

Versatile Selective Laser Melting

High Power Laser in a Compact Footprint for Flexible Manufacturing



Adaptable and robust for a wide range of users

Highest power in its class with a 400W laser

Material Development Module to edit over 200 process parameters

Top quality features of larger SLM[®] machines in a compact footprint

The highest, safest performance available in its class at a low investment

Offering a larger build plate and higher-powered laser than other similar-sized machines, the SLM®125 is a flexible manufacturing system to fit users' specific needs. Metal additive manufacturing beginners can develop processes that scale to larger SLM® systems, research institutes benefit from a material development toolkit and production facilities can run prototype, small series and qualified production components. All selective laser melting powders, including reactive materials, can be processed on the SLM®125.

Open system architecture puts selective laser melting users in control

All machines from SLM Solutions allow the use of materials from any supplier. This gives users the freedom to source qualified metal powder from SLM Solutions' powder division or from their own supplier, as well as the flexibility to develop new alloys. The integrated SLM[®] Build Processor and open software architecture offer the choice of running standard parameters supplied by SLM Solutions or to customize and optimize parameters to meet their production needs and gain a competitive advantage.

Small Machine, Big Results

SLM® 125 Selective Laser Melting Machine



Technical Specifications

Build Envelope (L x W x H)Build Volume Reduction (L x W x H)3D Optics ConfigurationReal Build RateVariable Layer ThicknessMinimum Feature SizeBeam Focus DiameterMaximum Scan SpeedAverage Inert Gas Consumption in ProcessAverage Inert Gas Consumption in PurgingE-Connection / Power InputCompressed Air RequirementMachine Dimensions (L x W x H)

125 x 125 x 125 mm reduced by substrate plate thickness	
50 x 50 x 50 mm reduced by substrate plate thickness	
Single (1x 400 W) IPG fiber laser	
up to 25 cm ³ /h	
20 μm - 75 μm, more available on request	
140 μm	
70 μm - 100 μm	
10 m/s	
0.6 l/min (Argon)	
70 l/min (Argon)	
400 Volt 3NPE, 32 A, 50/60 Hz, 3 kW	
ISO 8573-1:2010 [1:4:1] 7 bar	
1400 mm x 900 mm x 2460 mm	
*depending on material and build part geometry	

Build Chamber Sizes



Compact, Powerful Machine for Metal Part Production

The SLM®125 build envelope is up to 160% larger than other machines in its class and is designed for cost-efficient process development and small to medium manufacturing of high-quality, fully dense metal parts.

The smallest machine in the SLM Solutions' lineup, the SLM®125 includes many of the top-quality features of our larger platforms in a compact footprint. The substrate plate can pre-heat to up to 200°C and the standard 400W fiber laser is the highest power offered on small machines to replicate production settings with up to 80% less metal powder than other systems. The machine utilizes an optimized gas filtration process with an adjustable gas flow that allows for optimal process properties and minimized gas consumption.

2 Efficient, Methodical Parameter Development Software

The material development module is an easy, intuitive software tool for a systematic analysis of parameter variation. Users gain the power of developing in-house material know-how and utilizing custom process settings. Automated parameter alignment through rule definition and the replication and positioning of parts on the build plate create time savings in alloy development and parameter optimization.

3 High-Quality Metal Powders and Reliable Powder Management Process

Stainless steel, cobalt-chrome, nickel alloys, aluminum and titanium, to name a few, can all be processed in top quality on all SLM Solutions selective laser melting systems. Both reactive and non-reactive metals can be processed in the standard SLM[®]125 configuration.

Thanks to the machine's compact design with a reduced number of powder-transporting components, materials can be changed quickly and easily. The Powder Sieving Machine (PSM) is a perfect complement to the SLM®125. During the sieving process, rough or oversized particles are sorted out and separated from the process-ready materials under inert atmosphere conditions. The reusable metal powder, defined by grain size, is transported to a storage container for direct loading into the gravity powder feed on the machine.

4 Customer-Oriented System for Additive Manufacturing Success

The SLM®125 can be adapted to customers' requirements and allows the user to scale their selective laser melting strategy. A variety of components and options make the SLM®125 an optimal system for all users, from research institutes working on new materials and process development to first-time users looking to gain best-in-class metal AM experience, as well as prototype manufacturers or, of course, those running qualified series production processes.







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Layer Control System (LCS)

To ensure repeatable and reliable build quality, the LCS continuously checks the accuracy of each layer by monitoring the powder bed and detecting possible coating irregularities.

