

Aluminum and chlorine spontaneously react to form aluminum chloride, a volatile vapor that is removed from the chamber. Cutting occurs only where the laser strikes the aluminum.

Line patching uses a continuous-wave ultraviolet argon ion laser operated at up to 0.4 W, and a reaction chamber filled with a mixture of diborane and silane gases. The laser simultaneously traces and heats a preplanned path over the silicon dioxide insulating layer. When that path reaches a sufficiently high temperature, the silane and diborane spontaneously decompose and conducting polysilicon is deposited. (This deposition technique is similar to processes being used at the Lincoln and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories.) For more critical tests and for production parts, an additional thin tungsten film can be deposited on the polysilicon line.

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**In Memoriam**

Norman L. Peterson, Head of the Department of Metallurgy and Mining Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana, died suddenly on April 17, 1986. A Union Carbide fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he had BSc, MSc, and DSc degrees in metallurgy. From 1961 to 1985, he was employed at Argonne National Laboratory, rising to senior metallurgist and earning a worldwide reputation for his studies of diffusion in solids. He also served as associate director of the Materials Science Division in charge of basic research for nine years, after which he returned to research and headed the Basic Ceramics Group at Argonne. During his distinguished career, he was awarded Ford Foundation, National Science Foundation, and Humboldt fellowships, and was a frequent visitor at European scientific institutions. In November 1985 Peterson joined the University of Illinois to become Head of the Department of Metallurgy and Mining Engineering and to develop a Department of Materials Science.

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