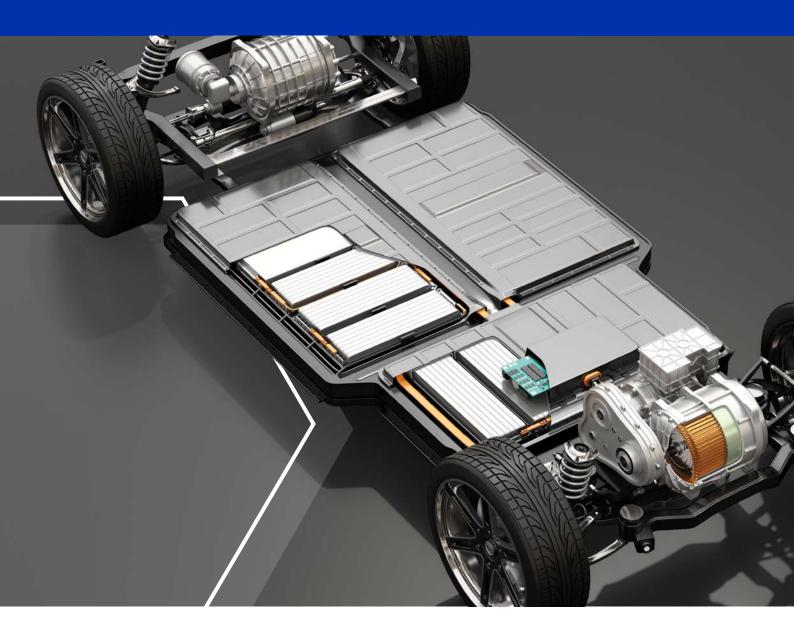


# SOLUTIONS FOR EV BATTERY MANUFACTURING

Bonding | Sealing | Coating | Thermal Management | Material Transfer



MOVING MATERIALS THAT MATTER™



# A STRONG BOND WITH eMOBILITY

# **MODULE AND PACK ASSEMBLY**

The world of transportation is changing rapidly. Electrification represents the largest change in transportation since the invention of the internal combustion engine.

At the heart of electrification is the lithium-ion battery. Ongoing advancements in energy density, safety and cost-to-produce are driving mass electrification of transportation. From raw material transfer, battery cell manufacturing, and battery pack assembly, to even the lubrication solutions for production line equipment, all steps are carefully designed to ensure smooth manufacturing processes.

As you scale from prototype to mass manufacturing, you need a partner you can count on. Graco is a worldwide leader of fluid handling in automotive and battery dispensing equipment. Our experts have vast experience in some of the most challenging applications. Our commitment is to meet today's challenges and develop new solutions that will keep our customers at the forefront.

#### **GRACO OFFERS eMOBILITY SOLUTIONS FOR:**

- Battery Cell Manufacturing
- Battery Module and Pack Assembly
- Machine Lubrication

#### **BATTERY CELL MANUFACTURING**

#### **Material Transfer**

In the production process of NCM precursors of cathode materials or LFP, the diaphragm pump is used for the transfer, transportation, filtration and washing of the slurry after the precipitation reaction, the circulation of the slurry during the concentration of the synthesis kettle, and the conveying of water-based or alcoholbased high-solids slurries, the high abrasive material feeding in grinding process and the intermittent replenishment of slurry metering tanks in membrane coating, etc.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

**Double Diaphragm Pumps:** QUANTM Electric (EODD), Husky Air Operated (AODD)



#### **MACHINE LUBRICATION**

#### **Automatic Lubrication**

Lubrication points that require drag chain and leak monitoring, such as multi-axis modules in the battery cell section. Specialized equipment with densely packed lubrication points, such as wrapping machines (including battery loading modules, core assembly modules, re-flow translation modules, MLD/pre-welding inspection modules, etc.), totaling 290 lubrication points — sliders, modules, motors, and bearings. Equipment requiring large volumes of lubrication. Delivering grease at the proper lubrication point with the proper amount of lubricant in the correct time interval is critical.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

**Lubrication Pump:** G-Mini **Divider Valve:** CSP



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# **MODULE APPLICATIONS**

#### PRISMATIC CELL BONDING

Prismatic cells are usually bonded with twocomponent polyurethane structural thermal pastes, which need to be light and flexible to allow the cells to expand during charging and discharging. To provide complete insulation and avoid short circuits, the application needs to be precise to avoid air gaps during the dispense.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

Supply Pumps: Check-Mate, E-Flo SP Two-Component Systems: PR-X, PR-Xv, EFR, EVR Two-Component Dispense Valves: MD2, TC Valve

