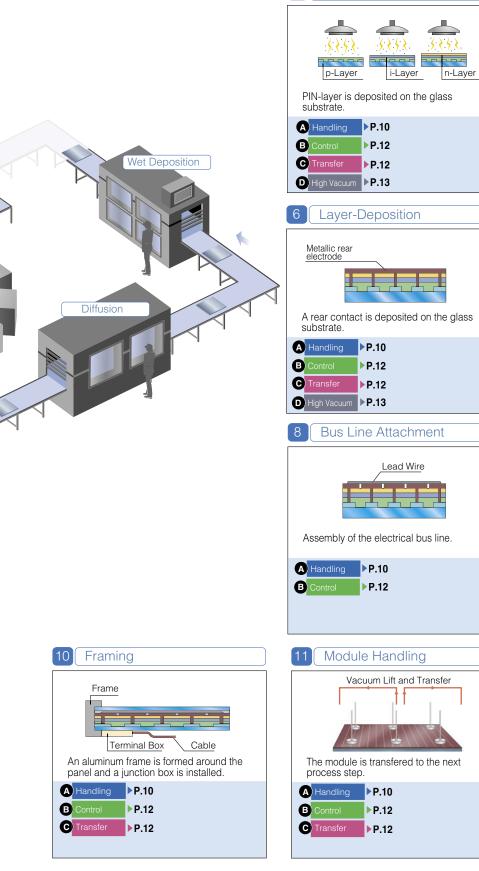
The TCO-layer is deposited on the glass substrate.

A Handling	▶P.10
B Control	▶P.12
C Transfer	▶P.12
D High Vacuum	▶P.13

Laser Scribe 1 Laser A laser is used to selectively scribe the TCO-Layer into individual cells. ▶P.10 A Handling B Control ▶P.12 C Transfer ▶P.12







5 L	aser Scribe 2
A lase PIN-la	er is used to selectively scribe the ayer into individual cells.
A Han B Cont C Trar	trol P.12
7 L	aser Scribe 3
n-Laye i-Laye p-Laye	
	er is used to selectively scribe the contact-layer into individual cells.
A Han B Cont C Tran	trol P.12
9 L	amination
Betwe the Th	Sealant Glass Glass een a second glass subtrate on top hin film stack is encapsulated.
A Har B Con C Trar	trol P.12
12 5	Sun Simulation
A sun	simulator confirms the output mance and a final check for defects.



PIN-Layer Deposition

# Handling

#### Electric Actuators

Having both the operational ability of an air cylinder and the speed controllability of an electric actuator. Integrated controller type.

- e-Rodless Electric Actuator Series E-MY
- Electric Actuator (Guide Rod Type) ----- Series LXP



Series REA

### Low Speed & Low Friction – Low Speed Low pressure, friction resistance and speed (less than 50mm/s) with reduced friction to meet the demands of reduced lurching that occurs during start up. (Less than 50mm/s) • Low Speed Cylinder Series C X Low Speed Rotary Actuators ...... Series CRQ2X/MSQX Low Friction Cylinder Series MQ • Smooth Cylinder ······ Series C V Low Speed High Speed High Speed — $\bigcirc$ High Speed Actuators (more than 1,000mm/s) with (More than 1,000mm/s) improved cycle time. High Power Cylinder Series RHC High Speed Rodless Cylinder.....Series CY Low Speed RHC Intermediate Stop -Intermediate Stop Actuators with an intermediate stop mechanism. • 3 Position Cylinder Series RZQ • 3 Position Rotary Table Series MSZ • Cylinder Series CJ Series RZQ Series MSZ

Shock Absorbing
In response to delicate workpieces transferred at high speed. Shock absorbing stroke end.
Sine Cylinder Series RHC
Sine Rodless Cylinder Series REA/REB
Shock Absorber Series RB/RJ

#### Handling

#### Other application -

#### Water Resistant

For use in areas where there is water spray.

- Hygienic Cylinder
   Series HY
- Stainless Cylinders
   Series CJ- 5/CG- 5

#### Guide Cylinders

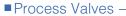
- Slide Table
   Series MXS
- Guide Cylinders
   Series MGP

#### Directional Control Valves (IP65/67 Enclosures) -

- 5 Port Solenoid Valve ...... Series SV
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve ...... Series VQC
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve ...... Series SV/SYJ
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve ...... Series SQ
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve ...... Series VQ • 5 Port Solenoid Valve Series SY
- 5 Port Solenoid Valve ...... Series VV100
- Serial Transmission System ------ Series EX

#### Fittings & Tubing (Stainless Products) -

- SUS316 One-touch Fittings ------ Series KQG
- One-touch Fittings
   Series K
- Antistatic One-touch Fittings
   Series KA
- Miniature Fittings / Stainless Type ......Series M/MS



- 2 Port Solenoid Valves ...... Series VQ20/30
- 2 Port Solenoid Valves ...... Series VCA







Water Resistant



Series MGP





Series SV Series VQC To reduce the number of wires.











Series KQG







Series VQ



Series VCA

#### Clean Room Products -

Products for use in clean rooms. Particle reducing products, assembled inside a clean room and shipped in double packaging.

