

Precision Engineering for the Process Industries

# THE LEADER IN **VACUUM SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**



Croll Reynolds is the leading source for innovative, high-performance vacuum systems for all segments of the Process Industries. State-of-the-art design, production and test facilities create an environment for the manufacture of consistently superior systems and components.

Applications include crystallization, deaeration, drying and cooling of liquids and solids, high vacuum distillation, metallurgy, vegetable oil refining, and the processing of essential oils, food products, flavorings, fertilizers, and a broad range of chemical products.

### A CENTURY OF INNOVATION

Croll Reynolds' reputation for the highest quality is an outgrowth of its years of service to the Process Industries.

Established in New York in 1917, Croll Reynolds has become the preeminent supplier of custom designed vacuum systems to the world.



Croll Reynolds' engineers and an unparalleled depth of experience and support professionals have achieved continue to set benchmarks for the industry.

### SERVING ALL SEGMENTS OF THE PROCESS INDUSTRIES PHARMACEUTICAL PAPER POWER PLANTS GEOTHERMAL STEEL DESALINIZATION WASTEWATER EDIBLE OIL AEROSPACE FIBER FOOD Ejectors/Syphons/Airjets Combination Ejector/Liquid Ring Steam Vacuum Chillers Thermocompressors Jet Heaters/ Mixers/Blowers Desuperheaters Power Systems Ethylene Glycol Systems Jet Venturi Scrubbers Packed Tower Wet Scrubbers

# **EJECTORS**

### Steam Jet Ejector Operation

Steam jet ejectors offer a reliable and economical means for producing vacuum. The primary advantages of the steam jet ejector are its low initial cost, lack of moving parts, and simplicity of operation.

Conventional steam jet ejectors have four basic parts: the steam chest, the nozzle(s), the mixing chamber and the diffuser. The adjacent diagram illustrates basic ejector operation: a high pressure motivating fluid enters at I and expands through the convergingdiverging nozzle to 2; suction fluid enters at 3 and mixes with the motivating fluid in the mixing chamber 4; both are then recompressed through the diffuser to 5.

Croll Reynolds' exclusive ejector design, represents a century of innovation.

### **Ejector Construction**

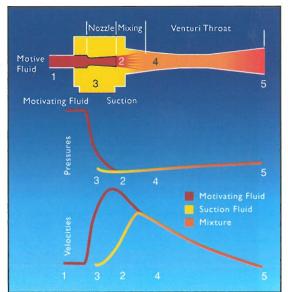
The simplicity of the Croll Reynolds Ejector design permits fabrication from any workable or weldable material such as: cast iron, carbon steel, stainless steel, Monel, Teflon, Hastelloy, Ni-Resist, Haveg, graphite-lined and rubber-lined carbon steel, titanium and fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP).

### **Multiple-Stage Ejectors**

Single-stage Ejectors are used to create vacuum ranging from atmosphere to 3" Hg absolute. Higher vacuum, ranging from 3" Hg absolute to 3 microns Hg absolute, may be achieved by multiple staging. Multiple-staged systems often include surface or direct contact type condensers. Intercondensers reduce motive steam requirements and, under certain conditions, permit recovery of product condensate.

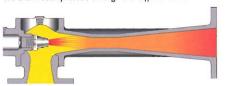
Croll Reynolds' multiple-staged systems are custom-engineered for optimum performance and minimum utility consumption. They are designed to handle a variety of process gases including air, water, HCl, butane, SO2, ethylene glycol, and many other organic and inorganic vapors. Where conditions warrant, corrosion-resistant materials of construction are utilized. While most Ejectors are steam motivated, other fluids can be used. For example, to maintain the purity of a product, a process compatible fluid can serve as the motive fluid.

Croll Reynolds supplies complete packaged, turnkey systems which include Ejectors, Condensers, Interconnecting Piping, Instrumentation, and Electronic Controls.



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#### SINGLE-NOZZLE EJECTOR

Single-Nozzle Ejectors are used for either critical or non-critical flow, but usually for only one set of design conditions.



