

Dual-Dry® III

3 zone hot air flotation dryer

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High reliability and low maintenance

The design eliminates condensate formation and provides a constant seal between the air bars and headers. Other features include a single burner and a minimum number of components, along with easy maintenance access. Construction features include advanced metallurgy and rugged manufacturing to ensure years of dependable operation.

Simple installation

All electrical cabinets are mounted on the dryer which is pre-wired, pre-piped and factory tested for fast commissioning. Most sizes are delivered in a single piece to further reduce installation time. VOC Environmental air emission control. Drying and pollution control are inter-related processes which need to be combined to achieve optimum total performance (investment, operating cost, environmental compliance). MEGTEC is the only company that offer a complete choice of all available technologies.

Dual-Dry range

All MEGTEC dryers share the same high performance Dual-Dry air nozzle technology. The wide range of models allows the optimum selection of a dryer to match operating requirements.

| Functions | Pollution control | Drying zones | Conditioning zone |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Dual-Dry III | — | 3 | air conditioning zone |
| Dual-Dry TNV | Integrated recuperative | 3 | air conditioning zone |
| Dual-Dry RTO | Integrated regenerative | 3 | air conditioning zone |

Standard features for Dual-Dry® III Europe

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| Maximum web speed | 17 m/s (3350 fpm) |
| Maximum paper web widths | 1020 mm (40"), 1270 mm (51"), 1370 mm (55"), 1530 mm (58"), 1700 mm (69"), 2040 mm (80") |
| Configurations | Horizontal, single or double web |
| Web direction | Left-to-right or right-to-left |
| Single burner, versions | Natural gas, Butane, Propane or LPG |
| Air nozzles | Dual-Dry air for maximum web stability and high heat transfer |
| Control | PLC with modem |
| | Internal pyrometer (IR) at end of first zone |
| | Automatic temperature profile control to all zones function of paper grade |
| | Automatic digital exhaust control |
| | Blanket wash interface |
| Doors | Vertical automatic web-up doors |
| Electrical power | 400V/50Hz Soft start motors |
| Fans | Plug type for supply, recirculating and integrated exhaust |
| Norms and safety | Conforms to all EC standards |

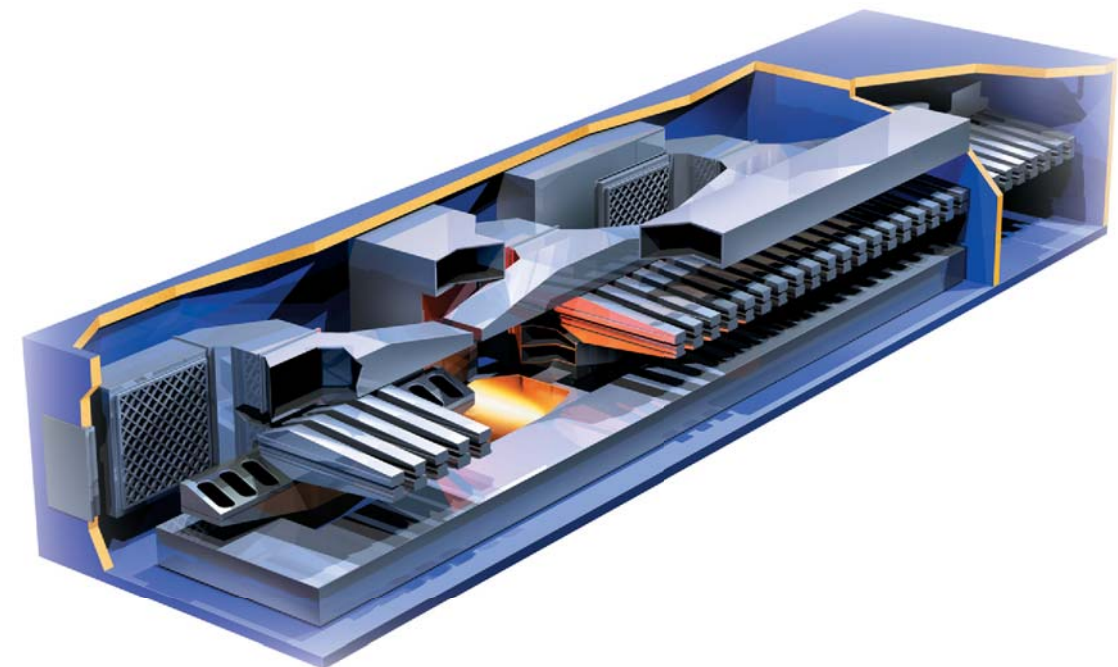
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Exceptional Web Stability and Low Energy Consumption for Commercial Printing

