

“Auxiliary Equipment Design for Natural Resins”

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Challenges for Melt Processing

- Low melt viscosity
- Thermal sensitivity
- Sensitivity to shear
- Corrosive
- Low melt strength
- Raw materials expensive and limited supply

Types of Screen Changers

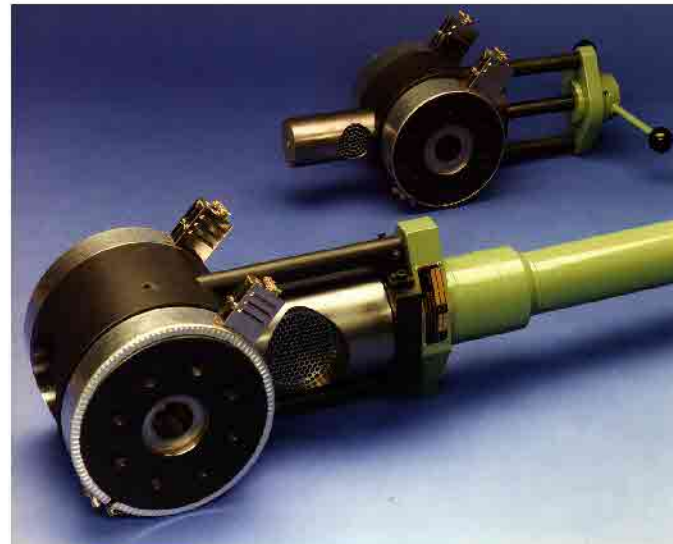
- Manual Screen Changer
- Hydraulic Screen Changer
- Dual or Single Piston
- Continuous Belt/Ribbon Type
- Multi-Segment Rotary Disc

Basic Design Considerations

- Stainless steel construction
- High open area to minimize shear
- Streamlined passages
- Low residence time
- Proper sealing against leaks
- Continuous operation where justified

Manual Screen Changer - *Strengths*

- Sizes: 30 mm to 150 mm
- Low capital costs
- Low operating costs
- Streamlined flow paths
- Minimum residence time
- Small in size



Manual Screen Changers - *Weaknesses*

- Process Interruption
- Line shutdown
- Air entrapment
- Limited open area
- Seal leakage/replacement



Hydraulic Screen Changer - *Strengths*

- Sizes: 70 mm to 380 mm
- Low operating costs
- Low capital costs
- Streamlined flow paths
- Minimal residence time
- Industry acceptance

