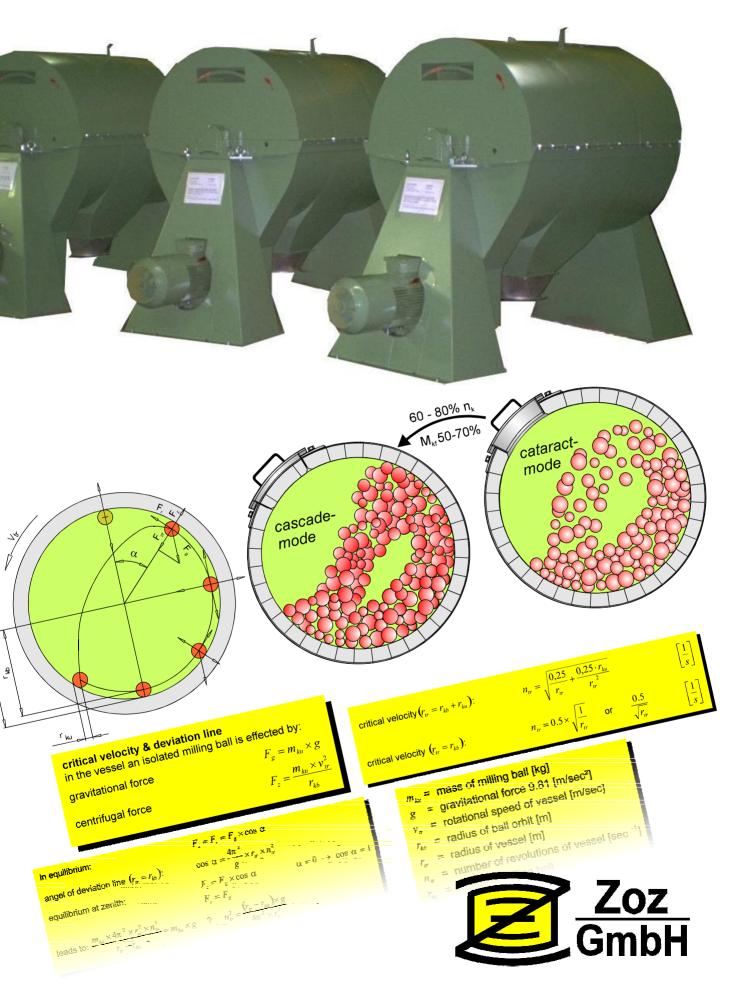
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Introduction:

Drummills are most frequently used for crushing / grinding of solid materials. The particle size reduction in this usually discontinuous process can be regarded as the enlargement of surface of materials. Physically, the grinding process can be described as a permanently repeated creation of break surfaces. Drummills are characterized by a rotating vessel that is loaded with grinding media (mostly grinding balls) and to be processed material up to different filling ratios determined by the application. Drummills therefore belong to the class of ballmills.

Operating principle:

Ballmills are devices where a product is treated by the load of moving grinding media. Basically the distinguishing features of drummills are different kinds of this treatment which can fundamentally divided into shear, friction and collision where a strict distinction is possible very rarely only. The grinding media transfers kinetic energy either from a rotating vessel (rollermill, ballmill BM or drummill) or from a rotating impeller/rotor (Simoloyer®) into the product. In ballmills that allow a high kinetic energy input (Simoloyer®), this transfer mainly is performed by collision of free moving balls, in systems of a lower kinetic (e.g. drummills) predominantly by shear and friction in a rolling to cascading adjusted ball-packet.

Application

The application range of drummills leads in dependency of adjusted parameters from mixing, dispersing, de-agglomerating and particle size reduction up to the influencing of materials-structure sometimes in interaction with chemical and solid state reactions which can lead to Mechanical Alloying. Due to the relatively low kinetic and the incontrovertible barrier of the critical velocity in case of rotating vessels, here this application is extremely limited and should preferably be carried out in high kinetic systems.

Drummills are basically used in industrial applications exclusively. This leads from porcelain-made or ceramic-lined (coated) mills for the chemical-, pharmaceutical-, food- and ceramic-industry, here in particular the production of paint-pigments and glass fluxes, up to the processing of hard-phase materials which is usually performed in steel-mills often using hard-coated or lined vessels. Here also rubber-linings are applied.

