

Effective Mixing to reduce Energy consumption in a digester

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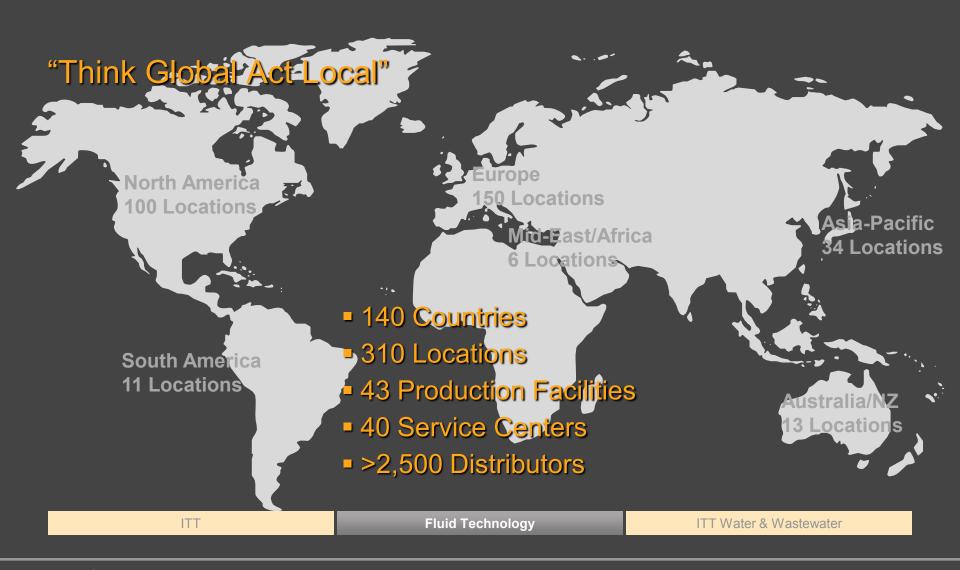
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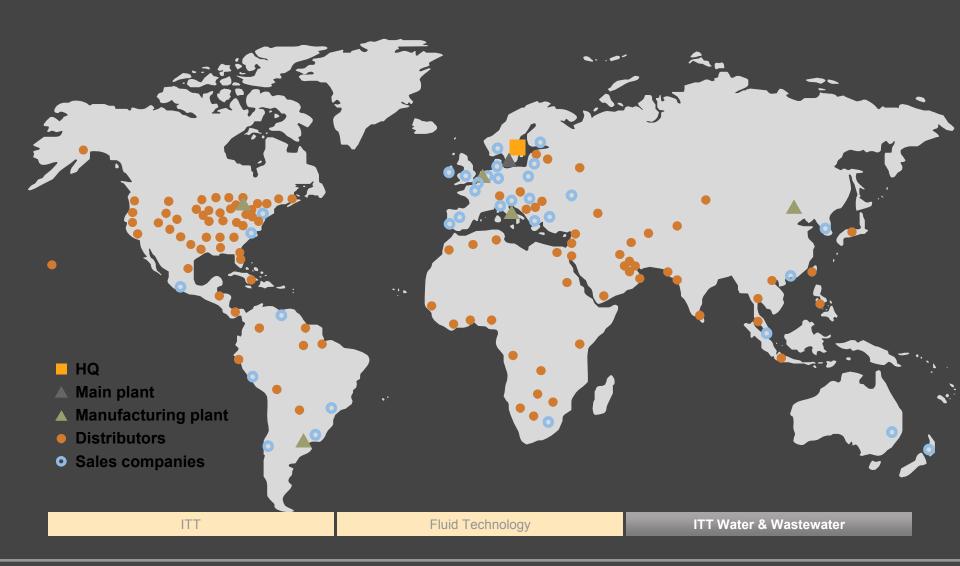


