

# SmartSet<sup>™</sup> Curing Systems





# Advanced Curing Technologies

- · Direct-fired steam generators
- $\cdot$  Controls and airflow systems
- · Misting and drying components
- $\cdot$  Kilns, piping
- $\cdot$  Dedicated tech team and service

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At Afinitas our mission is to provide producers with all the tools and expertise necessary for success. In many markets, a key to the production of the highest-quality concrete products is to ensure the products being produced are able to cure in a heat and humiditycontrolled environment.

That's why we developed our SmartSet<sup>™</sup> Curing Systems to ensure the proper hydration of the cement and result in the strongest concrete possible. Our SmartSet<sup>™</sup> Systems include:

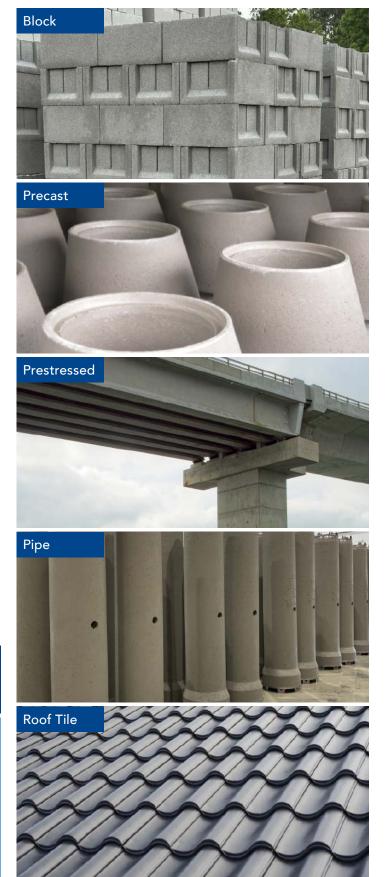
- Direct Fired Steam Generators, advanced and basic models
- Kiln control systems
- Air circulation and exhaust systems
- Installation and turnkey services
- Misting and dry burners
- Drying systems
- Piping and equipment installation
- Kilns
- Retrofits and upgrades
- Troubleshooting and preventative maintenance
- Vast parts inventory
- Dedicated technical team and service van



# Afinitas is your source Afinitas is your source for CurePak curing products.

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# We serve a wide variety of customers and industries.





# Why Direct-Fired Steam Generation?

As energy costs continue to rise and profit margins get tighter, precast concrete product producers are seeking more ways to run leaner operations. One of the biggest offenders in energy consumption is the boiler that sends steam to the curing area. The steam generated by oldfashioned boilers is sending money down the drain and literally up the stack!

# No More Wasted Energy

SmartSet<sup>™</sup> combines direct-firing with our uniquely designed combustion system to dramatically reduce costs. With SmartSet<sup>™</sup>, you will have:

- No intermittent firing losses
- No unnecessary (and costly) preheating of water
- No heating of excess water

## **Cost Savings**

SmartSet<sup>™</sup> makes steam directly downstream of the combustion process, which eliminates the need for boiler tubes and associated high maintenance, insurance and inspection costs. There is no pressure vessel or possibility of a pressure build up.

When replacing a boiler with a direct-fired steam generator, the cost savings are immediate. Customers typically save up to 50% on their gas bill from the day we turn it on.

### Instant Steam When You Need It

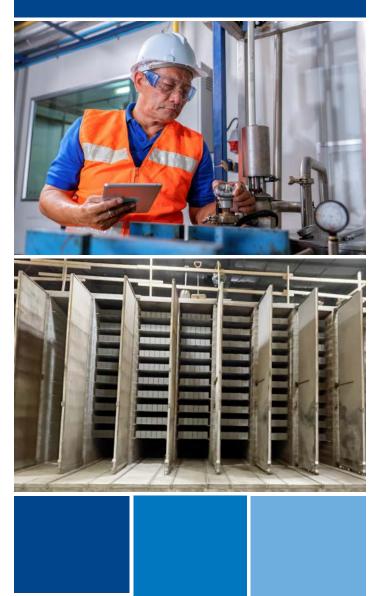
SmartSet<sup>™</sup> operates automatically with a push of a button and produces volumes of steam vapor within seconds of activation. This quick start/stop operation is ideal for an efficient curing system.

# Compact — Easy to Install

Our system is totally self contained for an easy installation. The electrical disconnects, gas and water regulators are all included. A water booster pump is also an option. We offer turn-key installations as well from the CurePak to controls and piping. A simple hookup to utilities is all that is required. C,

When **"ON"**, SmartSet<sup>™</sup> instantly produces the cure steam you need at near 100% thermal efficiency. (The best a boiler can do is 50%.)

When **"OFF"**, it's OFF! No stand-by heat needed, no wasted energy.



