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	Flexible Screw	Aeroflow <sup>®</sup> Aero	Cableflow <sup>®</sup> Tubular	Chainflow <sup>®</sup> Tubular	Dynaflow <sup>®</sup> Tubular
Function	Conveyor	Mechanical Conveyor	Cable Drag Conveyor	Chain Drag Conveyor	Chain Drag Conveyor
		APPLICATIC	ON SUITABILITY		
Price	<ul> <li>Almost always less costly than an AMC, rigid screw or pneumatic conveyor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More expensive than Flexible Screw Conveyors but not when considering conveying rates greater than 161 ft<sup>3</sup>/hr (15m<sup>3</sup>/h)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Similar to Aero Mechanical Conveyor pricing</li> </ul>	• Mid-range capital cost	<ul> <li>High initial capital cost</li> <li>Low energy consumption</li> <li>Very low maintenance</li> <li>Payback relatively short</li> </ul>
Layout Constraints	• Typically up to 39 ft (12 m) but depends on product density & screw speed	• PC3 Up to 65 ft (20m) PC4 & PC5 Up to 82 ft (25m)	<ul> <li>Maximum total length including return leg 400 ft (120m)</li> </ul>	Maximum total length 500 ft (152m) including return leg	• Maximum total length including return leg 400 ft (120m)
(Single Conveyor)	• Multiple units can span greater distances	<ul> <li>Only 90° corners</li> <li>Multiple units can be directly connected w/o venting</li> </ul>	• 200 ft out & 200 ft return (60m out & 60m return)	• 250 ft out & 250 ft return (76m out & 76m return)	• 200 ft out & 200 ft return (60m out & 60m return)
	• One bend only	Length limit is absolute due to end coupling strength	<ul> <li>Longer distances require multiple units feeding each other</li> </ul>	multiple units feeding each	• Longer distances require multiple units feeding each other
Maintenance	<ul> <li>Low maintenance</li> <li>Wear only a consideration with abrasive products or if tube is excessively bent</li> </ul>	• Moderate - Cable must be tensioned periodically & replaced every 2,000 - 6,000 hours of operation	• Moderate - Cable must be tensioned periodically & replaced every 2,000 - 6,000 hours of operation	<ul><li>Periodic only</li><li>Very low maintenance</li></ul>	<ul><li> Periodic only</li><li> Very low maintenance</li></ul>
	• Recommended minimum bend radii should be observed	<ul> <li>Cable tensioning is important</li> <li>Over tensioning will cause sudden cable failure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cable tensioning is important</li> <li>Over tensioning will cause sudden cable failure</li> </ul>		
Installation Costs	• Low	• Medium – Layout-dependent	Medium – Layout-dependent	• Medium – Layout-dependent	• High
Energy	Medium energy consumption	• Low energy consumption	• Low energy consumption	<ul> <li>Low energy consumption</li> </ul>	Medium energy consumption
Dust	• Conveyor is mechanically dust tight	Air is not displaced at the discharge point although	<ul> <li>Mechanically dust tight, enclosed loop system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mechanically dust tight, enclosed loop system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mechanically dust tight, enclosed loop system</li> </ul>
Displacement	• No systems filters required	some venting is required when discharging into a holding vessel	No systems filters required	No systems filters required	No systems filters required
		<ul> <li>Conveyor is mechanically dust tight</li> <li>Can be pitrogen purged</li> </ul>			
Residual	Not 100% self-emptying	Near zero residual material	Low Deposits	Low Deposits	Low Deposits
Material	Can easily be emptied by     running in reverse				
Degradation	<ul> <li>Less than might be expected</li> <li>Moderate shear stresses produced by screw against tube</li> <li>Degradation tends not to be a problem with most granular products like sugar</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very low shear</li> <li>Can be used with extremely fragile materials such as tobacco, coffee beans, pelletized fertilizer, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gentle conveying especially suited for fragile products (cereals, nuts, coffee beans, etc.)</li> <li>Low velocity - 140 ft/min (43m/min) with high pocket fill</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gentle conveying especially suited for fragile products (cereals, nuts, coffee beans, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very low conveying speed up to 50 ft/min (15m/min)</li> <li>Low abrasion gentle conveying</li> </ul>
