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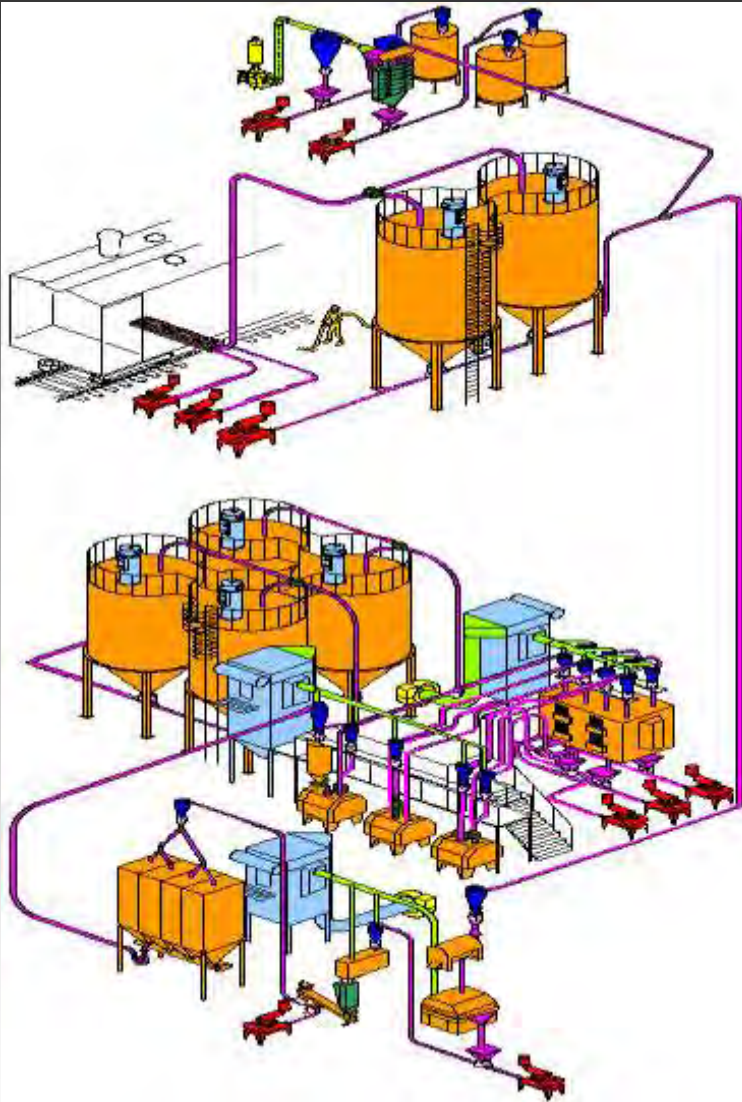
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# What Air Can Do For You

- Move product – Conveying systems, both positive and negative
- Clean/classify Product - Aspiration
- Clean Atmospheres – Dust control
- Cool (or heat) product
- Provide suction on equipment (flaking rolls, hammermills, scales, elevator legs, etc.)
- Make environments more comfortable for people – more efficient for equipment
- Make environments fatal for insects



# AIR SYSTEMS



- Air Pumps
- Fans
- Cyclones
- Filters
- Airlock Valves
- Multi-Aspirators
- Pneumatic Conveying



**THINGS WE  
CONVEY  
WITH AIR**

# Effects of Uncontrolled Air



# Pneumatic Conveying

Controlled movement of product, from point “A” to point “B” using the medium of air – either by pressure, (blowing) or vacuum, (sucking).

# TYPES OF PNEUMATIC CONVEYING

- Dilute phase conveying
- Dense phase conveying
- Fluid bed conveying
- Central vacuum sweeper systems

# What should NOT be pneumatically conveyed

- Things too wet
- Things too sticky
- Things too fragile

Everything should be considered  
on its own merits



# Common Design Velocities

- Settling Velocity in Bag House Filter – “can velocity” – less than 250 fpm
- Air Stabilization 500-1500 fpm
- Dust Control 3500-4000 fpm
- Pneumatic Conveying 4000-5000 fpm
- Pneumatic Conveying of steel shot or sand 5000+ fpm

# CFM (Air Volume)

Velocity (ft/min)=4005 $\sqrt{P_v}$  ( $P_v$  = velocity pressure)

Area of Circle=3.14 x  $r^2$

**Volume (CFM)=Velocity (ft/min) x Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)**

# What Causes a Choke (Airflow Stops)

- Air is leaking out somewhere
- Adding too much product
- Too much distance
- The tubing diam. is too small
- Too many “obstructions” like ells, diverters
- A combination of all of these.

