



Ventilation System Optimization Without Engineering

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Agenda

- Ventilation Systems
- Baghouses
- Filtration Media
- Installation
- Operation



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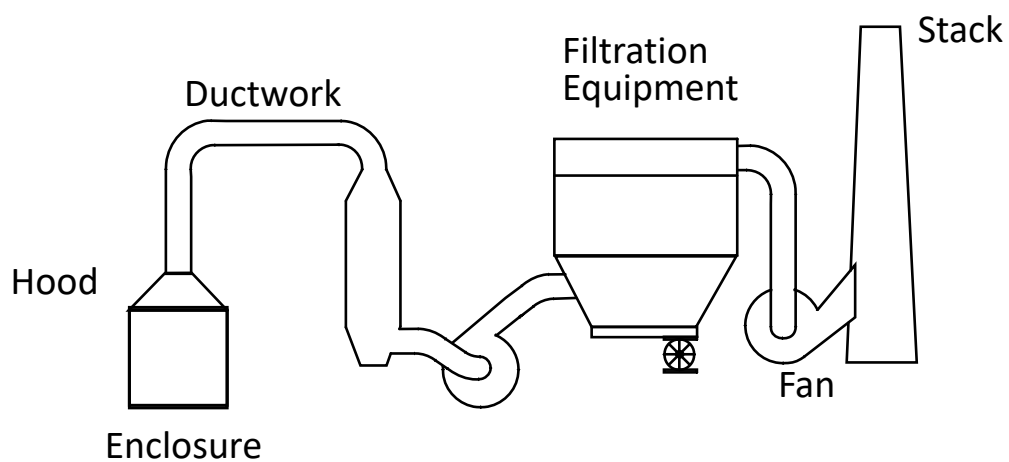
Types of Ventilation Systems

- **Process**
 - Kiln
 - Mill
 - Separator
 - Pneumatic Conveying
- **Auxiliary**
 - Belt Transfers
 - Elevators



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Ventilation System



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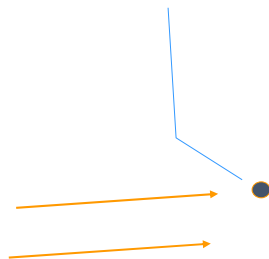
Basic Concepts of Ventilation Systems

- Capture Velocity
- Closed Box

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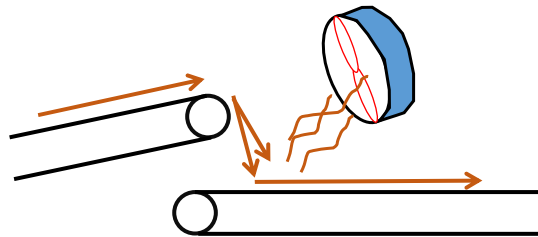
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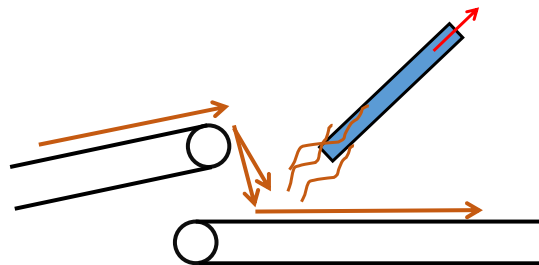
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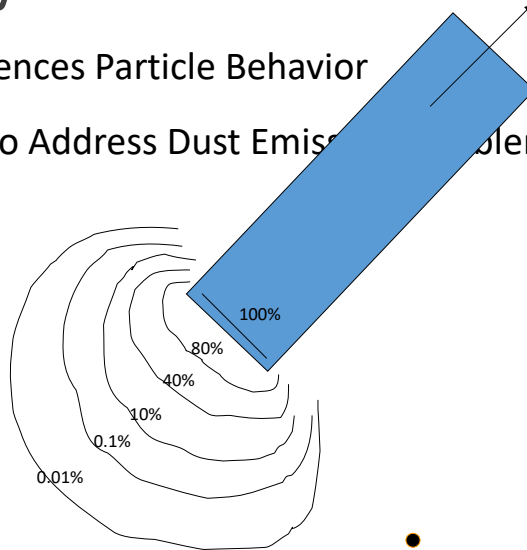
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- This Can Be Used to Address Dust Emission Problems
- By Itself, NOT A Solution



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Closed Box Principle

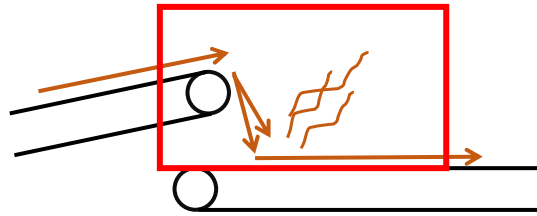
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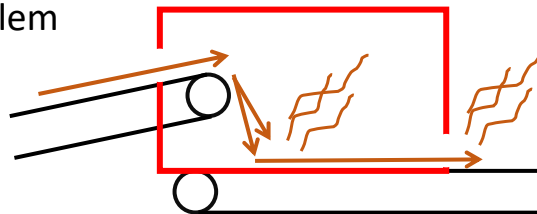
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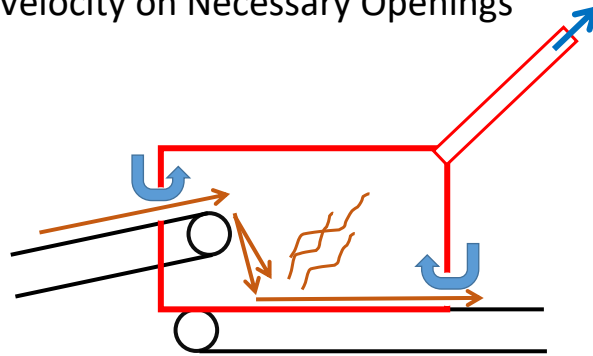
- Dust in a ~~Sealed~~ Box Is NOT a Problem
- Helps, But Does NOT Solve The Problem



