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Specialty Systems that Embody the Spirit of Innovation

Parr Instrument Company manufactures non-stirred vessels for the decomposition of biomass in ammonia and steam. Parr stirred reactors, including a new horizontal reactor technology, have been designed for research processes that include hydrogenation, isomerization, and metathesis reactions. In addition, a fully customizable continuous-flow tubular reactor system has been developed with continuous reactant feed and product handling capabilities.



### The photo above illustrates a complete pilot scale plant

used for hydrogenating feedstock that originates from a proprietary fermentation process. The system is used to develop and optimize the process conditions necessary for a much larger demonstration-scale system, ultimately leading to full-scale production of renewable fuels.

The system is comprised of five major subsystems: from left to right, a gas and liquid feed system, the jacketed tubular reactor module including a reactant pre-heater and circulating bath, product recovery and backpressure control, an autosampler and a Parr® 4871 Control System (not pictured). The system is completely automated

and includes an auto-sampling subsystem that periodically samples the reactor output stream in order to accurately monitor product quality.

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### For continuous flow systems,

Parr tubular reactors have been developed with continuous reactant feed, a variety of pre-heat and heating options with sample collection systems and product handling. Varying degrees of automation and data collection are available. For more information on Tubular Reactor systems, like the one shown here, please visit the 5400 Continuous Flow Tubular Reactors section at www.parrinst.com. **Tubular Reactor System** 

with 3-zone Heater

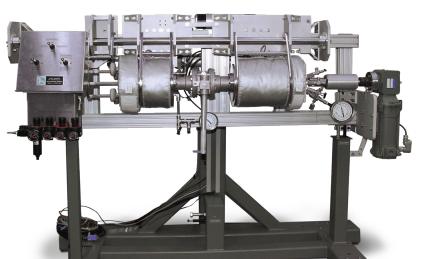


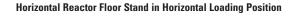
### Stirring biomass such as straw or grasses is not easy to do in a vertical reactor.

A new technology has been developed to do it horizontally. In the system pictured to the left, a one-liter reactor can be disconnected to tilt vertically for loading or tilt horizontally for stirring. A heavy-duty stirring motor and double anchor stirrers are used. Another option would be to tilt upside down for discharge. A 4848 Controller monitors the temperature and pressure and controls the stirring speed. A flexible mantle heater (not pictured) is used to obtain temperatures up to 350 °C. Maximum pressure is 1900 psig for this system.

### The horizontal function is also available on our large capacity reactor systems.

The reactor shown below has a five gallon capacity and is used for stirring vertically or horizontally. Pneumatic controls can tilt the system upright to open the bottom drain valve. The product is filtered and collected in the lower heated sample collection vessel. This system is used for producing synthetic fabric from biomass as an alternative to a petroleum-based process.







Horizontal Reactor Floor Stand in Upright Loading Position

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