

Software Control Interface PROCESS CONTROL MASTER



ficonTEC's user-friendly and process-oriented application software control interface that ships with all stand-alone and multiple machine configurations. Making machines that are much more than just the sum of their parts.



Software control and optional add-ons for stand-alone and in-line photonics assembly & test

Software Control, PCM

Probably our most important product feature, PROCESS CONTROL MASTER (PCM) is our user-friendly and process-oriented software control interface. Flexible process control and scalable options enable customized assembly & test solutions suitable for early device development, for new product introduction, and for high-volume manufacturing (HVM) – no knowledge of programming is needed.

PCM includes all referencing, positioning, handling, system control & management as well as machine vision routines required to reliably and repeatably drive all available passive/active alignment and bonding process hardware. It also comes already fully enabled for automated electro-optical test and characterization tasks, including common tests – such as optical power insertion losses, spectral measurements, electrical/optical

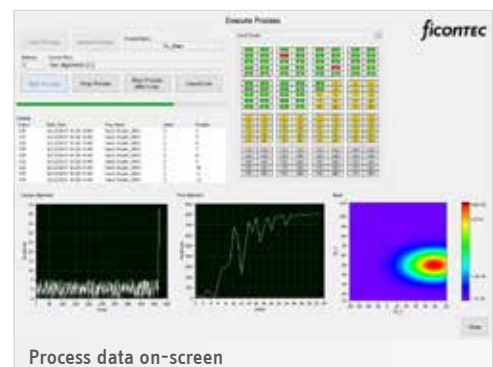
bandwidth – as well as for more complex modular instrumentation such as tunable laser sources, multi-channel power meters, optical switches, etc. PCM drives not only our single stand-alone systems, but is also already tried-&-tested for multiple (in-line) machine installations employed in HVM environments. For traceability requirements, testing protocols and automated testing sequences gain benefit from direct interfacing to an SQL database, also providing the user with access to statistical analysis of the data. Data visualization and operational analysis can be further enhanced through optional Performance Services.

Key features

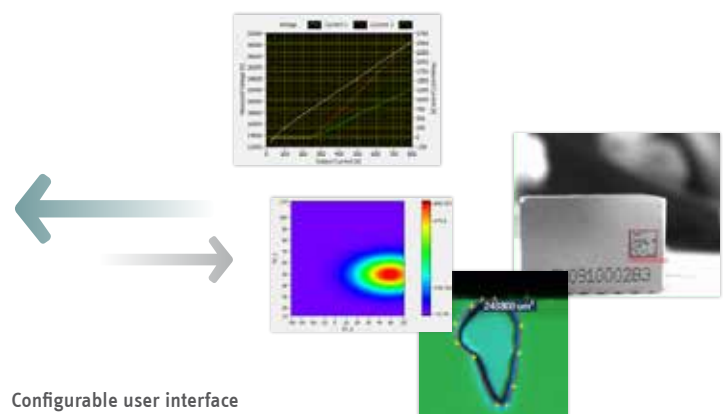
- Expansive, powerful library of assembly & test functions
- Process Editor for fully configurable process sequencing
- Pre-loaded with machine vision routines & algorithms
- Recipe-based management of process steps & parameters
- Development tools: de-bug, position/jog panel, camera view, etc.
- Interface adaptable to show real-time operational data
- For stand-alone systems and multiple machine configurations
- ‘Crash protection’ boundaries for motion system
- Logging of operation-critical process steps & performance data
- Deep Learning tools for optical inspection
- AI-driven Machine Learning for performance analytics



