

How to calculate the dimension of the rotary dryer for wood chips?

The information as follows:

The material: wet wood chips, sawdust

The output: 3ton per hour

A: Drying intensity (35kg/m³h)

G₁: Dry Material Production (3t/h)

V: Dry Space needed(m³)

W₁: Initial Moisture Content(55%)

W₂: Final Moisture Content(12%)

Material Calculation:

For every 1000kg wet material evaporation and moisture content:

$$W=1000 \times (0.55-0.12) / (1-0.12)=488.6\text{kg (H}_2\text{O)}$$

For every 1000kg wet material quantity after evaporate: $M=1000-488.6=511.4\text{kg}$

To produce 1000kg of end product need to feed in:

$$G=1000/511.4 \times 1000=1955.4\text{kg (wet raw material)}$$

Rotary Dryer Calculation:

Volume calculation:

$$G_1=AV \div \{ 1000 \times [(W_1-W_2)] \div [(100-W_1)] \}$$

$$3=AV \div \{ 1000 \times (55-12) / (100-55) \} =AV/956$$

$$V=81.9\text{m}^3$$

Provided Drum dimension: $\phi 2.2 \times 24\text{m}$

$$V=\pi r^2 L=3.14 \times (1.1)^2 \times 24=91\text{m}^3 > 82\text{m}^3 \text{ (fulfill requirement)}$$

Rotary Dryer Energy Balance

Air Flow Velocity: $v=1.5\text{m/s}$,

Dry Air Density: $\rho=1.2\text{kg/m}^3$,

Air Humidity: $H=0.007\text{kg/kg dry air}$,

Ambient Air Temperature: $t_0=30^\circ$

Inlet Hot Air Temperature: $t_1=250^\circ$

Outlet Hot Air Temperature: $t_2=70^\circ$

Dry air consumption:

$$L = \pi r^2 v \rho \cdot 3600 = 3.14 \times 12 \times 1.5 \times 1.2 \times 3600 = 20347.2 \text{ kg/h}$$

Wet air consumption:

$$L_1 = L(1+H) = 20347.2 \times (1+0.007) = 20490 \text{ kg/h}$$

Heating value for ambient air:

$$Q_1 = L(1.01 + 1.88H)(t_2 - t_0) = 20347.2 \div 3600 \times (1.01 + 1.88 \times 0.007) \times (70 - 30) = 231.3 \text{ kw}$$

Heating value for evaporating moisture:

$$Q_2 = W(2490 + 1.88t_2 - 4.187 \times 30^\circ)$$

$$= 955.4 \div 3600 \times (2490 + 1.88 \times 70 - 125.61) = 622.4 \text{ kw}$$

Heating value for wet material:

$$Q_3 = G_c(\text{ wood }) (t_2 - t_0) = 1955.4 \times 2.5 \times 103 \times 40 \div 3600 \div 1000 = 54.3 \text{ kw}$$

Heating value loses:

$$Q_4 = (Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3) \times 0.22 = 908 \times 0.22 = 199.76 \text{ kw}$$

Total Heating Value:

$$Q=Q_1+Q_2+Q_3+Q_4=1107.76\text{kw}$$

Rotary Dryer Gas Quantity Needed

For standard condition

Dry Air Density: $\rho = 1.29\text{kg/m}^3$

Air Specific Heat Capacity: $c = 1.0 \times 10^3\text{J}/(\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

$$Q = V (T - t_2) \rho c = V (400 - 70) \rho c$$

$$V = 2303.4 * 3.6 \times 10^6 / 370 * 1.29 * 10^3 = 17373\text{m}^3$$

Single Rotary Dryer System Air Flow Rate

Evaporation = 955.4kg, $t_1 = 250^\circ$, $t_2 = 70^\circ$

System Air Flow Rate = $\text{Evaporation} * 3000 / (t_1 - t_2) = 16000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$

Air Flow Rate = $1.3 * \text{System Air Flow Rate} = 20800\text{m}^3/\text{h}$

Provided model: 4-72-8C-22kw

Rotary Dryer Draft Fan Air Flow Rate

Draft Fan Air Flow Rate = $2 * \text{System Air Flow Rate} = 32000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$

Provided model: 4-72-10C-45kw