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Multi-compartment Bag Filter Leak Detection System

- Self-contained leak monitoring system for on-line and off-line cleaned multi-compartment bag filters
- Identifies compartments with broken or leaking bags before large-scale emission events occur
- Reduces filter maintenance intervals, process down-time and filter costs
- PC-ME DUST TOOLS software options for comparing compartment emissions and locating specific, failing bag rows
- Sensor Probe Check option for improved data integrity and Quality Assurance

LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS
OVERVIEW • TECHNOLOGY

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS is a digitally networked, multi-compartment baghouse monitoring system providing remote observation of the condition of bag and cartridge filters.

An ElectroDynamic™ sensor is installed in the outlet of each compartment to monitor dust emission levels. The network of sensors is connected to the PLUS Controller, which provides a large graphical user interface giving a clear indication of each compartment’s dust level and onward communication to a PC or PLC network.

The system is supported by the PC-ME DUST TOOLS software package for PCs, with advanced features for monitoring emission trends and identifying failing or broken bags. For on-line cleaned bag filters the specific bag row containing leaking bags can be located.

The LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS is a valuable filter maintenance tool:
- giving advance warning of filter deterioration
- enabling users to make significant savings in spares, maintenance time, and lost production time
- reducing the likelihood of large-scale emission events.

PRINCIPLES OF SENSOR OPERATION

The sensors use PCME’s unique and patented ElectroDynamic™ Probe Electrification technology. Particulates in the airstream interact with the sensing rod to induce a charge signature. The sensor electronically filters the resulting signal to reject signals outside a defined frequency range (rejecting the DC Triboelectric signal), making it less susceptible to changes in particle velocity and eliminating the effect of any particulate contamination on the sensing rod (unlike Triboelectric dust monitors which suffer from sensor contamination issues).

Passive, insulated and air purge sensor options allow use of the sensors in high humidity, high dust or conductive dust applications and hazardous area certified sensors are available. The optional sensor Probe Check is a valuable additional feature for detecting contamination across the insulator, for improved Quality Assurance.

PLUS CONTROLLER

The PLUS Controller is used for:
- Powering the network of sensors
- Setting up and configuring the sensor network (via the multilingual menu)
- Scaling the output of sensors (to between 0 and 100%) to provide an indication of relative emission levels between compartments
- Displaying overviews of sensor and system status, including Probe Check results, alarms and emission levels per compartment
- Displaying graphs of real-time and historical emission levels
- Providing alarm relay outputs that can be configured to suit requirements, e.g. high and hi/hi emission alarms, sensor status, and system failures
- Providing access to data on PC or PLC systems via RS-485 or Ethernet connections
- Connecting to accessory network modules (Auxiliary Input Module, Relay Output Module, Power Supply Repeater and Network Spurs) for additional I/Os and increased network robustness.

PLUS Controller Features

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<td>Number of Sensors</td>
<td>4–32 sensors</td>
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<td>Ambient Temperature</td>
<td>−20°C to +45°C for typical installations (&lt;20 sensors)</td>
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<td>Power Supply</td>
<td>100–240V AC, 50/60Hz, 1A</td>
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<td>Data Logs</td>
<td>Pulse (4 hours @ 1s for 4 sensors)</td>
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<td>Modbus TCP</td>
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<td>Outputs</td>
<td>1x RS-485 (Modbus RTU)</td>
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<td>4x Relays (2A @ 250V, user configurable)</td>
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PC-ME DUST TOOLS OPTIONS

PC-ME DUST TOOLS is a powerful supporting software package with functions that enable users to get the longest possible service life from their filters and minimise the risk of filter failure. The software can be used in conjunction with the PLUS Controller for setting up and configuring the sensor network and for a range of different data viewing and recording functions.

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<td>Online</td>
<td>Real-time display of alarms and emissions data from the network of sensors.</td>
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<td>Predict</td>
<td>Graphical analysis tool for locating failing and faulty bag filter media, using real-time data only.</td>
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<td>System Set</td>
<td>Interface for configuring the settings of all sensors in the network, and a backup of sensor configuration files.</td>
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<td>Data Download</td>
<td>Facility for downloading logged data (pulse emissions and alarms) from the PLUS Controller to PCs.</td>
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<td>Automatic Download</td>
<td>Automated facility for downloading logged data from the PLUS Controller to PCs at user-configurable, timed intervals.</td>
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<td>Data Viewer</td>
<td>Graphical tool for instantaneous and long-term analysis of trends in emissions data.</td>
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<td>Predict Viewer</td>
<td>Full Predict functionality for logged data, in addition to real-time data.</td>
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As shown by the filter warning 'Predict' software option, the bag row with the highest emission peak can be identified to locate leaking and broken bags, and also to detect faulty valve operation. Using the PC-ME DUST TOOLS ‘Predict’ software option, the bag rows with the highest emission peaks can be identified to locate leaking and broken bags, and also to detect faulty valve operation.

FILTER DIAGNOSTICS

The advance warning of filter failure provided by the LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS offers the following benefits to filter maintenance departments.

- Scheduled maintenance
- Reduced maintenance time
- Lower labour cost
- Reduced spare filter inventories
- Decreased use of filter media
- Decreased process downtime
- Reduced environmental emissions due to better filter control

On-line (Pulse Jet) Cleaning

For on-line cleaned bag filters, where the compartment continues to filter during the pulse cleaning process, the LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS system will continuously monitor and display the emission trend profile of each compartment, both during and after the cleaning process.

Synchronising the LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS network of sensors with the cleaning controller enables each dust emission peak to be associated with the particular bag row being cleaned. Using the PC-ME DUST TOOLS ‘Predict’ software option, the bag rows with the highest emission peaks can be identified to locate leaking and broken bags, and also to detect faulty valve operation.

The ‘Predict Viewer’ software option uses pulse-logged data so the historical emission profile of each compartment can be viewed, over the lifetime of the filter. Slow changes in cleaning performance and deterioration of specific bag rows can be detected readily.

Off-line Cleaning

For off-line cleaned bag filters, where the compartment is closed during the pulse cleaning process, the LEAK LOCATE 320 PLUS system can be used to show leaking bags in compartments and monitor the overall efficiency of the baghouse, but not to locate specific bag-row failures.

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