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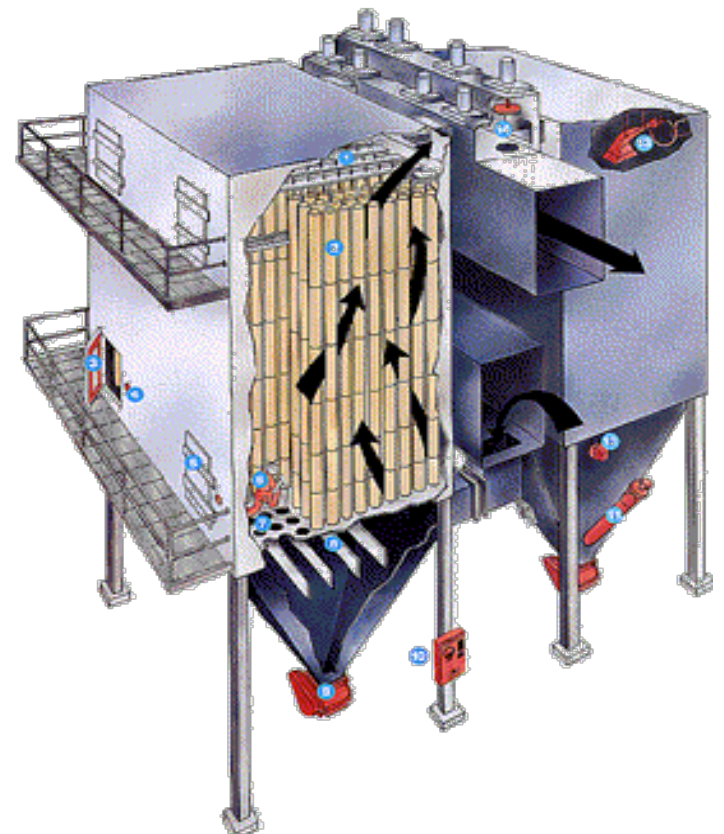


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Planning and Executing the Refurbishment of Coal-Fired Boiler Bag Houses

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imagination at work

Bag house refurbishment

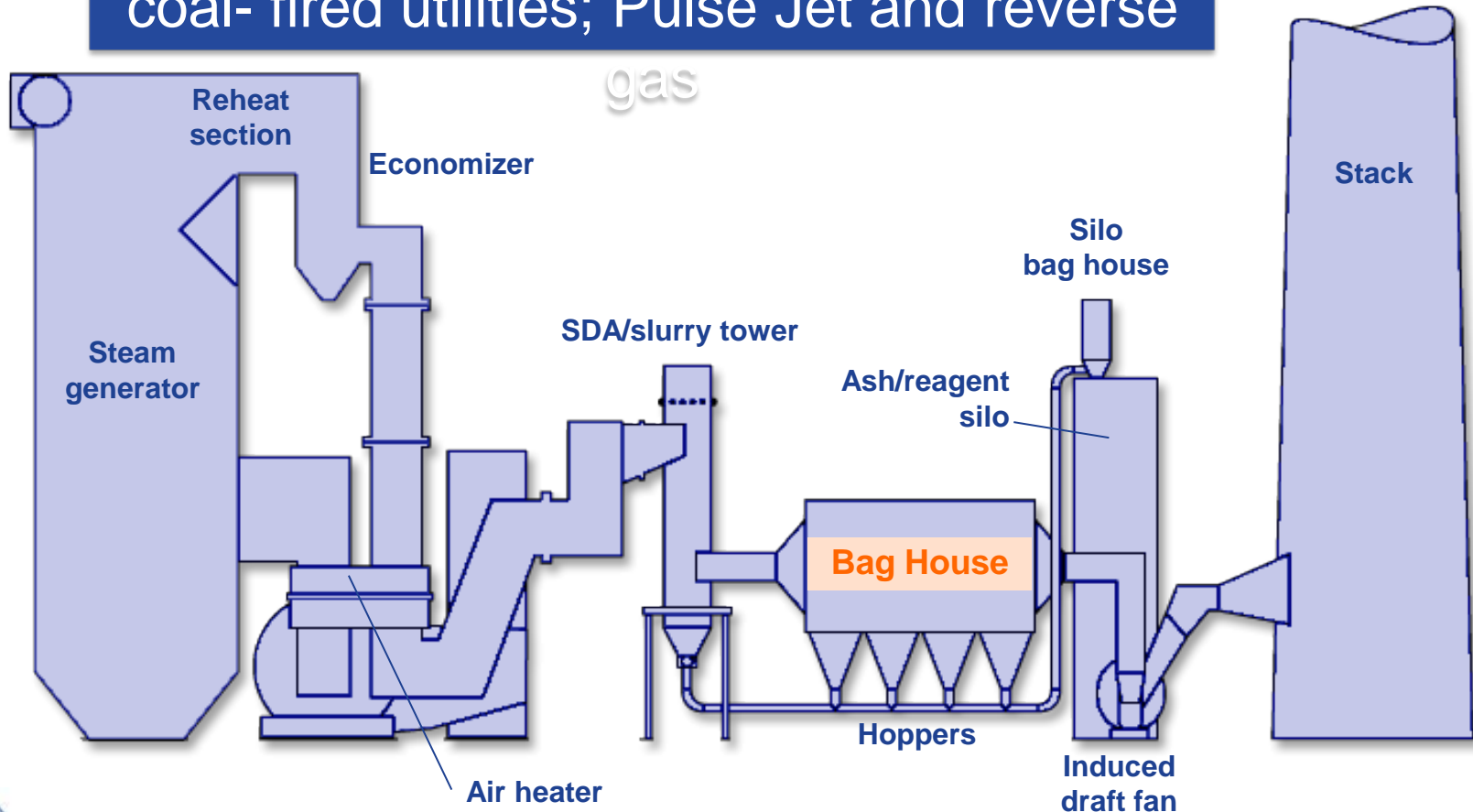
Background

- Fabric filters are becoming more common as the primary particulate removal device serving a coal-fired utility
- Fabric filters are capable of achieving consistent high efficiency removal of fine particulate
- The filter bags, however, must be maintained to retain performance
- This presentation outlines the process of accomplishing a filter bag change out

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Typical flow diagram

Two major types of bag houses serve coal-fired utilities; Pulse Jet and reverse



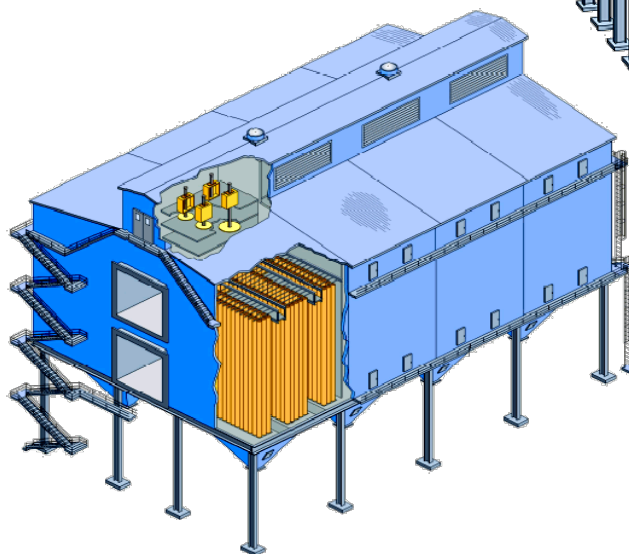
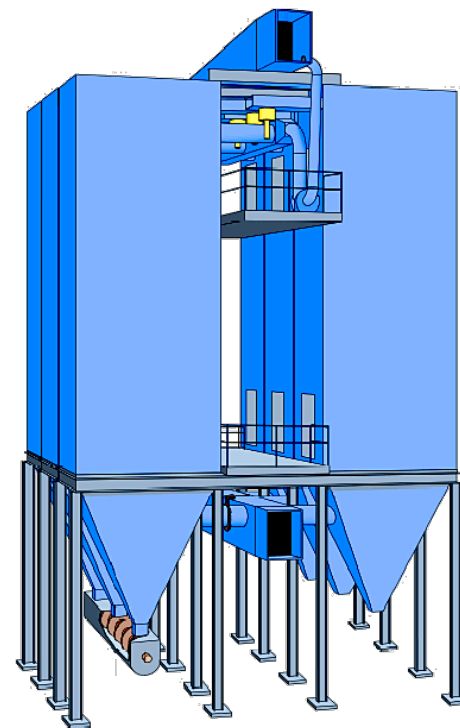
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Reverse gas fabric filter

