

# Bipolar Plates

## for fuel cells

Bipolar Plates (BPPs) for fuel cells are at the heart of Hydrogen conversion into electric power.

This **green** technology is now ready at Interplex, based on customized designs.

Interplex's Fuel Cell BPPs are produced in-house including:

- High-precision metal stamping
- Laser welding
- Gasket overmolding
- OEM-approved PVD protection layer
- Leak testing
- 100% quality inspection



## Applications

- Electric Vehicles
- Yachts and ships
- Trains
- Power plants

## Industries

### Transportation



Cars



Buses



Trucks



Boats



Trains

### Energy



H2 Production and H2 Power Plant

# PROTON EXCHANGE MEMBRANE FUEL CELL (PEMFC)

Interplex's Bipolar Plates (BPPs) are a key component of the Proton Exchange Membrane fuel cells (PEMFC).

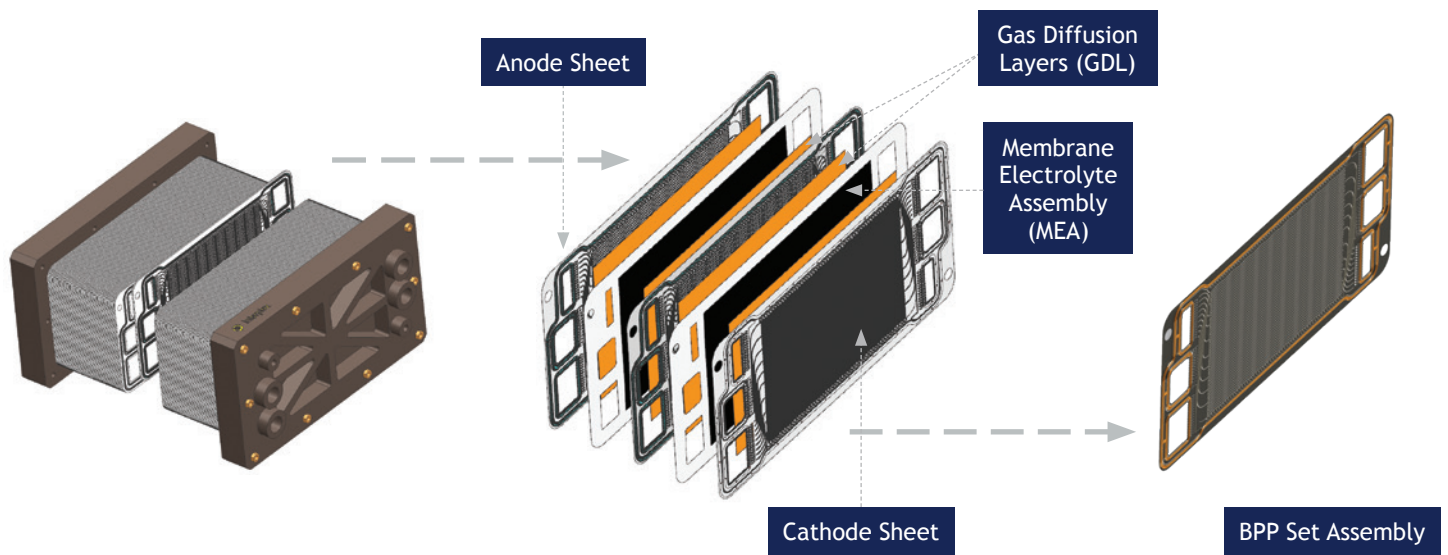
They distribute Hydrogen and air effectively, conduct the electrical current from cell to cell, remove the heat from the active area, without leakage of gases or coolant.

## Specifications

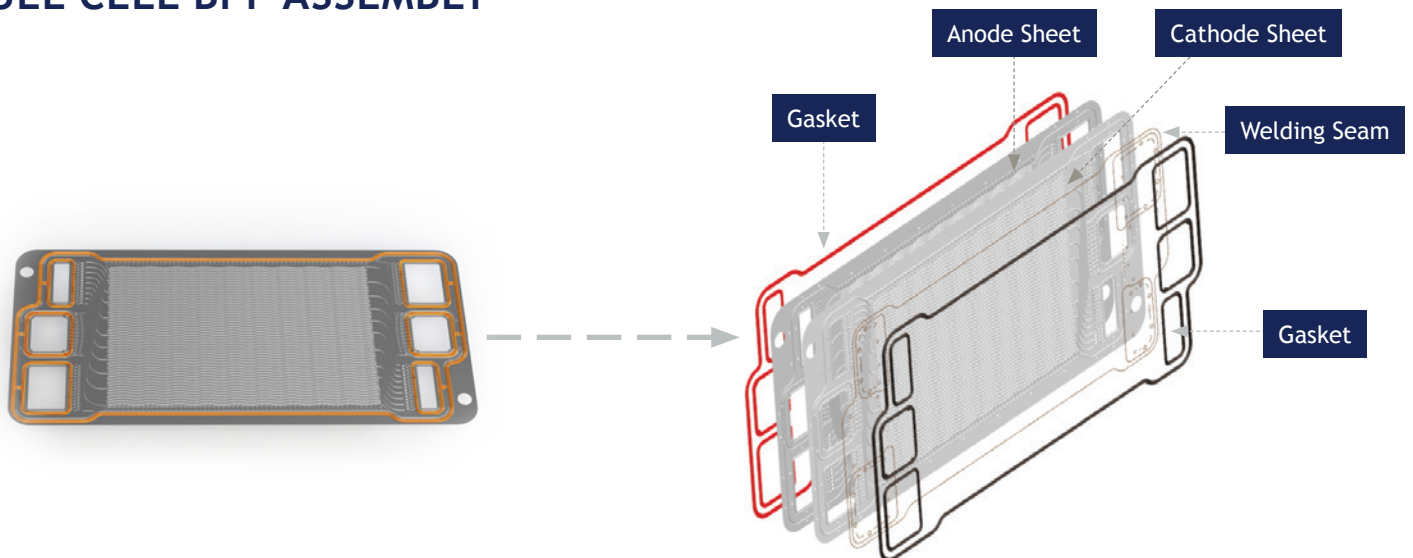
- **Material:** SUS316L Stainless Steel or similar
- **Raw Material Thickness:** 0.075mm to 0.1mm

