



### Innovating Optics Assembly by Decoupling Alignment and Fixation

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#### IMS designs, builds, and supplies assembly production equipment

- high accuracy (range: 50 μm up to 0.1 μm)
- from low- to high volume (>> 100.000 units/year, 2-60 sec cycle time)





#### global installed base



**EVICES** 

SMART

**IMS** Company Facts – Figures - Markets

staff

120(+)

Almelo (NL)

privately owned

est. 1999

net revenue

> 50 M€

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## **IMS** Optics Alignment Workstation (OAS-x)

- Active alignment for lens2chip (up to 6 Degrees of Freedom)
- Alignment accuracy: ± 0.1 μm
- Modular
  - Adjustable Field of View (10 160°)
  - Easy integration in assembly production systems
  - Allows scaling up from low to high volume

#### Typical customer requirements:

- Short cycle time: < 10 seconds ( > 360 units/hour)
  - Camera frame rate ≥ 30 fps
  - includes < 1 sec CMOS power-up</li>
  - alignment scan range 300 μm
  - includes 2 sec UV cure ('fast cure')



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- Curing causes idle time of active alignment workstation
  - UV curing typically takes 2 to 15 seconds
- Glue shrinkage introduces alignment inaccuracy
  - e.g., pre-curing a bead of 200 μm with very low shrinkage (0.5%) causes alignment inaccuracy of 1.0 μm.

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Process steps

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It is worth trying to eliminate or replace (pre-)curing

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# **IMS** The Option: Position Freezing Carrier (PFC-x)

#### **Decoupling Alignment and Fixation**

- Secure aligned position without pre-cure
- Accuracy of 0.7µm in zoom direction
- Removes pre-cure step in alignment workstation
- Provides alternative fixation opportunities
- Higher efficacy of your equipment (lower TCO)

# **IMS** Decoupling Alignment and Fixation: Parallel Processing

#### Parallel Processing provided by the Position Freezing Carrier

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- (1)position freeze when alignment complete (no curing needed!)
- (2)

(4)

- move to parallel process for fixation
- return from fixation (3)
  - competed assembly removed from carrier

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#### What can IMS do for you?

- we offer high accuracy active alignment
- we help you reduce production cycle time
- we offer means to consider alternative fixation methods

### What can you do for IMS?

- present your production challenge to us
- provide samples for pre-automation study
- ... get in touch!

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### Thank you for your attention

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