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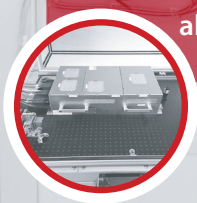
RAPID ULTRA-SHORT PULSE LASER SURFACE TEXTURING TECHNOLOGY

THE NEXT GENERATION IN HIGH POWER ULTRA-SHORT PULSE LASER SURFACE PROCESSING

PROMETHEUS system has a 3-axis Cartesian machine equipped with a head capable of supplying energy to the process.



This machine is made up from profiles and panels in anodized aluminum, with a working volume of 1000 X 750 x 500 mm.



The movement of the gantry is delegated to linear modules consisting of ball screws actuated by servomotors.



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EXPECTED RESULTS OF END USER CASE STUDIES



ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANTS

- Surface texturing of medical implants and composites to improve functional outcomes.
- Increased polymer/metal surface energies to improve adhesion and bond strength at material and peri-implant interfaces.

DISHWASHER

- Improve the energy efficiency of dishwasher drying by 4%
 - Residual water on the surface of the samples after the drying process has been reduced by 76-78%.



TUMBLEDRYER

- Improve the energy efficiency of tumble dryer heat exchangers by 5%
- The offset of 2538 tonnes of CO2 per year

AUTOMOTIVE CYLINDER PISTON LINER

- Deliver piston cylinder inserts exhibit 30% less blow by and with 40% less friction enabling engines with > 1.1% reduction in fuel consumption
 - Reduce friction
 - Reduce engine oil consumption
 - 257 million litres of fuel saving per year
 - The offset of 664 million tonnes of CO2 per year



AUTOMOTIVE HIGH STRENGTH ALUMINIUM PRESSING

- Improve friction and wear of stamping tool for cold forming and reduce the use of lubricant in the process
- Avoid aluminium adhesion on tool
- Reduce friction to increase sheet formability

AESTHETIC CHROME COMPONENTS FOR AUTOMATION

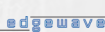
- Obtain super-hydrophobic textured surfaces on chrome polymer components
 - Improve the easy-clean capability
 - New changes to the design of the parts



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