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Concepts for Drying, Debinding, Thermal Cleaning and Wax Burnout

Process

Atmosphere

Maximum Temperature for Debinding

Organic Quantity

Requirement

Concept

Furnace Type

For Debinding

For Debinding and Sintering

Post-Treatment of Exhaust Gases

Furnace Heating

1) Air
2) Protective gas
Debinding

Air

650 °C

Organic quantity low

Low requirement for temperature uniformity

DB60

Monitored air exchange. Fresh air, unheated. Furnace in overpressure.

Gas

Organic quantity low to high

Increased requirement for temperature uniformity

DB100

Monitoring air exchange. Pre-heated fresh air. Furnace in overpressure.

Gas

Organic quantity high

High requirement for temperature uniformity

DB200

Monitoring air exchange. Pre-heated fresh air. Furnace in overpressure.

Gas

Debinding process with control difficulties of heating ramp (exothermic reaction). Safe ignition of ignitable mixtures.

BO

Thermal debinding in inert atmosphere. Monitored safe inert gas purging.

IDB

Thermal debinding or pyrolysis in an inert atmosphere. Safe monitored inert gas purging.

H2

Thermal debinding in hydrogen atmosphere. Safe monitored inert gas purging.

COB

Catalytic debinding in nitrogen/nitric acid atmosphere. Monitored safe nitrogen purging to displace the oxygen.

Catalytic

Thermal afterburning

Air

500 °C

Organic quantity high

Low requirement for temperature uniformity

BO

Safe ignition of ignitable mixtures.

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Thermal afterburning

Electric

Gas

Thermal afterburning

Reducing

Air

500 °C

Organic quantity high to high

High requirement for temperature uniformity

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Separate catalytic afterburning system

Separate thermal afterburning system


Thermal afterburning

Thermal Cleaning, Ashing

Thermal Ashing

Dewaxing Furnaces

Air

850 °C

Organic quantity high

Low requirement for temperature uniformity

BO

Safe dewaxing below the melting point of wax. Subsequent sintering possible.

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Separate catalytic afterburning system

Separate thermal afterburning system


Thermal afterburning

Thermal afterburning
Debinding of technical ceramics is a critical process due to the released hydrocarbons which subject to the corresponding concentration can cause a formation of an ignitable mixture inside the furnace. Depending on the process and the quantity of binder, Nabertherm offers tailored passive and active safety packages to ensure a safe operation of the furnace.

I. Debinding in Air

1. Debinding in an Electrically Heated Furnace

For debinding in air with electric heating Nabertherm offers various debinding packages tailored to the individual process requirements. All debinding packages have professional integrated safety technology. Passive or active safety concepts are available, depending on the specific requirements. The passive safety concepts differ upon the requirements for the quantity of organic materials, process reliability, and temperature distribution.

1.1. Passive Safety Concept

Nabertherm debinding furnaces are generally equipped with a passive safety concept to allow for a slow vaporization of flammable substances. The electrically heated furnaces work according to the dilution principle by introducing fresh air to reduce the degassing from the charge to a non-ignitable atmosphere in the furnace. The customer has to define the quantity of organic materials as well as the temperature curve, to make sure that the maximum permissible rate of vaporization is not exceeded. Thus, the customer is responsible for the function of the safety concept. The furnace DB safety package monitors all safety-relevant process parameters and initiates a respective emergency program in case of a malfunction. The passive safety concept has proven itself in practice due to its good price performance ratio. Depending on the process requirements, the following equipment packages are available.

DB10 Debinding Package for Air Circulation Furnaces (Convection Heating) up to 450 °C

The DB10 debinding package is the basic option for safe debinding in air circulation furnaces up to 450 °C. The furnace is equipped with an exhaust gas fan providing for a defined volume of air which is extracted from the furnace, thus allowing the volume of fresh air required for the debinding process to enter the furnace. The furnace is operated with negative pressure, which prevents an undefined emission of vaporization products.

Monitored process states for safe operation:
- Exhaust gas volumetric flow rate
- Function of air circulation
- Temperature gradient: If the heating gradient, selected by the customer is exceeded, the furnace is immediately switched off.

DB50 Debinding Package for Laboratory Furnaces

The DB50 debinding package is especially suitable for laboratory furnaces and for processes with low vaporization rates. The furnace is equipped with a fresh air fan. The fresh air fan is pre-set in the factory for the minimum volume of fresh air required for the debinding process. The furnace is operated with overpressure during the debinding process.

Monitored process states for safe operation:
- Fresh air volumetric flow rate
**DB100 Debinding Package for Production Furnaces with Radiation Heating**

The DB100 debinding package is the basic option for safe debinding in furnaces with radiation heating. The furnace is equipped with a fresh air fan and a fresh air preheater. The fresh air fan is pre-set in the factory for the minimum volume of fresh air required for the debinding process. The furnace is operated with overpressure during the debinding process. Exhaust air and exhaust gas are blown out via an outlet equipped with a motor driven flap into an exhaust hood with exhaust interruption. This is the interface to the customer’s exhaust air system.

Monitored devices and process states for safe operation:
- Electromagnetic door lock
- Redundant fresh air volumetric flow rate
- Position of the fresh-air flap
- Position of the exhaust air flap
- Temperature gradient
- Power loss (emergency program after power has returned)
- Fresh air fan
- Thermocouple break
- The furnace controls respond differently depending on the specific malfunction and put the furnace into a safe condition.

**DB200 Debinding Package for Production Furnaces with Air Circulation or Radiation Heating**

The DB200 debinding package is the professional solution for the variable ceramics production because it can be used flexibly for different debinding processes and also for frequently changing debinding processes. Like with the DB100 debinding package, the fresh air required for the process is preheated. The air is introduced via perforated ceramic tubes that blow the preheated air into the furnace chamber horizontally. This ensures very good heat transfer and improves the temperature uniformity.

As opposed to the DB100 debinding package, exhaust air and exhaust gas are extracted via separate outlets, each equipped with a motor driven flap. The furnace is equipped with a fresh air fan and an exhaust gas fan. Both devices are reconciled so that the volume of air required for the debinding process is blown in and, at the same time, negative pressure is controlled in the furnace chamber. The exhaust gases during the debinding phase are extracted through the exhaust gas outlet, which is connected directly to the local exhaust gas piping. Due to the direct connection, the exhaust gas volumes are reduced and subsequent exhaust gas treatment systems can be dimensioned smaller. For cooling, the exhaust air blown out into the exhaust hood with exhaust interruption, which is the interface to the customer’s exhaust air system.

Monitored devices and process states for safe operation:
- Electromagnetic door lock
- Redundant fresh air and exhaust gas volumetric flow rate
- Position of the fresh-air flap
- Position of the exhaust gas flap
- Position of the exhaust air flap
- Temperature gradient
- Power loss (emergency program after power has returned)
- Fresh air fan
- Malfunction of exhaust gas fan
- Underpressure in the furnace chamber
- Thermocouple break
- The furnace controls respond differently depending on the specific malfunction and put the furnace into a safe condition.
Safety Concept for Debinding

The main differences and/or advantages between the DB100 and DB200 debinding packages are:
- Automatic control of the exhaust gas fan in relation to the selected volume of fresh air. This is beneficial for temperature management (uniform temperature) and an adaptable extraction of the exhaust gas volumes. Reduced odors and condensation in the exhaust gas piping.
- Perforated tubes in the furnace chamber for even distribution of preheated fresh air throughout the horizontal charging levels
- Exhaust gas system can be dimensioned smaller, since no cold air is added via an exhaust interruption system (energy efficiency).

1.2. Active Safety Concept
Alternatively, the passive safety concept can be upgraded into an active safety system with additional equipment so that safety is monitored actively. The current limit concentrations in the furnace are monitored by flame thermal analysis (FTA). Accordingly, the fresh air and exhaust gas fans, as well as the furnace heating, are controlled automatically. For example, if the furnace is in an unsafe condition, due to overloading, too rapid heating gradients or too little fresh air, the necessary emergency program is initiated depending on the process step.

2. BO Safety Concept in Electrically Heated Furnaces for Processes with High Vaporization Rates
The BO safety concept that burns off ignitable gas mixtures by means of an additional gas-fired ignition burner can be used to burn off organic residues. The concept is recommended for products that are resistant against an uncontrolled temperature rising during the firing process. Please see page 10 for a detailed description of this safety concept.

3. Debinding in Direct Gas-Fired Furnaces
Compared to electrically heated furnaces, gas fired furnaces have the advantage that large quantities of released hydrocarbons are incinerated directly in the furnace during the process. In this respect, gas-fired furnaces are especially suitable if the vaporization process is difficult to manage, for example, due to high vaporization dynamics. Complex process controls or long process times are avoided even for dynamic processes with a high degree of released hydrocarbons. Gas-fired furnaces are especially suitable for debinding when precise temperature management or optimum temperature uniformity during debinding are not top priority.

II. Debinding or Pyrolysis under Non-Flammable or Flammable Protective or Reaction Gases

IDB Safety Concept for Debinding in Protective Gas Boxes under Non-Flammable Protective Gases with Low Residual Oxygen
The IDB safety concept with an inert atmosphere in protective gas boxes is ideal for debinding processes under protective gas where a small amount of residual oxygen for the materials is permitted. The furnace technology in combination with a protective gas box made from heat-resistant stainless steel has a very good price performance ratio.

A monitored inert gas pre-flushing and conservation flushing during the process ensure that a residual oxygen concentration of 3 % is not exceeded in the protective gas box. The customer must check this limit value with regular measurements.

- Monitored inert gas pre-flushing and conservation flushing in the protective gas box
- Monitor of inert gas inlet pressure
- Monitored flushing of the furnace chamber with fresh air to dilute the furnace atmosphere in case of any leakages of the protective gas box
IDB Safety Concept in Retort Furnaces for Debinding under Non-Flammable Protective Gases or for Pyrolysis Processes

The retort furnaces in the NR(A) and SR(A) series are ideal for debinding under non-flammable protective gases or for pyrolysis processes. With the IDB option, the furnace chamber is flushed with protective gases. Exhaust gases are incinerated in an exhaust gas torch. The flushing and the torch function are monitored to ensure safe operation.

- Process management under monitored overpressure of 35 mbar relative
- Failsafe Siemens PLC and graphic touch panel to enter data
- Monitored process gas inlet pressure
- Bypass for safe flushing of the furnace chamber with inert gas
- Torch for thermal incineration of the exhaust gases

Safety Concept for Heat Treatment under Flammable Process Gases

If flammable process gases, such as hydrogen, are used, the retort furnace is also equipped and delivered with the required safety technology. Only components with the corresponding certification are used as safety-relevant sensors. The furnace is controlled by a failsafe PLC control system (S7300/safety control).

- Inlet of flammable process gas with controlled overpressure
- Certified safety concept
- Process control H3700 with PLC control and graphic touch panel to enter data
- Redundant gas inlet valves for hydrogen
- Monitored inlet pressures of all process gases
- Bypass for safe flushing of the furnace chamber with inert gas
- Torch (electric or gas) for thermal afterburning of flammable process gas
- Emergency flood container for purging the furnace with protective gas in case of malfunction

CDB Safety Package for Catalytic Debinding with Nitric Acid

The safety concept prevents explosive gas mixture forming when the furnace is operated with nitric acid. For this purpose, the gastight retort is automatically flushed with a controlled flow of nitrogen which displaces the atmospheric oxygen before nitric acid is introduced. During debinding, the monitored mixing ratio between the nitrogen and acid prevents an excess acid dosis and, or consequently, the formation of an explosive atmosphere.

- Monitoring the pumping rate of the acid pump
- Nitrogen volumetric flow with redundant flow sensors
- Failsafe Siemens PLC
- Over-temperature limit controller to monitor excess and low temperatures
- Emergency flood container for purging the furnace with protection gas in case of malfunction
- Torch for thermal incineration of the exhaust gases
Safety Concept for other Processes where Organic Exhaust Gases Occur

I. BO Safety Concept for Processes with High Organic Vaporization Rates

The BO safety concept is recommended for processes with high vaporization dynamics that are difficult to control. Diluting the furnace atmosphere with air is not sufficient to guarantee non-ignitable mixtures in the furnace. Examples of this are processes with high binder amounts or rapid vaporization rates. This furnace concept is also suitable for processes in which the product is incinerated through ignition.