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Ventilation Solution

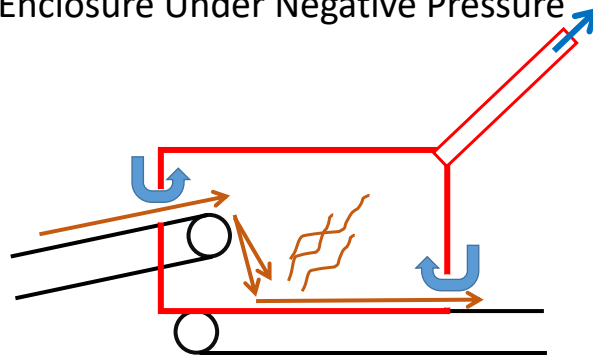
- Enclose as Best Possible
- Apply Capture Velocity on Necessary Openings



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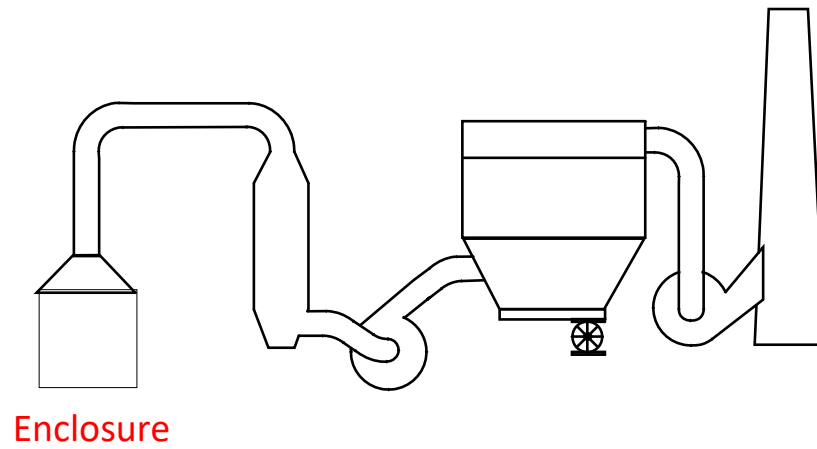
Purpose of Ventilation System

- Is NOT to Suction Dust
- It's to Keep an Enclosure Under Negative Pressure



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Enclosures

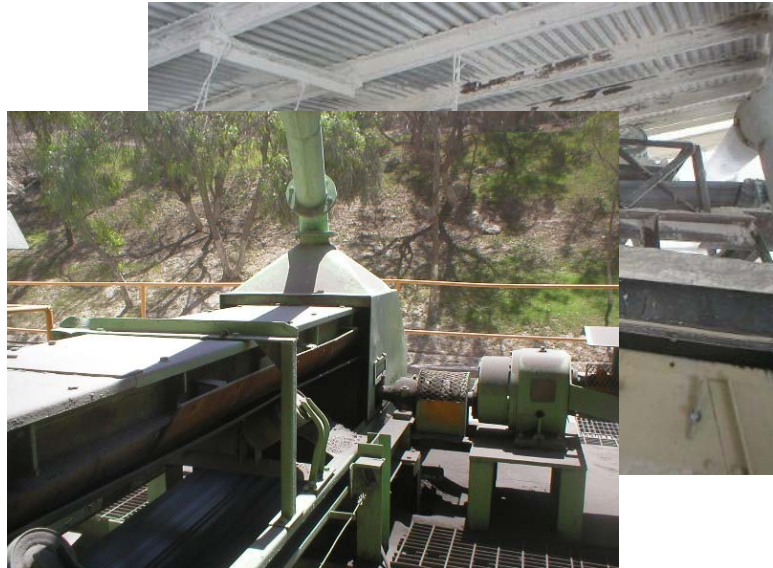
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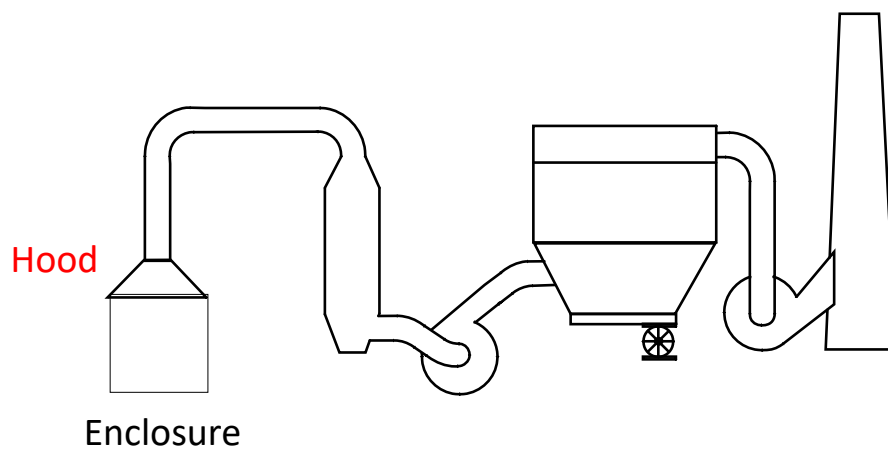
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- Bad / Nonexistent
- Good Enclosure



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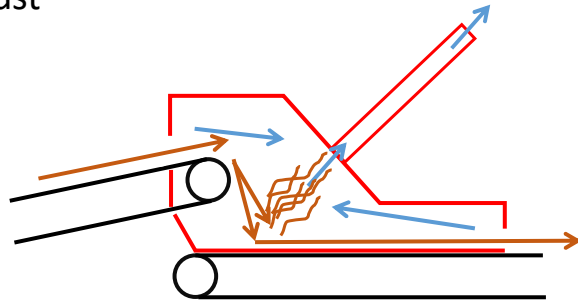
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Vent Point Position

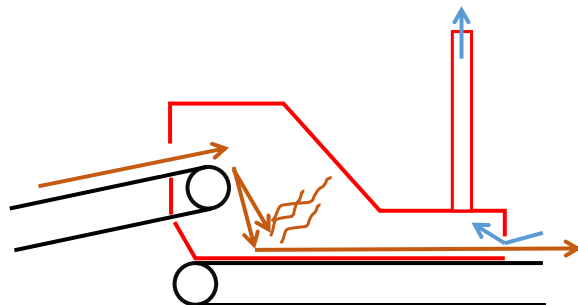
- Purpose: Keep Enclosure Under Negative Pressure
- NOT Suction Dust



