AirAKI® DRY Fog humidification system for Electronics industry

About AirAKI®

In 1979, H. IKEUCHI & Co., Ltd invented the AirAKI_® industrial humidification system utilizing the AKIMist_® that sprays non-wet fog "Dry Fog". This is the world's first system that guaranties the humidity of the factories. We design the system installation suits to factory's layout and air conditions and check the humidity after installation.



Sales reference

We have delivered to Japanese leading electronics parts manufacturers, such as Sharp, Sony, Hitachi, Panasonic, etc, who produce cell-phones, communications devices, LCD TVs, and car electronics products. They installed AirAiki_® systems in SMT processes to protect these products from problems caused by static electricity and dust particles.

Customer's products	Customers	Customer's products	Customers
Communication device (Cellular phone)	NEC Corporation	FPD (LED, PDP)	Sharp Corporation
Electronic component, like a IC and condenser	Panasonic Corporation	LED module assembly	Hitachi, Ltd.
Assembling process and SMT for	Sharp Corporation	Backlight assembly	TOSHIBA CORPORATION
cellular phone and communication instrument	Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc.	LED glass panel	Panasonic Corporation
	EPSON TOYOCOM Corporation	I	GEOMATEC Co., Ltd.
	ICOM Incorporated	1	Stanlay Electric Co., Ltd.
	Japan Radio Co., Ltd.	I	Asahi Glass Company, Limited
Electronic component for PC	Panasonic Corporation		Nippon Sheet Glass Company, Limited
Crystal oscillator, condenser, IC,	NIHON DEMPA KOGYO Co., Ltd.		Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd.
Parts for HDD (magnetoresistive head)	Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd.	Car electronics	DENSO Corporation
	DAISHINKU Corp.	Car navigator	KEIHIN Corporation
	EPSON TOYOCOM Corporation	Air-bag system	CALSONIC KANSEI CORPORATION
	NEC Corporation	Front panel	Clarion Co., Ltd.
	Hitachi, Ltd.	I	Panasonic Corporation
	TDK Corporation		ALPS ELECTRIC Co., Ltd.
Audio-Video Equipment	Panasonic Corporation		ALPINE ELECTRONICS, Inc.
DVD player, DVD laser pickup	SONY Corporation	I	TOKAI RIKA Co., Ltd.
	JVC KENWOOD Holdings, Inc.	I	ASTI Corporation
	Sharp Corporation	I	JVC KEMWOOD Holdings, Inc.
	PIONEER Corporation	I	

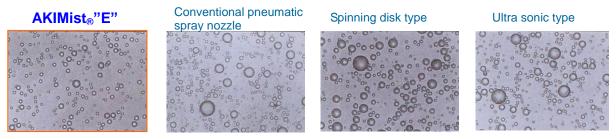
Installation

The AirAKI® system can be set up according to a factory's layout and air conditioning systems.



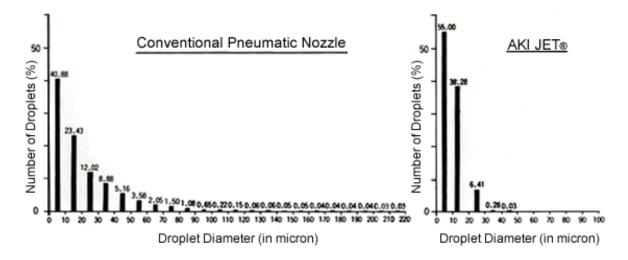


By utilizing AKIJet_®, AKIMist_®"E" sprays Dry Fog; highly-uniform droplet fog with mean diameter of 7.5 μ m. It can humidify without wetting targets.



The finest fog with droplet sizes distributed in a very tight range

As shown below, there is a significant difference between the droplet sizes sprayed by the conventional pneumatic nozzle and by the AKIJet_® under the same conditions. Large sized droplets cause problems during humidification; hitting objects and making them wet.

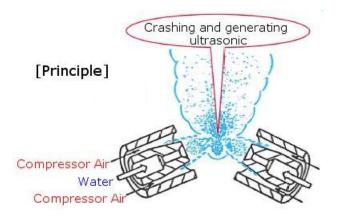


How generate Dry Fog

Atomized droplet flow from nozzle crashes into flow from the other nozzle.

This couple of flow repeats shearing droplets.

Simultaneously they generate ultrasonic at 3.3~4MHz to further atomize droplets and homogenize size.





AKIMist_®"E" can be installed inside clean rooms where wetting surfaces is strictly prohibited. It can be installed according to a manufacturing lines layout for effective humidification.

By humidifying the entire target area, it creates an environment that does not generate static charge. AKIMist_®"E" can be another approach to humidifying when compared with other solutions, such as the removal of static electricity by ionizer or anti-static charge instruments. This system leads to the improvement of a factory's reliability and product quality.

Another advantage of our system is that it consumes only about $1/5 \sim 1/8$ of the energy used by conventional steam humidification. It can be one of biggest energy saving and CO₂ reducing assets in a factory.

