

Gellification of powder and efficient heat-up of parts in powder coating lines using infrared radiation



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Challenges of powder coating application and curing

Qualitative & fast gellification

Energy efficiency

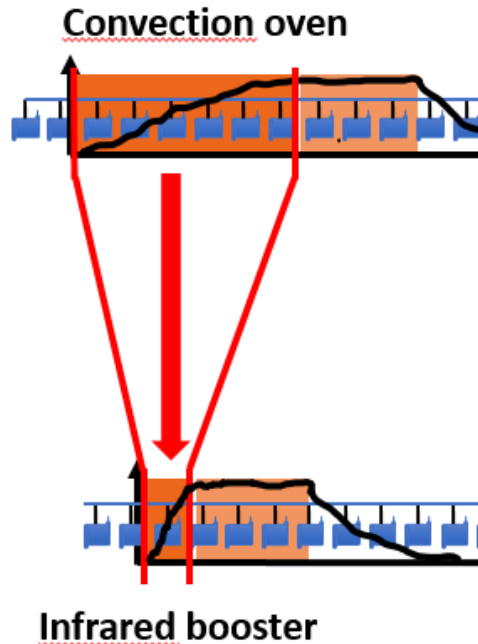
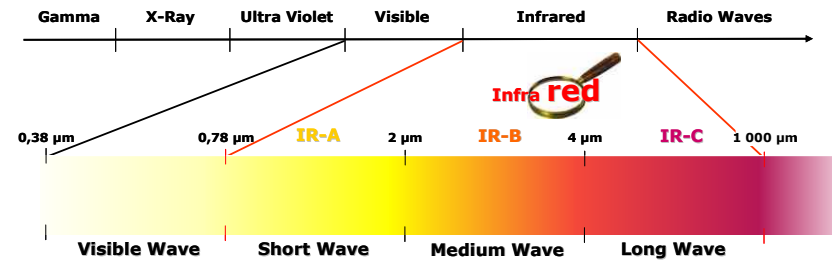
- Avoid powder loss
- Assure layer consistency and thickness
- Assure fast gellification

- Avoid colour changes by local over-heating
- Avoid burning of the powder
- Obtain a good surface tension
- Respect powder polymerisation requirements

- Control gas burner performance
- Control air speed to assure fast heat-up
- Reduce heat losses



How infrared heating can help



What is infrared heating

compared to

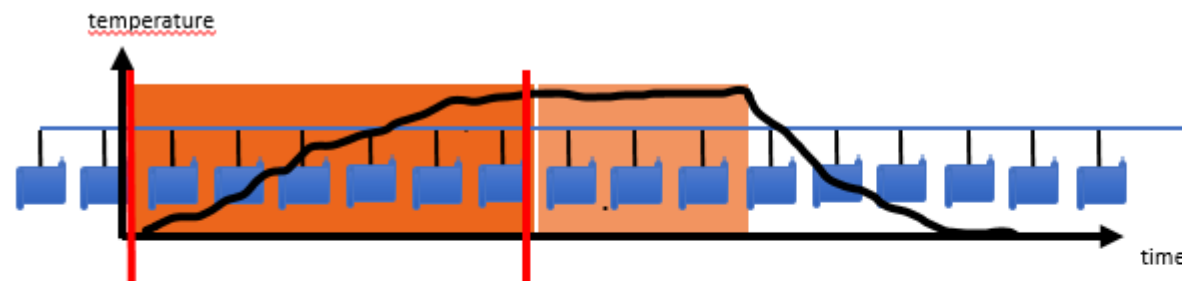
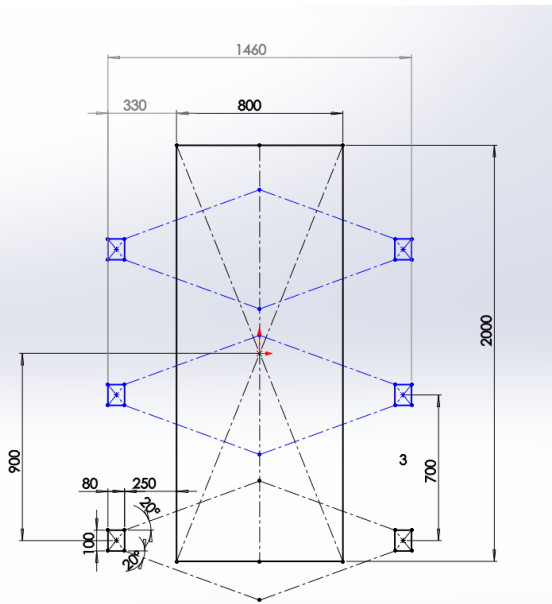
Convection heating

- Heat transfer through radiation
 - Like from the sun to you
 - Coming from the source (the emitter) directly to the receiver (your product)
 - At the speed of light (electromagnetic waves like visual light)
 - Without loss in between (no heating of the oven air)
 - At high power densities (proportional to T^4)
 - To meet absorption capacity of the product
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- Heat transfer with a hot gas/liquid
 - Like heat from your hair dryer
 - From the source (gas burner) via the hot air to the receiver (your product)
 - At the speed of the moving air (one or two m/s max)
 - At low power densities (proportional to T)
 - Needing a long time to transfer what the product needs

