Hazardous gases in semiconductor fab exhaust lines can be explosive, corrosive or pyrophoric unless they are diluted to a safe range with nitrogen. Adding Watlow’s FLUENT® thermal system to the exhaust lines of the abatement system can improve safety and uptime ultimately leading to higher yields.

Watlow’s FLUENT heater features an integrated high limit and protects the heater in low flow or no flow conditions. The FLUENT heater’s “no leak” design ensures the lower explosive limit is properly maintained and nitrogen is not escaping into the sub fab.

The FLUENT’s heating element is created using Watlow’s patented thermal spray technology and makes use of its entire surface to produce heat, which optimizes heat transfer and temperature uniformity. The heating element sits outside of the fluid flow path and the heater circuit is patterned precisely and repeatably leading to excellent reliability.

The heating system also features Watlow’s F4T® controller with a 4.3-inch color, graphical touch-screen panel. The controller is modular and scalable and offers intuitive navigation, integrated functions and screen personalization. Other Watlow controllers are also available.
Features and Benefits

- Heater assembly is 100% leak tested
  - Assures appropriate dilution
- Internal heater baffle
  - Promotes turbulent flow
  - Assures gas is at temperature
- High-limit control loop
  - Prevents heater failure in a no-flow condition
  - Meets most electrical codes
- Small size
  - Enables placement at point of use

Primary Applications

- Dilution of hydrogenated gases in exhaust streams to levels below the lower explosive limit
- Dilution of corrosive gases to lower levels of corrosion
- Dilution of pyrophoric gases to levels below the lower flammability levels
- Aid to the heating of exhaust lines where the potential for deposition is high and external heat on the exhaust lines is not enough

Watlow’s FLUENT Heater

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