Turning light into energy and illumination

Creating a bright future since 1964

USHIO believes in the almost infinite possibilities that light can illuminate and accomplish. We are pioneering new markets that use light to not only illuminate but also to power modern life, using ultraviolet light to create photochemical energy and infrared light for thermal energy.

Photos: Xenon projector and xenon short arc lamp—a light that has been described as a “miniature sun”
Lighting up new possibilities

A half-century of brilliance.

USHIO has built its business upon the infinite possibilities that light unfolds. We continuously explore and develop new applications for light, capturing market-leading shares in a host of product sectors from exposure equipment for the global semiconductor industry to medical and environmental applications, to new applications in the field of energy.

As a manufacturer of specialized lighting products, USHIO divides its business into three main segments—electronics, visual imaging and life science. We are constantly exploring new applications and new uses for light, to create a brighter future for society and all mankind.
Bringing dreams to life with light

The electronics industry has accomplished remarkable things within our lifetime, turning the once-fanciful images of science-fiction fans—computers that fit in the palm of your hand, and cars that run on electricity—into everyday consumer products. Even when the products differ slightly from the original concepts, this progress illustrates the immense power of electronics. USHIO is also focusing its efforts to develop a multitude of lighting products and applications in an effort to transform today’s science-fiction fantasies into reality.
As electronic gadgets continue to get smaller, thinner and more precise, USHIO lighting products help propel this advance.

LITHOGRAPHY TOOLS
USHIO is the only manufacturer of lithography tools that has the necessary technological expertise—light sources, optical technology, wafer conveyance equipment, alignment, power sources and software—to develop and produce complete lithography tools in-house.

PHOTOHEATING (deposition and diffusion)
USHIO’s heating lamps offer characteristics that other heat sources cannot match, including rapid heating/cooling and non-contact heating with precise temperature control. The company offers everything from light sources to full processing lines.

MODIFICATION (Photo cleaning and particle removal)
USHIO products use ultraviolet light technology to promote chemical reactions—decomposition, compound synthesis and polymerization—to remove organic matter from substrate surfaces.

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OPTICAL TESTING (solar and imaging)
USHIO’s image-testing equipment, which can be adapted to match the product being tested, makes it easy to identify even minute flaws or precision errors.

UV CURING (bonding and drying)
USHIO offers a wide range of products that can do everything from hardening miniature photoresists to bonding the entire surface of a large LCD panel or optical film. USHIO can develop optimized UV curing systems tailored to precisely match the materials and application.

OPTICAL MEASURING
As a company that specializes in optics, USHIO has accumulated extensive experience and know-how in optical measuring equipment. Precise regulation of the light source helps to improve quality.

EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEMS
USHIO can provide optical inspection systems to meet a multitude of requirements, with light sources ranging from infrared to visible light and ultraviolet, photo-responsive testing and the development of new processes and materials.

INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY
USHIO offers a variety of engineering systems that help to improve efficiency and quality, including plastic-related products from raw materials to inspection equipment for injection mold machinery and metal plates, food packaging, inspection and robotic systems.

CIRCUIT DESIGN
Based on technology it developed for logic ICs, USHIO offers comprehensive support covering everything from development of control circuits to final fabrication.
What will the future bring to light?

The world is moving toward a new tomorrow, which will merge the traditions, customs and history of each country with the dreams and imaginations of a new generation. Light can not only illuminate, but also illustrate, record and transmit those ideas or accomplishments from the past to the future, and from one person to another. USHIO wants to realize the possibilities that only light can accomplish, illuminating today’s world with images of what the future will bring.

Visual Imaging

Digital cinemas / 3D, virtual reality (VR) / simulation, video display systems for surveillance and control, light sources for projectors, general and commercial lighting, landscape lighting, stage and studio lighting, office automation equipment
DIGITAL CINEMAS / 3D
USHIO’s digital cinema products include the world’s most advanced digital projector, with 4K resolution and 3D projection capabilities. The company offers comprehensive support with everything from theatre design and equipment to network operation centers capable of managing multi-screen theatres.

VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) / SIMULATION
USHIO’s virtual reality systems offer the wide field of view and realistic depth perception that make them suitable for a multitude of applications, from automotive design to weather, flood and landslide simulations. When they are connected to USHIO’s high-resolution projectors, these systems can be used for airplane or large ship-ping control simulators.

VIDEO DISPLAY SYSTEMS FOR SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL
USHIO’s maintenance-free video display systems offer unparalleled video resolution quality. The reliability of these systems makes them ideal for use by police, in control centers of electric power and communications providers, or as digital signage displays on the side of buildings.

LIGHT SOURCES FOR PROJECTORS
Thanks to the superior color resolution it offers, USHIO boasts the largest share of the global market for light sources used in video projectors. The company has a full lineup of products with light and power sources suited to various types of lamps for data projectors, LEDs, and lasers, which are used at homes, offices, and schools.
Human beings are constantly reaching for the stars, but they also want to preserve a good environment on this planet for their children, and provide good health and medical care for their families. Light not only helps us in unraveling the mysteries of the universe, but it also powers our ecosystem and facilitates an understanding of life itself.
Life Science

Researching basic technologies and principles of light, and applying them to the needs of the future

MEDICAL APPLICATION
(treatment, diagnosis, sterilization and testing)
Light-based medical equipment is attracting great interest due to its ability to enhance the quality of life. USHIO employs the most advanced technology to develop new products used in medical treatment, diagnosis, testing and sterilization/hygiene.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
(air and water quality)
USHIO has developed light-based products that help improve water quality in rivers, groundwater, water supply and sewerage systems, and preserve air quality by reducing gas and particle emissions.