Historically, 95% of applications utilized reverse gas collector designs

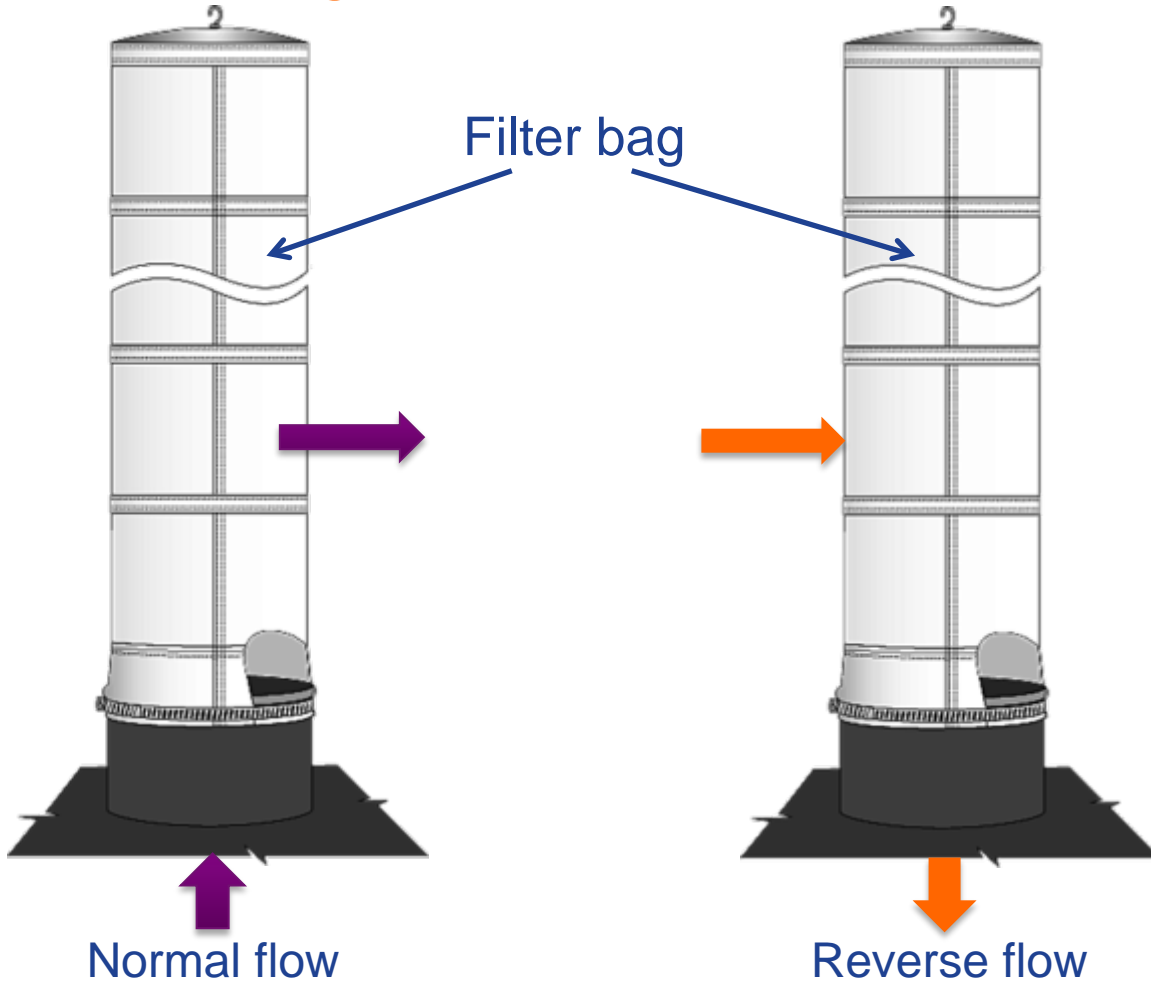
Typical configuration:

- Woven fiberglass bags
- 2:1 (fpm) Air-to-Cloth Ratio (ACR)
- 11.5" x 30' filters (29 cm x 9 m)
- 4 – 10 year filter life
- Large footprint housing
- Off-line cleaning



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Reverse gas fabric filter



Tension assembly

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Pulse Jet fabric filter

Most new installations use Pulse Jet technology

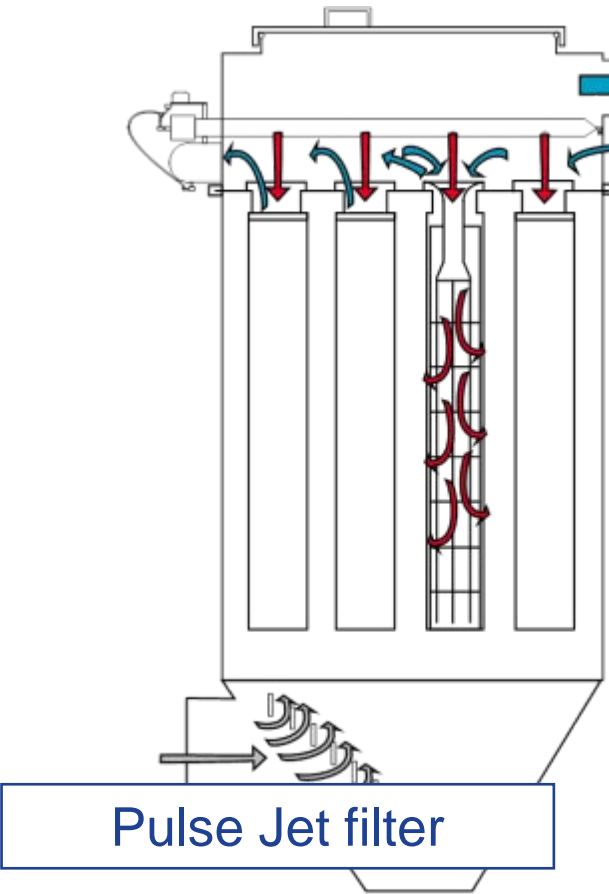
Typical configuration

- Needle felts (acrylic, PPS, P-84), woven fiberglass and pleated filter elements
- 2.8 – 3.5 (fpm) Air-to-Cloth Ratio (ACR)
- 6" x 24'+ (15 cm x 730 cm)
- 3 – 5 year filter life
- Smaller housing footprint
- Typically on-line cleaning



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Pulse Jet fabric filter



Cages



Pleated elements



Filter bags

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What drives the need for a bag change?

Ideally, filter bags should be changed at the end of their useful life

Multiple factors impact bag life:

- Gas temperature
- Dust loading
- Flow velocity and uniformity
- Cleaning cycles endured

Increasing rate of failure is an indication of bags reaching end of useful life

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Outage planning decisions

Multiple decisions must be made prior to initiating a bag change outage:

- Will bag change occur on-line or off-line?
- What is start date and duration of outage?
- Will change out be contracted or handled in-house?
- Is configuration of bag, and if applicable, cage known?
- Does a purchasing specification for labor/materials exist?
- What receiving and staging areas can be dedicated?
- How does a bag change out integrate with other outage activities?
- Are existing confined space entry and LOTO procedures adequate?
- Is internal condition of bag house known?