An example of energy cost and CO₂ reduction comparison with steam humidification method

○ Energy-Saving effect of AKIMist_®"E"

Energy cost for Dry Fog humidification is only 1/5~1/8 of that used for steam humidification.

O CO₂ reduction

	AKIMist _® "E"	Steam Humidifier (Bunker A-fired boiler)
CO ₂ emission		
For example (Amount of humidification: 100kg/hr, 3000hr/year)	Electricity: Approx. 33,750 kWh/year	Bunker A: Approx. 35,714 L/year
Annual CO ₂ emission	Approx. 12.7 ton ^{CO2} /year	Approx. 96.8 ton ^{CO2} /year

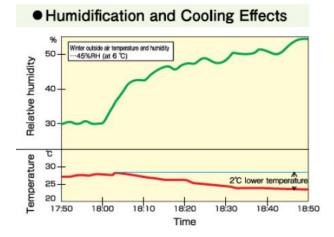
CO₂ emission for Dry Fog humidification is only 1/7~1/8 of that used for steam humidification (Bunker A-fired boiler).



Electronic parts manufacturing process such as SMT is consuming large energy for cooling air not only in summer but also in winter season and this shares the one of biggest ratio of energy cost of the plant. AKIMist ® "E" sprays water direct into the room and it's adiabatic cooling effect is 625W / water 1kg. Generally speaking, it can cool down room temperature about 2degreeC and this cooling effect leads about 20% of energy saving of air cooler.

Steam humidification does not have adiabatic cooling effect. On the contrary, steam has possibility of makes condensation in the duct of air conditioner because the temperature inside of the duct is lower than room temperature. It

means energy confliction happens in the duct and it is not efficient energy usage.

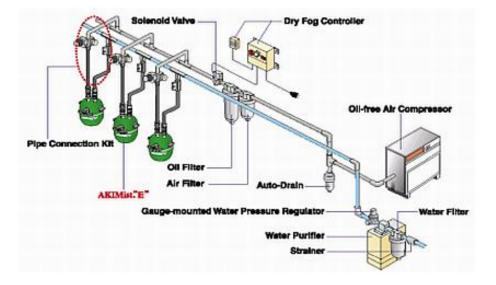




	AKIMist _® "E"	Steam Humidification System	
Humidification Characteristics	100%RH Absolute Humidity Temperature	100%RH Absolute Humidity Temperature	
	Isoenthalpic Variation (Thermo-Moisture Ratio 0)	Isothermal Variation Thermo-Moisture Ratio 640)	
Efficiency	100% (Key: Droplet size)	100% (Key: Temperature & distance of evaporation)	
Cooling effect	Humidification of 1kg saves energy equivalent to appr. 625W to be consumed to treat sensible heat. (Less running cost for air-conditioner)	No cooling effect	

Features of AirAKI_® system

- Simple structure. AKIMiste"E" sprays only by water and compressed air supply. No electric driven parts.
- Because multiple AKIMiste"E" can be installed on one pipeline, it is easily installed over the whole area of a factory.
- No need for fine tuning of air and water pressure regulators to avoid wetting, like conventional air atomizing nozzles.
- No need to install spray units in high positions, like high-pressure nozzles, to avoid wetting.
- In general, AKIMiste" E" is installed in 2m or 3m height and sprays to the target directly.
- No use of high-pressure hydraulic components and low frequency of parts exchange or maintenance.
- Structure is simple and customers can easily maintain by themselves.



Specifications of AKIMist_®"E"

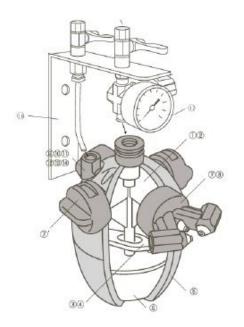
AKIJet spray nozzle AKI03C

Performance			
Air pressure	Spray volume	Air consumption	
(bar)	(L/hr)	(L/min, Normal)	
2	1.3	22	
3	2.4	29	
4	3.1	36	
5	3.6	43	

AKIMist_®"E" with AKI03C

Specifications			
		At air pressure 3bar	
	Qty. spray	Spray volume	Air consumption
Model No.	nozzles	(L/hr)	(L/min, Normal)
AE-1(03C)	1	2.4	29
AE-2(03C)	2	4.8	58
AE-3(03C)	3	7.2	87
AE-4(03C)	4	9.6	116

Structure of AKIMist_®"E"



No.	Description	Material
1	Upper Half	PP
2	Top Cover	PP
3	Valve Lever	PP
4	Lever Pin	SUS304
5	Under Body	PP
6	Float	PP
7	AKIJet 03C Nozzle	Mix
7'	Stop Plug	PPS
8	Packing	NBR
9	Needle Valve	SUS303
10	Valve Seat	NBR
11	Liquid Nipple	SUS303
12	O-ring	NBR
13	Strainer Holder	SUS303
14	Strainer	SUS316
16	Taps 1/4"	Mix
17	Reducer and manometer	Mix
18	Fitting support	SUS303