Fluid Technology - Global Presence





ITT Water & Wastewater around the world





ITT's Footprint in China





Overview of ITT China

- Six manufacturing enterprises in six cities
- Three management centers in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong
- Asia global sourcing center in Shanghai
- A total investment of \$250 million
- 2000 employees



ITT Fluid Technology

Everything But The Pipes





ITT Water & Wastewater Shenyang Plant

- Established in Mar 1995
- Location: Shenyang New Development Zone
- •Registered Capital: USD 11 million
- •ISO9000 Management system was certificated in 2003
- Production: water & wastewater pumps, like
 G&G, Steady Pump, etc.
- •Employee No. at present :173





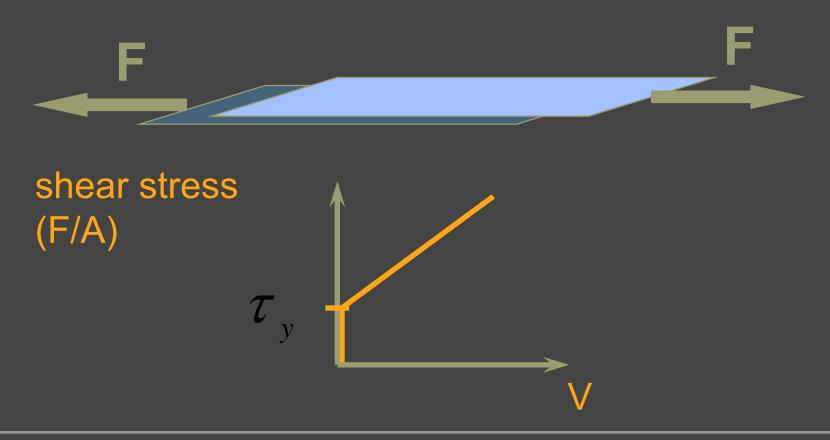
Biogas Plant





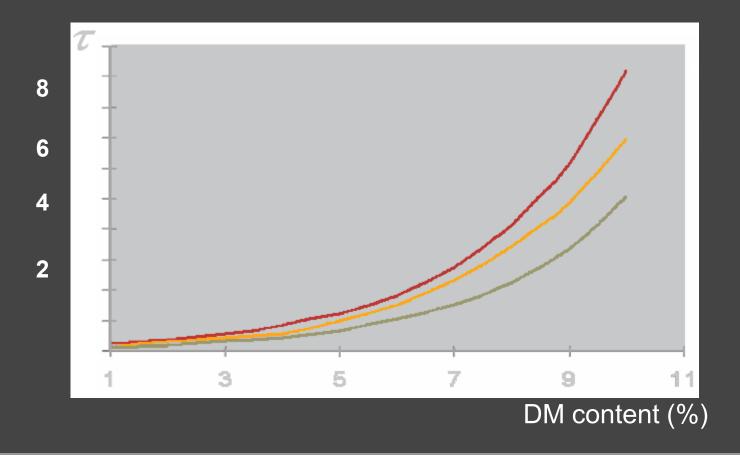
Flow limits

The friction has to be overtaken to move the particles





Shear stress





Flow limits – Viskosity

- mixed organic material belongs to the structural viscose or non-Newtonian fluids
- The viscosity is changing during mixing

The Viscosity is the important value but you can not measure it!



Flow limits - DM-content %

The limit can be measured experimentally only, because:

- You never know the substrate in advance
- You can reach the limit under 10 % or over 15 % depending on the material
- Generally fresh material like corn silage is more difficult to mix then "predigested" material like manure

The DM is the best measurable value for orientation



Flow limits – Thrust based mixing

The flow limit is reached if the media flowing the "short way" back to the propeller

We call that "short cut"