Fragile Products	Recommend material test	Recommend material test	Ideal for fragile materials	Ideal for fragile materials	Ideal for fragile materials
Maintaining Blends	<ul> <li>Depends on densities &amp; material characteristics of materials in blend</li> </ul>	Ideal for maintaining blends	Ideal for maintaining blends	Ideal for maintaining blends	Ideal for maintaining blends
Hygroscopic Materials	• Recommend material test	• Recommend material test	• Not suitable	<ul> <li>Application dependent</li> <li>Conveyor must be empty on startup</li> </ul>	• Suitable
Moist Materials	• Not suitable	• Suitable	• Suitable	<ul> <li>Application dependent</li> <li>Conveyor must be empty on start up</li> </ul>	• Suitable
Cohesive Materials	Recommend material test	• Excellent	• Not suitable	Recommend material test	• Suitable
Hot Materials	Proscrew     Very good	• Very good	• Good	• Good	• Excellent
	• With steel tubes handles material temps up to 300°F (149°C)	• Handles material temps up to 300°F <i>(149°C)</i>	• Handles material temps up to 180°F <i>(82°C)</i>	• Handles material temps up to 180°F <i>(82°C)</i>	• Handles material temps up to 420°F (216°C)
Sludge	Not suitable	• Not suitable	Recommend material test	Recommend material test	• Excellent
Slurries	Not suitable	Not suitable	Not suitable	Recommend material test	Recommend material test
Fine Particles	<ul> <li>Very fine particles that fluidize readily may require a flat spiral</li> <li>In some cases, a center core may also be needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very fine particles, including sub-micron, are easily fluidized, though capacity may be reduced by as much as 50%</li> <li>Avoid particles that are wedge shaped (i.e. limestone)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Good on dry granules</li> <li>Ideal for cereals, nuts, coffee beans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Good on fine non-smearing powders/granules</li> <li>Ideal for cereals, nuts, coffee beans, food ingredients, pet food, animal feed, a wide variety of chemicals, plastics &amp; more</li> </ul>	• Fine particles are suitable for conveying, however, powders such as cement & TiO <sup>2</sup> should be avoided due to product build up & higher drag factors
Running Empty	<ul> <li>Cannot be run empty for extended periods without excessive noise &amp; wear</li> </ul>	Can be run empty for extended periods	Can be run empty for extended periods	Can be run empty for extended periods	• Can be run empty for extended periods
Starting & Stopping	Can be started & stopped under load	• Cannot be stopped with material in the tubes because the solids will fall out of the air stream & settle to the lowest point	• Can be started & stopped under load	• Can be started & stopped under load	• Can be started & stopped under load



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	Straight incling no hands	CONFI	GURATIONS	Because cable drag converses	Because cable drag conversors
	<ul> <li>Incline with 0-90° bend</li> </ul>	Vertical – Horizontal	because cable drag conveyors operate in 3 planes, they can be laid out in an infinite number of variations	operate in 3 planes, they can be laid out in an infinite number of variations	operate in 3 planes, they can be laid out in an infinite number of variations
	<ul> <li>Incline Feeding a Horizontal Conveyor</li> </ul>	• Horizontal – Vertical – Horizontal	Some common configurations include but aren't limited to:	Some common configurations include but aren't limited to:	Some common configurations include but aren't limited to:
	• Horizontal	• 2 Linked Conveyors (1	a Darallal Dup	- Parallal Pup	- Darallal Pup
	Horizontal with Multiple Outlets	Horizontal Distribution	Golf Club Loop	Golf Club Loop	Golf Club Loop
