

Mixing and Systems Technology for Feedstuffs

- Dry mixing of mineral feedstuffs, crushed cereals, vitamin mixes
- Molassing mixer and granulating mixer
- Wet mixer
- Mixing pelletizer for granulated mineral feedstuffs
- EVACTHERM® process for heat treatment and cooling

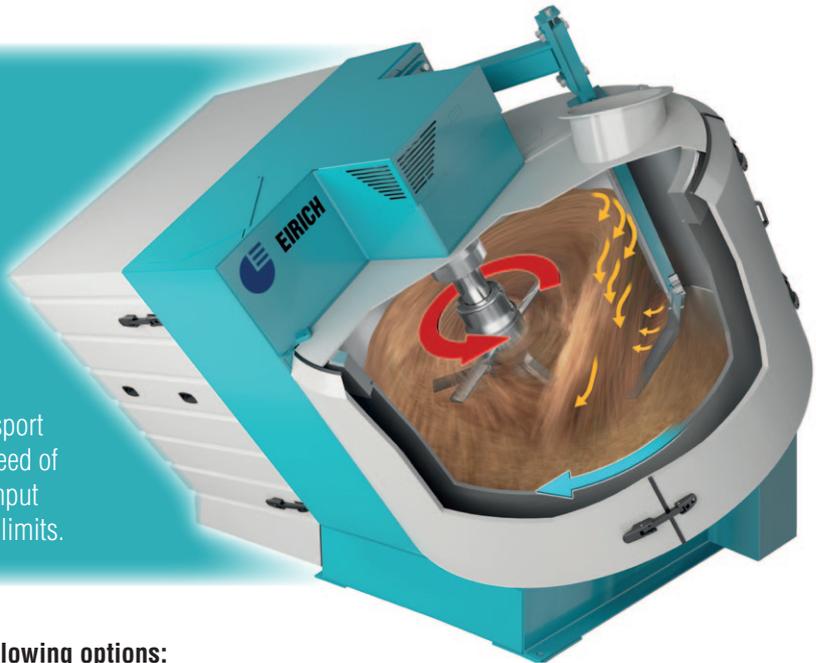
The unique working principle

Rotating mixing pan
for transporting the product

Variable-speed mixing tool, slow to fast
for mixing, kneading, granulating

The effect

The separation between material transport and the mixing process allows the speed of the mixing tool (and thus the power input into the mix) to be varied within wide limits.



This working principle offers the following options:

- The mixing tool can be run variably, slow to fast
- The input of mixing energy into the mix is thus controlled efficiently
- Even small amounts are optimally distributed
- Liquid components are admixed easily and quickly
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Usually, smaller quantities need to be added
- Fine-grained substances are mixed with molasses to form stable granules
- Only 1 mixing tool for mixer sizes from 1 liter up to 3,000 liters
- The EVACTHERM® process allows mixed feedstuffs to be treated with heat as well as to be cooled
 - injection of steam up to product temperatures of +85 °C
 - evacuation, inducing re-drying and cooling down
 - advantageous, very efficient convection drying
 - no product overheating at hot machine parts
 - in energy-rich feed, the fat fraction can be almost doubled, without impairing the pourability

Further advantages:

- No dead zones in the mixer
- Short process times
- No product-contacting shaft passages, minimum wear
- Optimal separation of agglomerates and fibers without choppers

EIRICH customers report their experience:

- Easy cleaning, because there is no material accumulated on the mixing pan wall
- Reproducible, permanently homogeneous mixes of high quality

**Top-name manufacturers around the world work with EIRICH mixing technology.
We would be glad to provide references on request. EIRICH is a research partner for universities.
Put us to the test. We would be glad to tell you more.**

Better mixing results and notably less wear with Eirich mixing technology

1. Neutral study: Eirich mixer in comparison e.g. with horizontal mixer and ring trough mixer (turbine mixer)

From the article "Focus on mixer performance and glass batch quality" by Fons Rikken, Philips Lighting Components, Eindhoven in GLASS INTERNATIONAL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2004, pp. 76 - 77

