

Alfa Laval BM520

Disc stack separator for the dairy industry

Introduction

For more than 130 years, Alfa Laval has been supplying disc stack separators for the dairy industry. Today Alfa Laval has the most complete and diverse offering of separators, each fully optimized for its specific duty.

Alfa Laval's range of disc stack separators has been setting the standards for gentle and efficient separation meeting the strictest hygiene and performance requirements of modern dairies.

Application

Self-cleaning disc stack separators in the BM series are specially designed to remove spores and bacteria from milk to enhance the quality of cheese, powders, consumption milk and cream. The Top Stream Technology enables a continuous stream of bactofugate allowing higher flexibility and capacity in the dairy. The unique hermetic design ensures efficiency up to 99 %. For installations with a high demand on efficiency, two or more units can be installed in series.

Benefits

- Gentle treatment of the product
- High separation efficiency
- Low power consumption
- Foam-free handling in absence of air
- No oxygen pick-up
- Corrosion resistant
- Designed with focus on CIP
- Easy to operate

Design

The BM520 is available in different scopes of supply from a bare separator to a complete separation system.

The unique fully hermetic bottom fed design ensures very gentle treatment of the product and the hermetically sealed inlet and outlet prevent oxygen pick-up. Smooth acceleration of feed in the hollow rotating spindle helps maintain the sizes of the fat globules and other components. The hermetic design not only enhances separation efficiency, but also prevents increase of free fatty acids in the product, which might otherwise result in bad flavour, taste and a shortened shelf life. In addition to these benefits, the hermetic design offers the lowest power consumption in the market.



All parts in contact with the product are in compliance with European food contact material regulation - (EC) No. 1935/2004. The metallic product contact parts are made of high-grade stainless-steel ensuring corrosion resistance and the non-metallic product contact parts, including gaskets and seals, are made of materials according to FDA requirement. The model is available with certification according to 3-A sanitary standard for Centrifugal Separators and Clarifiers.

Scope of supply

- Disc stack separator
- Cyclone

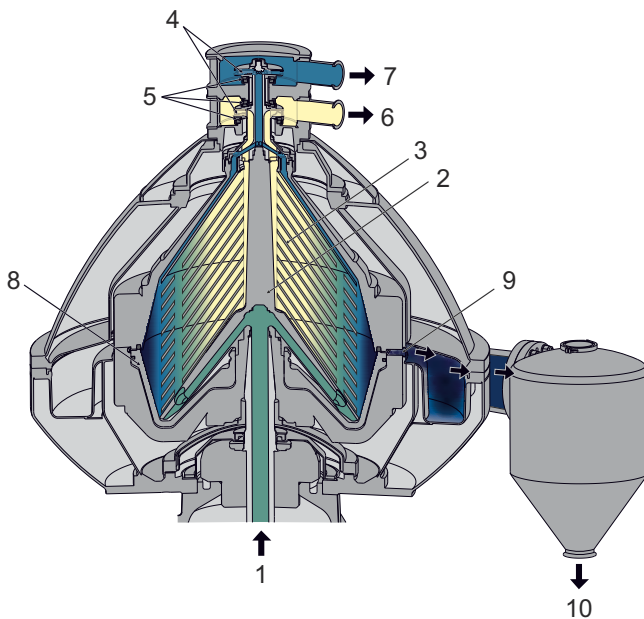
Options

- Foundation plate
- Set of tools
- Intermediate service kit

Working principle

The milk is continuously fed from the bottom into the rotating separator bowl through the hollow drive spindle. Separation takes place between the bowl discs due to the centrifugal force. The bacto-fugated milk moves towards the centre of the bowl and the bacto-fugate towards the periphery. The separated liquids are pressurized by the impellers in the outlet housing and thereby working as a centrifugal pump. The bacto-fugate flowing over the top disc is taken out continuously.

Depending on the bacto-fuge setup, which can be in the form of one or multiple bacto-fuges in series, the bacto-fugate can be recirculated back to the first separator in order to recover more milk. The bacto-fugate will accumulate in the solids space and discharge intermittently via the cyclone. While the bacto-fugate is accumulating in the sediment space, the sliding bowl bottom is kept closed against the bowl hood by means of operating water. The sliding bowl bottom lowers, while the machine is operating at full speed, to discharge separated bacto-fugate through the discharge ports. The sequential pulses of operating water are used to control the movement of the sliding bowl bottom part that opens and closes the discharge ports.



Typical bowl drawing. The details illustrated do not necessarily correspond to the separator described.

1. Inlet
2. Distributor
3. Disc stack
4. Impeller

5. Hermetic seal
6. Light liquid phase outlet
7. Heavy liquid phase outlet
8. Sliding bowl bottom
9. Solids discharge ports
10. Solids outlet from cyclone

Technical data

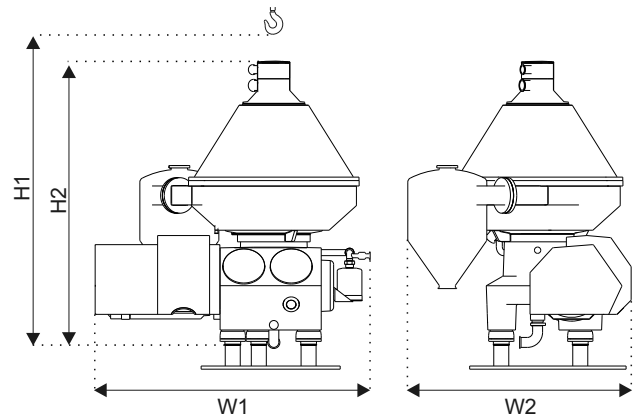
Performance data	
Capacity	Nominal: 15 000 l/h (3 900 US gallon/h) Max: 20 000 l/h (5 200 US gallon/h)
Installed motor power	18.5 kW (25 HP)

Main connections	
Feed inlet	ISO 2852 (Tri-Clamp) DN63.5
Product outlet (heavy phase)	ISO 2852 (Tri-Clamp) DN51
Product outlet (light phase)	ISO 2852 (Tri-Clamp) DN63.5
Solids outlet	ISO 2852 (Tri-Clamp) DN101

Material data	
Bowl body	Duplex Stainless Steel, EN 1.4462, ASTM/UNS S31803
Gaskets (product wetted)	NBR (FDA approved materials)

Weights	
Separator incl. bowl and motor	1840 kg (4050 lb)
Bowl	800 kg (1760 lb)

Dimensional drawing



Dimensions	
H1 (minimum lifting height)	2 800 mm (9 ft 2 1/4 inches)
H2	1 793 mm (5 ft 10 9/16 inches)
W1	1 742 mm (5 ft 8 9/16 inches)
W2	1 414 mm (4 ft 7 11/16 inches)

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