



## Omega infrared emitters weld filter container

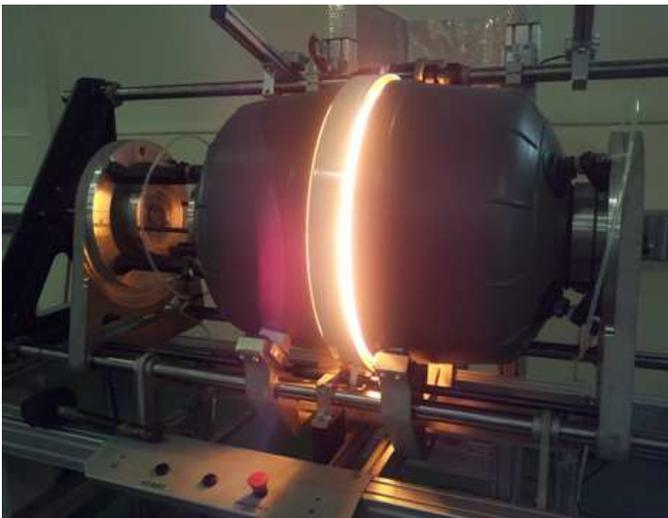
Housings for swimming bath filters are relatively large and thick-walled and must be pressure-resistant. They are injection-molded in two halves in polypropylene (PP) and the two halves are welded together. For one company in South East Asia, the welding together of these large and thick-walled plastic components presented a real challenge, as the filter housing, when in its operating position, was clearly visible so that the welding seam had to be optically perfect. The company formerly used a welding system with resistance heating elements in an aluminum block with a Teflon coating. The heating elements were pneumatically swiveled in and out of position. However, the PP, which flows easily when melted, tended to stick on the heating element, so that quality and speed of production could no longer meet the increased production requirements. Consequently, a more efficient solution was sought, in order to save energy. Omega infrared emitters from Heraeus provided this solution.

For his customer in South East Asia, Dr Uwe Egen of IPCW (International Plastic Welding Consultancy) in Kassel, designed and built a system, which contains one of the largest Omega infrared emitters ever manufactured. This special emitter has the shape of a Greek letter omega, a diameter of 61 cm and is fitted with a 180° gold reflector, so that the heat can be totally targeted to where it is needed.

Two of the ring-shaped emitters project their heat radiation onto the edges of the half shells. They sit in a swivel device and are swiveled away after they have melted the plastic edge. The two halves can then be joined together.

An intelligent control system, which was fitted in the existing control cabinet, helps to maintain an intensity/time profile. Combined with the correct welding pressure, this ensures an optimum welded joint.

“The infrared system has replaced the contact heating elements, so that now we have much shorter cycle times,” says Dr Egen. “However the main advantage of the infrared technology for me is that the two halves can be precisely centered. Infrared heats without contact, so there is no longer any possibility of contact surfaces sticking together and then shifting out of position.”



### Features

- Welding of filter units made of PP
- contact free heating
- Parts can be precisely centered without sticking together and shifting out of position

### Technische Daten

- Omega infrared emitters
- diameter of 61cm
- 180° gold reflector

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