Film Properties of High-Stress SiN_x deposited at the chuck temperatures of 50, 100 and 250°C using Unaxis ICP PM3 tool with pressure=15 mT, Bias/ICP powers=5/400 W, SiH₄(100%)/He/N₂: (a) 7.7/257.4/4 sccm (at 50°C); (b) 7.6/257.4/4 sccm (at 100°C); (c) 7.5/257.4/4 sccm (at 250°C).

| High-Stress SiN _x Film (5W Bias Power, No Ar), Grown using Unaxis ICP PM3 Deposition Tool, Characterizations | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | 50°C(ICP) | 100°C(ICP) | 250°C(ICP) | 250°C(PECVD) |
| Refractive Index | ~2 | ~2 | ~2 | ~2 |
| Deposition Rate (nm/min.) | 30.6 | 29.3 | 27.4 | 10 |
| Buffered HF Etch Rate (nm/min.) | 75.3 | 67.5 | 39.6 | 36 |
| Film Stress (~200 nm in Thickness) (MPa) | -807 | -959 | -1158 | 260 |

Pin-hole Testing Result

High-Stress SiN_x Film deposited at 250 C with 15mT, 5/400W, SiH₄/N₂/He flow-rate=7.5/4/257.4sccm, and time=600s;

Film thickness and refractive index are 2342Å and 2.13, respectively.

Film stress is ~-1158 MPa.

Pin-Hole Result (In KOH@90C, 15 minutes): good (almost none pin-holes).