

LESS OXYGEN - BETTER UV CURING

Oxygen-reduced systems are another advanced form of UV curing. The UV systems are operated with nitrogen or carbon dioxide. Quartz glass screens are usually used to separate the UV lamp unit and the reaction chamber.

THESE NEW SYSTEM CONCEPTS PROVIDE NUMEROUS BENEFITS:

- Quartz glass screen
 A quartz glass screen is installed between the UV unit and the reaction chamber.
- Low consumption of nitrogen/carbon dioxide
 Only the nitrogen/carbon dioxide lost through the inlets and outlets needs to be supplied.
- Longer lamp and reflector lifetime optimum efficiency and investment
 In a closed-cycle operation, lamps and reflectors are scarcely subject to dirtying and remain efficient for a much longer time period.

DESIGN FOR OPERATION IN OXYGEN-REDUCED ATMOSPHERE

- Lamp length 400 mm
- Pneumatically-controlled sealing system
- Belt speed controlled by programmable storage sites
- Water cooling (counter-shutter) and enclosed conveyor belt required

OXYGEN-REDUCED SYSTEMS OFFER SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS:

- Cost savings
 Increased pro
- Increased production speeds and the need for fewer lamps than in conventional curing result in lower energy costs, reduction in spare parts required (lamps and reflectors), shorter down-time of the unit as well as reduced space requirements. An additional benefit is a low thermal load on the substrate as oxygen-reduced operation achieves excellent curing results using less UV energy.
- Reduction in the photoinitiator content
 Oxygen-reduced systems require less photoinitiators. These photoinitiators are partially responsible
 for undesired odour production and yellowing.
- Improved curing results
 Oxygen-reduced curing achieves an exceptionallyhigh quality finish for both inks and varnishes, which may be chemical-resistant and scratch-proof.

A UV unit run under oxygen-reduced conditions creates a much faster reaction, i.e. less energy is required at equal production speeds.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR UV OXYGEN-REDUCED CURING

VARNISHING OF:

- PVC-floors
- Automotive parts
- Food packaging
- Fancy papers
- Foils, thermal papers, aluminium compounds and silicone application



UV-system for varnishing of PVC-flooring



Laboratory unit

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