# Maschines and systems for molding material preparation

Reproducible molding material quality Tailor-made solutions Excellent value for money



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For many decades, Eirich has been working closely with foundries, mold makers, raw material suppliers, and research institutions.

The performance potential of a modern molding line can only be unlocked with first-class, consistent quality of the molding material – and this is exactly what the name Eirich stands for.

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# Molding material preparation – the driving force behind the production cycle of a foundry

Get your production cycle really moving with a molding material preparation system that supplies exactly the molding material you require, whenever you need it.



**Eirich molding material** quality for optimum results

**The Eirich range of products and services :** everything you need for reliable processes – from a single source



**Eirich molding material mixer:** for all performance requirements and line sizes

The EvacTherm<sup>®</sup> process: the fast track to production



Modernization and retrofitting:

solution for unrivaled cost efficiency and superior quality

**Control solutions** for molding material preparation



# Eirich molding material quality for optimum results

The unique advantages of the Eirich mixing system deliver reproducible molding material quality to the highest standards.

### Modern foundry requirements for molding materials

### Quality

 Consistency and reproducibility under changing loads

### Productivity

- Ensuring the supply of molding materials to high-productivity molding lines
- Highest-possible line availability

### Environmental

• Reduced emissions and increased environmental sustainability

#### Costs

- Robust processes with plannable costs
- Frugal use of raw materials and energy

### Eirich molding material systems meet all these requirements. In particular, they offer:

### Quality

- Perfect homogenization of return sand, new sand, and additives
- Fast and complete distribution of the water added to the mix
- A sufficiently long wet mixing time is ensured
- The bentonite is completely dispersed and forms a uniform coating on the grains of sand

### Produktivity

- 98% line availability
- Intelligent prepared sand distribution Continuous control over the mass flow rate of the prepared sand

### Environmental

- Approx. 40% less exhaust air with an Evac-Therm<sup>®</sup> mixer/line
- Reduced need to dispose of filter dust with an EvacTherm<sup>®</sup> mixer/line
- Noise emissions dramatically reduced thanks to the torque drive
- Smaller footprint of the EvacTherm<sup>®</sup> line compared to a conventional system with cooler

### Costs

- 25% energy savings through torque drives
- Reduction in the consumption of additives through intelligent additive management system
- 40% reduced landfill costs with the Evac-Therm<sup>®</sup> system
- Significant reduction in maintenance costs for dust extraction from pipes with the EvacTherm<sup>®</sup> system



# The Eirich range of products and services everything you need for reliable processes – from a single source











From the control system, dosing system, and the individual mixer to the complete line – everything is from a single source: Eirich

### Machines and systems for molding material preparation: Eirich offers the complete solution

### Eirich – the right partner for all the components that make up a preparation line:

- Molding material mixer the heart of the system for optimum preparation of the molding material
- Cluster of weighing balances for return sand, additives, new sand, and water
- Control modules for optimum management of molding material quality
- Industry 4.0
- Moisture probe for moisture level correction
- QualiMaster AT1 sand tester for inline testing and closed-loop control of molding material quality
- Table feeder for demand-driven material flow downstream of the mixer
- Storage and conveyor systems
- Return sand conditioning equipment (screens, cooling, separation of ferrous and non-ferrous materials)
- Dust extraction filters
- Steel structure / buildings



## Molding material mixers for all performance classes

#### Conventional molding material preparation

Hourly output approx. t/h <sup>2)</sup>	Hourly output m³/h ¹)	Batch size <i>l</i> liters	Drive power (kW) Rotor / mixing pan	Mixer type
1,65-1,75	1,95	75	5,5 / 1,5	R08
3,3-3,5	3,9	150	11 / 3	R09
5,5-5,8	6,5	250	22 / 5,5	R12
8,8-9,3	10,4	400	37 / 7,5	RV12
13,3-14	15,6	600	37 / 7,5	R16
20-21	23,4	900	45 / 9,2	RV16
24,6-26	29	1.125	75 / 15	R19
33-35	39	1.500	90 / 18,5	RV19
50-53	58,5	2.250	110 / 2x15	R24
66-70	78	3.000	132 / 2x22	RV24
88-94	104	4.000	160+90/30	R28-41
110-117	130	5.000	160+110 / 2x22	R28-51
133-140	156	6.000	200+132 / 2x22	R33-61
155-164	182	7.000	250+160 / 2x30	R33-71

<sup>1)</sup> with 26 batches/h

 $^{\rm 2)}$  with a bulk density of the molding material of 0.85 - 0.9 t/m  $^3$ 

#### EvavTherm® molding material preparation

Hourly output approx. t/h <sup>4)</sup>	Hourly output m³/h <sup>3)</sup>	Batch size/ liters	Drive power (kW) Rotor / mixing pan	Mixer type
7,65 - 8,1	9	375	45 / 7,5	RV11VAC
15-16	18	750	55 / 9,2	RV15VAC
31-32,5	36	1.500	90/22	RV19VAC
61-65	72	3.000	160 / 2x22	RV23VAC
102-108	120	5.000	2x160 / 2x22	R32VAC
143-151	168	7.000	2x200 / 2x30	RV32VAC

<sup>3)</sup> with24 batches/h

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle (4)}$  with a bulk density of the molding material of 0.85 - 0.9 t/m³







# The EvacTherm<sup>®</sup> process: an excellent solution for outstanding efficiency and quality

The process developed by Eirich is totally unique, and like no other it guarantees consistent, reproducible molding material quality – despite the variability that can be present in terms of starting conditions.