Options and accessories:

The accessories for the drummills include charge-bearings, safety-valves and cooling- or heating systems. Related devices are screens/vibrating screens, magnetic filters, feeders, grinding media classification systems and agitator tanks by which the complete material-transfer, the product handling and plant-operation is covered.

Construction of a drummill:

Drummills in support-design are build up in a unit construction system (122 standard-sizes including 14 types with porcelain-pans) and therefore the less cost-intensive design-type. However, the two supports must be fixed on the floor or basement always. In case of drummills in compact-design, this is not necessary but recommended, drummills in frame-design are build for integration in storey ceilings or working platforms. Drummills are characterized by the following criteria:

- the to be processed product (quality) determines the vessel-type with respect to the material;
- the to be processed product quantity determines the unit-size of the drummill;
- the condition of the product and the process determine the operation mode (wet- or dry-operation);
- the process and in particular the processing procedure determine the necessity of options;
- the set-up possibilities determine the design-type;

	Vessel-type (mill-lining): $A = Al_2O_3$, $M = Steatit$, $G = Rubber Lining$, $T = Hard-Porcelain$, $S = Manganese Steel$					
		Unit size: grinding chamber volume $V = x \cdot 100$ (e.g., $V = 10 \cdot 100 = 1000$ l)				
		Operation mode: $N =$ wet operation $T =$ dry operation				
				Grinding media: $A = Al_2O_3$, $M = Steatit$, $G = Al_2O_3$ -/steel-core rubber lined, $P = Hard$ -Porcelain, $S = Steel$, $H = Hard$ metal		
					Options: $z = \text{charge-bearing}$, $k = \text{cooling-system}$, $h = \text{lifters}$, $s^* = \text{spezial application}$, (see table options)	
A	10	N	A		1000 liter / wet-operation / alumina lining / alumina-grinding media	
S	10	T	S	zk	1000 liter / dry-operation / manganese steel vessel / steel-grinding media / with charge bearing and cooling jacket	

Economical operation of a drummill:

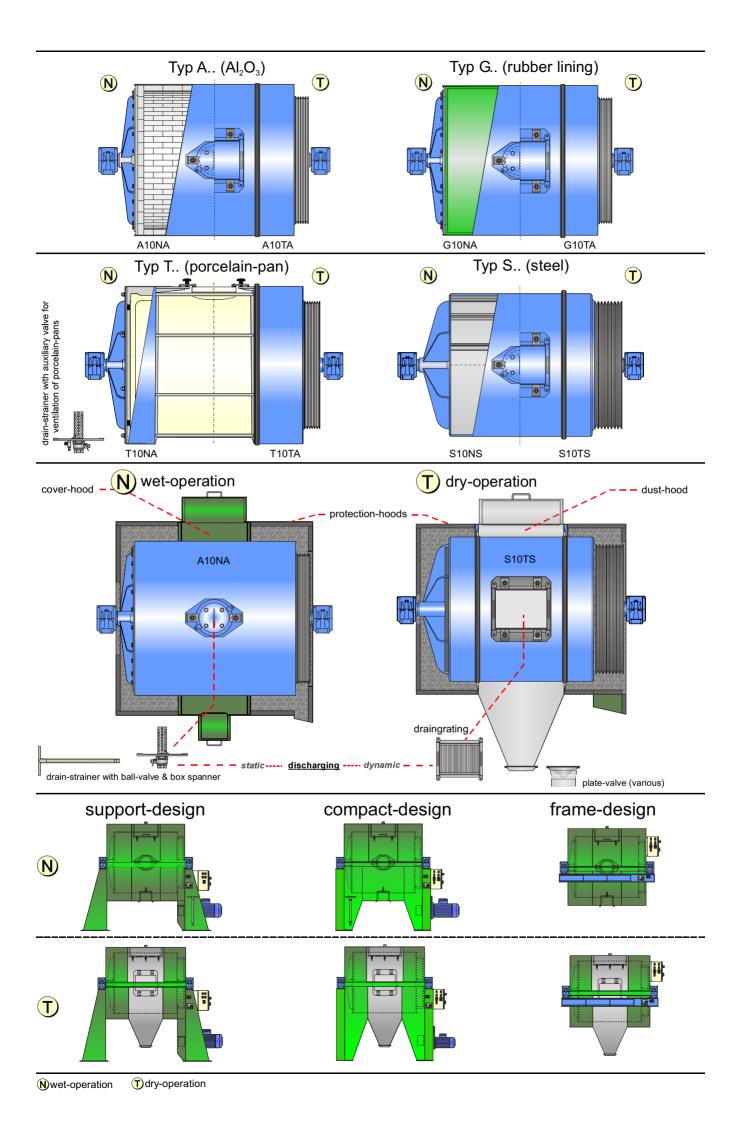
In the grinding vessel, the grinding balls (media) are effected next to the gravitational force m_k g_e also by the centrifugal force m_k v^2 r^1 , where v is the rotational speed of vessel and r the radius of ball orbit. The interaction of these forces describes the relation friction and collision in a drummill. For a fixed mill-unit-size with fixed milling balls, the rotational speed where centrifugal force is in equilibrium with gravity is defined as the critical velocity (n_k) . The diameter is the main geometric parameter of the vessel since it determines the rotational speed at a fixed number of revolutions of the vessel.

