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## Designing failures

- Intention of AD
- Benefit of AD
- Substrate
- Dimensioning
- Operation

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## Designing failures

- Intention of AD

Health Care  
Wastewater Utilization  
Replacement of Firewood, LG  
Saving of Energy  
Increasing Ratio of Biomass Renewables

- Benefit of AD

Health Care Costs of Public Budget  
Improvements in Living Standard  
Environmental Precautions  
Food processing at a lower price  
Achieve Business Approval  
Renewable Energy Business

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## Designing failures

- Substrate

Kind and Composition  
Daily Mass or Volume  
Gas Production Rate  
Fate of Digestate

- Dimensioning

Flow rate, Troughput  
Flowability, Handling  
Loading Rate (COD, VS)  
Hydraulic Retention Time, Biomass Recovery  
Substance Concentration  
Balance of AD  
Unchecked Production (Digestate, Energy)  
Reserve Capacity

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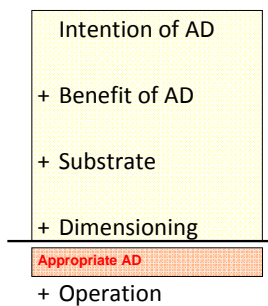
## Designing failures

- Operation

Acceptance of Job, Sozial Standing  
AD Awareness Level  
Understanding (Intention, AD)  
Personal skills  
Level of Technology (regional, sectoral)  
Reasonable Availability (Maintenance, Spare Parts)  
Share in Outcome  
Profit

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## Intermediate Result I



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## Energy Calculation I (Example)

<b>Input:</b>	
Potato Raw Material	97.610 t/a
Starch	4.495 t/a
Oil	636 t/a
Potato Sludge	6.583 t/a
<b>Sum</b>	<b>109.324 m<sup>3</sup>/a</b>

<b>Total Solids:</b>	
Potato Raw Material	20.0 % Input
Starch	60.0 % Input
Oil	100.0 % Input
Potato Sludge	30.0 % Input
<b>Sum</b>	<b>22.7 % Input</b>

<b>Volatile Solids:</b>	
Potato Raw Material	90.0 % TS
Starch	90.0 % TS
Oil	95.0 % TS
Potato Sludge	90.0 % TS

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## Energy Calculation II (Example)

Hydraulic Retention Time **41,7 days**  
 Digester Volume (net) **12.500 m<sup>3</sup>**  
 Organic Load Rate **4,9 kgVS/m<sup>3</sup>/d**

Specific Gas Production Rate:  
 Potato Raw Material 600 m<sup>3</sup>/t VS  
 Starch 600 m<sup>3</sup>/t VS  
 Oil 1.000 m<sup>3</sup>/t VS  
 Potato Sludge 700 m<sup>3</sup>/t VS

Biogas Production:  
 Potato Raw Material 10.541.880 m<sup>3</sup>/a  
 Starch 1.456.380 m<sup>3</sup>/a  
 Oil 604.200 m<sup>3</sup>/a  
 Potato Sludge 1.244.187 m<sup>3</sup>/a

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## Energy Calculation III (Example)

Methane Content:  
 Potato Raw Material 58 %  
 Starch 60 %  
 Oil 65 %  
 Potato Sludge 62 %  
 Sum 59 %

Calorific Value: 5,9 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>  
 Biogas Production: 13.846.647 m<sup>3</sup>/a  
 Biogas Power: 1.581 m<sup>3</sup>/h  
 9.306 kW

Engine Power (installed) (3 Gas Engines) 10.500 kW  
 Engine Power (electric) 4.200 kW  
 Produced Energy (electric) 32.608.977 kWh/a  
 Engine Power (thermal) 5.250 kW  
 Produced Energy (thermal) 40.761.222 kWh/a

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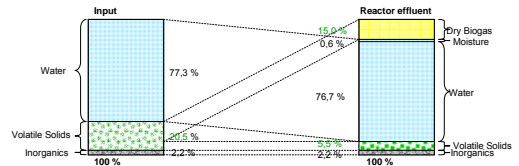
## Mass Balance I (Example)

Input	Starch	Oil	Raw Potato	Sludge	Total
Input (t/a)	4.495	636	97.610	6.583	109.324
Input (t/d)	12,32	1,74	267,42	18,04	299,52
Total solids (%)	60,0%	100,0%	20,0%	30,0%	22,7%
Total solids (t/a)	2697,0	636,0	19522,0	1974,9	24829,9
Total solids (t/d)	7,4	1,7	53,5	5,4	68,0
Volatile solids (%) TS	90,0%	95,0%	90,0%	90,0%	90,1%
Volatile solids (t/a)	2.427	604	17.570	1.777	22.379
Volatile solids (t/d)	6,7	1,7	48,1	4,9	61
Water (t/a)	1.798	0	78.089	4.606	84.494
Water (t/d)	5	0	214	13	231
spec. Gas Production rate (m <sup>3</sup> /t VS) (dry gas, Normal conditions 1,18 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	600	1.000	600	700	
Biogas					
Gas production (m <sup>3</sup> /a)	1.456.380	604.200	10.541.880	1.244.187	13.846.647
Gas production (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	3.990	1.655	28.882	3.409	37.936
Gas production (t/a)	1.719	713	12.439	1.468	16.339
Gas production (t/d)	4,71	1,95	34,08	4,02	44,76
Water content	69	29	496	59	654
Wet Gas 37°C (t/a)	1.787	741	12.937	1.527	16.993
Wet Gas 37°C (t/d)	4,90	2,03	35,44	4,18	46,55

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## Mass Balance II (Example)

