

Creating the purest Vacuum environments on Earth

Eximo[™] Ion Pump Shielding*





Charged and neutral particles are generated within an ion pump through normal operation.

These particles can emit from pumping ports directly or as secondary electrons generated from particle impact.

Emissions can effect application results though conductive coatings or additional current to application instrumentation.

Eximo* ion pump shielding reduces emissions from an ion pump by a factor of 1000.

Eximo* Ion Pump Shielding Technical Description Single ended (PN: 45S-CV-4V-SC-N-N) shown. Alternative configurations and CAD models available at www.gammavacuum.com.



High energy impact of ions with ion pump cathode materials results in a combination of the following:

- the reflection of the impacting ion as a high energy neutral
- the release of cathode material as high energy neutrals
- · the release of other high energy ions and their disassociated electrons
- the creation x-ray photons

Electrons are largely contained within the anode/cathode assembly of the ion pump due to the large electrical potential needed for normal ion pump operation. Neutral particles and photons are not affected by the electrical potential or high magnetic field within the ion pump and can consequently emit from the anode/cathode assembly (shown to the left as a green area).

Neutral particles and photons generate secondary particles upon impact with their line of site targets. These secondary particles consist mainly of electrons.

Neutral materials emitted from an ion pump can deposit on external surfaces at rates up to and exceeding 0.9 Å per hour, dependant upon sustained pressure. Upon impact outside the ion pump, secondary particles are generated and can contribute to application measurements with consequences that vary depending upon the application.

Charged grids and plates have no affect on neutral particles. Grounded shields can eliminate external line of site neutral impact. They do not stop secondary electrons generated at locations within the ion pump that have line of site to the pumping ports.

EXIMO ion pump shielding incorporates a series of baffles that:

- block direct emission of high energy primary particles
- block secondary particles created from high energy primary particle impact
- retain pumping speed by allowing full conductance into the ion pump

* Eximo technology is patent pending and a trademark of Gamma Vacuum



Gamma Vacuum designs, manufactures, and services ion pumps, titanium sublimation pumps, and their controls.

We have grown to be the industry leading supplier through superior quality, delivery, service and innovation.

Our staff and facility are dedicated to one thing; creating the purest vacuum environments on earth.