Answering the questions minimizes surprises

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Why is outage planning critical?

Estimated price off-line 500 MW boiler bag change out:

Pulse Jet: \$1.2 to \$1.8 million installed

Reverse air: \$1.0 to \$1.25 million installed

Filter bag replacement is the highest bag house maintenance cost

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Change out approach

Primary decision: **on-line or off-line change out?**

- The bag change out can occur while the boiler is shut down
- If sufficient and compartmentalization and isolation exists, the change out can occur while the boiler is on-line
- If not then bags must be changed out off-line
- There are advantages and disadvantages of both approaches

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Change out off-line

Pros

- **Speed** – Access to all compartments at the same time
- **Safety** – No challenges with radiant temperature from other compartments or potential gas stream leaks
- **Thoroughness** – Simultaneous leak testing and pre-coat of entire system with ability to start-up and shut-down fans
- **Control** – Ability to control airflow through entire system at even loading during start-up
- **Predictability** – Improved bag life predictability with all filters having same start-up date
- **Uniformity** – Unit starts up at overall lower pressure drop, allowing less cleaning required to maintain pressure drop

Cons

- **Time** – Outage sufficient for completion of entire unit; lost production



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Change out on-line

Pros

- **Time** – No boiler shut down required
- **Staging** – Minimize challenge associated with staging materials for several compartments

Cons

- **Safety** – Potential issues with compartment isolation and heat
- **Non-Uniform** – Uneven loading to compartments with new filters leading to possible bleed-thru/blinding
- **Velocity** – Potential high velocity leading to abrasion issues in newly re-bagged compartments
- **Duration** – Slower schedule, takes longer to complete entire unit
- **Start-Up** – Challenge to properly leak test and pre-coat individual compartments

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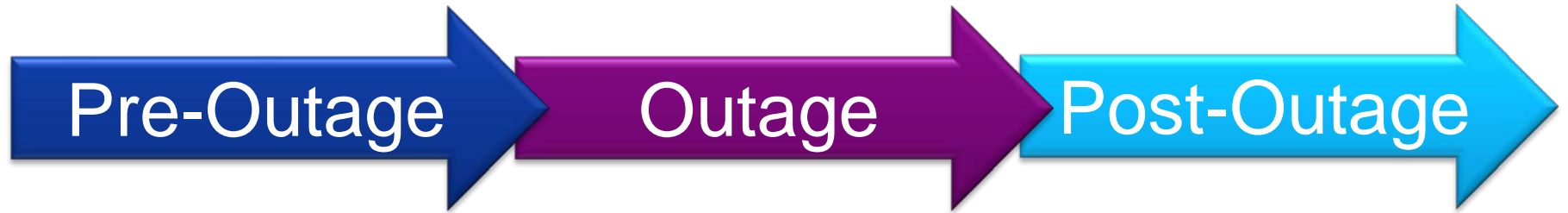
Change out mode decision

Basis for decision

- Reverse gas versus Pulse Jet
- RA typically conducive to on-line change out
- Pulse Jet must have sufficient A/C to accommodate operation with one or more compartments off-line
- Compartments must be capable of being isolated from heat and process gas
- Relative cost of each option
- Time available for change out

Bag house refurbishment

Phases of change out



| | | |
|----------|------------|----------|
| Inspect | Clean | Pre-coat |
| Plan | Remove | Start-up |
| Purchase | Position | Monitor |
| Schedule | Install | Sample |
| Receive | Verify | Test |
| Stage | Leak test | Inspect |
| | Demobilize | Record |

Boiler Refurbishment
Unit #
Project # 10000XXXX

| ID | Task Name | Duration | Start | Finish | Resource Names | April 2011 | | | | | May 2011 | | | | | |
|----|---|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--|--|
| | | | | | | Mar 28 | Apr 4 | Apr 11 | Apr 18 | Apr 25 | May 2 | May 9 | May 16 | May 23 | | |
| | | | | | | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | | |
| 1 | Receive PO | 1 day | Thu 3/31/11 | Thu 3/31/11 | | 31 | 3/31 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Manufacturing | 35 days | Fri 4/1/11 | Thu 5/5/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Bags (4 weeks ARO) | 4 wks | Fri 4/1/11 | Thu 4/28/11 | | 4/1 | | | | 4/28 | | | | | | |
| 4 | Cages (5 weeks ARO) | 5 wks | Fri 4/1/11 | Thu 5/5/11 | | 4/1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Outage | 2 wks | Sat 5/7/11 | Fri 5/20/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Installation / Services schedule Unit 2 | 21.75 days | Wed 4/27/11 | Wed 5/18/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Supplies Shipment Arrival | 0 days | Wed 4/27/11 | Wed 4/27/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Crew Travel/ Mobilization | 1 day | Tue 5/3/11 | Tue 5/3/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Site Safety / Prep Site | 0.5 days | Wed 5/4/11 | Wed 5/4/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Rental Equipment Delivery | 0 days | Wed 5/4/11 | Wed 5/4/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Bag and cage delivery | 1 day | Wed 5/4/11 | Wed 5/4/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Stage bags and cages | 1 day | Wed 5/4/11 | Wed 5/4/11 | 15 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Crane arrival on-site | 0 days | Thu 5/5/11 | Thu 5/5/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Dumpsters arrival on-site | 0 days | Fri 5/6/11 | Fri 5/6/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Compartment 1 Refurb | 2.75 days | Sat 5/7/11 | Mon 5/9/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Remove blowpipes / filters / cages | 1.5 days | Sat 5/7/11 | Sun 5/8/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Install filters/ cages / blowpipes | 1.25 days | Sun 5/8/11 | Mon 5/9/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Compartment 2 Refurb | 2.75 days | Sat 5/7/11 | Mon 5/9/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Remove blowpipes / filters / cages | 1.5 days | Sat 5/7/11 | Sun 5/8/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Install filters/ cages / blowpipes | 1.25 days | Sun 5/8/11 | Mon 5/9/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Compartment 3 Refurb | 2.75 days | Mon 5/9/11 | Thu 5/12/11 | 8 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Compartment 4 Refurb | 2.75 days | Mon 5/9/11 | Thu 5/12/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Bag and cage delivery | 1 day | Fri 5/13/11 | Fri 5/13/11 | Logistics Crew | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Stage bags and cages | 1 day | Fri 5/13/11 | Fri 5/13/11 | 15 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Compartment 5 Refurb | 2.75 days | Thu 5/12/11 | Sun 5/15/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | Compartment 6 Refurb | 2.75 days | Thu 5/12/11 | Sun 5/15/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | Compartment 7 Refurb | 2.75 days | Sun 5/15/11 | Tue 5/17/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | Compartment 8 Refurb | 2.75 days | Sun 5/15/11 | Tue 5/17/11 | 9 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Visolite testing | 0.5 days | Wed 5/18/11 | Wed 5/18/11 | 4 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Neutralite Injection | 0.25 days | Wed 5/18/11 | Wed 5/18/11 | 4 person team | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Demobilization of crew | 0 days | Wed 5/18/11 | Wed 5/18/11 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Task | | Rolled Up Task | | External Tasks | |
| Progress | | Rolled Up Milestone | | Project Summary | |
| Milestone | | Rolled Up Progress | | Group By Summary | |
| Summary | | Split | | Deadline | |

Bag house refurbishment

Pre-change out activities



Pre-outage activities

Bag house refurbishment

Basic material procurement

| Pulse Jet | Reverse air |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Filters | Filter bags |
| Cages (100% or spares) | Tensioning (100% or spares) |
| Door seal | Door seal |
| Labor | Labor |
| Pulse valve/solenoid parts | Clamps if required |
| Leak detection materials | Leak detection materials |
| Pre-coat | Pre-coat |

- Depending on outage needs, additional equipment such as cranes, air compressors, welders, scaffolding, and ventilation may be required
- Lead time of purchased and rented material must meet outage schedule

Bag house refurbishment

Pre-outage Inspection

- Outage duration and staffing is based on assumed productivities
- Productivity is directly impacted by the internal condition of the equipment
- To minimize “surprises,” inspecting the bag house or at least a small number of compartments is recommended
- A pre-outage inspection can identify:
 - Filter bag “stuck” on cage
 - Corroded blow pipes connections
 - Accumulation of particulate
 - Damage to tube sheet
 - Corrosion damage to access doors
 - How many people fit into a compartment
 - Other issues that require lead time to address

Bag house refurbishment

Clean air plenum access-space restrictions



Pre-outage inspection
can identify access

limitation

Bag house refurbishment

Clean air plenum access



What equipment is necessary to lift hatches and material?

