

SYSTEM SOLUTIONS FOR THE COSMETIC INDUSTRY





COSMETIC INDUSTRY – INNOVATIONS FOR A MORE BEAUTIFUL LIFE

PROCESS SOLUTIONS FOR PRODUCT-SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS



Cosmetic – timeless and universal

Immaculate beauty and eternal youth – these are the intrinsic desires which lead enthusiastic customers around the world to reach for cosmetics. In 2018 customers spent about 13.5 billion euros across shop counters in Germany alone for beautiful hair, a bright white smile, a radiant complexion or other health and beauty aids.

One thing is clear: the cosmetics industry belongs to the chemical industry. However, it has its own separate, unique character. Because many of its products literally get under the customer's skin (or on it). Yet, the target group's direct, personal sense of well-being always plays the decisive role. Therefore, product quality is always first priority.

Lödige provides solutions

For this reason, the production of cosmetic products worldwide is subject to the absolute highest standards regarding safety, purity and reproducibility. And is thus, predestined for our systems. All Lödige solutions are always developed, manufactured and certified in accordance with the international valid directives. Particularly for the versatile applications used in the field of cosmetics manufacture. These quality standards form the basis of the Lödige system solutions for the cosmetic industry around the world.

We bring constantly our competence to our close cooperation with representatives of major manufacturers of cosmetic products and thus make an innovative contribution to the latest cosmetic developments.

LÖDIGE SYSTEMS PRODUCE INTERNATIONAL QUALITY PRODUCTS

Solid applications



= Face powder

Pigments of every type



Hair colorationDecorative cosmetics in general



Eye shadowEyeliner

Liquid/pasty applications





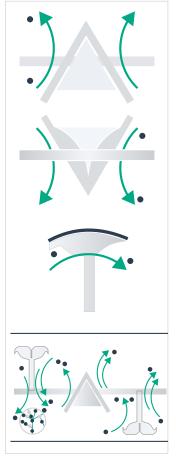
🖉 Mascara



Lipstick ingredients



BATCH MIXING OF SOLIDS IN A HORIZONTAL SYSTEM



Schematic representation of the fluid bed generated mechanically

The invention of the Ploughshare[®] Mixer has set a high standard for mixing and processing technology. Large numbers of patented innovations are based on this system. Lödige Mixers achieve homogeneous, precision mixing within minimum mixing times.

Ploughshare Shovels[®] rotate as mixing elements in special arrangement on a horizontal shaft in a horizontal, cylindrical mixing drum. The size, number and positioning, geometric shape and peripheral speed of the mixing elements are coordinated to cause three dimensional movement of the components. Turbulence in the product, with total involvement of all material, prevents the formation of dead or low-movement zones in the mixing drum and promotes high speed, precision mixing.

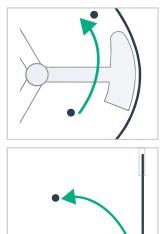
In special cases, in particular when dispersing pigments or introducing liquid binders, the effect of the mixing elements may require additional support.

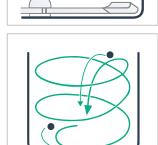
This is provided by separately driven, high speed choppers. A short mixing time with optimum adaptation of the drive power ensures minimized power consumption. The excellent accessibility to all inside parts of the mixer reduces considerably the time and expenditure for cleaning and inspection.



Lödige Ploughshare[®] Mixer type FKM for batch operation for small production and laboratory purpose

BATCH MIXING OF SOLIDS IN A VERTICAL SYSTEM





Mixing principle in the Mixing Granulator MGT

Mixing Granulators (MGT) are standardized systems compliant with all GMP / WIP design requirements. They are extremely easy to clean and require a minimum of maintenance. A three-arm mixing impeller rotates close to the base of a vertical, cylindrical mixing drum. The special form of this element and its peripheral speed are coordinated in such a way that the mixing product is circulated as vortex and thereby accelerated horizontally and vertically. This type of product movement produces a high-speed, intensive mix, even in cases where the granular structure and shape, bulk density and surface condition of components differ considerably. High quality mixing is ensured in minimum time. If necessary, a high-speed, separately driven chopper disperses any lumps and promotes uniform liquid distribution and moist granulation. The endpoint of granulation can be controlled and reproduced as required. Liquid addition is carried out by gravity or with a pump. The liquid is added into the mix right above the chopper in order to achieve best possible distribution. The liquid can be just filled in or introduced by means of airless or airborn nozzles.

