‘Dry lubrication’ systems for filling and packaging line with slat or belt conveyors in the food industry.

Applications

The ‘dry lubrication’ systems, using special lubricants, have been developed to lubricate belt conveyor surfaces, as well as the conveyor guides, for the transport of products in bottling and packaging unit.

A metered volume of lubricant is sprayed on the belt surface by means of a regulated carrier air; at the same time lubricant is directly injected into the conveyor guide with the same lubrication unit. The metered volume of lubricant is independent of any possible lubricant viscosity variation, the line length or the lube point number.

Considering the large diversity of conditioning unit, several system types have been designed in order to suit every kind of application.

‘Dry lubrication’ systems are used in filling line using beverage cartons, plastic bottles, and so on, in the following fields of the food industry:

- Milk plant,
- Fruit juice, sauce and soup production,
- Source, mineral, sparkling water production,
- Beverages (soda, beer, etc.)

and in many other fields such as:

- Cleaning products …
- Cosmetics …

Advantages

- Better sliding of the products,
- Chain wear reducing,
- Healthy environment and cleanliness of the work station,
- Dry environment, no water,
- Less metal corrosion,
- No deterioration of the conveyed products in the holding area thanks to better sliding,
- No friction noise or “stick-slip” effect,
- No bacterial growth,
- In accordance with the environmental standards,
- The product use is in accordance with food standards.

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**Problems on conditioning line conveyor**

Due to the speed difference between the filling machine and the packaging machine, or the failure of one of them, products are slowing down on the belt conveyor, which is running at a constant speed. And at the end products are sliding on the belt.

At the same time guides are supporting the conveyor belt and there is there a continuous friction.

If the friction between the belt and the product is too high (without lubrication) package bottom can be damaged, especially cartons. The belt then needs more power for moving, involving belt damages.

- **Too much friction** (insufficient sliding):
  - possible deterioration of the products (especially cartons),
  - more power consumption for the belt motion (engine over-current, extreme tension of the belt),
  - possible falling of the products when changing direction,
  - more wear on the belt surface and guides.

- **When not enough friction** products are sliding too much. It is harder to carry them properly (slow down or no more movement above all in the high part).

A lubrication system helps to keep a constant and sufficient friction coefficient. It can be adapted to any production line (conveyor belt type, carried products).

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**Disadvantages of the ‘water + soap’ solution**

Currently, some lubrication systems are based on a spraying network of water + soap mix. With these systems, it is not possible to precisely meter the quantity of lubricant sprayed on the belt (often higher than the real need) and the use of water causes many problems:

- Bacteriological and organic growth,
- High costs due to important water consumption and effluent treatment,
- Foaming,
- Corrosion,
- Slippery floors,
- Damaged packages.
Dry lubrication

The dry lubrication systems have been especially designed for the lubrication of conveyor surfaces and guides with special lubricant.

These systems enable to replace the classic wet lubrication systems thanks to the high performance of the lubricant: a PTFE-based oil, suitable for the food industry, when it’s correctly metered, leave a dry sliding coat on the surface belt and/or its guides.

The aim of the dry lubrication system is to deliver automatically and precisely the right quantity at the right friction point (belt surface or guides) from a central unit, which can feed up to 200 lubrication points in accordance with the production process.

Dry lubrication systems are based on the ‘oil+air’ principle: a minimal quantity metering system approved for years in the field of mechanical engineering.

Principle

- **Lubrication of the conveyor belt surface:**
  Very small metered quantity of oil are delivered intermittently by a piston metering system into a low pressure carrier air tube to a projection nozzle.
  The nozzle delivers a constant microdroplet and air flow on the belt, as long as the unit is actuated.

- **Lubrication of the guides:**
  The same metering system, connected to the same central unit, is used to directly inject a metered quantity of lubricant through a tube and connector fitted on the guides.

