



Process Technology for Agrochemicals

Your Ideas grow with Us!

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When you want a little more ...

For the formulation of plant protectants, fertilizers and seed treatments using the latest technology, NETZSCH offers sophisticated state-of-the-art machines and processes.

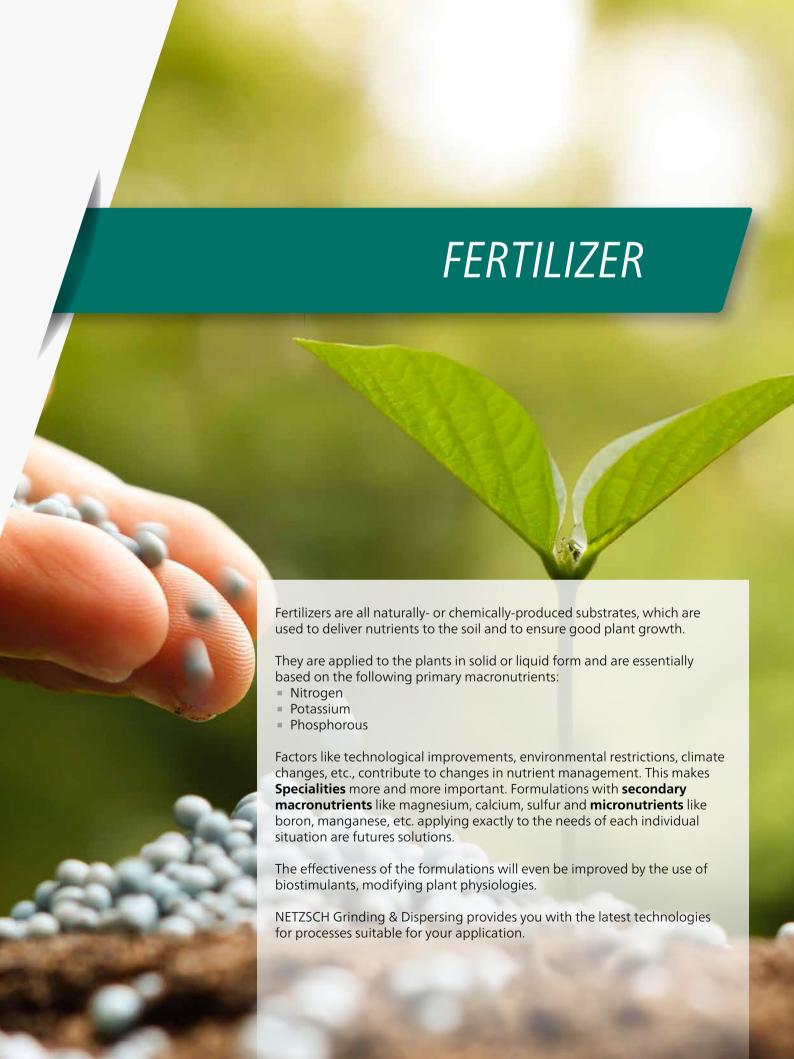
Our design and selection of the NETZSCH technology appropriate for your production process take the aspects of economic efficiency, reliability, quality and environmental protection into account.

We engage with our customers to develop solutions and implement them with service and process-related support.

Numerous references, from laboratory to production machines to complete turnkey systems show that many international customers have put their trust in us.

Proven Excellence.





APPLICATION TASKS

which we have successfully mastered

DRY PROCESSING

Product	Machine	Working capacity [kg/h]	Fineness [µm]
Nitrogen- and sulfur-based fertilizer	CHM 450 / 600	1,500	d ₉₀ < 500
Nitrogen-based fertilizer	Condux® 680	6,000	d ₅₀ < 500
Phosphorous-based fertilizer	CHM 1000/1000	7,400	$d_{50} = 1,400$
Dolomite-Shell limestone	CGS 71	2,200	$d_{99} = 32$
Potash- and sulfur-based fertilizer	Condux® 300	1,700	$d_{50} = 63 d_{99} = 500$



