

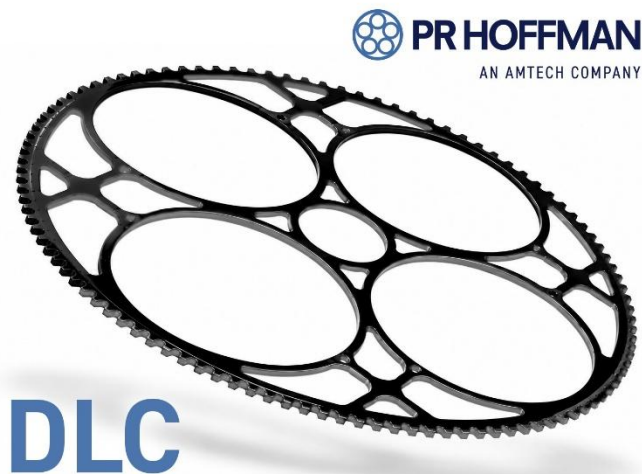
News Release

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PR Hoffman Introduces Diamond-Like Coated Carrier for Advanced Wafer Polishing

New DLC Carrier Extends Service Life, Improves Process Consistency and Lowers Cost of Ownership

CARLISLE, P.A., August 25, 2026 — PR Hoffman, a division of Amtech Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: ASYS) and a global leader in precision wafer lapping and polishing consumables, today announced the introduction of its new Diamond-Like Coated (DLC) Carrier for advanced wafer polishing applications. Designed for the increasing demands of semiconductor manufacturing, the new carrier delivers longer service life, improved process stability and lower total cost of ownership.



The PR Hoffman DLC Carrier features a highly uniform diamond-like carbon coating that provides exceptional wear resistance while maintaining the precision required for advanced wafer polishing processes. A reworkable insert design further extends carrier life, helping manufacturers reduce replacement frequency, minimize maintenance and increase equipment uptime.

“As semiconductor manufacturers adopt more advanced materials and packaging technologies, the demands placed on polishing consumables continue to increase,” said Jason Brown General Manager at PR Hoffman. “Our new DLC Carrier delivers the durability and consistent performance customers need to improve productivity while lowering operating costs.”

The DLC Carrier is engineered for demanding applications including silicon carbide (SiC), gallium nitride (GaN), photonics and advanced packaging, where process stability and long-term

durability are essential for achieving high yields. By combining extended service life with consistent polishing performance, the new carrier enables customers to maximize productivity while reducing consumable costs over the life of the product.

The PR Hoffman DLC Carrier is available for a variety of wafer polishing platforms, wafer types and sizes and can be configured to meet specific customer requirements

To learn more about PR Hoffman's new DLC visit our [website](#) or visit the CohPros booth (I-12516) at Semicon Taiwan, September 2, 2026 in Taipei, Taiwan.

About PR Hoffman

PR Hoffman, a member of the Amtech Group, is a global leader in precision lapping and polishing solutions for semiconductor, silicon carbide, optics, and advanced materials. The company designs and manufactures carriers, templates, and patented chemically resistant fixtures that deliver superior performance and extended lifetime. Headquartered in Carlisle, PA, PR Hoffman supports customers worldwide with innovative solutions for single- and double-sided processes. Learn more at www.prhoffman.com.

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