# Conveying System Components

- Motivator
- Air Seal
- Receivers
- Tubing System

# Motivator



- Positive displacement air pump – NORMALLY used for pressure systems
- Centrifugal Fans – NORMALLY used for vacuum systems
- Compressors – NORMALLY used for dense phase conveying and specialty systems which we will avoid today.

# Fan advantages

- Provides dust control
- Simple – no gears
- Simple – no lubrication
- Can “digest” dust
- Typically lower cost
- Normally provide a “large” volume of air at a relatively “low” static pressure.
- Provide dust control on the machine you are conveying from
- Can provide some cooling or drying “enroute”.

# Fan Disadvantages

- Fans “give-up” when you need them the most.
- Are limited on their ability to run at “high” static differentials – vac. or press.

# Characteristics of Pumps

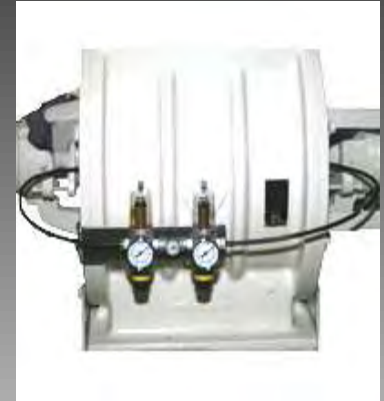
- Make significant noise without silencers
- More expensive than centrifugal fans
- Considered low volume and high pressure
- Require lubrication – good quality and levels of oil
- Can be used for either pressure conveying systems or vacuum conveying systems.



# Characteristics of Pumps

- These pumps do not “give-up”. If you block the discharge, (add resistance), they do not quit but will beat their brains out trying to overcome the resistance. These are “work horses.”
- Typically used on line sizes of 2” OD to 8” OD, or 100 CFM to 1600 CFM.
- Generate heat – approx. 12 degrees for every 1 PSIG of pressure.

# Air Seal



- Device to prevent air from entering the system “uncontrolled”

Injector valve used on the inlet(s) of pressure conveying systems (can be more than one)

Discharge valve on vacuum systems.

# Diverter and Bin Fill Valves



# Receivers



- Cyclones are simple, 98+% efficient depending on product and design, and economical with low pressure drop.
- Bag house filters are 99.999% efficient, require maintenance, require additional HP, and more money. Don't make life easier, but many times are required by code.