Air is continuously added to the furnace atmosphere to ensure a constant surplus of air. If, despite of this, an ignitable mixture forms in the atmosphere, this is ignited by a gas-fired ignition burner in the furnace. The system ensures that no considerable ignitable concentrations can form and ensures a safe incineration of the generated gases. The concept is recommended for products that are resistant against an uncontrolled temperature rising during the firing process. Debinding of organics can also be done at temperatures above 500 °C. Depending on the furnace model, the burn-off process can be followed by a subsequent process to max. 1400 °C.

Monitored devices and process states for safe operation:
- Temperature-controlled door lock
- Gas inlet pressure of burner system
- Flame of the ignition burner
- Flow rate of fresh air
- Exhaust gas flow
- The furnace controls respond differently depending on the specific malfunction and put the furnace into a safe condition

II. NB .. CL Safety Concept for Thermal Cleaning through Pyrolysis

The NB .. CL safety concept is used for thermal cleaning of components through pyrolysis, i.e. in a low-oxygen atmosphere. Examples are thermal cleaning of coated steel surfaces or nozzles of plastic injection molding machines. The furnaces are gas fired and have an integrated thermal afterburning system, which is also gas fired. The preset reducing atmosphere in the furnace effectively prevents the charge from self ignition to avoid damage caused by flames and the resulting temperature increase. The exhaust gases are extracted from the furnace into the integrated thermal afterburning system, where they are incinerated. Residue-free conversion is possible, depending on the type of exhaust gas. The NBCL safety concept is not suitable for evaporating solvents or for products with a high water content.

Monitored devices and process states for safe operation:
- Gas inlet pressure of burner system
- Ensuring the thermal afterburning function: The furnace is equipped with a multi-stage safety monitoring system so that no untreated exhaust gases can escape. If the temperature in the thermal afterburning system rises above a set limit due to the generated volume of exhaust gases, the furnace gas heating switches from high to low load until the temperature in the thermal afterburner falls below the limit value again. If this is not sufficient because the volume of exhaust gases generated in the furnace is too high, the furnace heating is switched off and the process is interrupted.
- Pressure relief flap: in case of a pressure shock in the furnace, for example, due to incorrect charging or process control, a pressure relief flap is triggered to prevent the housing rupturing. The process is stopped.
- Extinguishing system: In case of unwanted self-ignition, fires can be extinguished with an ABC extinguisher through a special opening in the furnace
- Door lock: when the process starts, the door is electrically locked
- The furnace controls respond differently depending on the specific malfunction and put the furnace into a safe condition
III. WAX Safety Concept for Electrically Heated Furnaces to Melt Out Wax below its Flashpoint

Furnaces of the WAX series with the corresponding safety concept are suitable for dewaxing parts, e.g. ceramic molds, below the wax flashpoint. The melted wax is collected in a container underneath the furnace. This collection container is positioned in an airtight drawer which can be removed for emptying. The wax runs through a grid into a funnel-shaped drain in the base of the furnace. The drainage channel is heated to stop the wax hardening. The furnace program is started only when the set temperature of the drain is reached. The customer has to choose the melting temperature and the melting time. When the melting process is complete, the furnace can be heated to 850 °C to sinter the molds.

Monitored safety functions for safe processes
- Temperature of the wax drain
- Two independent over-temperature limiters
  - First over-temperature limiter is set below the wax flashpoint. This prevents the wax from igniting during the melting process. The customer sets the duration of the dewaxing process. When this time has elapsed, the program deactivates the over-temperature limiter so that the furnace can continue the sintering process.
  - Second over-temperature limiter with manual reset as over-temperature protection for the furnace and the charge during sintering

IV. BOWAX Safety Concept to Melt Out/Burn Wax above its Flashpoint (Flashfire Dewaxing)

Gas-fired furnaces with the BOWAX safety concept are designed to melt out and burn off wax above its flashpoint. Flashfire processes cause the wax to melt out suddenly. The hot furnace is charged i.e. at a temperature above 750 °C. This principle can also be used for large quantities of wax or if the flashpoint is unknown. The same applies to large quantities of residual wax that cannot be melted out using conventional methods.

Part of the wax melts and runs through a drain in the furnace bottom into a container filled with water. The second part of the wax vaporizes and forms an ignitable mixture in the furnace. This is ignited by a gas-fired ignition burner in the furnace. The furnace has an integrated thermal afterburning system that cleans the remaining exhaust gases and minimizes odors.

The ignition may cause uncontrolled temperature increases in the furnace. Therefore, the charge must be able to withstand temperature fluctuations and temperatures > 1000 °C.

Monitored safety functions for safe processes
- Gas pressure of the burners
- Flame monitoring of the burners
- Over-temperature limiter with manual reset as over-temperature protection for the furnace and charge
- Electromagnetic lift door lock, when the furnace has been charged
- Display when the permitted charging temperature is reached
V. Safety Concept EN 1539 (NFPA 86) to Dry Liquid Solvents in Ovens

The safety technology of furnaces and dryers used for processes in which solvents or other flammable substances are released and vaporized relatively quickly is regulated throughout Europe in EN 1539 (or NFPA 86 in the USA).

Typical applications are drying of mold varnish, surface coatings, and impregnating resins. Users include the chemical industry as well as many other areas, such as the automotive, electric, plastic processing and metalworking industries.

EN 1539 distinguishes between safety concept types A and B.

1. Safety Concept EN 1539 Type A

The safety concept relates to preventing the formation of explosive mixtures through continuous air exchange in the entire vapor space.

Implementation of the standard requirements

- An exhaust gas fan ensures continuous ventilation in the dryer or furnace. The fan function is monitored for safe performance. The vapors occurring during heat treatment are extracted from the furnace chamber with the aid of the exhaust gas fan.
- The air exchange rate is ensured via a differential pressure system (differential pressure monitoring of the air circulation and the exhaust gas). If the system reports a fault, the furnace alarms malfunction and the heating is stopped.
- Underpressure ensures that the solvent safely exits the furnace
- The interior of the furnace is completely welded and prevents from solvent penetration and accumulation in the insulation

NABERTHERM specifies the amount of solvents that can be introduced in relation to the working temperature and furnace model. The amount of solvent is calculated in relation to the worst case scenario; in other words, rapid vaporization of solvent on the largest possible surface area.

The standard also allows for exceptions where in the case of lower vaporization rates larger quantities of solvents per charge may be introduced to the dryer. Therefore, the customer has to assess the process to comply with the permitted solvent amounts.

When mold varnishes are being dried, the standard values can be increased by a factor of 10. If the customer’s process involves drying of impregnating resin (e.g. for transformers, motor windings, etc.), the maximum quantities of flammable materials calculated for rapid vaporization can even be increased by a factor of 20. Depending on the process, customer must comply with the current valid standards.

The high rate of air exchange results in relatively high energy consumption. According to EN 1539, when the main vaporization time has expired, the minimum volumetric flow rate of the exhaust air may be reduced to 25 %. According to the norm, the main vaporization time is the time in which the main amounts of flammable substances are released. For dryers with safety technology, Nabertherm offers an additional control system to implement this energy saving option. Customers must set and acknowledge the end of the main vaporization time. When this time has elapsed, the system reduces the volumetric flow rate of the exhaust gas accordingly.
2. Safety Concept EN 1539 Type B

EN 1539-B describes an alternative safety concept based on dilution of the air in the furnace atmosphere. The safety concept specifies preventing the formation of explosive mixtures by limiting the oxygen concentration in every area of the vapor space.

Before the start of the process and after the debinding process the gas-tight container is flushed automatically with inert gas, which is monitored, to prevent flammable or explosive mixtures forming. During the process, the flushing is safely monitored.

Implementation of the standard requirements
- Process control via failsafe PLC (F-PLC)
- Overpressure monitoring in the furnace
- Monitoring process gas inlet pressure and emergency flushing path
- Monitoring the door lock to prevent unauthorized opening of the furnace during operation
- In case of a malfunction, the furnace is flushed and the heating and air circulation are deactivated. The customer must provide for a failsafe protective gas supply.
- The oxygen concentration is monitored with oxygen sensors located in the exhaust gas stream.

Process Optimization by Nabertherm with Flame Ionization Detector (FID)

The binder removal often accounts for the largest part of the overall process time. Consequently, there is a lot of potential in this sequence to optimize the process curve times.

For process optimization, Nabertherm offers a production accompanying analysis of the debinding process by means of FID measurement. The aim of the measurement is to determine a possible reduction of the process time, an increase in throughput and an associated reduction of production costs. Based on the recommendations, the customer checks and validates the practical feasibility with respect to the material properties of his charge.

- Process analysis including FID measurement and recommendations for potential process optimization
  - Recording of the current raw gas values using FID measurement
  - Evaluation and determination of periods with lower vaporization activity
  - Provision of the FID measurement device
  - Preparation of the evaluation and reports

- Process adjustment
  - Proposals for an optimized temperature profile
  - Implementation of the proposal, by performing one process cycle with accompanying measurement and evaluation after the customer has approved the proposal
  - Recommendations for the customer to carry out further optimization steps if feasible
Catalytic and Thermal Afterburning Systems, Scrubber

For exhaust gas cleaning, in particular in debinding, Nabertherm offers exhaust gas cleaning systems tailored to the process. The afterburning system is permanently connected to the exhaust gas fitting of the furnace and accordingly integral part of the control system and the safety matrix of the furnace. For existing furnaces, independent exhaust gas cleaning systems are also available that can be separately controlled and operated.

Catalytic afterburning systems (KNV)
Catalytic exhaust cleaning is recommended due to energetic reasons when only pure hydrocarbon compounds must be cleaned during the debinding process in air. They are recommended for small to medium exhaust gas amounts.

- Perfectly suited for debinding processes in air with only organic exhaust gases
- Decomposition of gases in carbon dioxide and water
- Integrated in a compact stainless steel housing
- Electric heating provides for preheating of the exhaust gas to the optimal reaction temperature for catalytic treatment
- Cleaning in different layers of catalytic honeycombs within the system
- Thermocouples for measuring the temperatures of raw gas, reaction honeycombs and discharge
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature protects the catalyst
- Tight connection between the exhaust gas outlet of the debinding furnace and the exhaust gas fan with corresponding integration into the overall system with respect to control and safety technology
- Catalyst dimensioned in relation to the exhaust gas flow
- Measuring port for clean gas measurements (FID)
Thermal afterburning systems (TNV)

Thermal afterburning systems are used if large volumes of exhaust gas from the debinding process in air must be cleaned and/or if there is a risk that the exhaust gases might damage the catalyst. Thermal afterburning is also used for debinding applications under non-flammable or flammable protective or reaction gases.

- Optimally suited for debinding processes in air with large exhaust gas flow, erratic large exhaust gas volumes, large volume flow or for debinding processes under non-flammable or flammable protective or reaction gases
- Gas-fired to burn the exhaust gases
- Burn-off at temperatures up to 850 °C provides for thermal decomposition of the exhaust gases
- Heating with compact gas burner with automatic firing device

Scrubber

A scrubber will be often used if the generated gases cannot be effectively treated with a thermal afterburner system or with a torch. To clean, detox or decontaminate the exhaust gas stream a liquid us used to wash or neutralize unwanted pollutants. The scrubber can be adapted to the process by designing its liquid distribution and contact area and by selecting the most suitable washing liquid. Liquids may simply be water or special reagents or even suspensions to successfully remove unwanted gases, liquids or particles from the exhaust gas.
Additive Manufacturing, 3D-Printing

Additive manufacturing allows for the direct conversion of design construction files fully functional objects. With 3D-printing objects from metals, plastics, ceramics, glass, sand or other materials are built-up in layers until they have reached their final shape.

Depending on the material, the layers are interconnected by means of a binder system or by laser technology.

Many methods of additive manufacturing require subsequent heat treatment of the manufactured components. The requirements for the furnaces for heat treatment depend on the component material, the working temperature, the atmosphere in the furnace and, of course, the additive production process.

Nabertherm offers solutions from curing for conservation of the green strength up to sintering in vacuum furnaces in which the objects of metal are annealed or sintered.

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Additive manufacturing processes:
- Debinding
- Sintering
- Stress-relieving
- Solution annealing
- Hardening
- Curing
- Tempering
- Drying

Also, concomitant or upstream processes of additive manufacturing require the use of a furnace in order to achieve the desired product properties, such as heat treatment or drying the powder.
Clean Room Solutions

Clean room applications impose particularly high requirements to the design of the chosen furnace. If the complete furnace is operated in a clean room an essential contamination of the clean room atmosphere must be avoided. Especially, the particle contamination must be reduced to a minimum.