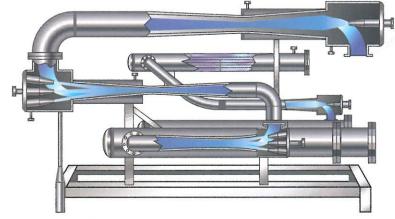
#### **MULTIPLE NOZZLE EJECTOR**

Croll Reynolds Multiple-Nozzle Ejectors are unique in both design and performance. In most cases, they offer steam savings of 10% to 20% when compared with single-nozzle units designed for the



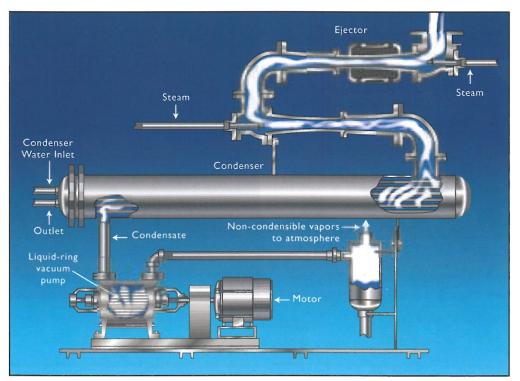
#### SPINDLE-OPERATED EIECTOR

Spindle-Operated Ejectors are indicated wherever suction or discharge pressures vary. During operation, a pneumatically-driven tapered spindle moves in and out of the nozzle orifice to control motive fluid flow.



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# **ROTAJECTOR®**



In this low-maintenance system, the only moving part is the impeller of the liquid-ring vacuum pump. And, no special vacuum oils, lubricants or special cooling systems are needed.

- Reliable high vacuum
- Designed for use with low pressure steam
- Reduced steam consumption
- Designed for low elevation installation
- Low purchase and operation costs
- Custom-designed for each application

Rising energy costs have created an increased demand for process vacuum systems which operate at the lowest possible cost. In response, Croll Reynolds developed the Rotajector, a combined Ejector/Condenser/Liquid Ring Pump high vacuum system.

### Operation

In a typical rotajector, process gases or vapors are drawn into the suction port of the first stage Ejector and compressed by subsequent stages. The condenser cools the gases and condenses the vapors, thus reducing the load to the liquid ring vacuum pump, which serves as the final compression stage. The pump also handles condensate, eliminating the need for a condensate removal pump.

### Configurations

Croll Reynolds Rotajector systems are manufactured in up to six-stage configurations and in a wide range of capacities. Design and configuration flexibility makes the Rotajector a highly versatile vacuum system, readily adapted to a variety of process applications.

#### **Chemical Industry**

High efficiency Rotajector systems, designed for operation with low pressure steam, are used for process applications including distillation, evacuation, drying, crystallization, evaporation and cooling.

### **Pharmaceutical Industry**

Vacuum drying at a relatively low

temperature is critical in many pharmaceutical applications where heat sensitive compounds might be destroyed by alternative drying methods.

### Food Industry

The high vacuum created by a Rotajector results in flash evaporative cooling of food products — thus preserving flavor, color and freshness without the need for preservatives or flavor enhancing additives. For chilling just-cooked foods, Rotajectors offer the advantage of using the same low pressure steam source that is used for cooking.

# **THERMOCOMPRESSORS**

- · Reclaim waste steam
- Reduce steam/water consumption
- Custom-designed
- Single-Nozzle, Multiple-Nozzle and Spindle-Operated configurations

In theory, a Thermocompressor and an Ejector are identical. The difference lies only in the application. Ejectors are used to produce a vacuum. A Thermocompressor is used to entrain and compress a low pressure fluid to an intermediate reusable pressure/temperature. The resultant recompressed fluid can then be used for another process and its heat value, which might otherwise have been wasted, reclaimed. Croll Reynolds Thermocompressors are available in single-nozzle, multiple-nozzle and spindle-operated configurations. They are used throughout the Process Industries.

### **Thermocompressor Operation**

During operation, the mixture of motive steam and entrained fluid is recompressed through the diffuser, which converts velocity energy to pressure energy. The recompressed vapor can be reclaimed for return to the process.

### Paper Industry

Thermocompressors compensate for changes in the temperature and discharge

pressures of steam dryers while reclaiming waste steam.

