Basics of Size Reduction



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Hosokawa's Global Presence





Hosokawa Micron Powder Systems Summit, NJ

- 1923: The Pulverizing Machinery Company founded (MPS).
- 1923: MPS developed the innovative Mikro-Pulverizer® hammermill.
- 1966: MPS invented the Mikro-ACM air classifier mill.
- 1986: Hosokawa Micron Corp. (Japan) acquired MPS.



- Hosokawa has over 100 years as the leader in powder processing technology
- Over 30 Hosokawa locations worldwide
- Multiple Technical Centers and R&D facilities worldwide



Hosokawa Polymer Systems



Located in Berlin, CT - USA Foundation: 1961 Member:Hosokawa Group 1998 Over 20,000 Granulators sold



Basics of Size Reduction





- What are the different mechanisms used?
 - Types of milling technology
- When do I choose one type of size reduction method over another?
- What type of system is best suited for my application?



Feed Material and Product Specifications

- Feed Size
- Bulk Density
- Cohesiveness (sticky, form agglomerates)
- Softening and Melting Points
 - Moisture, Fat or Wax Contents
- Hardness/Friability
 - Crystalline vs. Fibrous
- Particle Shape/Morphology
- Explosive Properties
- **Product Particle Size Distribution (PSD)**





Mohs Hardness Scale

Mohs Scale of Hardness for Minerals and Common Objects Test

Hardness Number	Mineral Example	Common Object Test
1	Talc	Can be scratched with fingernail.
2	Gypsum	Can be scratched with fingernail, but not easily.
3	Calcite	Can be scratched with copper penny.
4	Fluorite	Can be scratched with pocketknife. Will not scratch glass.
5	Apatite	Can be scratched with pocketknife, but not easily.
6	Feldspar	Can be scratched with edge of steel file. Cannot be scratched with pocketknife.
7	Quartz	Scratches glass.
8	Тораz	Scratches quartz.
9	Corundum (ruby or sapphire for example)	Scratches all minerals but diamond.
10	Diamond	Scratches all minerals. Can be scratched only by another diamond.



Particle Size Definition





Cumulative

Particle Size Distribution (PSD)

Historgram showing particle size distribution by frequency

<u>Median</u> is defined as the diameter at which 50% of the particles are coarser and 50% are finer

<u>Mean</u> is defined as the average particle size.





Size Reduction Techniques

- Shearing / Cutting
- Attrition
- Compression / Crushing
- Impact



Shearing

Cutting or cleaving action



- Granulators
- Shredders



Attrition

Rubbing action between two particles or a particle and a surface in an opposing parallel motion



Commonly referred to as autogenous grinding:

- Attrition Mills
- Gap Mills



Compression

Pressing of a particle between two surfaces



Used primarily for coarse crushing & grinding:

- Jaw crushers
- Cone Mills
- Flake Crushers
- Roller Mills
- Ball Mills





Sharp instantaneous blow from a moving body striking a particle



Impact Milling:

- Hammer Mills
- Pin Mills
- Air Classifier Mills
- Fluid Energy Jet Mills



Equipment Grinding Range





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Recycling

- Chemical
- Food
- Mineral
- Pharma

Shredders/Granulators

- Washing Lines
- Separation/Classifiers
- Attrition MIIIs
- Compactors



Products





Granulators

Granulators are cutting (shearing) machines which reduce feed stock to a "REGRIND" via shear of internal knives and a sizing screen usually 4-25 mm

Ideal for: Plastics (rigid and flexible), fibers, rubbers, heat sensitive, soft – elastomeric material

Range: 2- 1000 HP Capacity: 5-20,000 pph

End size: 3/16" - 1"

Tight knife gap (0.002"-0.012")

RPM 250-1000

Gravity feed, airflow (5000-6000 fpm)





Granulators Applications

Injection molding – Parts, runners Blow molding – Flash, bad parts Extrusion - Trim, line breaks, reject pipe, profile Recyclers – post industrial



Post consumer recycling:

