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TECHNOLOGY WITH HUMAN TOUCH



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## MEDICAL MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION















# HELPING TO DELIVER THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF MEDICAL CARE







### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS.



We provide full manufacturing process validation.
Continuously evaluated quality systems ensure strict control of production specifications and timeliness.

Our QC system is compliant with Medical Device Quality System Regulations 21 CFR 820 for Class I, Class II and Class III medical device and component manufacturing.





Additionally, we have extensive experience with Impulse Heat welding, appropriate for applications with non-bipolar polymers and fabrics; Ultrasonic sealing for harder plastics or non-woven fabrics; and Vacuum Forming, used for parts with 3D complex shapes like packaging trays or medical bedding components.

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Our ability to perform RF welding on various materials within our ISO Class 8 and ISO Class 7 clean rooms ensures that our customers' medical packaging, product and component solutions are suitable for sterilized medical environments.





### RF Welding Technology / High Frequency Welding Technology)

Radio Frequency (RF) welding, known as Dielectric welding or High Frequency (HF) welding, is the process of fusing materials together by applying radio frequency energy to the area to be joined. Electromagnetic waves are used to heat the material to a point where it begins to melt and form a bond. No external heat is applied. The electrical energy lost in the material is actually absorbed by it, causing its molecules to vibrate raising its kinetic energy or thermal energy. The weld is completed by applying pressure to the bonded area, ensuring a successful seal. The resulting weld can be as strong as the original materials.

WELDMED equipment is used for RF welding on various types of rigid plastics, films and medical grade foams including the following: PET | PETG | PVC | TPU films | Thermoplastic polyurethanes | Open Celled Polyurethanes | LDPE/EVA.

The appeal of RF welding is in the completeness of the weld. Using this method can create very robust hermetic seals. Many welds are subject to pill tests, leak tests, and optical tests to determine that the correct conditions have been achieved.

With RF sealing, everything between the upper and lower dies heats evenly (theoretically). In actual use, however, the dies heat sink the plastic on contact, so a temperature profile would indicate the hottest spot at the interface of the two materials. In bonding, this works to great advantage since the interface is where you desire the most heat.

Other methods, such as thermal, impulse (a switched thermal), and ultrasonics, do not share this advantage. Thermal and impulse temperature profiles indicate the hottest spot is where the dies touch the outside of each layer of plastic, most often degrading the outside of each layer before the interface reaches melt temperature.

Ultrasonics works like a jackhammer, pounding the plastic 20 or 40 thousand times per second. The resulting friction creates heat and thus melts the plastic.

Again, the temperature profile is less desirable than that of RF. These alternative processes are limited in area of seal, lack repeatability of acceptable seal quality, and do not have the ability to tear seal. They are often employed in small area spot seal applications or on products not concerned with appearance, such as screws and loose hardware.

RF welding provides a consistent air tight seal which is crucial for the functionality of medical device packaging. RF welds also evenly distribute stress throughout the material providing a much stronger seam.

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