

# AF 4000

## **Automatic Fusion Machine**



Automated Operation



Precise Temperature
Control



Rapid Testing



Intelligent Dual Control



AF 4000 Fully automatic Fusion machine powered by electric furnace with high productive Four fusion positions, mainly used for preparation of Glass Fusion Beads for XRF analysis & as well as borate and peroxide solutions for Atomic Absorption & ICP Spectroscopic analysis. It effectively reduces or even eliminates undesirable factors such as particle effect, matrix effect, mineral effect, etc. of samples, greatly improves the accuracy of Analytical performance & safety to the users. Widely used in Steel, Metallurgy, Chemical, Environmental, Geology, Cement, Cosmetics, Food, Pharma etc...

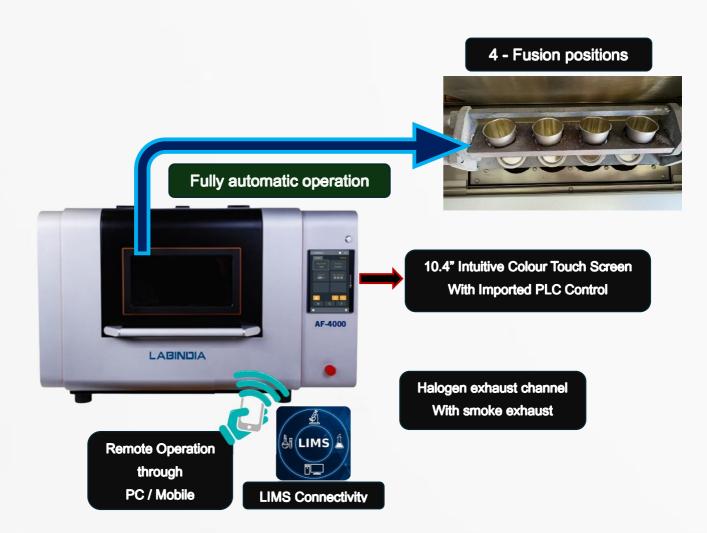
### Why Fusion in Laboratory

Fusion is a sample preparation method developed in the mid-1950s.

A fully oxidized sample and a flux are melted into a liquid state using a platinum crucible at high temperature. The molten mixture is stirred and poured into a mold, where it is eventually cooled to form a glass frit suitable for XRF analysis.

Fusion technique has wide advantages when compared with other sample preparation techniques viz. Pelletising or acid digestion.

	Fusion Machine	Pellet Press
Mineral Effect	No	Yes
Affect of Particle size	No	Yes
Powder Size required	50 - 100 μm	10 - 30 μm
Error	Little (≤ 1%)	Huge (≤ 10%)
Calibration using synthetic Standards	Yes (Easy)	No
Matric Correction	Yes	No