AGRICULTURE
(cultivation and propagation)
Agriculture faces great challenges in our modern world to preserve the safety, quality and stability of our food supply. By developing and optimizing man-made light sources that can be used for cultivation, USHIO hopes to help solve global food supply issues.

MARINE/FISHERIES
High-quality searchlights and floodlights play an important role in marine safety, disaster prevention and surveillance. In addition to these products, USHIO offers a lineup of lights for luring fish and illuminating boat decks, which help to improve efficiency and create a safer working environment on fishing boats.

SECURITY
(hazardous chemicals, surveillance and information security)
USHIO provides products for a variety of purposes including the detection of pesticides and hazardous chemicals, nighttime surveillance and security. USHIO products also are used to prevent data theft and provide information security for computer systems.

ENERGY
Light plays a central role in the development of many new energy sources including solar power. USHIO has taken a pioneering role in the development of new infrastructure and technology to promote a carbon-neutral society.

SPACE EXPLORATION
USHIO has developed a lamp for a camera for use in space that can withstand a g-force of 2,000 g. It also developed a solar simulator which allows conditions in space to be recreated on the ground, using a man-made “sun”. As the only manufacturer in Japan with this technology, USHIO has been involved in Japan’s space exploration industry since its earliest stages.
Exploring new uses for light

With a long history as a manufacturer of lighting products, USHIO has acquired an extensive and highly specialized expertise, along with a versatility born of cooperative efforts that transcend the lighting industry. USHIO’s technological skill and comprehensive understanding of light are reflected in every product that the company produces and we continue to explore and develop future applications for light. USHIO strives to develop lighting applications that facilitate solutions to the world’s problems.

We develop products that can delight and thrill our customers, exceeding their expectations.

USHIO develops applications for light which can address problems that past technology and techniques were unable to solve. This is the result of USHIO’s close cooperation in developing solutions. Before developing a product, information on the client’s intended concept, the desired effect and conditions of use, the items to be illuminated, and a host of other details are verified, and if necessary, a new light source is developed for the purpose. USHIO employs its technological and development skills to offer a high value-added, comprehensive solution, covering everything from the light source and equipment to the systems and software. In this way, the company strives to surpass the customer’s expectations with every product it makes.
As the market leader, USHIO has a responsibility for the highest quality products. USHIO carefully determines the lighting requirements, makes sure that the product fully meets every one of the specifications, and maintains strict quality standards in every stage of development, testing, and mass production trials. When a product reaches the production stage, every effort is made to meet companywide standards of quality, cost, speed, and efficiency. In this way, USHIO strives to build world-class quality into every product it makes.

Basic Philosophy
USHIO regards product quality as an overriding priority and will promptly provide global markets with high-quality, safe products and services that are highly reliable and economical in order to fulfill the requirements of customers.

Action Guidelines
1. We will act rigorously in putting the customer first and putting quality first, and will develop appealing products with cutting-edge technology to fulfill the requirements of customers and earn their trust.
2. We will strive to further improve quality by developing entity-level quality management systems and continually working to improve their effectiveness in order to meet the needs of customers.
3. We will work to share information with customers, make cost improvements, develop new products, pioneer new markets, and promptly provide global markets with high-quality, safe products that are highly reliable and economical.
Delivering high-quality light to Asia, Europe and the Americas

Today, demand for light products has a strong global character; for example, semiconductor manufacturers have production bases dispersed around the globe, while medical activities frequently transcend international boundaries. USHIO has a network of group companies in 100 countries and regions around the world, all of which draw upon USHIO’s expertise in light technology and satisfying the diverse needs of customers. When clients deal directly with USHIO, they can expect to receive the same high quality and service in every part of the world.
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

All operations dedicated to the USHIO corporate philosophy

USHIO makes good corporate citizenship a cornerstone of all its activities. The company maintains strict compliance standards, is active in environmental preservation, considers the needs of all employees, and pursues an active CSR program. Moreover, USHIO strives to build good relations with all stakeholders, seeking ways to develop and provide them with value, while contributing to society as a whole. This responsive and responsible attitude has been a central consideration in USHIO’s corporate philosophy since the company was founded.

USHIO Group
Management Philosophy

1. Build both a prosperous Company and prosperous employees.
2. Deliver products and services that are competitive in the global market.
3. Contribute to society through superior products and innovative research and development.
4. Expand profits, corporate responsibility, and competitiveness through open and free-thinking business operations.

For further information about CSR initiatives at USHIO, please refer to the USHIO Sustainability Report and our corporate website.
From a start in 1964 in industrial light sources, our “light” soon found its way into modules and systems, and has progressed even further today into light-based solutions. In that time, we have created a host of world-first and global top-share products.

Today, there is strong demand for highly specialized and sophisticated technology, not only in fields such as electronics, imaging, and medical and life sciences, but in virtually every sector imaginable. Finding viable technological solutions has also become more challenging and complex. For USHIO, as in the past until now, we believe that “light” remains one of the answers that can solve these many issues.

As a manufacturer specializing in light, we will spur innovation in this field with sensitivity, imagination, creativity, and passion like never before. In so doing, we will contribute to greater prosperity for all through high-quality products and services backed by unparalleled technology.

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