CONDUX® Fine Impact Mill

WET PROCESSING

Product	Machine	Working capacity [kg/h]	Fineness [µm]	Process
Magnesium carbonate	Discus® 300	3,000	d ₉₀ < 10	Pass process
Colemanite	<i>Zет</i> а® 60	2,000	$d_{50} = 2.6 d_{99} < 10$	Circulation process
Sulfurous liquid fertilizer	Zeta® 60	400	d ₉₀ < 6	Circulation process





Plant protectants are necessary to protect plants from pests that could compromise plant growth (insects, fungal diseases, viruses, bacteria and weeds). Apart from additives, plant protectants usually consist of one or more active substances which give them the desired properties.

Main Types

- **Fungicides** protect plants from diseases which affect production rate and quality or, in the worst case, could completely destroy the crop.
- Herbicides reduce the growth of weeds which affect the production rate and the quality of the crop.
- Insecticides protect plants against insects. Here, the pests can absorb the insecticide directly or indirectly through their food.

As a rule, plant protectants are extremely temperature-sensitive substances that place correspondingly high demands on machine and plant engineering. Factors like technological improvements, environmental restrictions, climate changes, etc., contribute to changes in pesticide management. This makes specialities more and more important. Formulations with **bio pesticides** applying exactly to the needs of each individual situation are futures solutions. Their use with conventual registered pesticides will lead to pest management in an environmental friendly way.

For the industrial production of plant protectants NETZSCH Grinding & Dispersing provides you with the latest technologies and processes suitable for your application.

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DRY PROCESSING

Product	Machine	Working capacity [kg/h]	Fineness [μm]
Herbicide	CGS 16	2	$d_{50} = 2.3 d_{99} = 6.8$
Pesticide	CGS 71	620	$d_{50} = 5.5$ $d_{99} = 23.8$
Fungicide	CGS 16	6.5	$d_{50} = 2.2 d_{99} = 8.2$
Herbicide	CGS 50	248	$d_{50} = 2.7 d_{99} = 18$
Caolin	CSM 165	35	$d_{50} = 6$ $d_{99} = 17$
Insecticide	CSM 360	350	d ₉₉ < 45



Fluidized Bed Jet Mill CGS

WET PROCESSING

Product	Machine	Working capacity [kg/h]	Fineness [µm]	Process
Insecticide	Zeta® 60	4,400	$d_{50} < 0.7 d_{90} < 1.2$	Circulation process
Herbicide	Discus® 300	3,000	$d_{50} < 4.9$	Pass process
Fungicide	Discus® 150	1,600	d ₉₀ < 4.0	Pass process
Fungicide	2 x Discus® 300	2,000	d ₉₀ < 2.0	Pass process
Insecticide	Neos 20	1,420	$d_{50} < 2.0$ $d_{90} < 10$	Circulation process
Fungicide	Neos 20	730	d ₅₀ < 1.8 d ₉₀ < 4.7	Circulation process



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WET PROCESSING

Product	Scope of the System (primary components)	Working capacity [kg/h]	Fineness [µm]	Process
Suspension concentrate	Modular design (Ψ- <i>M</i> _{IX} ®, <i>Z</i> _{ETA} ®)	1,000	$d_{50} < 1.5$ $d_{99} < 5$	Circulation process
Suspension concentrate	Modular design (Epsilon, MasterMix®, Discus)*	1,000	$d_{50} < 1.5$ $d_{99} < 9$	Pass process
Suspension concentrate	Modular design (Ψ- <i>M</i> _{IX} ®, <i>Z_{ETA}®</i>)	1,400	$d_{50} < 2$ $d_{99} < 10$	Circulation process

^{*} Predispersion of the primary components with MASTERMIX®, critical special products are dosed with EPSILON



System module for seed treatment comprising: Big-Bag Feeder, Ψ -Mix $^{\circ}$ Disperser, ZETA $^{\circ}$ 25 Agitator Bead Mill and modular platform