Reactor effluent					
Total solids (t/a)					8.491
Total solids (t/d)					23
Volatile solids (t/a)					6.040
Volatile solids (t/d)					17
Water (t/a)					83.841
Water (t/d)					230
Output (t/a)			6 Monate	46.166	92.331
Total solids (%)					9,2%



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## Substrate, Topics



Municipal organic solid waste from:  
 - Food industry, Markets  
 - Kitchen, Restaurants, Catering,  
 - Gardening, Greenery, Parks  
 possibly including any kind of trash

Effluents from Animal Housekeeping:

- Faeces, urine,
- bedding material,
- waste water,
- trash



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## Substrate, Topics

Liquid food waste, e.g.:

- Spoilt juice,
  - Expired beverages,
  - Liquid by-products,
  - Waste water with high COD
- mostly only VS, no fibrous solids



Energy crops, e.g.:

- Maize,
- Beets,
- Potatoes,
- Spoilt Crops, non-food-biomass

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## Substrate, Parameters

### Effluents from Animal Housekeeping:

- Animal species, feed base
- If bedding material, what kind
- Age of Effluents (Maturity)
- TS, VS, TKN, Alkalinity, Particle size
- Kind and amount of Impurities (chains, ropes, fork-tines, stones)
- Load curve (differences in time and quantity)

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## Substrate, Parameters

### Municipal organic solid waste Liquid food waste

Name of Company  
Location  
Name of Product Lab Analysis

- Pretreatment at source (Separation)
- Kind of Package
- Particle size
- Quantity of trash (metals, glass, chinaware, wires, ropes, stones)
- Load curve (differences in time and quantity)

Parameters	Unit	Value
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/L	
pH	pH units	
Ammonia-N	mg/L	
TKN	mg/L	
TN	mg/L	
Phosphorus (Total)	mg/L	
Sulfate	mg/L	
Sulfide (Soluble)	mg/L	
Sulfide (Total)	mg/L	
TDS	mg/L	
TS	%	
VS	%	
Protein Content	%	
Fat Content	%	
Ash Content	%	
Carbohydrates	%	
Calories	per 8 oz.	
TOD	mg/L	
BOD (soluble)	mg/L	
COD (soluble)	mg/L	
COD (Total)	mg/L	

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## Substrate, General operation

### 7 rules to run a digester

- Maintain constant feed rate and composition
- Avoid overfeeding and abrupt changes
- Avoid foaming Don't:
  - add a substrate with a low pH value
  - add substrate with a considerably high protein content
  - overfeed the digester
  - mix improper and/or inconsistent
- Mix as much as necessary and as little as possible
  - Keep in mind: all in - all out.
- Maintain continuous mixing
- Choose an appropriate temperature
- Keep the temperature constant

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## Intermediate Result II

### How to do

- Anticipatory waste management
  - # what, when, how much
  - # quality control
- Buffer tanks as required (at first, in between, at last)
  - Beware of trash
- Blend of different substrates
- Operation control



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## Maintain constant feed



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## Maintain constant operation



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# Maintain constant composition




A photograph of industrial storage tanks. In the foreground, there are two smaller, tan-colored vertical tanks with various pipes and valves. Behind them is a much larger, silver-colored cylindrical tank. The scene is outdoors on a paved area under a blue sky with some clouds.

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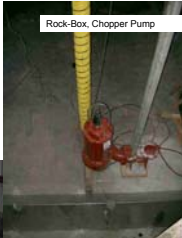
# Reliable Technology



Food waste injection point



Grinder inline



Rock-Box, Chopper Pump

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# Reliable Technology



Wrong Positioning



Correct Positioning

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Wrong Positioning



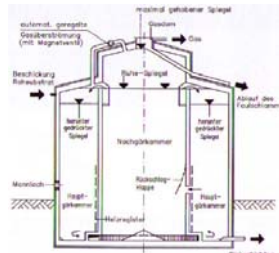
**Correct Positioning**

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The diagram on the left illustrates the internal structure of a 'Pefferkorn' digester. It features a central vertical shaft with a rotating mixing mechanism at the bottom. The digester is divided into several sections, each with a liquid level indicator. Labels include: 'exzentrisch geneigte Gasablenkung (mit Wagnerscheibe)' for the gas outlet, 'residual gasförmiger Spiegel' for the residual gas level, 'Gasauslass' for the gas outlet, 'Dreh-Spiegel' for the rotating mirror, 'Beschickung Rohabwässer' for the raw wastewater inlet, 'flüssiger gasförmiger Spiegel' for the liquid gas level, 'Mischschicht' for the mixing layer, 'flüssig-gasförmige Mischschicht' for the liquid-gas mixing layer, 'flüssig-gasförmige Mischschicht' for the liquid-gas mixing layer, 'flüssig-gasförmige Mischschicht' for the liquid-gas mixing layer, 'flüssig-gasförmige Mischschicht' for the liquid-gas mixing layer, and 'Tankablauf bei Wasser' for the tank outlet at water level. The photograph on the right shows a large, cylindrical, stainless steel digester tank in an outdoor setting, with a ladder and other equipment visible.

The 'Pefferkorn' digester is not usable if swimming layers are to be expected

Source: Eder u. Schulz 2006, Biogas Praxis



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- Plant attendance and daily operation
- Data recording
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# Construction

How to differentiate the tanks ?

1. By function
2. By material
  - Concrete ( in situ; precast; pre-stressed )
  - Steel ( glass coated steel; stainless steel )
  - Others ( fiberglass )

in particular cases: Brick, PE, Synthetic rubber

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## Concrete or Steel Tank ?

