

Equipment

Contract Manufacturing

LOW PRESSURE MOLDING SOLUTION

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Protecting your electronics with safe and reliable encapsulation

LPMS

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# Expanding Low Pressure Molding Solutions, Services and Successes

Originally developed in the 1970s to overmold wires and cables for the automotive industry, low pressure molding has now solidified itself into all markets, including submerged marine electronics to sensitive medical and automotive sensors. Specialized equipment, engineered tools and specifically formulated materials are required to protect these parts; this is where LPMS provides the greatest value into your production. LPMS is the largest, global low pressure molding equipment provider. To meet the growing demand, LPMS USA was established in Chicago in 2014 and leads the industry with more than 10 standard platforms – from low-volume R&D to high-volume production. Each platform can also be customized to meet customer and production requirements. LPMS USA is the largest stocking-equipment provider in North America. In addition to equipment, we offer a complete turnkey solution, including collaborative engineering to design, develop and manufacture prototype and production tools, full-service contract manufacturing, and material selection and distribution.

LPMS USA is a veteran-owned company and ITAR compliant.



### **Protection in Three Simple Steps**

Using an environmentally friendly hot melt adhesive, the low pressure molding process encapsulates parts safely in seconds, providing waterproofing and protection against temperature extremes, harsh chemicals, shock and vibration. Low pressure molding is uniquely positioned between potting and high-pressure injection molding. Unlike potting – which can take up to seven process steps – the entire low pressure molding process can be completed in three simple steps. Based on the process-step reduction, fast-processing speed, substantially increased throughput, reduced material, shipping and labor costs, the cost for an overmolded part can be reduced to half the price of a potted part.

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**Benefits** 

over Potting

# Advantages of Low Pressure Molding

#### 01 Skylining

Material wraps the contours of components – with a minimum thickness of 1mm – encapsulating the PCB and reducing material usage through skylining.

#### 02 Single-part, No-cure Materials

Hot melt thermoplastic that does not require mixing or curing.

### **03** Sustainable Materials

Low pressure molding materials are thermoplastics derived from plant-based fatty acids, are VOC free and REACH/RoHS compliant. The materials can be reworked and waste is recyclable.

#### 04 Custom-material Options

LPMS USA's custom Spectra-Melt line incorporates additives and low-density fillers to enhance material properties, such as color, optical clarity, UV resistance and thermal stability.

#### 05 Strain Relief

Mechanically bonds to protect wires and cables to provide a waterproof seal. LPMS USA offers wire and cable processing and attachment prior to overmolding.

#### 06 Overmolds Multiple Materials

LPMS USA's dual-nozzle equipment platforms inject multiple materials at the same time, providing multiple PCB protection options.

#### 07 Eliminates Housing

Low pressure molding materials become the housing, reducing cost, part numbers and inventory.

#### **08** Bushings for Mounting

Compression-limiting bushings can be molded in place for parts mounting.

#### 09 Embossing/Debossing

LPMS USA's mechanical design engineers can integrate logos, part numbers and time stamps into the material.

#### **10** Overmolds Batteries

Encapsulates and protects batteries without damage.

### 11 Waterproof

Low pressure molding materials provide waterproofing and meet sealing requirements up to IP 69.

#### 12 Shut Offs

Low pressure molding materials can shut off or mold around sensitive components, while still protecting electronics from moisture.

### Horizontal-injection Equipment

LPMS USA offers the widest variety of equipment platforms on the market; in addition, each machine can be customized to meet your specifications and production requirements. We offer a line of horizontal-injection machines that are designed with a large molding area to accommodate larger parts, an attached melt tank to process higher-viscosity materials or an external melt tank to swap-out materials easily. The standard clamping force for these machines is 1.2 to 5 Tons.





### **KAPPA 1000H**

Horizontal-injection, Single-station System with External Melt Tank

- Horizontal-injection, single-workstation system with external high-volume melt tank
- Seven-inch touchscreen, multi-language operator PLC
- Three thermal control zones for precise melt control
- Ejection system for easy part removal
- Equipped with work-area light curtains, door sensors and rear-safety window

**Specifications** 

### Vertical-injection Equipment

LPMS USA also offers multiple vertical-injection machines that provide better wet out, improved adhesion, faster cycle times and lower material waste due to the shorter runner. Vertical-injection machines also include an attached or external melt tank with a standard clamping force of 1.2 to 5 Tons. Your part size and throughput determines which machine best suits your application. LPMS USA's team of technical engineers will help guide you in the right direction to ensure optimal results.



**BETA 800** 



**BETA 800H** 



**BETA 800HMG** 

Machine Size	1010 × 935 × 1660 mm 39.76 × 36.81 × 65.35 in + 771 lbs	940 × 840 × 1865 mm 37.00 × 33.07 × 73.42 in · 926 lbs	1245 × 945 × 1982 mm 49.01 × 37.20 × 78.03 in + 1454 lbs
Electricity	200–240 VAC · 1 Phase · 50 or 60 Hz	200–240 VAC · 1 Phase · 50 or 60 Hz	200–240 VAC · 1 Phase · 50 or 60 Hz
Air Pressure	0.5–6.0 MPa · 73 psi	0.5–6.0 MPa · 73 psi	0.5–6.0 MPa · 73 psi
Air Volume	3.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /min · 0.1 m <sup>3</sup> /min	3.5 ft³/min · 0.1 m³/min	3.5 ft³/min · 0.1 m³/min
Clamping Method	Pneumatic	-	Pneumatic over hydraulic
Clamping Force	1.2 Tons	5 Tons	5 Tons
Clamping Stroke	150 mm · 5.90 in	150 mm · 5.90 in	150 mm · 5.90 in
Max. Mold Size	300 × 200 × 150 mm 11.81 × 7.87 × 5.90 in	300 × 200 × 150 mm 11.81 × 7.87 × 5.90 in	300 × 200 × 150 mm 11.81 × 7.87 × 5.90 in
Nozzle	LPMS-G08	LPMS-G08	LPMS-G02
Standard Safety	Two-hand actuation · E-stop button Light curtain · Side safety doors	Light curtain	Two-hand actuation $\cdot$ E-stop button Light curtain $\cdot$ Side safety doors
Melt Tank Quantity / Volume	One built-in · 5L	One external · 7L	Two external · 7L
Temperature Control Zones	3	3	6



