

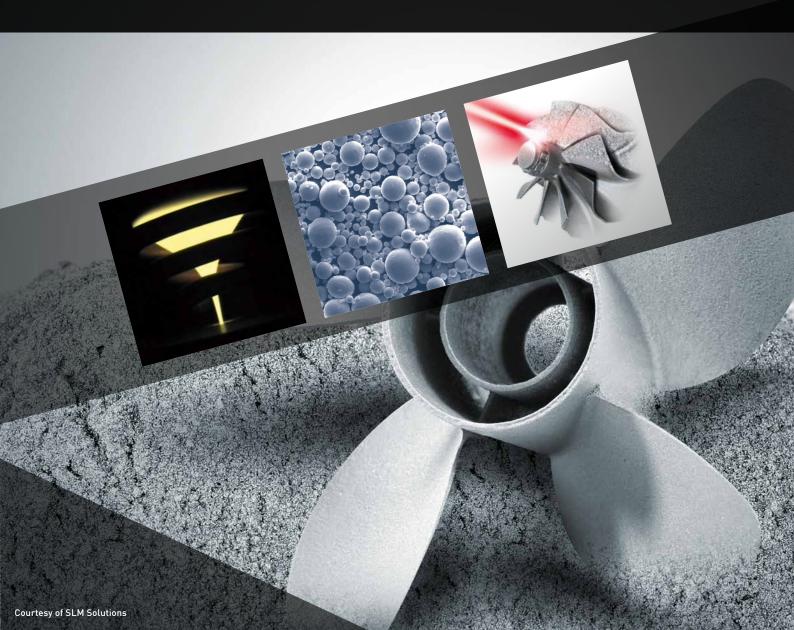


## **ALD Vacuum Technologies**

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# METAL ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

EIGA and VIGA: Metal Powder Inert Gas Atomization Equipment



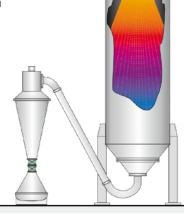
# **VIGA**

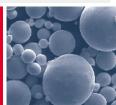
## Vacuum Induction-melting Inert Gas Atomization

- Leading process for production of powder feedstock for Metal Additive Manufacturing of superalloys and dental alloys such as In738, In718, In625, CoCr
- Superclean powder due to melting under vacuum/inert conditions
- Spherical powder morphology with high tap density due to inert gas atomization
- Plant sizes from 20 t up to 2000 t p.a.
- Repeatable product quality and particle size distribution









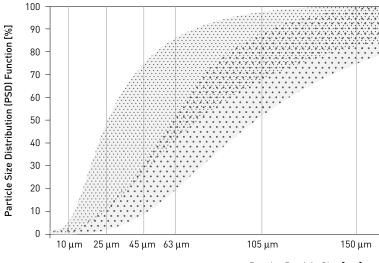




Dental part CoCr alloy\*



Turbine blade Inconel 718\*

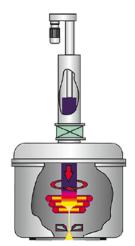


Powder Particle Size [µm]

# **EIGA**

### Electrode Induction-melting Inert Gas Atomization

- Leading process for production of powder feedstock for Metal Additive Manufacturing of refractory and reactive alloys such as CP-Ti, TiAl6V4, TiAl, Zr702 and precious metals
- Superclean powder due to induction ceramic-free melting
- Spherical powder morphology with high tap density due to inert gas atomization
- Melting and atomization without refractory consumable crucible
- Robust, repeatable process





# VIGA Powder for Metal Additive Manufacturing In625, 718, 738 CoCrMo(W) EIGA Powder for Metal Additive Manufacturing CP-Ti Zr702 TiAl6V4 Precious TiAl Metals

250 μm

# EIGA High Quality Titanium Powder for Metal Additive Manufacturing

- An alloy barstick is fed at constant speed vertically from the top into a conical induction coil.
- A high-frequency electromagnetic field induces Eddy-currents in the barstick which starts to form a melt film at the conical surface.
- The melt film flows to the cone tip and melt drops separate. A constant melt flow evolves after start-up and flows vertically into the inert gas nozzle.
- The process enables melting and inert gas atomizing of refractory and/or reactive alloys without a ceramic liner or cold wall.



#### ALD

#### High value and high standards

- Many years of experience in design and manufacturing of vacuum inert gas atomizers in the superalloys, thermal spray, titanium, precious metals and electronics industries
- Worldwide sales and service network
- Testing facilities for powder production available in Germany





Technical Data ATOMIZER EQUIPMENT	VIGA	EIGA
Equipment Overall Height	9 - 16 m	7 - 10 m
Equipment Footprint	8 x 8 m	5 x 5 m
Connected Power	80 - 1500 kVA	80 - 300 kVA
Ultimate Vacuum	5 Pa	5 Pa
Leak Rate	5 Pa l/s	5 Pa l/s

Technical Data ATOMIZATION PROCESS	VIGA	EIGA
Annual Powder Production Capacity	50 - 2000 MT	50 - 250 MT
Atomization Gas	${\sf N_2}$ or ${\sf Ar}$	Ar or N <sub>2</sub>
Atomization Gas Pressure	20 - 60 bar	15 - 35 bar
Atomization Gas Flowrate	15 - 40 m³/min (STP)	8 - 18 m³/min (STP)
Min. Batch Size	5 - 2000 kg	5 - 100 kg

Technical Data METAL POWDER	VIGA	EIGA
Typical Powder Alloys for Metal AM	CoCrMo(W), In625, In718, In738	CP-Ti, TiAl6V4, TiAl, Zr702, precious metals
Powder Morphology	spherical	spherical
d <sub>50</sub> (PSD Mass Median)	35 - 70 μm	60 - 100 μm
Typical/ Available Size Classes for Metal AM	- 45 μm	- 45 μm
	+10 - 45 μm	+10 - 45 μm
	+25 - 45 μm	+25 - 45 μm
	+45 - 63 μm	+45 - 63 μm
	+45 - 105 um	+45 - 105 um

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