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### OVERVIEW

Cortest HPHT Recirculating Flow Loop Systems are typically used to test materials in high purity, supercritical water environments. **The complete system includes a flow loop with pumping system, preheaters, heat exchangers, filters, thermocouples, and dissolved oxygen, dissolved hydrogen, pH, and conductivity probes and instruments.** The flow loop feeds conditioned water to the autoclave and CERT/SSRT load frame. Tensile tests, slow strain rate, corrosion fatigue, and crack growth studies are performed using Cortest's proprietary pull-through autoclave. Control of the flow loop, autoclave, load frame, and crack growth measurements are integrated into a single computer and control module.

**CATEGORIES : NUCLEAR | RESEARCH**

**STYLES AVAILABLE**  
**CONDUCTIVITY DO, pH, DH**  
(Custom Configurable)

**PRESSURES UP TO**

**35 MPa**  
(5,076 PSI)

**TEMPERATURES UP TO**

**600°C**  
(1,112°F)

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### SYSTEM FEATURES

- Materials of Construction: 316 S.S. and Inconel 625
- Pressures Up to 35 MPa (5,076 PSI)
- Temperatures Up to 600°C (1112°F)
- Recirculating Flow Rates Up to 150 mL/min
- 7.5-Liter Glass Water Column with Gas Sparging Tube
- Demineralizers and In-Line Filters to Ensure High Purity Flow
- Heat Exchangers for Rapid Cooling and Heating
- CERT/SSRT Load Frame
- HPHT Pull-Through Autoclave

### CONTROLS

- Cortest Proprietary System Control
- Test Loop Control Enclosure with the Following Displays
  - Autoclave Return and High Pressure Pump Pressure Display
  - Autoclave Supply/Return and Heat Exchanger Temperature Display
- Preheater Temperature Controls with High-Limit Set Points
- Over Temperature and Variable Pressure Safety and Alarms
- Default Data Acquisition System Records the Following Data
  - All Test Loop Sensors
  - Test Loop Thermocouples
  - Test Loop Pressure Transducers
  - Test Loop Flow Rate
  - Test Duration

### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Supercritical Steam
- Nuclear Research
- Crack Growth Studies (DCPD)
- High Temperature, High Pressure Stress Corrosion Cracking