Bag house refurbishment

Pulse valves and solenoids



Prior to outage, identify faulty diaphragm and solenoid valves

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Ash accumulation



Look for ash buildup

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Ash accumulation



Clean up before installation can
begin

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Blow pipe corrosion



Corrosion can cause blow pipe connections to seize

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Door seal

Pre-outage inspection helps identify extra work scope and materials

Leakage at access doors causes corrosion

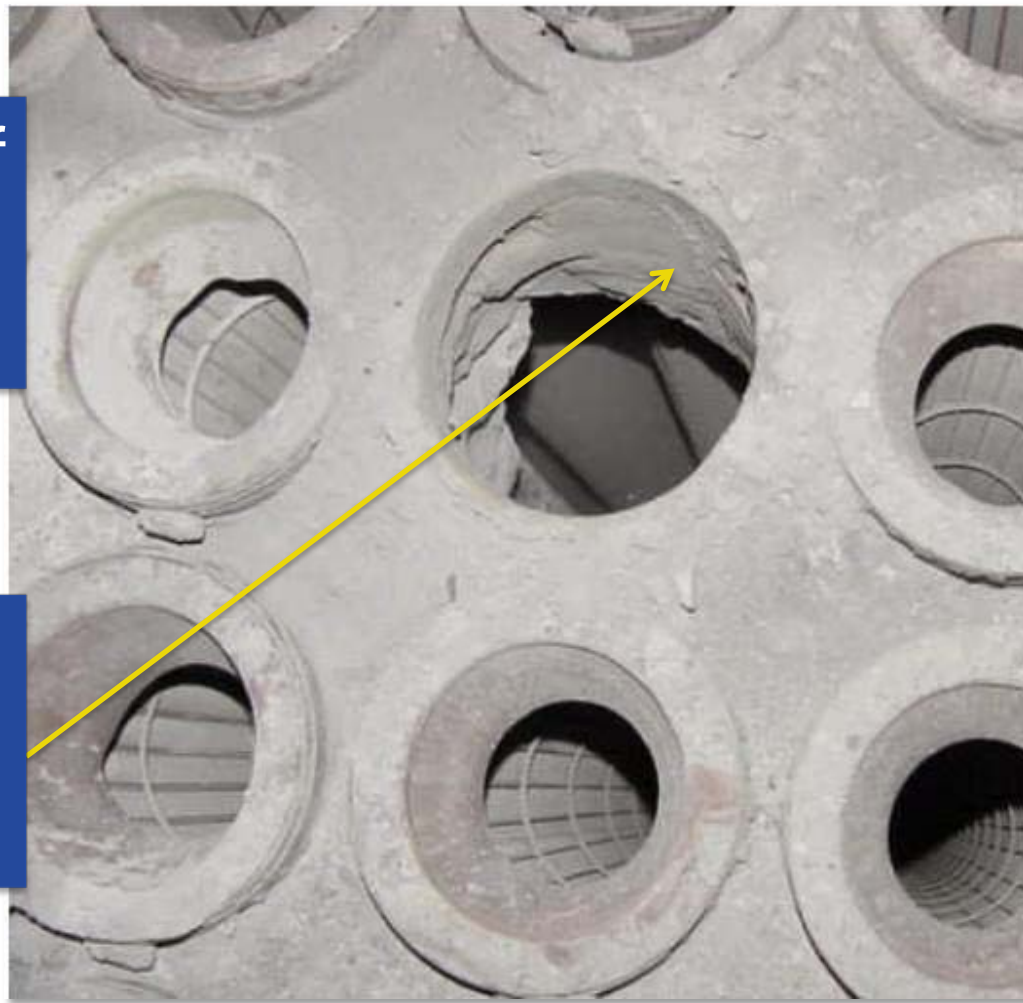


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Know what is in store for the crew

Deposits on bottom of
tube sheet hamper
bag removal

Unknown conditions
can destroy outage
schedules



Bag house refurbishment

Have you considered the weight of the filter bag?

Dirty filter bags may weigh several times more than a clean filter bag

| Reverse gas fiberglass filter bag 12" diameter x 35' long | Filter Weight |
|--|---------------|
| New filter bag | 16 lbs. |
| Dirty Bag - SCR Offline | 35-45 lbs. |
| Dirty Bag - SCR Online | 55-100 lbs. |
| Dirty Membrane Bag - SCR On or Off | 20 lbs. |

Bag house refurbishment

Pre-outage inspection

Inspection findings should be documented to identify:

- Repair work scopes
- Material necessary for repairs
- Need for “sucker” truck or other cleaning equipment
- Condition of tube sheet
- Available area for staging material near tube sheet
- Location of damaged bags
- Ease of access to platforms and doors

When documented, the inspection findings can be incorporated into the project scope of purchase specification