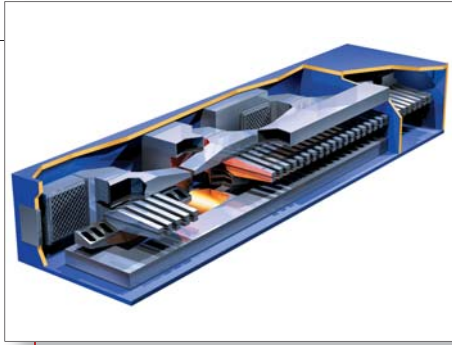


The Dual-Dry® III is the proven answer to the demanding needs placed on heatset printers by the increased use of: light weight paper, uncoated paper, heavier ink coverage, lower web tensions, higher press speeds and ultra-wide webs widths. These parameters all require superior web handling and process efficiency.

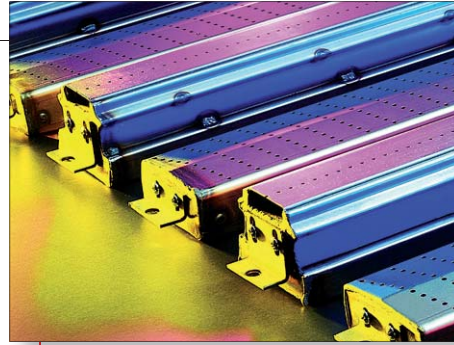
The bottom line is process knowledge

Dual-Dry® III

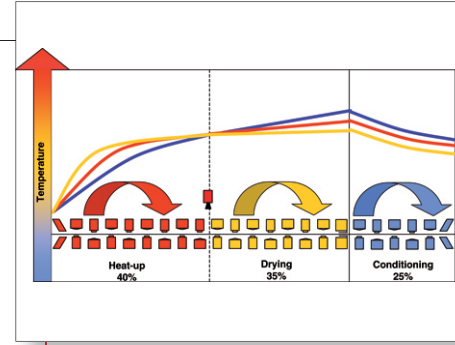
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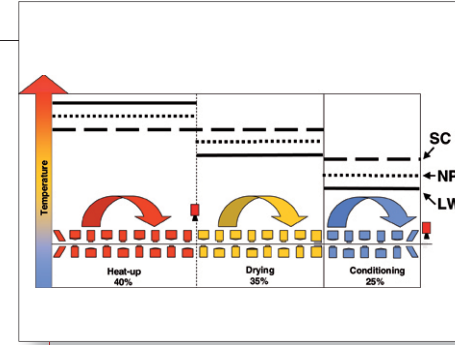
Dual-Dry III's proven technologies deliver the industry standard for functional and economic performance.



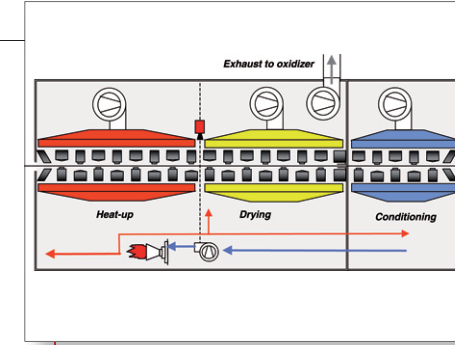
Innovation N° 1: Dual-Dry air nozzle system combines two air bars, one dedicated for web handling and the other for heat transfer.



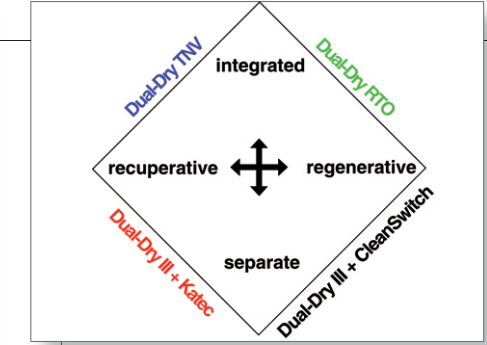
Innovation N° 2: Unique automatic paper temperature control eliminates operator errors, allows faster make ready, ensures consistent print quality, reduces paper waste and energy consumption.



Innovation N° 3: Optimum zone length and special temperature profiles for each paper grade increase drying performance and reduce waste.



Dual-Dry III process principle



Only MEGTEC provides integrated and separate dryers with both regenerative and recuperative solvent oxidation technology.