	• Horizontal Inline Twin Screws	• Mobile	• Square Loop with Goose	• Square Loop with Goose	• Square Loop with Goose
			Neck	Neck	Neck
			Parallel (C)	Parallel 'C'	Barallel 'C'
			• Parallel '7'	• Parallel '7'	Parallel '7'
			Bulk Loop with Goose Neck	Bulk Loop with Goose Neck	Bulk Loop with Goose Neck
		SPECI	FICATIONS	• Buik Loop with Goose Neck	• Buik Loop with Goose Neek
Speed &	<b>USA FSC</b> Models 214, 258, 318, 412, 658 &	US AMC Models PC3, PC4, PC5 • PC3	Models CF3, CF4, CF5 • CF3 - Tube Size: 3" (75mm)	Model CH4 • CH4 - 4" (100mm) size	Models DF3, DF4, DF6, DF8 • DF3 - 3" (75mm)
Note: Speeds &	834 •FSC214 - Tube O/D: 2¼"	<ul> <li>Tube Size (OD): 3" (75mm)</li> <li>Cable Speed: Up to 750</li> </ul>	• CF4 - Tube Size: 4" (100mm)	• Speed typically up to 100	• DF4 - 4" (100mm)
on product behavior, flow	•FSC258 - Tube O/D: 2%" •FSC318 - Tube O/D: 3%"	ft/min • Capacity typically up to: 9	• CF5 - Tube Size: 5" (125mm)	ft/min (30m/min)	• DF6 - 6" (150mm)
characteristics, bulk density of material	<ul> <li>FSC412 - Tube O/D: 4½"</li> <li>FSC658 - Tube O/D: 6%"</li> <li>FSC624 - Tube O/D: 834"</li> </ul>	ft³/min (0.25m³/min)	• Speed typically up to 140	<ul> <li>Capacity typically up to</li> <li>6.2 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.18m<sup>3</sup>/min)</li> </ul>	• DF8 - 8" (200mm)
and layout including length & elevation.	UK/Europe	<ul> <li>FC4</li> <li>Tube Size (OD): 4" (100mm)</li> <li>Cable Speed: Up to 1,000 ft/min</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Capacity typically up to:</li> <li>3": 4.5 ft<sup>3</sup>(min (0.11m<sup>3</sup>/min))</li> </ul>	Variable conveying rates	• Speed typically up to 50 ft/min (15m/min)
	<ul> <li>120, 146 &amp; 196</li> <li>FSC37 - Tube I/D x O/D: 37 x</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Capacity typically up to: 18 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.5m<sup>3</sup>/min)</li> </ul>	4": 8.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (0.24m <sup>3</sup> /min) 5": 11 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (0.31m <sup>3</sup> /min)		• Capacity typically up to 10 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (0.28m <sup>3</sup> /min)
	• FSC44 - Tube I/D x O/D: 44 x 51mm	<ul> <li>PC5         <ul> <li>Tube Size (OD): 5" (125mm)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Variable conveying rates		Variable conveying rates
	• FSC55 - Tube I/D x O/D: 55 x 63mm	<ul> <li>Cable Speed: Up to 1,200 ft/min (366m/min)</li> </ul>			
	FSC67 - Tube I/D X O/D: 67 X     80mm     FSC80 - Tube I/D X O/D: 80 X	<ul> <li>Capacity typically up to: 36</li> <li>ft<sup>3</sup>/min (1.0m<sup>3</sup>/min)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>FSC80 - Tube I/D x O/D: 80 x</li> <li>90mm</li> <li>FSC90 - Tube I/D x O/D:</li> </ul>	No variable conveying rates			
	90x100mm • FSC120-Tube I/D				
	• FSC146-Tube I/D xO/D:146x158mm				
	• FSC196-Tubel/D xO/D:196x222mm				
	• Spiral speed is up to 1150 RPM (60HZ), 1450 RPM (50 HZ)				
	depending on the size of the conveyor				
	Capacity typically up to: 29 ft3/min (0.82m3/min)     Variable conveying rates				
Standard	Tubes: Food grade UHMWPE	• Tubes: 304 stainless steel	• Tubes: 304 Stainless Steel	• Tubes: 304 Stainless Steel	Structural Schedule 40 Pipe:     Carbon Structural Content (14): 1 Circuit:
Materials of Construction &	Spirals:     Carbon Stool (Mild Stool)	Cable: Carbon Steel (Mild     Steel)	• Cable: 304 Stainless Steel	• Cable: 304 Stainless Steel	Carbon Steel (Mild Steel)
Components	OR Upgrade to Stainless Steel	Discs: USDA Accepted	Discs: USDA Accepted     Polyurethane	• Discs: UHMWPE	Sealed pin chain w black neoprene or white nitrile seals
		Polyurethane	• Drive assembly	Drive assembly	OR Link & pin chain with steel washers OR Dropped forged
		• Manual inlet baffle	• Auto cable tensioner	<ul><li>Auto chain tensioner</li><li>Sweeps at standard angles of</li></ul>	chain • Discs: UHMWPE
		• Manual cable tensioner	<ul> <li>Sweeps at standard angles of 90°</li> </ul>	90° • Material feed inlet • Material discharge outlet	<ul> <li>Flanges: Carbon Steel (Mild Steel)</li> <li>Drive Assembly</li> </ul>
