Process Pumps and Equipment for Biofuels Applications

The Heart of Your Process
Reliable Sulzer Technology for a More Sustainable World

Sulzer is the trusted market leader in pumps for ethanol plants across North America and a major player in pumping and mixing applications in European plants. Advanced biofuels, from non-food sources, show great potential as a renewable transportation fuel and place new demands on biorefinery processes. Sulzer has pumping and mixing technologies in operation at many advanced biofuels facilities, and we support our customers with the development of environment-friendly technologies for pilot, demonstration and commercial installations. Our extensive experience and know-how in pulp and paper, oil and gas, and hydrocarbon processing industries ensure that Sulzer’s process equipment and pumps operate efficiently and reliably in advanced biorefinery processes and a wide range of biofuels applications.

Reliability
The reliability of your pumping and mixing solution mainly depends on the the right selection, proper product design, precise manufacturing, timely delivery process, efficient aftermarket service and all associated support.

With latest manufacturing technology and strict quality control procedures, Sulzer Pumps assures high levels of efficiency and performance over a full range of process conditions. At Sulzer Pumps all our pumps are tested before delivery. The wide references from Pulp and Paper Industry (PPI), biofuels and general industry operation around the whole world confirm our proven reliability. Together, all these factors mean high pumping and mixing performance and create high lifecycle value for our customers.

Research
Research and development are top priority at Sulzer Pumps. The world’s largest R&D center specialized in PPI and biofuels pumping and mixing is located in Kotka, Finland. We work closely with our customers to develop pumps and mixers that suit our customers’ processes in the best possible way. At our full scale testing facilities, all process equipment can be tested under operating conditions controlled to closely match customer operations. We are also able to make pumping and mixing test runs based on customers’ own furnish.

We apply our own foundry expertise and deep metallurgical knowledge to developing equipment for applications requiring strong resistance to corrosion and wear.

Presence
Our focused sales and service people bring their extensive knowledge to every customer relationship. Their work—and yours—is complemented by our global knowledge support and excellent sales documentation. Local tendering and order handling ensures quick response to all your pumping and mixing needs.

In addition to our PPI and biofuels industry dedicated personnel and competencies, customers benefit from access to the entire Sulzer Pumps organization, including 60 service centers around the world.
Sulzer Innovations for Pulp and Paper and Biofuels

The R&D work at Sulzer Pumps has resulted in many pump, mixer and agitator innovations for different target industries. Over the decades, this continuous search for better pumping and mixing solutions has lengthened service intervals and prolonged pump life times in various applications. We are the forerunner in stock pumping and mixing over the whole consistency range from 0 to 18%.

1980  Medium consistency MC® pumping technology
1987  AHLSTAR™ stock/process pump, AHLMIX™ chemical mixer, MC® flow discharger
1988 – MCA, MCV; the 2nd generation MC® pumping
1990  Systems with external and internal degassing
1991  ZPP low-pulse headbox feed pump
1992  SALOMIX® SL side entry agitator family
1993  AHLMIX™, the 2nd generation chemical and steam mixer
1995  AHLSTAR™ ASP self-priming gas removal pump
1996  AHLMIX™ FS, gas mixing concept
1999  SALOMIX® TES top entry spreader
2000  SALOMIX® GLI bottom zone mixing and dilution arrangement
2000 – MCE™, the 3rd generation MC® pumping system products
2001  The Fluider™ stock pumping concept
2004  New AHLSTAR series process pumps
2005  MBN multistage ring section pump
2006  SX Chemical mixer
2009  New product sizes and higher capacities for AHLSTAR, MCE, KCE and MBN pumps
2009  New, large-size, high-efficiency AHLSTAR series process pumps
2011  

Key Success Factors for Sulzer’s Continuous Development

- Intensive R&D with full-scale testing facilities
- Test center focusing on biomass treatment and handling
- Vast experience to handle different liquids and their applications
- Agitation research of different feed stocks in full scale
- Demonstration runs and trials for customers
- Partnership programs to improve customer processes
Sulzer Pumps Core Technologies, Products and Services

Sulzer’s pumps and mixers are famous for their innovative and sturdy design. We make standardized products for all normal applications and specialty products for applications with special requirements.