The specific application determines the choice of the required furnace technology. In many cases forced convection furnaces are required to achieve the necessary temperature uniformity at lower temperatures. For higher temperatures, Nabertherm has also delivered many furnaces with radiant heating.

Furnace Installation in the Clean Room
If the complete furnace is supposed to be positioned in the clean room, then it is important that both the furnace chamber and the furnace housing as well as the controls provide for good protection against contamination. Surfaces must be easy to clean. The furnace chamber is tightly sealed to the insulation behind it. If necessary, additional equipment such as filters for the fresh air supply or the air circulation in the furnace can be used to improve the cleanliness class. It is recommended to install the switchgear and the furnace controls outside the clean room.

Furnace Installation in the Grey Room, Furnace Charging from the Clean Room
Optimal results with respect to cleanness will be achieved by placing the furnace in the grey room with charging from the clean room. This significantly reduces the amount of costly space needed in the clean room to a minimum. The front and the furnace interior in the clean room are designed for easy cleaning. With this configuration even the highest clean room classes can be achieved.

Sluice Furnace between Grey Room and Clean Room
Logistics between clean room and grey room can often be easily sorted out. Lock furnaces with one door in the grey room and the other door in the clean room are the perfect choice for these applications. The inner chamber as well as the furnace front in the clean room will be especially designed for lowest particle contamination.

Please contact us if you are looking for a heat treatment solution under clean room conditions. We would be pleased to quote for the oven or furnace model that meets best your requirements.
Air Circulation Chamber Furnaces, Electrically Heated
Also for Debinding in Air and under Protective Gases

Chamber furnaces with air circulation are characterized particularly by their very good temperature uniformity. As a result, they are well suited for processes such as calcination and drying e.g. ceramic materials. The design as a debinding furnace for safe debinding in air or in an inert atmosphere is possible. When used for debinding in air the exhaust gases are diluted by fresh air to reliably prevent an inflammatory atmosphere in the furnace chamber. For debinding processes that have to take place under inert gas, the IDB passive safety concept with a residual oxygen content of max. 3 % is recommended.

- Tmax 450 °C, 650 °C, or 850 °C
- Stainless steel air-baffles in the furnace for optimum air circulation
- Swing door hinged on the right side
- Base frame included in the delivery, NA 15/65 designed as table-top model
- Horizontal air circulation
- Temperature uniformity up to +/- 4 °C according to DIN 17052-1 (model NA 15/65 up to +/- 5 °C) see page 75
- Optimum air distribution enabled by high flow speeds
- One frame sheet and rails for two additional trays included in the scope of delivery (NA 15/65 without frame sheet)
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive (NA 30/45 - N 675/85 HA)
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment (not for model NA 15/65)
- Optimization of the temperature uniformity up to +/- 3 °C according to DIN 17052-1 see page 75
- Air inlet and exhaust air flaps when used for drying
- Controlled cooling with fan
- Manual lift door (up to model N(A) 120/.. (HA))
- Pneumatic lift door
Air circulation chamber furnace N 250/65 HA IDB with gas supply box for debinding und protective gases

- Air circulation with speed control, recommendable for processes with light or sensitive charge
- Additional frame sheet
- Roller conveyor in furnace chamber for heavy charges
- Designed for Tmax 950 °C
- Debinding packages with safety concept starting from 120 liters volume, see page 6 - 8
- Inlets, measuring frames and thermocouples for TUS measurements charge or comparative measurements
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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1 Heating only between two phases
2 Depending on furnace design connected load might be higher
3 Please see page 89 for more information about supply voltage
4 Additional equipment
5 Empty furnace
With their maximum working temperature of up to 300 °C and forced air circulation, the ovens achieve a perfect temperature uniformity which is much better than in ovens of most competitors. They can be used for various applications such as e.g. drying, sterilizing or warm storing. Ample warehousing of standard models provides for short delivery times.

- Tmax 300 °C
- Working temperature range: + 5 °C above room temperature up to 300 °C
- Ovens TR 60 - TR 240 designed as tabletop models
- Ovens TR 450 and TR 1050 designed as floor standing models
- Horizontal, forced air circulation results in temperature uniformity better than +/- 5 °C see page 75
- Stainless steel chamber, alloy 304 (AISI)/(DIN material no. 1.4301), rust-resistant and easy to clean
- Large handle to open and close the door
- Charging in multiple layers possible using removeable grids (number of removeable grids included, see table to the right)
- Large, wide-opening swing door, hinged on the right with quick release for models TR 60 - TR 450
- Double swing door with quick release for TR 1050
- TR 1050 equipped transport rollers
- Infinitely adjustable exhaust at the rear wall with operation from the front
- PID microprocessor control with self-diagnosis system
- Solid state relays provide for low-noise operation
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm controller: recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the oven and load
- Infinitely adjustable fan speed of the air circulation fan
- Window for charge observing
- Further removable grids with rails
- Side inlet
- Stainless steel collecting pan to protect the furnace chamber
- Door hinges on the left side
- Reinforced bottom plate
- Safety Technology according to EN 1539 for charges containing liquid solvents (TR .. LS) up to model TR 240 LS, achievable temperature uniformity +/- 8 °C see page 75
- Transport costors for model TR 450
- Various modifications available for individual needs
- Upgrading available to meet the quality requirements of AMS 2750 E or FDA
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

### Oven Dimensions

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1Max load per layer 30 kg
2Depending on furnace design connected load might be higher

*Please see page 77 for more information about supply voltage
The chamber ovens of the KTR range can be used for complex drying processes and heat treatment of charges to an application temperature of 260 °C. The high-performance air circulation enables optimum temperature uniformity throughout the work space. A wide range of accessories allow the chamber ovens to be modified to meet specific process requirements. The design for the heat treatment of flammable materials in conformance with EN 1539 (NFPA 86) is available for all sizes.

- Tmax 260 °C
- Electrically heated (via a heating register with integrated chrome steel heating elements) or gas-fired (direct or indirect gas-fired including injection of the hot air into the intake duct)
- Temperature uniformity up to +/- 3 °C according to DIN 17052-1 (for design without track cutouts) see page 75
- High-quality mineral wool insulation provides for outer temperatures of < 25 °C above room temperature
- High air exchange for fast drying processes
- Double-wing door for furnaces KTR 3100 and larger
Chamber oven KTR 22500/S with chamber lightning and drive-in tracks with insulated plugs which provide for an optimal temperature uniformity

- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the oven and load
- Incl. floor insulation
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm controller: recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Track cutouts for level drive-in of charging cart
- Base frame to charge the oven via a charging forklift
- Additional Door in the back for charging from both sides or to use the oven as lock between two rooms
- Fan system for faster cooling with manual or motor-driven control of the exhaust flaps
- Programmed opening and closing of exhaust air flaps
- Air circulation with speed control, recommendable for processes with light or sensitive charge
- Observation window and furnace chamber lighting
- Safety technology according to EN 1539 (NFPA 86) (models KTR ... LS) for charges containing solvents see page 12
- Charging cart with or without rack system
- Design for clean room heat treatment processes see page 17
- Rotating systems for tempering processes
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

KTR 3100/S for curing of composites in vacuum bags incl. pump and necessary connections in the oven chamber

Direct gas-firing at a chamber dryer
## Chamber Ovens

**Electrically Heated or Gas-Fired**

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¹Depending on furnace design connected load might be higher
²Outer dimensions from chamber ovens KTR .. LS are different

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### Accessories
- Adjustable plate shutters to adapt the air guide to the charge and improve temperature uniformity
- Guide-in tracks and shelves
- Shelves with 2/3 extraction with evenly distributed load on the whole shelf surface
- Platform cart in combination with drive-in tracks
- Charging cart with rack system in combination with drive-in tracks
- Sealing shoes for ovens with drive-in tracks to improve temperature uniformity in the work space

All KTR-models are also available with Tmax 300 °C.
To ensure safe operation of the oven when tempering silicone, the fresh air supply of the oven must be monitored. A fresh air volume flow of 100 - 120 l/min/kg silicone (6-7.2 m³/h/kg silicone) has to be considered. The graph shows the maximum amount of silicone depending on the operating temperature for various KTR models at a fresh air supply of 120 l/min/kg silicone. The oven will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the standard EN 1539 (NFPA 86).
Dewaxing Furnaces
Electrically Heated

N 100/WAX - N 2200/WAX with Electrical Heating
These dewaxing furnaces are especially designed for dewaxing and subsequent firing of the ceramic form.
The electrically heated models are operated below the ignition point of the wax during dewaxing. The furnaces
have a heated stainless steel drain in the bottom of the furnace chamber, formed as a funnel with the discharge
near the center of the furnace. The stainless steel grids in the bottom can be removed for cleaning. After the dewaxing
process is finished the furnace continues heating in order to sinter the molds.

- Tmax 850 °C
- Chamber furnace with wide-opening swinging door
- Four side heating with freely radiating heating elements on ceramic carrier tubes

Heated drainage in floor, controlled by a separate controller up to a maximum of 200 °C, to reliably prevent
freezing of the draining wax - Release of furnace heating only possible after drain temperature is reached, to
prevent clogging
- Stainless steel floor pan with grid bottom for level loading
- Rugged self-supporting, vaulted arch construction
- Exhaust gas vent in furnace ceiling for connection with ductwork
- Air inlet openings for reliable air exchange
- Dual shell furnace housing for low exterior temperatures
- Removable base included in delivery (fixed base for models N 440 and larger)
- First over-temperature limiter which must be set below the ignition point of the wax and prevents the wax from
igniting during dewaxing. It is customers responsibility to set the required time interval for dewaxing. After this
time has elapsed the over-temperature limiter will be deactivated to make sure that the furnace can continue with
the sintering process.
- Second over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance
with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

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Dewaxing Furnaces
Gas-Fired

NB 300/BOWAX with Gas-Fired
The chamber furnace of NB … BOWAX series is suitable for Flash Fire processes in which the hot furnace is charged with raping castings.

For a quick loading and unloading, the furnace is equipped with a pneumatic lift door, which is controlled via a footswitch.

After charging, the wax liquefies in short time. The first part of the wax flows-out through the integrated pan directly into a catch basin under the furnace and is collected safely in a water tank.

The remainder of the wax evaporates in the furnace chamber and is burned safely in the downstream thermal afterburning. The resulting exhaust air is conducted via an exhaust chimney and a secondary customer side piping out of the hall.

In the event of a flame failure of the burner or gas shortage takes place a process termination.

- Tmax 1000 °C
- Standard size with 300 l furnace volume, other sizes on request
- Fully automatic temperature control
- Integrated thermal afterburner incl. Exhaust hood (250 mm)
- Gas burner for operation with natural of LPG gas with permanent monitoring via a PLC
- Multilayer insulation with light-weight refractory bricks and special backing insulation
- Pneumatic lift-door with foot-switch and electromagnetic locking
- Withdrawable wax collecting pan under the furnace
- Optical indication when charging temperature has been reached
- Detailed description of safety functions see page 11
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 80

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The chamber furnaces in the model series NB .. CL are used for heat cleaning of components. An optimum temperature uniformity is not a priority for these processes. Examples are heat cleaning of electric motors, coated surfaces of steel components or the nozzles of plastic injection molding machines.

The furnaces are gas-fired and have an integrated thermal post combustion system which is also gas-fired. The pre-set, low-oxygen respectively reducing atmosphere in the chamber furnace effectively prevents spontaneous combustion at the workpiece and subsequent damage as a result of over-temperature.

For safe operation, the furnace door locks after program start and cannot be opened again until the temperature has dropped below 180 °C at the process end. In case of a burner flame malfunction or gas shortage the process is aborted. In addition, the control system is equipped with an over-temperature limiter with manual reset that is set by the customer at a safe cut-off temperature to switch off the chamber furnace if the limit is exceeded.

The chamber furnaces are not suitable for components and coatings that contain solvents or a high concentration of water. These models must also not be used for charges with low flash points such as wood, paper or wax.