PET, HDPE bales Film bales, rolls Feed for Chemical and Pyrolysis recycling









Granulators

•	Slow Speed	2 - 7.5 Hp
•	Press-Side	5 - 25 Hp
•	Low Line	5 - 20 Hp
•	Auger	5 - 15 Hp
•	Hot Melt HMG	5- 50 Hp
•	Rollfeed	10 -100 Hp
•	Large Part	20 - 40 Hp
•	Premium Shurfeed	20 - 40 Hp
•	Shurfeed	50 -100 Hp
•	DGH	50- 250 Hp
•	DGP – Profile	30-150 Hp
•	DGF	50-200 Hp
•	Heavy Duty	50 -200 Hp
•	Rotoplex	50 -600 Hp
•	CL	75 -400 Hp

Over 100 models to meet any need





Knife Geometry







Double Angle Cut

Cross Scissor Cut

Chevron Cut



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Double Angle Cut[™]

Revolutionized granulator cutting action
Both knives are angled
Produces consistent tight knife gap
This means more cutting, less tearing
Concentrates all forces at one point
Maximizes efficient power use
Smooth grinding increases bearing life





Patented Cross-Scissor-Cut

Patented technology Helical rotor knife rows Produces consistent knife gap Alternate rotor angle direction for even material distribution Concentrates all forces at one point-maximum tip force Maximizes efficient power use









Chrevron Cut

Similar to a double angle cut (DAC) Twin rotor angles Produces consistent tight knife gap This means more cutting, less tearing Concentrates all forces at one point Maximizes efficient power use Smooth grinding increases bearing life





Shearing, Cutting Action

- Granulator
- Temperature cooling
- Smearing anglehair
- Knife style
- Gap, Wear, Damage
- Screen area
- % open area, overall area
- Holes cleaned
- Evacuation
- Cooling, velocity, elbows
- Cyclones vacuum
- paper under fine charged
- Deionizer only...
- Conveying
- Distance, velocity
- Travel by rail long way.







Top feed

The rotor is positioned in the center of the chamber and the feed drops in on top of the rotor.

Tangential

This type of chamber has the rotor offset from the chamber top opening. The material enters into the tangential "bellows" and falls into the down stoke of the rotor circle. (The circle made by the rotor knife tip)

Semi - Tangential

A moderation of the Tangential. Tilting of top feed chamber, offset hopper on top feed...

Profile

Given the name "profile" because if can take long parts "profiles". This is more a hopper change and the chamber is still one fo the above.

Feed Roll

Using one of the above, adding a feed foll to automatically take film, sheet, fibers.. In a controlled manor into the cutting chamber.





Top feed

The rotor is positioned in the center of the chamber and the feed drops in on top of the rotor.

Multipurpose Best for parts, runner < ½ Diameter Using gravity Allows larger screen area material evacuated faster – less fines runs cooler higher capacity

Not ideal for larger, volumous parts Can bounce







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Tangential

This type of chamber has the rotor offset from the chamber top opening. The material enters into the tangential "bellows" and falls into the down stoke of the rotor circle. (The circle made by the rotor knife tip)

Ideal for volumous parts Buckets, bottles, bumpers Parts fall into the down stroke of the rotor knife Uses centrifugal forces Usually have less screen area

Fights gravity Genate a little more dust Terrable for purgings







Semi – Tangential

A moderation of the Tangential. Tilting of top feed chamber, offset hopper on top feed...

Partial benefits of top and tangential Gas tanks, large cans, bumpers... Still has large screen area Can take heavier parts





Profile

Given the name "profile" because if can take long parts "profiles". This is more a hopper change and the chamber is still one of the above, usually – top feed.

There are many types of profile configurations They all should have the material enter on the down stroke of the knives

Hoppers and also allow for profile grinding on general purpose granulators







Feed Roll

Using one of the above, adding a feed roll to automatically take film, sheet, fibers.. In a controlled manor into the cutting chamber.

Used for sheet, film in online or offline recycling Feeding should be in front of rotor, not over rotor

Over the rotor can lead to tugging


























Shredders









Types of Shredders



Single Shaft



Screw



Dual Shaft



Quad Shaft



Shredders

Shredders are heavy duty cutting machines designed to shear large tough plastics, metals, wood and other feed. Usually a primary step in recycling.