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The total filling ratio (grinding media, agents and product) decides at a fixed rotational speed (% nk) upon the remaining free-fall-height

respectively rolling-height of milling balls that lift up from the ball orbit at the deviation line. At fixed grinding media and to be processed material, the total filling ratio determines the number of contact faces doing the milling work. In practice the kinetic of drummill-systems is adjusted that the transition of cascade- and cataract-mode is reached which means that the grinding media just lifts up but in any case hits the ground within the ball packet and does not hit the vessel directly. This condition is reached between 60 and 80 % of the critical velocity (n_k) at a total filling ratio between 50 and 70 % in a vessel with the diameter-length proportion of 1:1.

Filling (loading) directions for drummills					
Type	total filling	filling weight [kg] up to	Grinding media portion		
	ratio [%] up	approx. grinding	[kg] up to approx. grinding		
	to approx.	chamber volume [1] x	chamber volume [1] x		
A+G+TxxNx	70	1,6	1,0		
A+G+TxxTx	50	1,3	1,0		
GxxNS	60	1,6	1,4		
GxxTS	40	1,8	1,4		
SxxNS	60	2,2	1,6		
SxxTS	40	1,9	1,6		

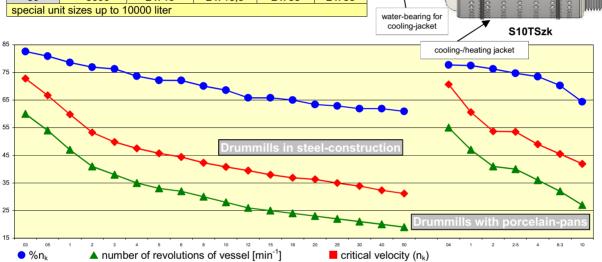


Unit-size, drive-power, rpm & options

Drummills in steel-construction					
unit-size	chamber-	drive power [kW]			
	volume [l]	A+GxxNA	A+GxxTA	SxxNS	SxxTS
03	30	0,25	0,37	0,37	0,55
05	50	0,37	0,55	0,55	0,75
1	100	0,55	1,10	1,10	1,50
2	200	1,10	1,50	2,20	3,00
3	300	1,50	2,20	3,00	4,00
4	400	2,20	3,00	4,00	5,50
5	500	3,00	4,00	5,50	7,50
6	600	4,00	4,00	7,50	7,50
8	800	5,50	5,50	9,20	11
10	1000	5,50	7,50	11	15
12	1200	7,50	9,20	15	15
15	1500	9,20	11	18,5	18,5
18	1800	11	15	22	22
20	2000	11	15	26	26
25	2500	15	18,5	2 x 15	2 x 18,5
30	3000	18,5	22	2 x 18,5	2 x 18,5
40	4000	26	2 x 15	2 x 26	2 x 26
50	5000	2 x 15	2 x 18,5	2 x 33	2 x 33
special unit sizes up to 10000 liter					

Drumm	Drummills with porcelain-pans					
unit-	chamber-	drive power [kW]				
size	volume [l]	TxxNx	TxxTx			
04	40	0,55	1,10			
1	100	0,55	1,10			
2	200	1,50	2,20			
2-5	250	1,50	2,20			
4	400	2,20	3,00			
6-3	630	3,00	4,00			
10	1000	5,50	7,50			
unit-siz	unit-sizes 30, 60, 90, 115, 150 & 235 liter upon inquiry					

