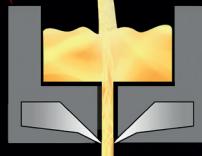


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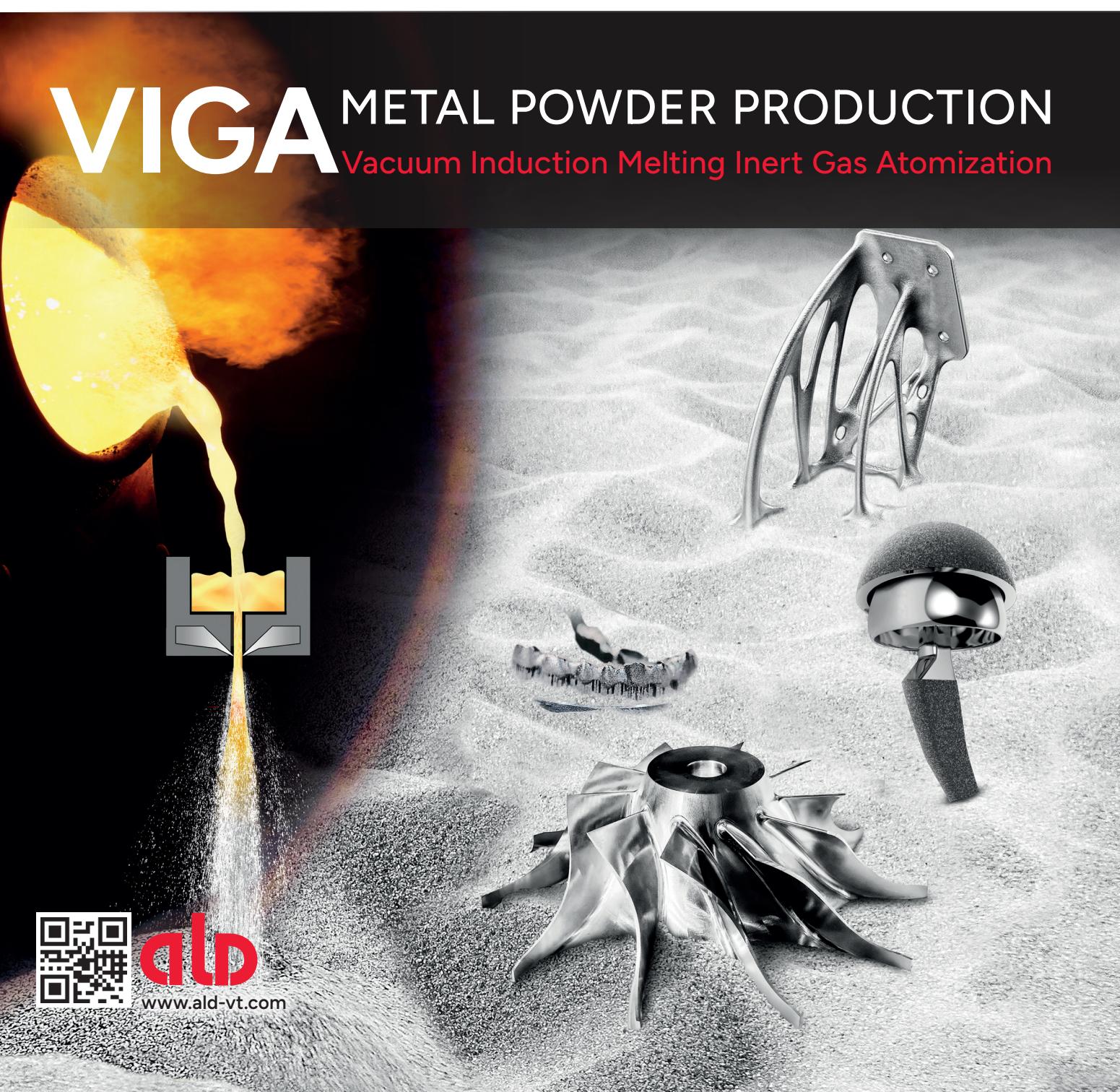
VIGA METAL POWDER PRODUCTION

