

Thermography for Quality Assurance

ImageIR® – precise, efficient and reliable

Today gas and steam turbine power plants by the SIEMENS AG are more than ever complex high-tech products. They provide a continuous and reliable electrical power supply for industry and population worldwide. They do this using fossil fuels very efficient and therefore exceptionally friendly for our environment. To achieve this highest quality of every single component is absolutely imperative. Thus heavily stressed parts like the turbine blades are tested with the latest measurement techniques for example with infrared thermography.

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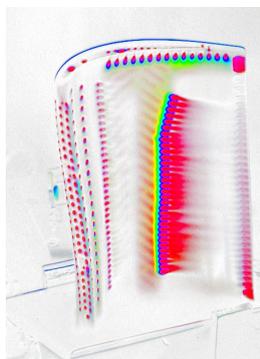


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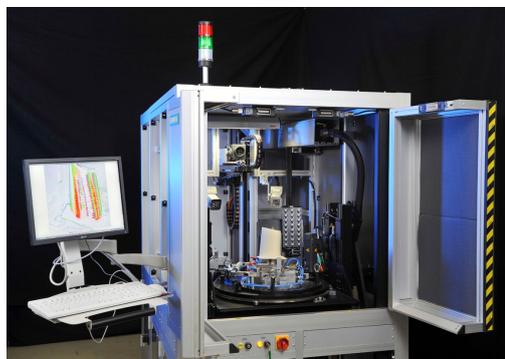
During the production of the turbine blades for gas and steam turbine power plants the Siemens AG uses ceramic coatings since higher entry temperatures to the turbine blades are reachable which increases efficiency. Thereby it is necessary to ensure the correct application of the coatings without any losses at the flow channels. Mr. Sczepurek together with his team takes the responsibility for the required test techniques and processes. Out of the range of non-destructive testing methods he chose infrared thermography as it allows for checking large turbine areas particularly fast and reliable at the same time.

InfraTec supports this quality assurance by supplying high-performance and reliable infrared cameras from its own ImageIR® series manufactured in Dresden. The geometric resolution of (640 x 512) pixels being high for commercial, cooled thermal cameras provides together with a fast frame rate the necessary prerequisites to realize the test of every turbine reliably but also in eco-nomically justifiable time.

A fast motorized focussing as well as a data acquisition to the split milisecond and a camera control by a capable and customizable software of InfraTec also plays an important role. The flexible interface concept of the ImageIR® camera moreover allows for a seamless integration into the existing system environment. Additionally, the infrared cameras of the ImageIR® series can be combined with external excitation devices due to its precise trigger possibility. Thus, further parameters of turbine blades can be determined within the methodology of active heat flow thermography. Their analysis and practical application result in a further increase in efficiency for the customers of the gas and steam turbine power plants of the SIEMENS AG.



Thermographic testing of turbine blades



Thermographic test bench