Laboratory internal mixers for rubber compounding technology.
Tailor-made mixing systems from Harburg-Freudenberg

As a result of decades of engineering and production expertise, and the continual exchange of ideas and experience with customers, our laboratory internal mixers have distinguished themselves through high reliability and durability. They have consistently proven their suitability by their outstanding performance in daily use in our customer’s laboratories.
General design principles

The laboratory internal mixer, together with the main drive system and all other auxiliary devices, required for the correct functioning of the machine, are mounted onto a common base plate:

- Mixer unit with ram
- Gear reducer for friction (N-type) or even speed (E-type) operation, with hand wheel for the manual rotation of the rotors to assist in cleaning the mixing chamber and rotors
- Main drive motor designed as a thyristor controlled DC motor or frequency controlled AC motor, for infinitely variable rotor speeds
- User-friendly multi-function control panel for machine operation

Special design features

- Easy cleaning of the mixing chamber and rotors. The mixing chamber is split along its horizontal centre line to give direct access into the chamber and rotors
- Temperature control units, with direct or indirect cooling, for the mixing chamber, rotors and drop door
- Process oil injection nozzle. For the injection of oils into the closed mixing chamber during the mixing process
- Dosing and injection unit for process oils
- Compound Temperature Sensors. Compound temperature measurement by thermocouples in the mixer sidewall or drop door
- Supervision of dust ring lubrication
- Ram position indicator

Supervision of dust ring lubrication (Typical example)

Hydraulic tilt mechanism for the top half of the mixing chamber (Typical example)

Dosing and injection unit for process oils (Typical example)
Special split mixing chamber
In contrast to a production machine, the chamber of the laboratory internal mixer can be split along its horizontal centre line. For cleaning the chamber can be opened by a hand crank and spindle mechanism, or by a hydraulic tilt mechanism if required. This ensures easy access to the mixing chamber and rotors and so ensures optimum cleaning.

Optimum wear protection
All machine parts that come into contact with the compound are hard-chrome plated to protect them from wear and corrosion.

Dust rings
The rotor shafts are fitted with spring-loaded, externally adjustable, dust ring seals. When worn the split sealing rings can be replaced easily and quickly.

Compound temperature measurement
A thermocouple located in the sidewall of the mixing chamber provides accurate measurement of the compound temperature. If required a thermocouple can also be located in the drop door.

Mixer drive
Laboratory internal mixers from Harburg-Freudenberger are equipped with a thyristor controlled DC motor, or with a frequency controlled AC motor to provide infinitely variable rotor speeds.
The rotors are driven through a special spur gear unidrive gearbox.

Electrical control
The manual push-button control system of the laboratory internal mixer is designed as a programmable logic control (PLC) system and is housed in a separate cabinet. It contains all the circuit, display and control elements required for the operation of the machine. A multi-function operators’ panel, equipped with the most important operating and display elements, is attached directly to the mixer for convenient manual operation.

As with other types of mixer, the laboratory internal mixer can be connected to a process control system. Process control systems and other monitoring devices, e.g. for torque or pressure measurement can also be supplied by Harburg-Freudenberger.
**GK-E Intermeshing Rotor System**

The intermeshing rotor system facilitates high energy input within the shortest possible time, thereby considerably improving compound quality. The exceptionally low volume to cooling surface area ratio means that even heat sensitive compounds, where high quality is required, can be processed without problems.

**GK-N Tangential Rotor System**

The tangential rotor system allows a high fill factor in the mixer, with short filling and discharge times. It is particularly suitable for high output applications producing less thermally sensitive compounds and is used extensively in the tire industry.

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### GK-E Series (Intermeshing rotor geometry)

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#### Useful volume of feeding hopper:

- **Up to feeding door shaft (including mixing chamber)**: approx. l 2.5 7
- **Size of feeding hopper**:
  - length mm 156 240
  - width mm 100 140
- **Drop door opening**:
  - length mm 156 240
  - width mm 100 140
- **Space requirements for mixer, with gearbox and motor**:
  - length approx. mm 2450 3000
  - width approx. mm 1300 1700
  - height approx. mm 1900 2500
- **Weight**: approx. kg 2200 4100

* For hydraulic ram the specific ram pressure is variable within the same range.

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### GK-N Series (Tangential rotor geometry)

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#### Useful volume of feeding hopper:

- **Up to feeding door shaft (including mixing chamber)**: approx. l 2.5 6.4
- **Size of feeding hopper**:
  - length mm 140 240
  - width mm 75 125
- **Drop door opening**:
  - length mm 140 240
  - width mm 80 125
- **Space requirements for mixer, with gearbox and motor**:
  - length approx. mm 2450 3000
  - width approx. mm 1300 1700
  - height approx. mm 1900 2500
- **Weight**: approx. kg 2150 4100

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Rubber mixing technology
We provide the most comprehensive range of machines for the rubber and caoutchouc industry including all major preparation and processing stages.
- Complete mixing room systems
- Internal mixer
- Mixing mills
- Dump extruder

Caoutchouc technology
Production machines and lines for the manufacture of tires and technical rubbergoods from raw material feeding to vulcanisation:
- Extruder
- Extrusion lines
- Tire building machines
- Curing presses

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- Extraction lines
- Refining lines
- Process engineering

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