#### **CELL-TO-FRAME BONDING**

In many cases, modules are enclosed in a lightweight polycarbonate or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) enclosure that is sealed closed. Cells are bonded with the frames around them to protect against outside contaminants. The sealing surfaces are generally very small and require precise bead dispensing.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

#### **Ambient**

Supply Pumps: Check-Mate, E-Flo SP Two-Component Systems: PR-X, PR-Xv, EFR, EVR

Two-Component Dispense Valves:

MD2, TC Valve

#### Heated

Supply Pump: Therm-O-Flow (heated) Single-Component Metering Systems: PCF, PGM

Single-Component Orbital **Dispense Valve:** PrecisionSwirl Single-Component Dispense Valves: iQ Valve, 1K Ultra-Lite, EnDure Valve

#### **CELL-TO-CARRIER BONDING**

Cylindrical cells are often bonded to a polycarbonate carrier during module assembly. This holds the cells stationary through the tab welding process and provides structural integrity to the module. A variety of adhesive chemistries can be used in this application including UV and two-component acrylics. Rapid precision dispensing is critical to this application.

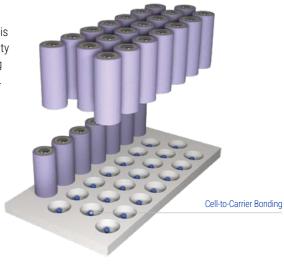
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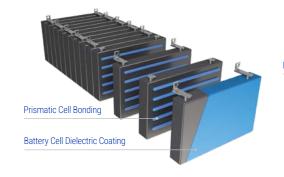
Supply Pumps: Check-Mate, E-Flo SP

Single-Component Metering Systems: PSM, PGM Single-Component Dispense Valve: Advanjet Jet Valve

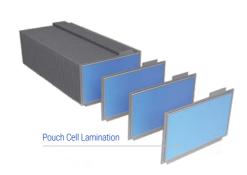
Two-Component System: PR-X, PR-Xv

Two-Component Dispense Valve: MD2, TC Valve









## **POUCH CELL LAMINATION**

Hot melt pressure-sensitive adhesives are commonly used in pouch cell lamination to bond layers together. In cases where thermal conductivity is required, a silicone or polyurethane material may be used. These applications often require a precise spray or swirl pattern.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

Supply Pump: Therm-O-Flow (heated) Single-Component Metering System: PCF

Single-Component Dispense Valves: iQ Valve, EnDure Valve

Two-Component System: HFR

Two-Component Dispense Valve: MD2

#### CYLINDRICAL CELL MODULE ENCAPSULATION

Module encapsulation, often used in cylindrical cell modules, provides for increased shock and vibration performance and is used to help prevent thermal runaway or propagation events within the modules. These materials are generally two-component polyurethanes or silicones that have a foaming reaction to create a lightweight buffer between the cells. This challenging application requires the right equipment and expertise as ratio, flow and mixing energy are all critical variables.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

Transfer and Transit Systems: Diaphragm Pump, T Pump, Graco Transit Tank

#### LowFlow Solution (<20 mL/s)

Two-Component System: EFR, EVR

Add MD2: Voltex

Medium to High-Flow Solution (20-220 mL/s)

Two-Component System: HFR NVH System

Guns: GX-16 Pour Gun, L Head Gun

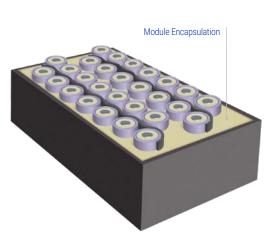
#### POUCH CELL MODULE ENCAPSULATION

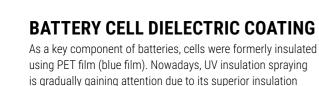
During the assembly of pouch cell modules, two-component non-foaming urethanes are usually used for encapsulation to improve the overall dependability of the cell modules.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

Supply Pumps: Check-Mate, Duro-flo Two-Component Systems: EFR, EVR

Two-Component Dispense Valves: MD2, TC Valve





#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

Supply Pump: E-Flo DC

**Metering Systems:** ProMix Positive Metering (PD) Proportioning Platform

performance, fast curing speed and environmental safety.

Guns: Stellair Air Spray Gun, PerformAA Auto

Air-Assisted Gun. Pro XP Auto Electrostatic Gun



# **PACK ASSEMBLY APPLICATIONS**

The assembly of battery packs includes applications to bond, fill, seal and coat. All of these applications contribute to guarantee strength, lightweight, proper heat management and protection against vibrations, shocks, water intrusion and outside contaminants.

