

Air-oil centralized lubrication systems



A lubrication system should always be as modern and efficient as the machine it is lubricating.

Lincoln air-oil systems are ideally suited for this because they offer:

- Optimal lubricant supply to the bearing
- Reduction in lubricant costs
- Environmental friendliness









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Advantages

- Reduced lubricant consumption: up to 1/100th of the quantity when compared to grease lubrication
- Continuous supply with fresh oil
- Increased bearing service life
- Positive pressure sealing of the bearing against contamination (water, dirt)
- Drastic reduction in maintenance costs; no cleaning of grease needed during bearing inspection
- No grease contamination of equipment, the working area and cooling water
- No misting of oil
- Environmentally friendly; simple disposal methods
- Oil and scale can be individually disposed of (clean separation)

Function principle air-oil lubrication

An oil pump supplies a progressive or a single-line metering device with oil. The metered quantities of oil from the metering device are supplied to a mixing block that is connected to the compressed air network. The oil droplets in the line to the bearing are pulled apart in streaks by the flow of air. The airflow in the middle of the tube transports the oil along the inner wall of the tube. The carrier compressed air exits the bearing and simultaneously assists in sealing the bearing. No oil mist develops. A continuous, minuscule amount of oil enters the bearing.



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Air-oil single-line system

The air-oil injector operates on the singleline concept. This means that all injectors are connected via a mainline to the pump. The mainline is alternatively pressurized with oil and vented. Each injector outlet can be individually metered and the function is visually monitored via a steel ball. In addition, the airflow is adjustable for each outlet. As a result, the air-oil injectors are especially suited for systems with lubrication points that have large variances in lubricant requirements per point.

Environmental information for air-oil system

Air-oil systems, with air-oil injectors and Ecoflow distributors, reduce and accurately meter the lubricant quantities.

- Cleaning and disposal costs are reduced, as grease contamination of equipment, cooling water and the sinter are eliminated.
- When compared to oil mist lubrication, the breathing air is not contaminated with micro oil droplets. The macro oil drops remain in the bearing, thus avoiding breathing air contamination.

Air-oil mixing injector type AOI-FL

Output quantity:	0,025 to
	0,65 cm³/stroke
With metering screws	
in increments of:	0,025, 0,05, 0,1,
	0,3, 0,4, 0,5, 0,65
Oil pressure:	max. 50 bar
Venting pressure:	max. 6 bar
Air pressure:	3 to 6 bar
Monitoring:	visual via steel
	ball that indicates
	the stroke of the
	distributor





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Air-oil progressive system

When several hundred lubrication points are to be supplied, for example, in continuous casting or roll-out areas, progressive systems with mixing blocks and Ecoflow metering devices are used.

The air-oil mixture is produced within the mixing blocks. The distribution of oil to the mixing blocks occurs via SSV progressive metering devices. Depending on the size of the system, the mixing blocks are available in two different sizes. And, when different size strands are to be lubricated, SSVD metering devices may be used for the oil distribution. The air-oil flow is then distributed to the lubrication points by Ecoflow metering devices – which are also available in two sizes: "S" (small), "L" (large). The large Ecoflow metering devices are used as primary units that supply the smaller metering devices. This reduces the total number of mixing blocks and provides an even distribution for large systems.

Both the mixing blocks and the Ecoflow metering devices do not have moving parts, thus eliminating wear.





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Air-oil progressive system Progressive metering devices SSV and SSVD

Metering device SSV

The progressive metering device SSV supplies the oil in metered quantities to the mixing blocks. Number of outlets: 6 to 22. Monitoring via piston detector (proximity switch).

Metering device SSVD

When vastly differing quantities are required, the SSVD may be used instead of the SSV. The SSVD is adjustable per outlet pair (metering from 0,08 to 1,8 cm³ in 10 increments). The metering occurs with the metering device block via metering screws.

Air-oil mixing block type MB

The air-oil mixing blocks produce the air-oil flow. They are available in 2 sizes: type MB..S and MB..L.