 Outside this limit you can mix only with a kneading technique

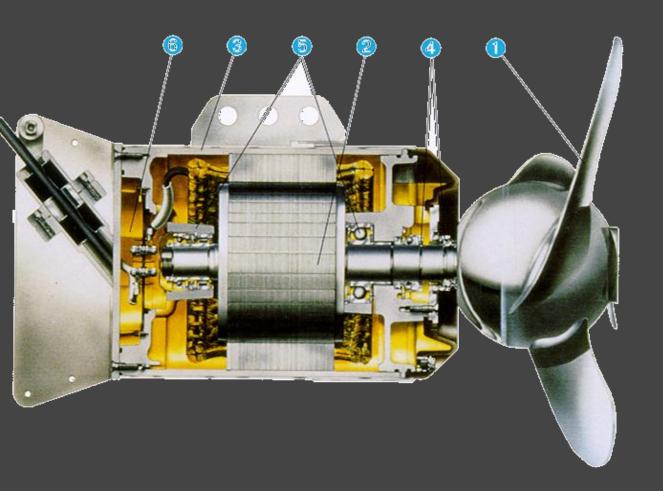


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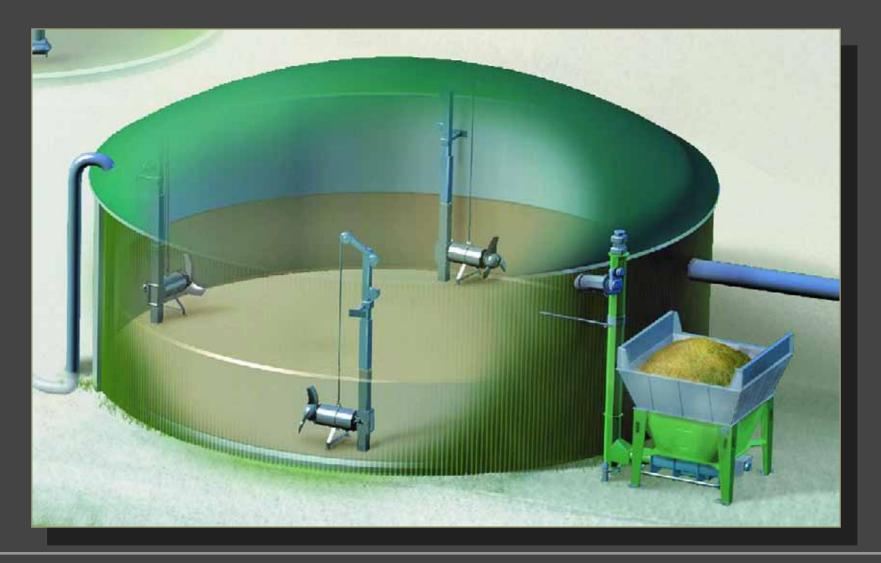
Submersible Mixers For Biogas



- Marine propeller
 - •SS or duplex SS blades
- Double acting mech. seal
- No reducer
- Class H insulation
- •WL70° rating
- •Up to 25 kW



ITT Flygt Standard





ITT Flygt Standard

The ITT standard is related to Flygt mixers 4600 series up to 25 kW

- The selection is based on the thrust!
- Traditionally it is calculated in installed power in W/m³ digester volume
- Our recommendation: minimum 20 W/m³
- Nowadays we show it in thrust per volume



