Alfa Laval ALB

Bottom-mounted agitator for tank mixing and blending in hygienic applications

Introduction
The Alfa Laval ALB is a bottom-mounted agitator for hygienic mixing and blending in atmospheric and pressurized tanks. Its versatile, modular and hygienic design enables customization to meet the requirements of virtually any duty and ensures cost-effective, energy-efficient operation. Exceptional cleanability through Cleaning-in-Place makes the ALB agitator ideal for use in sterile and aseptic applications.

Applications
The ALB bottom-mounted agitator is designed for a wide range of tank mixing and blending duties across the dairy, food, beverage, brewery, personal care, biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries.

Duties	Typical examples
Keeping media homogeneous	Milk storage tanks, cream tanks, mixed products tanks, UHT, and products storage tanks
Mixing and solutions	Fluid and fluid mixing, drinking yoghurt and fruit mix tanks, flavoured milk mix tanks, and syrup mix tanks
Dispersing	Powder protein and oil mix tanks, micro salt and milk product mix tanks
Suspension	Fluids with particles, juice tanks, crystallizing tanks, etc
Heat transmission	Circulation of media in tank with dimple jacket (cooling or heating)
Flocculation	Wastewater treatment tanks

Benefits
- Versatile, modular, hygienic design
- Can be configured for minimum energy consumption
- Gentle product treatment
- More uptime, higher yields due to low maintenance requirements
- Meets EU and US standards and regulations such as EHEDG, USDA, FDA and 3-A Sanitary Standards

Standard design
The Alfa Laval ALB bottom-mounted agitator consists of a drive unit with bearing frame, shaft with special shaft seal, and specially designed energy-saving impeller (EnSaFoil) with two or three blades. The Alfa Laval agitator range includes top-, bottom- and side-mounting models.

Working principle
The Alfa Laval ALB bottom-mounted agitator has an electrical drive

motor that transmits the energy required for mixing and blending, either directly or via a gearbox, to the agitator shaft. The shaft rotates, turning the EnSaFoil impellers. The impeller movement creates a high flow with low shear due to the highly effective axial pumping effect on the liquid in the tank. This results in effective mixing and blending of the entire contents of the tank.

Options
- Welding flange
- Stainless steel cover for motor/gear motor
- Spare part kit

Certification
Alfa Laval Q-doc certifications available, depending on the individual configuration

TECHNICAL DATA

Motor
Motor size and speed as required for duty. As standard with IEC motor IP55, other types on request. As standard painted RAL5010.

Voltage and frequency
As standard for 3x380 to 420V, 50Hz - 3x440V to 480V, 60Hz. All motor voltages and frequencies are available.

Gears
Different gear types available according to configuration. As standard filled with normal synthetic or mineral oil, optional: Food approved oil. As standard painted RAL5010.

Product wetted surface finish	
Industrial, Shot peened	Ra < 3,2 µm
Hygienic, polished	Ra < 0,8 µm
Hygienic (UltraPure), polished or electro polished	Ra < 0,51 µm

ATEX - option
Agitators can be delivered approved for use in an ATEX environment with declaration of conformity.

Materials. List the range of materials available for wetted parts:	
Steel parts:	AISI 316L (standard).
	Other materials on request.
Seal rubber parts (o-rings or bellows):	EPDM
	FPM/FEP (only for stationary O-rings)
	FPM
	Other materials on request.

Specific selection of materials will depend on the actual configuration selected.

PHYSICAL DATA

Material certificate - option
3.1 Material certificates/FDA conformity statement according to 21 CFR177 on steel/elastomer parts in contact with media

Dimensions	
Standard propeller diameter range:	ø125 mm to 1900 mm.
Specific dimensions on the drive unit and propeller(s) will depend on the actual configuration selected.	

Configurable design

Type ALB agitator design is fully configurable divided in the following elements:

- Drives (drive + shaft support + shaft diameter)
- Seal arrangements (oil trap + shaft seal type)
- Shaft (length)
- Energy Saving Foils (propeller type + surface finish)
- Options

Each element has a broad range of different characteristics which makes it possible to size the agitator for all applications and requirements.

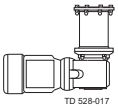
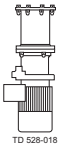
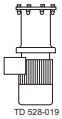
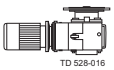
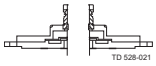
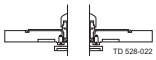
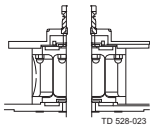
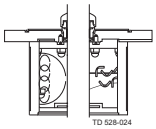
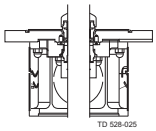
Advantageous and profitable design

Each configuration offers a number of advantages, which are shown in the examples below:

Operation features	Due to
Low energy consumption	the wide range of high efficiency propellers and drive units makes it possible to design for low operational costs
Gentle product treatment	the wide range of high efficiency propellers makes it possible to design for low shear operation

Hygienic features	Due to
Easy external cleaning	stainless steel bearing frame design with seal O-rings (for washing)
Connections inside the tank (risk zones) can be minimised	bearing frame drives with drive shaft and special internal shaft connection without having a flange coupling inside the tank
Good drip off properties	no plane surfaces or grooves on internal parts
Easy cleaning	no interior shadow sides between the blades and smooth surfaces

Maintenance features	Due to
All service (replacement of wearing parts such as shaft seals, bearings etc.) can be done from outside the tank	bearing frame drives with detachable shaft which can be dismounted from outside the tank
Easy dismantling	use of spider type coupling and stainless steel parts

Type ALB	Configuration				Bottom mounted agitators
Drives					
Bearing frame size = xx Shaft diameter = yy (not used if xx = yy) Description (power, speed and shaft diameter depending on application)	 TD 528-017 **-ME-GR-Bxx(/yy)** Right angle gearbox, shaft mounted in hollow shaft of gearbox	 TD 528-018 **-ME-GC-Bxx(/yy)** Stainless steel bearing frame and coaxial gearbox	 TD 528-019 **-ME-Bxx(/yy)** Stainless steel bearing frame and direct motor drive	 TD 528-016 **-ME-GR-yy** Right angle gearbox, shaft mounted in hollow shaft of gearbox	
Seal arrangements					
Description (lower flange and seal material depending on application)	 TD 528-021 **F-S1-** Seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical bellow seal	 TD 528-022 **F-S2-** Seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical non-bellow seal	 TD 528-023 **LF-S1-** Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical bellow seal	 TD 528-024 **LF-S2-** Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical non-bellow seal	 TD 528-025 **LF-D-** Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: double mechanical seal for high pressure applications and aseptic use
Shaft					
Length = llll Description (material depending on application)	 TD 528-000 **-Sllll-** SS shaft, length according to application				
Energy Saving Foils					
Diameter = vvv (125 mm to 1900 mm) Description (material depending on application)	 TD 528-001 **-PvvvU3P** 3 - bladed propeller, finish: polished Standard: Ra <0.8 µm	 TD 528-001 **-PvvvU3PE** 3 - bladed propeller, finish: polished and electro polished Standard: Ra <0.8 µm	 TD 528-001a **-PvvvU3G** 3 - bladed propeller, finish: shot peened		

Ordering

The following information is required to ensure correct sizing and configuration for ordering:

- Tank geometry
- Product properties
- Task of agitator
- Enquiry forms are available

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