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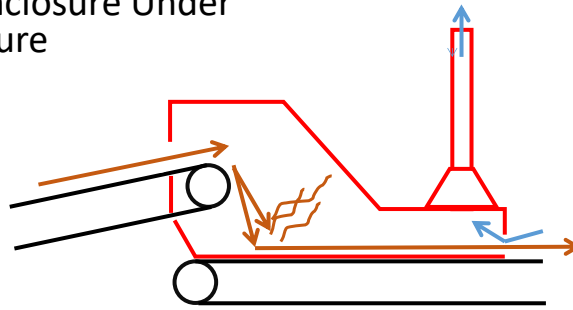
- Vent Away From the Cloud of Dust



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Vent Point Optimized With Hood

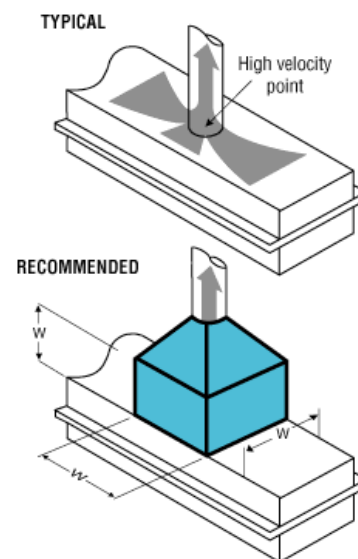
- Minimize Suction of Material
- Still Keeping Enclosure Under Negative Pressure



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Hoods

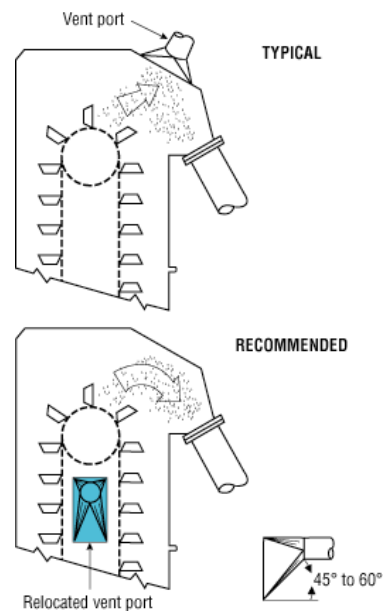
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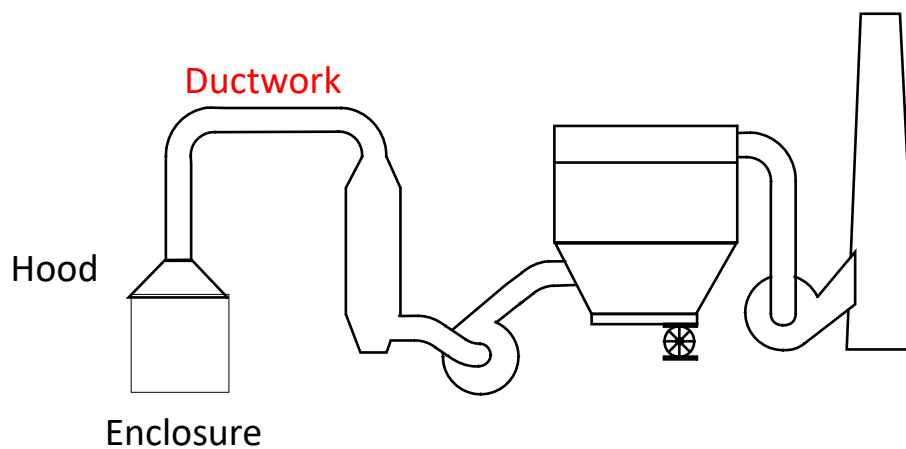
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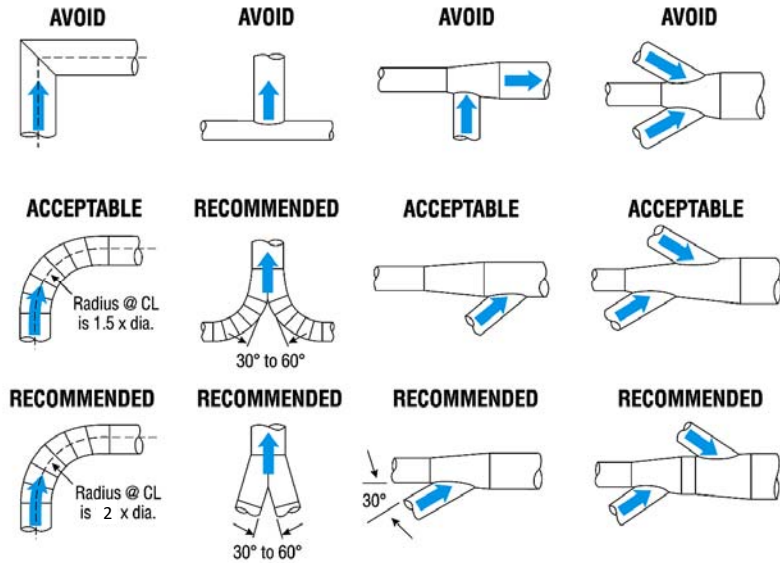
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Ductwork