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CPT ANSI Process Pump Gains Its Advantage from Inside-Out

The real difference between the CPT and other ANSI pumps is what you’ll find inside: Heavy-duty bearing unit and wet-end materials. Outside, the CPT offers special features that simplify maintenance and adjustment.

**CPT Process Pump**

The CPT chemical process pump is designed for continuous operation in process industries for pumping, clean, abrasive or corrosive liquids. The pump is designed to exceed ANSI (ASME B73.1M) pump standards.

- **Pressure**: 16 bar (25 bar) / 230 psi (360 psi)
- **Temperature**: 260 °C / 500 °F
Designed especially for the pulp and paper and general industry, every AHLSTAR pump is tailor-made to ensure process reliability, high efficiency and low operating costs. AHLSTAR pumps save energy, sealing water and environment. Designed to meet the EN ISO 5199 reliability standard, these pumps also comply to EN 22858 (ISO 2858) standard. The modular interchangeability of parts and components enables low spare parts inventory. The pump range offers the lowest total cost shaft seal concept, with dynamic seal, mechanical seals and packing. Every AHLSTAR pump is designed for fast and easy installation, maintenance and service.

AHLSTAR A
For all normal pumping applications, with stocks up to 8%, e.g., liquors, water, chemicals, white water, condensate, etc.
Head 160 m / 525 ft
Capacity 2,500 l/s / 39,600 USgpm
Pressure 16 bar / 230 psi
Temperature 180 °C / 356 °F

AHLSTAR N
For applications where normal stock pumps cannot handle liquids due to plugging or abrasive wear. Suitable for unsorted stocks up to 8%, e.g., slurries, rejects, waste water, chips, or other liquids containing large solids and other particles.
Head 90 m / 295 ft
Capacity 550 l/s / 8,700 USgpm
Pressure 16 bar / 230 psi
Temperature 180 °C / 356 °F

AHLSTAR W
For the most abrasive and erosive pumping applications, such as lime milk and mud, and coating pigments. specially designed wear-resistant pumping hydraulics (W) with wear-resistant materials deliver six to eight times longer life time than conventional pumps.
Head 110 m / 360 ft
Capacity 2,000 l/s / 31,700 USgpm
Pressure 16 bar / 230 psi
Temperature 180 °C / 356 °F

AHLSTAR E
Developed especially for pumping hot liquors such as in continuous and batch digesters (E hydraulics). Centerline supported design prohibits heat and pressure shock distortions.
Head 140 m / 460 ft
Capacity 1,700 l/s / 30,000 USgpm
Pressure 25 bar / 360 psi
Temperature 210 °C / 410 °F

AHLSTAR A
The Answer to Your Process Needs
Solving Air and Gas Problems in Your Process

The AHLSTAR range includes the total pumping concept for air and gas containing liquids with stock pumping (A), non-clogging (N) and wear-resistant (W) pumping hydraulics.

These pumps are used for pumping various air or gas containing stocks with consistency up to 8%, e.g., liquors, soap, foaming liquids, slurries, and liquids with a low level in the tank. They are also suited for free air/gas content of up to 40%.

**AHLSTAR A, N and W Self-Priming Gas Removal Pumps**
- A built-in vacuum pump
- Due to the self-priming capability, the pump can be used in seal pit and floor channel applications instead of vertical or submersible pumps.
AHLSTAR A, N and W Pumps with Gas Separator

Advantages and Benefits

- A built-in gas separator
- Trouble-free process operation, despite high air content
- Reduces the need for expensive and environmentally-damaging anti-foam agents
- Maintains a stable pumping pressure for smooth production
- Gas/air removal improves the efficiency of other process equipment
- An A, N or W pump can be later converted into an A, N or W self-priming gas removal pump or into a pump with gas separator or vice versa
Pumps for Your Most Critical Applications and Demanding Conditions

The Sulzer Pumps product range includes several pump types designed for applications with special requirements in various processes.

**ZPP**
ZPP headbox feed pumps are designed for high volume flows and especially for today’s high-speed paper and board machines requiring minimum pulsation, absolute reliability and high efficiency. Precision castings from our own foundry are a key factor in fulfilling the low pulsation requirements. High-quality surface finishing eliminates fiber hang-up or build-up of deposits. Proven reliability with various paper grades in most world-record paper and board machines.