# Tubing System

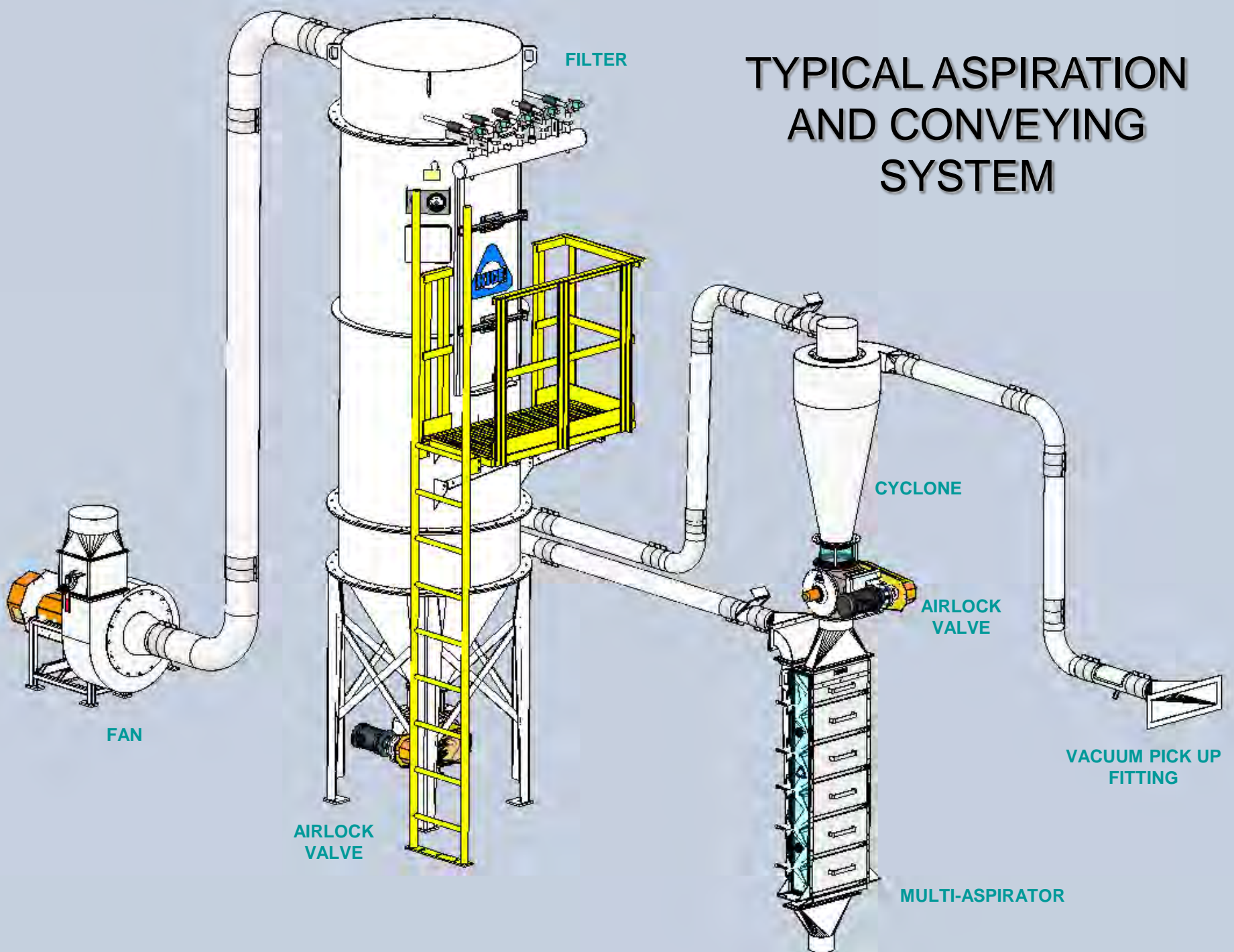


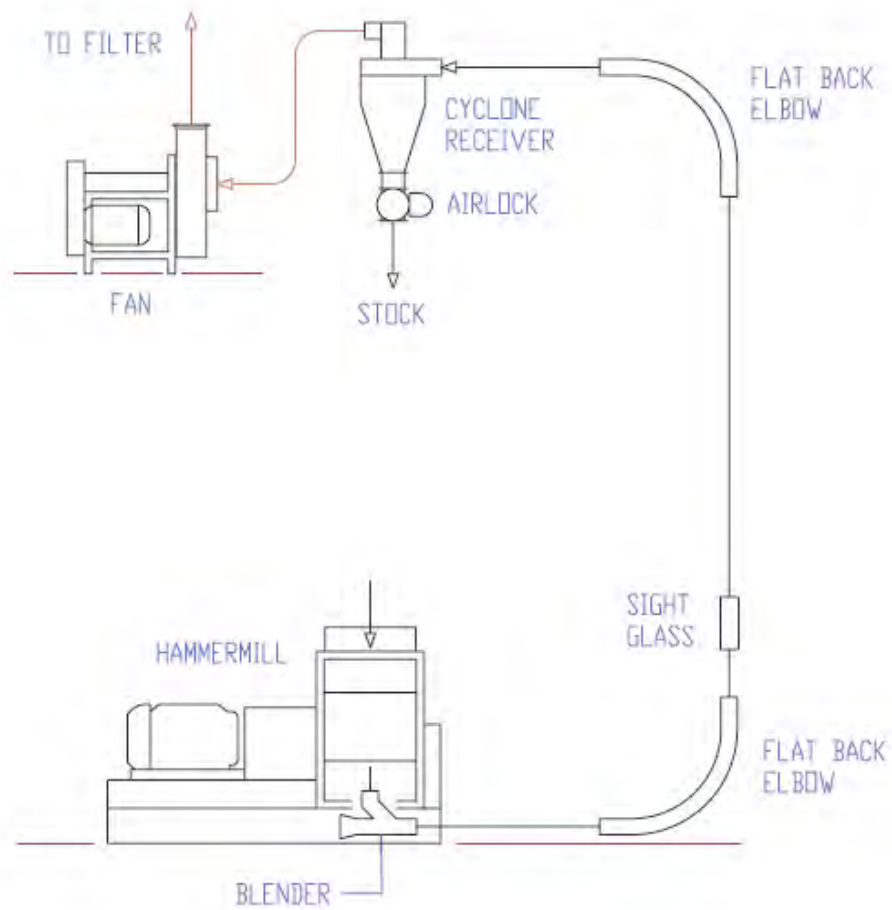
- Tubing – size/diameter determined by the air volume since a “typical” velocity is constant.
- Ells – size same as tubing, radius determined by product. Normally 36” radius.
- Couplings – Sized by tubing. Bolt together or compression couplings.
- Sight glass Ass’y – Difficult to monitor a system and control performance without observing.