- Design Principles



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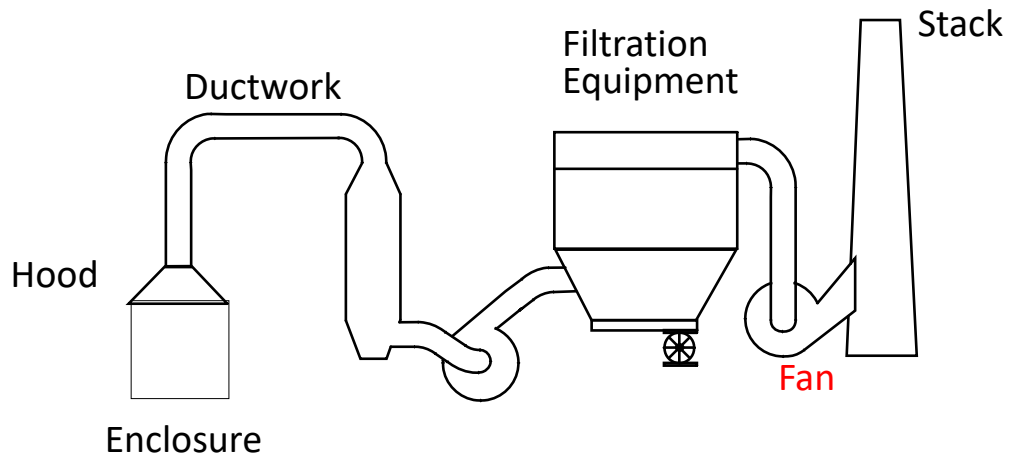
Ductwork

- What NOT To Do



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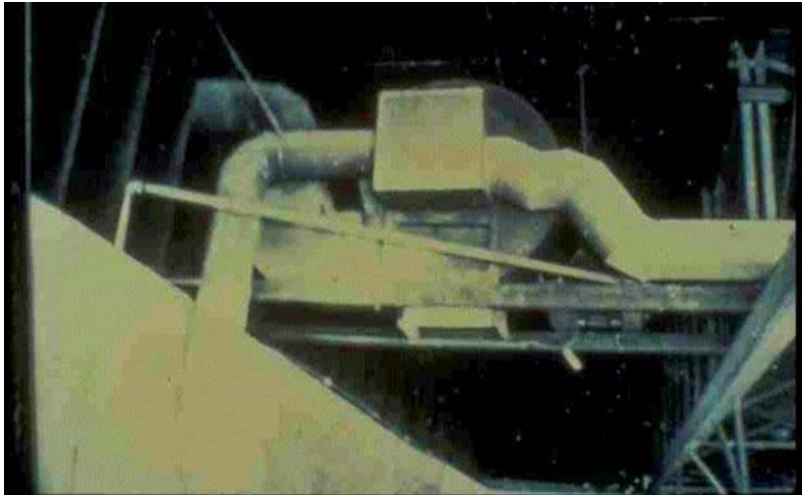
Fan Optimization

- Specs Defined Under Ideal Conditions



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Poor Fan Installation



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Poor Fan Outlet



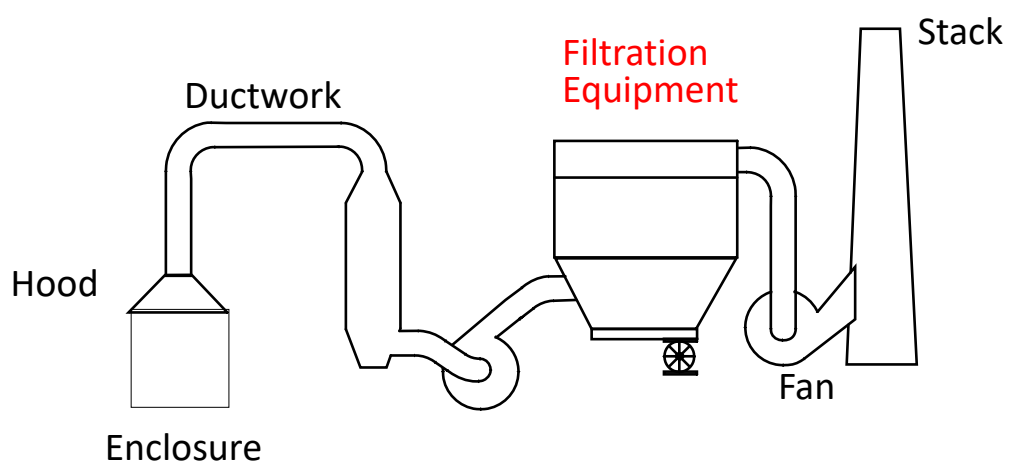
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Excellent Fan Outlet



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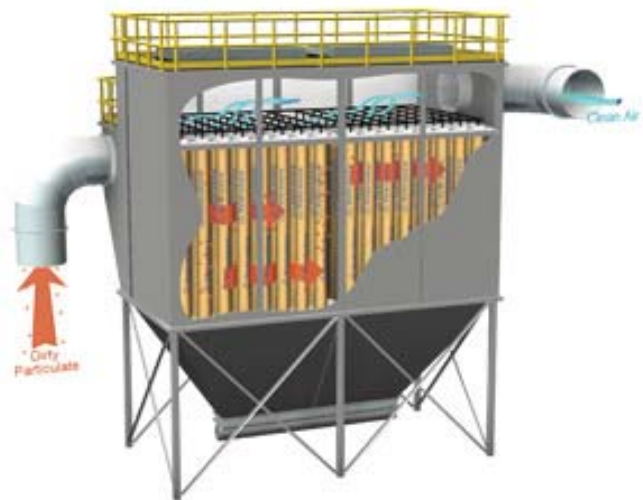
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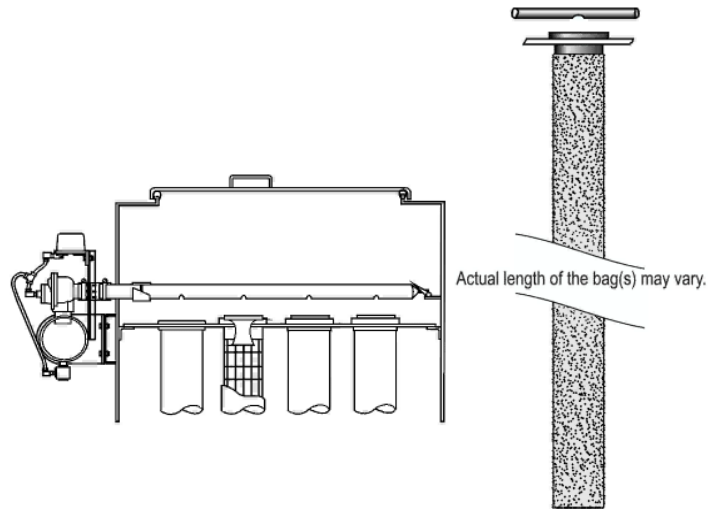
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- High Capacity/ Small Size
- Lower Cost
- Harsh on Filter Media



