BKG[®] HiCon[™] K−SWE−4K−75/RS Double Piston Backflush Screen Changer for Continuous Operation

Normal operation:	4 screen cavities (100%) in the process
Backflush:	3 screen cavities (75%) in the process
Screen change:	During a screen change 1 of the screen cavities (25%) is removed from the process, allowing for 3 of the screen cavities (75%) to remain in operation

Applications

The K-SWE-4K-75/RS is suitable for almost all processes and materials. It is used in pressure constant processes (e.g. strap, film, fiber, strand pelletizing). It can manage processes with a high proportion of contaiminates (recycling) and enables process runs to continue without any system shutdowns while changing the screen.

Benefits

- Reduced spare parts costs recognized due to the integrated self-cleaning (backflush) process, allowing screens to be used repeatedly
- Fully automated backflush and venting procedure (via PLC) reduced operator intervention
- Significant reduction in operating costs (screen & labor costs) is ensured by up to 100 backflushes
- 4 screen cavities provide a large filter area in a comparably small housing and minimize the number of self-cleaning backflushes at the same time



Features

- During the process steps "backflush" and "screen change," 3 of 4 screens remain in production at all times (patented 75% technology)
- Backflush function
- Optimized flow channels utilizing rheological data
- Wear-free metallic sealing system no additional seal required
- Easily integrated into the line controls
- Includes complete guard system, offering maximized safety for the operators

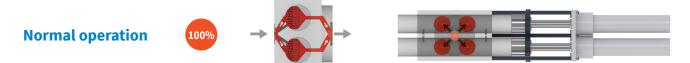
Technical Information

Machine Type/Size	K-SWE-101-4K-75/RS – K-SWE-380-4K-75/RS
Screen Dimensions	Ø 76 – Ø 340 mm (2.99 – 13.39 in)
Throughput	160 – 6,500 kg/h (353 – 14,330 lb/hr)
Screen Area	180 – 3,632 cm² (27.9 – 563 in²)
Temperature	Up to 450°C (842°F)
Heating	Electric, Fluid, or Steam
Max. Operating Pressure	From size 100 to size 200: Max. 500 bar (7,252 psi) Size 250 and up: Max. 300 bar (4,351 psi)
Differential Pressure	Max. 150 bar (2,176 psi)

*These throughput values are only estimates. The actual rates are dependent upon the viscosity of the material, filtration fineness, application, and the contamination level of the material; therefore, the values may differ depending on the actual process parameters.



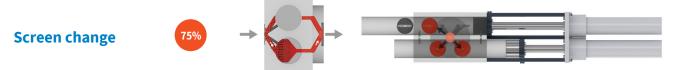
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The heated steel housing allows for two screen bearing pistons, which contain two screen cavities per piston. The melt flow is subdivided into four flow paths and is directed through each of the four screen cavities.

Backflush

If the chosen differential pressure (Δp) increases due to the contamination of the filter screens, the bearing piston automatically moves into the backflush position. The subsequent process is not adversely affected. Through a reversal of the flow inside the screen changer, the contaminations from the screen pack are led outwards via a spillway. The screen pack is fixed within the screen retainer. After cleaning of this filter element, the adjacent screen of the same bearing piston is cleaned in an identical manner. During each backflush, 75% of the screen area remains in production.



The screen bearing piston with the changeable filter element is moved out of the housing to allow for the screen pack of the piston to be removed and replaced with a new filter element. During the screen change, the second screen cavity of this piston and the screen cavities of the other piston remain in the production position and the melt flow is not interrupted. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the filter area is still used for filtration. Due to a special venting procedure, no air can enter the process after the screen exchange.

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