Product Brochure
Pfister® TRW-S/D

Highly accurate and reliable feeding for alternative fuels and biomass

Watch here how Pfister® dosing solutions work!
There is a steadily growing requirement for the substitution of primary fuels by alternative fuels within all energy intensive industries. Compared to primary fuels solid alternative fuels are more difficult to handle because the material characteristics are widely changing in particle size, moisture and density.

Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D fulfils the high requirements for stable multi-fuel dosing with highest short- and long-term accuracy, outstanding reliability and a large feeding range up to 25 t/h capable to handle densities from 0.05 - 1.5 t/m³. Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D is available as an explosion-proof system up to 10 bar.

More than 250 rotor weighfeeders Pfister® TRW-S/D are successfully in operation throughout the world.
Dosing and feeding for industrial production

Pfister® feeding and dosing devices exemplary in the cement production process:

- **Raw Mill Feeding**
  - Pfister® TRW
  - Pfister® BWF
  - Pfister® AWF

- **Coal Mill Feeding**
  - Pfister® TRW-K

- **Pulverised Fuel Feeding**
  - Pfister® DRW

- **Cement Blending**
  - Pfister® FRW/Pfister® URW

- **Finish Mill Feeding**
  - Pfister® URW
  - Pfister® BWF
  - Pfister® AWF
  - Pfister® TRW

- **Kiln Feeding**
  - Pfister® FRW

- **Alternative Fuels Feeding**
  - Pfister® TRW-S/D

- **Bulk Cement Pre-Loading**
  - Pfister® VRW
Tradition & progress

FLSmidth Pfister has almost 120 years of experience in manufacturing of industrial weighing equipment. It has been a member of the stock quoted FLSmidth Group/Denmark since 1998.

The patented rotor weighfeeder was invented by Pfister in 1984 to feed pulverised fuels for the cement burning process. This state-of-the-art dosing device has proved its properties in more than 2,800 installations worldwide.

FLSmidth Pfister additionally supplies know-how for equipment, related to the coal feeding process in order to ensure problem-free material handling and optimal pneumatic transport of the fuels. FLSmidth Pfister also designs individual installation solutions.

Pfister® weighfeeders are
- engineered
- designed
- assembled
- tested

with the experience of almost 120 years.

German Ludwig Pfister founded the company in 1894
Above: Historic scale
Functioning principle of Pfister® rotor weighfeeders

The picture below displays rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D which was cut opened for illustration purposes and to demonstrate the Pfister® weighing and dosing principle:

Material is extracted out of the pre-hopper and is transported in the rotor chambers from the inlet (1) to the outlet (2). The rotor body is mounted on bearings which form a weighing axis (A-A). This axis is eccentric to the rotor shaft, and through the middle of inlet (1) and outlet (2). The third point is suspended at a load cell (3) which weighs the content in the rotor wheel gravimetrically. This means the rotor weighfeeder measures actual kilograms and is therefore a real scale. The measured gravimetric force provides information on the bulk material mass in the rotor weighfeeder before material discharge. The material load of the rotor and the related rotor wheel position, is stored by the weighing electronics. The rotor speed is controlled invers to the measured force. The rotor weighfeeder discharges the material at the outlet (2) with a highly accurate mass stream.

Prospective control ProsCon®: Advanced weighing electronics

The electronic controller calculates the required speed of the motor for the time of the discharge. It uses the set feed rate and the measured bulk material mass to calculate the angular speed of the rotor (see chart). Less material in the rotor results in a higher angular speed, more material in a lower speed.

With this pro-active principle, the prospective control ProsCon®, Pfister® rotor weighfeeders achieve highly accurate compensation of variations in rotor loading and material density. This results in an extremely accurate short- and long-term feed rate.

1: inlet
2: outlet
3: load cell
4: motor
5: rotor body
7: rotor with large chambers
A-A: eccentric weighing axis

To achieve high accurate feeding, the speed of rotor is controlled invers to its loading.
Customer benefits of Pfister® rotor weighfeeders

Outstanding reliability & long service life
- Simple design with minimal number of functional parts
- Slowly moving rotor
- Material transported in rotor chambers

High short- and long-term accuracy
- Prospective control ProsCon® (see below)
- Online calibration during operation if pre-hopper is equipped with load cells
- Insensitive to pressure fluctuations in the process

Intuitive operator interface
- The rotor weighfeeder is an advanced mechatronic system
- However, it is easy to operate
- Flexible, reliable communication to the local plant control system

Easy maintenance
- All measuring parts and drives are accessible from the outside
- No cleaning necessary
- Integration of material extraction, weighing, feeding and dosing in one system

Instantaneously adjustable feed rate
- High accuracy in a range from 10% - 100% of maximum feed rate
- Feed rate can be adjusted promptly without loss in accuracy
- Prospective control ProsCon® ensures virtually no reaction time in changes of the feed rate

Reactive Control compared to Proactive Control Strategy

Other feeders are based on a reactive control (follow-up) rather than a pro-active control. With a reactive control deviations in material loading are measured and thus pre-feeding is adjusted. The measured deviation is sent to the process. A sensitive pre-feeding device is required here.