- Main argument is the price – if the design is done properly
- Typical types of use
  - Concrete tanks as storage tanks or flat digester: diameter up to 30 m; height up to 8 m
  - Concrete tanks as high digesters: up to 14 m by 14 m diameter (500 kW-plant )
  - Steel tanks as high digester: height more than 15 m by 15 m diameter (for example 18\*18 m for a 1 MW-plant )

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## Concrete tank under construction:

### Excursion „Concrete“

- Concrete is a mixture of water, gravel and cement.
- By using reinforced Concrete the good attributes of steel and the good attributes of concrete are combined
- Concrete: cheap, high compression strength
- Steel: high tensile strength
- Concrete is alkaline and protects the steel from corrosion

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## Construction failures

Holes in the tank wall

- Iron mold too hot
- water in the ready-mix-concrete insufficient



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## Construction failures

Seal of fittings in the wall insufficient



Too large Crack Width (e.g. inadequate reinforcement)



## Construction failures

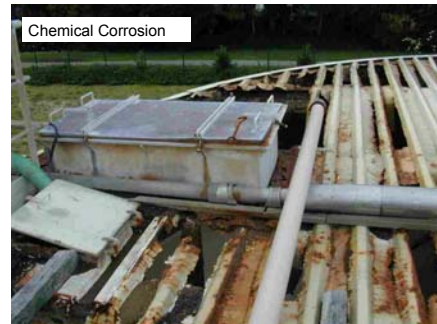
Chemical Corrosion



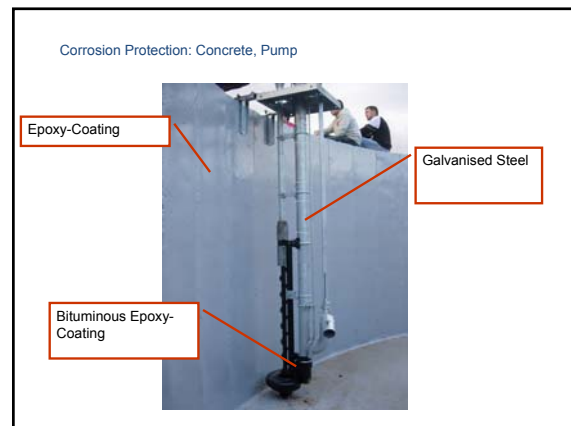
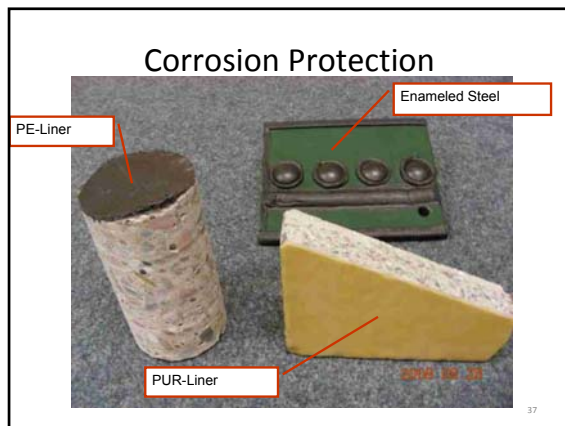
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## Construction failures

Chemical Corrosion



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## Piping

	Biogas	Hot water	Substrate
Above ground	stainless steel	mild steel	PVC / PE / mild steel
Below ground	PE	mild steel	PVC / PE

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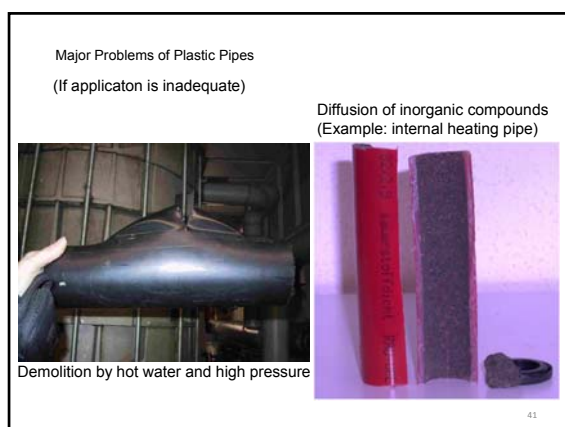
## Piping

Pipes made of PE

- (+) Medium- and UV resistant
- (+) Connections defined to be unbreakable
- (+) Cheap

- (-) Temperatures > 60° C
- (-) Easily deformed by pressure

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## Piping

Pipes made of PVC

- (+) Medium resistant
- (+) Easily assembled by adhesive – bonded joint
- (+) Cheap

- (-) Not UV resistant
- (-) Brittle at low temperatures
- (-) Less aging-resistant than other materials
- (-) Temperatures > 60° C

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## Piping

### Pipes made of mild steel

- (+) Temperature resistant
- (+) Easily assembled
- (+) Very flexible installation
- (+) Long life

- (-) Less medium resistant than pipes made of plastic
- (-) Corrosion

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## Piping

### Pipes made of stainless steel

- (+) Very long life
- (+) Temperature resistant
- (+) Medium resistant
- (+) Thermal conductivity
- (-) Expensive
- (-) No installation underground

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## Piping

### Under Construction pay attention to

- Mechanical damage
- Visible tank openings
- Correct assembling and tightness by manufacturer
- Frost protection

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## Pumps and Conveyors

### Types of Pumps

- Positive-displacement pump
  - helical rotor pump
  - rotary lobe pump
- Centrifugal pump

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## Pumps and Conveyors

### Helical rotor pump

- (+) Substrates with high dry matter contents
- (+) Self – priming pump
- (+) High discharge pressures (up to 24 bar)
- (-) Minor flow rate
- (-) Long fibred materials
- (-) High abrasion wear
- (-) Assembly length