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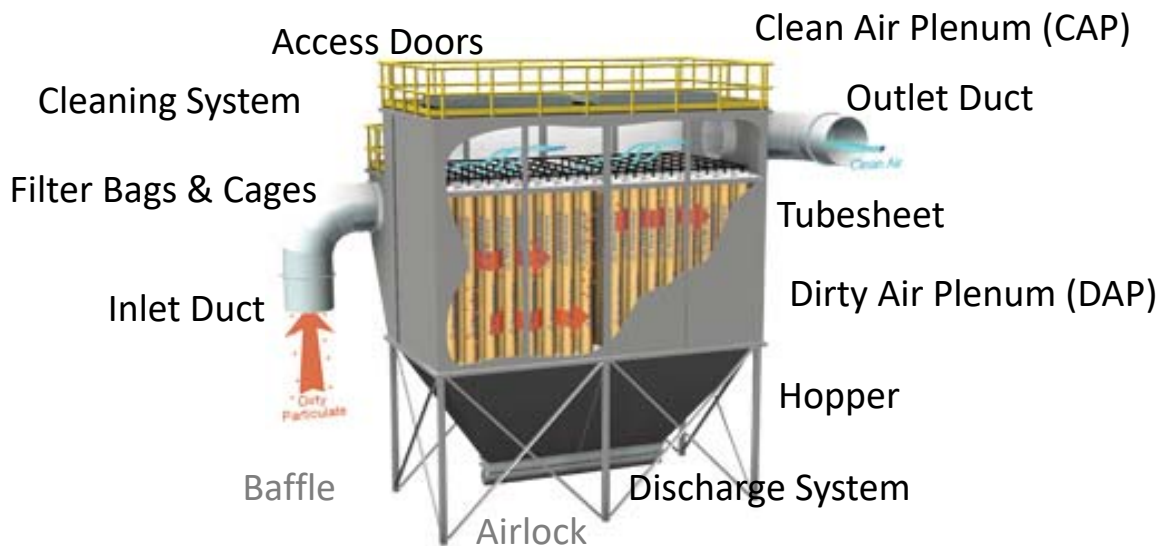
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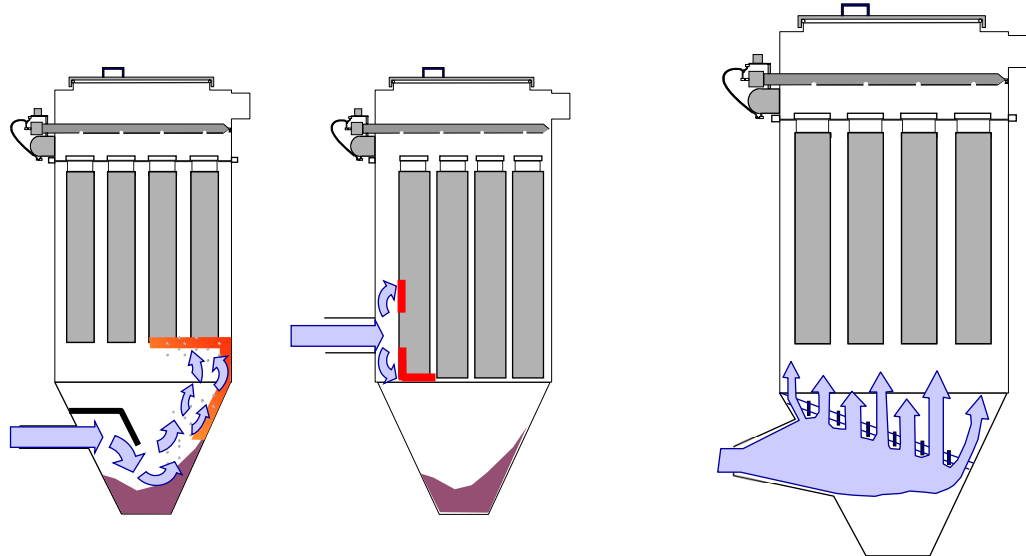
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Pulse Jet Baghouse Anatomy



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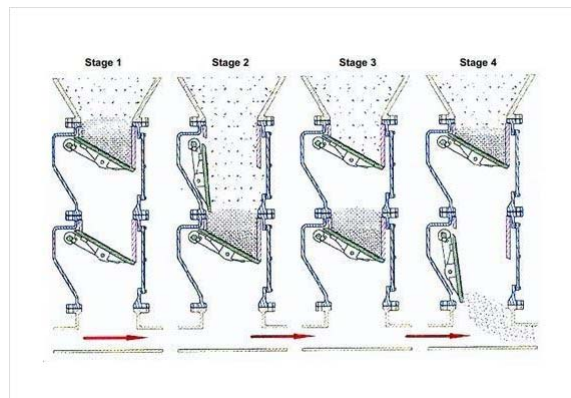
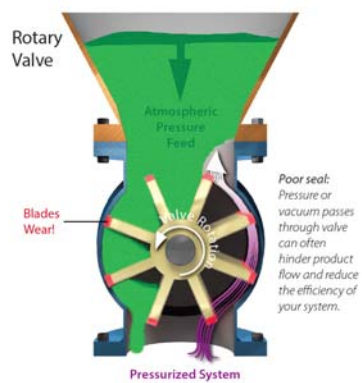
Flow Distribution