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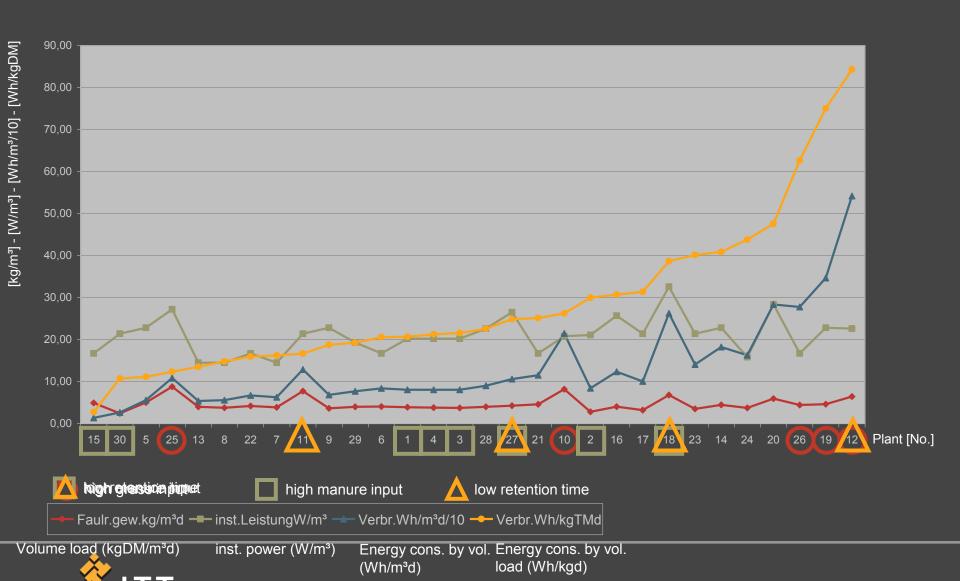


Key data

- Volume load (kg DM / m³ x d) digester volume. DM and not organic DM!
- Energy consumption
 - by volume (Wh/m³ x d)
 - by volume load (Wh/kg x d)
- Calculation factor for different materials:
 - corn silage as "base material" has the factor 1
 - manure as "pre-digested material has 0,5
 - Gras silage and other heavy material has 2
- retention time (digester volume m³/daily load m³) = days



Energie consumption of 30 plants



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Results:

- Thrust reserve is reducing the energy consumption especially with high volume load
- manure decrease the demanded thrust
- high manure content increase the digester volume and the energy consumption
- grass, grain and poultry manure increase the demanded thrust

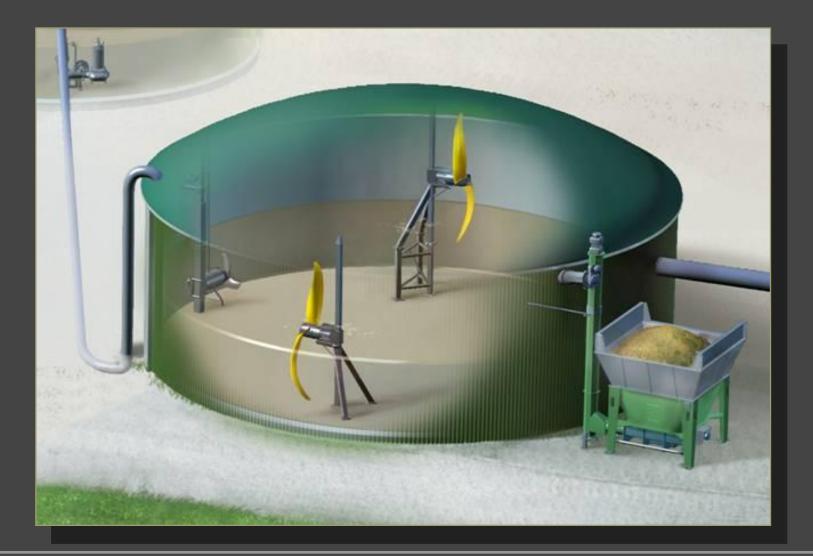


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Mixer in Biogas Plants





Results from Banana research

Digester:

diameter 25 m / filling height 5,5 m

■ Installation A: 4 x 13 kW

■ Installation B: 2 x 13 kW

2 x 5,7 kW, 42 UPM ø 2,5 m



Results from Banana research

| | | Α | В | reduction % |
|-----------------------|-----------|------|------|---------------------------|
| Installed power | W/m³ | 21,4 | 15,0 | 30 |
| volume load | kg DM/m³d | 6,5 | 7,7 | higher gas production! |
| energy consumption | Wh/m³d | 129 | 73 | 43 |
| energy consumption | Wh/kg | 19,8 | 9,4 | 52 |



Results from Banana research

- The basis for both test should be comparable
- but they have been much more difficult for banana
- with the high load we got very good results
- the combination of high thrust/energy banana and compact mixer for crust mixing is the best
- banana and compact mixer are relative easy to maintain
- low risk of losses during maintenance



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Dimensioning of mixers

all you need to get a tank mixed is:

thrust !!!