Melt Pool Monitoring (MPM)

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Qualified Material Solutions

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Production Ready Selective Laser Melting

Optimized for Faster Multi-Laser, Cost-Efficient Builds for High Volume Projects





Selective Laser Melting Machine

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Metal Additive Manufacturing Industrialization

Quad-laser productivity

from the multi-laser technology pioneer

Operational cost efficiency with automated features

Safe powder handling

keeping material in an inert atmosphere

The highest, safest performance available in its class with cost reduction

The SLM[®]500 is built to ensure operator safety and lower overall operational costs. Material and operator are separated through a closed-loop powder handling strategy that includes an automated powder sieve and supply. Machine downtime is minimized through exchangeable build cylinders to maximize productivity and reduce cost per part. As the first quad-laser metal system on the market, the SLM[®]500 serves as the flagship machine for high volume metal additive manufacturing.

Patented multi-laser overlap strategy for consistent material quality

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Efficient, Reliable, Repeatable

SLM[®] 500

Selective Laser Melting Machine



Technical Specifications

Build Envelope (L x W x H)	500 x 280 x 365 mm redu
3D Optics Configuration	Twin (2x 400W or 2x 700V
	Quad (4x 400W or 4x 700
Real Build Rate	up to 171 cm ³ /h*
Variable Layer Thickness	20 µm - 90 µm, more ava
Minimum Feature Size	150 μm
Beam Focus Diameter	80 - 115 μm
Maximum Scan Speed	10 m/s
Average Inert Gas Consumption in Process	16 l/min (Argon)
Average Inert Gas Consumption in Purging	250 l/min (Argon)
E-Connection / Power Input	400 Volt 3NPE, 63 A, 50/60
Compressed Air Requirement	ISO 8573-1:2010 [1:4:1] 7
Machine Dimensions (L x W x H)	6080 x 2530 x 2620 mm
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500 x 280 x 365 mm reduced by substrate plate thickness Twin (2x 400W or 2x 700W) Quad (4x 400W or 4x 700W) IPG fiber laser up to 171 cm³/h* 20 μm - 90 μm, more available on request 150 μm 80 - 115 μm 80 - 115 μm 10 m/s 16 l/min (Argon) 250 l/min (Argon) 400 Volt 3NPE, 63 A, 50/60 Hz, 8 - 10 kW ISO 8573-1:2010 [1:4:1] 7 bar 6080 x 2530 x 2620 mm *depending on material and build part geometry



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SLM® 500 Selective Laser Melting for Serial Production Solutions

The SLM[®]500 is optimized for top-quality components with a focus on both repeatability and machine uptime. Optimized gas flow through a patented sintered wall prevents soot disruption of the lasers to ensure consistent quality results.

Increased productivity is crucial for production-oriented machines, and the SLM[®]500 is available with two or four lasers operating independently or in parallel. With 400W and 700W lasers available, users have the choice of laser power matched to their material, with the option of increased power to build in thicker layers for further productivity gains.

2 Permanent Filter Module Improves Machine Uptime and Reduces Costs

The permanent filter module traps process soot in a sintered plate filter that is purged with gas. The waste material is coated with an inhibitor and stored in a bin for dry disposal, while clean gas returns to the process chamber, stabilizing gas flow to ensure part quality throughout long builds without interruption.

The elimination of consumable filter cartridges increases safety while improving machine uptime and reducing costs. Operators no longer need to flood filters and waste management is simplified as controlled diffusion renders a standard dry material for disposal.

PSV Closed-Loop Powder Handling Increases Safety and Material Quality

Paired with the Powder Supply Vacuum (PSV), the SLM[®]500 protects the operator from exposed powder and keeps material under an inert gas atmosphere throughout the powder-handling process.

The PSV features a 90l tank for pre-loading and storage of metal powder. The automatic system sieves material before transportation to the machine for the build process, collects overflow powder to be returned to the sieve during the build, and also connects to the PRS unpacking station for powder removal after completion of a build.

Part Removal Station for Efficient Unpacking and Downtime Reduction

The Part Removal Station (PRS) reduces machine downtime by allowing one completed job to be unpacked while the next can begin on the machine. Build cylinders with completed jobs are transported out of the SLM[®]500 for cooling and powder removal in an inert atmosphere.

Integrated gloves offer full access to remove material without exposing operators to metal powder. A vacuum hose, located directly in the PRS chamber, feeds unused powder directly back to the PSV for sieving and use in the next production build.