# SmartSet<sup>™</sup> Intelligent Curing Solutions

# System Features

SmartSet<sup>™</sup> is extremely versatile and can automatically produce steam in an infinite variety of temperatures, humidities and quantities to match a producer's changing production requirements and load demands.



#### **Reliable Operation**

Operators or automatic controls are continuously changing which valves are open and shut to curing areas to meet production requirements. This changes the load needed for the curing system. SmartSet<sup>™</sup> adjusts the firing rate for the curing load automatically to cure your product efficiently and maintain proper temperature control. It automatically adjusts the burner to compensate for upstream changes in water pressure changes.

#### 2 Automated Temperature Control

The accurate control of SmartSet's outlet temperature is critical to curing a wide variety of concrete products. A very small change in the water flow results in a large change in outlet temperature. Our system automatically anticipates thermocouple reaction time during outlet temperature changes. SmartSet<sup>™</sup> also automatically compensates for any changes in upstream water pressures or water delivery.

- Ensures accurate viable control over the quality of the cure steam
- Avoids head losses caused by excess water common in low outputtemperature curing systems

#### 3 Combustion-Engineered Burner

The heart of the combustion system is the precision burner assembly. The burner is engineered to provide positive flame propagation and flame retention under a wide variety of gas/air ratios and line pressures. Because of this, SmartSet<sup>™</sup> starts and burns consistently under varying operating pressures.

#### 4 Large Combustion Chamber

The chamber provides the three "T's" of proper combustion: TIME, TEMPERATURE and TURBULENCE:

- Large enough to provide the TIME to ensure completion of combustion prior to the introduction of water.
- Lined with refractory, this assures flame TEMPERATURE for proper combustion.
- Produces the desired TURBULENCE for a clean burn.

## 5 Auto-Controlled Water Inlet Chamber

Water is introduced in a separate chamber down-stream from the combustion chamber. This eliminates any possibility of water coming into contact with the flame which could cause incomplete combustion and produce dangerous carbon monoxide. The variable, automatically controlled, water supply allows the operator to select and change steam temperature (180° F to 600° F) and humidity (wet fog to dry vapor) to match any curing product with complete reliability.

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# AutoFog Control Panel System

This kiln control panel is designed to "steam" and "hold" a kiln to a selected target temperature, or to intermittently "fog" a kiln. It also has the logic for intermittent control of a misting system. It can do any of these three functions during each "PRE-SET" or "CURE" cycle. A dual setpoint temperature controller displays and controls the kiln temperature during each cycle if the "steam" option is selected. If "FOG" or "MIST" is selected, the on and delay times are programmable to achieve a desired kiln humidity for winter or "hot summer day" curing.

# **Circulation System**

Our revolutionary circulation system creates even circulation of heat and moisture throughout the kiln which ensures that every product is properly cured to achieve optimal strength. The accurate control of the SmartSet<sup>™</sup> outlet temperature is critical to curing a wide variety of concrete products. A very small change in the water flow results in a large change in outlet temperature. Our control system automatically anticipates thermocouple reaction time during outlet temperature changes. The system also automatically compensates for any changes in upstream water pressures or water delivery. This exclusive outlet temperature control system assures accurate variable control over the quality of the cure steam and avoids the heat losses caused by excess water common in low-output-temperature curing systems.

# Drying for Block Systems

When your customer requires product that is classified as dry block, our drying system is the solution you need. The depth of dryness is determined by the amount of time the block is dried. As a component of our overall curing system, this versatile dryer can achieve optimal surface dryness without rehandling the block to move it into a separate drying system.

Alternatively, our dryer can be used as a standalone system. It is ideal for producing block that is going to be treated with an epoxy coating, ensuring a perfectly dry surface for optimal bonding properties.

# **Misting System**

Our misting system ensures that your product stays moist before curing. We offer multiple types of misters, based on how much automation and ease of maintenance your process requires. Our misting systems can also be used to have independent humidity control from temperature control.





This unique curing system is comprised of a wide variety of solutions that can be customized for any concrete product. We start with our proven burner and add the components that best fit your product and curing requirements.

For example, our equipment for block production is designed with our A-series burner, an A-series vaporizer, fog control system, circulation system and misting system. It can also be equipped with an exhaust system to eliminate moisture from the kiln before it is opened, to prevent it from being released into your plant.

Our A-Series System can also be equipped with a kiln control panel. During the summer or in a desert climate when a reduced amount of energy is needed for curing, you still need the right amount of moisture during the preset step.

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# **SmartSet**<sup>™</sup> Curing System Services

## **One-Stop Curing Resource**

At Afinitas our goal is to ensure you that you have the curing solutions that are best suited to your needs to produce durable, quality products with high efficiency and minimal downtime. Our skilled technicians are available to assist onsite, by phone or via remote-in technology to troubleshoot, repair, install, consult and provide guidance on the most effective curing processes.