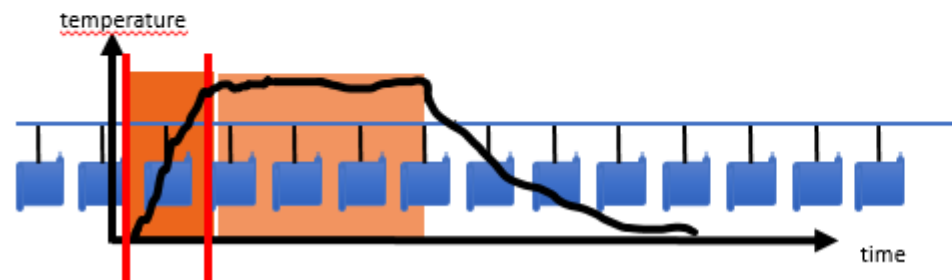
How infrared heating can help

Efficient heat-up

- Direct heating of powder
- No heating of ambient air
- **Results in efficient heating of parts**



Conventional line
Convection oven

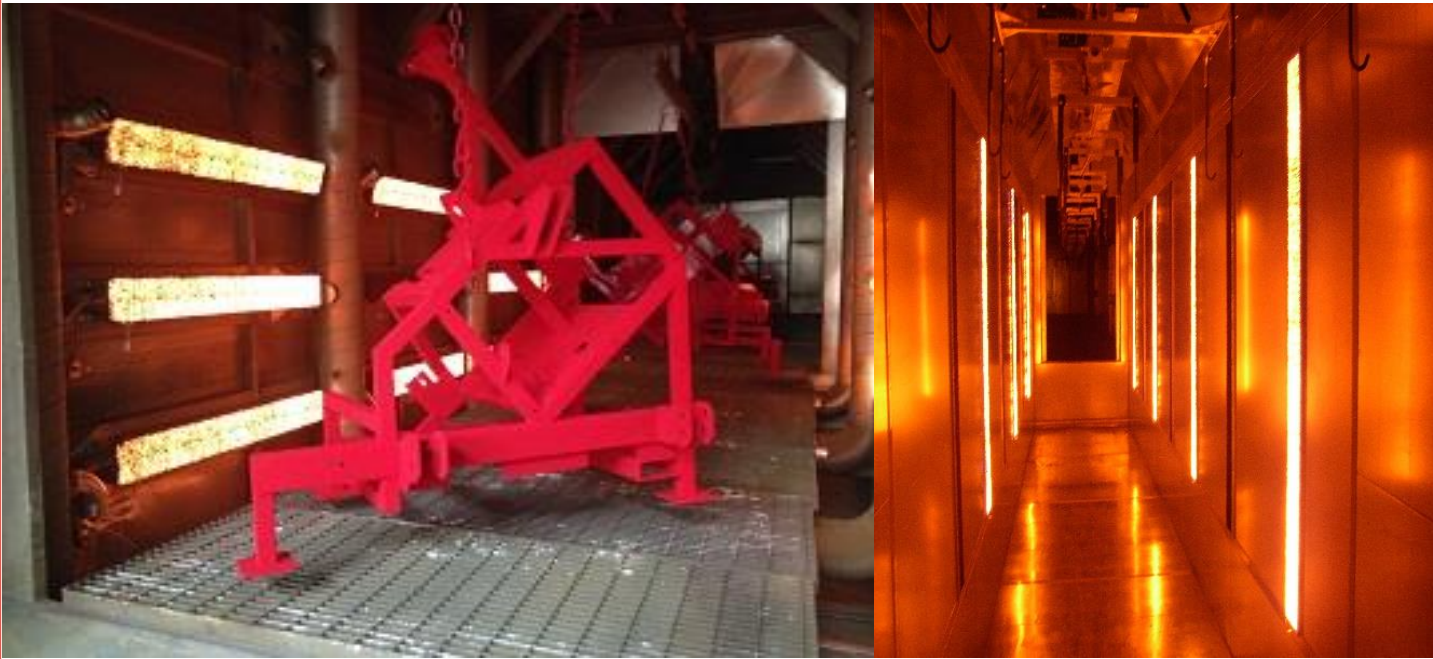


New line
with Infrared booster

How infrared heating can help

Fast gellification

- No air movement required
- Avoids powder loss
- Results in a good surface tension
- **Assures fast gellification**