- Tmax 500 °C
- Furnace housing with equipped for safe transport with forklift
- Furnace chamber size dimensioned to hold standard lattice boxes
- Furnace chamber insulation made of non-classified fiber material, bottom and rear wall insulated with lightweight refractory bricks
- High performance, atmospheric burner fueled by liquified gas or natural gas
- Completely automated temperature controls
- Integrated thermal post combustion for exhaust gas cleaning
- Description of safety concept see page 10
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 76

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Gas burners for furnace heating and thermal post combustion
Chamber Furnaces for Processes with High Vaporization Rates of Organic Matter or for Thermal Cleaning by Ashing
Electrically Heated or Gas-Fired

The chamber furnaces of the model series N(B) .. BO are used for processes with large amounts of organic matters or high vaporization rates. These models can be used for products which are insensitive against temporarily uncontrolled temperature increases. Processes in which the product or contaminations on the product are ashed by ignition can be also carried out safely in this type of chamber furnace. Examples include residual wax removal of pouring clusters followed by sintering, or thermal cleaning of oxide catalytic honey combs from soot or fuel residues. The electrically heated N...BO furnaces can be used for processes with exact temperature control and uniformity. For safety reasons, they are equipped with an integrated gas torch for igniting the flammable components in the gas mixture. The accumulation of flammable components is avoided and their safe combustion is ensured.

The gas-fired NB...BO furnaces are designed for processes which require a heat-up time to temperatures > 500 °C.

The burning of unwanted organic ingredients can take place at temperatures > 500 °C. Following this, a subsequent process can take place up to max. 1400 °C (electrically) or up to 1000 °C (gas-fired).

For safety, the furnace door locks after the program was started and cannot be opened again until the temperature has dropped below a defined value. In case of burner malfunction or gas shortage the process is aborted.

Chamber furnaces N 100 BO - N 650/14 BO, electrically heated and gas-fired ignition flame
- Tmax 1000 °C or 1400 °C
- Standard sizes up to 650 liters furnace chamber, additional sizes on request
- Exhaust hood
- Fully automatic temperature control
- Optional thermal afterburning
- Ignition flame using natural gas or liquid gas (LPG)
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 76

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Chamber furnaces models NB 300 BO and NB 650 BO, gas-fired
- Tmax 1000 °C
- Standard sizes up to 650 liters furnace chamber, additional sizes on request
- Integrated thermal afterburning
- Gas burners operating with natural gas or liquid gas (LPG)
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 76

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Bogie Hearth Furnaces with Wire Heating up to 1400 °C
also as Combi Furnaces for Debinding and Sintering
in one Process or with Gas-Supply Box for Inert
Debinding

W 1000 - W 10000/14, W 1000/DB - W 10000/14DB
Bogie hearth furnaces offer a whole series of advantages in firing, sintering and tempering in production. The bogie
can be loaded outside the furnace. If multiple bogies are used, one bogie can be loaded while the other is in use
in the furnace. Useful accessories like multi-zone control to optimize the temperature uniformity, controlled cooling
systems to shorten process times to the fully automatic system with motorized bogies and bogie exchange provide
for the perfect adaptation of these furnaces to production process. A combi furnace version with debinding package
for debinding and sintering in a single process is also possible.

- Tmax 1280 °C, 1340 °C or 1400 °C
- Dual shell housing with rear ventilation, provides for low shell temperatures
- Swing door hinged on the right side
- Heating from five sides (four sides and bogie) provides for an optimum temperature uniformity
- Bogie heating receives power via blade contacts when driven in
- Heating elements mounted on support tubes provide for free radiation and long service life
- Bottom heating protected by SiC tiles on the bogie providing level stacking surface
- Multi-layer insulation consisting of lightweight refractory bricks backed by microporous silica insulation
- Self-supporting and long-life ceiling construction with bricks laid in arched construction, for models up to
  1340 °C
- Roof made of high-quality fiber material for models with Tmax 1400 °C
- Freely moveable bogie with rubber wheels up to model W 3300
- Adjustable air inlet damper
- Manual exhaust air flap on the furnace roof
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with
  EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76
Additional equipment
- Fiber insulation also in combination with meander shaped heating for short heating times
- Bogies with flanged wheels running on rails for easy and precise movement of high loads or complex kiln furniture
- Electric chain-driven bogie in combination with rail operation for smooth movement of heavy loads
- Bogie running on steel wheels with gear rack drive, no rails in front of the furnace necessary
- Different possibilities for an extension to a bogie hearth furnace system:
  - Additional bogies
  - Bogie transfer system with parking rails to exchange bogies running on rails or to connect multiples furnaces
  - Motor-driven bogies and cross-traversal system
  - Fully automatic control of the bogie exchange
- Electro-hydraulic lift door
- Kiln furniture
- Motor-driven exhaust air flap
- Uncontrolled or controlled cooling system with frequency-controlled cooling fan and motor-driven exhaust air flap
- Multi-zone control adapted to the particular furnace provides model for optimal the temperature uniformity
- IDB design with gas supply system and safety technology for debinding in non-flammable protective gases
- Commissioning of the furnace with test firing and temperature uniformity measurement (also with load) for the purpose of process optimization
- Safety concepts see page 7
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
Bogie Hearth Furnaces with Wire Heating up to 1400 °C also as Combi Furnaces for Debinding and Sintering in one Process or with Gas-Supply Box for Inert Debinding

Combi furnace system consisting of two furnaces W 5000/H and two additional bogies incl. bogie transfer system and incl. necessary park rails

Bogie hearth furnace in IDB-version with gas box for debinding and sintering under non-flammable protective or reaction gases

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Lift-Top or Lift-Bottom Furnaces with Wire Heating up to 1400 °C
also as Combi Furnaces for Debinding and Sintering in One Process

Production plant, consisting of 3 lift-top furnaces HAS 1560/95S with sealed housing for operation with nitrogen. Including air/gas heat exchanger for reduced cooling times.
In production top-hat and bottom loading furnaces have the advantage in comparison with chamber furnaces that even complex charge loads can be clearly arranged. Depending on process conditions, a lift-top- or lift-bottom version is advisable. The system can be expanded to include one or more changeable tables, either manually or motor driven. Further additional equipment like a multi-zone control to optimize the temperature uniformity or controlled cooling systems for shorter processes provide for customized solution with respect to the process requirements. A combi furnace version with debinding package DB100 or DB200 for debinding and sintering in a single process is also available. The furnaces are moreover perfectly suited for special applications like sintering fuel cells, in which auxiliary fittings must be introduced in the furnace from below or above.

- Tmax 1280 °C
- Dual shell housing with rear ventilation for low shell temperatures
- Top-hat furnaces: electrohydraulically driven hood with fixed table
- Bottom loading furnaces: driven table and fixed hood
- Five-sided heating from all four sides and from the table provides for a temperature uniformity up to +/- 10 °C according to DIN 17052-1 see page 75
- Heating elements mounted on support tubes provide for free radiation and long service life of the heating wire
- Bottom heating protected by SiC tiles which provide for a level stacking surface

- Multi-layer insulation consisting of lightweight refractory bricks backed by special insulation
- Long-life ceiling design with fiber insulation
- Manual exhaust air flap on the furnace roof
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller:
Recording of process data with USB-flash drive

Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment

- Tmax to 1400 °C
- Motor driven exhaust air flap, switchable via the program
- Uncontrolled or controlled cooling system with frequency-controlled cooling fan and motor-driven exhaust air flap
- Protective gas connection for purging the furnace with non-flammable protective or reaction gases
- Manual or automatic gas supply systems
- Multi-zone control adapted to the particular furnace provides model for optimal the temperature uniformity
- Commissioning of the furnace with test firing and temperature uniformity measurement (also with load) for the purpose of process optimization
- Additional tables, table changing system, also motor-driven
- Safety concepts see page 7
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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Combi Chamber Furnaces up to 1400 °C
for Debinding and Sintering in one Process

- N 200/DB - N 1000/14DB

The combi chamber furnaces N 200/DB - N 1000/14DB are specially developed for debinding and sintering in one process. The furnaces have a fresh air supply providing for dilution of the exhaust gases produced during debinding, for safe prevention of an inflammable atmosphere in the furnace chamber. The standard version of the furnaces is equipped with the debinding package DB100. This debinding package provides for an injection of fresh air for atmosphere dilution which means that the furnace works under overpressure during debinding.

As a professional solution for production furnaces, we recommend the debinding package DB200. The oven then a warm fresh-air injection with variable speed through distribution tubes in the furnace chamber. The exhaust fan operates also with a variable fan speed. The PLC automatically regulates a negative pressure inside the furnace chamber.

- Tmax 1280 °C, 1340 °C or 1400 °C
- Dual shell housing with rear ventilation, provides for low shell temperatures
- Five-sided heating from all four sides and from the floor for a good temperature uniformity
- Heating elements mounted on support tubes provide for free radiation and long service life of the heating wire
- Bottom heating protected by SiC tiles on the table to provide a level stacking surface
- Multi-layer insulation consisting of lightweight refractory bricks backed by special insulation
- Self-supporting and long-life ceiling construction, with bricks laid in arched construction
- Motor-driven exhaust air flap on the furnace roof
- Debinding package DB100 with fresh-air fan, air-preheater and controls see page 7
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76
Production system consisting of five combi chamber furnaces N 300/H DB200 with catalytic afterburning

Additional equipment
- Multi-zone control adapted to the particular furnace model for optimizing the temperature uniformity
- Commissioning of the furnace with test firing and temperature uniformity measurement (also with load) for the purpose of process optimization see page 13
- Debinding package DB200 with safety concept see page 7
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas tubing
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- Calibration interfaces for the measuring range
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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Chamber Furnaces with Wire Heating up to 1400 °C

N 100 - N 2200/14

These high-quality chamber furnaces for firing, sintering and tempering have qualified themselves with the reliability for many years in daily use. Thanks to their five-side heating, the furnaces provide for a very good temperature uniformity. A wide range of additional equipment perfectly adapt these models to the process requirements.

- Tmax 1300 °C, 1340 °C or 1400 °C
- Dual shell housing provides for low shell temperatures
- Five-side heating provide for good temperature uniformity
- Heating elements on support tubes provide for free heat radiation and long service life
- Controller mounted on furnace door and removable for comfortable operation
- Air outlet in the ceiling, motor driven exhaust air flap for models from N 440
- Smoothly adjustable and easy-to-operate air inlet flap or sliding damper
- Self-supporting and long-life ceiling construction, with bricks laid in arched construction
- Special door lock for easy handling
- Multi-layer insulation consisting of lightweight refractory bricks and backed by special fiber insulation
- Models up to N 300/.. with removable stand
- Protection of bottom heating and flat stacking surface provided by embedded SiC plate in the floor
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive

Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Motor driven exhaust air flap for models N 100 - N 300/...
- Fan system for faster cooling with manual or automatic control
- Protective gas connection for purging the furnace with non-flammable protective or reaction gases

Chamber furnaces N 200/14 for sintering semiconductors
- Manual or automatic gas supply systems
- Fiber insulation for shorter cycle times, especially cooling periods
- Multi-zone control for optimal temperature uniformity in the work space
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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Chamber Furnaces with Drawer Bottom or as a Bogie

**NW 150 - NW 1000/H**

The chamber furnaces of NW model series combines the attractive quality advantages of the proven models N 150 - N 1000/H with an outstanding product characteristic which substantially simplifies charging.

With a drawer mechanism (NW 150 - NW 300/H) the kiln table can be easily pulled out of the chamber kiln. The larger models NW 440 - NW 1000/H are designed as shuttle kiln with completely free traversing bogie. Free access in front of the chamber kiln allows for a simplified and clear charging the kiln.

Standard equipment like models N 100 - N 2200/14 (see page 38), except:
- Kiln table can be easily pulled-out (NW 150 - NW 300/H)
- From chamber kiln NW 440 bogie on four castors (two with brakes) which can be pulled out completely. Accession assistance and removable drawbar for bogie
- Fixed base
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions

- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Motor driven exhaust air flap for models NW 150 - NW 300/..
- Fan system for faster cooling with manual or automatic control
- Multi-zone control for optimal temperature uniformity in the work space
- Over-temperature limiter with manual reset for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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Chamber Furnaces
Gas-Fired

Certain heat treatment processes require a gas-fired chamber furnace. Short heating times due to the high power are a convincing argument. The chamber furnaces with powerful atmospheric gas burners cover a wide variety of these processes. In the basic version the burners are manually ignited once at the start of the process. The automatic control system then takes over control of the temperature curve. At program end, the burners are automatically switched off. Depending on the process, the furnaces can be equipped with automatically controlled fan burners and safety technology for debinding. Depending on the model, these furnaces can be upgraded with fully automatic fan burners and additional accessories.

