

High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner For Secondary Aluminum Melting



Air Products' patent pending* burner technology minimizes melt losses and flux usage while achieving improved productivity, reduced process costs and emissions. The Air Products High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner was designed specifically to increase yield for secondary aluminum melters. Our combustion researchers used state-of-the-art computer modeling—with extensive operational data from melting operations—to develop a new generation burner.

Comparison testing

Comparison tests have shown the Air Products High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner can achieve the following results over conventional oxy-fuel burners.

- Reduced flux by 10%–15%
- Increased yield by 1%–2%

Key features and benefits

While oxy-fuel technology has a proven track record in the metals industry, this development adds yield improvement and flux reduction to the long list of benefits. Compared to air-fuel systems, our High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner can provide the same benefits of conventional oxy-fuel technology, including fuel savings, increased production and reduced baghouse temperatures and loadings. This new generation technology can also provide yield savings compared to existing air-fuel systems through reduced melt times, reduced excess air, protective furnace flow patterns and more consistent operation.

Our High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner technology can improve your operations through one or more of the following aspects:

- Increased metal yield
- Reduced usage of flux or salt in the process
- Enhanced operational consistency and process efficiency
- Increased production rates, fuel savings and lower emissions vs. air-fuel systems
- Decrease in noise levels

The technology can be easily retrofitted to existing furnaces with minimal interruption to your production schedules. Our industry specialists can provide operational support and consulting on an ongoing basis to help you experience a smooth transition and consistent results.

“We have been using the Air Products High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner technology for over a year and are very pleased with the benefits we’ve seen—increased recoveries across all materials, more consistent furnace operation and lower flux consumption.”

Larry Wayne Henson
General Manager
Tennessee Aluminum Processors

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Figure 1: Predicted oxygen concentration profiles

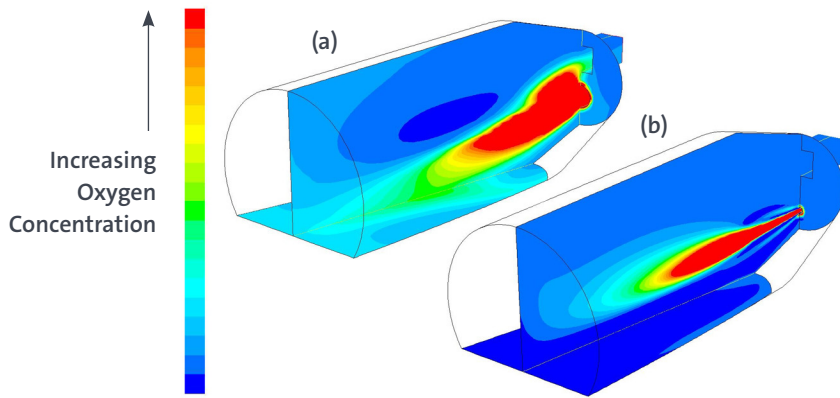
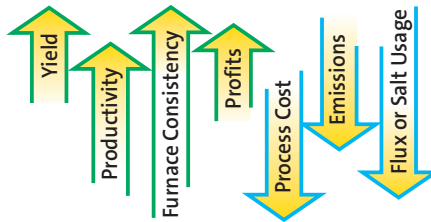


Figure 1 shows computational fluid dynamic (CFD) predictions of oxygen concentration profiles in a double-pass tilting rotary furnace (TRF) when operating with (a) a conventional air-fuel burner and (b) the Air Products High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner. The (spatially averaged) oxygen concentration at the metal bath surface is calculated to be more than 12 times lower when the furnace is operated with the high-yield burner compared to operation with an air-fuel burner. This change in oxygen concentration enables the High-Yield Burner to minimize melt losses and flux usage.

Air Products' solutions and services

- Technical and design expertise
- Advice and consulting
- Process equipment
- Fully integrated control equipment
- Commissioning
- Optimization
- Maintenance contracts
- Safety training

Typical performance benefits from the High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner can include:



“Air Products strives to continuously improve our burner and melting technology for aluminum based on decades of experience. The High-Yield Oxy-fuel Burner offers a step change in performance and profits for our customers.”

Russell Hewertson, Manager Non-Ferrous Commercial Technology

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Can your operation benefit from oxy-fuel technology? Contact Air Products' applications engineers for an assessment of your process.

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