Bag house refurbishment

Outage activities



Outage activities

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Hopper clean out



Hoppers should be cleaned out and the outlet plugged to exclude debris

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Position material



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Staging new materials



To expedite outage, stage material near work station

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Filter/cage removal

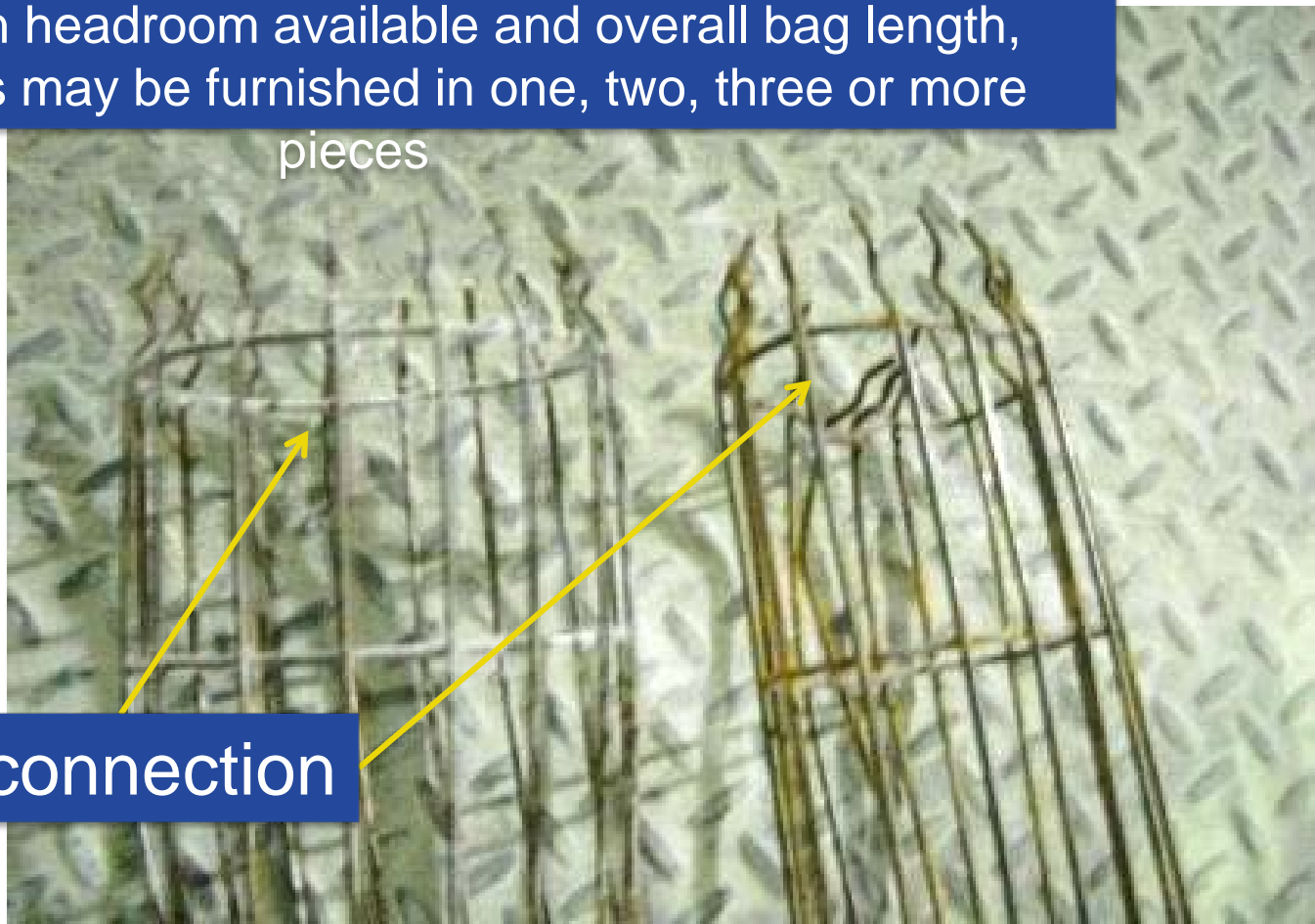


At the beginning of an outage, bags and cages are removed from the tube sheet

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Two-and three-piece cages

Depending on headroom available and overall bag length, support cages may be furnished in one, two, three or more pieces



Used cage connection

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Bag disposal



Used filters are placed in bags for disposal

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Bag disposal chute

Chute emptying directly into
 dumpster minimizes
 handling



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Installing new filters



Staging boxes of bags

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Lifting filter bags (reverse gas)



Bag house refurbishment

Fitting bag bottom and applying clamp



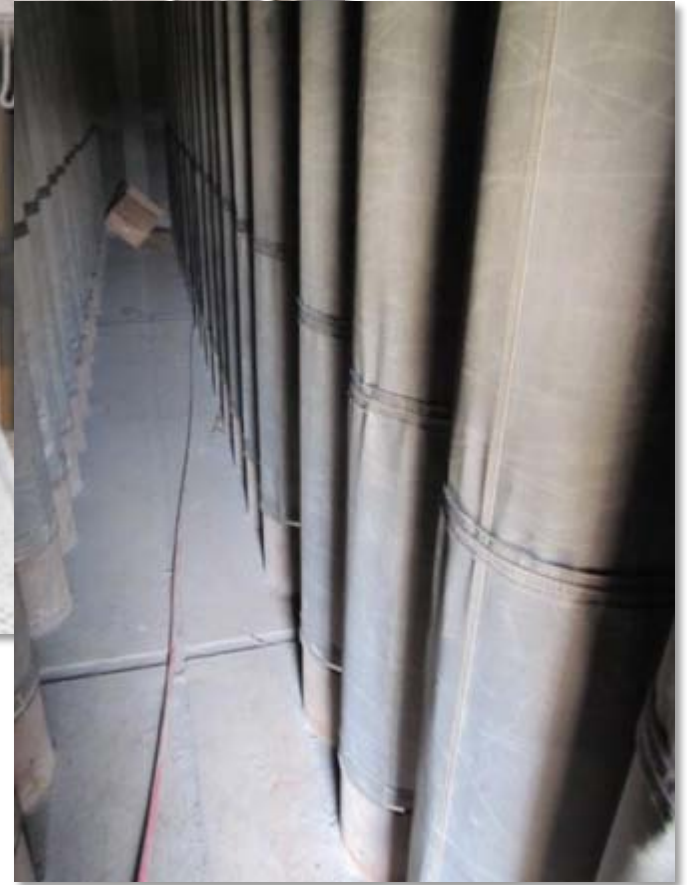
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Tightening bottom clamp



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Tensioning R/A filter bags



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Tube sheet replacement



If extensive tube sheet damage is noted during inspection, it can be replaced during outage

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Leak testing bag installation

Prior to releasing a compartment, the filter bag installation shall be leak tested

A leak test will identify:

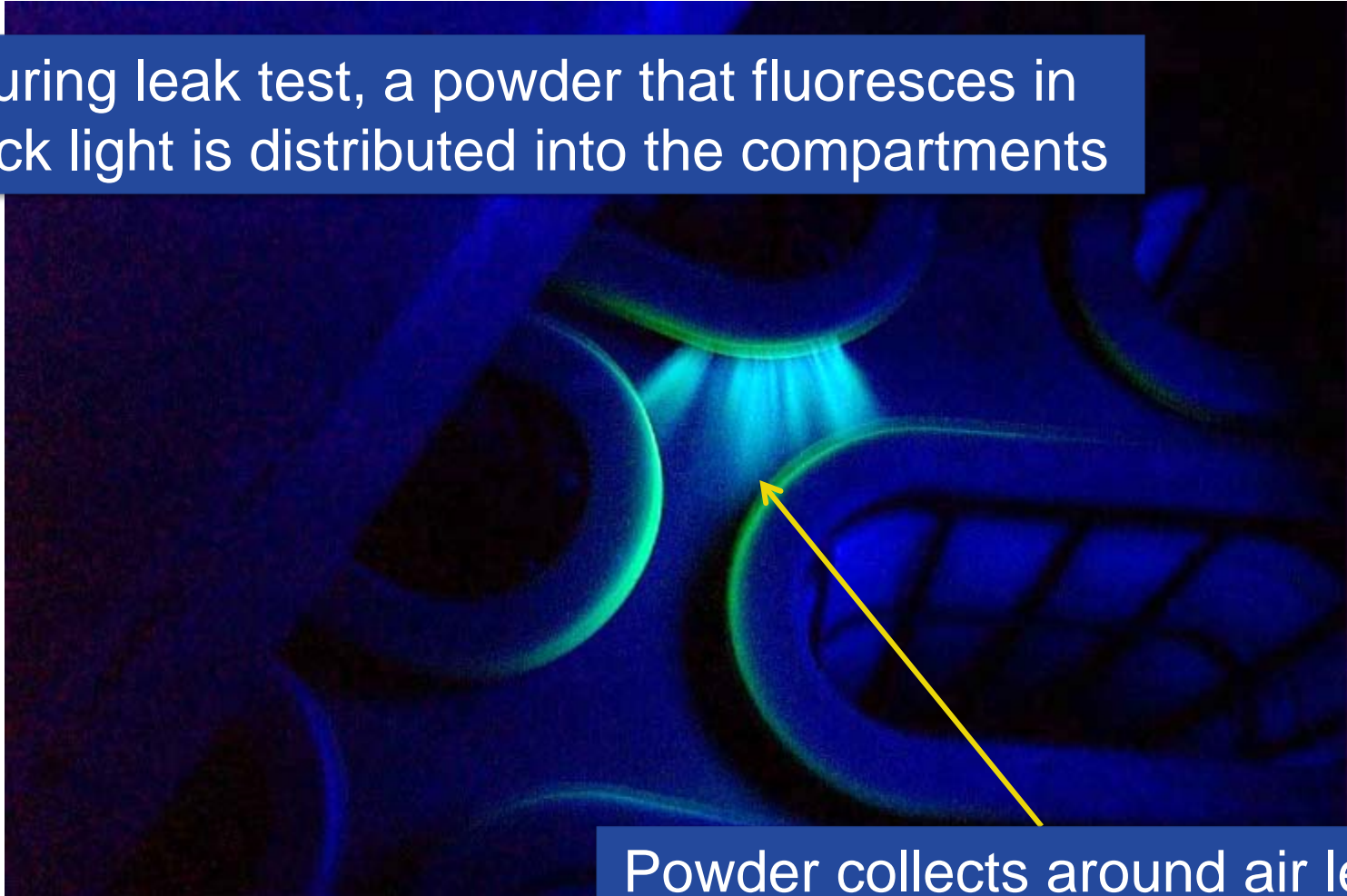
- Damaged bags
- Tube sheet leaks
- Loose clamps
- Improperly installed filter bags