YOUR BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

Highest operation safety

- Digital process solutions for future tasks
- Highest degree of process reliability by implementation of latest process technology
- Elimination of operator and environmental risks by intelligent process design

Highest product quality

- 100% reproducible product quality and best production quality by processes of highest standards
- Elemination of oversized particles with a steep particle size distribution (for dry grinding)
- Gas free products of highest homogeneity by in-place technologies and smooth processes

Best service

- Fastest availability by global service network
- Professional global project management team with experience of more than 30 years
- Detailed process documentation as standards
- Easy service and maintenance by sophisticated process design
- Low maintenance cost due to wear gentle design





- Optimized Cleaning-In-Place solutions
- Lowest consumption of cleansing agents (approx. 1/10 of cleaning amount compared to conventional process design)

Highest productivity

- Reduction of energy costs and production time by 20 - 30%, compared to standard process technology
- Long production cycles by use of wear resistant materials and design ensures
- Shortest return of payment
- 20 30% higher production capacity by newest machine designs

Dust- and emission free process

- Dust free powder handling on different safety level (hermetically closed design by e.g. powder cabine)
- Strict separation of process zones of dry and wet production area
- No dust sticking on surfaces of process tanks
- No vapours, no solvents in production area
- Close-loop gas circulation solutions (for dry grinding)

Best temperature control

- Gentle process technology without high impact forces avoids temperature issues
- High efficient cooling solutions by using special materials

YOUR BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

MACHINES FOR MIXING & EMULSIFYING



MaxShear Inline Disperser

The MaxSHEAR is an inline mixer with a very high shearing effect for dispersing, emulsifying and homogenizing. It is equipped with a high-speed rotor, which rotates in close proximity to a precisionmachined stator, thereby creating an intensive shearing zone through which the product flows and the solids are dispersed. Combined use with standard mixing and dispersing units reduces processing times and considerably improves the quality of agrochemical products. The product is processed in continuous flow or in a circulation loop with mobile or stationary mixing tanks. The rotor and stator can be changed very easily and quickly.



Epsilon Inline Disperser

With the *Epsilon*, we offer a new, compact solution for producing **homogeneous dispersions** as required in agrochemistry, in an **inline process**. Here, the dispersion process takes place in an atmospherically-sealed processing chamber and is thus dust and emission free. Because of the low shear rates, the energy input is significantly lower compared to conventional rotor-stator systems, which means that even shear- and temperature-sensitive agrochemical products can be optimally processed.



MASTER**M**IX

The MASTERMIX® dissordispersion of solids process takes place i stationary or mobil the high-speed dispoinfinitely adjustable controlled drive.

- Compact design
- Self pumping for use as a low pressure transfer pump
- Extreme high shear performance and powerful dispersing
- High flexibility by changeable stator, for different requirements (e.g. mixing, homogenizing, emulsifying)
- Quick and easy to clean with lowest amount of cleaning liquids

- Totally enclosed and emission free dispersion
- Dust free and fast wetting of powders
- High quality homogenous pre-dispersion
- Gentle processing of sensitive components
- Self pumping for use as a low pressure transfer pump
- Thin-film de-aeration function
- Rework by micro-cavitation
- Minimal warming of product
- Quick and easy to clean with lowest amount of cleaning liquid

- Easy handling
- Intensive product
- Closed and emmis
- Variable batch size

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Ψ-*Mıx*® Inline Disperser

The Ψ-*Mix*® inline disperser combines an alternative dispersion method, whereby the solid components are wetted on a large liquid surface, with emission and dust-free inline operation. With high productivity within a controlled process, the combination of vacuum dispersion, shearing, pressure wetting and microcavitation results in homogeneous, fine dispersions with very reproducible quality.



PMD-VC Intensive Mixer

The PMD-VC intensive mixers are stationary mixing and dispersing units for the processing of large batches.

Separation of the mixing and dispersion functions results in an extremely energy-efficient process that is especially useful for batches larger than 2,000 l. The compact and closed design of the intensive mixer facilitates integration into fully-automated plant designs and prevents exposure to gases and dust.