The optional wet sieve placed at the discharge ensures the calibration of the wet granules while discharging from the mixer.



Mixing tool which can be raised up



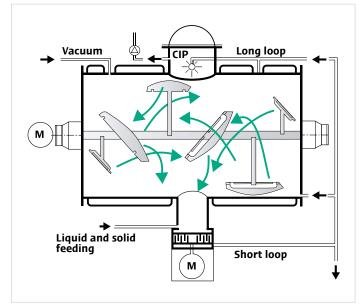
MGT with sieve downstream

MIXING, DISPERSING AND EMULSIFYING IN A HORIZONTAL SYSTEM

Lödige Ploughshare[®] Mixers with scrapers combine the horizontal mixing system with homogenizer technology in accordance with the rotor-stator principle to provide a new mixing and emulsifying system of high performance and efficiency. Furthermore, this concept is convincing due to its minimal construction height and an excellent heat transfer, specifically with regard to large batch sizes. The creation of very fine similar sized drops and their homogeneous dispersion are important criteria in the emulsifying technology.

The production of semisolid and paste-like products has been mainly performed in vertical systems until now. However, these systems have certain disadvantages due to their form. Mixing performance, heat exchange via the heated/cooled jacket, deaeration, cleaning as well as the sometimes large construction height of vertical systems are not optimal and often influence negatively the efficiency of the process. Based on the practiceproven mixing principle of the horizontal Ploughshare[®] Mixer, these systems have been made suitable for processing semi-solid and pasty products like creams, toothpaste, hair wax, etc. by modifying certain technical features to adapt to the new application. These modifications consist mainly of the installation of a high performance homogenizer in place of the normal mixer discharge. The homogenizer, flanged in the discharge, is a high-speed rotor-stator system. Furthermore, the horizontal mixing shaft is fitted with scrapers which move along the mixer wall.

This machine is usually equipped with a heating/cooling jacket and is also suitable for vacuum operation for deaeration of the product. Due to the pumping capacity of the homogenizer, the product is reintroduced into the drum via a recirculation loop ensuring that all material passes through the rotor-stator system. The discharge of the product is also carried out via the rotor-stator system.



Functional principle



Pilot machine 130 l

HYGIENIC DESIGN FOR LÖDIGE MIXING SYSTEMS

Lödige demonstrates a broad know-how not only in the field of mixing solids. For instance hygienic requirements imposed upon the Ploughshare[®] Mixers are consequently taken into account by design. In case of hygienic production, an optimal ease of cleaning has to be considered without influencing the functionality of the machine and some machine components are particularly important for this purpose.

The mixing elements and the choppers have to be easy to clean and accessible. A large inspection door thus enables the inspection of the complete drum inside. Rinseable air purge seals or mechanical face seals are usually the best technical solution for the main shaft and the chopper seals. The product contact surfaces have a surface roughness of Ra < 0.8 µm. Generally, surface roughness has to be smaller than the particle size of the material adhering to the surfaces in order to achieve direct wetting of residue with the cleaning substances. Smoothed and polished surfaces are ideal. The surface can also be electropolished to further reduce its roughness. In this case, the mixing elements are completely welded onto the mixing shaft and have the same surface roughness as the inside surface of the drum.

The shaft seals are purged with compressed air during the production process and prior to the product feeding steps. This prevents the product from penetrating into the gap static and rotating part of the sealing. The compressed air flow is controlled by a flow meter and can be monitored. The operator can check the air quantity and pressure at the Operator Panel.