Problems identified can be repaired before the compartment is turned back over to operations

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Leak testing bag installation

During leak test, a powder that fluoresces in black light is distributed into the compartments



Powder collects around air leaks

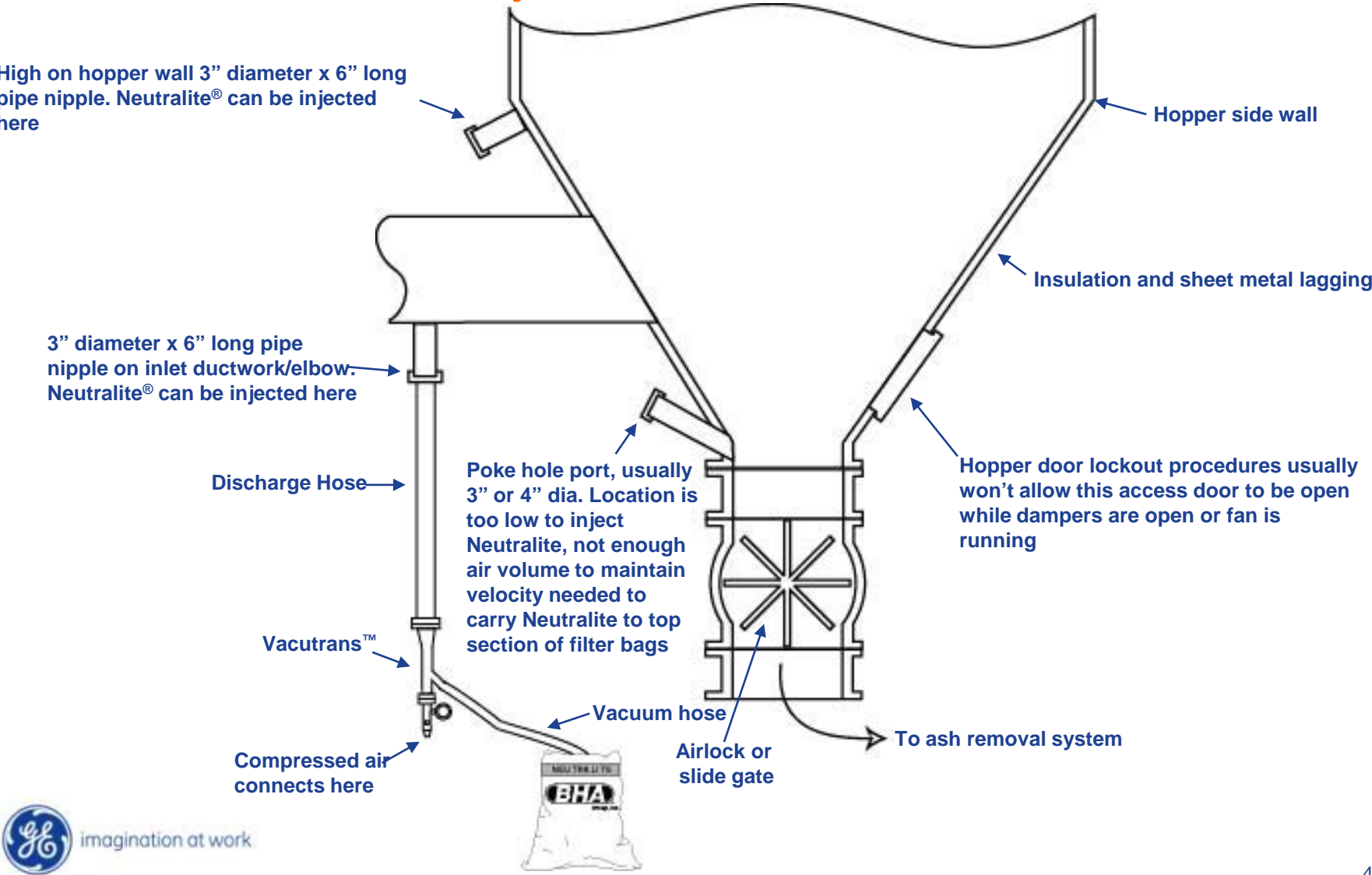
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Leak testing bag installation

- Shut off cleaning system
- Energize fan
- Inject leak test powder (~1lb. per 1000 sq. ft. of cloth)
- Shut off fan after powder has chance to disperse (varies)
- Enter compartment and inspect with black light
- Mark and map defects observed
- Repair and repeat

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Pre-coat/leak test injection



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Leak testing bag installation

GE Visolite® colors:

GREEN

ORANG

PINK

YELLO

Recommend purchase of at least two colors of leak test powder. Re-testing can then be performed using a different color



A variety of light sources are available



Bag house refurbishment

Start-up procedure



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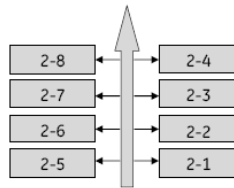
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Brayton Point Station Dry Scrubber System/Operation Procedures document for "SYSTEM STARTUP procedures".
This document describes the recommended startup procedure for Unit 2 PJFF only.

General Information

There is no alternative flue gas path from the boiler except through the pulse-jet fabric filter (PJFF). Flue gas from the SDA is ducted to the PJFF which evenly distributes flow to eight (8) compartments as shown in illustration 1 shown below:



Flue gas path (Illustration 1)

Each compartment contains 1,040 filter bags manufactured from polyphenylene sulfide (PPS) fabric laminated on the collection surface with GE Preveil™ ePTFE membrane. The filter bags are cleaned by using a reverse pulse of intermediate pressure (35 psig) compressed air at 150-200 ms on-time. To do so, compressed air is delivered to four (4) isolatable pulse air headers per compartment. Each header supplies air to 13, 3.0" double diaphragm pulse valves which are activated by a pilot solenoid valve and control air supply to a pulse manifold pipe. Each pipe delivers pulse air to twenty (20) filter bags within each compartment through holes in the bottom of the pipe. The reverse pulse of air dislodges the accumulated filter cake from the filter bags, and particulate falls to the hopper.

Precoating and Re-Coating Procedures

Initial Precoating

Since the system will start-up with natural gas, the materials used for approved precoating are selected so that the dew point is crossed during startup, protecting the filters. Refer to the instructions for amount and various methods on injection. The amount of filtration media which will require a total of 13,117 lbs. of GE approved precoating material should not be turned off or compartments isolated in order to hold on the surface of the bags for a period of 24 hours.

The inlet damper should be turned off after the initial startup, flyash is an acceptable material for re-coating of the filter bags. PJFF Unit 2 will require 65,584 lbs. (32.8 tons) of re-coating material.

Trucks should be utilized.

The rate of re-coating or re-coating is 50% of average operating gas flow rate (300,000 ACFM for Unit 2).

The requirement for either the initial precoating or subsequent re-coating is 50% of average operating gas flow rate.