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- Reduced power requirement due to funtional separation of mixing and dispersing unit
- Minimal increase of product temperature
- Intensive product cooling design
- Easy to clean design
- Closed and emmission free design
- Variable batch sizes
- Fast and efficient feeding of solids

NETZSCH AIPHA®

Modular machine platform for customized solutions

The ALPHA® machine platform sets the standard in flexibility and handling and, thanks to its modularity, facilitates customer-specific solutions. One platform accepts different grinding systems – customized for the requirements of the product you will be processing.

The advantage this modular system brings you is cross-system standardization and thus the option to economically convert a machine to a new grinding system. In addition, the A_{LPHA}^{\otimes} is also the platform for future NETZSCH technologies, which guarantees you long-term investment security.

The right grinding system for every application

- Common platform for all grinding systems allows easy conversion to the specific optimum process conditions
- Spatial separation of rotating machine parts and fittings that carry media ensures a high level of operational safety and allows safe access, even during operation
- All supply lines feed into the machine from the top preventing obstructions at ground level
- Self-supporting grinding chamber for optimum accessibility to the grinding area during maintenance
- Easy handling and the highest level of flexibility
- Smooth surfaces for clean process conditions



TECHNOLOGIES FOR WET GRINDING OF SUSPENSIONS

Discus Intensive Grinding System

The Discus Intensive grinding system represents a quantum leap in wet grinding technology with disk agitator bead mills. With the combination of the further-optimized Discus disk agitator and the NETZSCH ICC® separator system, you are guaranteed the highest throughput rates with considerably narrower dwell time distribution and thus more intensive grinding with consistent stress intensity.



Discus Intensive Grinding System for Single- and Multi-pass Operation

ZETA® Grinding System

With this technology, which is suitable for any viscosity and almost every product, you will achieve the highest product qualities and finenesses down to the nanometer range using a wide variety of **grinding media from 0.2 mm to 3 mm** in diameter. The enclosed horizontal agitator bead mill is designed for highest product throughput capacities and has a pin grinding system for the highest grinding intensity.



ZETA® Grinding System for Circulation Operation

NEOS Grinding System

The agitator bead mill with the newly-developed *NEOS* grinding system stands for maximum performance, product quality and efficiency. Coupled with the reliable use of extremely small grinding media, you can achieve the required product quality with high production output and low specific energy consumption.

During the design phase, particular consideration was given to **maximum cooling efficiency**. As a result, it is possible to stay within the necessary temperature limits even with high power input. The **optimal grinding media separation** and maximum slotted pipe surface area ensure that even with smallest **grinding beads (0.1 mm to 0.8 mm)**, the grinding process remains stable.



Neos Grinding System for Circulation Operation at very high circulation rates

Your Benefits at a Glance

- Highest power input without product overheating
- Maximum volume throughput
- Highest cooling efficiency
- Use of extremely small grinding beads (0,1 to 0,8 mm)
- Highest productivity
- High reliability and elongated life
- Use of very small grinding media even with high product viscosities and throughput rates

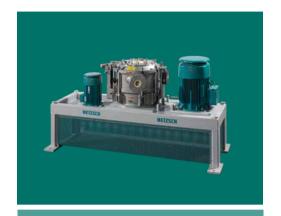
YOUR BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

PRODUCTION MACHINES for Dry Fine Grindin



CONJET® High-density Bed Jet Mill

The ConJet® high-density bed jet mill combines a spiral jet mill with an integrated classifier wheel. With this combination, the highest fineness levels (d $_{97}$ 2.5 μm to 70 μm) are attained independent of the product load and as a consequence, throughput capacities are higher. Adjustment of the grinding fineness is now only carried out by setting the speed of the classifier wheel. Residue-free grinding and minimal product build-up inside the machine are additional features of the ConJet®. Thanks to the compact design, the machine is extremely easy to maintain and to clean completely when changing products.