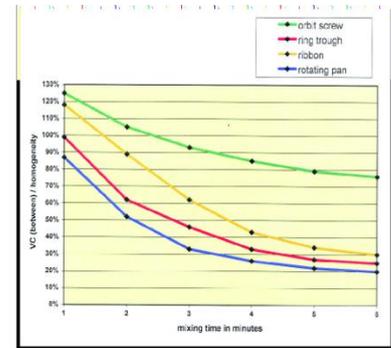
Philips has been operating more than 40 mixers from different manufacturers. Investigations were carried out in order to find out how well quantities of 100 ppm can be admixed by different mixing systems. For this purpose, 5 samples were taken from each mixer (glass batch for lighting, dry, without cullets) in minute intervals and subsequently divided into 4 portions for examination. Every point in the curves, which represent the coefficient of variation depending on time, is hence the mean value of 20 determinations.

1.1. Mixers with low power input (1 up to 2 kW/100 kg)

Result:

The best mixing effect is obtained using the mixer with rotating mixing pan (Eirich mixer type D, horizontal mixing pan, without rotor, blue curve)

The ring trough mixer / turbine mixer requires 6 minutes to reach the mixing quality the Eirich mixer (without rotor) obtains in 4 minutes.



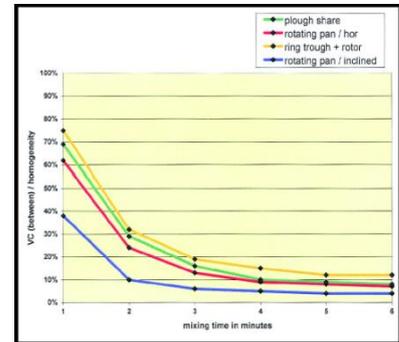
1.1. Mixers with higher power input (up to 5 kW/100 kg)

Result:

The best mixing effect is achieved using the Eirich R type mixer (blue curve) equipped with a rotating, inclined mixing pan.

The second-best result is obtained using the mixer with rotating mixing pan (Eirich mixer type D, horizontal mixing pan, with rotor)

The ring trough mixer / turbine mixer with integrated whirler and plowshare mixer require 6 minutes to reach the mixing quality the inclined Eirich mixer (R-type) obtains in 2 minutes.



2. Statements on wear: Eirich mixer versus horizontal mixer

Conclusions of a customer who has operated Eirich R mixers and plowshare mixers for four years in parallel:
Horizontal mixers: Clearly more wear, considerably higher costs for spare parts

Product: Dry mortar	Eirich mixer RV 19 (1500 l)	Plowshare mixer (1500 l)
Drive rating/rotor + pan	45 kW + 15 kW	37 kW
Drive rating/choppers	-	3 units, 4 kW each
Peripheral speed of the mixing tool	adjustable to the mix, up to 13 m/s	fixed speed, approx. 6.5 m/s
Costs for wear parts	mean value over a period of 4 years at 4000 h/year	5 times as high as for Eirich mixers

Reasons for this:

Rotor shaft bearing	Cantilevered shaft with one bearing, seal not in contact with product, no wear on shaft seal due to product contact	Full-length shaft with two bearings, seal in product contact, wear on shaft seal due to product contact
Friction between material and mixing pan / vessel	The rotating mixing pan transports the material. Therefore no difference in speed between pan and material, nearly no friction, little wear.	The material is shifted across the non-moving surfaces of the vessel by the mixing tools. High difference in speed between vessel and material, friction and wear.

After changing over from "simple" mixing systems to Eirich mixers, customers from other industries, too, regularly report about a jump in quality and considerable savings so that amortization of the additional costs of an Eirich mixer is achieved in short time.

3. Power input depending on speed, direction of rotation (countercurrent or co-current) and design (star- type or pin-type rotor) of the tool.

Test material: Dry mortar
Investigations at MFPA Leipzig, April 2005

Result: The power input can be adapted to the material (e.g. considerably increased for the disintegration of fibers, fines etc.) – if necessary up to 30 m/s.