- Clean Air Module
   Series LLB
- Clean Series Actuators ------- Series 10-/11/12-/13
- Clean Speed Controller
   Series AS-FPQ/FPG
- Clean Exhaust Cleaner
   Series AMP
- Clean One-touch Fittings
   Series KPQ/KPG
- Clean Air Filter
   Series SFD Clean Gas Filter ------ Series SF
- Precision Clean Regulator
   Series SRP
- Clean Tubing
   Series TPH/TPS

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# Control

Sensors —	
For monitoring	th

For monitoring the flow of fluids, such as air, water oil, Di water chemicals, etc. Can detect vacuum pressure of lift and transfer lines. • Digital Pressure Switch (Integrated Sensor) Series ZSE/ISE Integrated type Digital Pressure Switch Separte Sensor type Series PSE Series ISE80 (Separate Sensor) ------ Series PSE Digital Flow Switch
 Series PF General Purpose Fluid Pressure Sensor ---- Series PSE560 Digital Flow Sensor Air
 Series PF2A Digital Flow Sensor Water
 Series PF2W Digital Flow Sensor
 Series PFMV Series PFM Series PE2A Flow Control Equipment - Speed Controller
 Series AS Speed Controller / Stainless ...... Series ASG Series ASG Sorios AS Pressure Control Equipment – Regulator
 Series AR

 Regulator Manifold
 Series ARM • Electro-Pneumatic Regulator ...... Series ITV





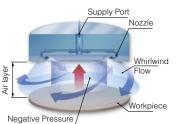
# Transfer

#### Non-Contact Transfer –

Non-contact conveyance is possible for uneven surfaces and/or with varying textures (Solar cells).

#### • Cyclone Pad (Made to Order)

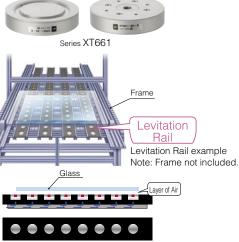
Operating Principle Air enters from supply port and is blown whirlwind flow inside the pad and leading to the cyclone effect (vacuum). Supply air is discharged to the atmosphere from between the pad and the workpiece. A layer of air is generated between the Cyclone Pad and the workpiece, resulting in the workpiece being lifted without contact.



Frame

To prevent bending and vibration of thin workpieces.

• Levitation Rail (Made to Order)



Low Vacuum -

Products for vacuum lift and transfer.

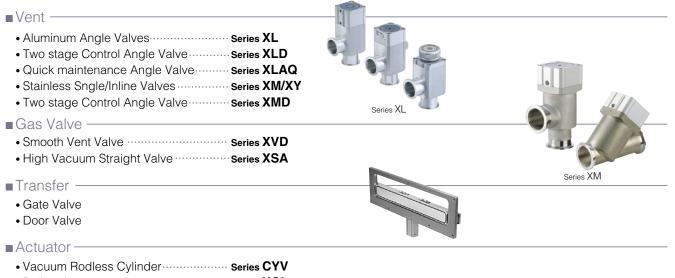
- Vacuum Ejectors ······ Series Z
- Air Suction Filters
   Series ZF
- Vacuum Pads
   Series ZP
- Peek Pads
   Series INO
- Series ZX

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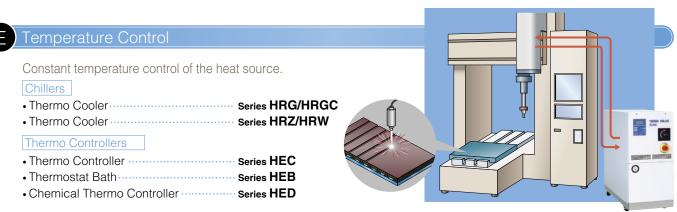


# High Vacuum

For use in 10 - 6 Pa high vacuum applications. Valves for high vacuum chamber vent, supply & isolation.



Bellow Actuator
 Series XGL



Ex.) Temperature control of a laser oscillating device.





### Chemical Products

#### Chemicals & Di Water -

High purity products for use with chemicals and Di water. Process Valves

- Needle Valve
   Series LVN

#### Pressure Control Equipment

Clean Regulator (Fluororesin Type) ----- Series SRF/LVR

#### Flow Sensors

Digital Control Switch
 Series PF2D

#### Pumps

Process Pumps	Series PAF
Process Pumps	Series PB

#### Fittings & Tubing

- Fluororesin Fittings Series LQ
   Fluororesin Tubing Series TL
   FEP Tubing Series TH
- Flexible Fluororesin Tubing ······· Series TD





Series SRF



Series PF2D

Series PAF

### G Static Control

#### Antistatic Equipment -

To prevent an electrical charge due to conductance and to reduce problems caused by the build-up of static electricity.

#### Actuators

Antistatic Cylinder ------ Series CM2-X1051

#### Fittings & Tubing

- Antistatic One-touch Fittings
   Series KA
- Antistatic Tubing ······ Series TA

#### Flow Control Equipment

Measuring Instruments

Antistatic Speed Controller
 Series AS-X260

Vacuum Products

Vacuum Pads ·····Series ZP



#### Ionizers –

Corona effect used to neutralize ions and eliminate the build up of static electricity.

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- Ionizer (Bar) ······ Series IZS
- Ionizer (Nozzle)
   Series IZN



Measures the electrical charge potential of the workpiece.

- Electrostatic Sensor/Monitor ------ Series IZD/IZE
- Handheld Electrostatic Meter ······Series IZH



### SMC and Advanced Pressure Technology (APTech)

In spring 2007, SMC Corporation Japan purchased Advanced Pressure Technology – better known as AP-Tech - from its directors.

Based in Napa, California, USA, AP-Tech was founded in the late 1980's by Rene Zakhour. Rene's objectives were to provide products with uncompromising quality, performance and reliability from a company offering exceptional service and technical support – almost identical values to those which SMC has based its successful approach to business.

From July 2008, our European customers can now purchase – through SMC Pneumatik GmbH – AP-Tech's excellent range of high quality products made exclusively for both the PV and Semiconductor Industries.

These include a great range of High Purity Gas Regulators which are made, tested and packaged in ultra high clean room conditions, thereby ensuring excellent levels of quality (ISO 9001 standard).

If you'd like more information of AP-Tech products ask your local representative for more information today.

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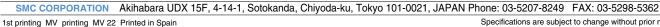
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