CSM Classifier Mill

Grinding in the CSM classifier mill, which combines a mechanical impact mill with an integrated air classifier, takes place between a peripheral grinding track and the rotating beater (finenesses: $\mathbf{d_{97}}$ **20 µm to 150 µm)**. With the aid of the integrated classifier wheel, final grain sizes free of oversized particles can be achieved, without the drawback of an external grinding/classifying cycle. The self-adjusting internal circulation of the coarse material in the classifier mill results in stable operation with the best possible utilization of energy.



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- Minimal warming of grinding product due to controlled air ventilation
- Fast and easy cleaning and maintenance due to optimal access to grinding chamber and classifier
- Highest fineness and steep particle size distribution
- Compact design

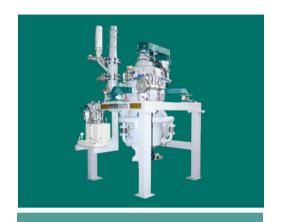
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CGS Fluidized Bed Jet Mill

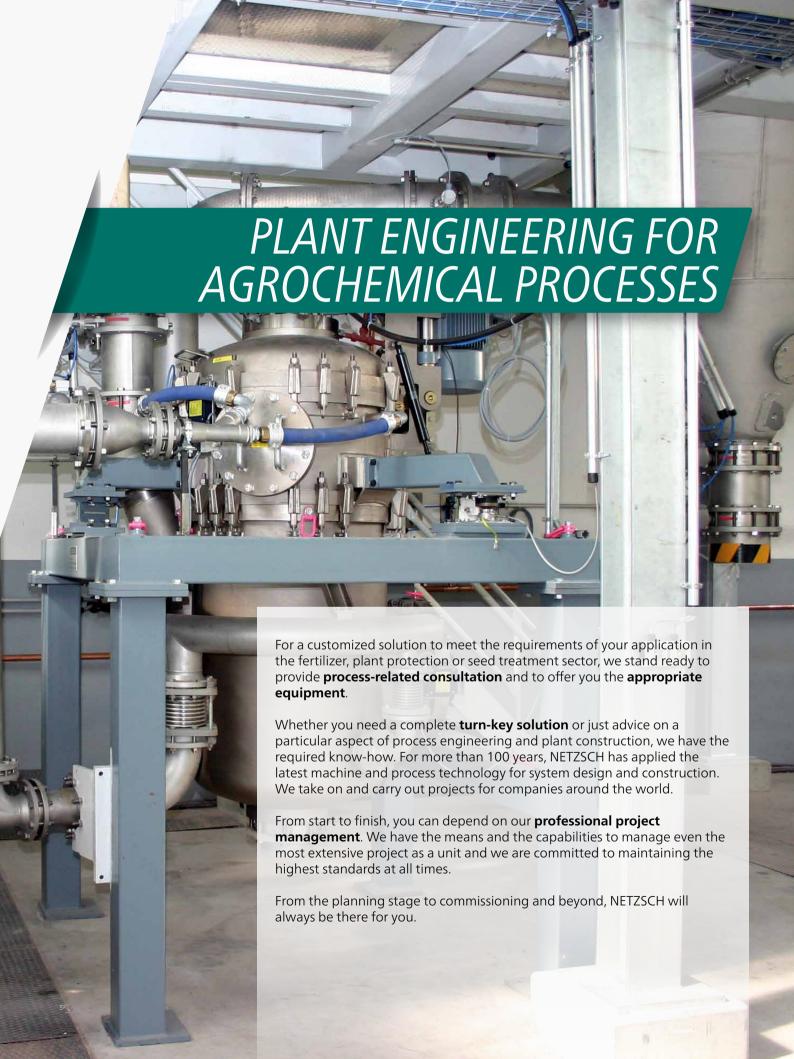
Contamination-free fine grinding of dry products of any hardness is possible with the CGS fluidized bed jet mill with integrated classifier (finenesses of d_{97} **2,5 µm to 120 µm**). Through the specialized milling principle, product grinding is entirely autogenous. Gas jets alone create the grinding energy, so there is no wear on the grinding tools. Even extremely temperature-sensitive products can be processed reliably under continuous operation.



