

3M Spot Cleaning Device



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PROJECT SUMMARY

3M uses Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) to measure material change and chemical composition broadly throughout the company. Of these analysis, a technique using an attenuated total reflectance crystal (ATR) is most often used. This requires a sample to be in contact with a diamond crystal for analysis. To automate this analysis, we will need an automated cleaning method that will prepare surface after every analysis.

DESIGN GOAL

We have created a solution incorporating a foam tip dispenser, a solvent dispenser, and an automated robotic arm. This arm will maneuver a foam swab wiping the crystal surface then disposing of the swab.

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DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

- Components must be UL certified
- Fully enclosed electronic circuitry
- Safely interact with optical microscope surface
- Effectively clean the testing surface
- Repeatable system