Process editor



Process data on-screen



Configurable user interface

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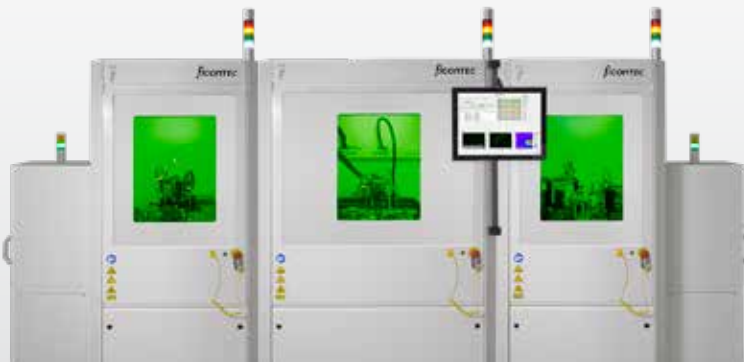


Process development & optimization

ficonTEC can help customers with their process optimization at all stages of development and realization. By working to understanding the customer needs, we can combine our technical expertise in the production process design – including those aspects relating to software control. This is of particular importance in translating manual assembly and testing protocols during the migration from prototyping/development to volume production.

PCM provides powerful and adaptable process tuning and sequencing that can be further optimized by leveraging the statistical data logged in the SQL database. Yield, cycle time, uptime, device performance and cost per part can all be optimized within the available parameter space allowed by the production process, within a single cell machine or across entire production lines comprising multiple in-line machines.

By optimizing each step right from the design phase, introducing innovative processes, utilizing high levels of advanced automation for even the most demanding assembly tasks, and holding it all together with our tried-&-tested software control, ficonTEC provides a reliable route to high-volume manufacture.



Compatibility

- LabVIEW-based, SQL database, PXI-compatible
- Open interface for integration of customer software routines
- USB 2.x and higher, IEEE 1394 (FireWire), GigE, CameraLink
- Pre-loaded with drivers for direct interfacing to a huge range of commercial instrumentation: Agilent, DILAS, Keithley, Keyence, Lumentum, ThorLabs, Yokogawa and many more.

Services

- ‘Remote monitor & sync’ of multiple installations
- ‘Autonomy at the Edge’ via ficonTEC’s Performance Services

Remote Services

Remote sync & monitor

A Revision Control Server (RCS) can be implemented locally or remotely to monitor and synchronize process parameters across multiple lines, thus enabling maximum repeatability and consistency of performance and yield even across independent installations. This brings obvious benefits for global players within the photonics market..

Performance Services

Machine Learning for process optimization



PCM already logs a wealth of real-time positional, vibrational, environmental and physical/optical performance data of all production process steps. By adding an optional and unique AI-driven machine learning layer onto PCM to gather, collate and analyze this performance data, real-time process monitoring is significantly improved and the establishment of process metrics is greatly simplified.



By giving systems operators a greater in-depth view over production data, they have greater control over improvements in operation-critical factors such as system uptime, overall production yield and, ultimately, total-cost-of-ownership (TCO). Device manufacturers themselves can then better leverage their own competitive edge in the market.

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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	PROCESS CONTROL MASTER V2.X
Primary features	powerful library of pre-engineered assembly & test control functions process editor for fully-configurable process sequencing pre-loaded with routines & algorithms for machine vision recipe-based management of process steps & parameters
Motion system	compatible with all available ficonTEC motion systems, including: 1. passive referencing via machine vision system using multiple cameras 2. high-precision 3 - 12 axis positioning system (more axes on request)
Machine vision	standard/multiple positioning and observation camera options
Component handling	pick-&-place, feed systems, single/dual conveyor
Component tracking	OCR-based component recognition, die sorting, wafer mapping, etc.
Wafer capable	wafer handling and wafer-level processing in qualified machine systems
Expansion	open interface for integration of customer software routines
User management	Admin/Service/User/Operator & customer defined
Remote operability	remote monitor & sync via RCS / autonomous operation via Performance Services
Min. requirements	Windows 10 x64 OS (min.100 Mbit/s network connection required)
Connectivity	USB 2.x and higher, IEEE 1394 (FireWire), GigE, CameraLink, TCPIP
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