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Discharge Valves

- Rotary Valve vs Double Tipping Valve



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Conceptual Design

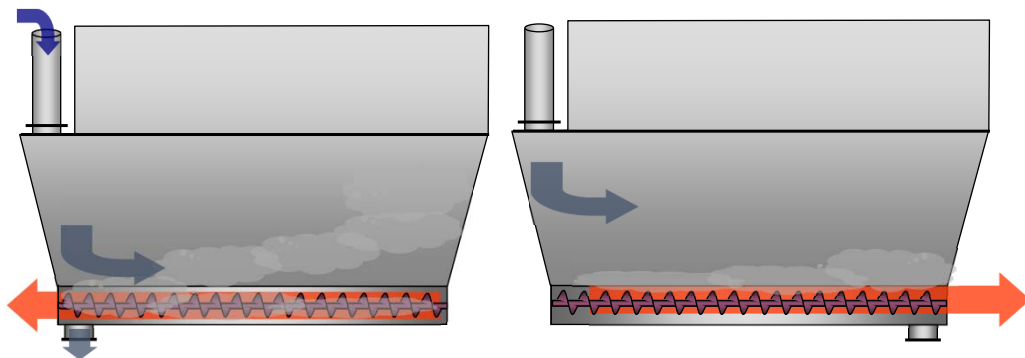
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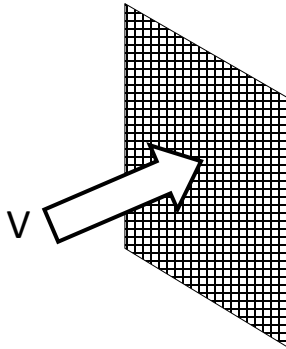
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Baghouse Sizing

- Air to Cloth Ratio (ACR)
- Filtration Velocity (FV)



$$ACR = \frac{CFM}{Area}$$

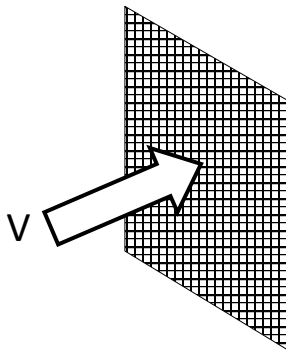
$$ACR = \frac{ft^3}{min \cdot ft^2}$$

$$ACR = \frac{ft}{min}$$

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Baghouse Sizing

- Air to Cloth Ratio
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Process

$$FV = 3 \text{ to } 3.3 \text{ fpm}$$

Auxiliary

$$FV = 4 \text{ to } 5 \text{ fpm}$$

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Polyester Felt

- Workhorse of Industry
- 275F Temp Limit
- Inexpensive, Durable
- Subject to Hydrolysis
- Used in Most Low Temp Applications



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Acrylic Felt

- Solves Hydrolysis
- 265 F Temp Limit
- Resists High Humidity
- More Expensive than Polyest
- Commonly Used in Cement Mill Circuits



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Aramid Felt (Nomex)

- 390 F Temperature Limit
- Subject to Hydrolysis at +300F With High Humidity
- More Expensive than Polyester and Acrylic
- Commonly Used in Clinker Cooler Baghouses



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Woven Fiberglass

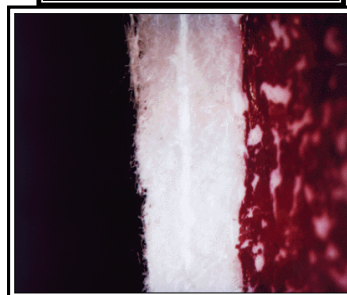
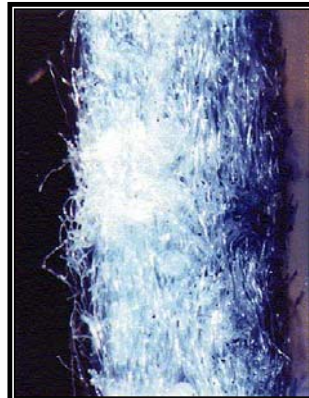
- 500 F Temperature Limit
- Fragile/ Easily Damaged
- Used in Kiln Baghouses
- Usually Laminated with PTFE Membrane



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PTFE Membrane

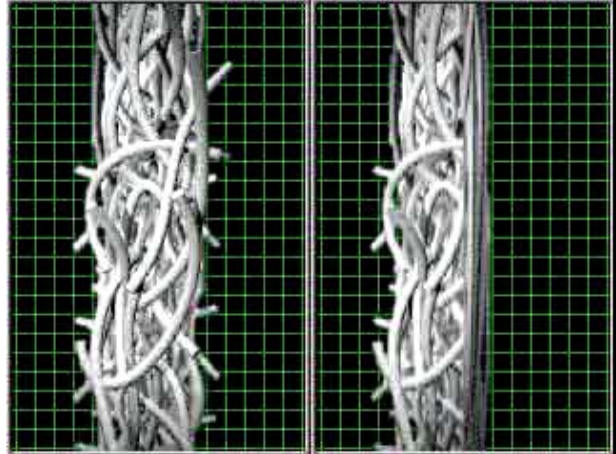
- Surface Filtration Principle
- High Efficiency Filtration
- Excellent Dust Release
- Base Fabric Becomes Support Only



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PTFE Membrane

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- Base Fabric Becomes Support Only
- Cannot Handle Oily Flow



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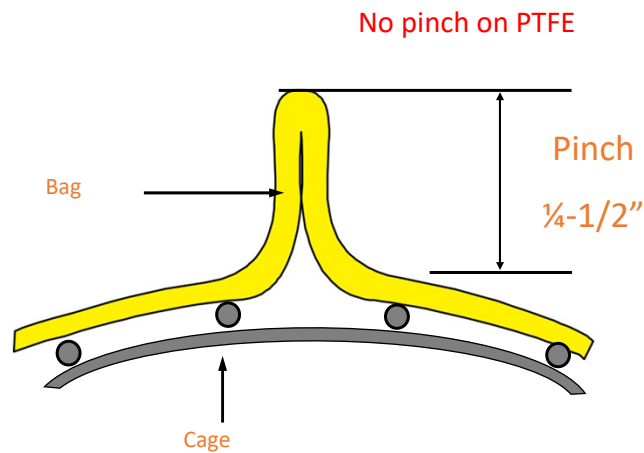
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Bags- Verify Pinch