#### Advantages of AF 4000

- High productive 4-Fusion Positions with analysis time of 10 12 min. and a throughput of 20 24 samples / hour. (Can be used 1 to 4 fusion positions as per requirement)
- Full automation with Minimal manual intervention & Ease of Operation.
- Intuitive full Touch-Screen Design with Intelligent Imported PLC control with Complete digitalised process: Process
  can be programmed in a single click with built-In Touch Screen Controller.
- Automatic fusion process with a single click on Touch Screen; just load the sample, set the melting curve through the touch screen, and the melting process can be completed automatically.
- Real-time temperature measurement by thermocouple, PID constant temperature adjustment, and PLC intelligent control ensure precise control of the sample preparation process and excellent sample preparation quality.
- User-adjustable automatic swing system with swing angle Max. up to ±40° to ensure the uniformity and quality of the
  melt, and adjustable inverted Mold moulding.
- Halogen exhaust channel: Real-time discharge of corrosive gases generated by high temperature to extend the service life of equipment consumables.
- Silicon Carbide heating elements & high-precision multiple thermocouples are used to monitor the
  temperature in the high-temperature furnace in real time, and the temperature in the furnace is accurately controlled
  in combination with the PID temperature control program, ensures stability & quality of the melt.
- Max. temperature up to 1350°C with operating temperature up to 1250°C with Accuracy of ±1°C.
- Lining of the high-temperature furnace is made of high-quality refractory materials to ensure the thermal stability and long life of the high-temperature furnace.
- Integral ceramic bracket, the bracket as a whole does not contain any iron-based materials, does not fall off or crack after long-term use, and is easy to disassemble and assemble. The bracket as a whole can be pickled with hydrochloric acid and can be used repeatedly with a service life of more than 3 years.
- Cold-to-cold operation mode, no heat radiation and scalding risk.
- No ceramic rod above the melting crucible, which avoids the risk of pollutants falling during the melting process and achieves zero pollution in the melting process.
- Automatically complete melting and casting: Full automation programming one button of complete fusion process Preoxidation → Heating melting → Pouring → Cooling.
- The pouring is completed in the furnace, with less heat radiation to the human body. The forced Air-cooling system is
  designed to accelerate the cooling of the melt and improve efficiency.
- Platinum crucibles and moulds are designed with heat-resistant ceramic protection frame devices (temp-resistance to 1600°C) to extend their service life.
- Designed with multiple protections (Burn-Out, Over-temperature, swing motion limit protection, etc.), makes the instrument safer, more stable and reliable. Any programme can be interrupted at any time in an emergency.
- Integrated safety door design and fixed crucible rack, no gas, no flame, no high-frequency radiation, no risk of scalding, ensuring safety. Adjustable mold rack, the mold rack can adapt to molds of different sizes of 30/32/34/36/37/40mm.
- Designed with independent controllable safety door, supports opening mid-way.
- Remote control Operation through electronic peripherals Viz. PC or Mobile & Integration with LIMS.
- The complete test records can be checked and exported to other electronic peripherals.

#### Technical Data (AF 4000 Automatic Fusion Machine)

Max. Temperature Range (Holder Operating Temperature Up to 1600°C)

RT - 1250°C **Operating Temperature** 

**Temperature Accuracy** ± 1°C (S-Type Platinum-Rhodium Thermocouple)

Heating ramp rate Max. up to 35°C/min (Melting and Heating Stage)

No. of Positions 4 sample positions (Can prepare 1 to 4 Samples simultaneously)

Silicon Carbide Heating elements Heating

Forming method Automatic mold pouring and molding

4 Samples / 10-12 Minutes (Depending on Sample Complexity) **Throughput** 

(High Throughput of 24 Samples / Hour)

Automatic sampling  $\rightarrow$  Preheating  $\rightarrow$  Pre-oxidation  $\rightarrow$  Heating melting  $\rightarrow$  Pouring  $\rightarrow$  Cooling. Working mode

(The time of each stage can be adjuste)

Crucible swing angle ± 40°

0-130° Pourable angle

**Temperature Control System** 

**Remote Control Operation** 

Ceramic insulation protection resistance Silicon Nitride Ceramic material; withstand high-Temp. upto 1600°C

**Control System** 10.4" Large Colour Touchscreen Controller, Imported PLC Control, PID Thermostat.

Uses a new Al artificial intelligence algorithm, with a new furnace structure and spiral heating

element, rapid heating, and no temperature overshoot, to ensure the temperature

requirements of sample melting throughout the process

Platinum crucible (Pt/Au:95/5) Crucibles

Option: Other Crucibles viz. Zirconia, Nickel on request

Crucible holder material Integral ceramic bracket, the whole does not contain any iron-based materials, life span > 3 years

Integrated auto-locking protection shield with safety glass; Safety door design, Broken couple, **Safety Protection** 

broken rod, Over-Temperature protection, Swing movement limit position; Door Open;

**Emergency Stop** 

Can be connected to any electronic peripheral VIZ. PC or Mobile for remote control operation and

also can be integrated with Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

Test Records can be any time exported to other electronic peripherals.

Built-In 10 Pre-Loaded programme parameters with editable options and 10 Sample fusion **Standard Operating Procedures / Methods** 

parameters for different sample experiments can be set as per user's choise.

Certifications GMP / CE / ISO Certified

Protection **IP66 Protected** 

**Power Supply** 8.0 kW / 35 Amp; Single Phase.; 220 V; 50 Hz; Grounded

1020 x 650 x 670 (Main Instrument) Dimensions (LxWxH) mm

Recommended size of the platform: 1400 x 800 x 800

Weight 136 Kg



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