#### **COOLING PLATE DIELECTRIC COATING**

As an important part of the battery thermal management system, the cooling plates are insulated on their surfaces to ensure the overall insulation and safety of the battery pack. Compared to traditional powder spraying, the single-component dielectric coating is easier to rework with better insulation performance and lower energy consumption and enables battery lightweight with thinner film thickness.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

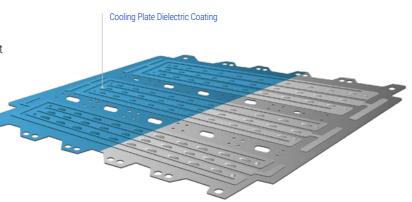
Supply Pump: E-Flo DC

Metering Systems: ProMix Positive Metering (PD)

Proportioning Platform

Guns: Stellair Air Spray Gun, PerformAA Auto Air-Assisted

Gun, Pro XP Auto Electrostatic Gun



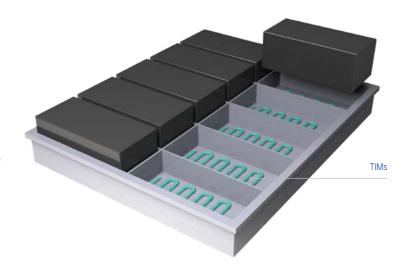
#### THERMAL STRUCTURAL BONDING

The performance of a battery is highly dependent on good thermal management. Thermal Interface Materials (TIMs) or thermal conductive adhesives (TCA) provide perfect thermal dissipation from the heated modules to the cooling circuits on the battery pack. These two-component TIMs are very viscous and abrasive to achieve ideal thermal conduction. This application often requires high-flow dispensing with robust pumping and precise metering, and air gaps must be avoided for optimal heat transfer. This application has many challenges and requires the right equipment that is made of abrasive resistant components to correctly handle these gap filler materials.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

**Supply Pumps:** Check-Mate, E-Flo SP **Two-Component Systems:** EFR, EVR, HFR

Two-Component Dispense Valves: MD2, TC Valve, MDX



#### **PACK SEAL**

The pack seal is critical to the longevity and safety of a battery pack. The seals are often designed to an IP68 standard, which means that the seal will protect against water intrusions as well as outside contaminants. A variety of sealants can be used and fall into two categories – cure in place gaskets (CIPG) and form in place gaskets (FIPG). CIPG gaskets are dispensed and allowed to cure before assembly, creating a compression gasket in the pack seal joint. Alternatively, an FIPG gasket is dispensed, assembled immediately, and allowed to cure over time. In either case, precise and repeatable dispensing equipment is required for this critical seal.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

#### **Ambient**

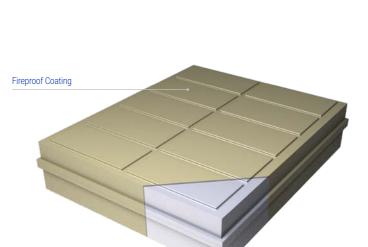
Supply Pump: Check-Mate, E-Flo SP
Single-Component Metering System: E-Flo iQ
Single-Component Dispense Valve: iQ valve
Two-Component Systems: EFR, EVR

**Two-Component Dispense Valves:** Voltex, MD2, TC valve

#### Heated

Supply Pump: Therm-0-Flow (heated)
Single-Component Metering System: PGM
Single-Component Dispense Valve:

EnDure Valve



#### **FIREPROOF COATING**

The cover of the battery pack can be applied with a fireproof coating that not only protects against fire but also protects against corrosion. As the coating is applied, its thickness must be consistent over the complete cover with as little over-applied as possible. It is therefore important to use equipment that can keep a constant and amLurate apply pattern.

#### **GRACO SOLUTIONS**

Single-Component Metering System: PCF
Single-Component Dispense Valve: Switch 3D Gun

Two-Component System: HFR

Two-Component Dispense Valve: Flat Stream Nozzle

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# **OUR EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE**

As a global leader in fluid handling equipment, Graco brings high-quality solutions to many industries, including automotive and battery. With years of experience, we offer tailor-made solutions that help you pump, meter, mix or dispense a wide range of adhesives, even highly abrasive Thermal Interface Materials (TIMs).

Whether your process requires minuscule drop dispensing or large-volume continuous flows, Graco has you covered.