### Pharmaceutical Industry

Heat-sensitive chemicals are usually vacuum dried at relatively low temperatures. Thermocompressors operate efficiently at these temperatures and therefore provide an excellent means for reclaiming waste steam.

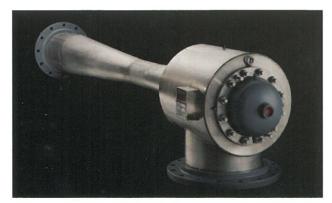
### **Food Industry**

Tomato paste and other food concentrates, as well as dairy products,

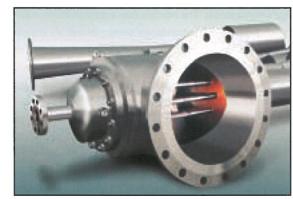
are produced in evaporators and dryers. Thermocompressors recover the vapors removed from food products during the concentration process.

### Chemical Processing and Petrochemical Industries

Dyers, stills, strippers and deodorizers usually discharge water vapor at relatively low pressures. Thermocompressors reclaim this vapor.

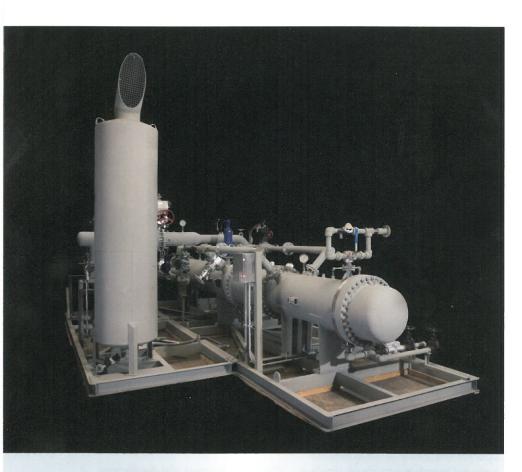


Multiple-Nozzle assemby



Multiple-Nozzle assembly viewed through the suction connection.

### **POWER SYSTEMS**



#### **OPERATION:**

Air and non-condensible vapors from the main condenser, enter the first stage ejector suction connection. High pressure steam enters the steam chest and expands to the suction pressure through a properly designed steam nozzle. Steam exits from the nozzle at high velocity, and entrains the air and non-condensible vapors compressing them to a higher pressure by means of a converging-diverging throat. The mixture then enters an intercondenser where the steam is condensed. The intercondenser compartments are designed with special internal baffles and arranged to allow the air to be cooled to the lowest possible temperature thereby reducing the volume of the air/vapor mixture to a minimum before it enters the second stage ejector. The second stage ejector handles the air/vapor mixture in the same manner as the first, and the steam/air mixture from the second stage enters an aftercondenser where the action is similar to that in the intercondenser. Air exits the discharge vent opening at a low temperature to reduce heat loss. The air flow can be measured by means of a rotameter. To rapidly reduce main condenser pressure during start up, priming ejectors (a.k.a. hoggers) are commonly installed in parallel with the unit. These ejectors are designed to handle large capacities for the rapid initial evacuation. Noise levels sometimes exceed OSHA maximum levels, and silencers are often installed to bring noise to acceptable levels.

The efficiency of steam turbines in a power plant directly correlates to the pressure of the steam that exits the turbine. A surface condenser operating under vacuum is typically installed to capture and condense steam exiting the turbine. The resultant turbine efficiency translates into added megawatts of electricity.

Condenser vacuum is typically achieved by a steam jet air ejector system.

The customary ejector system for this service is a two stage, twin element type vacuum unit, having duplicate ejectors for each stage, one running and one on standby, with a hogger (startup ejector) and a silencer all mounted with inter and after condensers, complete with valves and instrumentation.

Croll Reynolds' systems efficiently remove non-condensible vapors and associated water vapor from the surface condenser, and lower the pressure (achieving vacuum) in the condenser and at the turbine outlet.

Croll Reynolds' experience in sizing ejector systems for steam turbines and surface condensers is unparalleled. Each system is custom designed to the closest tolerances with a view towards the highest system efficiency. Croll Reynolds' power systems have found wide acceptance due to their small space requirements, simplicity of operation, reliability, low maintenance and quick starting characteristics.