Horizontal Lödige Ploughshare® Mixer type FKM 1200 DR



Fully welded mixing elements in hygienic design

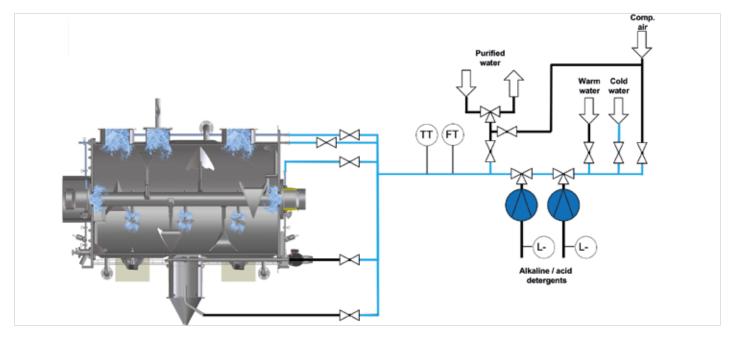


Operator Panel and service unit for seals in hygienic design

AUTOMATIC CLEANING PROCESSES

Lödige provides not only the classical manual dry and wet cleaning, but also automatic wet cleaning processes which can be customised. By definition, the so-called Washing in Place (WIP) is an automatic cleaning but some manual preparations are still required to perform this.

All shaft seals are purged with water and therefore equipped with drain valves. The feeding and discharge are cleaned by means of rotary nozzles which are installed on a removable washing adapter. During cleaning, the main shaft runs forwards and backwards at intervals. The ventilation filter has to be cleaned separately and the opening is closed with a washing adapter. A drain funnel can be docked onto the machine outlet in order to drain off the wash water. As an option there is the possibility to swivel the complete outlet to the side to clean the discharge door separately. After the wet cleaning, all mixer parts, seals, pipes and valves which have been supplied with water will be dried by conditioned compressed air.





Ploughshare[®] Mixer with stainless steel piping for efficient wet cleaning



Cleaning nozzles for WIP cleaning process



Coverings over bearing housing and motors ensure easy to clean surfaces

MACHINES FOR **RESEARCH, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL PRODUCTION**

Lödige Laboratory Mixers work in accordance with the same principle as production machines and ensure reliable scale-up to production machine sizes. Know-how concerning quality of the mix, product behaviour and process parameters can be scaled up without restriction. Small scale production can be therefore carried out in accordance with the same quality criteria.



Laboratory Ploughshare[®] Mixer with interchangeable drums



Laboratory Vacuum Dryer



Vertical Laboratory and Pilot Mixing Granulator



Ploughshare[®] Mixer type L50 with feeding funnel

RESEARCH AND TEST CENTRE

The Lödige Research & Test Centre is equipped with the most modern machines for:

- Mixina
- Kneading
- Dispersing
- Emulsifying
- Wet granulating
- Drying
- Heating/Cooling
- Coating

to ensure testing under production conditions and in compliance with hygienic conditions.

The Lödige Research & Test Centre with floor space of more than 400 m² provides trial capacity for more than 30 machines including a laboratory for physical analysis. A separate area is dedicated to cosmetic trials.



Among others, we use the following machines for test purpose: **Ploughshare® Mixer FM**



Machine sizes

L 5

= L 10

L 20

= L 50

FM 130

Process

- Mixing Granulating Moistening Adding fat
- ... and more

Ringlayer Mixer CoriMix® CM



Process Mixing Granulating Densifying

Machine sizes CM 5 **C**M 20

Mixing Granulator MGT



Process

- Mixing
- Granulating Wet granulating
- Drying

Machine sizes

- MGTL 5 **MGT 30**
- **MGT** 70
- **M**GT 125



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Lödige supplies high-grade components, subsystems and systems for technical processing applications in a wide range of industries. We are specialized in the field of mixing, granulating, coating, drying and reaction. Our profound knowledge of processes, development and production enables us to contribute to the success of our partners throughout the world.

Lödige, which was founded in 1938, is a family-run business in its third generation now. With the invention of the Ploughshare[®] Mixer, Lödige created a mixing unit that can cover a wide range of different processing tasks. This unit forms the basis for numerous innovations in the area of mixing and processing technology. Industrial mixing and processing technology has been significantly influenced by Lödige and will continue to be so in the future.

Over 500 patents and more than 35,000 machines and systems demonstrate our experience with customer-oriented system solutions. Lödige operates with more than 500 employees worldwide and supports its customers with a network of subsidiaries, technical offices and agencies.