# Technical Support and Training

We are proud to have some of the industry's foremost curing experts on our team. Combined they have decades of experience and have assisted customers worldwide with curing solutions. If you have an existing system or are interested in a completely new system, you can count on their advice to ensure your systems are running safely and efficiently.

And once your system is up and running, our service program is just beginning. We are there to assist with technical guidance, documentation and instruction for your curing operations teams and ongoing support throughout the life of your system.

# Installation/Turnkey Services Retrofit

We know that curing is critical to your concrete product production and having the right equipment for your specific applications is key. In many cases, a cost-effective way to optimize performance is to upgrade your existing equipment. At Afinitas, we have the engineering expertise to consult on any upgrade. After an extensive review of your facility's equipment, our team will develop a comprehensive plan that will allow you to extend the life of your existing equipment while making it more efficient. Many times, a retrofit can be done at a fraction of the cost of purchasing new equipment and in a much shorter timeframe.

#### Retrofit program includes:

- Engineering services
- Modifications on existing systems
- Integration of controls systems, piping
- Training and documentation

## Repairs

No matter what type of system you have, at some point you will experience a break down due to wear and tear, age, dirt, or lack of proper maintenance. When this happens and your system is down, you need a technician who can quickly identify the problem and have the parts in-stock to fix it. That's where our onsite service van program comes in.

Our 24-ft., fully stocked service van will come onsite and quickly provide the parts and services to get you back up and running quickly.

#### Our Repair program includes:

- Technical service
- Repair service
- Spart parts
- Replacement parts

# Start Up Service

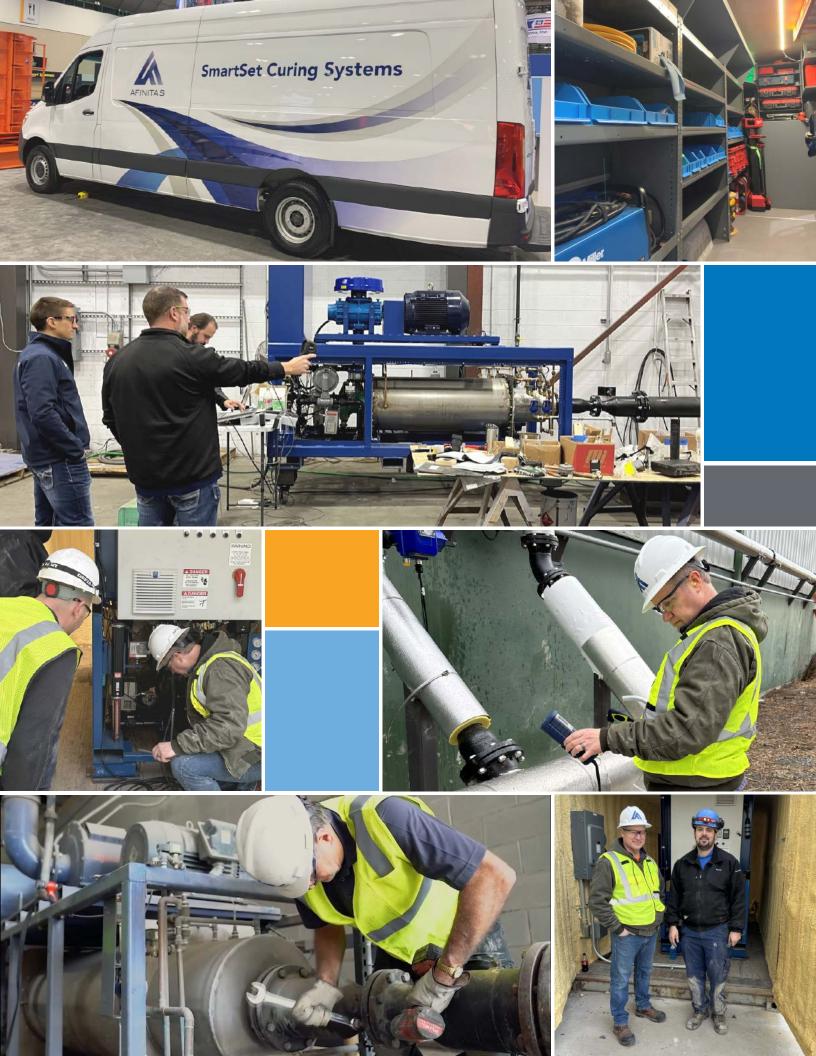
For new plants or those producers simply looking to enhance operations, we will perform a comprehensive equipment analysis based on the performance metrics you are targeting. Whether a new system is needed or just replacement parts, our goal will be to avoid costly downtime for your plant. Our team of experienced designers and manufacturers of concrete products equipment can provide everything from a direct-fired steam generator to controls, piping, kilns, and many other parts to ensure you have the perfect curing system for your needs.