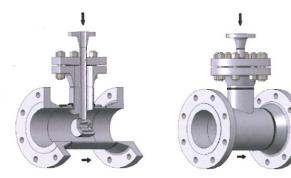


### **DESUPERHEATERS**

Superheated steam is pressurized water vapor that is at a temperature higher than the saturation temperature of the steam pressure. Although process steam is typically throttled and superheated for efficient distribution, it must be cooled before it is condensed and therefore it is less efficient than saturated steam for a majority of heat transfer applications. The most efficient way to reduce the superheat value of steam is by "desuperheating" it. This involves the direct introduction of water to the steam.

### Superheated steam:

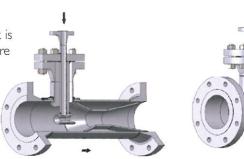
- Increases cycle time for heat transfer;
- Yields lower rates for heat transfer;
- Creates temperature gradients over heat transfer surfaces, and thereby effects product quality; and,
- Requires larger heat transfer area and thereby increases design and installation cost



#### FIXED NOZZLE DESUPERHEATERS HOLLOWCONE

Desuperheaters are utilized in the power industry for boiler heat recovery systems, in the pulp and paper industry for the control of dryer drum temperature, for optimal heat transfer in surface condensers, and for a myriad of other process and refinery applications where make-up steam is required or where process conditions require the control of excess temperature.

Croll Reynolds' Desuperheaters are custom designed and manufactured to optimize the temperature reduction of superheated steam which increases its energy exchange capacity and results in ideal heat transfer efficiency.

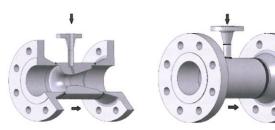




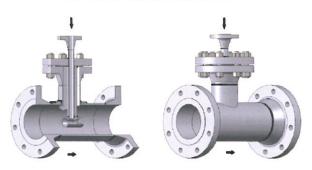
#### **DOUBLE VENTURI DESUPERHEATERS**

Desuperheaters are usually supplied with pressure and temperature controllers, actuators, steam pressure reducing valves and water control valves as part of an engineered system. With nearly 100 years of experience in the design and manufacture of steam systems, Croll Reynolds' Desuperheaters offer proven efficiency and guaranteed process performance.

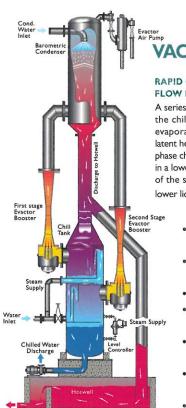
Croll Reynolds offers a full line of desuperheater configurations: Fixed Nozzle Desuperheaters; (Hollow Cone); Venturi Desuperheaters (Attemperator); Double Venturi Desuperheaters; and, Full Venturi Desuperheaters. Croll Reynolds specializes in the custom design of engineered systems. Please contact us with your specific requirements at info@croll.com



### **FULL VENTURI DESUPERHEATER**



VENTURI DESUPERHEATERS ATEMPERATOR



### VACUUM CHILLERS

### RAPID CHILLING WHERE LARGE FLOW RATES ARE REQUIRED

A series of Ejectors reduce pressure in the chill tank resulting in the flash evaporation of the incoming water. The latent heat of vaporization required in this phase change is supplied by liquid resulting in a lower liquid temperature. Each stage of the system achieves successively lower liquid temperatures.

- Highly reliable chilling systems
- Deaerate liquids as they are chilled
- Custom-designed
- Eliminate hazardous and corrosive refrigerants
- Designed for outdoor installation
- Require no operating supervision
- Virtually maintenance free

#### **CHILL-VACTOR**

Chill-Vactors are used where large flow rates of cool water are continuously required, such as in the paper and pharmaceutical industries.

The Croll Reynolds Chill-Vactor is a highly reliable vacuum flash cooling system with applications in water chilling, food processing and a variety of industrial uses. Chill-Vactors installed as long as forty years ago are still in operation.

Automatic controllers can be added to enhance Chill-Vactor efficiency by reducing energy used during off-peak demand periods. For example, a ratio controller will provide up to 40% in steam savings by throttling motive steam pressure when condensing water temperature is below design specifications.