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## Pumps and Conveyors

### Rotary lobe pump

- (+) Self-priming
- (+) Bigger particles and long fibred materials
- (+) Pumping capacity about 800 m³/h
- (+) Discharge pressures to 12 bar
- (-) High abrasion wear



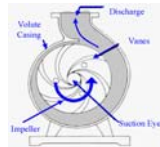
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## Pumps and Conveyors

### Centrifugal pump

- (+) Good knowledge and experience
- (+) Simple and tough construction
- (+) High flow rates
- (-) Minor total solid content
- (-) Low discharge head
- (-) Not self-priming



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## Major Problems of Centrifugal Pumps (If application is inadequate)

### Corrosion/Abrasion



### Blockage

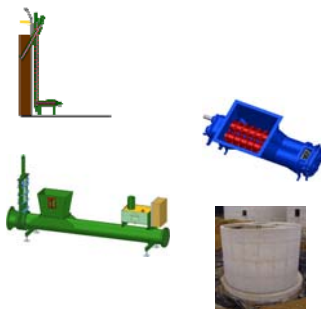


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## Pumps and Conveyors

### Solid input device

- Screw
- Fluid input device
- Piston pump
- Mixing pit



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## Screw Conveyor

- (+) High reliability
- (+) Investment
- (-) High abrasion
- (-) Max. 12 m level



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## Fluid Input device

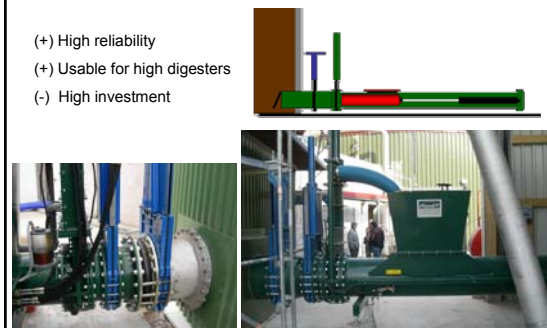
- (+) Usable for high digesters
- (-) Low reliability
- (-) Low capacity
- (-) High costs of operation



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## Piston Pump

- (+) High reliability
- (+) Usable for high digesters
- (-) High investment



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Mixing Pit



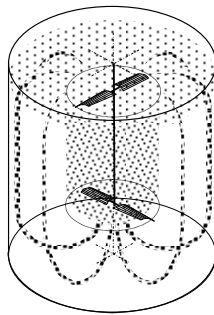
Type of Digester, Agitator, Mixer

- Horizontal digester  
plug flow, vertical mixing  
bypass reduced by high viscosity
- High upright digester  
complete mixing, homogeneous  
temperature, bypass possible
- Flat upright digester  
less mixed, zoning possible,  
bypass possible



Tall Digester, Top Mounted Mixer

- Operation Top Mounted Mixer
- Permanent=24 h/d
  - 13-18 rds/m
  - 11,5 – 30 KW
  - Frequency inverter for low energy consumption

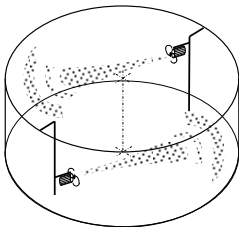


Top Mounted Mixer Lost



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Flat Digester, Submerged Mixer



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Submerged Mixer, Problem

Insufficient Mixing



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## Submerged Mixer, Problem

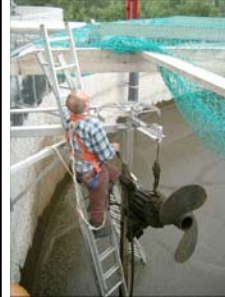
### Corrosion, Abrasion



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## Submerged Mixer, Problem

### Complex repair and maintenance regarding personal security and emissions



Nowadays submerged mixer are used like disposables

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## Intermediate Result

### You must consider:

- Quality of the media (transported, mixed and stored)  
+ structure, + viscosity, + abrasiveness,  
+ temperature, + pressure, + pH-value, + stratification risk
- Changes in composition during AD of the media
- Quality of construction and technical equipment  
+ acid protection, abrasion protection
- Dimension and Design of the equipment  
+ reserve capacity, + sufficient internal cross section  
surface / volume, sedimentation zones
- Easy and safely maintenance and repair

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- **Data recording**
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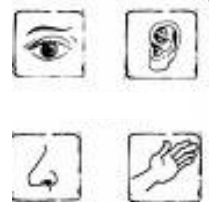
## Plant attendance and daily operation

### Content

- Data recording
- Minor repairs – safety during repairs, example
- General maintenance – oil changes, lifetime expectance / warranties of equipment

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## Plant attendance and daily operation



Use your senses !

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## Plant attendance and daily operation

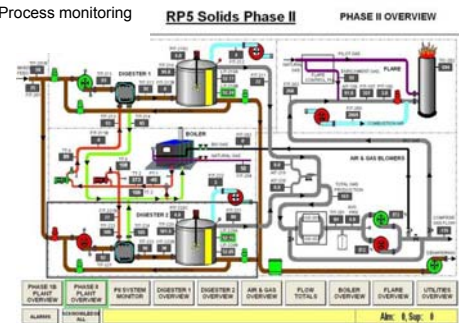
Keep a log !

The log sheet contains handwritten data for various parameters over time. The date 2008.08.27 is visible at the bottom right.