#### Our Replacement Services include:

- Changing out old/outdated equipment
- Custom design new system
- Fully integrate system components
- Configuration, Calibration, Testing
- Training, documentation

## Maintain Your Equipment with SmartSet™ Service Options

We can help you preserve the life of your curing equipment with our Annual Service/Preventative Maintenance Programs. When you enroll in one of our plans, we'll make scheduled visits to your site to inspect your equipment and identify parts that are showing signs of wear. While onsite, we will repair/replace them on the spot before they fail and cause unplanned downtime. We also will provide training and technical support.





# For your production needs, Afinitas now offers its BFS Slab-Flex Veneer technology in North America!

BFS Slab-Flex is a fully automatic, high-output wetcast production line for high quality architectural products. With Slab-Flex you can produce a complete line of reproductions of natural stones out of slate, granite and more. The system is designed to convert them into exact laying units. Slab-Flex is the perfect combination of visual effect and user-friendly product.

# Concrete products you can produce:

- Terrace and black slabs
- Edge stones
- Pool edges
- Veneer stone

#### **Automation Features**

- Up to 6 molds per pallet depending on size
- Mold release agent spraying
- Exact dosing of wetcast concrete
- Efficient compaction and leveling of molds
- Touch screen controls



To learn more about BFS Slab-Flex, contact your local Afinitas Sales Representative.





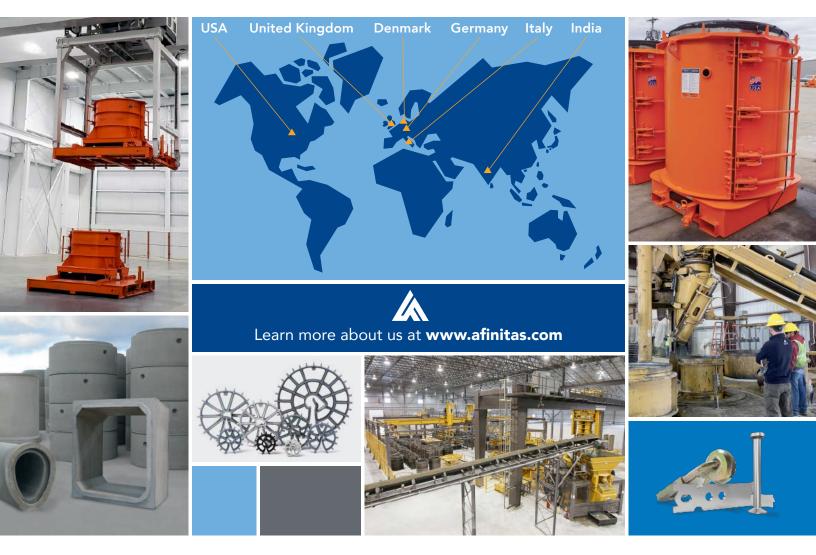








# Afinitas is the premier platform of precast concrete infrastructure equipment and services.



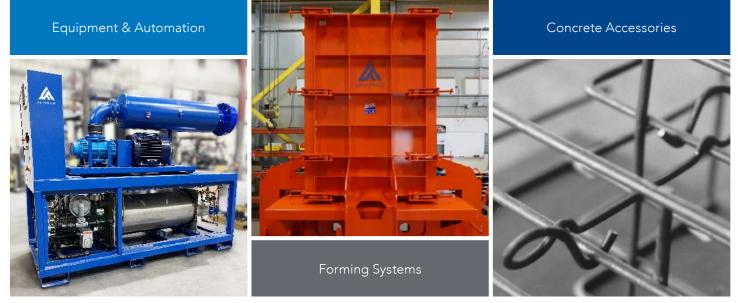
Through our trusted HawkeyePedershaab, BFS, New Hampton Metal Fabrication, Spillman and CAM Products brands, including our newest additions CurePak, Haala Industries, Caswick Ltd. and Amifast, we provide manufacturers around the world with the gold standard in precast concrete product production equipment, highly engineered forming systems and a wide variety of concrete accessories.

Headquartered in St. Louis, MO (USA), Afinitas has more than 500 team members worldwide in the USA, Denmark, Germany, Italy, UK, and India, focused on providing customers with robust equipment and engineering solutions and world-class service on all corners of the globe. **CurePak is now manufactured by Afinitas!** In 2022, Afinitas acquired the CurePak curing equipment line from Johnson Gas. Building on the CurePak's reputation for quality and durability, the Afinitas SmartSet<sup>™</sup> CurePak and A-Series Burner equipment have been enhanced and improved to provide even better product integrity and strength.

In addition, Afinitas brings you experienced industry experts to assist with the planning, maintenance and improvements of your curing operation. In fact, we have two fully-stocked service vans to dispatch on-site to keep your production moving and minimize downtime.

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