### **Paper Industry**

Chill-Vactors are used for chilling and deaerating water to absorb the chlorine dioxide used in paper bleaching operations. Due to the greater solubility of chlorine dioxide in cold deaerated water, the bleaching agent is more efficiently absorbed.

### **Pharmaceutical Industry**

Chill-Vactors produce the high volume of chilled water required to manufacture organic acids, vitamins, antibiotics and synthetic medicines.

### **Other Applications**

Additional Chill-Vactor applications include the cooling of sod, tobacco, sand, gravel and other granular materials.

# ETHYLENE GLYCOL DRIVEN VACUUM SYSTEMS

Croll Reynolds' ethylene-glycoldriven ejector systems are designed to reduce waste and conserve energy for reactor service in the production of polyester polymers. These systems employ ethylene glycol, the process solvent, as the motive fluid (MEG) for the reactor ejectors.

Solvent recovery and the elimination of ejector fouling are major considerations in the design of vacuum pumping systems for polyester polymer reactor service. In conventional systems, ethylene glycol, the process solvent, contaminates steam condensate, while polymer carryover from the process fouls the initial stages of the system, causing frequent shutdowns for cleaning.

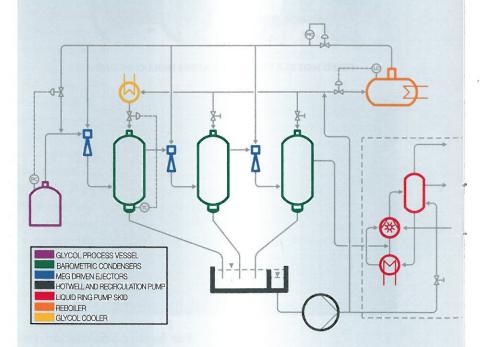
By utilizing the process solvent as the motive fluid, contamination of steam condensate is eliminated. MEG driven ejectors run hotter than conventional jet ejectors, and therefore fouling of

the units by polymer carryover is significantly reduced. The use of organic vapor also avoids process contamination caused by the back-streaming of steam.

The waste-reduction features

of Croll Reynolds' ethylene-glycoldriven ejector designs represent a major economic advantage for those who produce polyester polymers. System efficiency is significantly enhanced due to the fact that the high-boiling-point of MEG reduces energy requirements. The ability of the design's inter-condensers to operate at lower pressures results in lower cooling media requirements, the elimination of condensate contamination and the recovery of valuable resources.

Croll Reynolds jets are designed to the closest tolerances. The use of MEG jets permits reduced nozzle velocities resulting in a significant decrease in internal erosion thus extending the service life of the design.





### MEETING THE CHALLENGE

The California site of the TRW Strategic
Defense Initiative (SDI) laser project is one
of the world's largest vacuum and air pollution
control installations. Ejectors manufactured
by Croll Reynolds simulate the atmosphere
of space for the testing of a hydrogen/
fluorine laser. Gases produced during laser
generation are removed by a Croll Reynolds
custom-designed Packed Tower Scrubber.

For over 50 years Croll Reynolds Air Pollution Control Division, now, The Clean Air Group, LLC, has provided solutions to those faced with the challenge of efficient resource utilization and the responsibility for meeting stringent emission standards.

Current and proposed regulations call for swift compliance, while the recovery and reuse of valuable process vapor has become standard operating procedure throughout the world. Regardless of the air pollutant or industrial source, The Clean Air Group has the engineering know-how and application experience to design and manufacture a system to meet the most demanding performance requirements.

### System Design

The Clean Air Group offers a full range of air pollution control technologies. Our engineers are prepared to analyze your requirements and engineer a solution for virtually any application. From a single-stage, stand alone unit to an automated, multistage system complete with state-of-theart instrumentation and programmable logic controllers, The Clean Air Group's team of chemical, mechanical and electrical engineers will work together to meet your performance needs.

We specialize in the design of High Energy Venturi Scrubbers, Jet Venturi Scrubbers and Packed Towers. Our strength lies in our ability to integrate these products into a solution tailored to meet the most exacting requirements.

