# Rare Earth Roll DRY HIGH INTENSITY Magnetic Separator



SETTING INDUSTRY STANDARDS WITH HIGH-INTENSITY RARE EARTH ROLL PERMANENT MAGNETS



### HIGH INTENSITY RARE EARTH ROLL

## Magnetic Separators

With the ever increasing demand for high-purity feedstocks used in manufacturing, Eriez offers its Rare Earth Roll dry high-intensity magnetic separators. These DHIMS provide maximum efficiency in the separation of weakly magnetic particles for product purification applications.

Eriez applied sophisticated finite element analysis in magnetic circuit design to produce an energy-free separator capable of generating the exceptionally high field-strengths needed to remove unwanted fine iron contaminants.

Magnetic cleaning has been applied to the most basic industry foundations such as industrial minerals, metals recycling, glass batch and cullet, abrasives and refractories, chemicals pharmaceuticals, and plastics.

#### WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS:

- Industrial Mineral Silica Sand Quartzite Feldspar Nepheline Syenite
- Heavy Mineral Sands Ilmenite Leucoxene
- Chemicals and **Pharmaceuticals**
- Abrasives and Refractories Alumina Garnet Chromite Corundum
- Recvcling

### **ENGINEERED FOR OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE**

- High-intensity magnetic roll assembled from rare earth permanent magnets
- Magnetic roll diameters of 100, 150, and 300mm
- · Magnetic roll widths up to 1500mm
- **Continuous duty applications** treating up to 12 T/h feed/separator
- · All stainless steel construction
- · Variable speed drive on each magnetic roll.
- Vibratory feeder and roll feeder designs available



Fig 1: Schematic of the Rare Earth Roll Magnetic Separator





The Rare Earth Roll, generating peak magnetic field strengths approaching 24,000 gauss, is very effective for concentrating or removing weakly magnetic minerals from a dry process stream. The Rare Earth Roll magnetic separator is designed to provide peak separation efficiency and is typically used when a high-purity product is required. The roll is constructed of discs of neodymium-boron-iron permanent magnets sandwiched with steel pole pieces. The steel poles are magnetically induced to the saturation point of approximately 24,000 gauss. Magnetic roll diameters are typically 100, 150, and 300mm.

The magnetic roll is configured as a head pulley in the separator. A thin belt, usually from 5 to 20 thou thick is used to convey the feed material through the magnetic field.

When feed material enters the magnetic field, the non-magnetic particles are discharged from the roll in their natural trajectory. The paramagnetic, or weakly magnetic, particles are attracted to the roll and are deflected out of the non-magnetic particle stream. A splitter arrangement is used to segregate the two particle streams.

### Magnetic Circuit

The magnetic element is comprised of alternating discs of rare earth (neodymium-boron-iron) permanent magnets and steel poles. The magnet discs induce the steel poles and generate a high-intensity high-gradient magnetic field. A contour plot of the magnetic field configuration of this magnetic circuit is illustrated in Figure 2. The highest magnetic field strength occurs at the interface between the magnetic disc and the steel pole piece. A close-up of the magnetic field configuration at this interface is also shown in Figure 2.

#### Fig 2: Modeling the Magnetic Roll



Contour plot of magnetic field configuration. Close-up on magnetic discs and steel pole. Note that the bighest magnetic field strength occurs at the interface of the magnet and steel pole.



Close-up contour plot of the magnetic field configuration of magnetic roll. The magnetic circuit consists of alternating magnetic discs and thin steel pole pieces.

# Separation Variables

The magnetic attractive force generated by the magnetic roll is opposed by centrifugal force. The primary variables affecting separation efficiency are the magnetic field strength, feed rate, linear speed of the separator surface, and particle size. An effective separation requires an equilibrium among these variables.

#### FEED RATE

In assessing the feedrate, a balance must be struck between an economic feedrate, product specifications, and collection of the magnetics. As the feedrate increases, the layered particle bed on the feed belt increases in height and the collection of magnetics decreases.

#### LINEAR SPEED

The linear speed of the roll is also a primary variable related to the feedrate. As the linear speed is increased, the layered particle bed decreases in height responding with an improved collection of the magnetic particles.

The centrifugal force exerted by the roll surface is the critical factor in providing separation. Beyond the critical speed, the centrifugal force overcomes the magnetic attractive force and the separation efficiency deteriorates.

#### **SEPARATION STAGES**

Another primary variable is the number of separation stages. This is very common when treating industrial minerals such as silica sand, quartzite, feldspar, or nepheline syenite. The Rare Earth Roll magnetic separator is utilized to remove weakly magnetic iron-bearing minerals producing a high quality nonmagnetic product. Multiple separation stages may be required to achieve product quality.

A multi-stage separation is commonly performed as is illustrated in Figure 3. The initial separation produces a magnetic and a nonmagnetic product. The non-magnetic product is subsequently treated on the second separation stage producing an additional non-magnetic and magnetic product. This process is repeated on a third separation stage.

#### **PARTICLE SIZE**

Particle size will also affect separation efficiency independent of all other variables. Coarse particles provide a relatively high burden depth on the separator surface and respond with a relatively strong magnetic attractive force. Coarse particles typically provide high unit capacities with high separation efficiencies. Fine particles with a relatively low mass respond poorly to magnetic forces. As a consequence, precise magnetic separations require balancing magnetic forces against centrifugal forces.