Dimensioning of mixers

The specification of all Flygt mixers are based on the thrust

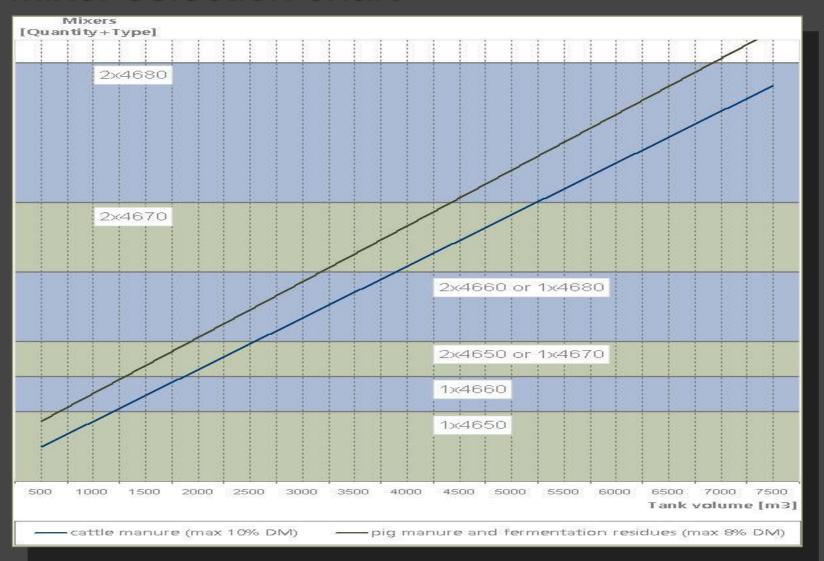
 The needed thrust is depending on the tank size and the medium (viscosity)

The dimensioning of Flygt mixers takes place with the help of the software program MIDS.

