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A MICRO DEEP DRAWING APPARATUS **IITM Technology Available for Licensing**

Problem Statement

Indian Institute of Technology Madras

- Conventional micro deep drawing apparatuses lack efficient heating mechanisms, resulting in defects, reduced surface finish, and restricted mass production capabilities for complex 3D micro components.
- There is a need for a micro deep drawing apparatus that provides rapid and localized heating, precise tooling, and scalability for the mass production of micro components with complex geometries.

Technology Category/ Market

Category – Advanced Manufacturing Technology Applications – Bio-Medical Engineering, Electronic system & design Manufacturing,

Electronics, Healthcare Industry _ Devices, Aerospace and Defense, Automotive

Market - The Advance Manufacturing Market size is estimated at USD 141.39 billion in 2024, and is expected to reach USD 279.23 billion by 2029, growing at a CAGR of 14.58% during the forecast period (2024-2029).

Intellectual Property

- IITM IDF Ref. 2210
- IN 404689 (Patent Granted)

TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL- 5, Technology validated in relevant environment



Figures 7a-7e demonstrate work piece sizes, partial formation, and fully formed micro components using the apparatus.

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Technology

Microforming Apparatus:

A specialized apparatus designed for micro drawing processes, enabling deep the production of intricate micro components.

Localized Induction Heating:

Utilization of induction heating technology selectively heats the work piece, allowing for rapid and efficient heating without affecting peripheral components.

Precise Tooling:

The apparatus includes high-precision tooling components such as punch holders, guide pillars, and stripper plates, ensuring accurate and repeatable micro forming processes.

Scalability for Mass Production:

Capable of scaling up micro forming processes to mass production levels, meeting the increasing demand for micro components in various industries.

Complex Geometry Capabilities:

Enables the production of micro components with complex 3D geometries, such as hollow and high-aspect-ratio features, which are challenging to achieve with conventional manufacturing methods.

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Key Features / Value Proposition

User Perspective:

Enhanced Manufacturing Efficiency:

Users benefit from increased efficiency in micro component manufacturing, achieved through rapid heating, precise tooling, and scalability for mass production.

Technical Perspective:

Advanced Heating Mechanism:

The localized induction heating unit provides precise and efficient heating, overcoming limitations of conventional heating methods and ensuring uniform heating of the workpiece for high-quality microforming processes.



FIG.1 shows a perspective view of the micro-deep drawing apparatus.



FIG. 2 depicts an exploded view of the stripper plate.

Image



Fig. 8 showcases SEM images of fully formed micro components from the micro deep drawing apparatus.



Fig. 4 displays the perspective view of the die plate. Fig, 5 shows a sectional view of the die plate.

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