Vacuum Induction Melting Inert Gas Atomization



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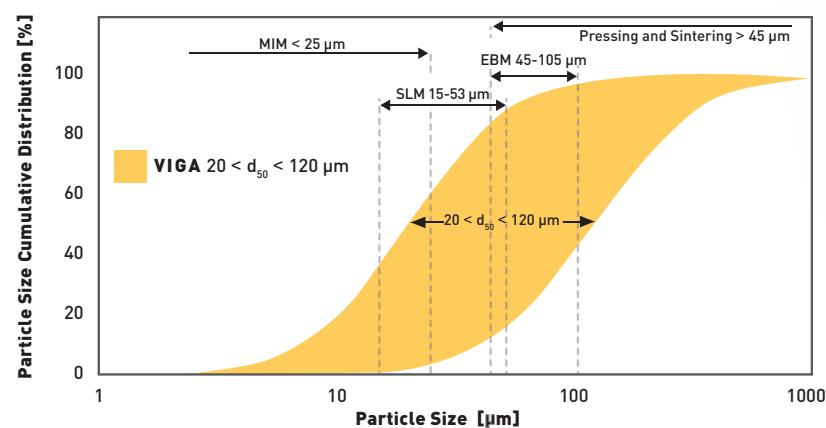


Vacuum Induction Melting Inert Gas Atomization PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS & SEQUENCE

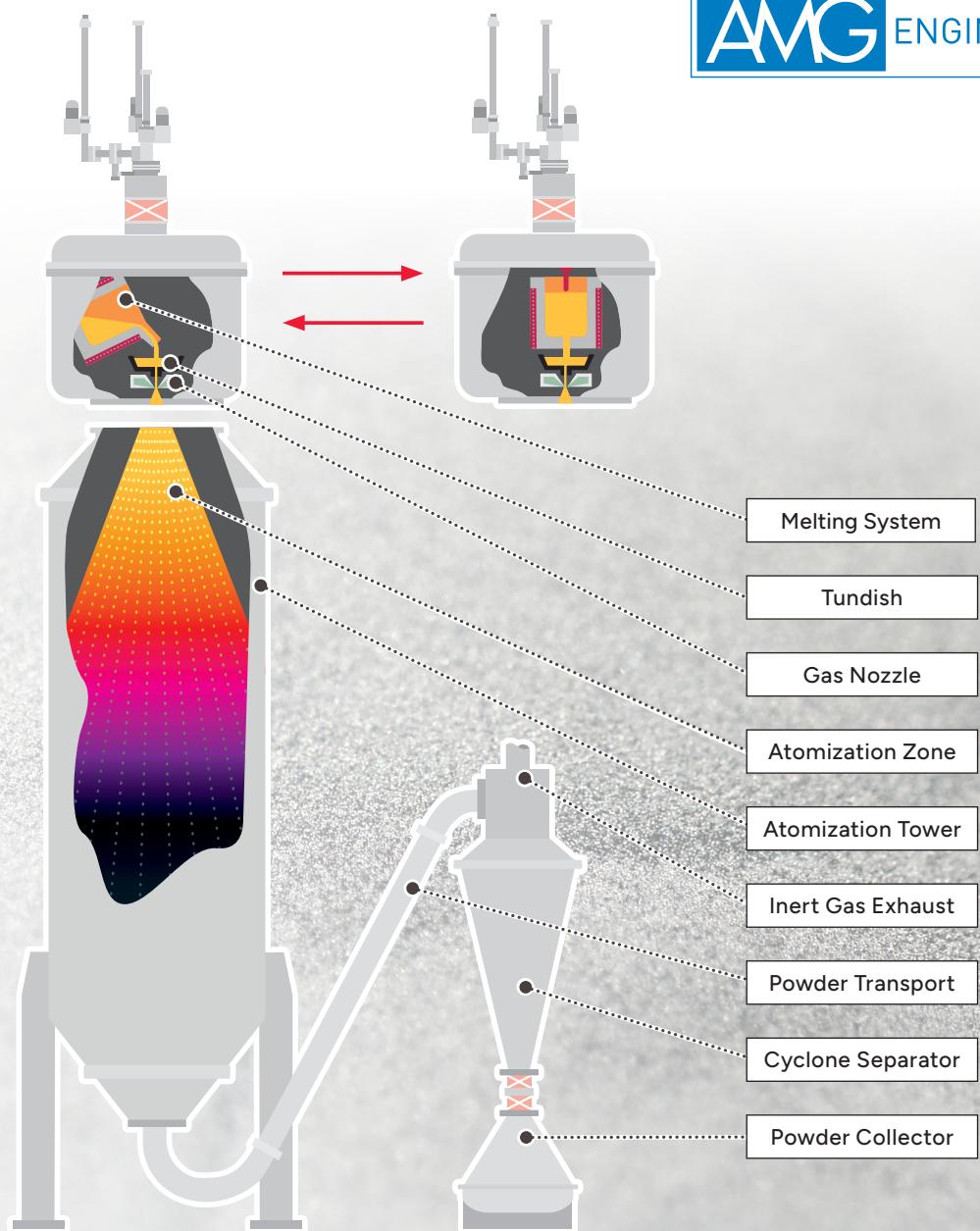
- ▶ Leading process for production of high-quality Fe / Co / Ni / Cr / Cu and other metal alloy powders with superb characteristics
- ▶ Excellent product quality repeatability due to precise control of all critical process parameters
- ▶ Melting of metallic raw materials under vacuum or inert conditions
- ▶ Controlled delivery of molten metal by top or bottom pouring via tundish and / or orifice towards close-coupled gas nozzle
- ▶ Atomization of metal stream into spray of micro-droplets by high-pressure inert gas jet
- ▶ Solidification of droplets and forming of powder particles in atomization tower
- ▶ Powder transport and collection under inert conditions