Electrical &	Motor	• 2- 7.5 HP (0.55 – 7.5 kW)	• 3 - 5 HP (2.2 - 3.7 kW) Motor	• 3 - 7.5 HP (2.2 - 5.6 kW) Motor	<ul> <li>Manual chain tensioner</li> <li>2 - 20 HP (1.5 - 14.9 kW)</li> </ul>
Pneumatic Requirements	Americas: 2 – 7.5 HP UK/Europe: .55 – 7.5 kW)	Motor • 60-80 psi	• 60-80 psi	• 60-80 psi	Motor • 60-80 psi
Inlets, Outlets	Multiple inlets & outlets	Multiple inlets & outlets	Multiple inlets & outlets	Multiple inlets & outlets	Multiple inlets & outlets
& Feeding	<ul> <li>Conveyor designed to be run fully charged &amp; can be run with</li> </ul>	• Must be stream fed	<ul> <li>Can be metered or flood fed, product dependent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can be metered or flood fed, product dependent</li> </ul>	Can be metered or flood fed, product dependent
	a full head of material in a hopper	<ul> <li>Inlets can be fitted with baffles, lids, hoppers,</li> </ul>	• Inlets can be fitted with	• Inlets can be fitted with	Inlets can be fitted with
	Vibration, air fluidizers or agitators can be fitted to assist	agitators, etc. Custom designs available.	baffles, lids, hoppers, agitators, etc. Custom	baffles, lids, hoppers, agitators, etc. Custom	baffles, lids, hoppers, agitators, etc. Custom
	<ul> <li>Inlets can be fitted w/ baffles, lids, hoppers, agitators, etc.</li> </ul>		designs available.	designs available.	designs available.
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	Conveyor	Mechanical Conveyor	Cable Drag Conveyor	Chain Drag Conveyor	Chain Drag Conveyor	
		0	ΡΤΙΟΝS			
	• Tubes:	• Tubes: 316 Stainless Steel	• Tubes: 316 Stainless Steel	• Tubes: 316 Stainless Steel	• Structural Schedule 40 Pipe:	
0 FC 0 Ca 0 30 0 Ai 0 Ri 0 Ri 0 M	<ul> <li>Food Grade Blue</li> <li>Carbon Stool (Mild Stool)</li> </ul>	• Cable: 304 or 316 Stainless Steel	Cable: 316 Stainless Steel	Chain: 316 Stainless Steel	<ul> <li>304 Stainless Steel</li> <li>216 Stainless Steel</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>304 Stainless Steel</li> </ul>		• Sanitary finish	• Sanitary finish	0 510 Starriess Steel	
	<ul> <li>Anti-static UHMWPE</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Inlet support base</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inlet support base</li> </ul>	• Chain	
	<ul> <li>Rubber Rhinoveyor</li> <li>Metal Detectible</li> </ul>	• Discs: Hytrel for high temperature applications	• Corner sprockets (90° Idler Housing)	• Corner sprockets (90° Idler Housing)	<ul> <li>Sealed Pin with High</li> <li>Temperature Silicone Seals</li> </ul>	
	Creiveler	Corner sprockets als     Inlet base support	• Hinged access covers	• Hinged access covers	& Steel Flights	
• Sp	<ul> <li>Spirals:</li> <li>304 Stainless steel spirals</li> </ul>		Hinged inlet chute access     covers	Hinged inlet chute access     covers	Cast Iron Flights	
	<ul> <li>Polisned spirals</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Inlet vibration - electric or</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inlet vibration - electric or</li> </ul>	• Flanges: Stainless Steel	
	Spiral Profiles	Hinged access cover	pneumatic	pneumatic	- Hanges. Stanless Steel	
	∘ Round		• Tube mounted inlets	• Tube mounted inlets	• Flanged discharge hopper	
	∘ Flat	Electric or pneumatic inlet	• Tube mounted outlets	• Tube mounted outlets		
	<ul> <li>Bevelled</li> <li>With Center Core</li> </ul>	vibration	• Tube valve with chute	• Tube valve with chute	Air actuated discharge gate	
o Dc	<ul> <li>Double wound</li> </ul>	• Extended capacity chute	(Pneumatically actuated inline discharge valve)	(Pneumatically actuated inline discharge valve)	Inspection port	
	• Flexible discharge hose	• Dust hood	<ul> <li>Extended capacity chute</li> <li>Dust hood</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extended capacity chute</li> <li>Dust hood</li> </ul>	• Chain vibrator	
	<ul> <li>Right angle gear reducer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Splash guard</li> </ul>	o Splash Guard	o Splash Guard	Controls	