### Solving Problems Others Won't Touch

Years of research and innovative engineering experience have earned The Clean Air Group a reputation for resolving the most difficult challenges. We have handled a wide variety of toxic, hazardous, common, and uncommon gases, including: HCl, HF, HBr, H2S, SO2, NH3, Cl2, Alcohols, Silicon Dioxide, Silicon, Tetrachloride, Fine Oil Mist, Boron, Trifluoride, Organic Anhydrides,

Sulfuric Acid Mist, Lime Dust, Phosgene, Ethylene Oxidel Propylene, Oxide, VOC's, to name a few!

### Specialized Applications EtO/PO Scrubbers

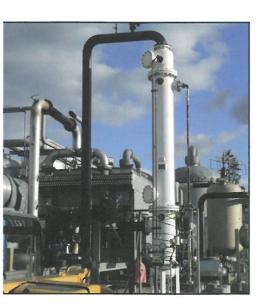
Ethylene Oxide gas (EtO) is used to reduce or render inactive microbial populations in sterilization processes. Propylene Oxide (PO) and Ethylene Oxide are also utilized as precursors in the production of a number of critical chemicals.

The Clean Air Group's proprietary EtO/PO scrubbing systems utilize absorption and hydrolysis of these oxides to glycols to effectively treat EtO and PO contaminated gases. Efficiencies greater than 99.99% can be guaranteed. Fully automated systems are available.

### **NOx Scrubbers**

Conventional scrubbers are limited to low NOx removal efficiencies due to the nature of the aqueous absorption chemistry involved. The Clean Air Group's patented "Surface Active" media effectively overcomes those limitations—without the need for exotic or expensive chemicals or a costly and complex operational scheme. This technology is particularly well suited for applications where the infamous "orange" plume is produced by high levels of NO2.

### **AIR POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS**



#### **WET SCRUBBERS**

The Clean Air Group's Jet-Venturi Scrubber is one of the most economical answers to the growing problem of air pollution. It is an efficient means for minimizing smoke and undesirable odors, cleaning and purifying air and other gases as well as reclaiming valuable product which may be exhausted to atmosphere. It can also be used as a concentrator by having the motivating fluid adsorb the fume for recirculation until a desired concentration is reached. And the Fume Scrubber can do all this with a minimum of maintenance since there are no moving parts and because it operates at low velocities.

### High Energy Venturi Scrubber

The High Energy Venturi Scrubber is ideally suited to the capture of small particles less than 3 microns in size. It is effective as well in the submicron range and requires little or no maintenance. For applications where variations in gas flow require throat gas velocity compensation to maintain specified scrubbing efficiencies, the Clean Air Group offers automatic and manually variable throat designs. The automatic throat is used where flow conditions vary widely and frequent adjustments are required. When occasional variations occur, a manually-controlled throat is available.

### Jet Venturi Scrubber

The Jet Venturi Scrubber utilizes a liquid motivated ejector design to entrain contaminated gases, generally without the need for a blower. The relatively high liquid-to-gas ratio, liquid atomization, and open internal design provide effective scrubbing of heavily contaminated gases with minimal maintenance and virtually unlimited turndown capabilities. Its ability to handle wide ranging conditions makes the Jet Venturi one of the most flexible designs available. It is often used as a first stage in a multi-stage air pollution control system.

### **Packed Tower Scrubber**

The Clean Air Group's Packed Tower Scrubber utilizes a vertical countercurrent design for highly efficient absorption of a variety of toxic gases. In addition to its extensive use in air pollution control, the Packed Tower can serve as a gas/liquid contactor in a number of process applications. Efficiencies of 99.99% and greater are not unusual for many scrubbing applications. During operation, gas flows upward through a packed bed while scrubbing liquid flows down (by gravity) over the packing material. The counter-flow design principle offers optimal mass transfer. The Clean Air Group supplies cross flow and co-current flow Packed Tower designs as well.

### **CASE STUDY**

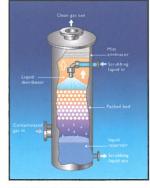
Systems Work Together for HCl Removal and Recovery

A specialty chemical manufacturer was looking for a way to remove HCl from its off-gas before it was discharged to the atmosphere. The Clean Air Group designed and manufactured a system which uses two Jet Venturi Fume Scrubbers in series, followed by two Packed Towers in series. Intimate mixing of the gas stream and scrubbing liquid allows the let Venturi Scrubbers to remove 98% of the HCl and the Packed Towers to remove the remainder. The let Venturi Scrubbers collect 98% of the HCI while creating a marketable aqueous HCI solution. The Packed Towers recirculate the diluted NaOH solution, and "polish" the gas stream to meet low HCI discharge limits. The units have proved to be virtually maintenance free, with final emissions concentrations of approximately 2 PPM. Liquid waste production is minimal and the recovery of marketable HCl has offset the cost of the system.



