# X-Strata920

Cost-effective, rapid and reliable XRF for coating thickness measurement and materials analysis





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# **X-Strata**920

# Powerful, reliable and easy to use EDXRF spectrometer guaranteeing quality and reducing costs



# Electronics





Top layer: Au (gold) coating thickness

Cu

Second layer: Pd (palladium) coating thickness

Third layer: Ni (nickel) coating thickness

Fourth layer: Substrate



### **Electrical and electronic components** Increase productivity with better process control

- Component reliability assurance
  - Solder alloy composition and thickness measurement
- Lifetime product assurance through optimised quality control

For example:

- Analysis of gold and palladium thickness of electrical contacts
- Coating thickness of NiP layer on computer hard discs



# Metal Finishing



### **Metal Finishing**

#### Minimise production cost of the plating process and maximise production output

- Speed and simplicity of analysis
  - Single or multi elements coating thickness analysis and coating composition
  - Analysis of up to 4 layers
  - Plating bath analysis



# Metal Allov



Assay and ID

### Metal alloy composition and identification Rapid, non-destructive analysis of jewellery and other alloys

- Precious metal alloy assay
- Karat analysis
- Material identification

### **Oxford Instruments – A brand you can trust**

- Oxford Instruments has over 20 years experience in designing, manufacturing, selling and supporting reliable, cost-effective solutions for coatings thickness and composition analysis
- Thousands of XRF benchtop coatings analysers have been supplied globally providing reliable 24/7 guality control



## X-ray fluorescence (XRF) method

X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) instruments work by exposing a sample to be measured to a beam of primary X-rays. The atoms of the sample absorb energy from the X-rays, become temporarily excited and then emit secondary X-rays. Each chemical element emits X-rays at a unique energy. By measuring the intensity and characteristic energy of the emitted X-rays, an XRF analyser can provide qualitative and quantitative analysis regarding the thickness and composition of the material being tested.

# Benefits of analysis by X-ray fluorescence

- - Non-destructive analysis

  - Analysis of solids and solutions
  - Rapid analysis: results in seconds

  - Easy to use with only minimal training
  - Standard test methods, specifications and guides using XRF technique are used internationally to improve product quality, safety, facilitate market access and trade, and build consumer confidence. For example, X-Strata920 complies with:
    - thickness by X-ray spectrometry
    - ISO 3497: Metallic coatings Measurement of coating thickness -X-ray spectrometric methods

- Minimal or no sample preparation
- Wide range of element determination, Ti<sup>22</sup> to U<sup>92</sup>
- Qualitative, semi-quantitative and full quantitative analysis

  - ASTM B568: Standard test method for measurement of coating



# Coating Thickness Analysis As easy as...

**1** Place samples on analysis table



- Non-destructive analysis: no sample preparation
- Easy sample introduction/presentation: slotted chamber
- Large analysis table enables the measurement of large flat samples

### **2** Optimise camera focus at the click of a button



- No operator-to-operator results variability: point-and-click laser focus
- Clear, pin-point analysis: high-resolution colour video camera with high magnification
- Unattended operation: single or multiple analysis using the programmable XY stage (optional) and Z axis
- Simple and quick multi-point analysis: customer pre-defined analysis patterns



### High performance XRF spectrometer

- Fast and precise analysis: the combination of a largearea proportional counter detector and Oxford Instruments' 50-watt micro-focus X-ray tube (providing a high-intensity, small-spot X-ray beam for superior sample excitation) delivers optimum sensitivity
- **Simple element differentiation:** secondary beam filters enable the spectral separation of overlapping elements
- Optimised performance across a wide range of elements

### Rugged and robust design

- Operation in a laboratory or by the production line
- Sturdy, industrial design

### Simple calibration setup

- Fundamental Parameters (FP) methods provide simplicity and reliable quantitative results when no calibration standards are available
- Empirical calibrations provide best accuracy and results traceability, and use only a few standards
- Methods are created in minutes
- Oxford Instruments supply certified standards for best accuracy (A2LA and ISO/IEC 17025 accredited)



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• **X-Strata**920 is supplied with over 800 pre-loaded, easy-to-select application parameters/methods

### Excellent long-term stability:

- Automatic thermal compensation measures the instrument temperature and corrects for changes, giving stable results
- Simple and rapid Spectrum Calibration routine checks the instrument performance (such as sensitivity) and applies necessary corrections

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## Remove results variability between operations

## **Integrated** laser

- Simple 'point and click' operation to bring sample into focus
- Fixed focal distance: 0.5" (12.7 mm)

# Analysis of variety of sample shapes and sizes



# Multi primary beam collimators

- Optimal performance results through flexible collimator selection
- Best sensitivity and speed of analysis
- Up to 6 collimators for additional application capability

# Advanced system security

- Simple user interface with limited features for the routine operator
- Manager level access for system maintenance
- System usage logged by operator
- Autolock function prevents unauthorised use of the instrument



# Three configuration options

# To suit your analysis needs

### **Standard base**

- A 'Slotted chamber' allows the measurement of a wide range of samples from small components to very large flat samples e.g. printed circuit board. The size of the sample can exceed the width of the instrument.
- Motorised and software controlled analysis head for speed and ease of use.
- Economical and practical.
- For the analysis of samples up to 33mm (1.3") in height.



### Mini-well base

- The 'Mini-well' chamber design allows the measurement of a wide range of parts/components from small to large, i.e. up to 160mm (6.3") in height.
- Sample tray which can be positioned in one of four positions in the 'Miniwell' to hold samples of differing height, ensuring a range of parts/ components can be measured with ease.
- 'Slotted chamber' allows the measurement of large flat samples, e.g. printed circuit boards whose size can exceed the width of the instrument.





### **Results export**

- Export results into Microsoft<sup>™</sup>
  Excel or create custom reports
- Apply custom statistical analysis formats
- Include statistical data analysis
- Capture the sample image in reports

### Programmable base

- A motorised and programmable table allows automatic measurements for highest sample throughput and unattended operation.
- Mouse control enables easy positioning of the parts/ components being analyzed to the precise points for analysis.
- The 'Slotted chamber' allows large flat samples to be measured, e.g. printed circuit boards.
- Table size: 56mm (22") D x 61mm (24") W



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