			<ul> <li>Dust hood</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dust hood</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Right angle gear reducer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Splash guard</li> </ul>	• Splash Guard	• Splash Guard	Controls
	• Drive motor wash down	Pneumatic inlet baffle	• Manual or pneumatic inlet	• LIQ	
	• Mobile base	• Rotation sensor	baffle	baffle	
			Rotation sensor	Rotation sensor     (recommended)	
	<ul> <li>Integral bag dump hoppers</li> </ul>	Level indicators	Air purge     Chair a dhuatan	• Air purge	
	• Controls	• Auto cable tensioner	Chain vibrator	Chain vibrator	
			<ul> <li>Level probes – NEIVIA 4 or 7 (ATFX)</li> </ul>	• Level probes – NEMA 4/7	
		Mobile base	Mobile base	(ATEX)	
		Controls	Controls (with or without	Mobile base	
			VFD)	• Controls (with or without	
		Inlet Chute with Aeration	• Wash gate & drain	VFD)	
		Device	<ul> <li>Sight glass</li> </ul>	• Drain	
			• XP switch	• Sight glass	
			<ul> <li>Static grounding</li> </ul>	• XP switch	
			• 90° sweeps	<ul> <li>Static grounding</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Sweeps at custom angles</li> </ul>	• 90° sweeps	
				Sweeps at custom angles	
Explosion Proof Ontions	Static grounding (Earthing)	<ul> <li>Static grounding (Earthing)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Static grounding (Earthing)</li> </ul>	Static grounding (Earthing)	Static grounding (Earthing)
	Explosion proof motor	Explosion proof motor	Explosion proof motor	Explosion proof motor	Explosion proof motor
	Anti-static tubing	Purged control panels	Purged control panels	Purged control panels	Purged control panels
	Purged control panels	• NEMA 4 or 7	• NEMA 4 or 7	• NEMA 4 or 7 (ATEX)	• NEMA 4 or 7 (ATEX)
	NEMA 4 or 7	Hazardous area control panels	<ul> <li>Hazardous area control panels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hazardous area control panels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hazardous area control panels</li> </ul>
Hygiopic	<ul> <li>Hazardous area control panels</li> <li>Hygienic materials of</li> </ul>	Hygienic materials of	Hygienic materials of	Hygienic materials of	Not designed for hygienic
Design Options	construction available	construction available	construction available	construction available	applications
	• Drop out inlet for quick clean	Hinged housing covers	• Sanitary finish	• Air purge in housings	
	• Sanitary seal standoff	• Air purge in housings	Air purge in housings		
	Quick-release tube connections		• Spray nozzles in housings		
	UL Certification				
		C L E A	NABILITY		
Cleanability	Can be easily cleaned – spiral	Can be cleaned by dry	Can be cleaned by dry	Can be cleaned by dry	Can be CIP cleaned using
Options	a receptacle	product) or air purging	abrasive product) or air	abrasive product) or air	
For Non-	•		purging	purging	
Sanitary	Complete strip down in a few	Scavenged dust is directed		Concernent deset in diversity d	
Applications	minutes	out through discharge outlet	<ul> <li>Scavenged dust is directed out through discharge outlet</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scavenged dust is directed out through discharge outlet</li> </ul>	
	• Quick release & hygienic fittings	• Can be also wet washed/CIP		out through discharge outlet	
	are available as options along		<ul> <li>Can also be wet washed/CIP</li> </ul>	Can also be wet washed/CIP	
	with reverse facilities to aid	Cable can be removed for cleaning/drving remotely	Rope can be removed for	Chain can be removed for	
			cleaning/drying remotely	cleaning/drying remotely	
		• Wash gate & drain			
Cloanability	• LISDA 3-A designs available	Cable can be removed for	Wash gate & drain     Cable can be removed for	<ul> <li>Drain</li> <li>Chain can be removed for</li> </ul>	
Ontions	<ul> <li>The screw can be removed</li> </ul>	cleaning/drying remotely	cleaning/drying remotely	cleaning/drying remotely	
For Sanitary	Smooth surfaces can be				
Applications	cleaned & visually inspected				
- pp://outions	are available as options along				
	with reverse facilities to aid				
	clean down				