**Head** 170 m / 569 ft
**Capacity** 6,500 l/s / 103,000 USgpm
**Pressure** 10 bar / 150 psi
**Temperature** 120 °C / 250 °F

**MBN**
MBN multi stage ring section pump for clean or slightly contaminated liquids in shower water, sealing water, boiler feed water applications, etc., where a high pressure/high head is needed. Features our innovative polygon fit between impellers—no keys needed. Maintenance-free dynamic seal, mechanical seals and gland packing are available for shaft sealing. Easy to maintain, needing only one roller bearing unit and one shaft seal.

**Head** 900 m / 2,950 ft
**Capacity** 110 l/s / 1,740 USgpm
**Pressure** 100 bar / 1,450 psi
**Temperature** 180 °C / 355 °F
**MC/MD**
MC/MD high-pressure, multi stage pumps for clean liquids in recovery boiler feed applications. High efficiency and wide hydraulic coverage. Special hydraulics with low NPSHr value provide cavitation-free functioning and low noise level. PERMAVOR® lift off device for extended service life.

- **Head**: 2,600 m / 8,500 ft
- **Capacity**: 280 l/s / 4,400 USgpm
- **Pressure**: 270 bar / 3,900 psi
- **Temperature**: 210 °C / 410 °F

**NK/P/NKT, WKP/WKT**
NK/P/WKP non-clogging, cantilever pumps for all types of severe applications in seal pits and floor channels. For waste stock, slurries and waste water containing large solid particles.

- **Head**: 55 m / 180 ft
- **Capacity**: 120 l/s / 1,900 USgpm
- **Pressure**: 10 bar / 150 psi
- **Temperature**: 95 °C / 205 °F

**NVP/NVT**
NVP non-clogging vertical pumps for all types of severe applications in seal pits and floor channels. For waste stock, slurries and waste water containing large solid particles.

- **Head**: 85 m / 280 ft
- **Capacity**: 340 l/s / 5,400 USgpm
- **Pressure**: 10 bar / 150 psi
- **Temperature**: 95 °C / 205 °F

**LSP/LST**
LSP/LST two-stage, low-speed, high-pressure pumps designed especially for pumping make-up and wash liquor in continuous digester service. A two-stage pump with back pull-out design for easy maintenance. Special hydraulics with low NPSHr value.

- **Head**: 220 m / 720 ft
- **Capacity**: 300 l/s / 4,760 USgpm
- **Pressure**: 25 bar / 360 psi
- **Temperature**: 180 °C / 356 °F
Rely on the Pioneers in Medium Consistency (MC®) Technology

Sulzer Pumps’ MCE™ pumping systems for medium consistency (MC®) stock have proven to be the most reliable solution in the pulp and paper industry. Sulzer Pumps utilizes application-related Fluider™ technology when selecting pumping solutions for pulp and paper mills. This technology has already been adapted for advanced generation biofuels’ feedstock treatment applications.

The Fluider™ technology include proven patented stock pumping ranges:
- MCE™ Pumping Systems
- LCE™ Pumping Systems
- KCE™ Pumping Systems

Advantages and Benefits
- Highest efficiency, reducing power consumption and installation costs
- Correct fluidization prevents fiber over-treatment
- Degassing alternatives include a built-in degassing system, a separate external MDS degassing system, and degassing without a vacuum pump
- High-temperature pumping
- Low and high inlet level pumping
- One-drive unit system in most applications
- Proven long-life mechanical design

Capabilities
- up to 240 m / 790 ft
- from 20 to 5,000 ADMT/d
- consistency range 6 - 18%
- pressure up to 40 bar / 580 psi
MCE™ Pumping System
The most advanced patented MC® pumping technology for all pulp and paper mill applications and for various other feedstock treatment applications.

KCE™ Pumping System
The most efficient pumping technology when feeding press washers in the Semi-MC™ (intermediate consistency) range and high volume flows.

LCE™ Pumping System
The most efficient pumping technology for recycled fiber and mechanical pulp line applications and for other semi-MC™ range applications.

MC® Discharge Scraper and the Tower Discharge Pumping
To be used for discharging high consistency towers. Capability to 13% tower consistency without dilution, and to 20 - 35% tower consistency with dilution. Outlet consistency typically 8 - 13%.

MC® Discharger
MC® Discharger for dividing and controlling high-consistency stock flow and for discharging towers or reactors. It is possible to remove gas from the process with an MC® Discharger.

