

Why Hamamatsu? Photon is our Business

Light-powered innovation

Our mission is to benefit society through the development of technologies that capture, measure, and generate various types of light. That is why we re-invest at least 9% of our yearly revenue into research and development – to maintain cutting-edge quality across 90 types of image sensors, light sources, components, and systems with capabilities that span the spectrum from x-ray to infrared.

Sensors and emitters for visible and invisible light

We are one of the only companies in the world that develops a wide range of both light sensors, such as photomultiplier tubes and photodiodes, and light sources such as lasers, LEDs, and measurement lamps.

The components we manufacture measure and generate not only visible light, but also ultra-low, ultraviolet, infrared, and x-ray light.

Components, modules, and systems

Our light sensor and light source components are also available as modules and units with dedicated circuits. These devices can be incorporated into systems we develop, such as optical measurement systems, imaging systems, and image analysis systems.

These products are used in a wide range of applications, ranging from everyday technology like smartphones to measurement instruments that support cutting-edge academic research.

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Daily Life

Highly sophisticated devices are making their way into close-at-hand items in our daily lives such as constantly evolving wearable communication terminals, household robots in the form of automatic vacuum cleaners, and other gadgets. Hamamatsu Photonics photodetector and light emitter devices are expanding into ever widening areas encompassing our daily lives. Our optical devices are also being applied to the automotive field through photonics technology as distance measurement devices for automatic brake control and light level sensors that automatically control air conditioners and headlights, and so on.

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Environment

Human actions have caused multiple environmental problems such as pollution of air and water quality, global warming and radiation issues. To protect our world from these problems and achieve a sustainable society, it is essential that we create highly accurate optical measurement techniques. Hamamatsu Photonics designs and fabricates environmental measurement devices that capture accurate information on air, water quality and soil. We also contribute to alleviating global environmental problems by offering various types of optical measurement products such as mini-spectrometers and module products specifically designed for detecting radiation.

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Industry

While recent years have seen increasingly tougher demands for food product safety and industrial product quality, there also seems to be no letup in the pace of tech advances to streamline and speed up production processes. Hamamatsu Photonics is helping to refine and streamline manufacturing and inspection processes to deal with diverse problems in the industrial field. Hamamatsu Photonics does this by offering a wideranging product lineup including X-ray sources and detectors capable of non-contact and non-destructive inspection of defects in tiny internal structures.

Photo: X-ray non-destructive inspection



Medical Imaging

No matter how healthy you are, you cannot reduce the future risk of disease to zero. Early detection of disease by regular health checkups is very important. Hamamatsu Photonics manufactures high-performance devices optimized for medical use such as PET (positron emission tomography), mammography and X-ray CT. Our devices currently play an important role in medical examinations throughout the world by detecting diseases including cancer at their early stages.

Photo: PET/CT scanner



Medical Sample Testing

If we could carry out highly accurate daily health tests at home, then daily health management and health awareness would be vastly improved. If we could obtain detailed test results from just a small amount of blood, then this would take a large burden off the person being tested. To make them a reality Hamamatsu Photonics provides cutting-edge photonics technology for medical use in the form of compact, high-performance devices for new medical fields that include blood tests, biochemical tests, immunological tests, and bacteria test.