Special twin-fluid nozzles for DeNOx applications

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- **Small spray angle** (15°), suitable for small cross-sections and horizontal ducts
- **Turn-down ratio** of 20:1 (in some cases up to 40:1)
- **Typical pressure range**
  - Liquid 1-6 bar, g
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**Special properties**

- **Wide and flat jet**, spray angle 60°
- **Turn-down ratio** of over 10:1
- **Adjustment of the droplet spectrum by changing the air/fluid ratio**
- **Spray alignment possible**
- **Typical pressure range**
  - Liquid 1-5 bar, g
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MasterNOx® for DeNOx processes

The Lechler MasterNOx® nozzles are usually used in the non-catalytic denitrification of flue gases (SNCR process). They are usually designed as flat fan nozzles and achieve a high spraying range to make the liquid penetrate as far as possible into the boiler. The nozzle specially developed for the retrofitting of existing power plants is characterized by a small outer diameter, so that it can fit between the pipes of the boiler wall. It can also have a protective flow of barrier air around it without the need for the pipes to be bent aside.

Special properties

- **Spray angle**: 15°, 30°, 60°
- **Turn-down ratio**: of over 50:1
- **Typical pressure range**
  - Liquid 1-10 bar, g
  - Atomizing air 1-6 bar, g
- **Adjustment of the droplet spectrum** by changing the air/water ratio

1AW nozzle

The Lechler 1AW nozzle works according to a newly developed and patented atomization principle. It divides the supplied atomizing air into a primary and secondary air flow. Thanks to the specific inflow geometry, the secondary air exits through an annular gap causing a very fine atomization in the edge region of the spray.

Special properties

- **Spray angle of the individual nozzle**: 15° as full cone
- **Turn-down ratio**: of 10:1
- **Typical pressure range**
  - Liquid 1-5 bar, g
  - Atomizing air 1-5 bar, g
- **Particularly fine droplets** thanks to tertiary atomization
- **Design** as single or bundle nozzle lances
- **Adjustment of the droplet spectrum** by changing the air/liquid ratio

Single nozzle without barrier air

Spray angle 15°; full cone

Cluster head with three nozzles with barrier air

Spray width approx. 55°, spray depth approx. 15°; flat fan

Spray pattern of the MasterNOx® nozzle 30°

Spray pattern of the 1AW nozzle

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Lechler SmartNOx® is the entry-level system for the SNCR process. Standardized units with fixed components allow for affordable pricing, all while maintaining Lechler’s famous high quality standard.

Included with delivery are a valve skid unit including pumps and fittings for media control as well as individual modules enabling the lance levels to be connected and disconnected. The components of the valve skid unit are connected with pipes and assembled on a compact base frame including all brackets. Assembling in a two-door closed cabinet is also possible as an option.

Features:
- Two sizes
- Reducing agent injection quantities of 0.005 – 1.0 m³/h or 1.0 – 2.7 m³/h
- Frequency-controlled pumps with magnetic couplings (duplicated)
- Permanently technically sealed in accordance with DIN EN 1127-1
- Optional integrated gas detector
- Integrated drip tray
- In accordance with DIN EN 1295 2-14: X-ray examination of 10% of all welds capable of validation
- 3.1 material certificates in accordance with DIN EN 10204
- Integrated flush connection
- Integrated air flushing for non-active levels
- Standardized technical documents for simple implementation in higher-level operating documentation

The Lechler SmartNOx® system is an independent SNCR system and is not designed for later upgrading with more efficient Lechler systems.
The limit values for NOx emissions and ammonia slip (NH3 slip) are expected to be reduced further in the coming years. To enable a profitable production of cement all the same, processes must be observed and optimized with intelligent control strategies.

For this purpose, Lechler has joined forces with STEAG to develop an SNCR concept that reliably ensures compliance with the limit values in force: VarioClean® - NOx.

Three steps for any requirement

Depending on (what is required by) the legal situation, the modular system VarioClean® - NOx can be flexibly upgraded across the three configuration levels Basic, Efficiency and High Efficiency SNCR. The base frame and the base modules are identical for all three configurations. The difference lies in the number of lances and injection levels, as well as in the software and sensor packages for the successful control of all necessary influencing factors.

Basic SNCR

The control of flue gas denitrification is based on a NOx measurement at the flue. Both aqueous ammonia and urea can be used as a reagent for the denitrification. All existing lances are controlled by the conventional control – depending on the NOx concentration measured. The Basic SNCR is primarily used where comparatively high NOx limit values or no limit values must be observed for the NH3 slip and there are very stable temperature conditions.

The base frame of the valve skid unit and the installed fittings are designed for later upgrading. Further lances can be integrated using additional distributor pieces. Since individually controllable lances can be used from the start, a Basic SNCR system can be extended to both of the next configurations without any problems.

Efficiency SNCR

In the case of higher requirements in terms of the limit values to be complied with and less stable temperature conditions, the "efficiency SNCR" (eSNCR) with a larger number of lances is ideal. The lances are installed on at least two levels and each lance is individually supplied with the reagent.

In addition, a software-based "intelligent controller" is connected with the PCS via an interface and supplied with current process signals. This allows the NOx concentration in the raw gas to be estimated and thus enables a more accurate and more economical dosing of the reagent.

High Efficiency SNCR

The "high efficiency SNCR" (heSNCR) meets the highest NOx reduction demands while at the same time keeping reagent consumption to a minimum. It has further lances, which are normally installed on at least three different levels. The control is extended to include online CFD simulating the temperature and flow conditions in the injection area. Together with the estimated amount of NOx in the raw gas and the NOx concentration measured in the clean gas at the flue, the spray behavior of each lance can be individually controlled for an optimal use of the reagent.
The scopes of delivery for the 3-level SNCR are as follows:

**Basic SNCR**
- Starter package with 4 nozzle lances
- Lances controlled as network by conventional control
- NOx measurement at flue required

**eSNCR**
- Basic SNCR
- 2-3 additional lances
- Lance installation on at least two levels with individual reagent supply
- Intelligent control with interface to the PCS
- Raw NOx soft sensor
- NOx and ammonia slip measurement at flue required

**heSNCR**
- eSNCR
- Optimal number of lances: 8-10
- Lance installation on at least three levels with individual reagent supply
- Online-CFD for permanent modeling of temperature and flows in the injection area
- heSNCR control with continuous consideration of optimal temperature frame for the injection

A total of up to 10 lance units can be flexibly mounted on the base frame. Irrespective of the respective SNCR level, the basic structure includes the junction box, the drip tray and all necessary brackets for the respective units.

**Benefits:**
- Systems grow with the legal requirements
- No unnecessary investments
- Modular design in three upgradable configuration levels
- Optimal reagent use resulting in reduction of operating costs
- High NOx reduction (suitable solutions for requirements of differing complexity)
- Low NH₃ slip (adapted solutions for reduction of NH₃ slip)

**Talk to us**
Different systems require different strategies. The largest and most comprehensive solution is not always the best one. Let us discuss your requirements and work together to find the denitrification system that is a perfect fit today and will grow tomorrow to keep up with rising demand.