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Excess Pinch

- Reduces Cleaning Efficiency



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Excess Pinch

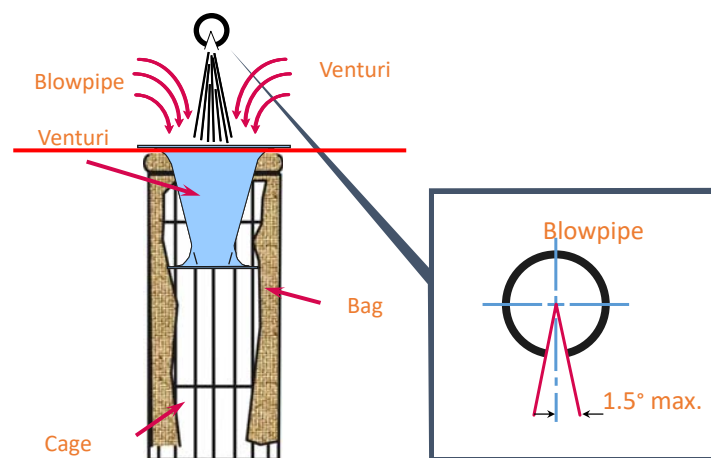
- Reduces Cleaning Efficiency
- Creates Failures on Fiberglass



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Keep Tubesheet Clean

- Avoids Inside Bag Contamination



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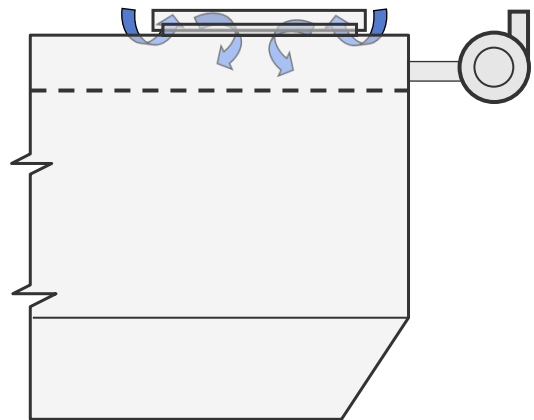
Verify Blowpipe Hole Integrity



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Eliminate Inleakage

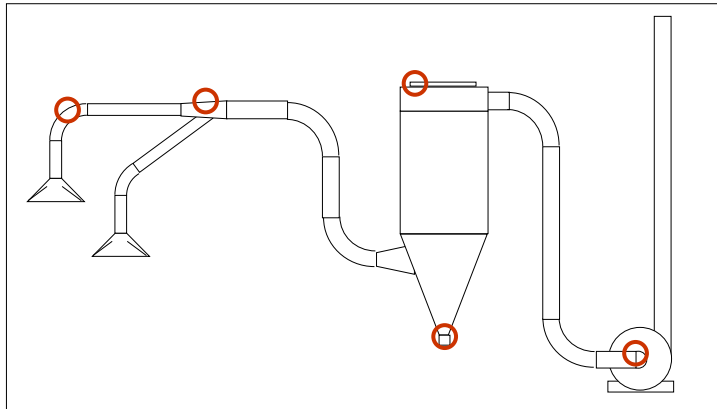
- Incoming Ambient Air Reduces Capacity
- Most Common Deficiency
- Particularly Troublesome in High Temperature Systems



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Common Inleakage Points

- Ductwork Branching & Elbows
- Baghouse Discharge
- Access Door Seals
- Expansion Joints



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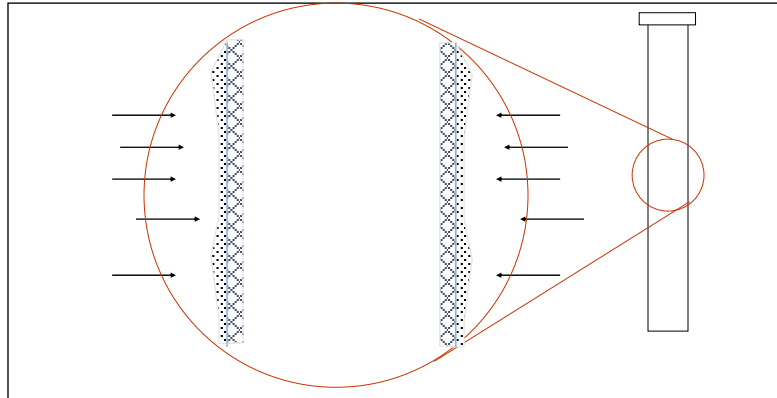
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Dustcake

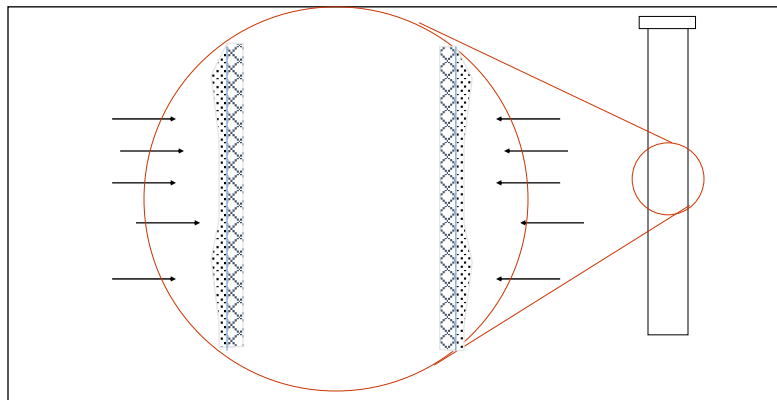
- Filtered Particles on Media
- Part of the System



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Verify a Good Dustcake

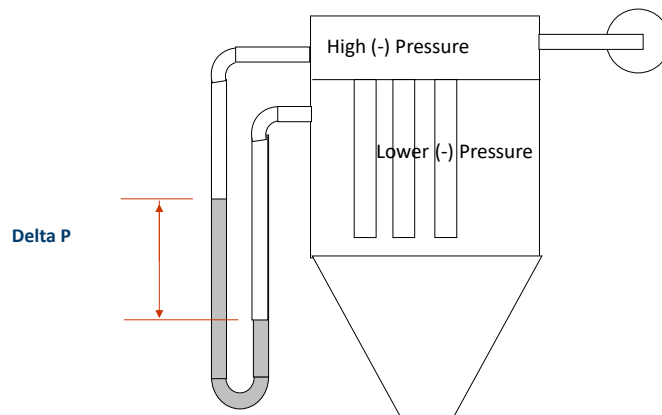
- Differential Pressure



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Differential Pressure Explained

