

Surfscan[®] SP1^{TBI} Pro / SP1^{DLS} Pro

Unpatterned Wafer Defect Inspection Systems

The Surfscan[®] SP1^{TBI} Pro and SP1^{DLS} Pro systems are industry-proven process control workhorse systems for unpatterned wafer inspection suited for emerging technologies such as RF, automotive, SiC, GaN, LED and more. The system facilitates the qualification and monitoring of processes and tools required by substrate, IC, equipment and materials manufacturers across the semiconductor ecosystem.

Built on the successful Surfscan[®] platform, the SP1^{TBI} and SP1^{DLS} Pro tools are designed to capture and classify critical defects in real-time on bare wafers, smooth & rough films and stacks, photoresists and litho stacks. By discovering and identifying critical defects and surface quality issues early on, the Surfscan SP1 Pro tools enable faster identification of process and tool issues, driving faster ramp, higher yield and improved profitability. High sensitivity mode provides defect detection down to 60nm on the SP1^{TBI} and 50nm on the SP1^{DLS} on prime bare silicon and high throughput mode options serve volume production. The SP1 Pro series tools satisfy R&D pathfinding applications and are equally suited to provide critical tool monitoring inspection points in a full manufacturing environment, all in a single tool.

- Triple Beam Illumination (TBI) provides a variety of methods for characterizing wafer quality
- Dual Laser System (DLS) uses multiple lasers and detectors to combine brightfield, darkfield and nanotopography to capture a wide range of defects.
- Silicon based tool qualifications and process monitoring for >50nm sensitivities in 150-300mm wafer formats
- High sensitivity mode extends capabilities for R&D applications
- Product manufacturing restarted for increased serviceability and predictability of supply
- Standardized handler for flexible configurations



Defect Type Examples*



*with supporting review tool images





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Defect Sensitivity



Productivity



- **Oblique Illumination** provides best sensitivity for particle detection on smooth surfaces and allows configurability for improving sensitivity on rough blanket films
- Normal Illumination is ideal for detecting mechanical scratches for equipment monitoring or slip lines for epitaxial processes
- Brightfield Differential Interference Contrast (BF-DIC) allows for improved capture of defects with surface height changes
- Haze maps graphically represent full wafer surface conditions / quality
- **Throughput** can be increased with a licensed productivity option for faster time to results on 200mm wafers (with vacuum handling)
- Solid State Laser provides longer life with less need for service (standard on DLS; option on TBI)
- KLA Ecosystem compatibility with Klarity + eDR SEM review
- Full Factory Automation meets SEMI Standards



Device Manufacturers Choice for Automotive, RF, & µLED

- Measure at critical process inspection points to monitor and control process tools
- Flexible optical configurations accommodates a wide range process conditions
- Adapter plate available to quickly convert between 150mm & 200mm wafer diameters



Substrate Manufacturing for Bare Si, SOI, & Epi

- Industry standard for wafer qualification wafer manufacturer OQC and wafer fab IQC
- Capable of measuring 200mm substrates up to 1500µm thickness and up to 75µm warp
- Onboard grading capability with up to 4 x 200mm load port sorting stations



Materials and Equipment Manufacturing

- Industry standard for process tool qualification
- Inspection can be optimized for Epi GaN-on-Si, AlN, and other exotic films
- High sensitivity mode extends capabilities for R&D

KLA SUPPORT

Maintaining system productivity is an integral part of KLA's yield optimization solution. Efforts in this area include system maintenance, global supply chain management, cost reduction and obsolescence mitigation, system relocation, performance and productivity enhancements, and certified tool resale.

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