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## Plant attendance and daily operation

Process monitoring



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## Plant attendance and daily operation

Collecting data I

- FOS / TAC (similar to IA/PA)  
Monitoring of the fermentation process to predict digester problems by measuring two puffer capacities of the substrate.
- The amount of sulfuric acid is determined during titration. First the buffer capacity of inorganic carbon is depleted at pH 5 (TAC) and with reaching pH 4.4 the buffer capacity of the volatile solids is depleted (FOS). With the amount of depleted sulfuric acid TAC and FOS are calculated by an empiric formula.
- TAC: total inorganic carbon
- FOS: volatile organic acids
- Normally a critical value is reached if FOS/TAC is < 0,3. But the long term development has to be watched closely. Some plants working with energy crops may reach 0,4 to 0,6 without problems.



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## FOS/TAC (IA/PA)



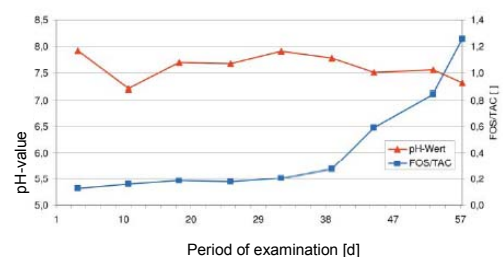
Determination of FOS / TAC on side by the operator

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## FOS / TAC (IA/PA)

Date	Volume probe [ml]	pH-value	Acid consumption to pH 5 (TAC) amount A [ml]	Acid consumption from pH 5 to pH 4.4 (FOS) amount B [ml]	FOS [ml/l]	TAC [ml/l]	FOS/TAC
1.1.06	50	8,1	13,5	0,75	174	1300	0,13
2.1.06	50	8,1	13	0,75	174	1300	0,13
3.1.06	50	8,06	12,5	0,75	174	1250	0,14
4.1.06	50	8,04	12,75	0,75	174	1275	0,14
5.1.06	50	8,07	13	1	257	1300	0,20
6.1.06	50	8,15	12,5	0,75	174	1250	0,14
7.1.06	50	8,15	12,75	0,75	174	1275	0,14
9.1.06	50	8,1	12,75	0,75	174	1275	0,14
10.1.06	50	8,12	12,75	0,75	174	1275	0,14
11.1.06	50	8,07	13,25	0,75	174	1325	0,13
12.1.06	50	8,1	12,5	0,75	174	1250	0,14
13.1.06	50	8,2	12,5	0,75	174	1250	0,14
14.1.06	50	8,1	13	0,5	91	1300	0,07
15.1.06	50	8,1	13,25	0,75	174	1325	0,13
17.1.06	50	8,1	12,75	0,75	174	1275	0,14

## FOS / TAC (IA/PA)



Source: Rieger und Welland 2006, Biogas J. 4/06

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## Cautions on mixing food waste with manure

### Part I

When mixing different types of food waste as well as food waste with manure it is important to avoid an acid-base reaction. When this occurs there is a risk of emitting harmful gases, such as ammonia and hydrogen sulphide, in dangerous concentrations.

For example, adding a protein rich organic waste with a pH value between 8 and 9 to a substrate with a low pH value may cause H<sub>2</sub>S emissions and/or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Adding nitrogen rich organic waste to a substrate with a high pH-value may cause NH<sub>3</sub> emissions.

In order to avoid this, mixing tanks should be emptied every day and the mixing tanks should be ventilated to draw off any gas. For mix tanks in buildings, gas monitoring equipment should be installed to measure ammonia and hydrogen sulphide.

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## Cautions on mixing food waste with manure

### Part II

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Additionally, the following tests may be performed before mixing materials to get an idea as to whether there will be any dangerous reactions:

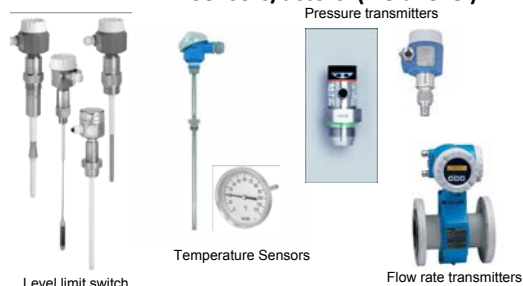
1. pH-Value of the waste sample.
2. Take 5 ml of the waste sample and add 0.5 ml of NaOH (50% concentration). Ammonia may be emitted. It can be detected by smell and a qualitative observation can be made.
3. Take 5 ml of the waste sample and add 0.5 ml Acetic Acid (concentrated). Foam and hydrogen sulphide may be created. You can assess the qualities and amount of foam and smell hydrogen sulphide if it is emitted.
4. To see the effects of mixing the waste with the substrate take 5 ml of the waste sample and add 5 ml of substrate from the mixing tank. Cover the cup with a sight glass. Place a pH strip or litmus paper under the glass. You can detect alkaline or acidic gas emissions by observing the litmus paper. If the gases are close to neutral the mixture should be relatively safe. Also, potential foaming issues can be detected.

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Plant attendance and daily operation

Collecting data II

### Sensors/actors (Field level)



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## Sensors/Actors I

- Specification of the measurements components
  - High mechanical resistance to overload and aggressive media
  - High-precision ( $\Delta p$  or  $\Delta T$ ) and long-term stability ceramic measuring cell (level)
  - Resistant to climatic changes (outdoor application) housing, with protection grade from IP65 to IP67
  - 4-20 mA (analog), digital, Profibus or RS485 output or input signal, with integrated overvoltage protection.
  - Certified to ATEX 1 GD EEx ia certification, FM and CSA
  - Stainless steel, aluminium or plastic



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## Sensors/Actors II

- Specification of Apparatus
  - Function (design Equipment)
  - High resistance to aggressive input substrate
  - Components, technical data, power?
  - Signal cable O/I potential-free or 4-20 mA or Profi-Bus or HART, RS485 CAN
  - Calculation of consumption and average power rate
  - Connection to the pipe systems or to the switch-board
  - Start up strategy with direct or Y- $\Delta$  or frequency inverter, emergency operation
  - Dimension of the cable  $\rightarrow$  device size ( fuse, switchboard)
  - Measure of the voltage, current, active-, passive-, apparent power etc.



