Automated photonic device assembly utilizing a new, configurable and modular system approach, complete with a production-optimized housing layout. Made for cassette-to-cassette and in-line high-volume manufacturing, as well as for R&D & NPI.
Automated photonic device production

AssemblyLine systems are high-precision stand-alone and in-line assembly machine solutions designed for fully-automated production (align & attach) of photonic devices. They uniquely combine fast-active optical alignment capability and flexible attachment configurations with a tried and tested software control interface, all in an industry-proven design. Optional modules provide additional features, with the high-end models providing automatic tool changing, optical test functionality and wafer processing capability.

Now, ficonTEC’s new, next-generation in-line assembly systems feature a redesigned, production-line-optimized platform (800, 1200, 1600). They are available in specific in-line configurations as an individual and versatile production cell for existing production lines, or they can be supplied as extended production segments comprising several task-optimized systems. In principal, even entire production lines can be envisaged.

Software Control

Process Control Master (PCM) is our user-friendly and process-oriented software control interface that is shipped with all turnkey systems and multiple machine configurations. PCM features an intuitive UI that includes all machine vision, high-resolution positioning and system management routines required to reliably and repeatably drive passive/active alignment and attachment/bonding process hardware.

PCM is already fully enabled for automated electro-optical test and characterization tasks and employs AI-based Deep Learning capability for chip facet defect recognition and classification. PCM also monitors and logs single or multiple production line performance and can even sync parallel lines remotely.

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Key features

- Fully-automated photonic device assembly
- High-precision AUTOALIGN multi-axis motion
- Configurable closed-loop fast-active alignment
- Epoxy dispensing, curing & shrinkage control
- Chip & wafer-level handling/processing

General tasks & applications

- Precision adhesive dispensing
- Thermal or UV curing
- Chip-to-package assembly
- Fiber/FAC/SAC align-&-attach
- Active mirror align-&-attach
- Active VBG spectral tuning
- HPLD module assembly
- PICs, Silicon Photonics
- Hybrid integrated photonics

Flexible, modular & (re-)configurable

- State-of-the-art feed IN/OUT options
- FAB & HVM-ready – scalable and parallelizable
- Single systems slot into existing production lines
- Daisy-chain multiple systems for production segments
- Operate, monitor and sync parallel lines remotely
- Add and/or swap modules to re-configure & re-purpose

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What we do

ficonTEC is a recognized market leader for automated assembly and testing systems for high-end opto-electronic components and photonic devices, including PICs. Considerable process capability and dedicated assembly technologies have been accumulated in serving requirements for telecom and datacom, high-power diode laser assembly, micro-optical systems, sensing from bio-med to automotive to IoT, and more.

A unique and modular approach to production equipment design means that each system delivered is the automated and optimized embodiment of a customer-defined process.

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* alternative multi-axis configurations optional  ** others available on request

ASSEMBLYLINE systems are suitable for in-line applications in high-volume manufacturing (HVM), including multiple production lines operating in parallel and in sync, optionally via remote control. Custom systems and special purpose cells and robotic systems can be flexibly designed and incorporated to suit customer requirements.