 Our selection charts show the needed mixers in relation to the tank size

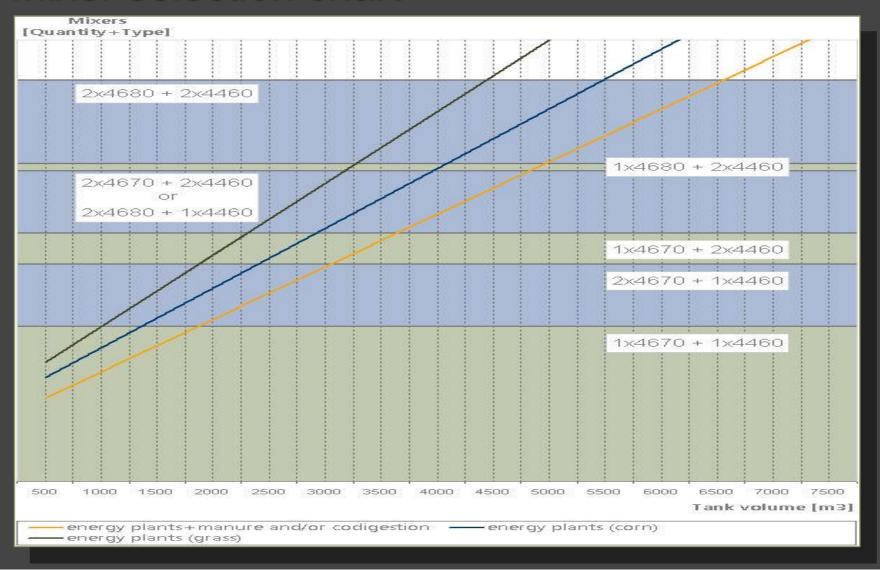


Mixer selection chart



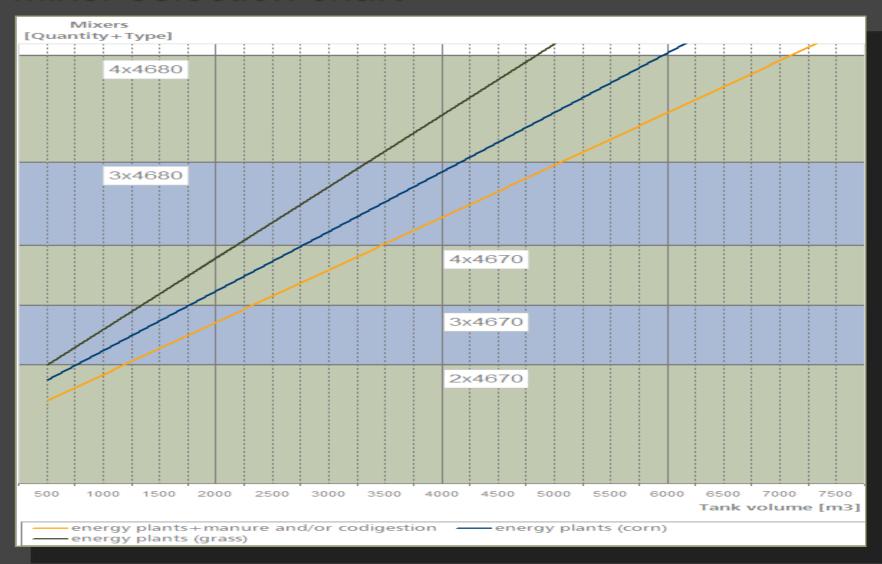


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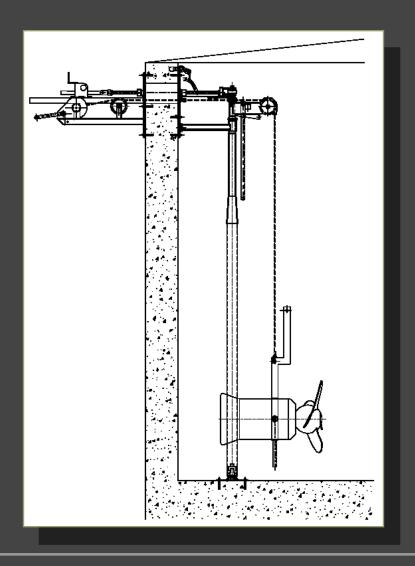


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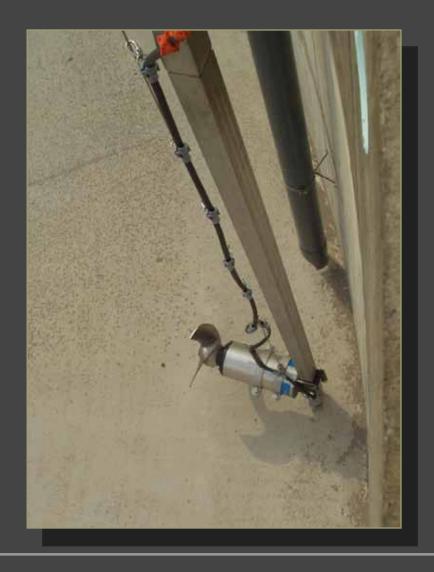


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New mixer generation

- The development of a new mid size mixer which is an option to compact mixers
- Nearly half energy needed
 - →7.5 kW instead 13 kW
 - →11 kW instead 18.5 kW

