



## NON-EVAPORABLE GETTER THIN FILM COATINGS

### What does it do?

To realise ultra-high vacuum at low temperatures.

### How does it work?

Once activated, the material blocks gas from escaping. This process can be reset by heating, where the reactivity of the coating is restored.

### Is there an analogy or metaphor you can use to help describe this simply?

Reusable like a hand warmer.

### Unique characteristics

NEG performance was characterised using 20 different types of materials.

Baking at temperature in the range 180°C to 400°C.

Ultra-high vacuum is achieved (10 - 13 Torr).

### Limitations or constraints

Cannot be exposed too often to ambient air.

Requires high degree of know-how.

### Originally designed to be used for:

NEG thin-film coatings have been developed for the LHC project.

### Questions related to this technology

Where is it precise vacuum at low temperatures needed?

Could it be used in high pressure environments?

## References

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