### **BETA 800H**

Vertical-injection, Single-station System with External Melt Tank

- Vertical-injection system with a single injection gun
- Seven-inch touchscreen PLC with multi-language capabilities
- Three thermal control zones for precise melt control
- Mechanically controlled pneumatic-ejection system
- Equipped with work-area light curtains, door sensors and rear-safety window

# Semi-automated and Handheld Equipment

For high-volume production, LPMS USA offers a variety of semi-automated machines from a tabletop shuttle to a rotary machine. Conversely, we also offer handheld equipment for low-volume production and prototype testing. These machines are ideal for high-mix, high-variability production.







Specifications	BETA 370	КАРРА 700	LPMS 900MD
Machine Size	990 × 874 × 965 mm 38.98 × 34.41 × 37.99 in + 881 lbs	1180 × 780 × 1460 mm 46.45 × 30.70 × 57.48 in · 881 lbs	1135 × 1443 × 1803 mm 44.68 × 56.77 × 70.98 in · 992 lbs
Electricity	200–240 VAC · 1 Phase · 50 Hz	200–240 VAC $\cdot$ 1 Phase $\cdot$ 50 or 60 Hz	200–240 VAC $\cdot$ 1 Phase $\cdot$ 50 or 60 Hz
Air Pressure	0.5 MPa · 73 psi	0.5–6.0 MPa · 7.3–87.0 psi	0.5–6.0 MPa · 73 psi
Air Volume	3.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /min · 0.1 m <sup>3</sup> /min	3.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /min · 0.1 m <sup>3</sup> /min	3.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /min · 0.1 m <sup>3</sup> /min
Clamping Method	Air cylinder	Air cylinder	Pneumatic
Clamping Force	1.25 Tons	2 Tons	1.2 Tons
Clamping Stroke	75 mm	150 mm · 5.90 in	75 mm · 2.95 in
Max. Mold Size	250 × 120 × 150 mm 9.84 × 4.72 × 5.91 in	305 × 153 × 153 mm 12.00 × 6.02 × 6.02 in	300 × 200 × 308 mm 11.81 × 7.87 × 12.13 in
Nozzle	LPMS-G08	LPMS-G10	-





ALPHA 120J

Machine Size	540 × 400 × 510 mm · 21.25 × 15.74 × 20.07 in · 35.0 lbs	610 × 320 × 405 mm · 23.95 × 12.60 × 15.90 in · 95 lbs
Electricity	110-120 VAC · 1 Phase · 50 or 60 Hz	200~240 VAC · 1 Phase · 50 Hz
Air Pressure	0.0–0.7 MPa · 14–100 psi	0.5–6.0 MPa · 7.3–87.0 psi
Air Volume	0.7 ft <sup>3</sup> /min · 0.02 m <sup>3</sup> /min	3.5 ft³/min · 0.1 m³/min
Max. Mold Size	120 × 100 × 82 mm · 4.72 × 3.93 × 3.22 in	Depends on part design
Nozzle	LPMS-G01	LPMS-G10

**Specifications** 

### Technical **Customer Services**

LPMS USA works closely with you to support and streamline your production, yield high-quality parts and ensure that you receive consistent, repeatable results from your low pressure molding operation.

## LPMS USA's Turnkey Solutions



requirements and shuttle tables to increase production speed.

### Production **Services**

LPMS USA is the only low pressure molding equipment provider that produces its own mold sets and provides contract manufacturing services on-site.

### Tooling **Services**

Quick-turn prototype tooling, production inserts and modifications are made in LPMS USA's on-site tool shop.



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### Contract Manufacturing

LPMS USA is the only low pressure molding equipment provider with its own ISO 9001-certified and ITAR-compliant production facility.





# Material **Distribution**

LPMS USA is an authorized distributor for the top overmolding material suppliers – Henkel, Bostik and Toyobo – providing an expansive, complementary material portfolio. LPMS USA's on-site material scientists specialize in material selection, confirming the right material is selected for your application.

Spectra Melt LPMS

LPMS USA's on-site chemists and material science engineers are developing new solutions to meet market demands. LPMS USA's Spectra-Melt line of molding products incorporates cutting-edge additives and lowdensity fillers to enhance materials' properties, such as UV and thermal stability, hardness, magnetism, optical clarity and light diffusion for LEDs, along with color compounding and laser-marking capabilities.



### TECHNOMELT.



Henkel is the largest hot melt provider in the world, and it's expansive TECHNOMELT line of overmolding hot melt materials delivers exceptional electrical insulation and excellent temperature, vibration and solvent resistance for a wide range of applications.





Bostik's low pressure molding solution includes Thermelt, a comprehensive range of hot melt polyamide adhesives designed to meet customers' unique needs. Multipurpose with high resistance to temperature and oil, these adhesives offer easy processability at low pressure and low temperatures.



Toyobo's Vyloshot thermoplastic copolyesters for low pressure molding protect parts from water and shock, offers high reliabilty, easy processability, low-temperature flexibility and are compressible.



### Low Pressure Molding Solutions from Design to Production



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