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Large Format Selective Laser Melting

Fully Automated Series Production with a Scalable Multi-Machine Setup



New Possibilities for Large Production Parts

Build parts 850mm tall with extended z-axis height

Quad-laser efficiency from the multi-laser pioneer

Multi-machine setup for production environments

Selective laser melting with an expanded build envelope and integrated automation

Offering the tallest powder bed fusion chamber on the market, the SLM[®]800 efficiently builds large components and opens new production possibilities. All SLM Solutions' patented innovations have been scaled up and partnered with features such as a metal recoating brush, permanent filter module and centralized powder supply to enable successful large builds. The SLM[®]HUB and optional Build Cylinder Magazine create an automated, multi-machine production manufacturing cell.

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Modular, Automated Production

SLM®800

Selective Laser Melting Machine



Technical Specifications

Build Envelope (L x W x H)	500 x 280 x 875 mm reduced by substrate plate thickness
3D Optics Configuration	Quad (4x 400W or 4x 700W) IPG fiber laser
Real Build Rate	up to 171 cm ³ /h*
Variable Layer Thickness	20 μm - 90 μm, more available on request
Minimum Feature Size	150 μm
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Maximum Scan Speed	10 m/s
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SLM®800 Selective Laser Melting for Serial Production Solutions

The SLM®800 utilizes the proven quad-laser technology of the SLM®500 with an extended z-axis for larger production builds. SLM Solutions' patented sintered wall gas flow prevents disruption of the laser for consistent quality and the durable metal recoating brush ensures stable powder recoating while enabling error correction during the build.

Vertically extending the build envelope reduces exposure per layer and internal stresses with a higher surface quality for long components. Decreased supports through vertical orientation also reduces material usage and post-processing.

2 Permanent Filter Module Improves Machine Uptime and Reduces Costs

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3 Fully Automatic Powder Handling Increases Safety and Material Quality

Each SLM®800 features an integrated powder tank to supply the machine with a direct source of material. The additional central powder supply unit (CPS) features two 2201 tanks, one fixed for delivery to the machine and one portable for powder refill. Sieves are located both in between the two CPS tanks and on the machine directly before use to ensure powder quality throughout the process.

4 SLM®HUB for Fully Automated Build Cylinder Handling

The SLM®HUB utilizes a linear axis to drive build cylinders between three integrated stations and directly into or out of the SLM®800 machine. Setup of new substrate plates and removal of finished parts takes place in the handling position while dedicated locations in the parking chamber allow for pre-heating of cylinders before or controlled cooling after a build.

The integrated powder removal chamber separates the build cylinder from the substrate plate and rotates the build with vibration motions. A specially designed gas flow ensures safe depowdering within an inert atmosphere. All powder can be recovered and returned to the centralized powder supply.

Up to five SLM[®]800 machines can link to one SLM[®]HUB to optimize utilization with full automation to minimize costs.





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FOR DEMANDING APPLICATIONS

PREMIUM QUALITY **AND THE HIGHEST PRODUCTIVITY**

Larger build chamber and multiple lasers increase productivity without sacrificing build quality

With a build plate 25% larger than standard midsized machines to fit more parts per build, highpower and multi-laser machines further promote production-oriented additive manufacturing. The leader in multilaser systems, SLM Solutions offers a patented multilaser scan strategy to minimize soot interference, alter layer stitching and deliver results with the same density and mechanical properties as single-laser builds.

Open system architecture puts selective laser melting users in control; your powder, your parameters

All SLM® systems allow the use of materials from any supplier. The integrated SLM® Build Processor and open software architecture offer the freedom to run standard parameters or optimize them to meet specific production needs and gain a competitive advantage. In addition, refined parameters and an identical optical bench allow processes to be directly transferred to other machines, such as scaling up to the SLM®500.

> INDUSTRY-LEADING GAS FLOW DELIVERS CONSISTENT QUALITY







TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Build Envelope (L x W x H)	280 x 280 x 365 mm reduced by substrate plate thickness
3D Optics Configuration	Single (1x 400W or 1x 700W), Twin (2x 400 W or 2x 700W)
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POWERFUL AND COMPACT

Multi-laser technology was pioneered by SLM Solutions, who remain the market-leaders in multilaser installations. The SLM®280 can be equipped with up to two 700W fiber lasers to accelerate the printing process of many metal additive powders.

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Patented bi-directional powder recoating helps reduce manufacturing time by depositing a new layer of powder in both directions without having to return to a "home" position.



Paired with a Powder Sieving Machine (PSM), the SLM®280 offers material flexibility. Manual sieves allow efficient material changeover for adaptable production while maintaining safety and quality.

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The second generation SLM®280 system offers the same high-quality process technology as the third generation, but with a manual powder sieve for flexibility with material changeover.

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