Ideal for: Plastics (rigid and flexible), wood, rubbers,

Range: 20- 1000 HP Capacity: 5-20,000 pph or more

End size: 2"-4" Sometimes less

Tight knife gap (0.015"-0.125")

RPM 50-150

Gravity feed, forece ram feed, gravity discharge or screw or conveyor





Shredder Applications

Injection molding – Parts, runners Blow molding – Purge, large parts Extrusion – Film bales, rolls, reject pipe, WPC Recyclers – post industrial



Post consumer recycling:

PET, HDPE bales Film bales, rolls Feed for Chemical and Pyrolysis recycling



















Pipe Shredders

















Pipe Recycling and dedusting





Polyplex – All in One





Washing lines

Shredder, Wet Granulator Friction Washer Sink Float Tanks Delablers Debalers Spinner – film, rigids Dedusting Film Squeezer Hot Tanks





Washing lines

Function

To transform dirty plastics to Clean useable regrind or pellets





Separation

End product

Dedusting, Screening, sep tables, sink float tank, electrostatic sep, eddy current

Feed Optical sort Robotic sort Manual sort





Fine Grinding of Polymers





Attrition Milling

- Milling Mechanism: Shear
- Plastics / Polymers
- Advantages: High capacity, low heat,
- Easy to clean
- Cryogenic compatible







Attrition Milling



Serrated Discs





Attrition Mill Applications

Main Application

PVC-Fine Grinding - Inhouse Recycling

- Typical fineness: between 600 1200 µm
- window profiles, electrical channels (precut scrap material)
- pipes (precut scrap material)

Production of PE- Powder for Rotation Moulding Application Feed material: mainly original PE granule material Typical fineness: approx. d₅₀ < 300 microns, max. 700 microns

Other Applications:

Generally all other types of plastics, also softer materials or even foamed plastics, like expanded polystyrene.

Requirement: The feed material must be free of impurities, specifically no metalic parts.



Attrition Milling

V-UMP Mill Brochure

Common Materials Processed	Industries Served
High Density Polyesthylene (HDPE)	Medical
Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)	Automotive
Polycarbonate (PC)	Airline & Aerospace
Polypheylene Sulfide (PES)	Marine
Polyetherketoneketone (PEKK)	Electrical & Electronics
Polyetheretherketone (PEEK)	Industrial Coatings
Polyvinylidene Fluoride (PVDF)	Sports Equipment
Liquid Crystal Polymer (LCP)	Building Materials
Polyetherimides (Nylon)	Recycling
Polypropylene (PP)	Packaging
Polystyrene (PS)	Appliances
Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVOH)	Textiles
Polyethylene Teraphthalate (PET)	Consumer Products
Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)	Food
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	3D Printing
Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA)	Rotational Molding
Nitrile Rubber (NBR)	Compression Molding
Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer Rubber (EPDM)	Chemical Recycling
Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU)	Pyrolosis Recycling
Polyurethane (PU)	
And Many Others	







Processing Results

Material	Product	
Attrition Plates speeds up to 150 meters/second		
Polypropylene (PP)	97% < 297 μm	
Polyethylene (HDPE)	97% < 212 μm	
Polycarbonate (PC)	97% < 297 μm	
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	97% < 297 μm	
Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU)	97% < 212 μm	
Polyamide (PA) Nylon	97% < 297 μm	
Polyetherketone (PEEK)	99% < 74 µm	
Liquid Crystal Polymer (LCP)	97% < 106 μm	
Ethylene Vinyl Alcohol (EVA)	97% < 250 μm	
Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)	97% < 250 μm	
Polystyrene (PS)	97% < 250 μm	

Results based on 4-5 mm pellet feed stock. Capacities & fineness achieved is material & grade specific. Data provided in this chart is a guideline only & does not represent a performance guarantee.



Fine Grinding System





Cone Mill & Flake Crusher

- Particles are compressed against a screen wall by means of a rotating bar or rotor.
- Size reduction is caused by forcing material through a screen or perforated plate and some slight inter-particle collisions.
- Generally low to medium tip speeds.
- Narrow PSD, between 5mm-150 micron with minimal generation of fines.



Cone Mill



Cone Mill & Flake Crusher

- Suitable for heat-sensitive materials
- Suitable for friable and soft materials (up to Moh's Hardness of 4)
- Particle size is controlled by screen size, rotor shape and rotor speed and gap
- Compression Principle





Cone Mills & Flake Crushers

- Particles are compressed against a screen wall by means of a rotating bar or rotor
- Particle size is controlled by Screen size, type and rotor speed.
- Produces narrow PSD
- Granular end products to 200 um
- Typically used in conjunction with roller compactors
- Compression principle



Flake Crusher



Hammer Mill / Mikropulverizer





Mikropulverizer

- Pre-grinding / De-agglomeration
- Medium to Fine Size Reduction
- Good Top Size and PSD Control
- Multiple Mill Configurations for Flexibility in Many Applications
- Economical / Low Maintenance







Mikropulverizer

- High tip speed (100 m /sec, 20,000 fpm) produce a high degree of fines.
- High Energy, can have a high temperature rise, not suitable for very heat sensitive material.
- Good top size control due to internal screen but also prone to plugging with oily or waxy materials.
- Not suitable for hard or abrasive materials > 3.5 Mohs and > 0.5% silica.