# Typical Conveying Systems

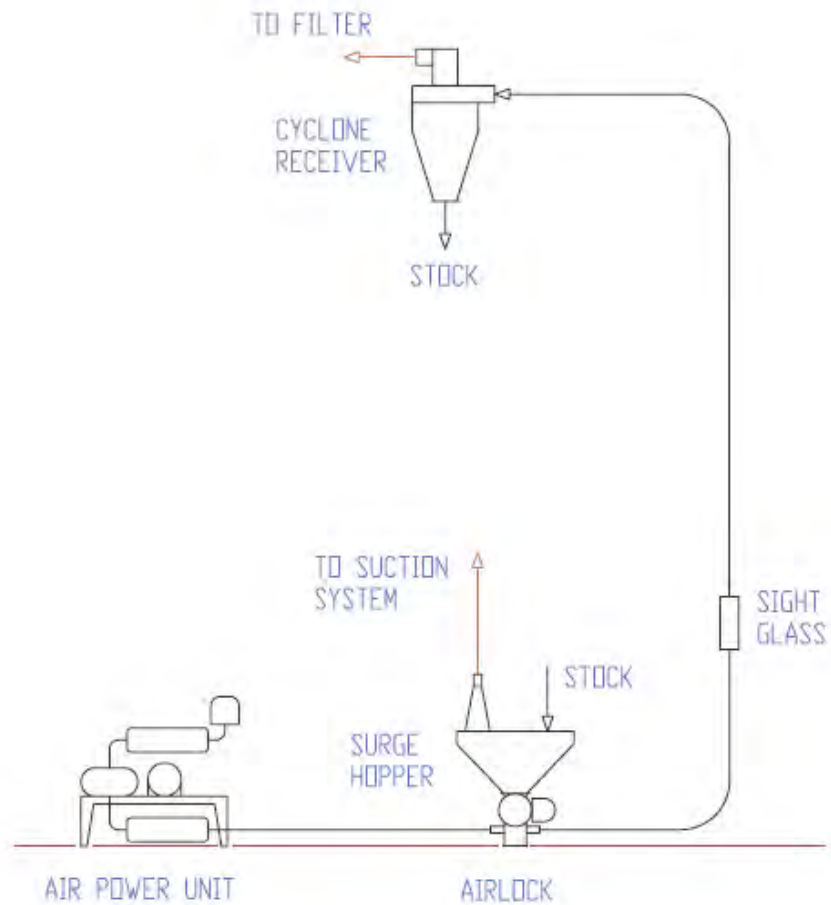
- Vacuum
- Pressure
- Multiple pick up points
- Multiple discharge points
- Combination pressure and vacuum