## Production Process

- High precision stamping
- Laser welding
- Gasket overmolding
- 100% leak testing



## FUEL CELL BPP ASSEMBLY



# FUEL CELL BPP PRODUCTION AT INTERPLEX

## Stamping

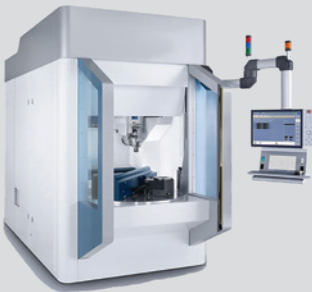


- Progressive stamping for mass production
- High-precision CNC for the flow channels tooling
- High-precision feeding system
- Rigid high-precision press

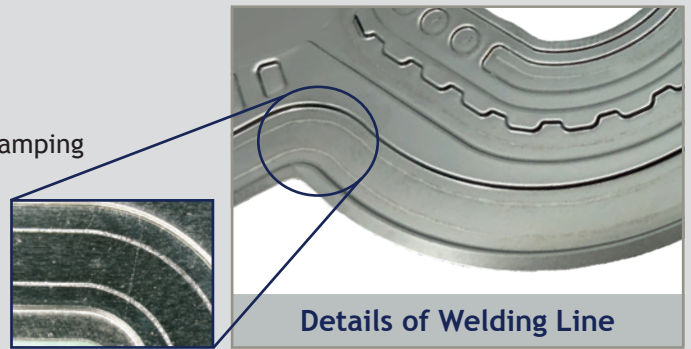


Anode Sample

## Laser Welding



- One jig for the entire welding process
- Automated loading, clamping and unloading of part
- 100% welding quality leakage test



Details of Welding Line

## PVD Coating

\* Physical Vapor Deposition



- Provides corrosion resistance for welded BPP sets
- Maintains low electrical contact resistance



PVD Coating on Both Sides

## Gasket Overmolding



- Liquid silicon or EPDM rubber
- High-precision molding
- One-time mold on both anode and cathode sides
- No deformation on the BPP flow channels



Double-sided Gasket Assembly

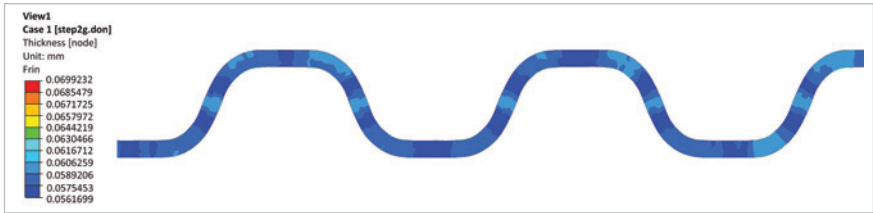


# FUEL CELL BPP DESIGN AND TEST

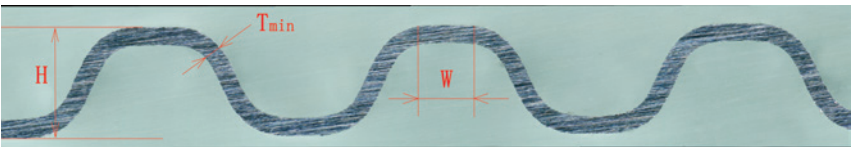
## Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

### FEA Before Design

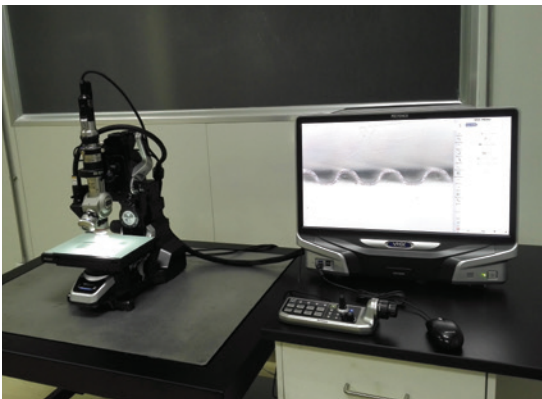
- Forming parameters definition
- Material thinning ratio verification
- Overall flatness verification
- Channel height control
- Channel flat area control



Sample for Measurement



Optical Digital Microscope



### Interplex Fuel Cell BPP Flow Channel Key Parameters

- Channel height:  $\pm 0.015\text{mm}$
- Thickness evenness:  $\leq 8\%$  (active area)
- Thickness thinned ratio:  $\leq 25\%$  (existing sample)
- Channel flat width:  $\pm 0.03\text{mm}$
- Channel pitch down to:  $1.0\text{mm}$



Interplex is trusted by industry leaders around the world for our top-notch customized application solutions. We work closely with our customers to understand their end applications in order to design, engineer and deliver these solutions to their exacting specifications.

## 60 YEARS OF INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP



### GROUP REVENUE

~US\$1 Billion



### STAFF STRENGTH

13,100



### FOOTPRINT

HQ in Singapore  
30+ manufacturing sites  
in 13 countries

### PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

9 locations worldwide

### TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTER

3 locations worldwide



QUALITY = CUSTOMER TRUST = BUSINESS

Numerous quality registrations