CONDUX®/CONDUX®CP Fine Impact Mill

The Condux® is a high-speed fine impact mill for the dry grinding of products with a Mohs hardness of up to 3 - 3.5 (Grinding finenesses from d₉₇ 50 μm to **600 μm**). Equipped with a variety of grinding tools, there is always a productoptimized mill available which can also be used in pressure-shock-resistant or pressure-gas-loaded systems. The redesigned model of the CONDUX® CP with an integrated classifier is used when the desired end fineness cannot be achieved with conventional pin- or blast mills. The grinding disk and classifier are joined with a torque-proof connection and are run by a common drive motor. By adjusting the height of the classifier wheel, it is possible to easily achieve variable adjustment of the separation limit.

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- Compact design
- Defined particle size distribution and maximum particle size by integrated classifier



NETZSCH MODULAR PLANT DESIGN

The established modular design for NETZSCH Turn-Key-Production Plants for agrochemicals is a **professional concept to bundle and structure complete and complex processes**. For each process step the requested equipment will be installed in a functional group on a special defined and designed plant segment (module). According to the process design the modules will be arranged in such a way, that the defined media flows with its connection points will fit together. In this way a turn-key-production plant can be realized in a **compact layout**. By adopting the core features of standard container designs existing and proven logistic concepts can easily be used.

The single process modules are completely pre-assembled in our production facilities, fitted together to the complete modular plant in real size (scale 1:1) and finalized by FAT on a fully functional production plant. The single modules, including all its equipment, will be dis-assembled again and shipped by standard transports to our customers. On site the modules can be then moved quickly into the production facilities, where the re-assembly of the modular plant will be done under NETZSCH supervision. The Start-Up of the production will take place by a simple "Turn-Key".

Advantages

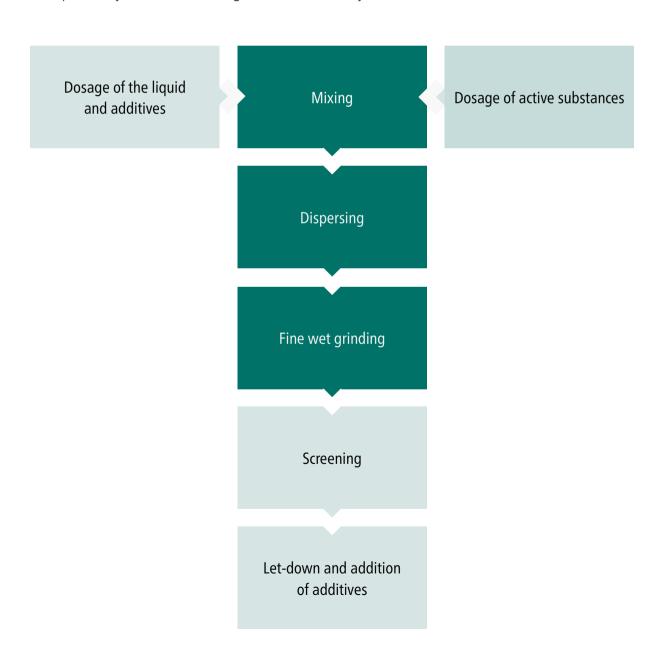
- Complete production process on significantly less space
- Clear defined interfaces for media flow and data acquisition
- Resource savings (e.g. cleaning liquid off 90%) by logical functional groups and clear process design
- High flexibility in product portfolio and production capacity (Plug & Produce)
- Possibility of quick and easy conversion of the complete plant (Re-Plug & Produce)
- Easy and cheap transport by adopted design to standardized transport concepts (Ready to use transportation units)
- Fast operational readiness due to complete pre-installation (Ready to install production units)
- Shortened installation and commissioning time due to early acceptance test at NETZSCH