Graco supply pumps and dispense valves with Elite Construction are suitable for dispensing highly abrasive epoxy resin, silicone, Thermal Interface Materials (TIMs) and polyurethane. The Elite series products utilize abrasion-resistant seals and surface materials to deliver a service life at least 10 times that of equivalent equipment.



### **DISPENSING SYSTEMS**

#### **SUPPLY PUMPS**





**Check-Mate**For 20-liter to 200 liter pails



**Therm-O-Flow**For 20-liter to 200 liter pails

### Electric Driven



**E-Flo SP**For 20-liter to 200 liter pails

#### **SINGLE-COMPONENT METERING SYSTEMS**



**Precision Shot Meter (PSM)** 

Shot Size Range: 0.005-100 mL Flow Rate: 1.8 mL/sec - 18 mL/sec Heated version brings the material temperature up to 70°C



Precision Continuous Flow (PCF)

Minimum shot size: 1mL Continuous Flow Range: 6 mL/min - 22.500 mL/min



POW man 20 ml /min

Continuous Flow Range: 30 mL/min - 1.600 mL/min Heated version is available for hot melt applications

SINGLE-COMPONENT DISPENSE VALVES



**Advanjet Jet Valve** 

Continuous flow valve for bead, dot and potting applications; ideal for micro-dispensing applications that need a shot size of 10 nl and above. For low to high viscosities



**PrecisionSwirl** 

Continuous flow valve for open or closed, wide or narrow-pattern beads For low to medium viscosities



iQ Dispense Valve
Continuous flow valve for bead
and dot applications

For medium to high viscosities



EnDure Valve
Continuous flow valve for bead and dot applications
For low to high viscosities

### TWO-COMPONENT METERING, MIXING AND DISPENSING SYSTEMS



Single Shot Size Range: 0.03 mL to 50 mL



Shot Size Range: 0.3 mL to any

Maximum Continuous Flow: 3.200 mL/min (207 bar)



Shot Size: over 30 mL

Maximum Continuous Flow: 19.000 mL/min



PR-Xv (Variable Ratio)
Single Shot Size Range: 0.03 mL to 100 mL
Ratio Range: 1:1 to 5:1 or 2:1 to 10:1



EVR (Electric Driven, Variable Ratio)
Shot Size Range: 0.3 mL to any size
Maximum Continuous Flow: 6.400 mL/min

Ratio Range: 1:1 to 5:1 or 2:1 to 10:1



Shot Size: over 30 mL Maximum Continuous Flow: 19.000 mL/min

#### TWO-COMPONENT DISPENSE VALVES



Voltex Dynamic Mix Valve

Ideal for bead and potting applications of foams



MD2

Ideal for low to medium-flow bead, dot and potting applications Maximum flow rate: 75 mL/s (without snuff back) For low to high viscosities



Independent control for A/B component fluid paths; ideal for low to medium-flow bead, dot and potting applications Maximum flow rate: 75 mL/s (without snuff back) For low to high viscosities



High-flow bead, dot, and potting applications

Maximum flow rate: 150 mL/s

For low to high viscosities



# **OUR EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE**

### **FINISHING SYSTEMS**

#### **SUPPLY PUMP**



**E-Flo DC**Ideal for dielectric coating applications

#### **METERING SYSTEM**



ProMix Positive Displacement (PD) Proportioner Platform
Ideal for dielectric coating applications

#### **SPRAY GUNS**



**Stellair Auto Air Spray Gun** 



**Pro XP Auto Electrostatic Gun** 



PerformAA Auto Air-Assist Gun

### **MATERIAL TRANSFER SOLUTIONS**



QUANTM Electric Double Diaphragm Pump (EODD)

Flow Rate: 30 gpm (114 lpm) - 120 gpm (450 lpm)

Pressure: 4 bar (60 psi ,0.4 MPa) 7 bar (100 psi, 0.7 MPa)

220V Single phase, 380V three-phase



Husky
Air Operated Double Diaphragm
Pump (AODD)

Flow Rate: 50 gpm (189 lpm) - 250 gpm (950 lpm) Pressure: 7 bar (100 psi, 0.7 MPa) -8 bar (125 psi , 0.8 MPa)

### **MACHINE LUBRICATION SOLUTIONS**

#### **LUBRICATION PUMP**



**G-Mini** 

Delivers grease on-demand with scheduled intervals and precise volume. Features user-adjustable control and real-time alarm feedback.

#### **DIVIDER VALVE**



**Compact Series Progressive (CSP)** 

Ensures precision grease metering for optimal lubrication distribution across all points

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