With the pro-active rotor weighfeeder, the material mass is measured before it leaves the rotor weighfeeder. That means that the speed of the rotor is adjusted before the material gets discharged into the system. The result is an extremely high accuracy.
Customer Benefits of rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D

Completely dust-tight
Feeding systems handling the above described materials should be absolutely dust and air-tight. This prevents environmental pollution and the emission of dust or odor. However, the necessary maintenance work should be minimal and easy to fulfil. Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D realises both. The rotor weighfeeder is a completely closed unit and dust-free.

Minimal maintenance
Maintenance work at the rotor weighfeeder is kept on a minimal level since all machine parts in contact with material are fully steel. There is only one rotating part, the rotor wheel itself. There is no segregation of dust or spilled dirt at belt rollers or idler bearings. To rule out dust penetration the centre bearing is additionally purge air-sealed. Thus, even with very dusty materials, there is less cleaning of the inside necessary.

Fuel homogenisation in the silo
The pre-feeder with stirrer arm above the rotor weighfeeder provides several advantages. It homogenises the material by a stirrer to give a steady fuel quality. Additionally, it ensures a steady loading of the rotor weighfeeder even if there is a short interruption of material supply or if the pre-feeder is fed over a longer distance. Together with load cells it can be used for periodically online calibration of the rotor weighfeeder. That means that the static weighing result of the material content difference in the homogenisation silo can be compared with the continuous weighing result of the rotor weighfeeder.
**Multi-fuel system**
Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S is a multi-fuel system. One of the major issues when dealing with solid alternative fuels is to find a reliable supplier. It is most likely that the source and therefore the material characteristics change. FLSmidth Pfister has experience in nearly all kinds of materials. Because of the large amount of weighed material in the system, it is possible to feed fuels with a very low density. The system is designed to handle fuel material densities from 0.05 t/m³ to 1.5 t/m³ with the same machine, so that there is maximum flexibility for the customer.

**High feeding accuracy**
Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S is dosing with high accuracy resulting in a guaranteed maximum deviation of the actual and set feed rate of ±1.0 %. Along with the high reliability it supplies fuel feeding for a very constant kiln operation. Very light materials such as plastic could be difficult to measure because of their very low gravimetric force. This is solved with Pfister® rotor weighfeeders measuring a material layer of up to 500 mm in the feeder without the risk of material spilling. The relatively large mass of bulk material in the Pfister® rotor weighfeeder leads to a high momentary load in the measuring section of the feeder.

**Explosion-proof**
When feeding burnable material there is always the danger of unintentional fires or even explosion of dusty materials. In some countries it is necessary to have an explosion proof equipment when handling such dangerous materials. The Pfister® secondary fuels dosing system can be designed explosion-proof for up to 10 bars pressure overload. Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-D is approved according to EC-type examination.
Structure of the dosing system: F-Control™ + dosing machine

F-Control™ dosing control system is used for continuously operating gravimetric feeders like rotor weighfeeders, belt weighfeeders, etc.

The main structural elements are a control cabinet FCC located in the plant's motor control center (MCC) and local control panels (LCP) specifically designed for the environment surrounding the rotor weighfeeder (FIELD). The control cabinet FCC contains all controller parts for dosing and regulation of the rotor speed. This also includes the monitoring of these functions. The local control panel(s) LCP contain the interface to link the F-Control™ dosing control to the process and all devices to provide local access for maintenance and service operation.

System design: 1: material silo, 2: rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D
FCC: feeder control cabinet, LCP: local control panel(s)
Multifuel dosing with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D

A complete metering system with matching functional units has been developed over a period of years. It is optimised for a large number of various alternative fuels in FLSmidth Pfister’s own research centre, and tested over long periods of continuous practical operation.

Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D meets the following requirements:
- Stable fuel dosing
- Outstanding reliability
- High short- and long-term accuracy
- Compact, robust, closed dosing system
- Optional explosion-proof design
- Large feeding range
- Online calibration during operation
- Easy to maintain

The complete metering system can also be designed as a pressure-shock resistant and ATEX executed model (rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-D) to meet the requirements for alternative fuels and biomass.

This means that a wide range of alternative fuels can be metered while complying with the relevant safety regulations.

Please note: Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D can be used for mechanical or pneumatical transport.