The differential pressure with only the Neutralite pre-coat is expected to be very low in the 1" range across the individual compartments. This is completely acceptable.

When starting the unit online from a cold start, only 25% of the PJFF (2 compartments) should be started. For example, compartments 2-4 and 2-8 can be used for startup. If an additional amount of re-coat needs to be added, please consult with the GE technical advisor. Startup utilizing natural gas firing typically take 12 - 16 hours. Because the amount of re-coat is reduced, flue gas velocities through the PJFF unit are reduced. If the unit compartments were in service, it would take additional time for the re-coat to be applied. This would result in compartments operating a considerable amount of time below the dew point. Bringing several compartments online at different times and at different temperatures being brought up more quickly and subsequently cleaned more frequently. This minimizes the amount of condensation that occurs, which can damage the filter bags, support cages, and structural metal parts.

Refurbished Compartments

The inlet damper should remain off for all compartments, including the compartments until the differential pressure (ΔP) across the compartment has reached the inlet temperature has reached 1,000 F. When the inlet damper is turned on, the inlet temperature should be maintained at 1,000 F. When the inlet damper is turned on, the inlet temperature should be maintained at 1,000 F. When the inlet damper is turned on, the inlet temperature should be maintained at 1,000 F.

- The allowable volumetric flue gas flow rate, as measured at the stack, is limited based upon the number of compartments online (inlet & outlet dampers fully open). These limits are shown in Table 1. Unit load should be reduced as necessary to remain at or below these limits.

- Bring the pulse jet cleaning system online for each newly bagged compartment when the inlet damper is fully open, and the ΔP across the compartment tube sheet is 4.0" w.g.

Additional Guidelines

If the differential pressure ΔP exceeds 4.0" w.g. across a newly bagged compartment, the inlet damper should be closed and the minimum damper open times should be increased. If the differential pressure ΔP drops below 4.0" w.g. across all newly bagged compartments, the inlet damper to the compartment should be closed until the compartment ΔP is at or below 4.0" w.g.

Maximum Flue Gas Flow vs. No. of Online Compartments

| Number of Online Compartments Dampers Full (n) | Maximum Allowable Flue Gas Flow Measured in The Stack (ACFM) |
|--|--|
| 8 | 1,100,000 |
| 7 | 962,000 |
| 6 | 825,000 |
| 5 | 687,500 |
| 4 | 550,000 |
| 3 | 412,500 |
| 2 | 275,000 |

Additional Information

The maximum flue gas flow rate in any one newly bagged compartment is limited to 1,100,000 ACFM. This value was established to keep the air-to-cloth ratio and the differential pressure at or below system design parameters. Refer to GE Energy's Performance Warranty for more details.

The differential pressure difference in differential pressure between the individual compartments and system (measured inlet to outlet across the PJFF) pressure should be maintained at or below 4.0" w.g.

The PJFF unit cleaning system be controlled by pressure drop. Refer to the Pulse Jet Fabric Filter (PJFF) Operation/Pulse Air Cleaning System".

Document the start-up procedure to be applied

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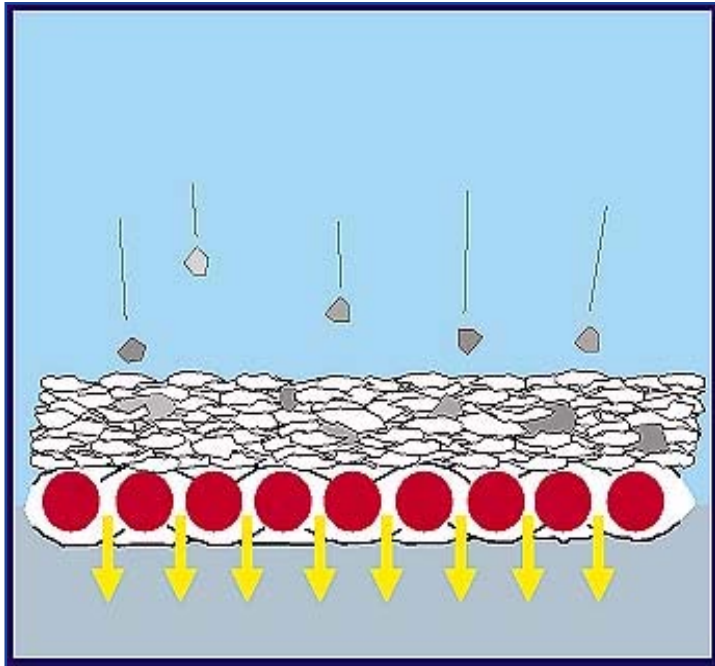
Start-up procedure

High level start-up guidelines:

- Build up initial dust cake (pre-coating)
- Preheat compartments
- Restrict airflows (balance dirty/clean compartments)
- Lockout cleaning cycle (initially)
- Stabilize process and release normal cleaning

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Pre-coating filter bags



It is recommended to pre-coat new filter bags prior to introducing flue gas. The pre-coat shall:

- Exhibit a wide range of particle sizes
- Contain a range of particle shapes
- Build to a uniform coat
- Present a neutral pH?
- Create a porous dust cake

Effective pre-coat ensures acceptable gas flow, protects bags from moisture, hydrocarbons, and initial blinding

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Start-up procedure

After pre-coating

- The cleaning system should be locked out to keep the initial dust cake in place until the desired differential pressure is achieved
- Monitor the DP at both flanges and tube sheet
- Cleaning prematurely will re-expose the new fabric to the gas flow, creating the potential for blinding and bag damage
- Cleaning system can be released when the desired pressure differential is achieved

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Start-up procedure

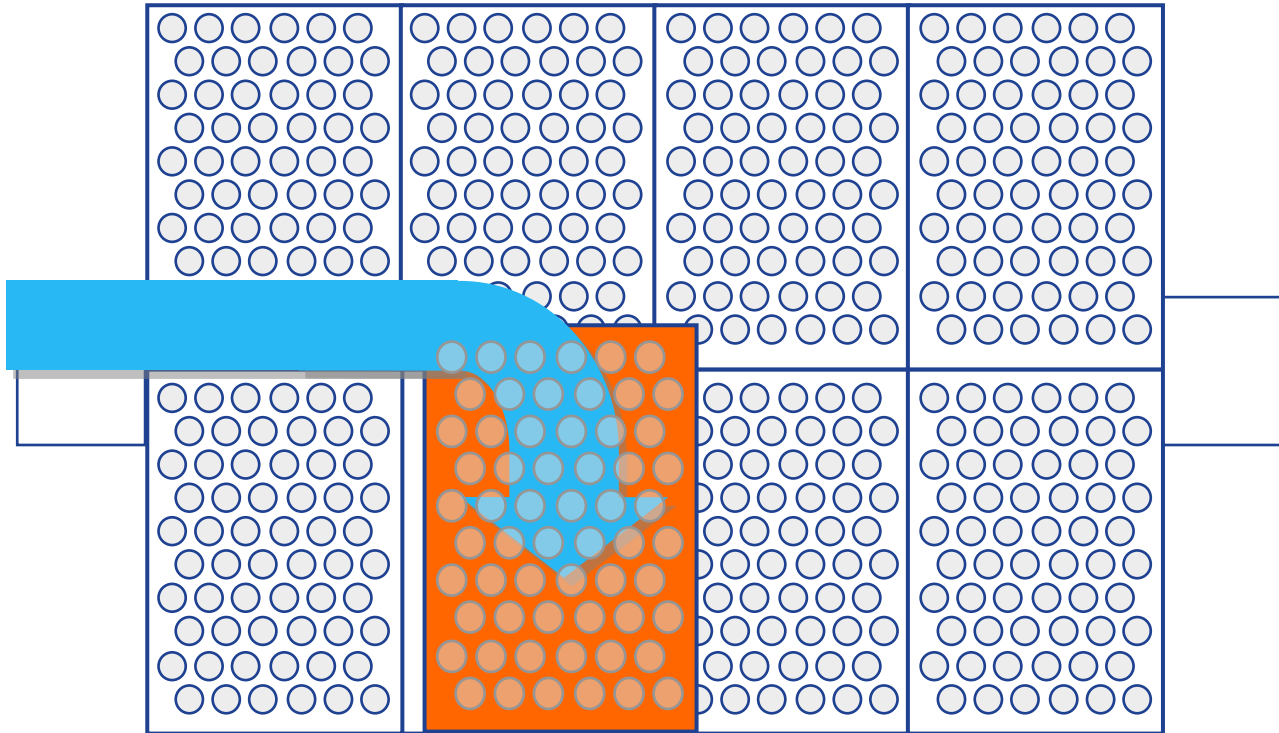
If possible start up the boiler on natural gas

Preheat the equipment on start-up fuel to minimize thermal shock to the mechanical and structural components of the system, and to ensure gas stream temperatures are above moisture and acid dew point prior to venting to the collector.