Performance benefits of Dual-Dry® III

- High quality printed products with low waste
- Dual-Dry® system for high lateral web stability without web touching
- Proportional length of each zone for maximum process quality
- Low energy consumption
- Digital exhaust control
- Automatic paper temperature profiles
- Stand-by mode for fast restart
- Temperature profiles depending on paper grade
- Simple operation eliminates operator errors
- PLC with diagnostic assistance and modem
- High reliability and low maintenance
- No condensate formation in the dryer, marking on chills or folder
- Minimum number of components, standard commercial burner

Lower lifetime operating costs

Another major criteria is the reduction of total operating costs by improving functional performance:

- Prevent paper and ink waste from all causes
- Minimise press downtime for any reason
- Reduce consumption of gas and electricity

The Dual-Dry III answers all these operating criteria with proven technologies. Optimum dryer performance begins with air bar efficiency which has been revolutionised by MEGTEC's Dual-Dry® air nozzle system that ensures an extraordinarily stable web without any marking and reduces total energy consumption. Other key process features include optimum zone proportions, and automatic paper temperature control depending on paper grade.

Production results over several years confirms the reliable superiority of these technologies. MEGTEC has been responsible for most of the major advances in heatset drying and oxidation technologies and has vast experience in thermal air management with over 10.000 dryer and oxidiser installations. The Dual-Dry III is the result of the synergies between MEGTEC's US and European R&D teams to combine technologies and experience to deliver the global industry standard for functional and economic performance.

Dual-Dry® Air Bar System

Optimum dryer performance begins with air bar efficiency. The combination of heat transfer and web support functions in a single nozzle design will always be a compromise. MEGTEC's innovation has been to separate these two functions into separate air bars. The patented Dual-Dry air nozzle system demonstrates a significant advance in performance to ensure an extraordinarily stable web without any marking, even in the longest and widest dryers. In addition, the efficiency of heat transfer has been increased to lower energy consumption.

Exceptional web stability

The Dual-Dry system uses a combination of hole air bars to deliver high heat transfer and Hi-Float® air bars to provide optimum web support even with an air pressure reduced by half. The system creates a slight sine wave in the web to inhibit edge curl, flutter or web touching, and it provides a flatter web path for high lateral web stability ($\pm 3 \text{ mm}$; $\pm .118''$). Its performance in demanding production conditions demonstrates optimum flotation clearance even with heavy ink coverage on light weight papers at low web tension. Dampened air knives at dryer entry and exit help centre the web and control fresh air entering the dryer.

Low total energy consumption

The low pressure Dual-Dry air bars considerably reduce electricity used in operation. Energy is further economised by the low web exit temperature, automatic paper temperature profile and digital exhaust controls. Unnecessary duplication of fans and motors have been eliminated and electrical components are selected to minimise power draw. During stand-by there is an automatic reduction of temperature profile and low exhaust flow rate.

Optimal zone proportions

The Dual-Dry III uses the three zone process principle. MEGTEC's unique design ensures that proportions of each zone are optimal irrespective of dryer size. This is essential to attain peak process efficiency and flexibility for all speeds and papers.

Heat-up zone:

Reaches the defined temperature under maximum demand conditions to rapidly start solvent evaporation. (Temperatures are measured and controlled at the exit of this zone to ensure highest temperature attainment is measured at the most reliable point to control the overall process.)

Evaporation zone:

Maintains web temperature and exhausts solvents at end of the zone (at the point of highest concentration). Room air enters the dryer through the web slots and make-up air damper to compensate for the volume of exhaust air.

Cooling zone:

Patented seal bars at the entry minimise solvent migration into this zone where extraction of residual solvent continues as the paper temperature is reduced (web exit temperature is 200-260°C). The zone features temperature control and fresh air infeed to avoid condensate formation.

Digital exhaust control

Exhaust mass flow rate is automatically adjusted to match press speed and to minimise energy consumption. Blanket washing time and paper waste are reduced by an automatic increase to the exhaust flow rate and corresponding entry of fresh air into the first zone of the dryer.

Automatic paper profiles

Each paper grade has its own drying characteristics. Traditionally only the web set point temperature has been adjusted to each paper grade. However, MEGTEC's research and field testing in co-operation with press, ink and paper suppliers shows that drying performance increases when the dryer zones are optimally.

MEGTEC has combined these pre-selectable temperature profiles with the proven automatic paper temperature control, which features an internal pyrometer at the end of the first zone. The PLC optimises temperature profiles in all zones to match changing printing conditions (press speed, dampening, paper weight and paper grade). This easy-to-use system requires only adjustment for ink coverage, and thereby eliminates operator errors, allows faster make ready, ensures consistent print quality, reduces paper waste, and energy consumption.

Communication and control

The Siemens S7 PLC provides communication and interface with the press control system. The user friendly operator interface displays operating status and provides fault diagnosis. A modem is standard for remote troubleshooting and a weekly monitoring service is available for diagnosis and preventive maintenance.