(1) infeed
(2) stirring device
(3) level limit switch
(4) homogenisation silo with stirrer arm
(6) rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D
(7) ventilation box with ventilation pipe
(8) rotary valve with ejector shoe
(9) blower fitting
(10) load cells for online calibration
Multifuel dosing with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D

Alternative fuels are also known as

- refuse derived fuels (RDF)
- clima fuels
- secondary fuels
- biomass (e.g. wood chips, saw dust, sewage sludge, animal meal)
- industrial waste

The pictures on the right display a selection of alternative fuels which are handled by a rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D. This multifuel device is able to handle different alternative fuels no matter whether these are dry or moist, chipped or chunky. Even if the composition and consistency of the fed alternative fuels are varying, rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D can handle them - all with one and the same system.
Technical facts of rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D

Application fields: Kiln and calciner firing process

Fuels: Extremely light or very heavy materials such as FLUFF, RDF, sewage sludge, plastics, animal meal, paper and wood waste, impregnated saw dust, oil soaked textiles, carpet pellets, tyre chips, various shells or biomass. Handling of different materials with one and the same rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D is possible.

Dosing capacity: Up to 25 t/h with densities down to 0.05 t/m²

Design example: - Rotating discharge screw
- Shut-off gate
- Flexible joints
- Calibration pre-hopper with stirrer
- Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D
- Rotary valve for transfer into the pneumatic feeding line

Features: - Stable fuel dosing
- Outstanding reliability
- High short- and long-term accuracy
- Dosing of varying fuels possible with one and the same rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D
- Compact, robust, closed dosing system
- Explosion-proof design optional
- Large feeding range
- Online calibration during operation
- Easy to maintain

Dosing control: - Feeder dosing controller Pfister® FDC
- Prospective control ProsCon®
- FlowBalance™ control
- User oriented interfaces
- Remote service access available

Certificates: ATEX in categories II1/2D and II1/3D, ISO 9001
Solutions with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D

Installations and applications with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D are possible for every single section of alternative fuel plants and are designed to the needs of the specific application.

Pilot Plant
The easiest way to start burning alternative fuels is a pilot plant as shown below. The material gets delivered by walking floor trailers to a docking station. A screw conveyor transports the material in the docking station to the central chain conveyor which itself transports the material up to the pre-feeder where the dosing process starts as described earlier.

Different unloading systems
Installations with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D can be configured for all kinds of material unloading installations for example for systems with belt or chain conveyors, life bottom systems and/or truck passable systems (see pictures on the right).
Material storage systems
Installations with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D have been realised with a number of different silo and storage solutions. There are virtually no limits in material storage and retrieval design. The pictures below display examples for a storage hall with intermediate silo, automatic crane and truck receiving station, a silo with walking floor extraction and a silo with a rotating screw extractor.
Applications with Pfister® TRW-S/D: Alternative fuels feeding to a main burner

In this installation rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-D is utilized for feeding fluffy and dusty alternative fuels with a feed rate of 8 t/h. For this purpose rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-D is executed in ATEX and shock pressure-proof design.

Upper picture:
Homogenisation silo, rotor weighfeeder

Lower picture:
Rotary valve with blow shoe for pneumatic transport
Märker Zement, Germany

Märker cement plant operates an advanced alternative fuels system since 2002. It burns RDF from industrial production and waste wood chips. The industrial waste is processed in a preparation plant directly on site. The wood chips are delivered by container truck directly to one of the three storage boxes (picture below left). All materials is transported by a chain conveyor and homogenised in the FLSmidth Pfister® pre-feeder. Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D doses the material which is then pneumatically transported to the main-burner after the rotary valve. Rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S/D is currently running at 6 t/h, about 50 % of its maximum feed rate.

The picture below on the right displays a chain conveyor transporting the material from the three storage boxes to the FLSmidth Pfister® pre-feeder. The rotary valve for pneumatic transport is on the floor beneath.
Südbayerisches Zementwerk, Germany

Südbayerisches Zementwerk in the town of Rohrdorf in the vicinity of Munich has a long history of burning solid alternative fuels since it started in 1997. The plant burns RDF from industrial production in the Munich area as well as Tetra Pack shavings. The preparation plant is off-site and the material gets delivered to the plant by truck via two receiving stations. On-site the material is stored in big storage halls equipped with cranes which handle the material and fill the intermediate silos. Three rotor weighfeeders Pfister® TRW-S/D are used since different materials get mixed into the burning process with a total feed rate of 10 t/h. Rohrdorfer Zement also fires tire chips and liquid secondary fuels. The substitution rate of secondary fuels is in total up to 90% and the half of it by solid secondary fuels.