Advantages of ‘lubricant + air’ lubrication

- Lubricant is metered with adjustable piston metering systems, the output rate is independent from length, back pressure, lubricant viscosity (temperature).
- It enables to avoid brushes or connectors in contact with the belt (no lubricant accumulation on the lubrication point, no wear of parts)
- The lubricant injection can last several minutes in order to coat regularly all the surface of the belt or guides even with very small quantity of lubricant (often less than one cubic centimetre).
Examples of a conditioning conveyor unit with a ‘dry lubrication’ system

Example 1: Spraying line for the belt surface

Example 2: Injection line for the chain guides
Dry lubrication product range

• Dry lubrication units for small size conveyor installations

**LS.VE1**
- 1 or 2 outlets
- 1 to 12 lubrication points (when using flow dividers)
- distance between the unit and the nozzles: max. 4 meters
- with or without integrated reservoir

Only for the lubrication of the chain surface (for further information, please see page 8)

**LS.VE2**
- Plastic housing
- 1, 2, 3 or 4 outlets
- 1 to 24 lubrication points (when using flow dividers)
- distance between the unit and the nozzles: max. 4 meters
- with or without integrated reservoir

Only for the lubrication of the chain surface (for further information, please see page 8)
• Single line dry lubrication unit for medium size conveyor installations

LS50
• Single line lubrication unit with integrated programmable control unit
• Stainless steel housing
• 1 to 50 lubrication points with volumetric metering unit
• Distance between the unit and the nozzles: max. 50 meters

For the lubrication of the chain surface and guides (for further information, please see page 10)

• Multiline dry lubrication units for large size conveyor installations

LS200
• Multiline lubrication unit with integrated control unit, every line independently adjustable
• Up to 8 independent lines
• Stainless steel housing
• 1 to 50 lubrication points with volumetric metering unit for every line,
• Distance between the unit and the nozzles: max. 50 meters

For the lubrication of the chain surface and guides (for further information, please see page 12)
Dry lubrication units for small size conveyor installations

These dry lubrication units are dedicated to small size conveyor installations. A single unit can lubricate from 1 to 24 lubrication points located up to max. 4 meters from the central unit.

Function

Pneumatically actuated piston pumps are delivering small metered volume of lubricant. The lubricant is transported through a plastic tube to a nozzle by means of low pressure carrier air. The air is also delivered and regulated by the unit itself. The lubricant is sprayed directly and precisely on the lubrication point.

There are two different types of dry lubrication system for small conveyor installations:

- LS-VE1: compact model, with integrated 0.3 liter reservoir, 1 or 2 outlets,
- LS-VE2: compact model with plastic housing, with integrated 0.3 liter reservoir, from 1 to 4 outlets.

Every outlet of the unit can be connected to a ‘lubricant + air’ flow divider, thus increasing the number of outlets (up to 6). For further information, please see page 13.

Technical data

Number of outlets
LS-VE1 ................................................................................. 1 or 2
LS-VE2 ................................................................................. 1 to 4
Flow rate per outlet ........................................... 0 - 30 mm³/pulse
setting per metering ring or thumb wheel
Working frequency max. ........................................................ 3 Hz
Reservoir ................................................................................. integrated 0.3 l
or external reservoir

Material ......................................................... plastic, aluminium, brass, FPM seals
Air supply .......................................... dry and filtered air, 4-7 bars
Voltage................................................................. please see voltage key
(IP 65, CE marking)
Operating temperature ........................................... –10 to +60 °C
Max. air consumption for a 4 outlet unit ......... 300 Nl/min / 6 bar

Order information

Components and accessories for the lube circuit to be ordered separately, please see page 14

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Order example:
Dry lubrication unit type
LS-VE1 with 2 outlets, setting with metering ring, integrated reservoir,
Order No.: LS-VE1-PA2-10
**LS-VE1**

1. Reservoir plug
2. Reservoir, 0.3 l
3. Setting screw for pneumatic pulse generator
4. Fixing (back)
5. Solenoid valve (to order separately)
6. Protecting cap for micropumps metering ring
7. Outlet (1 or 2)
8. Pneumatic pulse generator
9. Fixing (below)
10. Solenoid valve connector
11. Air inlet
12. Pneumatic micropump
13. Carrier air setting screw

