Pneumatic Conveying for the Cement and Gypsum Industries

Using innovative technologies and system designs to improve process efficiencies
Acting locally to support your needs the Schenck Process Group is working where you are.
With a global network of sites and competent partners, the name Schenck Process is synonymous throughout the world with process expertise and well-engineered measuring technology for industrial weighing, feeding, conveying, screening, automation and air filtration technology.

Our key skills include planning processes, feeding bulk materials, controlling flows of material, recording flows of goods, weighing goods and automating transport processes.

Members of the Schenck Process Group are:
The name Schenck Process is synonymous throughout the world with process expertise and well-engineered technology for the key processes of weighing, feeding, conveying, screening, automation and air filtration technology. Living up to our claim that “we make processes work” across the minerals industries.

The combined product and process technologies from Schenck Process are able to handle the raw and processed materials in the Cement and Gypsum industries from delivery to despatch. Using Schenck Process pneumatic technologies the company can provide systems that are suitable for the main materials handling movements within a production plant. Schenck Process also delivers ‘state of the art’ process injection solutions for these industries.

By using Dense Phase Pneumatic Conveying, for example, difficult materials that are abrasive or friable are transported by pushing the material along a pipe in a plug form at very low velocities. This means minimal wear on the pipe bends, and minimum damage to materials, providing minimum maintenance and long life of the installation. Efficient use of compressed air also gives low power consumption and running costs. Standard systems are available for material temperatures up to 450°C, rates of over 300 t/h and for distances over 2 km, depending upon the material, all in a single pipeline but other specialised solutions outside these parameters can also be achieved.

Our key benefits
- Significant increases in productivity
- Environmental sustainability of the processes
- High system availability, reliability and performance
- Low operating costs and maintenance
- Greater Process control
- Cleaner and dust free working environment
- Cost savings through process efficiencies
- Flexibility to integrate with existing and emerging technologies
- Comprehensive aftercare service and spares availability
- A wealth of experience to form close working relationships
Worldwide Experience in the Cement Industries

This schematic diagram shows how Schenck Process technology has been applied in the manufacture of cement to deliver outstanding solutions. For example, where pneumatic conveying solutions can be applied environmental improvements such as dust free conveying and plant layout improvements are achieved to drive operational benefits.

Kiln feeding solutions from Schenck Process include precision Pulverised coal feeding and alternative fuel feeding (Meat and Bone Meal, Solid Refuse fuels, Refuse derived fuels, pelleted sewage sludge etc.) to the kiln and the calciner.

Application Example: Cement by Schenck Process

Legend:
- Process step covered by the Schenck Process Group
- Unless stated otherwise, green lines indicate pneumatic conveying.
Handling ordinary Portland cement (OPC) and blend materials Schenck Process have provided many alternatives for production of CEM products to suit the clients’ existing plant. Blast Furnace Slag (BFS), pulverised Fly Ash (PFA), Desulphurised Gypsum (DSG) can be fed to the mill or blended from silos easily.
Worldwide Experience in the Gypsum Industries

This schematic diagram shows how Schenck Process technology has been applied to deliver outstanding operational benefits in the manufacture of Plaster and its dispatch as Plasterboard, Bag Plaster and Grouts. For example, where pneumatic conveying solutions can be applied environmental improvements such as dust free conveying and plant layout improvements are achieved to drive operational benefits.

Schenck Process technologies handle raw materials such as scrap, minerals, stucco, papermix from the screen through the drier, pre-calcining mill, classifier, storage and mixing to dispatch. The solutions are adaptable, enabling use with natural and synthetic (DSG) gypsums as well as stuccos, glass reinforced gypsum (GRG) and heat resistant additives (HRA).

Application Example:

Gypsum
by Schenck Process

Legend:

Process step covered by the Schenck Process Group

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Schenck Process have delivered complete handling solutions for new plants and process steps for upgrade projects. The pneumatic conveying equipment design and location is flexible and can reduce plant footprint or thread through existing installations.
Dense Phase Pneumatic Conveying

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Commonly Conveyed Products:
- Raw Meal
- Cement
- Sand
- Pulverised Coal/Granular Coal
- Ground Materials
- Limestone/Lime
- Additives
- Ferrous Sulphate
- Stucco/Plaster
- Pelletised & Granular Alternative Fuels
- Ground Blast Furnace Slag
- Filter Dusts
- Micro Silica
- Desulphurised Gypsum (DSG)
Dense Phase using Pressure Vessels

