

# LENS<sup>®</sup> MR-7

Breakthrough additive manufacturing technology for the fabrication & repair of high performance metal components

LENS systems are used in the repair and rapid manufacturing of metal components in state-of-the-art materials such as titanium, stainless steel, and Inconel<sup>®</sup>. Use the LENS MR-7 System to rapidly create materials of exceptional quality.



**LENS MR-7 System**



**Novel structures created by LENS**

The LENS MR-7 system offers a 300mm cubed work envelope, making it ideal for the manufacture or repair of smaller components. LENS systems use energy from a high-power Fiber Laser to build up structures one layer at a time directly from metal powders, alloys, ceramics or composites. The two powder feeders allow gradient materials to be made – every layer can have a different chemistry. This enables new materials to be made and analyzed with extraordinary speed. LENS systems are used throughout the entire product lifecycle for applications ranging from rapid alloy development and functional prototyping to rapid manufacturing or repair.

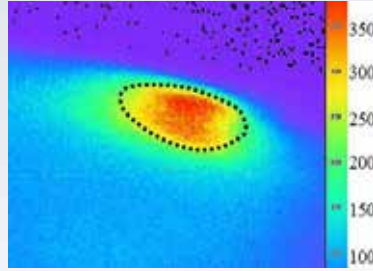
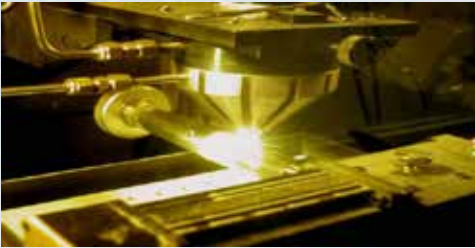
## KEY FEATURES

- ▶ Multiple material capabilities
- ▶ Rapid set-up – make a new alloy in ten minutes!
- ▶ Create graded material samples - combinatorial chemistry
- ▶ Create mixtures - rapid alloy discovery
- ▶ Rapid solidification rates (>1000C) – novel microstructures
- ▶ Complete Atmosphere Control – full protection for highest quality
- ▶ Calculate cooling rates – correlate to microstructure and properties

## APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Small component repair
- ▶ Rapid manufacturing
- ▶ Rapid Alloy Screening
- ▶ Hybrid manufacturing
- ▶ Advanced product development
- ▶ Aerospace and Defense components
- ▶ Medical Device Manufacturing

## Laser Engineered Net Shaping



View of the LENS process through the optional Thermal Imager



Gradient microstructure produced by the LENS process

### How the LENS system works:

LENS systems utilize a high-power laser together with powdered metals to build fully dense structures directly from a 3-dimensional CAD solid model. The CAD model is automatically sliced into a tool-path, which instructs the LENS machine how to build the part. The part is constructed layer by layer under the control of software that monitors a variety of parameters to ensure geometric and mechanical integrity. The LENS process is housed in a chamber which is purged with argon such that the oxygen level stays below 10 parts per million to ensure there is no impurity pick-up during deposition. The metal powder is fed to the process by Optomec's proprietary powder-feed system, which is able to flow small quantities of powder very precisely. When complete, the part is removed and can be heat-treated, Hot-Iso-static-Pressed, machined, or finished in any other manner.



## LENS MR-7 Typical Performance Parameters

Process Work Envelope	300 x 300 x 300 mm
Enclosure	Class I Laser Enclosure, Hermetically sealed to maintain process environment and safety
Motion Control	3-axes standard: XY linear table motion Z gantry motion Additional Axis Optional rotary axis All axes under full CNC control
Positional Accuracy	+/- 0.015mm
Linear Resolution	+/- 0.009mm
Motion Velocity	60 mm/s
Deposition Rate per Hour	200 to 300 g/kW, material dependent
Gas Purification System	Unit maintains O2 level ≤10 ppm
Dual Powder Feeders	Each feeder holds up to 2 liters of powder Gradient capability Optionally up to four feeders
Lasers	500W or 1kW IPG Fiber Laser
Software	Software Workstation Control; PartPrep slicing
Thermal Imager	Optional Thermal Imager Dual Wavelength Pyrometer Image Acquisition and Analysis Software
Enclosure Dimensions	3 x 1.5 x 2.5 m without gas purification system or laser
Monitoring and Controls	Optional SMART-AM™ melt pool sensor Optional Thermal Imager

## ABOUT OPTOMECC

Optomec® is a privately-held, rapidly growing supplier of Additive Manufacturing systems. Optomec's patented Aerosol Jet Systems for printed electronics and LENS 3D Printers for metal components are used by industry to reduce product cost and improve performance. Together, these unique printing solutions work with the broadest spectrum of functional materials, ranging from electronic inks to structural metals and even biological matter. Optomec has more than 300 marquee customers around the world, targeting production applications in the Electronics, Energy, Life Sciences and Aerospace industries. For more information about Optomec, visit <http://www.optomec.com>.

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