Blank Washing Machines
Coil Washing Machines

smt - washing machines

for blanks and strips made of metal:
• clean surfaces
• defined medium film on surfaces
• degreased surfaces
• dry surfaces

in press lines and coil lines:
• minimize scrap and retouching work
• reduce downtimes
• extend life times of dies
• enable process control

smt - blank and coil washers are used, where not only loose but also relatively strongly sticking dirt must be properly removed from the blank or strip surfaces made of metal:
• proper cleaning and homogeneous medium film in rapid passing process

The blank washing machine is usually positioned within a blank loading system in front of a press or a press line.

The coil washing machine is placed within a coil line, in many cases in front of the leveller.

Working Principle

The feed material, blanks or strips, is pulled into the machine with the help of a pair of pinch rolls. Then the surfaces are profusely flushed with washing medium. Dirt particles on the blank surface are mechanically loosened and flushed off by the high-volume flow. Sticking dirt and basic oilings are loosened.

Brushing rolls with a garnishing of relatively soft perlon bristles rotating to the opposite direction of the material transport mechanically complete the cleaning effect and also allow a turbulent swirling of the washing medium on the material surfaces.

After brushing the blank or strip is flushed again with washing medium on both sides. Then, depending on the machine type, one or two pairs of squeezing rolls squeeze off the washing medium from the surfaces.

The investment already amortizes in a very short time as the quality costs caused by the wear of dies, downtimes, scrap and retouching work, etc. clearly, sometimes drastically go down.
The different standard versions / roll arrangements:

V: pinch rolls: PU / brushing rolls: perlon bristles / squeezing rolls: non-textile coating
- The standard 3-roll machine: shortest design in passing direction; best cleaning; for slow up to medium transport speeds.
- Compared to the 4-roll machine a higher residual medium film.
- Function as washing & oiling machine.

Ia: pinch rolls: PU / brushing rolls: perlon bristles / squeezing rolls I: non-textile coating / squeezing rolls II: non-textile coating
- The 4-roll machine: best solution where very high cleaning results and squeezing results are required.
- Residual medium film $< 1.0 \text{ g/m}^2$ can be obtained also at high transport speeds.
- Very good choice if a spray lubrication system should follow the washer.

IIa: pinch rolls: PU / brushing rolls: perlon bristles / squeezing rolls I: PU / squeezing rolls II: non-textile coating
- The 4-roll machine that is more reasonable compared to Version Ia: the bigger the machine, the higher is the cost advantage; recommendable if the squeezing results are not required to be as high as covered by Version Ia.
- Modification to Version Ia is easily possible.

Technical Data for standard machines, depending on size and type:

- blank / strip thickness: 0.2 - 3.0 mm
- blank width: 500 - 5000 mm, as required
- strip width: max. 2500 mm, as required
- blank length in passing direction: min. 450 - 650 mm, depending on max. passing width
- blank shape / type: rectangular and formed blanks, also with cutouts; double and multiple blanks next to each other; welded blanks with reservations
- blank / strip material: steel, non-galvanized and galvanized, aluminium, other nonferrous metals
- transport speed: max. about 3.0 m/s, frequency-controlled
- washing medium flow: 350 - 1000 l/min, depending on machine size
- residual medium film: 0.5 - 2.5 g/m$^2$, depending on application

Customized Design
- adaption of standard machines to existing mounting conditions on site and specifications – also later installation in already existing production lines.
- additional conveyor and handling technology in front of and behind the washing machine, e.g. complete blank loaders.

We are also producing:
- dry-brushing machines
- degreasing machines for aluminium strip and other nonferrous metals
- ultrasonic passing-through washing machines for wire-type and strip-type material with specific, powerful ultrasonic sources in compact design

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