- Tmax 1300 °C
- Powerful, atmospheric burners for operation with liquified gas or natural gas
- Depending on the application, special positioning of the gas burners with flame guidance provides for optimal temperature uniformity
- Fully automatic temperature control
- Gas fittings with flame control and safety valve in accordance with DVGW (German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water)
- Multi-layer, reduction-proof insulation with light-weight refractory bricks and special back-up insulation result in low gas consumption
- Self-supporting and rugged ceiling, bricks laid in arched construction or as fiber insulation
- Exhaust hood
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Fan burner with fully automatic control
- Indirect gas firing with radiation tubes for flame protection of the charge
- Safety concepts see page 8
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- Recuperator technology for heat recovery
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
Gas-Fired Bogie Hearth Furnaces up to 1400 °C
for Firing or Sintering in Air or under Reducing Atmosphere

Gas-fired bogie hearth furnaces distinguish by their unique efficiency. The use of high-speed burners allows for short heating times. The burners are arranged according to the furnace geometry providing for a optimum temperature uniformity. Depending on the furnace dimensions, the burners can alternatively be equipped with recuperator technology to save energy. The high-quality, long-life fiber insulation with storage capacity provides for short heating and cooling times.

- Tmax up to 1400 °C, depending on furnace design
- Powerful, sturdy high-speed burner with pulse control and special flame control in the furnace chamber provide for optimum temperature uniformity
- Operation with city gas, natural gas or liquified gas
- Fully automatic PLC control of the temperature as well as monitoring of the burner function
- Reduction-resistant fiber insulation with low heat storage provides for short heating and cooling times
- Dual shell housing provides for low outside temperatures
- Exhaust hood with fittings for further discharge of the exhaust gases
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions

Additional equipment
- Automatic lambda control to set the furnace atmosphere
- Safety concepts see page 8
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Recuperator burners utilizing part of the waste heat in the exhaust tract to preheat the combustion air and considerably contribute to energy saving
- Thermal exhaust cleaning systems
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
- Other additional equipment for bogie hearth furnaces see page 30
High-Temperature Bogie Hearth Furnaces with SiC Rod Heating up to 1550 °C

Bogie hearth furnaces equipped with SiC rod heating can be used in the production of technical ceramics, especially for sintering at working temperatures up to 1550 °C. The WHTC product line with especially robust design can hold heavy charges including kiln furniture. The furnace chamber is equipped with a high-quality insulation made of high-temperature fiber blocks. The bogie insulation is structured in multi-layer lightweight refractory bricks on the heating chamber side.

The furnace is heated along both sides by vertically installed SiC heating rods. This heating technology permits processes requiring working temperatures above 1350 °C which cannot achieved with wire heating elements. The SiC rods are controlled by thyristor controller which counteract the aging of the heating elements by means of automatic power compensation.

- Tmax 1550 °C
- Dual shell housing with rear ventilation, provides for low shell temperatures
- Swing door hinged on the right side
- Heating from both sides via vertically mounted SiC rods
- Thyristor controllers with automatic output compensation counteract the aging of SiC rods
- Multi-layer insulation with high-quality fiber modules on the heating chamber side
- Bogie for heavy loads lined with lightweight refractory bricks
- Bogie hand driven on rubber tires
- Motor-driven exhaust air flap on the furnace roof
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive

Additional equipment
- Safety concepts see page 7
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

Design with two doors and two bogies, on rails, allows for rapid bogie changes
Pit-Type and Top-Loading Furnaces with or without Air Circulation
Electrically Heated or Gas-Fired

Our top-loading furnaces are perfectly suited for firing, sintering or tempering of long, heavy products. The furnace is usually charged with a factory crane. Due to their high-performance air circulation system, the furnaces provide for excellent temperature uniformity up to a maximum temperature of 850 °C. The top-loading furnaces for the temperature range up to 1280 °C provide for very good temperature uniformity due to their five-side heating. Alternatively, these furnaces can also be provided with gas-fired. Customized dimensions are designed and produced to accommodate the size and weight of the components to be treated.

- Tmax 260 °C, 450 °C, 600 °C or 850 °C for furnaces with air circulation
- Tmax 900 °C or 1280 °C for furnaces with radiation heating
- Electrically heated or gas-fired
- Heating from both long sides for furnaces with air circulation
- Heating from all four sides and the floor with SiC plates in the floor as level stacking support for models to 900 °C or 1280 °C
- High-quality insulation, adapted to the specific maximum temperature
- Electrohydraulic opening system of the lid with two-hand operation
- Closable air supply vents in the lower area of the furnace chamber
- Closable exhaust air vents in the lid
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions

Additional equipment
- Motor driven exhaust air flaps for faster cooling
- Controlled fan cooling with motor driven exhaust air flaps
- Multi-zone control of the heating provides for optimum temperature uniformity
- Furnace chamber can be divided in length for short workparts, partitions can be controlled separately
- Designed for Tmax 950 °C, fan blade driven indirectly via a belt to protect the air recirculation motor against over-heating
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
High-Temperature Furnaces with SiC Rod Heating up to 1550 °C

HTC 16/16 - HTC 450/16

The high-temperature furnaces HTC 16/16 - HTC 450/16 are heated by vertically hung SiC rods, which makes them especially suitable for sintering processes up to a maximum operating temperature of 1550 °C. For some processes, e.g. for sintering zirconium oxide, the absence of interactivity between the charge and the SiC rods, these models are more suitable than the alternatives heated with molybdenum disilicide elements. The basic construction of these furnaces make them comparable with the already familiar models in the HT product line and they can be upgraded with the same additional equipment.

- Tmax 1550 °C
- Dual shell housing with fan cooling for low shell temperatures
- Heating from both sides via vertically mounted SiC rods
- High-quality fiber insulation backed by special insulation
- Side insulation constructed with tongue and groove blocks provides for low heat loss to the outside
- Long-life roof insulation with special suspension
- Chain-guided parallel swivel door for defined opening and closing of the door without destroying the insulation
- Two-door design (front/back) for high-temperature furnaces > HTC 276/..
- Labyrinth sealing ensures the least possible temperature loss in the door area
- Reinforced floor as protection for fiber insulation and to load heavy weights
- Exhaust air opening in the furnace roof
- Heating elements switched via SCR’s
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment like HT models see page 47
High-Temperature Furnaces with Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements with Fiber Insulation up to 1800 °C

HT 04/16 - HT 450/18
The high-temperature furnaces HT 04/16 - HT 450/18 have proven reliability over many years in the lab and in the production of technical ceramics. Whether for bioceramics, for sintering CIM components or for other processes up to a maximum temperature of 1800 °C, these furnaces afford the optimal solution for the sintering process.

High-temperature furnaces can either be insulated with fiber material or lightweight refractory bricks. Furnaces with fiber insulation achieve significantly shorter heating up times because of the low thermal mass. An insulation made of lightweight refractory bricks (see HFL models on page 49), on the other hand, has the advantage of better chemical stability.

These furnaces can also be tailored to specific processes by means of a wide range of additional equipment. The addition of a debinding package, for example, allows the use of these models as combi furnaces for debinding and sintering in one process. Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning equipment rounds-off the system.

- Tmax 1600 °C, 1750 °C or 1800 °C
- Recommended working temperature 1750 °C (for models HT../18), increased wear and tear must be expected in case of working at higher temperatures
- Dual shell housing with fan cooling for low shell temperatures
- Heating from both sides via molybdenum disilicide heating elements
- High-quality fiber insulation backed by special insulation
- Side insulation constructed with tongue and groove blocks provides for low heat loss to the outside
- Long-life roof insulation with special suspension
- Chain-guided parallel swivel door for defined opening and closing of the door
- Two-door design (front/back) for high-temperature furnaces > HT 276/..
- Labyrinth sealing ensures the least possible temperature loss in the door area
- Reinforced floor as protection for fiber insulation as standard from models HT 16/16 upwards
- Exhaust air opening in the furnace roof
- Heating elements switched via thyristors
- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive

Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment

- Uncontrolled or controlled cooling system with frequency-controlled cooling fan and motor-driven exhaust air flap
- Furnace in DB design featuring fresh air preheating, exhaust gas ventilation and an extensive safety package for debinding and sintering in one process, i.e. without transferring the material from the debinding furnace to the sintering furnace
- Stainless steel exhaust gas hoods
- Commissioning of the furnace with test firing and temperature uniformity measurement (also with load) for the purpose of process optimization
- Temperature measurement with thermocouples, types B and type S with automatic pull-out device for precise control results in the low temperature range
- Protection grid in front of the heating elements to prevent mechanical damages see page 49
- Special heating elements for zirconia sintering provide for longer service life with respect to chemical interaction between charge and heating elements
- Protective gas connection for purging the furnace with non-flammable protective or reaction gases
- Manual or automatic gas supply system
- Inner process box to improve the gas tightness and to protect the furnace chamber against contamination
- Lift door
- Bottom insulation made of durable lightweight refractory bricks for heavy charge weights
- Motorized exhaust air flap, switchable via the program
- Safety concepts see page 6 + 7
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- FID measurement for process optimization see page 11
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
**High-Temperature Furnaces with Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements**

with Fiber Insulation up to 1800 °C

HT 1000/17 with two movable door segments and fourside heating for sintering hanging ceramic tubes up to 1700 °C

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*Heating only between two phases

*Depending on furnace design connected load might be higher

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1. Gas supply system for non-flammable protective or reaction gases
2. Two-door design for all models > HT 276/..
High Temperature Furnaces with Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements with Refractory Insulation up to 1700 °C

HFL 16/16 - HFL 160/17

The high-temperature furnaces HFL 16/16 - HFL 160/17 are characterized by its lining with robust refractory insulation. Compared with the fiber-insulated models of the HT product line, these furnaces are recommended when high charge weights have to be sintered. In most cases lightweight refractory brick insulation is also significantly more resistant to gas emissions occurring during heat treatment.

Standard equipment like HT models, except:

- Tmax 1600 °C or 1700 °C
- Robust refractory insulation and special backing insulation
- Furnace floor made of lightweight refractory bricks accommodates high charge weights
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment like HT models see page 47

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1Heating only between two phases
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*Please see page 77 for more information about supply voltage
Lift-Top and Lift-Bottom Furnaces with Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements up to 1800 °C also as Combi Furnaces for Debinding and Sintering in one Process

HT 166/17 LB
HT 500/17 LB

Lift-Top and Lift-Bottom Furnaces with Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements up to 1800 °C also as Combi Furnaces for Debinding and Sintering in one Process

HT 64/16 LB or LT - HT 1080/17 LB or LT

For charging complex settings we recommend lift-top or lift-bottom furnaces. Also small workparts can be conveniently loaded on different layers.

The basic furnace comes with one table. Depending on the technical requirements are equipped, a lift-top or lift-bottom version will be the choice.

The system can be expanded with one or more changeable tables, either manually or electrically driven. Other additional equipment, like controlled cooling systems to short process cycles or the addition of a debinding package for debinding and sintering in one process provide for tailored solution for individual needs.

- Tmax 1600 °C, 1750 °C or 1800 °C
- Dual shell housing with fan cooling provides for low shell temperatures
- Lift-top design: electrohydraulically driven hood with fixed table
- Lift-bottom design: driven table and fixed hood
- Gently running, low-vibration spindle drive or electrohydraulic drive for larger models
- Safe and tight closing of the furnace by means of labyrinth seal
- Heating from all four sides provides for good temperature uniformity
- High-quality fiber insulation backed by special insulation
- Side insulation constructed with tongue and groove blocks provides for low heat dissipation to the outside
- Long-life roof insulation with special suspension
- Furnace table with special bottom reinforcement to accommodate high charge weights
- Motor-driven exhaust air flap in the furnace roof, switchable at the program
- Heating elements switched via SCR’s
- Over-temperature limiter with manual reset for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Heat from all sides and between the stack to optimize temperature uniformity

Heating elements arranged one above the other for tall structures

HT 166/17 LB
HT 500/17 LB
Additional equipment

- Uncontrolled or controlled cooling system with frequency-controlled cooling fan and motor-driven exhaust air flap
- Furnace in DB design featuring fresh air preheating, exhaust gas ventilation and an extensive safety package for debinding and sintering in one process, i.e. without transferring the material from the debinding furnace to the sintering furnace
- Stainless steel exhaust gas hoods
- Commissioning of the furnace with test firing and temperature uniformity measurement (also with load) for the purpose of process optimization
- Temperature measurement with thermocouples, types B and type S with automatic pull-out device for precise control results in the low temperature range
- Special heating elements for zirconia sintering provide for longer service life with respect to chemical interaction between charge and heating elements
- Heat from all sides and between the stack or with heating elements, positioned above each other to optimize temperature uniformity
- Protective gas connection for purging the furnace with non-flammable protective or reaction gases
- Manual or automatic gas supply systems
- Inner process box to improve the gas tightness and to protect the furnace chamber against contamination
- Bottom insulation made of durable lightweight refractory bricks for heavy charge weights
- Gas supply system in the furnace chamber with ceramic bell jar, protective gas inlet and outlet from below for better sealing when operating with protective gases and/or to prevent from chemical interactions between the load and the insulation or the heating elements
- Alternative table changing systems
- Safety concepts see page 7
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- FID measurement for process optimization see page 13
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
Lift-Top and Lift-Bottom Furnaces with Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements up to 1800 °C also as Combi Furnaces for Debinding and Sintering in one Process

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*Please see page 77 for more information about supply voltage
High-temperature furnace HT 273/17S with table, transportable by fork lift

Production system consisting of a bogie hearth furnace for debinding and a high-temperature furnace for residual debinding and sintering with shared catalytic afterburning system
Gas-Fired Chamber Furnaces up to 1600 °C

The gas-fired high-temperature furnaces of the HTB product line are specially developed for applications requiring fast heating up ramps. Gas-fired furnaces are preferred also if inflammable gases are produced in large amounts during the process. A large content of the gas emissions are already burned in the furnace chamber, so that downstream equipment like thermal and catalytic exhaust cleaners can accordingly be downsized. The furnaces are insulated with highly heat-resistant and long-life lightweight refractory brick insulation or fiber materials.

