

Multus Cascade Plasma Spray System from Arzell, Inc.

Next Generation Plasma Torch and Control

Arzell, Inc.'s new Multus modular plasma spray system combines the latest technology in process control and plasma spray torch design. This system offers the widest range of operability of any thermal spray device. Installed with the patented C+ Cascade Plasma torch, this combination allows the user to easily replicate all existing air plasma spray (APS) operating regimes, as well as reach new regimes previously not achievable to produce markedly better coatings, at lower costs, with greater efficiency and reproducibility. New levels of plasma parameters consistency are reached by eliminating arc pulsing and drifting common to legacy plasma systems. Torch design robustness allows for operation using any combination of plasma gases. Additionally, utilizing nitrogen as the primary gas allows for the realization of the full potential of plasma to harness its low cost and energy density advantages. Reliable operation at previously unattainable enthalpy levels is now possible.



Multus modular gas enclosure system

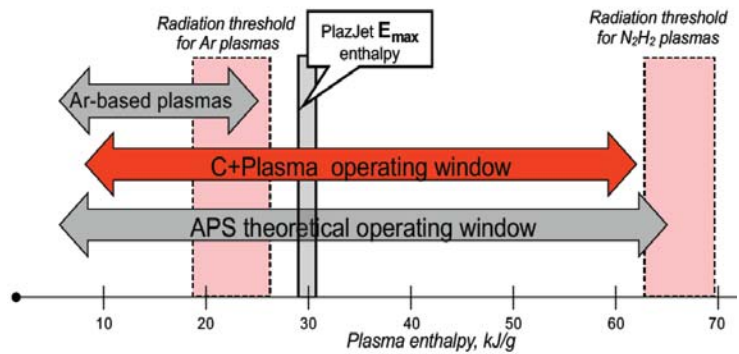


Model 5 C+ cascade plasma torch

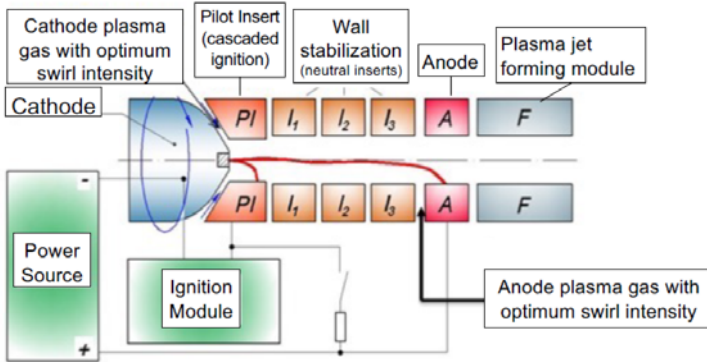
Multus is Latin for many, the system also accommodates popular plasma torches (SG100, 3MB, 9MB, F4, Sinplex, etc.).

The modular design of the Multus system utilizes mass flow controllers for ultimate repeatability, consistency and easy serviceability. Operator interface is through an intuitive and robust industrial touch screen designed for years of trouble free operation. Recipes can be quickly established and stored for later retrieval. Incorporated into Multus controls are warning and alarm levels for all parameters.

What differentiates plasma systems? Enthalpy. It isn't discussed much because plasma torches up to now, legacy, and existing cascade, have inherent design constraints that limit reliable enthalpy operation beyond ~30kJ/g. The Model 5 is rated at about 60kJ/g, at least double the existing "standard". This high level is achieved at modest power levels ($\cong 100\text{kW}$) – eliminating the need for large gas volumes or high power ratings. This level of efficiency translates to more material deposition on parts in less time and with less cost.



Plasma torch enthalpy ranges



C+ Plasma Process

In the cascade design, neutral segments force the arc to “cascade” from the cathode/electrode to anode/nozzle, thereby constraining its length and eliminating instability and drift. This translates to higher deposition efficiencies, improved quality and more consistent coatings. The longer arc length also creates higher voltage which affords lower amperage to achieve desired power levels – which improves hardware durability. Furthermore, the C+ Plasma torch provides greater flexibility in nozzle design, including low and high velocity hardware to efficiently spray different coatings. This amazing feature combines the best of both worlds because the Multus single spray system can apply both high quality ceramic and metallic coatings. Changing the nozzle is all that is needed to convert torch performance between high and low velocity.

Another unique feature utilized by the C+ torch is the double swirl stabilization created by the separate anode and cathode gas design philosophy. Injecting anode gases after the neutrodes vastly improves the efficiency of N₂-H₂ and Ar-H₂ based plasma regimes that require high H₂ content to deposit desirable coatings. This contributes to the much improved hardware life.

Plasma gases can be any combination desired. Switching between N₂-based and Ar-based plasmas just needs a change of two neutrodes in the torch. Thus, plasma gases can be any combination desired, N₂, N₂-H₂, N₂-He, Ar, Ar-H₂, Ar-N₂-H₂, Ar-He, etc.

Due to the durable nature of the torch design, part life is vastly improved. Expected anode life of ~50 hours @ 100kW for N₂-H₂ plasma and 150-200 hours for cathode and neutral inserts is normal. Using argon or less aggressive gases results in even longer part life.

Arzell, Inc. is renowned for decades of thermal spray integration and automation. The Multus system is no different and utilizes this experience as it is designed for integration into automated or manual systems. Arzell, Inc. also offers turn-key solutions including booths, dust collection systems, robotics, rotating devices, positioners, chillers, integration, powder feeders, cranes, blast systems, laser cladding systems, strip systems, polishing equipment, installation, training, maintenance and calibration.

Multus System Specifications, Base Package:

- Main Control Panel with HMI
- Modular gas system
 - Anode gases, Ar & N₂
 - Cathode gases, Ar & N₂
 - (He & H₂ module is optional)
 - Carrier gas, Ar
- Model 3 C+ Plasma Torch, 55 kJ/g enthalpy
- 80kW power supply
- Distribution module
- Hose connection package
- 15 ton (55 kW) chiller recommended

Multus System Specifications, Full Package:

- Main Control Panel with HMI
- Modular gas system
 - Anode gases, Ar & N₂
 - Cathode gases, Ar & N₂, He, H₂
 - Carrier gas, 2 x Ar
- Model 5 C+ Plasma Torch, 60 kJ/g enthalpy
- 120kW power supply
- Distribution module
- Hose connection package
- 20 ton (70 kW) chiller recommended

Connection Requirements

Electrical	120/220VAC, 50/60Hz, 5A
Cathode gas	
Argon	250 scfh @ 85 psi (120 l/min @ 5.8 bar)
Nitrogen	250 scfh @ 85 psi (120 l/min @ 5.8 bar)
Hydrogen (optional)	50 scfh @ 100 psi (24 l/min @ 6.8 bar)
Helium (optional)	150 scfh @ 100 psi (70 l/min @ 6.8 bar)
Anode gas	
Argon	50 scfh @ 85 psi (24 l/min @ 5.8 bar)
Nitrogen	50 scfh @ 85 psi (24 l/min @ 5.8 bar)
Carrier 1 – Argon	50 scfh @ 85 psi (24 l/min @ 5.8 bar)
Carrier 2 – Argon	50 scfh @ 85 psi (24 l/min @ 5.8 bar)
Chiller	15 tons (55 kW), Model 3 torch 20 tons (70 kW), Model 5 torch
Water flow and pressure	12 gpm @ 175psi (45 l/min @ 12 bar)
Power supply, 80 & 120kW	380/480V, 3-phase
Operator interface	15" touch screen
Powder feeder	Uniquecoat G4 preferred

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