Bag house refurbishment

Why balance flow?

Compartment change out



After bag change out, new filter bags offer less resistance to gas flow, compared to used bags

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Why balance flow?

- Field testing shows clean filter media accepts 20 to 50 cfm gas flow per square foot area
- Dirty filter media with dust cake accepts gas flow in the range of 5 to 10 cfm per square feet area
- Based on this difference, the clean filter bags will treat about three times more gas than dirty media
- Potential for **blinding** of bags, **scouring**, and bag to bag **abrasion** damage
- Increasing pressure loss to the clean compartments, or the entire bag house with clean media, will minimize potential for damage

Bag house refurbishment

Restrict initial gas flow

| Pulse Jet system | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Damper setting | Operating period |
| 10% | 12 hours |
| 25% | 6 hours |
| 50% | 6 hours |

| Reverse gas system | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Damper settings | Operating period |
| 20% | 12 hours |
| 40% | 6 hours |
| 70% | 6 hours |

Not critical how, just that flow is restricted to clean compartments on start-up

Bag house refurbishment

Post-outage activities



Post-outage activities

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Post-outage activities

Post outage activities should be focused on preserving the bag change out investment

Some typical activities are:

- Inspections
- Bag testing
- Monitoring
 - Emissions
 - Pressure drop
 - Cleaning interval

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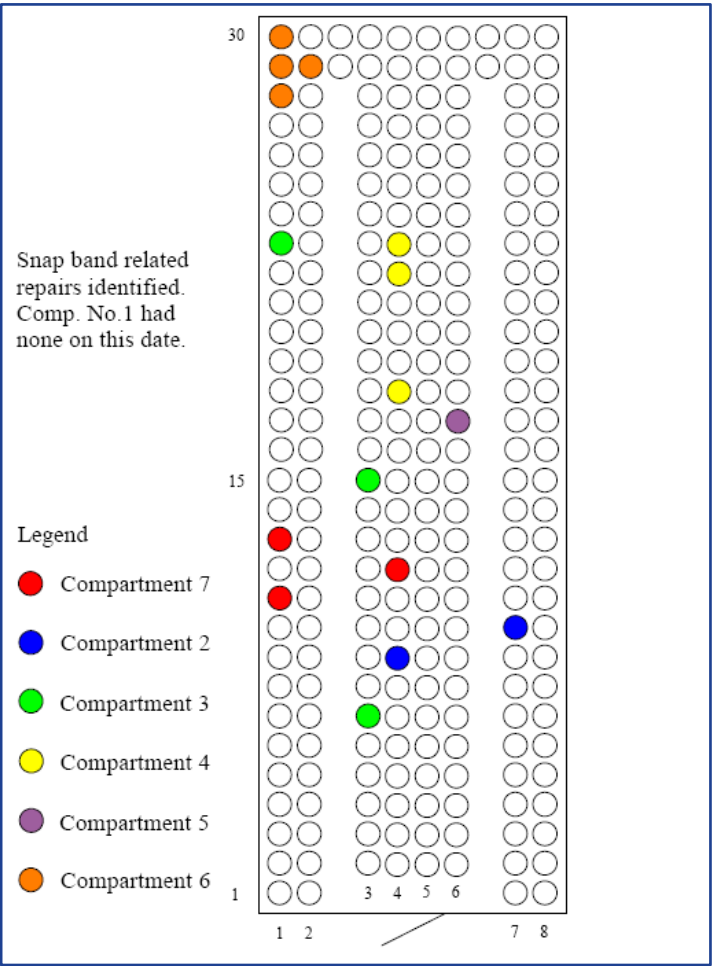
Post-outage activities

Inspections

- Each compartment should be inspected regularly to identify changes in condition
- Inspection shall reference bag installation date
- Establish tube sheet template for recording inspection observations
- Inspections should identify location of failed bags or components
- Location of defects can help characterize the nature of the problem

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Post-outage activities



Tube sheet templates record location of defect and inspection findings for future reference

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Post-outage activities

Bag testing

- Filter bag testing can identify cause for failures and provide indication of remaining useful life
- Samples of damaged filter bags should be tested
- On an annual basis, it is recommended to test a sample of operating filters

Typical properties tested are:

- Permeability
- Burst strength
- Flexural strength

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Post-outage activities

Bag testing

- Bag test results provide useful data when compared against baseline data
- Gathering bag test data for new filters and periodically thereafter provides an indication of the rate at which physical properties are degrading
- Test data obtained for failed bags provides insight into the failure mechanism
 - Chemical
 - Thermal
 - Mechanical

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Post-outage activities

Monitoring

- Overall emissions should be monitored, but individual compartment data may be more meaningful

Overall emissions can be evaluated for:

- Absolute emission level
- Changes in emissions over time
- Variations in emission during cleaning
- Individual compartment emission data helps focus inspection and monitoring activities
- Problems associated with overall gas or temperature distribution can be identified using compartment specific data

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Summary

- Filter bag replacement represents a major expense
- Proper planning minimizes surprises and extended outages
- Inspections performed prior to outages provide invaluable planning data
- Leak testing ensures that the installation was performed correctly
- Care must be exercised during start-up to avoid damage to clean filters
- Long-term management through inspections, bag testing, and monitoring will help extend the change out investment

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Q&A

Thank you for your time



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Fabric characteristics and suitability for power generation applications

| | Polypropylene | Polyester | Acrylic | Fiberglass | Aramid | PPS | P84 *** | Teflon® *** |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Max. continuous operating temp. | 170° F (77° C) | 275° F (135° C) | 265° F (130° C) | 500° F (260° C) | 400° F (204° C) | 375° F (190° C) | 500° F (260° C) | 500° F (260° C) |
| Abrasion | Excellent | Excellent | Good | Fair* | Excellent | Good | Fair | Good |
| Energy absorption | Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Good | Good | Good* | Good |
| Filtration properties | Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Fair |
| Moist heat | Excellent | Poor | Excellent | Excellent | Good | Good | Good | Excellent |
| Alkaline dust | Excellent | Fair | Fair | Fair | Good | Excellent | Fair | Excellent |
| Mineral acids | Excellent | Fair | Good | Poor** | Fair | Excellent | Good | Excellent |
| Oxygen (>15%) | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Poor | Excellent | Excellent |
| Relative cost | \$ | \$ | \$\$ | \$\$\$ | \$\$\$\$ | \$\$\$\$\$\$ | \$\$\$\$\$\$ | \$\$\$\$\$\$ |

^ Sensitive bag-to-cage fit

** Fair with chemical or acid-resistant finishes

*** Must oversize bag for shrinkage for temperatures above 450°F (232°C)

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Abrasion failure: Bottom of filter bags located directly in line with inlet gas stream

Excessive movement of filters causing bag-to-bag abrasion





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