Mikro Pulverizer® Hammer & Screen Mill Model MP #3 in Stainless Steel

Stress Mechanism Approx. 80% Impact, and 20% Shear





Pilot Scale to Full Production Machines





Screen Types





Hammer Types

- LFS Light Forged Stirrup Hammer
- 1/8 x 1 Bar Hammer
- Rigid Bar Hammer



Common Applications

MaterialD97• Sugar150 μm• Corn Starch75 μm• Oat Fiber150 μm• Melamine250 μm• Zinc Oxide45 μm• Gypsum70 μm

- Stearic Acid 150 µm
- Soda Ash 80 µm





Gravity Discharge





Pneumatically Conveyed











Pin Mill

- Material impacts against pins and then exits through the labyrinth of pins via centrifugal forces.
- No Screen / blinding
- Variables in pin milling include peripheral speed, feed rate, and air flow.
- Medium to fine size reduction with broad particle size distribution.
- MOH's Hardness up to 3.
- Production of low fines end product with good flow properties.




Pin Mill





Pin Mill - Double Disc Drives with Wide Chamber Design



Counter Rotating Pin Mill with the rotation of both discs



Pin Mill Single and Double Disc Drives





Pin Mill

Common Applications



Material	Particle Size_	
Ascorbic Acid	99%	< 300 um
Boric Acid	98%	< 50 um
Potassium Sulphate	99%	< 150 um
Sodium Chloride	99%	< 60 um
Magnesium Stearate	99%	< 100 um
Sodium Sulphate	97%	< 100 um
Phenolic Resin	99%	< 63 um
Zinc Chromate	99.9%	< 32 um
Chrome Yellow	99.9%	< 10 um



Pin Disc Diameters from 33 mm to 1,400 mm





Gravity Discharge





Pneumatically Conveyed





Universal Mikropulverizer (UMP)



Pin Rotor





LFS Hammer Rotor

Knife Rotor





Air Classifier Mills





Air Classifier Mill



- High tip speeds- 23,000 ft/min
- Screens replaced by forced vortex air classifier
- Independent control of impact mechanism and classifier which equates to narrow PSD's
- Air swept requires discreet air handling components
- **PSD down to D50 = 15 μm**
- 50 g/h to 20 t/h



Air Classifier Mill









Benefits of Air Classifier Mill

- **Produces a fine particle size distribution with excellent** top size control.
- Combines a mechanical impact mill and a dynamic classifier in one unit.
- Product fineness is easily adjustable by means of the variable speed of the classifier wheel.





Benefits of Air Classifier Mill

- Continuous discharge of properly sized material minimizes the production of fines and maintains a consistent particle size distribution.
- Large volumes of air flow provide for cooler grinding and allow the processing of heat sensitive materials.
- Can be wear protected to handle abrasive materials.
- Ideal for high capacity continuous processing.





ACM Important Variables

- Configuration of grinding and impact surfaces, i.e. smooth or deflection liners
- Peripheral speed and type of hammers
- Speed and size of the classifier wheel
- Airflow through the mill
- Feed rate



ACM Hammer Designs





Bar Hammers



Angle Hammers



Pins

Flag Hammers



ACM Classifier Wheel Designs



Radial Short Blade



Radial Long Blade with top Ring



Wear Protection Options for ACM





Nickel Hardened Liners

Ceramic Liners





T/C Coated Classifier Wheel

T/C tiled Hammers And Rotor Wear Plate



Typical Applications

Cane Sugar Talc **Powder Coatings** Zinc Oxide Sodium Bicarbonate Calcium Phosphate Cocoa Press Cake Pectin Lactose **Phenolic Resin**

98% < 45 microns 98% < 45 microns 50% < 20 microns 99.9% < 23 microns 90% < 20 microns 97% < 15 microns 99.9% < 75 microns 97% < 45 microns 97% < 75 microns