MB..S mixing blocks have 2 to 6 outlets and the MB..L have 2, 3 or 4 outlets. As a result, various size strands with different numbers of lubrication points can be supplied with a flow of air-oil. In accordance with the flow rate, the inlet and outlet port sizes are different.



Progressive metering device SSV



Progressive metering device SSVD with metering screws



Mixing block MB-2-S



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Air-oil progressive system with Ecoflow air-oil flow metering device

The dividing of the finished air-oil flow is accomplished with the Ecoflow air-oil flow metering device. The special design concept of this device avoids the Coanda Effect* and achieves the desired split to secondary metering devices or to the lubrication points.

The Ecoflow metering devices are available in 2 sizes "S" (small) and "L" (large):

The large Ecoflow metering devices are used primarily to supply the smaller Ecoflow metering devices.

The large Ecoflow metering devices are available with 2 to 6 outlets, and the small metering devices with 2 to 8 outlets.



EFM-metering device - inlets

EFM-metering device - outlets

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G 1/4'

G 1/2"







*Coanda Effect: The tendency of a stream of fluid to stay attached to a convex surface. This results in an undetermined build-up of the oil film on one or more ports.

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 Model
 Outlet

 EFM 2-B-S
 2

 EFM 3-B-S
 3

 EFM 4-B-S
 4

 EFM 5-B-S
 5

 EFM 6-B-S
 6

S = small

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EFM 2-B-L	2
EFM 3-B-L	3
EFM 4-B-L	4
EFM 5-B-L	5
EFM 6-B-L	6

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EFM 8-B-S

Air-oil progressive system EFC installation assembly

EFC installation assembly units are used for the lubrication of bearings in rolling mills or straighteners. The EFC supplies 2, 3 or 4 lubrication points from a single inlet with an air-oil flow mixture.

Every assembly consists of a number of installation cartridges and spacers.

The special design of the cartridges enable the air-oil flow to be divided into the desired portions for each connected lubrication point. The spacers are used to match the length of the assembly to that of the bearing.



Spacer
 Cartridge
 Holding ring

4 Spacer 5 Connector with strainer

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Pentatube – air-oil lubrication for smelters

Pentatubes are used for the air-oil lubrication of bearings, sealing elements on rollers. roller inserts, straighteners and for similar applications. They are mounted to the component via bores directly in the housing or axis, and individually supply the lubrication points via internal channels. The volumetric distribution of the oil portions occurs precisely in the desired proportioned ratio.

Advantages compared with conventional insert elements

The patented Pentatube built-in components divide the oil portions in accordance with the progressive system and produce the air-oil flow directly in front of the application point. This design has significant advantages when compared to conventional systems.

- Lower compressed air consumption because the metering of the oil occurs in the progressive metering device and not via the air flow.
- The supply of oil to the lubrication point is ensured even in the absence of compressed air.
- Pentatubes can also be used with high-viscous oils.
- Precise metered oil guantities independent of variances in the air flow
- Possibility of direct electrical monitoring
- Several possible supply systems can be used that are simple and cost-effective lubrication systems (single-line, multi-line, two-line, progressive).



- 1 Pressurized oil inlet
- 2 Penta-block
- 3 Pentatube 4
- SSV progressive metering device **5** Electrical piston detector (optional)
- 6 Compressed air inlet
 7 Banjo fitting 6 L G 1/8 (in combination with item 1 oil inlet)

System features	
Operating pressure	
(compressed air):	1 to 6 bar
Operating pressure	
(oil):	20 to 350 bar
Operating	
temperature:	0 up to 110 °C, short period
	temperatures can be higher
Medium:	mineral oil/synthetic oil, free-flowing
	grease lubricants, compressed air/nitroger
Viscosity:	2 to 1 000 mm ² /s at operating temperature
Number of outlets:	2 to 8
Seals:	FKM
Material:	brass, galvanized steel
Insert bore diameter:	6 to 30 mm
Insert bore depth:	up to 2 500 mm

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