Pictures from above display:
- the truck receiving stations
- the storage hall with an automatic crane for material handling
- two FLSmidth Pfister® pre-feeder silos and rotor weighfeeders. In this picture two different materials get mixed into the rotary valve for pneumatic transport to the burners.
Gmundner Zement, Austria

Gmundner Zement is located close to Salzburg in Austria. The plant is very compact and clean because of strict emission regulations since located in a touristic area. The plant shows a very good example to receive, store, handle and dose solid secondary fuels. The waste is prepares off-site. The pictures on this page display the plant as well as its scheme. The plant is executed according to ATEX regulations.

Alternative fuel gets delivered by truck (1) to the storage hall (2). The automatic crane (3) transports and mixes the material into the intermediate silo (4). From there the material gets extracted by a rotating screw towards a screen and metal detector (5). An pre-feeder with stirrer arm feeds the material to rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-D (6). The rotary valve hands over the material to a pneumatic transport (7). A filter (8) is used for dedusting the process.
Gmundner Zement, Austria

The picture on the right shows the automatic crane which is used to transport the material from the storage hall to the intermediate silo. The picture below shows the intermediate silo with bottom screw extraction.

Alternative fuels are screened in the metal detector shown below (left).

The material is fed to Pfister rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-D (picture below right) and accurately dosed into a rotary valve for pneumatic transport to the burner.
Plant in Gorazde, Poland

It is most suitable to place the dosing system as close to the firing spot as possible. This reduces dead time in dosing control. However, with an installation for the pre-calciner area the feeding systems need to be placed in the tower. This is the case at Gorazde cement plant (see drawing below). The material gets transported by one tube-conveyor (2) to both pre-feeder silos, (3) is then dosed with rotor weighfeeder Pfister® TRW-S and then (4) transported by screw conveyors (5) to the pre-calcining area. A filter (1) is used for venting.

Pictures on the right:
Above: Tube conveyor for fuel transport
Middle: Silo load the rotor weighfeeders Pfister® TRW-S steadily. Content of silos: 2 tons, excess supply after conveyor stop: 10 min.
Below: The rotor weighfeeders feeds the secondary fuel into screw conveyors equipped with an air-cooling system
German design & assembly of Pfister® rotor and belt weighfeeders

Pfister® weighfeeders are engineered, designed and assembled at FLSmidth Pfister’s headquarters in Augsburg/Germany and at their workshop in India. An experienced team of engineers and technicians tests all equipment at their own test systems. In addition, Pfister® spares and parts are kept in stock for immediate disposal.
FLSmidth Pfister does not only supply the single dosing machines. FLSmidth Pfister's know-how includes the complete setup and surrounding of the installation like silo engineering, intermediate material transport and safety equipment.

That ensures that customers get all engineering from one experienced partner and one single source.

**FLSmidth Pfister® engineering services comprise:**
- Planning of the installations
- Silo engineering
- Calculation of pneumatic transport
- Further engineering services
One-stop shop: FLSmidth Minerals Group

Installation example

- FLSmidth Wiesbaden: Building, Koch™ bin with extraction unit, Koch™ screw conveyors

- FLSmidth Pfister: 4 x rotor weighfeeders Pfister® TRW-D 4.14 with pre-hoppers; capacity 6 t/h, multifuel application

- FLSmidth Hamburg: Möller™ conveying transport

FLSmidth is the leading supplier of equipment and services to the global cement and minerals industries. For the power generation industry FLSmidth combines its know-how and expertise as a supplier for complete systems and components from the entire group - all in keeping our slogan: One Source.

FLSmidth brand names for the industry:

- Dorr-Oliver®, Eimco®, Krebs® - world market leaders in machinery and equipment for liquid/solid separation, principal suppliers for gypsum dewatering systems in power stations
- Koch™, MVT™ - material handling technology
- Möller™ - pneumatic conveying systems and silo technology
- Pfister® - experts for continuous gravimetric weighing and dosing
Thousands of FLSmidth Pfister® systems are currently in operation worldwide and require global presence. Therefore FLSmidth Pfister operates sales and service offices in eight countries on four different continents.

Experienced service technicians stand by your side and provide first-class service. A 24-hour hotline and online troubleshooting provide worldwide support. Also available are telesupport packages.

FLSmidth Pfister not only keeps a large number of spare parts in stock. Skilled spares specialists are looking forward to assist you in optimizing your own spare parts management.

FLSmidth Pfister® services are rounded up by service contracts, which can be adapted individually to the customer’s needs.

Customer training on-site or at FLSmidth Pfister® training center ensures the best possible knowledge transfer.

Pfister® after sales support:
- 24-hour Hotline
- Telesupport
- Modern Maintenance Management
- Trainings and Seminars
- Service Contracts

FLSmidth Pfister’s headquarters are located in Augsburg / Germany