- The most energy efficient form of pneumatic conveying
- High throughputs achievable
- Long conveying distances achievable
- Minimum maintenance
- Low number of moving parts
- Low product degradation

The range of pumps for dense phase conveying are designed for different applications according to the material and the distances the material is to be conveyed. The range of dense phase pumps are:

- DensPhase pump – simple system for low rates and short distances
- PD Pump – more efficient system for fine particles
- CD Pump – semi-continuous dense phase system
- TD Pump – high capacity pump for long distances in a batch system for fine particles
- MPD Pump – large multiple pickup systems for fine particles
- SD Pump – suitable for sand conveying
- AV Vessel – suitable for small, multiple pick up points for powders and granules

Each pump can be fitted with a number of optional extras such as high and low level probes, weighing, vent valves, internal coatings, vessel fluidisation or outlet dome valves. Consultation with the client is used to specify the most ideal combination of controls for the dense phase pump that is suitable for the material and conveying distances required.
For pneumatic conveying applications where an accurate steady controllable feed into a process is required, Schenck Process RotoFeed and RotoScrew injection technology provides the answer.

Utilising the proven design of the Original Dome Valve and pressure vessel technology from the Schenck Process dense phase range, the addition of either a RotoFeed or RotoScrew acting as a volumetric metering feeder with a variable speed drive creates the injection system solution of choice.

By incorporating weighing technology into the system a gravimetric version is created which can achieve accuracies of better than ±1% and a turndown ratio of 10:1.

Capable of injecting against back pressures such as in a chemical reactor, coal gasification process or blast furnace, or under a molten head of liquid metal such as in a copper bath smelter, or direct into a burner on a combustion process such as a cement kiln or flash furnace burner.
This technology is also suitable for multi-point injection of material and suitable for either batch or continuous injection.

**Controllable Feed**
Provides a steady, controlled feed of material into a process.

**Adjustable Injection Rate**
The injection rate is adjustable and can be controlled to meet the needs of the process, 5:1 turndown is standard.

**Accurate Feed**
The injection rate is accurately controlled, by the RotoFeed/RotoScrew to ± 2% by volume or ± 1% by weight.

**Injection against pressure**
The material can be injected into a pressurised environment.

**For Kiln Burner Fuel Injection**
Because of the ability to inject at higher pressures this enables longer injection distances to be possible with this technology compared with traditional competing technologies. This offers the opportunity to reduce infrastructure, construction and operating costs.

**Integrated into Process**
Injection systems normally form an integrated part of a larger process plant.

**Wide range of materials**
RotoFeeds are used for fine fluidisable materials through granulars to 10 mm. RotoScrew can feed cohesive or irregular and large materials as well as highly abrasive materials including:
- Pulverised coal
- Granular coal
- Coke
- Lime/Limestone
The highly innovative and well proven Original Dome Valve from Schenck Process is reputedly the most effective fast closing, bulk material handling valve in the world.

The Original Dome Valve was developed by Clyde Materials Handling in 1974 for use with pneumatic conveying systems and as a stand alone product.

To date, more than 20,000 Original Dome Valves have been sold worldwide, for applications across a range of industries including:
- food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, plastics, minerals, power, iron and steel.

The same simple design philosophy also eases the task of preventative routine maintenance and makes parts replacement a quick and simple task.
Features and benefits include:
- Full bore unobstructed material flow
- Can cut through moving or static columns of material
- Wide range of valve sizes: 50mm (2") to 750mm (30”)
- 10 bar design pressure as standard
- Forms pressure tight seal when closed
- Inflatable seal leakage detection system
- Designs can be provided for pressures up to 35 bar (507 psi)
- Simple, fully proven design
- Can handle material temperatures from -20°C to +480°C (-4°F to 896°F)
- Long operating life
- Up to 1,000,000 cycles between major overhauls with most materials
- Suitable for vacuum applications
- Low maintenance
- Extremely quick seal replacement
- Fast operating function

The seal automatically deflates during opening and closing, thereby avoiding contact with the dome and eliminating unnecessary wear.

The seal automatically inflates only when the dome is fully closed.

Clyde Materials Handling Ltd was purchased by Schenck Process in 2011 and therefore the Original Dome Valve and Clyde Process Pneumatic Conveying and Injection systems are part of the range of Schenck Process technologies.
Extensive test facilities include an impressive array of pneumatic conveying and pneumatic injection systems.