How infrared heating can help

Energy saving

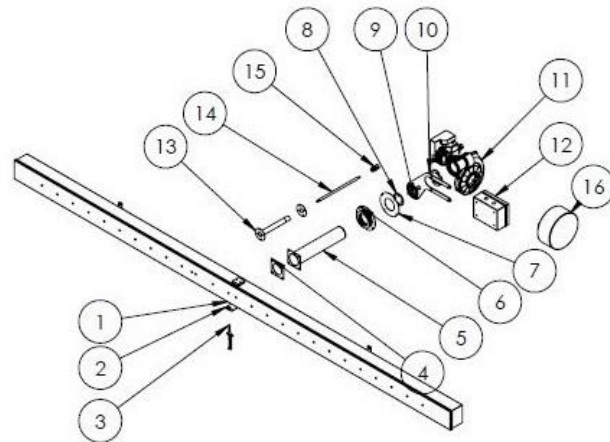
- Reduce heat losses
- Remainder of the oven just to keep parts at temperature
- **Reduce gas consumption**
- Increase productivity



Why you should choose Eratec infrared emitters

Eratec infrared emitters

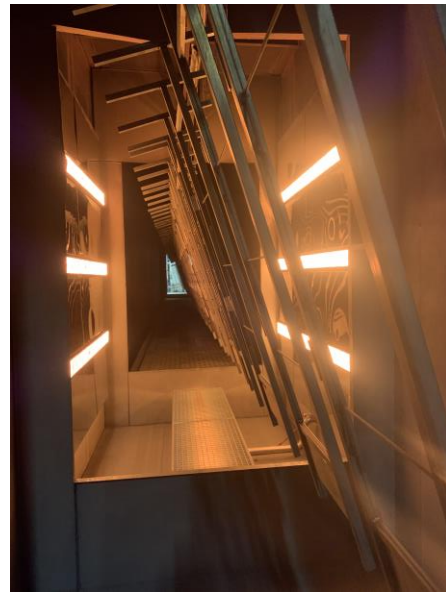
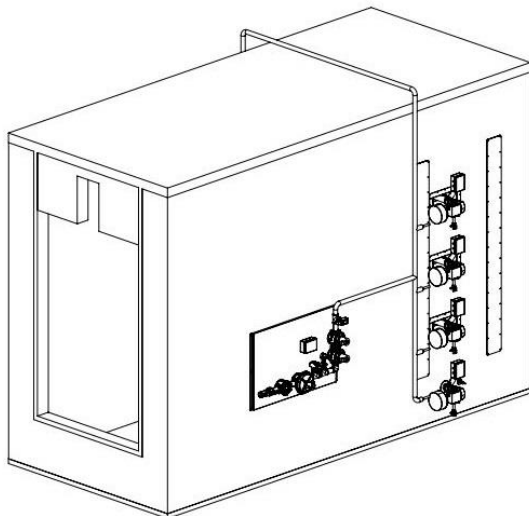
- Standard concept of emitter
- Adapted to your specific process needs
- Flexible in use
 - Immediate on/off
 - Immediate hot/cold
- Full & continuous modulation of power
- Stable 24/7
- Safe 100% metallic & robust construction
- Low maintenance
- Durable



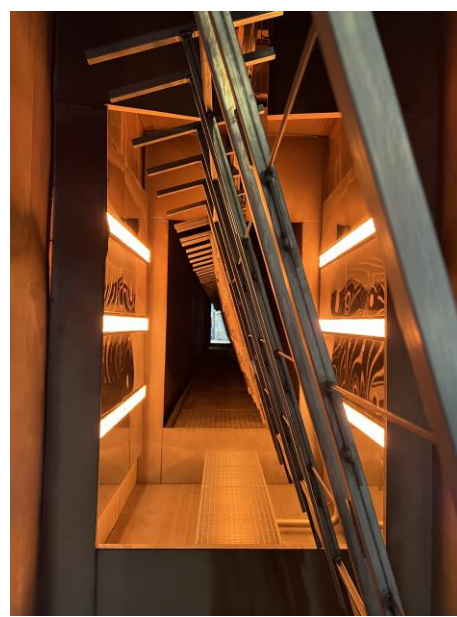
What this means for you

A combi-oven with infrared booster will give you

- Increased productivity (line speed m/min)
- Important energy savings (kWh/kg)
- Reduced footprint (capex)



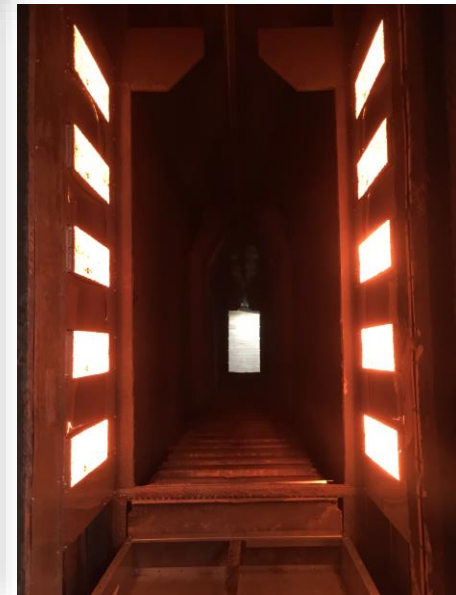
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