Powder Characteristics

PARTICLE SIZE

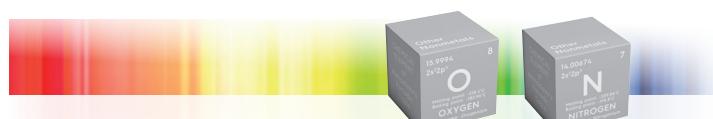


- ▶ Log normal Gaussian particle size distribution (PSD)
- ▶ d_{50} value of PSD adjustable between 20 – 120 μm for a variety of alloys
- ▶ PSD width / standard deviation $S = d_{84}/d_{50} = d_{50}/d_{16}$ ranges from 2.0 to 2.5
- ▶ d_{50} values less than 20 μm achievable for low melting alloys



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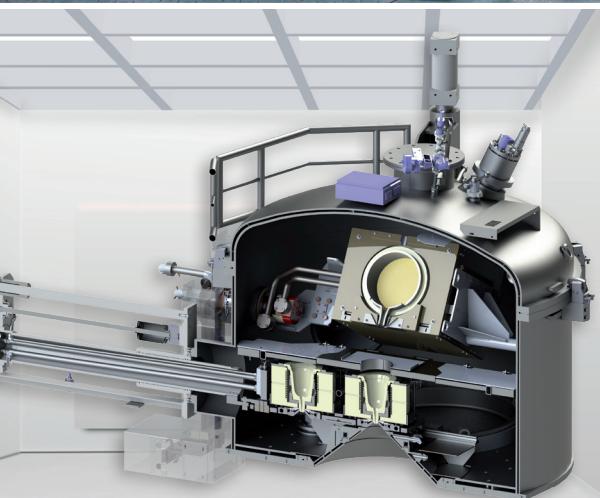
- Spherical morphology
- High flowability and tap density



OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- Overall powder / raw material yield > 95 %
- Low oxygen and nitrogen concentrations
- Uniform and homogeneous powder chemistry

POWDER PRODUCTION



World Class VIGA Systems from the Market and Technology Leader for Inert Gas Atomizers

ALD's VIGA MODEL SERIES & DESIGN FEATURES

- Lab-scale systems with 5 – 15 kg batch size up to large-scale powder production plants with 2000 kg batch size
- Productivity of 20 t up to 2000 t per annum
- Double door melting chamber (large systems) with individual vacuum induction melting station for each door
- Quick-change induction furnace boxes with different capacities available for one specific VIGA model
- Bottom (small systems) and top pouring (medium and large systems)
- Redundant double tundish system to minimize risk of material losses and equipment downtime
- Suitable sized atomization tower, ascending powder conveying tube, cyclone and additional dust filter for high-efficient powder transport and collection