97% < 200 mesh





From 1 HP to 600 HP









Fluid Energy Jet Mills

Spiral Jet Mills





Fluidized Bed Jet Mills





Spiral Jet Mill





Typical Spiral Jet Mill Design



- Flat cylindrical grinding chamber
- Nozzle ring with tangential nozzle arrangement
- Feeding via injector
- Ceramic wear protection
 available



Operating Parameters

End Product Fineness influenced by

- Gas flow rate
- Grinding pressure
- Injector pressure
- Feed Rate
- Nozzle angle
- Nozzle size





Spiral Jet Mill

- Benefits
 - Simple design and operation
 - No moving parts
 - Easy to clean and inspect
- Limitations
 - Oversized feed particles can block inlet
 - Buildup and scaling with sticky materials
 - Lack of particle size control
 - Difficult to process heat sensitive or abrasive materials





Spiral Jet Mill Performance

- Powder fineness achievable
 D97 of 3-90 microns
- Throughput @ D97 of 10 microns 45 80 lbs/hr
- Throughput @ D97 of 20 microns 100 160 lbs/hr

(Sample data for a 12" diameter Spiral Jet Mill with nominal air consumption of 270 scfm)



Small Laboratory Scale Mill

- Batch size 5g-100 g
- Capacity 0.1 1 kg/h
- Fineness < 3 µm
- Monobloc construction
- Autoclavable





Fluidized Bed Jet Mill







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Fluidized Bed Jet Mill

Gravity feed inlet

Integral centrifugal air classifier

Grinding zone

Quick disconnect air plenum

Radial nozzle arrangement

Integrated base for load cell bed cor



Operating Parameters

End Product Fineness influenced by

- Gas flow rate
- Grinding gas pressure
- Nozzle size
- Classifier Speed





Fluidized Bed Jetmill Designs

Mild Steel/Stainless Steel

Lined Chamber for iron free grinding

Pressureless

Pressure Shock Resistant to 10 barg

Wear Protection

Gas Tight Design

Hot Gas Design

Special wear protection classifier wheels from SIC and Aluminum Oxide







Fluidized Bed Jet Mill

Benefits

- Products with a requirement for an extremely steep particle size distribution, without oversize (grit) and a minimum of fines
- Grinding powders to ultrafine sizes down to a D97 of 4 microns with a sharp top size limitation
- Iron contamination free grinding
- Processing of heat sensitive products
- Grinding of abrasive materials





Fluidized Bed Jet Mill

Benefits continued

- Improved and consistent product quality
- Ability to process heat sensitive or sticky materials
- Suitable for CIP/SIP and explosion containment design
- Reduced energy cost
- No limitation on feed size

Limitations

- Processing of small samples
- Residual material in mill bed





Typical Applications



Silica Gel 97% < 15 microns PTFE 97% < 22 microns **PE Wax** 99% < 15 microns **Ceramic Pigments** 99% < 10 microns **Iron Phosphate** 97% < 2.5 microns Herbicide 97% < 12 microns **Glass Frit** 50% < 1.5 microns **Tungsten Carbide** 99% < 7 microns Graphite 95% < 8 microns Molybdenum 98.7% < 2 microns



Fluidized Bed Jet Mill Performance

- Powder fineness achievable D97 of 3-40 microns
- Throughput @ D97 of 10 microns 175 225 lbs/hr
- Throughput @ D97 of 20 microns 350 525 lbs/hr

(Sample data for a 16" diameter Fluidized Bed Jet Mill with nominal air consumption of 600 scfm)


Typical Fluidized Bed Jet Mill System





Lab Scale Fluidized Bed Jet Mill





Fluidized Bed Jet Micronization

Improved product quality





Ball Mills





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Superfine Ball Mill systems

Processing of Industrial Mineral Fillers

- Calcium Carbonate
- Talcum
- Barite
- Kaolin
- Wollastonite
- Bentonite
- Diatomite
- Quartz, silica sand
- Feldspar
- Nepheline
- Zircon Sand
- Natural iron oxide
- Bauxite





Common Sizes of Industrial Mineral Fillers

- Standard products: $D97 = 20 100 \ \mu m$
- Ultrafine products: $D97 = 5 20 \ \mu m$
- Superfine products: D97 < 5 μm



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Ball Mill / Classifier System





Thank you!