**Dimensions in mm**

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**LS-VE2**

1. Air inlet
2. Outlet (1 to 4)
3. Protecting cap for micropumps metering ring or thumb wheel
4. Reservoir, 0.3 l
5. Solenoid valve (to order separately)
6. Plug
7. Pressure regulating valve
8. Fixing brackets
9. Access port for pulse generator adjustment

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*Dimensions in mm*
Single line dry lubrication unit for medium size conveyor installations

This type of unit has been designed to lubricate medium size conveyor installation. It can lubricate at the same time the belt surface and the guide. This unit can lubricate up to 50 points at a maximal distance of 50 m.

Function

When the control unit is triggering a new lubrication cycle, a gear pump is delivering lubricant under pressure to the volumetric feeders located close to the lubrication points. The quantity of lubricant delivered to the lube point is then precisely metered.

Guide lubrication: The lubricant is directly injected into the guide via a special connector.

Belt surface spray lubrication: Lubricant is transported to the nozzle thanks to a low pressure carrier air coming from a separate circuit and regulated by means of an air flow regulating valve mounted on the outlet of the metering system. The nozzles are spraying microdroplets of lubricant on the surface of the belt. The metering quantity can be adjusted from 0.025 cm$^3$ to 0.5 cm$^3$ separately for every outlet.

Main technical data

All the following components are mounted into a stainless steel box:

- a gear pump unit with integrated 6 liter reservoir, minimal level switch, electric agitator, 0.2 l/min -16 bars - single phase motor 230 V - 60 Hz,
- a programmable control unit to control and monitor the line, with the following functions:
  - interval time management between the lubrication cycles,
  - monitoring of lubricant pressure build-up and relief during the lubrication cycle,
  - air pressure monitoring,
  - lubricant minimal level monitoring,
- a control solenoid valve for the carrier air,
- an air filter,
- an air pressure switch,
- a lubricant pressure switch,
- a manometer to check the lubricant pressure,
- signal lights and push-buttons on the front of the box.

Order information

Components and accessories for the lube circuit to be ordered separately, please see page 14

- Dry lubrication unit for medium size conveyor installations, with integrated control unit and mounted into a stainless steel box.

Order No. LS50KW6A02+428
1 Signal light “LIVE”
2 Push-button “Forced operation”
3 Air outlet
4 Cable gland, electrical connection
5 Lubricant outlet
6 Push-button “RESET”
7 Signal light “FAILURE”
8 Air inlet filter
9 Solenoid valve
10 Air pressure switch
11 Pump with reservoir
12 Control unit
13 Manometer
14 Lubricant pressure switch

Dry lubrication unit, LS50KW6A02+428
Multiline dry lubrication units for large size conveyor installations

This type of unit is designed to lubricate independently different conveyor lines. It can lubricate at the same time the belt surface and the guide. According to the model, a unit can lubricate up to 8 separate lines.

This unit can lubricate up to 200 points at a maximal distance of 50 m.

Function

When the control unit is triggering a new lubrication cycle, a pneumatic pump is delivering lubricant under pressure to the volumetric feeders located close to the lubrication points. The quantity of lubricant delivered to the lube point is then precisely metered.

Guide lubrication: The lubricant is injected directly into the guide via a special connector.

Belt surface spray lubrication: Lubricant is transported to the nozzle thanks to a low pressure carrier air coming from a separate circuit and regulated by means of an air flow regulating valve mounted on the outlet of the metering system. The nozzles are spraying microdroplets of lubricant on the surface of the belt.

The metering quantity can be adjusted from 0.025 cm³ to 0.5 cm³ separately for every outlet.

Main technical data

All the following components are mounted into a stainless steel box:

- a pneumatic pump unit - operating pressure min. 6 bars - delivery rate 15 cm³ / stroke,
- a programmable control unit to control and monitor every line, with the following functions:
  - interval time management between the lubrication cycles,
  - monitoring of lubricant pressure build-up and relief during the lubrication cycle,
  - air pressure monitoring,
  - lubricant minimal level monitoring,
- control solenoid valve for the air and lubricant inlets of every line,
- an air inlet filter,
- a manometer for lubricant.

