Derrick Stack Sizer™ for the Coal Industry

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Company Profile

- Derrick Corporation is a private company founded in 1951 by H. William Derrick
- 500,000 ft² (46,452 m²) manufacturing facility located at 590 Duke Road in Buffalo, New York
- Focus on fine screening applications in the mining, industrial, chemical and oil & gas drilling industries























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Recent Advances in Fine Screening Technology



Key Derrick Corporation Product Developments for the Coal Industry

- 1977 Sandwich Screen® woven wire panel
- 1977 Multifeed screening machine
- 1989 Polyurethane screen surfaces
- 1990 Hi-G[™] Dryer screen (8 Gs)
- 1993 Pyramid[™] screen surface (3 dimensional)
- 1997 Super G[™] vibrating motor
- 2001 Stack Sizer™ screening machine



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Stack Sizer Screen

- Derrick Corporation's Newest Wet Sizing Technology – Combination of Linear Motion with the use of Derrick High Open Area Polyurethane Screen Panels
- High Efficiency Separations
- High Tonnage Rates
- Minimal Operator Involvement



Principle of Operation



Fine Polyurethane Screen Surfaces



The World Leader in Fine Screening Solutions

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Fine Polyurethane Screen Surfaces

- Panels currently used in coal sizing applications: 180, 150, 100 and 75 μm
- Panel Life 12 to 24 months
- Panels now available for coal sizing applications: 63, 53 and 45 µm



Stack Sizer Applications in the Coal Industry





Fine Sizing Coal at 150 micron (100 mesh) Removal of High Ash/Sulphur Fraction from Clean Coal Spiral Product

Typical Clean Coal Spiral Product Screening Flow Diagram







Coal Feed onto 100 micron Urethane Panel



Action of Stack Sizer Repulp Trough



Coal Sizing on 100 micron Urethane Panels

Clean Coal Spiral Product Application Installation Photos

James River Coal Company Kentucky, USA











Fine Sizing Coal at 75 micron (200 mesh) Removal of -75 micron Fraction from 152mm (6") Hydrocylcone Underflow

Typical 6" Hydrocyclone Underflow Screening Flow Diagram





6" Hydrocyclone Underflow Application Installation Photos

Kentucky & Illinois, USA











Classification vs Fine Clean Coal Ash

 The presence of high ash ultrafine coal and clay increases the fine clean coal ash. H.M circuit sometimes needs to be compromised.

-Removal of high ash ultrafine coal and clay will decreases the fine clean coal ash. The higher the classification efficiency, the cleaner the fine clean coal.

Plitt Partition Model:

$$E_{uc} = 1 - exp \left[-0.693 \left(\frac{d}{d_{50c}} \right)^m \right]$$

Whiten Partition Model:

$$E_{oa} = C \left(\frac{\exp(\alpha) - 1}{\exp(\alpha X) + \exp(\alpha) - 2} \right)$$

Modified Finch Partition Model:

$$\mathbf{E}_{uc} = \left\{ \left[1 - \mathbf{R}_{f} \left(\frac{\mathbf{d}_{0} - \mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{d}_{0}} \right) \right] \right\} \left\{ \left[1 - \exp\left(-0.693 \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{d}_{50_{c}}} \right)^{m} \right] \right\} + \mathbf{R}_{f} \left(\frac{\mathbf{d}_{0} - \mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{d}_{0}} \right) \right\}$$

Simulation Results:



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