Large volume for steam – 1 liter of water produces 1673 liters of steam



Surface tension



### The EvacTherm<sup>®</sup> process: mixing and cooling in a single machine

- Fast bentonite activation through the presence of a steam atmosphere and temporary over-humidification
- Constant temperature of the prepared sand, regardless of climatic conditions
- Potential reduction in the volume of sand circulating in the system
- Significantly reduced amounts of exhaust air, smaller dust extraction system
- Small footprint
- Reduced requirements for conveyor technology
- Recirculation of process water as condensate, with resulting reduction in salt input and reduced deactivation of the bentonite
- Excellent options for energy recovery



### Reports from Eirich customers:

- Savings of binders, in particularly bentonite
- Significant reduction in preparation costs per ton of molding material
- Improved product quality through reduction in the number of casting flaws due to the molding material temperature
- Reduced reject rates
- Reproducible molding material quality thanks to the interplay between the moisture correction sensor and QualiMaster AT1
- High availability of the machines
  and lines

For synthetic molding sand For semi-synthetic molding sand For natural sand

# Modernization and retrofitting

#### Performance features:

- Professional support and advice provided directly on-site by an Eirich service technician
- Analysis of the current status of your machine/system
- Information about new technical developments
- Preparation of a detailed optimization proposal
- Support during implementation and commissioning, incl. supply of documentation
- Training of operating staff

#### Advantages

- Expert support directly from the manufacturer
- Increased effectiveness and cost-efficiency
- Fast and straightforward conversion to state-of-the-art technology

New control technology (including for non-Eirich molding sand preparation: systems) for performance optimization of existing lines

### Swap old for new!

### Retrofitting of the testing/quality system QualiMaster AT1

- Take full advantage of all the options available with the inline tester QualiMaster A1:
- Modular layout, with the option to upgrade at any time
- Web interface with integrated ProView process data visualization for viewing on portable terminal devices
- Measurement options (compactibility, shear strength, springback, temperature, gas permeability, deformability)
- Platform-independent communication via
  OPC UA
- Rugged design for demanding conditions
- Reduced measurement time for stable closed-loop process control



**Modernisierung** 



Visualization of the measurement results of the QualiMaster AT1 ProfiPlus

# Control solutions for molding material preparation – everything from a single source!

Assured quality Enhanced productivity Improved performance

### Quality

### Closed-loop process control

### The path to perfect molding sand in 4 steps

- 1. Moisture measurements
- 2. Compactibility control with QualiMaster AT1
- 3. Shear strength control with QualiMaster AT1
- 4. Preventive molding sand control with SandExpert

### SandExpert

### Perfect software tool for quality assurance

- Preventive molding sand control based on mold model data and wear factors
- Basic version available as SandReport for continuous measurement and analysis of batch data



### Communication

### Process visualization

- Simple operation and graphical overview of the machine/system
- Detailed status display for all sensors and actuators of mixers and system components
- Standard features include formula management, batch logging, recording of measured values, and many others

### Distribution of molding sand

- Online measurement and visual representation of the prepared sand distribution on the entire conveying system
- Improved preservation of molding material properties through demand-based filling of the machine silos.
- Reduced wear on belts and scrapers

### ERP interfaces

- Direct data exchange between SandExpert
  and ERP databases
- Support for all current database systems and data file formats
- Batch logs, mold data, formulas and laboratory data can be transmitted



### Availability

### Diagnostics

- Modules for online status monitoring of your machine
- Avoidance of unscheduled downtime
- For just-in-time procurement of spare parts – and therefore reduced warehousing requirements

### Documentation

- Identification of installed components through graphical navigation in the flow diagram
- Simplification of spare parts inquiries and ordering processes
- Faster access to the full documentation of all components and machines supplied by Eirich

### Remote service / maintenance

- Remote servicing module for machines and systems
- Efficient technical support
- Faster reaction times resulting in increased line availability

### ECD-Online / MyEirich

- Clear presentation of original Eirich
  parts
- Easy identification of installed machines, equipment and original Eirich parts
- Shopping cart function
- Customer-specific machine data is continuously updated – and up-todate details are always available for the customer via the web portal



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