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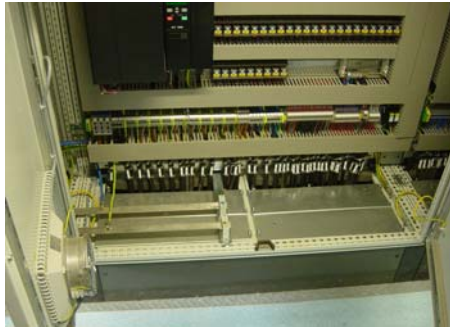
## Sensors/Actors III

- Limit of field level (Switchboard)
  - The low voltage distributor device (connection of electrical consumers, TN-S system, L1/L2/L3/N/PE)
    - 400 V standard low-voltage network
    - 230 V network
    - 230 V UPS (uninterruptible power supply) network
    - 24 V direct current (apply to all measuring and control equipment)
  - Grounding, lightning protection, potential equalization
  - Power installations, (cable runs, power, low-voltage and signal cables will be separated min 30 cm)
  - Reactive current compensation device
  - Emergency device, (operation scenario)

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Switchboard I



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Switchboard II



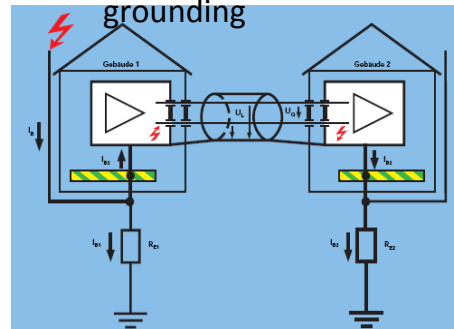
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Switchboard III



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Potential equalization,  
grounding



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## Data recording and processing, Levels

- Company level (commercial level)
- Production level (important parameter)
- Operating level (control station)
- Process level (PLC Programmable logic controller)
- Field level (Sensors/Actors)

(Piece of paper with observations)

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## PLC and Control Station

Operating level (control station)

Leitebene

Prozeßebene



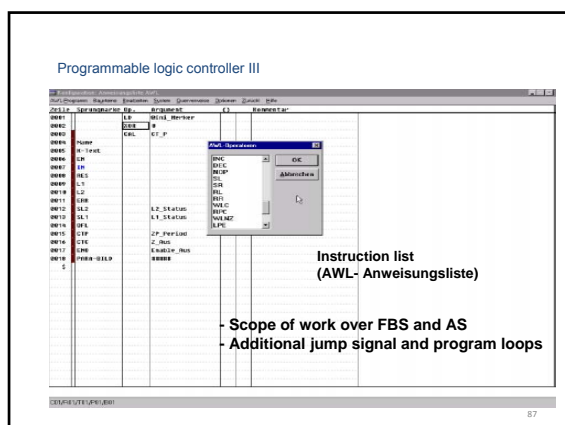
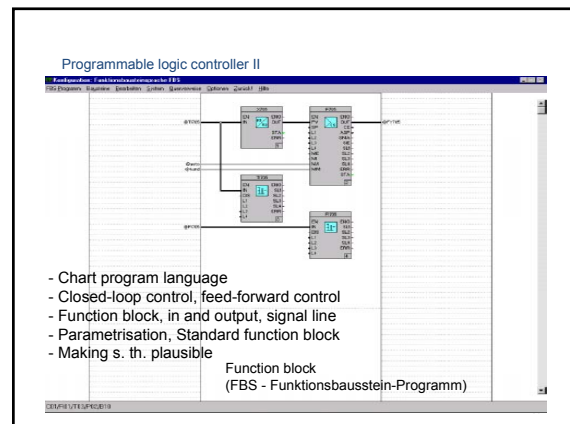
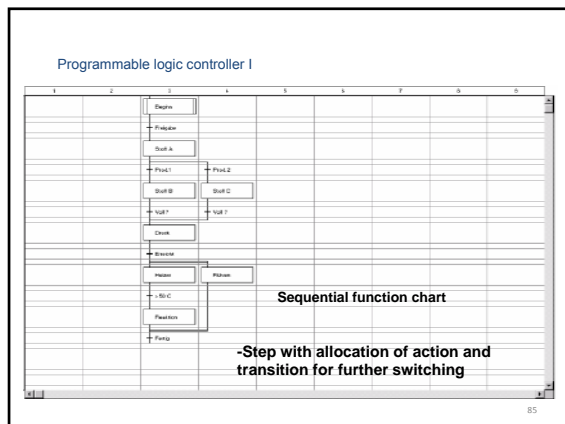
Freelance 2000 ist ein Kompakt-Leitsystem, das sich in Leit- und Prozeßebene gliedert. Funktionen der Leitebene sind:

- Bedienen und Beobachten,
- Archive und Protokolle,
- Trends und Alarme,
- Rezepturmanagement.

Regelung, Steuerung und Überwachung werden in der Prozeßebene ausgeführt.