Customers are invited to supply materials which can be tested using either dilute (lean), medium or dense phase technology in either positive or negative pressure configurations, in conjunction with a selection of pipe diameters, route configurations, transfer distance and throughputs.

Most site conditions can be accurately replicated using full size systems, including transfer distances up to 500m. System efficiencies and any material degradation can be fully monitored to ensure the best solutions are proposed. This also minimises the likelihood of overspend or delays during installation and commissioning.
Schenck Process has an extensive materials database covering over 10,000 samples where characteristics such as particle size distribution, shape, porosity, bulk density, temperature, moisture content, fragility and air retentiveness have been measured and the most suitable conveying method determined.

This practical experience is invaluable in determining the most effective solution to a customer’s application and details of every new test is added to the database.

This resource is also available to customers who independently need to establish the flow characteristics of a material or to help solve on-site problems with existing or competitor’s systems.
**Individual Solutions for the Most Extreme Conditions.**

The harsher the environmental conditions, the more resilient the technical systems must be. This particularly applies to industries such as cement and gypsum production.

Schenck Process Group offers these industries a wide range of reliable systems and sound application know-how.

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**MULTIDOS® H**
- Bulk Dosing
- Wide range of Schenck Process developed weighfeeders
- Feed rate up to 1,500 t/h
- Accuracy up to ±0.25%
- Mechatronic design
- Long experience with many important industrial materials

**MULTICOR® S**
- Lime Feeders
- MULTICOR® & MULTIDOS® type
- Compact design, dust tight
- Accuracy ±0.5%
- Easy plant integration
- Minimal wearing components

**MULTICOR® K**
- Coal Dust Feeding
- Pulsation-free feeding
- High feeding constancy = high product quality and efficient kiln operation
- Feeding is unaffected by outside influences
- Engineering, material discharge, feeding and measurement from a single source
- High-quality materials for all contact parts provide excellent wear resistance
MULTISTREAM® G
- Solid Flow Meter
  - Cost-effective, complete solution
  - Dust-tight, robust construction
  - Measuring and guide chute integrated into housing
  - Available with integrated on-site evaluation electronics

Mechanical Conveying and MoveMaster®
- Bulk Conveying
  - Tube Belt Conveyor
  - U Belt Conveyor
  - Corrugated Belt Conveyor
  - Smooth material handling
  - Horizontal transport and elevating
  - Maintenance optimised design
  - For various bulk materials
  - En-masse Chain Conveying

MULTIBELT®
- Belt Weighing
  - Precise mass flow measurement
  - Standard and tailor-made design
  - Accuracy up to ±0.25 %
  - Optional legal-for-trade execution
MULTIRAIL® LegalWeight
Train Weighing
- Dynamic railway scale for all wagon types
- Legal-for-trade accuracy
- No foundation
- No rail gap
- Fully automatic operation
- Very quick installation
- Static/dynamic platform weighbridges also available

Truck Weighing
- Surface or pit mounted versions
- Optimised steel or concrete design
- Capacity up to more than 100 t
- Legal-for-trade accuracy
- Complete delivery, quick installation
- World wide references in all key industries

LOGiQ® Loading Automation
- Logistics solution for bulk materials and cargo industry
- Automation of all loading procedures from ordering through to shipment
- Faster loading due to accurately defined processes
- Mass flow management of incoming and outgoing materials by truck, train and ship
Complete solutions for your requirements

Looking for after-sales solutions? Our extensive Process Advanced Service System (PASS) provides you with after-sales services – customised to your specific requirements.

The framework of our PASS program is designed with you in mind. With the guidance of our experienced after-sales team, you can create PASS packages comprising original spare and wear parts, various services and high quality components to meet your needs.

PASS is based on a modular principle – you can pick and choose any individual PASS product or a combination thereof. 4 categories help to easily find appropriate PASS products.

We would happily provide you with individual consultation, either as part of a PASS contract or on individual enquiry.

Whatever Full Service means to you – let’s create it together!

Our PASS service categories

- Repair
- Inspection
- Management
- Support
Schenck Process is the global market leader of solutions in measuring and process technologies in industrial weighing, feeding, conveying, screening, automation and air filtration technology.

Schenck Process develops, manufactures and markets a full range of solutions, products and turnkey systems on the basis of combining process engineering expertise, reliable components and field-proven technology.