Propeller Banana 1,4 m

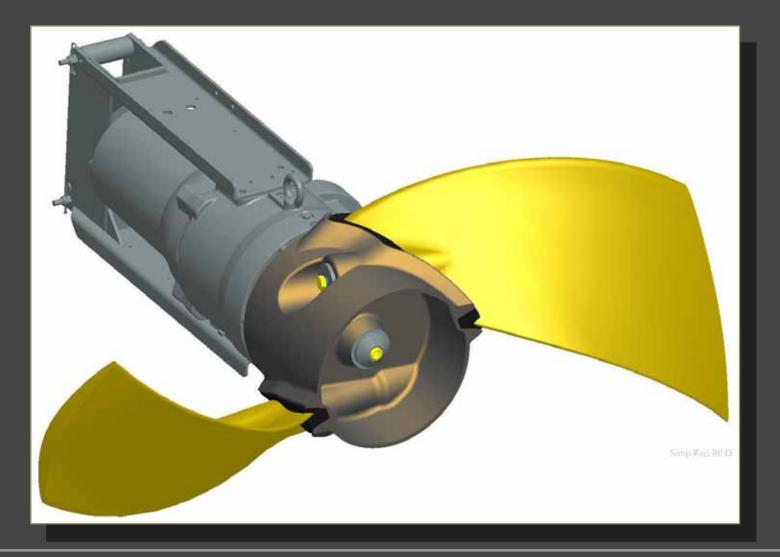
78 rpm 11kW

67 rpm 7.5 kW

Weight 315/285 kg

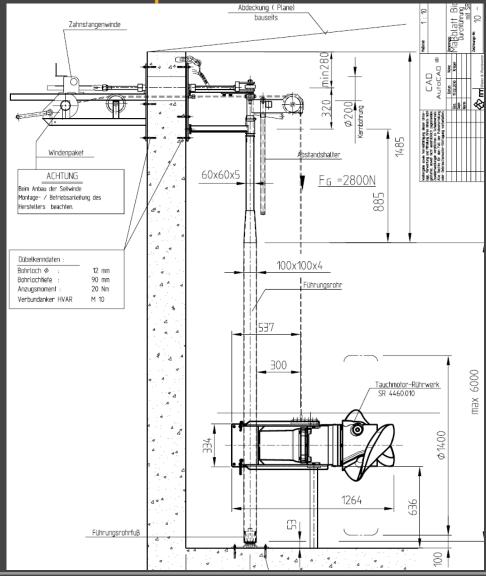


New mid size mixer 4460 2-pole





4460 Mid Size 2-pole





Introducing the Flygt TEA's

TEA's for a range of applications

Biological treatment

Digesters

Sludge tanks

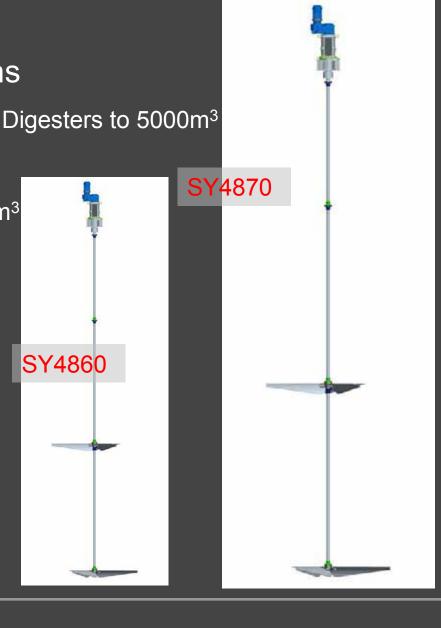
and more...

Treatment



SY4850







Why Top Entry Agitators?

- low
 - → Power consumption
 - → Life Cycle Cost (LCC)
- All wetted parts of high alloy steel (4860/4870)
- Good process results
- Maximum uptime







SY4850 Agitators

Standard execution

With two Flygt Banana impellers and bottom support

With two 3-bladed hydrofoils and with bottom support







ITT Water and Wastewater Mixing Solutions





Thank you for your attention

