

Simplifying Recovery Boiler Operation and Maintenance

Going from Two to One Dissolving Tank for Vintage Recovery Boilers



Background

- A large number of older Vintage recovery boilers were designed with two dissolving tanks.
- The number of spouts used and the shape of the tanks were the main reason for using two tanks.
- Capacity of a dissolving tank is largely function of residence time.
- Typical capacity of Vintage spouts is about 700,000 lb DS/day per spout.
- Valmet spouts have a design capacity of up to 1.4 million lb DS/day, offering the possibility to greatly reduce the number of spouts and the elimination of the need for two dissolving tanks.



Advantages of Valmet Spouts

- Improved shattering
- Quieter spout deck
- Increased safety
- Improved density control
- Reduces load on vent stack
- Easier maintenance
- Shatter jet steam consumption
 ≤170 kg/spout/hr with one
 nozzle in operation





Valmet standard smelt spout assembly

Benefits

- Smelt Spout

-Steep design angle

-More even smelt flow

-Improved shattering

-Easier cleaning

Micro-Hoods

-Enclosed system

- Easier maintenance

-Easier change-out

-Self leveling

-Improved dissolving tank/scrubber fan performance

Dual Shatterjets

-Quieter spout deck

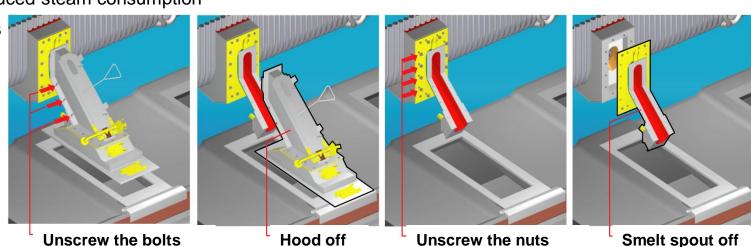
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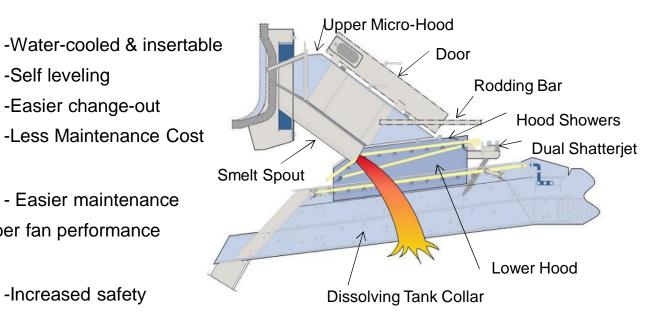
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-Full range of adjusability

-Dramatically reduced steam consumption

-ROI ≤ 12 months





Benefits of Having Less Spouts and Going to a Single Dissolving Tank

- Reduced maintenance and operating cost for the tanks (piping, pumps, agitators, cleaning, inspection, tank repairs, venting)
- Easier to control green liquor density in one tank vs balancing both
- Less operator intervention / time needed with only one side of boiler.
- One less dangerous area around the boiler as spout decks require additional PPE
- Lower cost of spout changes with less spouts
- Better flow in each spout and easier to keep spout running with less spouts