MIXING, EMULSIFYING & WET GRINDING for high levels of homogeneity and fineness

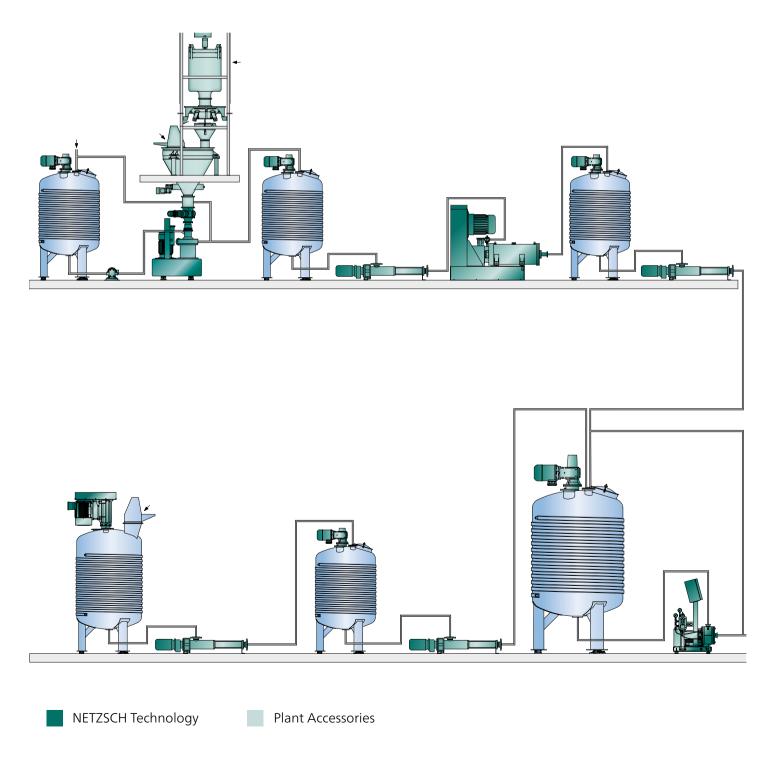
Mixing, emulsifying and deaeration are basic operations in mechanical process engineering. These are the means by which at least two starting substances are combined to form a new substance which must be as homogeneous as possible, with no air or gas pockets. The process takes place both in stand-alone machines for the production of small batches and on complete production lines with extensive peripherals for the production of large batches.

For the grinding of agrochemical material systems, NETZSCH offers a comprehensive machine program of laboratory and production machines up to complete production plants. Customized for every application, NETZSCH provides you with a wide range of machines and systems



ses into the nanometer range

System example with Ψ-Mix® Inline Disperser, Discus® Agitator Bead Mill and MaxShear Inline Disperser



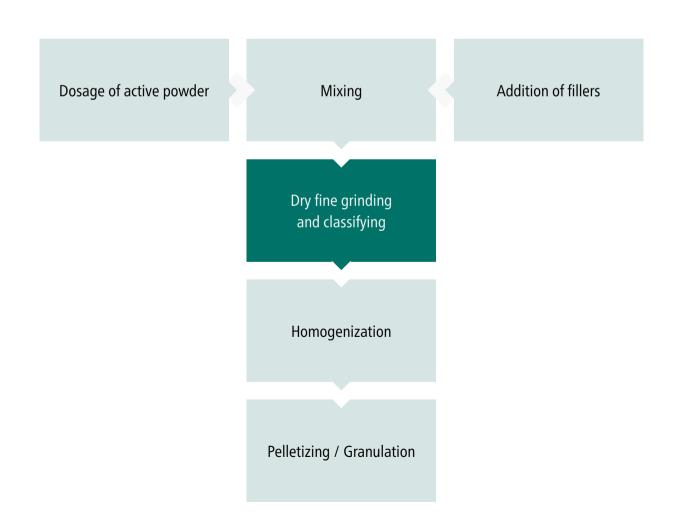
DRY GRINDING with exact upper particle size limitation

For the processing of dry and temperature-sensitive products by fine and ultra-fine grinding, NETZSCH has extensive experience and a diverse machine program for any desired end fineness.