# TYPICAL ASPIRATION AND CONVEYING SYSTEM









SINGLE PRESSURE LIFT  
WITH AIR POWER UNIT

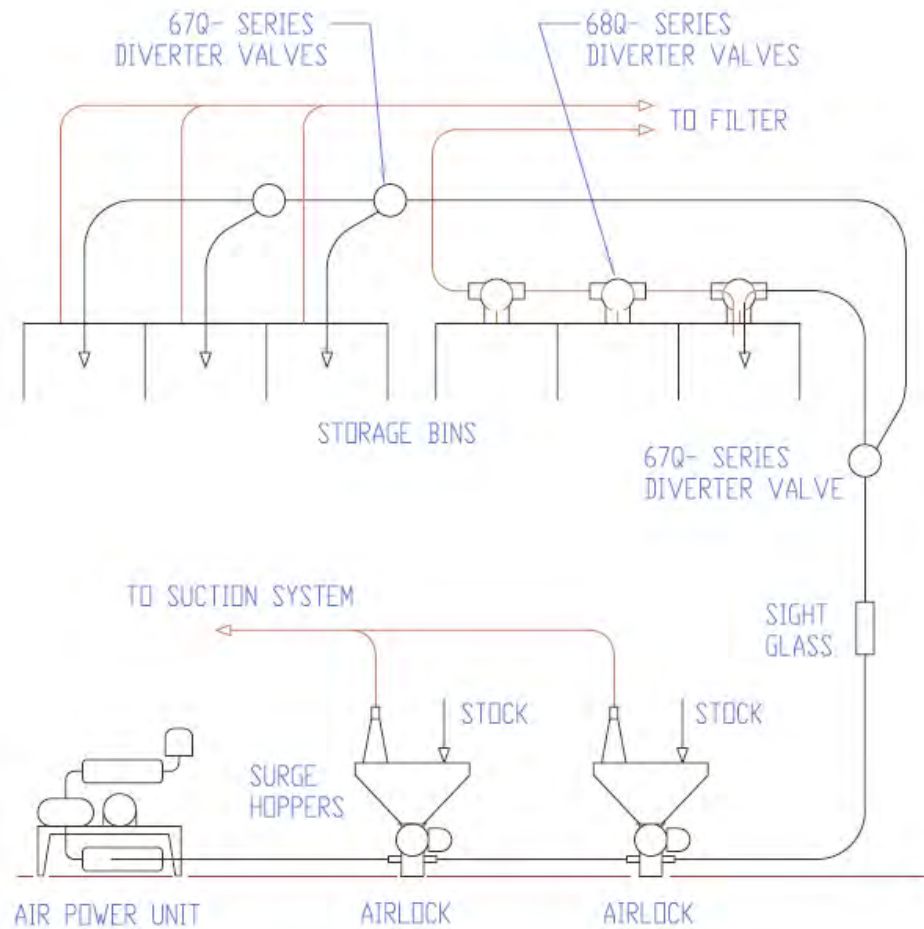


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MULTIPLE PRESSURE LIFT WITH  
AIR POWER UNIT TO MULTIPLE  
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# Pneumatic Conveying

## “Rules of Thumb”

1. Normally pressure systems will operate in a range of 3-12 PSIG – positive displacement air pumps.
2. Normally vacuum systems will operate in a range of 16” – 36” w.c.
3. A P.D. pump has a LOT more potential for conveying than does a centrifugal fan – it works at a lot higher pressure differential.
4. Convey either vert or horiz – but NOT on an angle
5. Try to keep ells, off-sets, diverters, and other “resistances” to a minimum.

# Pneumatic Conveying

## “Rules of Thumb”

6. Use conveying velocities of 4000 to 4500 FPM for MOST commodities.
7. Use 36” center line radius ells for conveying – vacuum or pressure.
8. Convey by pressure normally is more efficient – lbs of product vs lbs of air. (HP)
9. Don’t run an airlock faster than 35 RPM
10. Don’t design pressure systems to operate higher than 10 PSIG
11. Normally you don’t effect the temp or moisture of product by conveying in a single pneumatic system.

## PNEUMATIC SYSTEM ESTIMATES — NEGATIVE PRESSURE (SUCTION)

**EXPLANATION:** Figures below are typical for average flour handling conditions. In addition to specified data, figures are based on 3 - 90° turns (long radius type, i.e. L radius = tube diameter x 6 or greater). Figures also include allowance for filter and/or cyclone separators totaling 6" w.g. resistance. All tube joints to be smooth inside. Air quantities based on 4000 F.P.M. velocity.

