

BEAD FOAMING AUTOCLAVE

Development of tailored formulations and production routes

CHARACTERISTICS

- BEAD EXPANSION ON HIGH-PRESSURE STIRRED REACTOR
- PRODUCTIVITY UP TO 1 kg/batch
- SOLID MICRO-PELLETS ON CUSTOMIZED STRAND-PELLETIZER AND COMPOUNDING ON TWIN-SCREW EXTRUDERS
- TAILORED FORMULATIONS: EPP, EPS, EPLA, ETPES, EPC, ETC.
- DIFFERENT BLOWING AGENTS: CO₂, N₂, HC, HFOs, ETOH, etc.
- LAB-SCALE THERMOFORMING ON STEAM-HEATED MOLDS







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APPLICATIONS

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	DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FORMULATIONS FOR BEAD FOAMING	•	Selection of raw materials: polymers and additives. Analysis of foamability for bead foaming applications. Evaluation of blowing agents and blowing agent blends. Optimization of the processing conditions.
	WELDING AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	•	Study of the welding behavior in a lab-scale steam chest molding process. Evaluation of the quality of the welding by studying the mechanical properties.
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	ADVANCED CHARACTERIZATION	•	Evaluation of the blowing agent concentration remaining throughout the process. Multi-scale structural analysis of the foamed parts: from the beads to the cellular structure.
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	PROPERTY CHARACTERIZATION	•	Determination of all the relevant properties: thermal conductivity, fire behavior, acoustic absorption, tensile, compression, abrasion, rebound, creep, etc. Modeling of the properties.
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v_{stirrer} ррва PHYSICAL **TECHNICAL** MAGNETIC STIRRER **BLOWING AGENT** PUMP **SPECIFICATIONS** TEMPERATURE **CONTROLLER -**RECIRCULATING THERMAL BATH PRESSURE VESSEL ► T_{vessel} HEATING/COOLING JACKET T_{fluid} \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc **© FOAMED BEADS** \bigcirc \bigcirc PNEUMATIC DRAIN VALVE $v_{\Delta p}$

	PRESSURE VESSEL			MAGNETIC STIRRER	
	Model Versoclave special Type 3,			Model	Cyclone 300ac, Buchiglasuster
		Buchiglasuster		Speed controller	0-2000 rpm
	Volume	5 L		Maximum torque	300Ncm
	Output	1 kg/batch		DRAIN BOTTOM VALVE	
	Maximum pressure	200 bar			De como dia
	HEATING COOLING JACKET			System Minimum opening time	Pneumatic 0.1 ms
	System	Integrated heating jacket		Maximum pressure	200 bar
	TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER			PHYSICAL BLOWING AGE	NT PUMP
	Model Presto A40, Ju	Presto A40, Julabo		Model	260D (Teledyne Isco)
	Temperature range	-40 ºC – 250 ºC	>	Maximum pressure	517 bar
	Stability	± 0.01 ºC	1	PBAs	CO ₂ , HCs, HFOs, Liquids, etc.
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