

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To facilitate maintenance work such as replacement of a heater element, thus achieving high maintainability.

5 A vertical thermal processing apparatus comprising a processing container 4 for accommodating and applying heat treatment to a large quantity of objects-to-be-processed W, a heater 6 covering the circumference of said processing container 4, a heater installation part 7 for installing said heater 6, and a chassis 11 for housing said heater wherein
10 maintenance of said heater can be performed through one specific side of said chassis, said heater 6 having a plurality of heater elements 31 that are individually replaceable, said heater installation part 7 comprising rotary support mechanisms 40 for supporting said heater 6 rotatably.

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