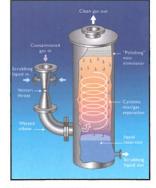
### JET VENTURI SCRUBBER

Motivating fluid exits the nozzle in a hollow cone spray pattern, creating a draft. Contact between the scrubbing liquid and the gas results in high gas mass transfer and/or particulate capture. This mixture discharges into a Clean Air Group designed separator.



### PACKED TOWER SCRUBBER

Utilizing the most modern packing designs to provide contact between gas and liquid streams, the Packed Tower Scrubber achieves the extremely low toxic gas discharge limits required to meet emission standards.



### HIGH ENERGY VENTURI SCRUBBER

Energy from a high-velocity, dust laden gas stream is used to atomize a liquid stream.

Cyclonic gas flow in the separator drives the dust laden liquid to the outside wall. The liquid is collected and returned to the sump.

# ENGINEERING: INNOVATION-QUALITY-PERFORMANCE

### Innovative Engineering

Croll Reynolds' commitment to its customers begins with a thorough evaluation of such factors as applications feasibility, operational efficiency, performance requirements and cost effectiveness. The success of any installation is virtually assured before it goes on-line.

Computer Aided Design and Finite Element Analysis programs permit Croll Reynolds engineers to share information throughout the design process. Careful attention to detail during all phases of design and test results in products that consistently exceed customer expectations.

### Life-Cycle Product Support

Croll Reynolds stands behind every installation from design through operation. As part of its commitment to customer support, life-cycle records are maintained for every system. Records include: system and component specifications, detailed lists of parts and construction materials, and performance data.

Whenever upgrade components or replacement parts are required, they are supplied to the specifications of the original equipment – with the added benefits of enhancements in technology, design, materials and production techniques.

### Operational and Application Support

Croll Reynolds engineers are always available to assist with application and technical matters as well as with system operation. Croll Reynolds field representatives are trained in the technical and operational aspects of our products.

### Quality Manufacturing/Quality Control

Manufacturing and test facilities in the United States, as well as in the Far East, include a wide range of state-of-the-art automated machine tools. Shop and supervisory personnel, many with more than 35 years of experience at Croll Reynolds, take pride in a total team effort. Every project is monitored by quality control professionals. All equipment is designed and manufactured to meet or exceed industry standards and all applicable codes (HEI,TEMA, RTP-I, ASME).

### **Croll Reynolds Research and Test Centers**

Croll Reynolds Research and Test Centers provide a real-world environment for the pilot development of custom systems and new product concepts.

Multiple steam generation facilities offer the flexibility and capacity required to test systems and components prior to shipment.



# PROVIDING WORLDWIDE SOLUTIONS

With Manufacturing, Research and Test facilities in the Far East as well as in the United States, and a worldwide network of representatives, Croll Reynolds has emerged as a leading supplier of high performance Process Vacuum and Air Pollution Control equipment to the world.

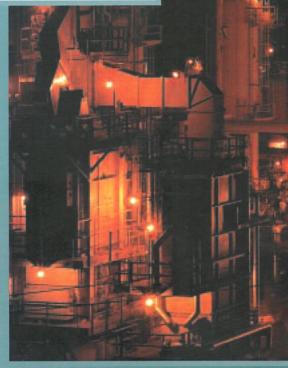
From the Pharmaceutical Plants of New Jersey to the Edible Oil Refineries of Brazil; from the Industrialized Plains of India to the Palm Plantations of Malaysia; Croll Reynolds is the resource for innovative engineering and unparalleled expertise.

The synergy between our Process Vacuum and Air Pollution Control technology continues to offer a powerful design and engineering advantage. Call us for the office location of the factory-trained process vacuum or air pollution control specialist nearest you.





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