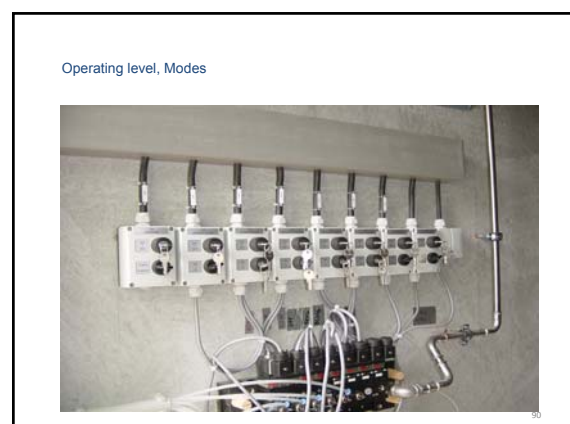
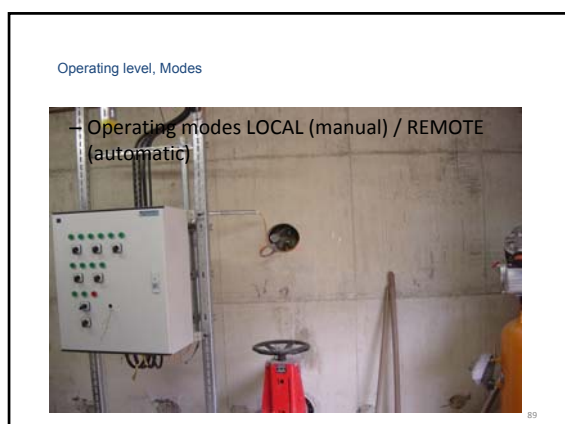
Process level (PLC Programmable logic controller)





- ### Operating level, Modes

- Process operation
- Operating modes **LOCAL (manual)** / **REMOTE (automatic)**
  - **LOCAL**: components are controlled by manual switch device, emergency-off function still active, measuring points „Z“
  - **REMOTE**: components are controlled only over PLC and control station. Emergency function still active
  - **REMOTE (manual locked)**: dito, Programmed locks and limit-state switch-offs without any restriction
  - **REMOTE (manual not locked)**: dito, Programmed locks and limit-state switch-offs are not effective. (Only for trained and experienced operators)
  - **REMOTE (automatic operation)**: driver is exclusively controlled and monitored from PLC.



**=**  
**Notification of the  
process values**

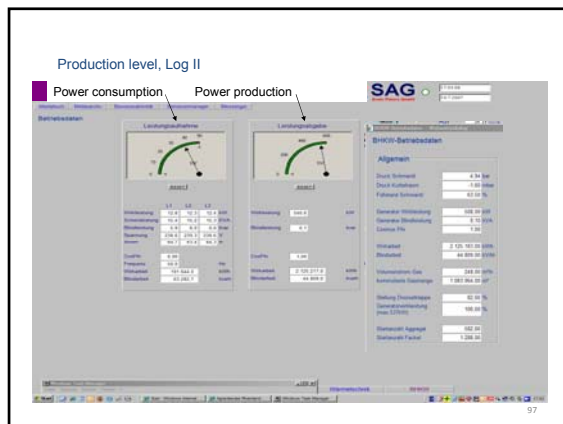
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Operator line, limits  
and specifications

=  
Input of set values,  
min – max- alarm,  
switch points for drives

=  
Current characteristic,  
Trends of measurement  
and monitoring

=  
alarm specifications

Gas production /day  
Electrical production & consumption /day  
Substrate input /day



### Minor repairs



e.g.

- Small leakage
- Replace wearing parts
- Oil change
- Engine calibration
- Replace broken parts

- = anything outside the Digester
- = anything outside a health-dangerous or explosive atmosphere

Minor repairs → Rotary lobe pump



### Change of lobes

Minor repairs → Rotary lobe pump



Minor repairs → Rotary lobe pump



Minor repairs →  
Others



### Replace Sealing

### Broken Conveyor Rack



Serious repairs announce themselves



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Serious repairs, because of....

Disregards



Insufficient technique

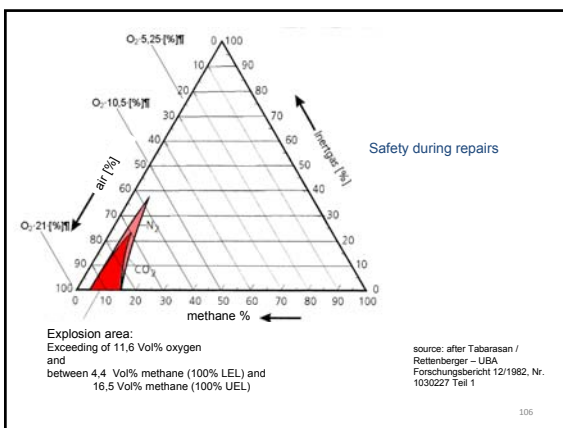
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Repairs: SAFETY FIRST !



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Safety aspects: Ventilation

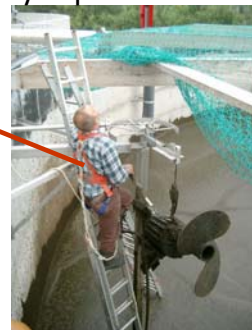
Permanent detection of gas !



