

# Perfect, gentle and green removal of polymer and organic contaminations from metal parts & tools







## **APPLICATIONS**

The most common application is the cleaning of dies, filters and tools in

- Synthetic fiber and nonwovens industries
- Blown and cast film production
- Polymer production
- Masterbatch production
- Extrusion
- Injection Moulding
- Packaging industry (hot melt...)
- Others

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Perfect cleaning results, even inside highly complex dies or assembled parts
- Free from carbon residues
- Easy and safe to operate
- Fully automated cleaning process
- Adjustable and slow heat-up; gentle on the materials
- Precise temperature control with direct measurement at the part
- No risk of overheating or distortion
- Only electricity and water required
- Low operating and maintenance costs
- Environmentally friendly
- Off-gas cleaning by catalytic converter
- No polluted water discharge

## TYPICAL COMPONENTS

VACUCLEAN is especially recommended for

- Spinnerets
- Spin packs
- Nonwoven dies
- Blown film die heads
- Pelletizing dies
- Filter bundles / Filter candles
- Filter stacks / Leaf disks
- Extruder screws, screw elements
- Static mixers

# TYPICAL POLYMERS

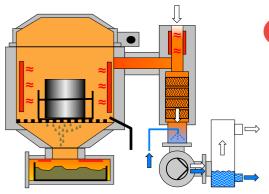
- Polyolefins: PE, HDPE, PP, PB, EVA, EVOH
- Polyesters: PET, PBT, PC, PTT, PEN
- Polyamides: PA6, PA6.6, PA12, PPA
- Polyacrylates: PAN, PBA, PMA, PMMA
- Polystyrenes: PS, ABS, SB, SBS, SAN
- Biopolymers: PLA, PEA, PVAL, PPOX
- Polyetherketones: PAE, PEK, PEEK
- Polyimides: PI, PBI, PEI, PBO, PMI
- Polyurethanes: PUR, TPA, TPO, TPU, Spandex
- Special Polymers: LCP, POM, BR, NBR
- Other polymers on request

### OPERATING PRINCIPLE



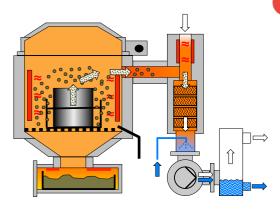
VACUCLEAN gently removes organic contamination from heat resistant metallic parts by melt-off and thermal decomposition under vacuum.

Cleaning time: 8 – 30 h



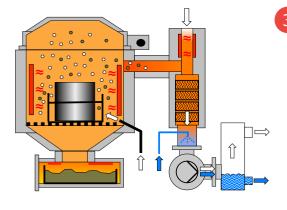
#### HEAT-UP & MELT-OFF

- Gentle heat-up of parts under vacuum
- Adjustable heat-up temperature ramp for uniform heat transfer
- Molten polymer drains into a colder melt collector.



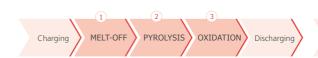
#### PYROLYSIS

- Heat-up starts thermal decomposition process of organic contamination.
- Special control sensors protect parts and dies from temperature damage.
- Adjustable process temperatures up to 450 °C (600 °C on request for special applications)
- The whole process runs under condition of vacuum to prevent any exothermal reactions.



#### OXIDATION

- Process controlled and automated to change from pyrolysis to oxidation
- Oxidation of remaining crystalline carbon residues under reduced vacuum
- At the end of the process the chamber can be openend and unloaded immediately or after adjustable cooling.





# TOP LOADING SYSTEMS





Catalytic converter for off-gas cleaning



Process chamber of VACUCLEAN 254





# FRONT LOADING SYSTEMS











# TECHNICAL DATA OF STANDARD SIZES

VACUCLEAN	COMPACT	154	254	354	454	554	654	0910	0917	1212	1713
Process chamber Width (mm) Depth (mm) Height (mm) Max. component Weight (kg) Temperature	500 500 350	1,120 530 430 <sup>1)</sup> 750 – adjustak	2,180 530 430 <sup>1)</sup> 1,500 ble up to 4	3,230 530 430 <sup>1)</sup> 2,250 50 °C (up	4,280 530 430 <sup>1)</sup> 3,000 to 600 °C	5,340 530 430 <sup>1)</sup> 3,750 for specia	6,400 530 430 <sup>1)</sup> 4,500 I polymers	900 900 1,000 1,500 and applic	900 900 1,700 3,000 cations on	ø 1,250 – 1,250 <sup>1)</sup> 5,000 request) -	ø 1,700 – 1,300 5,000 <sup>2)</sup>
Total dimensions (I Width (door open) Width (closed) Depth (door 90° open) Depth (closed) Height (lid open) 1) Height (lid closed)	1,220	- 2,600 - 1,580 2,140 1,350	- 3,410 - 1,630 2,140 1,350	- 4,270 - 1,800 2,140 1,350	- 5,320 - 1,800 2,140 1,350	- 6,380 - 1,800 2,140 1,350	- 7,430 - 1,800 2,140 1,350	4,020 2,280 4,690 2,270 – 2,220	2,390 2,400 3,760 2,270 - 3,420	3,650 2,620 3,830 2,430 – 2,940	3,440 2,880 4,450 2,580 - 2,980
Electrical supply Operating voltage Rated power (kW) Average con- sumption (%)	12/16	18/26	28/37 30	x 400 V / 3 37/50 25	8 x 460 V ( 47/63	(+6% / -10 57/76 25	0%) / 5 67/89 25	0 Hz / 60 28/37 30	Hz	45/65	47/67
Water supply Line pressure Flow rate (m³/h)  Empty weight (kg)	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.36	— betw 0.36 3,000	een 3 and 0.36 3,600	6 bar — 0.36 4,200	0.18	0.36 4,500	0.36	0.36

 $^{\mbox{\tiny 2)}}$  VACUCLEAN 1713-XXL version: up to 12,500 kg weight.

Exclusions: VACUCLEAN is NOT suitable for removing polymers containing halogens, flame retardants or combinations of chloride, fluoride, bromide, iodide (e.g. PVC, PVCA, PVDC, PTFE, PCTFE).

<sup>1)</sup> Systems with higher lids and larger melt-off containers available.

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