





Compact footprint

PVD powder and pellet coating (up to 2 Litres)

- Uniform and repeatable coverage
- Green process (no wastage, chemical free)
- Custom designs available

The **NL-Powder Coating System** is a compact and flexible Plasma Vapour Deposition (PVD) system for the coating of powders and pellets. There are three models: PCS100, PCS250 and PCS400, with capacities ranging from 0.15 to 2 litres, and from one to five deposition sources. Inorganic coatings are deposited using magnetron sputtering of thin films. Additionally, our nanoparticle source can be added to allow direct generation and deposition of nanoparticles onto any powder or pellets. The powder can also be plasma treated via a glow discharge plasma.

PVD offers a more **environmentally friendly** and efficient alternative to chemical coating techniques, such as sol gel, spray coatings and CVD. PVD is a chemical-free technique that uses high-purity metals and gases to generate high purity inorganic coatings, with **no chemical** 



Figure 1 PVD Powder coating system

**waste** and minimal residues, that are easily recycled. The line-of-sight deposition method includes in situ-measurement of the loading using a quartz crystal microbalance, to ensure **precise control over mass loading**. Multiple material coatings can be deposited in parallel or sequentially in one run. The system is ideal for coating inorganic and organic powders and pellets, for example **silica, titania, carbon,** and **plastic** with metals and metal alloys including CuO, Ir,  $Ir_2O_3$ , Pt, Ru, Ni, NiO and many others.

The chamber is manufactured in the UK using high quality 304 stainless steel with a lightweight Aluminium door. It is mounted on a system chassis which contains the control systems and power supplies. The entire system is mounted on lockable wheels and feet for easy location.

The integrated PC and versatile Spectrum software is easy to use and customizable, allowing the customer to control the system remotely and run complex recipes.

	PCS100	PCS250	PCS400
Size of	150 x 150 x 300mm	300 x 300 x 400mm	450 x450 x 450mm
Deposition			
chamber			
Bowl Diameter	Ø100mm	Ø250mm	Ø400mm
Max bowl weight	0.34kg	1.5kg	3.8kg
Orientation	Sputter down		
Capacity	0.15 litre	0.5 litres	2 litres
Pumping	Oil pump or turbo pump backed by oil pump. Including soft start		
	pumping and slow venting.		
Control	Recipe driven processes, power supply control and data logging.		
Software	Optional automated pumping sequencing (with pneumatic valves)		
In-situ	Quartz Crystal Microbalance for process monitoring and end point		
monitoring	detection		
Source ports	2 deposition sources	Up to 4 deposition	Up to 5 deposition
		sources	sources
Source Types	Nanoparticle source, Magnetron sputter sources,		
	Ion source, <u>RF Atom source</u>		

## **Specifications**

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