SX Chemical Mixer
Chemical mixer for mixing both gaseous and liquid bleaching chemicals as well as steam into stock.
Sulzer’s Tower Management System (TMS)

Sulzer Pumps has a unique knowledge of the pulp and paper industry’s agitation processes and requirements. With more than 30 years experience in PPI, we can help you succeed in today’s most challenging mixing tasks for related biofuels applications.

SALOMIX® TES
Top Entry Spreader *)

TES spreads stock evenly on the top surface to control the flow in the upper, high-consistency part of the tower. The quality of the discharged stock remains good. This method offers several advantages:
- Creates a uniform continuous downflow, with no stagnant stock zones
- Variable rotating speed always spreads a fresh top layer of stock, regardless of the surface level
- Prevents channeling and air entrainment in the stock

SALOMIX® VULCA *)

VULCA is a tower bottom center fillet pillar. While VULCA stands at the tower bottom, filling and pumping stock through VULCA saves pumping energy, boosts bottom zone mixing, and prevents the mixing of air into the stock at low stock levels.

SALOMIX® GLI *)

GLI is a special center fillet located at the bottom of the storage tower. GLI enables trouble-free operation of high-consistency storage and bleaching towers with a large bottom zone using several agitators. GLI ensures effective mixing, and dilution is intensified by baffles:
- GLI with dilution baffles is used to create a well controlled mixing/dilution zone to the tower bottom.
- GLI effectively separates the storage zone and the active mixing and dilution zone of the tower, thus giving a powerful tool to ensure even discharge consistency and good operation of the tower

*) Patented
Our Tower Management System for Pulp and Paper Industry to be Adapted for Biofuels

TMS in Chemical Pulp Mills

- Repulating
- Coarse screening
- Flotation
- Cleaning
- Fine screening
- Thickening
- Dispersion
- Post flotation
- Thickening
- Washing
- Bleaching
- Stock preparation
- Short circulation

TMS in Mechanical Pulp Mills

- Refining & screening
- Thickening

TMS in Recycled Fiber Lines

- Repulating
- Coarse screening
- Flotation
- Cleaning
- Fine screening
- Thickening
- Dispersion

TMS in Paper Mills

- Stock preparation
- Short circulation
Customer case: 
**TES Solves Entrained Air Problem**

The air content of pulp in the customer's storage tower was fluctuating badly and averaging 6% (blue curve in the figure). After installing the TES, the air content decreased to 2% and the variation was markedly reduced, as shown by the red curve.

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**SALOMIX® TES Top Entry Spreader**

**Solving Your Storage Tower Problems**

TES spreads stock evenly on the top surface to control the flow in the upper medium- or high-consistency part of the tower. The quality of the discharged stock remains good.

**Benefits**

- Creates a uniform continuous downflow, with no stagnant zones
- Variable rotating speed always spreads a fresh top layer of stock, regardless of the surface level
- Prevents channelling and air entrainment into the stock

**Customer case: TES Solves Retention Time Problem**

A customer’s 2,000 m³ / 70,600 ft³ storage tower, with an upper diameter of 12 m / 39 ft and a bottom diameter 6.5 m / 21 ft, was operating at less than half its theoretical retention time or four hours for a full stock level.

Test run results show how TES corrected the tower operations to achieve the correct retention time:

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<td>4 h 24 min</td>
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SALOMIX® Mixing Technology Products for a More Reliable and Efficient Process

**SALOMIX® L Series**
The L series covers gear or belt driven agitators mounted vertically on the tank top or bottom flange. L series agitators are intended for storage towers, dissolvers, reactors, and production vessels.
- Versatile impeller options meet any process needs in compliance with the rheology of the mixed fluid
- Maximum modular component flexibility
- Applicable for tanks from 1 to 2,500 m³ / 88,285 ft³
- Impeller diameters up to 8,300 mm / 27 ft and power range up to 450 kW / 600 HP

**SALOMIX® SL/ST**
SL/ST sidemounted gear or belt driven propeller agitators are specially designed for all stock process conditions:
- High efficiency results in energy savings and improved agitation
- Cast, four-bladed, adjustable propeller blades give accurate power control
- Conical body shape supports the propeller and ensures vibration free operation
- Maximum agitated consistency 6%, power 110 kW / 150 HP and propeller diameter 1,700 mm / 67 in
- Unique solutions