- Tmax 1600 °C
- Powerful, sturdy high-speed burners with pulse control and special flame guidance in the furnace chamber provide for good temperature uniformity
- Operation with natural gas, propane or liquified gas
- Fully automatic PLC control of the temperature, including monitoring of the burner function
- Gas fittings according to DVGW (German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water) with flame monitoring and safety valve
- Reduction-resistant fiber insulation with low heat storage provides for short heating and cooling times
- Dual shell housing provides for low outside temperatures
- Exhaust hood with fittings for further discharge of the exhaust gases
- PLC control with touch panel as user interface see page 76
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions

Additional equipment
- Automatic lambda control to set the furnace atmosphere
- Exhaust air and exhaust gas piping
- Recuperator burners
- Thermal or catalytic exhaust cleaning systems see page 14
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
Continuous furnaces are the right choice for processes with fixed cycle times such as drying or preheating, curing, aging, vulcanisation or degassing. The furnaces are available for various temperatures up to a maximum of 1400 °C. The furnace design depends on the required throughput, the process requirements for heat treatment and the required cycle time.

The conveyor technology is tailored to the required working temperature, geometry and weight of the charge and to the requirements regarding available space and integration into the process chain. The conveyor speed and the number of control zones are defined by the process specifications.
Continuous Furnaces
Electrically Heated or Gas-Fired

Conveyor plant D 1600/3100/1200/55, consisting of solution annealing furnace, cooling station and conveyor system

Conveyor concepts
- Conveyor belt
- Metal conveyor belt with adjusted mesh gauges
- Drive chain
- Roller conveyors
- Paternoster
- Pusher-type
- Rotary hearth

Mesh belt drive in a continuous furnace

Continuous furnace D 700/10000/300/45S with chain conveyor for 950 °C, gas-fired

Heating systems
- Electric heating, radiation or convection
- Direct or indirect gas-fired
- Infrared heating
- Heating with the use of external heat sources
Temperature cycles
- Control of working temperature across the whole length of the furnace, such as for drying or preheating
- Automatic control of a process curve applying defined heat-up, dwell and cooling time
- Heat treatment including a final quenching of the charge

Process atmosphere
- In air
- For processes with organic outgassings incl. mandatory safety technology according to EN 1539 (NFPA 86)
- In non-flammable protective or reactive gases such as nitrogen, argon or forming gas
- In flammable protective or reactive gases such as hydrogen incl. the necessary safety technology

Basic configuration criteria
- Conveyor speed
- Temperature uniformity
- Operating temperature
- Process curve
- Work space width
- Charge weights
- Cycle time or throughput
- Length of charge and discharge zone
- Generated exhaust gases
- Specific industry standards such as AMS, CQI-9, FDA etc.
- Other individual customer requirements
These gas tight retort furnaces are equipped with direct or indirect heating depending on temperature. They are perfectly suited for various heat treatment processes requiring a defined protective or a reaction gas atmosphere. These compact models can also be laid out for heat treatment under vacuum up to 600 °C. The furnace chamber consists of a gas tight retort with water cooling around the door to protect the special sealing. Equipped with the corresponding safety technology, retort furnaces are also suitable for applications under reaction gases, such as hydrogen or, in combination with the IDB package, for inert debinding or for pyrolysis processes.

Different model versions are available depending on the temperature range required for the process:

**NRA 17/06 - NRA 1000/11**

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Different model versions are available depending on the temperature range required for the process:

- **Models NRA ../06 with Tmax 650 °C**
  - Heating elements located inside the retort
  - Temperature uniformity up to +/- 5 °C inside the work space see page 75
  - Retort made of 1.4571
  - Gas circulation fan in the back of the retort provides for optimal temperature uniformity

- **Models NRA ../09 with Tmax 950 °C**
  - Outside heating with heating elements around the retort
  - Temperature uniformity up to +/- 5 °C inside the work space see page 75
  - Retort made of 1.4841
  - Fan in the back of the retort provides for optimal temperature uniformity

- **Models NR ../11 with Tmax 1100 °C**
  - Outside heating with heating elements around the retort
  - Temperature uniformity up to +/- 5 °C inside the work space see page 75
  - Retort made of 1.4841
Basic version
- Compact housing in frame design with removable stainless steel sheets
- Controls and gas supply integrated in the furnace housing
- Welded charging supports in the retort or air-baffle box in the furnace with air circulation
- Swivel door hinged on right side with open cooling water system
- Depending on furnace volume for 950 °C- and 1100 °C-version the control system is divided in one or more heating zones
- Temperature control as furnace control with temperature measurement outside the retort
- Gas supply system for one non-flammable protective or reaction gas with flow meter and manual valve
- Operation under vacuum up to 600 °C with optional vacuum pumps
- Port for vacuum pump for cold evacuation
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Upgrade for other nonflammable gases
- Automatic gas injection, including MFC flow controller for alternating volume flow, controlled with process control H3700, H1700
- Vacuum pump for evacuating of the retort up to 600 °C, attainable vacuum up to 10⁻⁵ mbar subject to selected pump
- Cooling system for shortening process times
- Heat exchanger with closed-loop cooling water circuit for door cooling
- Measuring device for residual oxygen content
- Door heating
- Temperature control as charge control with temperature measurement inside and outside the retort
- Gas inlet with solenoid valve, controlled by the program
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
**Hot-Wall Retort Furnaces up to 1100 °C**

**H₂ Version for Operation with Flammable Process Gases**

When a flammable process gas like hydrogen is used, the retort furnace is additionally equipped with the required safety technology. Only certified and industry proven safety sensors are used. The furnace is controlled by a fail-safe PLC control system (S7-300F/safety controller).

- Supply of flammable process gas at controlled overpressure of 50 mbar relative
- Certified safety concept
- PLC controls with graphic touch panel H3700 for data input
- Redundant gas inlet valves for hydrogen
- Monitored pre-pressures of all process gases
- Bypass for safe flushing of furnace chamber with inert gas
- Torch for thermal afterburning of exhaust gases
- Emergency flood container for purging the furnace in case of failure

**IDB Version for Debinding under Non-flammable Protective Gases or for Pyrolysis Processes**

The retort furnaces of the NR and NRA product line are perfectly suited for debinding under non-flammable protective gases or for pyrolysis processes. The IDB version of the furnaces implements a safety concept by controlled purging the furnace chamber with a protective gas. Exhaust gases are burned in an exhaust torch. Both the purging and the torch function are monitored to ensure a safe operation.

- Process control under monitored and controlled overpressure of 50 mbar relative
- PLC controls with graphic touch panel H1700 for data input
- Monitored gas pre-pressure of the process gas
- Bypass for safe flushing of furnace chamber with inert gas
- Torch for thermal afterburning of exhaust gases

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*Please see page 77 for more information about supply voltage*
The retort furnaces SR and SRA (with gas circulation) are designed for operation with non-flammable or flammable protective or reaction gases. The furnace is loaded from above by crane or other lifting equipment provided by the customer. In this way, even large charge weights can be loaded into the furnace chamber.

Depending on the temperature range in which the furnace be used, the following models are available:

Models SR .../11 with Tmax 1100 °C
- Heating from all sides outside the retort
- Temperature uniformity up to +/- 5 °C inside the work space see page 75
- Retort made of 1.4841
- Top down multi-zone control of the furnace heating

Models SRA ..../09 with Tmax 950 °C
Design like models SR.../11 with following differences:
- Atmosphere circulation with powerful fan in the furnace lid provides for temperature uniformity of up to +/- 5 °C inside the work space see page 75

Models SRA ..../06 with Tmax 600 °C
Design like models SRA.../09 with following differences:
- Heating inside the retort
- Temperature uniformity up to +/- 5 °C inside the work space see page 75
- Single-zone control
- Retort made of 1.4571

Standard Equipment (all models)
Design like standard equipment of models NR and NRA with following differences:
- Charging from above with crane or other lifting equipment from customer
- Hinged lid with opening to the side
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive

Additional equipment, H₂ version or IDB version see models NR and NRA

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The compact furnaces of the VHT product line are available as electrically heated chamber furnaces with graphite, molybdenum, tungsten or MoSi₂ heating. A wide variety of heating designs as well as a complete range of accessories provide for optimal retort furnace configurations even for sophisticated applications.

The vacuum-tight retort allows heat treatment processes either in protective and reaction gas atmospheres or in a vacuum, subject to the individual furnace specs to 10⁻⁵ mbar. The basic furnace is suited for operation with non-flammable protective or reactive gases or under vacuum. The H₂ version provides for operation under hydrogen or other flammable gases. Key of the specification up is a certified safety package providing for a safe operation at all times and triggers an appropriate emergency program in case of failure.

### Alternative Heating Specifications

In general the following variants are available with respect to the process requirements:

**VHT ../..-GR with Graphite Insulation and Heating**
- Suitable for processes under protective and reaction gases or under vacuum
- Tmax 1800 °C or 2200 °C (2400 °C as additional equipment)
- Max. vacuum up to 10⁻⁴ mbar depending on pump type used
- Graphite felt insulation

**VHT ../..-MO or VHT ../..-W with Molybdenum or Tungsten Heating**
- Suitable for high-purity processes under protective and reaction gases or under high vacuum
- Tmax 1200 °C, 1600 °C or 1800 °C (see table)
- Max. vacuum up to 10⁻⁵ mbar depending on pump type used
- Insulation made of molybdenum resp. tungsten radiation sheets

**VHT ../..-KE with Fiber Insulation and Heating through Molybdenum Disilicide Heating Elements**
- Suitable for processes under protective and reaction gases, in air or under vacuum
- Tmax 1800 °C
- Max. vacuum up to 10⁻² mbar (up to 1300 °C) depending on pump type
- Insulation made of high purity aluminum oxide fiber
**Standard Equipment for all Models**

**Basic version**
- Standard furnace sizes 8 - 500 liters
- A water-cooled stainless steel process reactor sealed with temperature-resistant o-rings
- Frame made of stable steel profiles, easy to service due to easily removable stainless steel panels
- Housing of the VHT 8 model on castors for easy repositioning of furnace
- Cooling water manifold with manual stopcocks in supply and return lines, automatic flowmeter monitoring, openloop cooling water system
- Adjustable cooling water circuits with flowmeter and temperature indicator and overtemperature fuses
- Switchgear and controller integrated in furnace housing
- H700 process control with clearly laid out 7" touchpanel control for program entry and display, 10 programs each with 20 segments
- Over-temperature limiter with manual reset for thermal protection class in accordance with EN 60519-2
- Manual operation of the process gas and vacuum functions
- Manual gas supply for one process gas (N₂, Ar or non-flammable forming gas) with adjustable flow
- Bypass with manual valve for rapid filling or flooding of furnace chamber
- Manual gas outlet with overflow valve (20 mbar relative) for over-pressure operation
- Single-stage rotary vane pump with ball valve for pre-evacuating and heat treatment in a rough vacuum to 5 mbar
- Pressure gauge for visual pressure monitoring
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions

**Additional equipment**
- Tmax 2400 °C for VHT 40/…-GR and larger
- Housing, optionally divisible, for passing through narrow door frames (VHT 08)
- Manual gas supply for second process gas (N₂, Ar or non-flammable forming gas) with adjustable flow and bypass
- Inner process box made of molybdenum, tungsten, graphite or CFC, especially recommended for debinding processes. The box is installed in the furnace with direct gas inlet and outlet and provides for better temperature uniformity. Generated exhaust gases will be directly lead out the inner process chamber during debinding. The change of gas inlet pathes after debinding results in a cleaned process gas atmosphere during sintering.
- Charge thermocouple with display
- Temperature measurement at 2200 °C models with pyrometer and thermocouple, type S with automatic pull-out device for precise control results in the low temperature range (VHT 40/…-GR and larger)
- Two-stage rotary vane pump with ball valve for pre-evacuating and heat treating in a fine vacuum (up to 10⁻³ mbar)
- Turbo molecular pump with slide valve for pre-evacuation and for heat treatment in a high vacuum (up to 10⁻⁶ mbar) including electric pressure transducer and booster pump
- Other vacuum pumps on request
- Heat exchanger with closed-loop cooling water circuit
- Automation package with process control H3700
  - 12" graphic touch panel
  - Input of all process data like temperatures, heating rates, gas injection, vacuum at the touch panel
  - Display of all process-relevant data on a process control diagram
  - Automatic gas supply for one process gas (N₂, argon or non-flammable forming gas) with adjustable flow
  - Bypass for flooding and filling the chamber with process gas controlled by the program
  - Automatic pre- and post programs, including leak test for safe furnace operation
  - Automatic gas outlet with bellows valve and overflow valve (20 mbar relative) for over-pressure operation
  - Transducer for absolute and relative pressure
- Mass flow controller for alternating volume flow and generation of gas mixtures with second process gas (only with automation package)
- Partial pressure operation: protective gas flushing at controlled underpressure (only with automation package)
- Process control and documentation via Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
**H₂ Version for Operation with Hydrogen or other Reaction Gases**

In the H₂ version the retort furnaces can be operated under hydrogen or other reaction gases. For these applications, the systems are additionally equipped with the required safety technology. Only certified and industry proven safety sensors are used. The furnaces are controlled by a fail-safe PLC control system (S7-300F/safety controller).

- Certified safety concept
- Automation package (see additional equipment above)
- Redundant gas inlet valves for hydrogen
- Monitored pre-pressures of all process gases
- Bypass for safe purging of furnace chamber with inert gas
- Pressure-monitored emergency flooding with automated solenoid valve opening
- Electric or gas-heated exhaust gas torch for H₂ post-combustion
- Atmospheric operation: H₂-purging of process reactor starting from room temperature at controlled over pressure (50 mbar relative)

**Additional equipment**

- Partial pressure operation: H₂ flushing at underpressure in the process reactor starting from 750 °C furnace chamber temperature
- Inner process hood in the process chamber for debinding under hydrogen
- Process control and documentation via Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76
Process Box for Debinding in Inert Gas

Certain processes require charges to be debinded in non-flammable protective or reactive gases. For these processes we fundamentally recommend a hot-wall retort furnace (see models NR... or SR...). These furnaces can ensure that the formation of condensation will be avoided as thoroughly as possible.

If there is no way to avoid the escape of small amounts of residual binder during the process, even in the VHT furnace, the retort furnace should be designed to meet this contingency.

The furnace chamber is equipped with an additional process box that has a direct outlet to the exhaust gas torch through which the exhaust gas can be directly vented. This system enables a substantial reduction in the amount of furnace chamber contamination caused by the exhaust gases generated during debinding.

Depending on the exhaust gas composition the exhaust gas line can be designed to include various options:

- Exhaust gas torch for burning off the exhaust gas
- Condensation trap for separating out binding agents
- Exhaust gas post-treatment, depending on the process, via scrubbers
- Heated exhaust gas outlet to avoid condensation deposits in the exhaust gas line

### VHT 8/16-MO with hydrogen extension package and process box

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- Inert gas
- Air/Oxygen
- Hydrogen

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- Material of heater: Graphite, Molybdenum, Tungsten, MoSi₂
- Material of insulation: Graphite felt, Molybdenum, Tungsten/Molybdenum, Ceramic fiber

Model Inner dimensions of process box in mm | Volume in l
---|---
VHT 8/... | 120 | 210 | 150 | 3,5 |
VHT 40/... | 250 | 430 | 250 | 25,0 |
VHT 70/... | 325 | 475 | 325 | 50,0 |
VHT 100/... | 425 | 500 | 425 | 90,0 |
VHT 250/... | 575 | 700 | 575 | 230,0 |
VHT 500/... | 725 | 850 | 725 | 445,0 |

Model Inner dimensions in mm | Volume in l | Max. charge weight/kg | Outer dimensions in mm | Heating power in kW
---|---|---|---|---
VHT 8/... | 170 | 240 | 200 | 8 | 5 | 1250 (800) | 50 | 12 |
VHT 40/... | 300 | 450 | 300 | 40 | 30 | 1600 | 2100 | 2300 |
VHT 70/... | 375 | 500 | 375 | 70 | 50 | 1700 | 2500 | 2400 |
VHT 100/... | 450 | 550 | 450 | 100 | 75 | 1900 | 2600 | 2500 |
VHT 250/... | 600 | 750 | 600 | 250 | 175 | 3000 | 4300 | 3100 |
VHT 500/... | 750 | 900 | 750 | 500 | 350 | 3200 | 4500 | 3300 |

- 1With separated switching system unit
- 21800 °C/2200 °C
- 31200 °C/1600 °C
- 4Depending on furnace design connected load might be higher
- 5Only with safety package for flammable gases
- 6Up to 1800 °C
Cold-Wall Retort Furnaces up to 2400 °C or up to 3000 °C

**SVHT 2/24-W - SVHT 9/30-GR**

Compared with the VHT models (page 62 ff), the retort furnaces of the SVHT product line offer improved performance data with regard to achievable vacuum and maximum temperature. Due to the design as pit-type furnace with tungsten heating, processes up to max. 2400 °C even in high vacuum can be implemented with models of the SVHT...-W product line. Models of the SVHT...-GR product line with graphite heating, also in pit-type design, can be operated in an inert gas atmosphere even up to max. 3000 °C.

- Standard sizes with a furnace chamber of 2 or 9 liters
- Designed as pit-type furnace, charged from above
- Frame construction with inserted sheets of textured stainless steel
- Dual shell water-cooled stainless steel container
- Manual operation of process gas and vacuum functions
- Manual gas supply for non-combustible process gas
- A step in front of the furnace for an ergonomic charging height
- Retort lid with gas-charged shock absorbers
- Controls and switchgear as well as gas supply integrated in furnace housing
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions

Further standard product characteristics see description for standard design of VHT models page 62

**Heating Options**

**SVHT ...-GR**

- Applicable for processes:
  - under protective or reaction gases or in the vacuum up to 2200 °C under consideration of relevant max. temperature limits
  - under inert gas argon up to 3000 °C
- Max. vacuum up to 10⁻⁴ mbar depending on the type of pump used
- Heating: graphite heating elements in cylindrical arrangement
- Insulation: graphite felt insulation
- Temperature measurement by means of an optical pyrometer

**SVHT ...-W**

- Applicable for processes under protective or reaction gases or in vacuum up to 2400 °C
- Max. vacuum up to 10⁻⁵ mbar depending on the type of pump used
- Heating: cylindrical tungsten heating module
- Insulation: tungsten and molybdenum radiant plates
- Temperature measurement with thermocouple type C

Additional equipment such as automatic process gas control or design for the operation with flammable gases incl. safety system see VHT models page 62.

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*Depending on furnace design connected load might be higher

*Please see page 77 for more information about supply voltage
Lift-Bottom-Retort Furnace up to 2400 °C

The LBVHT model series with lift-bottom specification are especially suitable for production processes which require either protective or reaction gas atmosphere or a vacuum. The basic performance specifications of these models are similar to the VHT models. Their size and design with electro-hydraulically driven table facilitate charging during production. The furnaces are available in various sizes and designs. Similar like the VHT models, these furnaces can be equipped with different heating concepts.

- Standard furnace sizes between 100 and 600 liters
- Designed as lift-bottom-retort furnace with electro-hydraulically driven table for easy and well-arranged charging
- Prepared to carry heavy charge weights
- Different heating concepts using
  - Graphite heating chamber up to Tmax 2400 °C
  - Molybdenum heating chamber up to Tmax 1600 °C
  - Tungsten heating chamber up to Tmax 2000 °C
- Frame structure filled with textured stainless steel sheets
- Standard design with gassing system for non-flammable protective or reaction gases
- Automatic gas supply system which also allows for operation with several process gases as additional equipment
- Gas supply systems for operating with hydrogen or other combustible reaction gases incl. safety package as additional equipment
- Switchgear and control box as well as gassing system integrated into the furnace housing
- Further product characteristics of the standard furnace as well as possible additional equipment can be found in the description of the VHT furnaces from Page 62

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Retort Furnaces for Catalytic Debinding
also as Combi Furnaces for Catalytic or Thermal Debinding

NRA 40/02 CDB and NRA 150/02 CDB
The retort furnaces NRA 40/02 CDB and NRA 150/02 CDB are specially developed for catalytic debinding of ceramics and metallic powder injection molded parts. They are equipped with a gastight retort with inside heating and gas circulation. During catalytic debinding, the polyacetal-containing (POM) binder chemically decomposes in the oven under nitric acid and is carried out of the oven by a nitrogen carrier gas and burned in an exhaust gas torch. Both furnaces have a comprehensive safety package to protect the operator and the surrounding.

Executed as combi furnace series CTDB these models can be used for either catalytic or thermal debinding incl. presintering if necessary and possible. The presintered parts can be easily transferred into the sintering furnace. The sintering furnace remains clean as no residual binder can exhaust anymore.

- Process retort made of acid-resistant stainless steel 1.4571 with large swiveling door
- Four-side heating inside the retort through chromium steel tube heating elements for good temperature uniformity
- Horizontal gas circulation for uniform distribution of the process atmosphere
- Acid pump and acid vessel (to be provided by the customer) accommodated in the furnace frame
- Gas-fired exhaust gas torch with flame monitoring
- Extensive safety package with redundantly operating safety PLC for safe operation with nitric acid

Version NRA .. CDB
- Tmax 200 °C
- Automatic gas supply system for nitrogen with mass flow controller
- Adjustable acid volume and correspondingly adjusted gas supply volumes

Version NRS .. CTDB
- Safety concepts see page 9
- Available for 600 °C and 900 °C with atmosphere circulation

Additional equipment
- Scale for the nitric acid vessel, connected to the PLC monitors the acid consumption and visualizes the fill level of the acid vessel (NRA 150/02 CDB)
- Lift truck for easy loading of the furnace
- Cupboard for acid pump
- Process control and documentation via Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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Fast-Firing Furnaces
LS 12/13 and LS 25/13
These fast-firing furnaces are ideal for simulation of typical fast-firing processes up to a maximum firing temperature of 1300 °C. The combination of high performance, low thermal mass and powerful cooling fans provides for cycle times from cold to cold up to 35 minutes with an opening temperature of approx. 300 °C.

- Tmax 1300 °C
- Very compact design
- Ceramic grid tubes as charge support
- Floor and lid heating
- Two-zone control, bottom and lid
- Integrated cooling fans, programmable to speed up charge cooling including housing cooling
- Programmable lid opening of approximately 20 mm for faster cooling without activating the fan
- Thermocouple PtRh-Pt, type S for top and bottom zone
- Castors for easy furnace moving
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 76

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Gradient or Lab Strand Annealing Furnaces
GR 1300/13
The furnace chamber of the gradient furnace GR 1300/13 is divided in six control zones of equal length. The temperature in each of the six heating zones is separately controlled. The gradient furnace is usually charged from the side through the parallel swivel door. A maximum temperature gradient of 400 °C can then be stabilized over the heated length of 1300 mm. On request the furnace also is designed as a lab strand annealing furnace with a second door on the opposite side. If the included fiber separator are used charging is carried-out from the top.