Outside the stainless steel box:

- a 6 liter reservoir with minimal level switch - transparent and cylindrical shape, motorized agitator, easy sight control of the lubricant.

Order information

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*) Write the voltage key when ordering.

(428 : 115 V AC, 50/60 Hz ; 429 : 230 V AC, 50/60 Hz ; 924 : 24 V CC)
1 Air inlet filter
2 Air outlet
3 Lubricant outlet
4 6 l reservoir
5 Min. level switch
6 Filler cap
7 Fixing holes
8 Cable glands PG 9
9 Signal light “FAILURE”
10 Signal light “LIVE”
11 Signal light “intermediate lubrication”
12 Push-button RESET
13 Cable glands PG 11
14 Lubricant solenoid valve
15 Pneumatic pump
16 Pump air control solenoid
17 Control unit
18 Air solenoid valve
Accessories

Metering unit

1. Air + lubricant outlet, OD 4 - quick-release coupling
2. Air flow regulating valve
   - Flow rate: 230 l/min
   - Pressure max. 10 bars
   - min. 1 bar
3. Volumetric feeder, 1 outlet
   - Adjustable flow rate: 0.025 to 0.5 cm³/stroke
4. Air inlet, OD 6
5. Mounting manifold for metering unit

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Manifold

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Nozzle

1. Quick-release coupling for tube OD 4

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To be connected with flow divider

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Lubricating screw for chain guide

1. Lubricant inlet
   - Splined end for tube ID 2.5
2. F S screw, M6
3. Clamping nut and washer
   - Material: stainless steel
4. Outlet
   - Inner drilling Ø 1.5

Order No. LS-10

Metering unit for lubricant injection into the guide

Volumetric feeder, 1 outlet
Adjustable flow rate: from 0.025 to 0.5 cm³/stroke

Order No. ID.1.NI

Flow divider

1. Inlet
   - Quick-release connector for tube OD 6
2. Flow divider
3. Outlet
   - Quick-release connector for tube OD 6

Flow divider

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Air control solenoid valve

Control solenoid valve for the air supply of the dry lubrication unit type LS-VE

Flow rate max. ...................................................... 260 NL / min
Pressure ...................................................................... < 10 bar
Power .......................................................................... 14 VA
Protection ...................................................................... IP 65
Electric connection ................................................. PG11
Operating position .................................................. indifferent

Order No. ............................................................... AC-4226 + ___ _

*) When ordering, add the voltage key to the Order No.
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Accessories for lubricant line

Quick-release coupling

- Quick-release coupling
  - M8x1, Ø 4
  - Order No. 404-003-VS

Quick-release coupling

- Quick-release coupling, M12x1, Ø 8
  - Order No. 408-162-VS

Quick-release coupling

- Quick-release coupling, M G 1/4, Ø 8
  - Order No. RI.820

Tee-connector

- Tee-connector, TU8-TU8-TU8
  - Order No. AC-4528

Tee-connector

- Tee-connector, TU8-TU6-TU8
  - Order No. AC-4503

Tee-connector

- Tee-connector, T8-3TU6-TU8
  - Order No. AC-4504

Plug

- Plug, G 1/4, D 8
  - Order No. BO.606

Plug

- Plug, M 12x1
  - Order No. BO800

Seal

- Order No. JO.801

Dimensions in mm
Reservoir
Reservoir 6 l, with agitator
Order No. LS-TK602

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Tube strap
Flat strop 70 x 2,5 x 1 (100 pieces)
Order No. AC.1559
Strap 4,7 x 186 (100 pieces)
Order No. AC.3897

Setting screw-driver
for the metering unit type LS-ID
Order No. LS-2043
Please consult the following leaflets to find individual components for VOGEL chain lubrication systems:

1-4101-US .................................. GVP, chain lubrication
1-4105-US .................................. BR, brushing device (for chain)
1-0103-US .................................. Fittings and accessories
1-0103-1-US ............................... Connection System — plug-in connectors