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA FOR DIFFERENT VIGA SIZES

		VIGA2B	VIGA5	VIGA8
Overall Height	[m]	4.7	7.0	9.5
Typical Footprint	[m * m]	5.0 * 6.0	6.0 * 7.0	6.5 * 7.5
Max. Melt Volume	[l]	2	5	8
Max. Batch Weight*	[kg]	15	40	60
Typical Metal Flow Rate	[kg/min]	5-15	10-20	10-20
Typical Atomization Gas Flow Rate	[m ³ /h]	1000-1500	1200-2100	1200-2100
Typical Atomization Time	[min]	2	3	5
Typical Total Cycle Time	[h]	2.0	2.5	3.0
Max. Annual Powder Production**	[mt/yr]	45	100	125
Typical D ₅₀ Value Range	[µm]	20 - 120	20 - 120	20 - 120

*Based on IN718, based on **24/7 operation and 260 days of production / yr



**Excellent references
with leading powder
producers worldwide**



VIGA16	VIGA35	VIGA45	VIGA70	VIGA150	VIGA300
10.0	11.5	12.5	13.5	16.0	18.0
7.0 * 8.0	8.0 * 9.0	8.0 * 9.0	10.0 * 12.0	13.0 * 20.0	21.0 * 26.0
16	35	45	70	150	300
120	260	350	525	1125	2250
10-20	10-20	10-20	10-20	10-20	10-20
1200- 2100	1200- 2100	1200- 2100	1200- 2100	1200- 2100	1200-2100
10	22	29	44	75	150
3.5	4.0	4.5	5.5	7.0	8.0
210	400	480	600	1000	1750
20 - 120	20 - 120	20 - 120	20 - 120	20 - 120	20 - 120



**More than 100 successfully
commissioned inert gas
atomization systems**



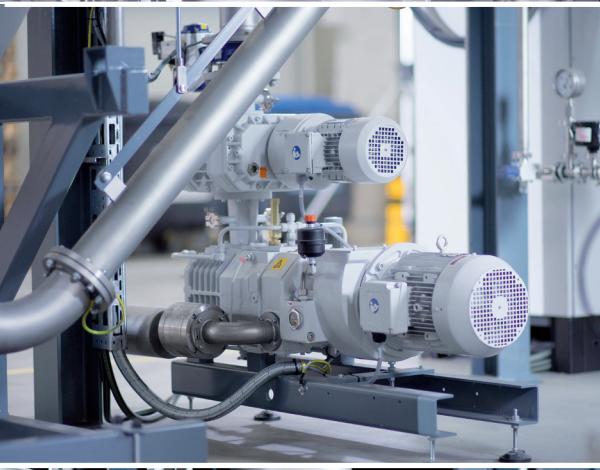
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New Design Features & Specialized Furnace Concepts

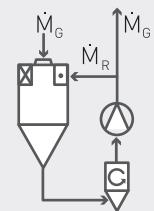
POWER FOR POWDER - YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS

- Engineering and manufacturing of customer-specific VIGA type inert gas atomizers
- New design features Gas Recirculation and Hot Gas Atomization
- Specialized furnace concepts such as
 - VIGA2B-EIGA integrated inert gas atomization system
 - IGA systems
 - Spray forming systems