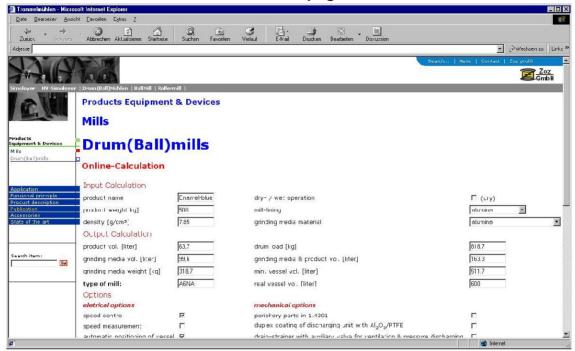
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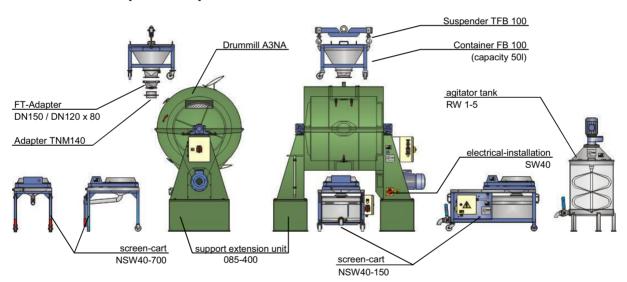
Frequently applied options of drummills				
mechanical	Drummill wet-operation	Drummill dry-operation		
product touching parts in	vessel-lock unit, double-jacket,	vessel-lock unit, -bandages and draingrating,		
stainless steel 1.4301	jacket and vessel-sides	dust-hood and plate-valve, double-jacket, jacket		
		and vessel-sides		
duplex-coating	drain-strainer	draingrating		
with Al ₂ O ₃ /PTFE				
drain-strainer with auxiliary	interruption-free discharging of	in case of dry-operation, the vessel is ventilated		
valve for ventilation	drummills with porcelain-pans	via draingrating automatically		
& pressure-discharging of	after wet-operation			
porcelain-pans	7	P. C. C. C. C.		
strengthened drive, bearings,	e.g. if using hard-metal grinding media or increased filling ratio or filling quantity or			
jacket/mill-lining	upon other options			
lifters (inside vessel)	not in case of drummills with porcelain pans or ceramic linings			
support extension unit	heightening of drummill only in case of support-design			
double jacket with water-	water-cooling/heating of vessel, not in case of drummills with porcelain pans			
bearing				
charge-bearing	charging of gas into the vessel during operation, not in case of drummills with porcelain pans			
safety-, ventilation-valves	fixed at vessel-side, not in case	fixed at vessel-lid, not in case of drummills with		
	of drummills with porcelain pans	porcelain pans		
electrical				
positioning	positioning of vessel with 2	positioning of vessel with 1 adjustable fix-point		
	adjustable fix-points	(charging)		
	(charging & discharging)			
revolution counter	additionally or alternatively to time-control			
variable speed, -measurement	variable rotational speed of vessel via converter drive or vario-gear			
EEX-protection	explosion-proofed design of drive, drive-break, drive-belts and limit-switches;			
	electronic cabinet outside endangered area or inside in ex-design			

determination of drummills

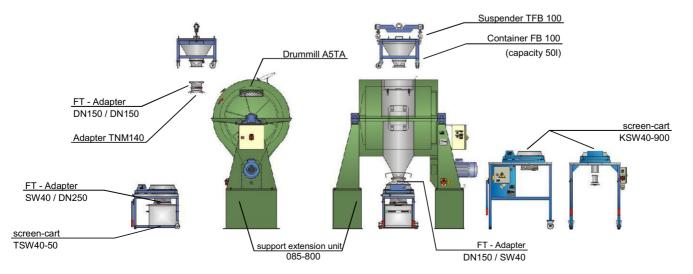
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Example wet-operation: Drummill A3NA with related devices



Example dry-operation: Drummill A5TA with related devices



from Raw Material up to the Product

- high kinetic rotary ballmills conventional ballmills agitator tanks screens/vibrating screens
 - magnetic filters gloveboxes laboratory devices powder-, media-, product handling
 - software-, material- and process-development powder + PM-parts production •





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