<b>4</b>		Typical heavy loading for systems with centrifugal type blowers		<b>TABLE #C-1</b>									
Cu. Ft. Air per lb. Stock		NEGATIVE PRESSURE (RESISTANCE) FOR GIVEN RUN LENGTHS - Suction - inches											
Stock		w.g. Run length equals actual vertical plus horizontal distance in feet. Estimates include allowances per above explanation.											
Total run length		25'	50'	75'	100'	125'	150'	175'	200'	feet			
If 100% Vertical		25.0	28.0	33.0	37.0	41.0	45.0	49.0	53.0	Inches W.G.			
If 50% V. & 50% Horiz.		25.4	29.8	34.3	38.5	42.9	47.3	51.7	56.0	"			
If 100% Horizontal		25.8	30.5	35.3	40.0	44.6	49.5	54.5	59.0	"			

<b>TUBE SIZE</b> (inches)		<b>C'VEY RATE</b>	<b>AIR RATE</b>	<b>TABLE #C-2</b>									
Outs. Dia.	Inside Dia.	Lbs./min.	cu.ft./min.	AVERAGE BRAKE HP PER RUN — FOR LENGTH CAPACITY SHOWN									
				Motor H.P. for blower = Sum of brake H.P. for all runs & drive losses.									
				25'	50'	75'	100'	125'	150'	175'	200'	feet	
2"	1 1/2"	18	75	.7	.8	.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	BHP	
2 1/2"	2"	31	125	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	"	
3"	2 1/2"	45	160	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.4	"	
3 1/2"	3"	61	245	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.6	"	
4"	3 1/2"	81	325	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.5	5.1	5.6	6.1	"	
5"	4 1/2"	130	520	4.3	5.0	5.8	6.6	7.4	8.2	8.9	9.6	"	
6"	5 1/2"	167	750	6.1	7.2	8.4	9.5	10.7	11.8	12.9	14.0	"	
8"	7 1/2"	325	1300	10.6	12.5	14.5	16.4	18.4	20.3	22.3	24.2	"	

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If 100% Vertical		20.5	23.5	26.8	30.0	33.3	36.5	39.8	43.0	Inches W.G.			
If 50% V. & 50% Horiz.		20.6	23.0	27.6	31.0	34.1	38.0	41.6	45.0	"			
If 100% Horizontal		20.8	24.5	28.3	32.0	35.6	39.5	43.3	47.0	"			

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3"	2 1/2"	30	180	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7	"	
3 1/2"	3"	41	245	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.7	"	
4"	3 1/2"	58	325	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.9	"	
5"	4 1/2"	87	520	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.3	5.9	6.5	7.2	7.8	"	
6"	5 1/2"	125	750	5.0	5.9	6.8	7.8	8.5	9.4	10.3	11.2	"	
8"	7 1/2"	217	1300	8.5	10.2	11.7	13.1	14.7	16.2	17.8	19.3	"	

Figures intended only as general guide. Every system should be individually figured for its specific requirements before final equipment selection.



# PNEUMATIC SYSTEM ESTIMATES — POSITIVE PRESSURE TYPE

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<b>1/2</b> Cu. Ft. Air per lb. Stock		Typical heavy loading for systems with displacement air pump		<b>TABLE #A-1</b>																
				PRESSURE REQUIRED (RESISTANCE) FOR GIVEN RUN LENGTHS - lbs/sq. in. <i>Run length equals actual vertical plus horizontal distance in feet. Estimate includes allowance for long sweep elbows — See explanation.</i>																
Press. of total run length		25'	50'	75'	100'	125'	150'	175'	200'	225'	250'	275'	300'	325'	350'	feet				
If 100% Vertical		4.8	5.3	5.9	6.5	7.2	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.7	10.3	11.0	11.6	12.2	12.9	P.S.I.				
If 50% V & 50% Horiz.		4.7	5.5	6.2	6.9	7.7	8.6	9.2	9.9	10.6	11.4	12.1	12.8	13.5	14.3	P.S.I.				
If 100% Horizontal		4.8	5.7	6.5	7.3	8.2	9.1	9.9	10.7	11.6	12.4	13.2	14.0	14.8	15.6	P.S.I.				

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4"	3 1/2"	650	325	15	15	20	20	20	25	25	30	30	40	40	40	50	50	"		
5"	4"	1040	520	20	20	25	25	30	40	40	40	50	50	50	60	60	80	"		
6"	5 1/2"	1500	750	25	30	40	40	40	50	50	60	60	75	75	75	100	100	"		

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