Fig 3: Three Stage Separation



A general separation efficiency curve is illustrated in Figure 4. This test work provides a classic example of diminishing efficiency at each separation stage. Both the iron and weight rejection decreases with each separation stage. The highest level of iron rejection to the magnetic product is achieved in the first stage of separation. Subsequent separation stages provide a diminishing return.



Fig 4: Effect of multiple separation stages on the magnetic cleaning of silica sand

## Separator Sizing

Eriez Rare Earth Roll magnetic separators are available in several sizes to meet any specific application. There are several variables affecting the feed rate on the Rare Earth Roll magnetic separator. The bulk density and the size of the material are fundamental in determining the appropriate unit capacity.

#### **Rare Earth Roll Sizes**

Roll Diameter (mm)	Roll Width (mm)	
75	125 to 1500	
100	125 to 1500	
150	125 to 1500	
300	125 to 1500	

Roll widths are available in 125mm increments

## Unit Capacity

Application	Unit Capacity <sup>1</sup>
<b>Light Material</b> - Plastic Pellets for Compounding, Fine (-20 Mesh) Industrial Minerals such as Silica or Alumina, Pharmaceutical Powders, Resins, or Grains	25 to 40
<b>Industrial Minerals</b> – Glass/Ceramic Feedstocks sized at –20 Mesh + 150 Mesh – Silica Sand, Quartzite, Feldspar, Nepheline Syenite, Alumina, or Tabular Alumina.	40 to 115
<b>Heavy Mineral Sands</b> – Sized at -10 Mesh - Ilmenite, Leucoxene, Rutile, Zircon, Staurolite, or Monazite.	70 to 140
<b>Fine Heavy Material</b> – Hematite and Limonites Sized at -10 Mesh or Metallic Powders.	90 to 180
<b>Coarse Heavy Material</b> – Iron Ore and Slags Sized at -13mm.	140 to 230

<sup>1</sup> Unit Capacity is kg/hour for each 25mm of magnetic roll width.

## Separator Specifications HIGH INTENSITY RARE EARTH ROLL MAGNETIC SEPARATOR

The Eriez Rare Earth Roll magnetic separator incorporates the latest available design and technology. The highest strength and highest quality magnet material is utilized. This separator combines the best engineering and operational features and provides excellent performance with ease of operation, inspection, and maintenance.



Top: magnetic bead pulley and tail pulley Bottom: three stage sebaration





Positive belt tracking feature

#### **OPTIONAL FEATURES:**

- · High strength neodymium-boron-iron permanent magnets.
- · STD magnetic roll diameters available to match the specific application.
- STD magnetic roll widths available to match the production capacity.
- Multiple separation stages available on one separator. Up to three magnetic rolls placed in series.
- Kevlar feed belt. Positive belt tracking features.
- Cantilever rolls for ease of operation and maintenance.
- Mounted hopper with slide gate control.
- Mounted vibratory feeder or roll feeder with control to provide consistent feed rate to the magnetic roll.
- Independent drive on each magnetic roll.
- · Variable speed drive. Feed belt speeds up to 82 mpm using a variable frequency control.
- All stainless steel construction.
- Wide range splitter to segregate magnetics • and non-magnetics.
- Flanged magnetic and non-magnetic product discharge chutes.
- Dust tight housing available.
- · High temperature magnets available.



Several three-roll separators treating feldspar



Three-roll separator with 152.4mm diameter magnetic rolls



- Electric Motor TEFC Feed Belt
- Tail Pulley Assembly -
- Dynaloc for positive belt tensioning Tail Pulley Shaft Pin
- Tracking Adjustment Steady-Cantilever Arm
- Hanger Type Bearing Housing Rare Earth Roll Assembly Cantilevered Support Frame 7.
- **Direct Drive with Flexible** 10.
- Coupling

# Engineering Services and Technical Center

### ERIEZ PROVIDES ENGINEERING SERVICES TO COVER A WIDE RANGE OF FUNCTIONS, ASSISTANCE, AND SUPPORT

- Design and equipment modifications incorporating specific features and options. The separator may incorporate various options and features applicable to the process.
- Equipment layout and dimensional drawings. Modifications are common to fit an existing plant or provide specific operating characteristics.
- Equipment selection, sizing, material flows and balances. Eriez has a database for accurate separator sizing and separation performance.
- In-plant audit to determine iron contamination levels, production flow rates, material handling aspects, equipment selection and sizing, and predict performance.



The Technical Center at Eriez has a wide variety of Magnetic Separators. Testing high purity quartz on the 150mm diameter Rare Earth Roll magnetic separator.

## Eriez Technical Center

The Technical Center in Erie, PA provides material testing services and is the most complete and advanced laboratory facility of its kind anywhere in the industry. A wide variety of magnetic separators are also available at Eriez' facility in Epping, Victoria in addition to several at commercial labs throughout Australia, to evaluate an extensive range of separation applications. High intensity magnetic separation tests are typically carried out to assess separation performance on a representative sample to characterize the separation parameters. A series of separation tests are conducted investigating the effect of the different separation variables specific to the material. The test work may extend from the basic bench scale feasibility stage through to an extensive pilot plant program dependent on the assessment required. All test work culminates in a report detailing

the test work and equipment recommendations.

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