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Safety aspects: Security

Safety Harness



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## Safety aspects: Risk appraisal

This looks risky



Removal of Sand in the digester

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## General maintenance Check / Control of the biogas plant

Abkürzungen: "tg" = täglich, "w" = wöchentlich, "m" = monatlich, "j" = jährlich  
"!" bedeutet: muss noch durchgeführt werden  
"o" bedeutet: wurde planmäßig durchgeführt  
"x" bedeutet: wurde nicht durchgeführt  
" (leer)" bedeutet: muss nicht durchgeführt werden

Kontrolle	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Schlammabfahrschicht	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
BK/W Örtliche	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Unter- / Überdruck - Sicherungsmittelp	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
BK/W Ballenrücklauf	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
BK/W Laderücklauf	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
BK/W Ballenrücklauf	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Ölstand (Hochdruck)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Kondensatschicht	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Rührwerk 1 (tg)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Rührwerk 2 (tg)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Druckbehälter (tg)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Quemler 1 (tg)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Pumpe 1 (tg)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Hand Schieber / Klappen (m)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Automatische Schieber / Klappen (m)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Gaswandler 1 (m)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Prozesswärmer 1 (m)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Schwingenklappe 1 (m)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
ROT - Aus 1 (m)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

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## Maintenance Plan CHP



To avoid:  
e.g. broken Piston-Rods,  
worn-out Valves,  
blocked Heat Exchangers



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## Information Maintenance plan

Intervals at after	Maintenance stages	Execution
50 Oh (operating hours)	E 1 After commissioning and E 5, E 6, E 7	Authorized trained stuff
Daily	E 2 Daily check routine	Operator
1,500 Oh	E 3 Inspection	Authorized trained stuff
3,000 Oh	E 4 Extended inspection	Authorized trained stuff
12,000 Oh	E 5 Intermediate overhaul	Authorized trained stuff
24,000 Oh	E 6 Extended intermediate overhaul	Authorized trained stuff
48,000 Oh	E 7 Major overhaul	Authorized trained stuff

## Details of the Maintenance plan

Approx. 50 working hours after first commissioning resp. recommissioning an oil change is necessary. Subsequently the oil have to be changed at the given interval.

The given periods are average values for normal operating conditions and approved maintenance. These are standard values without guarantee commitments. If there are stronger conditions it can be necessary that the maintenance interval must be shorter. Stronger conditions are caused by frequently starts, long working hours at low power level, extremely fast and frequently load alternation and frequently work with overload and bad gas quality.

Under special conditions (part load operation) the maintenance interval can be longer.

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## Pro2 – maintenance plan for motorplants type 620

Description of activities	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
<b>1. management by operator/client</b>							
Visual check of the total plant (daily)							
Check display instruments (daily)							
Check vibrations (daily)							
Check running noise (daily)							
Check reattachments (daily)							
Check impermeability (daily)							
Keep of the operating journal (if necessary)							
Trouble shooting after co-ordination with Pro2 (if necessary)							
Message to Pro2 after operation disturbance (if necessary)							
Message to Pro2 after operational abnormalities (if necessary)							
Transfer journal to Pro2 (if necessary)							
Receipt goods (oil, spare parts) (if necessary)							
Check lube oil level and refill oil if necessary (daily)							

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## General maintenance

### Oil change

periodically analysis of the oil ( pH-value, sulfur)

The interval of oil change depends on

→ the concentration of sulfur in the gas / oil

→ the buffer capacity of the inserted oil

Every operator has to determine the necessary interval of oil change of his engine by himself!

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2. IC gas-engine							
Visual check of the total plant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Test an function run	X		X	X	X	X	X
Checking the lube oil level	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Checking the coolant level	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Leak check on engine, lines and engine drain	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Checking the engines for vibrations and running noises	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
External visual inspection	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Checking the valve clearance	X		X	X	X	X	X
Checking the starter battery	X		X	X	X	X	X
Checking the spark plugs			X	X	X	X	X
Checking the engine venting feature					X	X	X
Changing the lube oil filter	X			X	X	X	X
Checking and record operational data and performance characteristics	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Replacing the air filter inserts, cleaning the air filter housing					X	X	X
Checking ignition timing					X	X	X
Checking the governor			X	X	X	X	X

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Description of activities	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
Checking crank case pressure			X	X	X	X	X
Checking, cleaning and adjusting gas-mixer-system			X	X	X	X	X
Checking the pick up (ignition, rpm, electronic controller)					X	X	X
Checking the engine mount					X	X	X
Checking the starter and ring gear					X	X	X
Checking, cleaning the coolant and exhaust gas heat exchangers					X	X	X
Replacing cylinderheads					X	X	X
Cleaning the combustion compartments, checking the cylinder liners					X		
Replacing cylinder liners						X	X
Checking and cleaning the coolant controller					X	X	X
Replacing the coolant hoses and pipe connectors					X	X	X
Cleaning the lube oil cooler						X	X
Checking and cleaning the intercooler						X	X
Checking and cleaning the cooling pump						X	X
Checking the valve mechanism						X	X

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Replacing the conn. rod bearings,					X	X
Pleuelbuchsen prüfen, ggf. erneuern replacing if necessary					X	X
Checking fittings and regulators					X	X
Replacing pistons					X	X
Replacing piston rings					X	X
Checking the engine alignment and coupling					X	
Measuring the crankshaft					X	
Replacing the main bearing					X	
Replacing the crankshaft sealing rings					X	
Checking and cleaning geartrain and control system					X	
Checking camshaft, replacing if necessary					X	
Replacing camshaft bearing					X	
Replacing lubeoil pump					X	
Cleaning, checking the oil pressure holding valve					X	
Checking an cleaning the turbocharger					Regard manufacturers operating instructions, regard documentation,	

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Description of activities	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
3. Generator							
Check cable conetions				X	X	X	
Lubrication of the generator bearings				Regard manufacturers operating instructions, regard documentation			
Adjust Cos-Phi-Regelung controller				X			X
Adjust voltage controller				X			X
4. Gasföhrungssystem							
Complete leak check				X			X
Adjust gas-mixer-system				X			X
Adjust zero-pressure-controller				X			X
Check the shut-off valves				X			X
Changing gasfilter	X			X			X
Check gas-pressure-monitoring				X			X
Clean deflagration-protection-system				X			X

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## Operation and Maintenance



- Keep access free



- Safe Stands



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## Operation and Maintenance



- Safety equipment functioning well

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