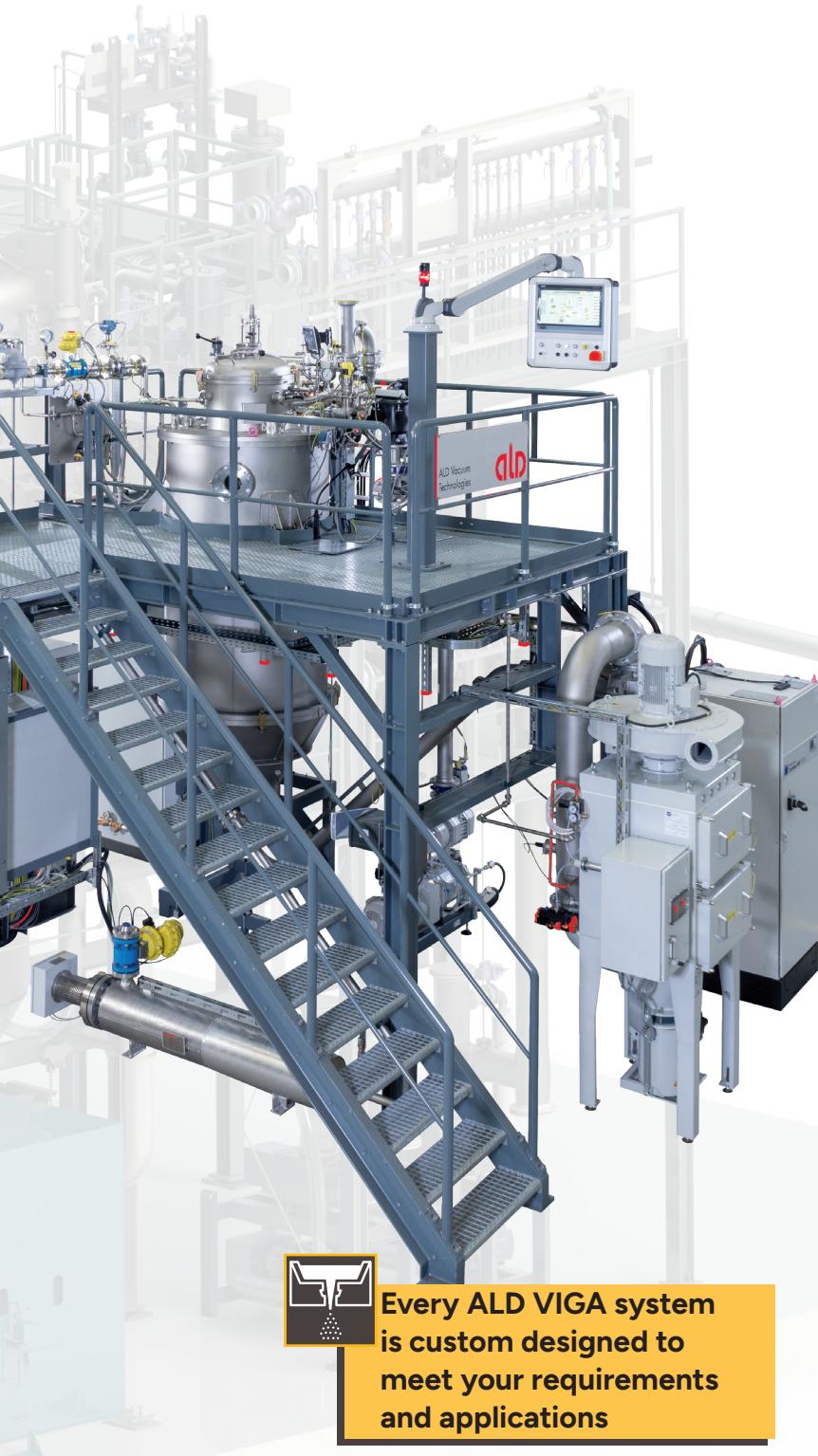
NEW FEATURE

Antisatellite system VIGA35



Gas Recirculation

- Recirculation of inert gas and supply into atomization tower beside fresh atomization gas
- Minimization of powder particle collisions and satellite formation
- Substantial improvement of overall powder morphology



ALD VIGA Systems – World Class Equipment to produce your metal-powder feedstock for a bright world of different processes & applications.

Powder Applications & End Markets

► POWDER PROCESSING

- MIM
- Plasma Spraying
- SLM / EBM 3D-Printing & other AM processes
- Pressing and Sintering

► ADDITIVE MANUFACTURED PARTS

► AVIATION

P/M rotor discs, turbine blades & structural components

► AUTOMOTIVE

Near net shape MIM components

► POWER ENGINEERING

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► MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

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