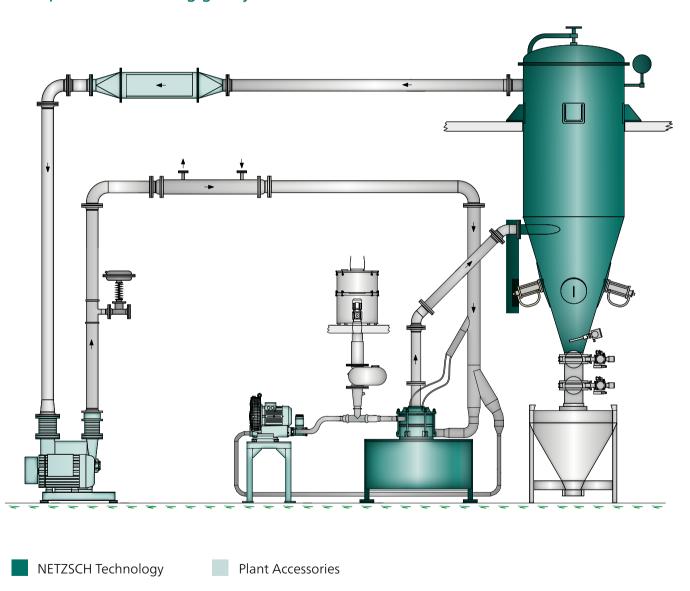
To complement our existing machine program, we also offer high-performance classifiers for the finest products and exact limitation of the upper particle size, which also guarantee sustainable reproducibility and high quality.

- From the single mill to the complete turn-key grinding system
- Pressureless or dust-ignition-proof systems with a pressure shock resistance of up to 10 bar (g) or even inert
 gas plants
- Varied range of materials including high-grade steels with polished surfaces or wear-protected concepts

NETZSCH can offer you the right solution!



Example of a circulating gas system with CSM classifier mill



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PROCESS- AND PLANT ENGINEERING

Plant Engineering

Whether it is a turnkey solution you need or help on a particular aspect of plant engineering, we have the know-how. NETZSCH has been engineering manufacturing plants for over 100 years, using state-of-the-art production equipment and manufacturing techniques. We undertake projects for companies around the world, including:

- Plant design
- Process monitoring, control and automation
- Software development and real time application programming
- Mechanical engineering
- Electrical engineering
- Steelwork design
- Abatement systems
- Machinery and vessel manufacturing
- Extraction systems

CLIENT RESPONSIBILITY

ENGINEERING

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Establish projects targets

- What is to be made today and in the future
- How much output is required
- What are the environmental regulations

available technology

- Test current and traditional process methods
- Compare effects on the product and other process stages
- Guarantee plant deliverables

Produce initial process & budgets

- Determine equipment costs
- Determine support equipment specifications
- Estimate the total cost including running costs

Develop project details

- Design plant process and layout
- Establish final price and scope
- Detailed design of plant equipment
- Produce detailed programme of works

Project Management

From start to finish, you can rely on professional project management. At NETZSCH we have the resources and capability to oversee the entire project, even the most complex ones. All projects are approached with a total commitment to maintaining the highest standards in all areas, including:

- Project planning
- Health and safety expertise including, full working experience of ATEX 94/9 and ATEX 100a
- Construction site supervision and management
- Machinery installation
- Installation and testing of instrumentation and control systems
- Machinery and plant commissioning
- Employee training
- Support throughout production ramp-up

COMPANY ROLE

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Analyse project HSE impacts

- CE accreditation of process and equipment
- Environmental report in cooperation with external partners
- ATEX, DSEAR compliance of proposal

Project implementation

- Installation of plant
- Testing of equipment
- Chemical cleaning
- Laboratory tests

Project finalization

- Commissioning of plant
- Training of operators
- Training of maintenance staff
- Ensuring plant performance

AFTERSALES Support

- Spare parts
- Process support and consulting
- Maintenance / Inspection / Service Agreements
- Reconditioning & Conversions

Our experience is your advantage

Our performance standards are high. We promise our customers Proven Excellence – exceptional performance in everything we do, proven time and again since 1873.

Proven Excellence.

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