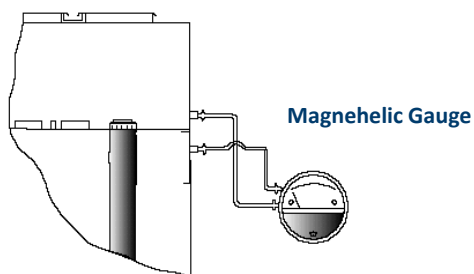
- Difference Between Clean and Dirty Side



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Differential Pressure

- Operator's Stethoscope
- Indicates a Problem Before it Becomes Disaster
- Good DP is about 4" to 6" w.g.



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DP Measuring Devices

- Manometer
- Magnehelic
- Photohelic



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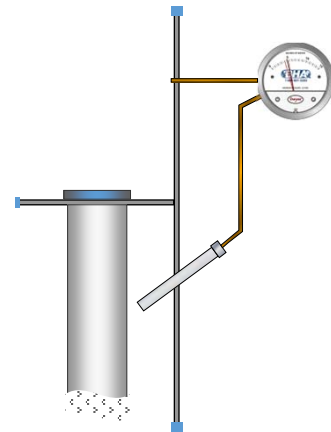
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- Reduces Wear and Tear on Filter Media

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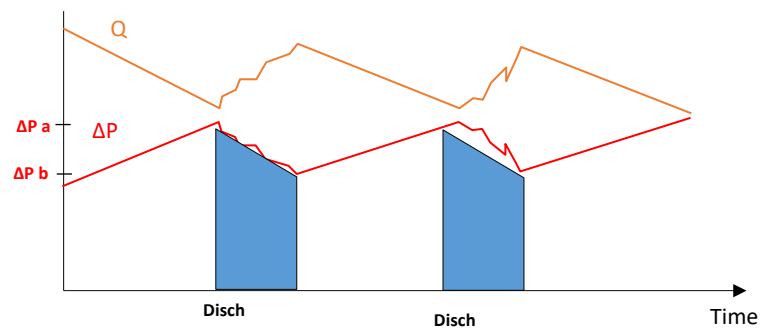
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- Accuracy IMPORTANT



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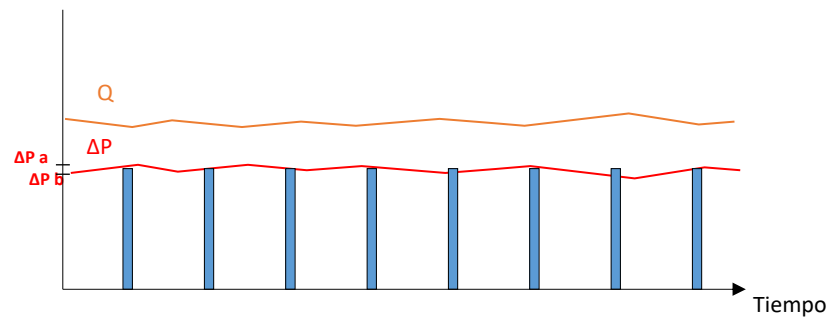
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- Typical Programming



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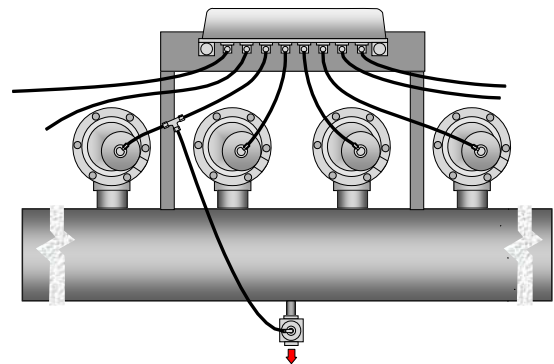
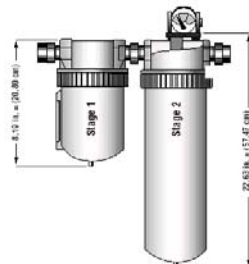
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- Reduces Wear and Tear on Filter Media
- Recommended Programming



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Pulse Jet System

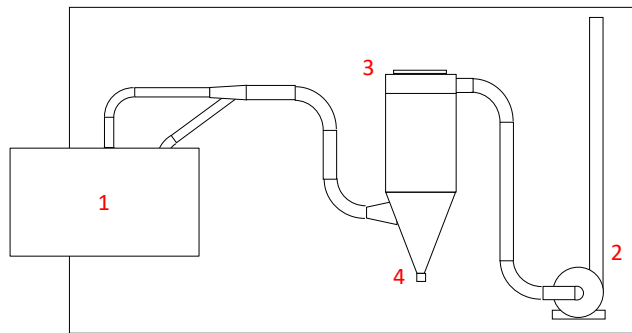
- Apply Recommended Pressure and Pulse On-Time
- Typical 80 – 90 psi, 0.1 to 0.2 seconds
- Fiberglass and PTFE Lower
- Clean, Dry Compressed Air



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Shutdown Procedure

- Turn off Process, Fan Runs to Cool to Ambient Temperature
- Turn off Fan, Pulsing and Discharge Continue Operating
- Verify Hopper is Empty
- Turn off Pulsing and Discharge System



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Flow Balancing

- Determine Order of Adjustment, Starting at Closest
- Gradually Close Damper Until Slight Pressurization.
- Repeat for Each Vent Point
- Adjust Fan Damper and Verify Flow

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System Monitoring Basics

- Verify Differential Pressure Daily
- Visual Stack Check
- Verify Pulsing System Operation
- Verify Discharge System Operation
- Modern Controls Inexpensive

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