- Tmax 1300 °C
- Heated length: 1300 mm
- Heating elements on support tubes providing for free heat radiation in the kiln chamber
- Charging from the top or through the right side door
- Gas damper suspension of the lid
- 6-zone control
- Separate control of heating zones (each 160 mm long)
- Temperature gradient of 400 °C over the entire length of the kiln chamber, each zone can individually be controlled
- Fiber separators dividing the chamber in six equally sized chambers
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76

Additional equipment
- Up to ten control zones
- Second parallel swivel door for use as lab strand annealing furnace
- Vertical instead of horizontal lab strand annealing furnace
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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Firing curves LS 12/13 and LS 25/13

Furnace chamber of the GR 1300/13 with second door as additional equipment
Chamber Furnaces with Brick Insulation or Fiber Insulation

The chamber furnaces LH 15/12 - LF 120/14 have been trusted for many years as professional chamber furnaces for the laboratory. These furnaces are available with either a robust insulation of light refractory bricks (LH models) or with a combination insulation of refractory bricks in the corners and low heat storage, quickly cooling fiber material (LF models). With a wide variety of optional equipment, these chamber furnaces can be optimally adapted to your processes.

- **Tmax 1200 °C, 1300 °C, or 1400 °C**
- Dual shell housing with rear ventilation, provides for low shell temperatures
- Five-sided heating for very good temperature uniformity
- Heating elements on support tubes ensure free heat radiation and a long service life
- Controller mounted on furnace door and removable for comfortable operation
- Protection of bottom heating and flat stacking surface provided by embedded SiC plate in the floor
- LH models: multi-layered, fiber-free insulation of light refractory bricks and special backup insulation
- LF models: high-quality non-classified fiber insulation with corner bricks for shorter heating and cooling times
- Door with brick-on-brick seal, hand fitted
- Short heating times due to high installed power

Additional equipment
- Side vent with bypass connection for exhaust pipe
- Self-supporting arch for high stability and greatest possible protection against dust
- Quick lock on door
- Freely adjustable air slide intake in furnace floor
- Stand included
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- Controls description see page 76

**Additional equipment**
- Parallel swinging door, pivots away from operator, for opening when hot
- Lift door with electro-mechanic linear drive
Parallel swinging door for opening when hot

- Separate wall-mounting or floor standing cabinet for switchgear
- Motor driven exhaust air flap
- Cooling fan for shorter cycle times
- Protective gas connection for purging the furnace with non-flammable protective or reaction gases
- Process box made of quartz glass for very clean atmosphere, quartz glass covered door with lid function
- Manual or automatic gas supply system
- Scale to measure weight reduction during annealing
- Debinding packages with safety concept up to 60 liters see page 6
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package or Nabertherm Control Center (NCC) for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

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High-Temperature Furnaces Lift-Bottom up to 1700 °C

LHT/LB
The electrically driven lift-bottom considerably allows for proper charging of the high-temperature furnaces LHT/LB. The heating all around the cylindrical furnace chamber provides for an optimal temperature uniformity. For model LHT 02/17 LB the charge can be placed in charge saggars made of technical ceramics. Up to three charge saggars can be stacked on top of each other resulting in a high productivity. Due to its volume model LHT 16/17 LB can also be used for applications in production.

- Tmax 1700 °C
- High-quality molybdenum disilicide heating elements
- Furnace chamber lined with first-class, durable fiber materials
- Outstanding temperature uniformity due to all-round furnace chamber heating
- Furnace chamber with a volume of 2 or 16 liters, table with large footprint
- Spacers to lift-up the saggars already installed in the table
- Precise, electric spindle drive with push button operation
- Housing made of sheets of textured stainless steel
- Exhaust air vent in the roof
- Type S thermocouple
- Switchgear with thyristor
- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive
- Controls description see page 76
Additional equipment

- Over-temperature limiter with adjustable cutout temperature for thermal protection class 2 in accordance with EN 60519-2 as temperature limiter to protect the furnace and load
- Saggar for charging of up to three layers
- Protective gas connection for purging the furnace with non-flammable protective or reaction gases
- Manual or automatic gas supply system
- Adjustable air inlet through the floor
- Process control and documentation via VCD software package for monitoring, documentation and control see page 76

High-Temperature Furnaces with Scale for Determination of Combustion Loss and Thermogravimetric Analyses (TGA)

High-Temperature Furnaces with Scale for Determination of Combustion Loss and Thermogravimetric Analyses (TGA)

LHT 04/16 SW and LHT 04/17 SW

These high-temperature furnaces were specially developed to determine combustion loss during annealing and for thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) in the lab. The complete system consists of the high-temperature furnace for 1600 °C or 1750 °C, a table frame, precision scale with feedthroughs into the furnace and powerful software for recording both the temperature curve and the weight loss over time.

- Defined application within the constraints of the operating instructions
- NTLog Basic for Nabertherm Controller: Recording of process data with USB-flash drive

Software for documentation of the temperature curve and combustion loss using a PC

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With their high level of flexibility and innovation, Nabertherm offers the optimal solution for customer-specific applications.

Based on our standard models, we develop individual solutions also for integration in overriding process systems. The solutions shown on this page are just a few examples of what is feasible. From working under vacuum or protective gas via innovative control and automation technology for a wide selection of temperatures, sizes, lengths and other properties of tube furnace systems – we will find the appropriate solution for a suitable process optimization.
Temperature Uniformity and System Accuracy

Temperature uniformity is defined as the maximum temperature deviation in the work space of the furnace. There is a general difference between the furnace chamber and the work space. The furnace chamber is the total volume available in the furnace. The work space is smaller than the furnace chamber and describes the volume which can be used for charging.

**Specification of Temperature Uniformity in +/- K in the Standard Furnace**

In the standard design the temperature uniformity is specified in +/- K at a defined set-temperature with the work space of the empty furnace during the dwell time. In order to make a temperature uniformity survey the furnace should be calibrated accordingly. As standard our furnaces are not calibrated upon delivery.

**Calibration of the Temperature Uniformity in +/- K**

If an absolute temperature uniformity at a reference temperature or at a defined reference temperature range is required, the furnace must be calibrated appropriately. If, for example, a temperature uniformity of +/- 5 K at a set temperature of 750 °C is required, it means that measured temperatures may range from a minimum of 745 °C to a maximum of 755 °C in the work space.

**System Accuracy**

Tolerances may occur not only in the work space, they also exist with respect to the thermocouple and in the controls. If an absolute temperature uniformity in +/- K at a defined set temperature or within a defined reference working temperature range is required, the following measures have to be taken:

- Measurement of total temperature deviation of the measurement line from the controls to the thermocouple
- Measurement of temperature uniformity within the work space at the reference temperature or within the reference temperature range
- If necessary, an offset is set at the controls to adjust the displayed temperature at the controller to the real temperature in the furnace
- Documentation of the measurement results in a protocol

**Temperature Uniformity in the Work Space incl. Protocol**

In standard furnaces a temperature uniformity is guaranteed as +/- K without measurement of temperature uniformity. However, as additional feature, a temperature uniformity measurement at a reference temperature in the work space compliant with DIN 17052-1 can be ordered. Depending on the furnace model, a holding frame which is equivalent in size to the work space is inserted into the furnace. This frame holds thermocouples at 11 defined measurement positions. The measurement of the temperature uniformity is performed at a reference temperature specified by the customer at a pre-defined dwell time. If necessary, different reference temperatures or a defined reference working temperature range can also be calibrated.
Process Control and Documentation

Nabertherm has many years of experience in the design and construction of both standard and custom control alternatives. All controls are remarkable for their ease of use and even in the basic version have a wide variety of functions.

**Standard Controllers**

Our extensive line of standard controllers satisfies most customer requirements. D60Based on the specific furnace model, the controller regulates the furnace temperature reliably and is equipped with an integrated USB-interface for documentation of process data (NTLog/NTGraph).

The standard controllers are developed and fabricated within the Nabertherm group. When developing controllers, our focus is on ease of use. From a technical standpoint, these devices are custom-fit for each furnace model or the associated application. From the simple controller with an adjustable temperature to the control unit with freely configurable control parameters, stored programs and PID microprocessor control with self-diagnosis system, we have a solution to meet your requirements.

**HiProSystems Control and Documentation**

This professional process control with PLC controls for single and multi-zone furnaces is based on Siemens hardware and can be adapted and upgraded extensively. HiProSystems control is used when more than two process-dependent functions, such as exhaust air flaps, cooling fans, automatic movements, etc., have to be handled during a cycle, when furnaces with more than one zone have to be controlled, when special documentation of each batch is required and when remote telediagnostic service is required. It is flexible and is easily tailored to your process or documentation needs.

**Alternative User Interfaces for HiProSystems**

**Process control H500/H700**

This basic panel accommodates most basic needs and is very easy to use. Firing cycle data and the extra functions activated are clearly displayed in a table. Messages appear as text. Data can be stored on a USB stick using the „NTLog Comfort“ option (not available for all H700).

**Process control H1700**

Customized versions can be realized in addition to the scope of services of the H500/H700

**Process control H3700**

Display of functions on a large 12” display. Display of basic data as online trend or as a graphical system overview.

Scope as H1700

**Control, Visualisation and Documentation with Nabertherm Control Center NCC**

Upgrading the HiProSystems-Control individually into a PC-based NCC provides for additional interfaces, operating documentation, and service benefits in particular for controlling furnace groups including charge beyond the furnace itself (quenching tank, cooling station etc.):

- Recommended for heat treatment processes with extensive requirements in respect to documentation e.g. for metals, technical ceramics or in the medicine field
- Software extension can be used also in accordance with the AMS 2750 E (NADCAP)
- Documentation according to the requirements of Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Part 11, EGV 1642/03 possible
- Charge data can be read in via barcodes
- Interface for connection to overriding systems
- Connection to mobile phone or stationary network for malfunction message transmission via SMS
- Control from various locations over the network
- Measurement range calibration up to 18 temperatures per measuring point for use at different temperatures. For norm-relevant applications a multilevel calibration is possible.
## Mains Voltages for Nabertherm Furnaces

1-phase: all furnaces are available for mains voltages from 110 V - 240 V at 50 or 60 Hz.

3-phase: all furnaces are available for mains voltages from 200 V - 240 V or 380 V - 480 V, at 50 or 60 Hz.

The connecting rates in the catalog refer to the standard furnace with 400 V (3/N/PE) respectively 230 V (1/N/PE).
Data storing of Nabertherm controllers with NTLog Basic

NTLog Basic allows for recording of process data of the connected Nabertherm Controller (B400, B410, C440, C450, P470, P480) on a USB stick.

The process documentation with NTLog Basic requires no additional thermocouples or sensors. Only data recorded which are available in the controller.

The data stored on the USB stick (up to 80,000 data records, format CSV) can afterwards be evaluated on the PC either via NTGraph or a spreadsheet software used by the customer (e.g. MS Excel).

For protection against data manipulation the generated data records contain checksums.

Data storing of HiProSystems with NTLog Comfort

The extension module NTLog Comfort offers the same functionality of NTLog Basic module. Process data from a HiProSystems control are read out and stored in real time on a USB stick (not available for all H700 systems). The extension module NTLog Comfort can also be connected using an Ethernet connection to a computer in the same local network so that data can be written directly onto this computer.

Visualization with NTGraph

The process data from NTLog can be visualized either using the customer’s own spreadsheet program (e.g. MS-Excel) or NTGraph (Freeware). With NTGraph Nabertherm provides for a user-friendly tool free of charge for the visualization of the data generated by NTLog. Prerequisite for its use is the installation of the program MS Excel for Windows (version 2003/2010/2013). After data import presentation as diagram, table or report can be chosen. The design (color, scaling, reference labels) can be adapted by using prepared sets.

NTGraph is available in seven languages (DE/EN/FR/SP/IT/CH/RU). In addition, selected texts can be generated in other languages.
**VCD-Software for Visualization, Control and Documentation**

Documentation and reproducibility are more and more important for quality assurance. The powerful VCD software represents an optimal solution for single multi furnace systems as well as charg documentation on the basis of Nabertherm controllers.

The VCD software is used to record process data from the controllers B400/B410, C440/C450 and P470/P480. Up to 400 different heat treatment programs can be stored. The controllers are started and stopped via the software. The process is documented and archived accordingly. The data display can be carried-out in a diagram or as data table. Even a transfer of process data to MS Excel (.csv format *) or the generation of reports in PDF format is possible.

**Features**
- Available for controllers B400/B410/C440/C450/P470/P480
- Suitable for operating systems Microsoft Windows 7 (32/64 Bit) or 8/8.1 (32/64 Bit)
- Simple installation
- Setting, Archiving and print of programs and graphics
- Operation of controllers via PC
- Archiving of process curves from up to 16 furnaces (also multi-zone controlled)
- Redundant saving of archives on a server drive
- Higher security level due to binary data storage
- Free input of charge date with comfortable search function
- Possibility to evaluate data, files can be converted to Excel
- Generation of a PDF-report
- Language selection: German, English, Italian, French, Spanish, Russian
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