

TABLE 8. MATERIALS TO BE USED FOR THE PROTECTION OF EXHAUST SYSTEMS AGAINST CORROSION^a

TYPE OF FUME CONVEYED	PROTECTIVE MATERIAL TO BE USED
Chlorine.....	Rubber lining or chrome-nickel alloys
Hydrogen sulphide.....	Aluminum coated iron, aluminum, high chrome-nickel alloys
Ammonia.....	Iron or steel
Sulphurous gases.....	High chrome-nickel alloys
Hydrochloric acid.....	Rubber lining, chrome-nickel alloys
Nitrous gases.....	Nickel-chrome alloys

^aCondensed from data given by Chilton and Huey (*Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, Vol. 24, 1932).

chemical corrosion. A list of the materials which may be used to resist the action of certain fumes is given in Table 8. Hoods and ducts when short, may frequently be constructed of wood and be quite effective. Rubberized paints are available and may be applied as protective coatings in handling such gases and fumes as chlorine and hydrochloric acid.

PROBLEMS IN PRACTICE

1 ● What is the most common method of reducing total air volumes handled in cases employing large hoods over apparatus covering a large area?

The use of the petticoats on large hoods which permits a comparatively high air velocity at the rim of the hood and controllably small velocities in the center.

2 ● Why is it not permissible to connect up emery wheels and buffing wheels to the same exhaust system?

Emery wheels and buffing wheels should be handled by separate systems because of the fire hazard, as it is possible for sparks from the emery wheels to ignite the lint and dust from the buffing wheels when both are carried through the same system.

3 ● A tank, 4 ft by 8 ft, contains a fluid which gives off injurious vapors. A large hood is located 30 in. above the top of the tank and extends slightly over its edges. Assuming that a velocity of 60 fpm is required to adequately control the vapors near the edges of the tank, calculate the air flow required.

Using Equation 4, $P = 2 \times 4 + 2 \times 8 = 24$ ft; $D = 30$ in. = 2.5 ft; $V = 60$ fpm.

$$\text{Hence, } Q = 1.4 \times 24 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 5040 \text{ cfm.}$$

4 ● Silica dust with a specific gravity of 2.65 is being conveyed in a duct system. The velocity measured in a vertical portion of the system is found to be 2700 fpm. What is the maximum diameter particle transported at this velocity?

$$\text{Using Equation 5a, } 2700 = 13,300 \times \frac{2.65}{3.65} \times d^{0.870}$$

from which

$$d = (0.28)^{1.15} = 0.11 \text{ in.}$$

5 ● What special materials may be used to resist chemical corrosion in a system exhausting gases and fumes?

Various protective materials are available for exhaust systems depending largely upon the type of fumes conveyed. Nickel-chrome alloys, aluminum coated metals and rubber linings are extensively used. Also protective rubberized paints are available which may be applied for conveying chlorine and hydrochloric acid fumes.

Chapter 35

DRYING SYSTEMS

Drying Methods, Driers, Mechanism of Drying, Moisture, General Rules for Drying, Equipment, Humidity Chart, Combustion, Design, Estimating Methods

DRYING, in its broader sense, refers to the removal of water, or other volatile liquid from either a gaseous, liquid, or solid material. In practice, the process of direct drying gaseous material is referred to generally as dehumidifying, or condensing, and in some cases chemicals are used in the adsorption or absorption of moisture. Drying a liquid is called evaporation or distillation. The common usage of the word *drying* refers to the removal of water or other liquid, such as a solvent, by evaporation from a solid material.

When the solid to be dried contains large amounts of free water, the actual drying process is frequently preceded by the removal of part of the water by some mechanical means, such as filtration, settling, pressing or centrifuging. Removal of as much water as possible by such methods is usually advisable, as the cost of these operations, per pound of water removed, is generally much less than by evaporation.

DRYING METHODS

Drying may be accomplished in any one or combination of the following methods:

1. Radiation.
2. Conduction, or direct contact.
3. Convection.

Radiation

The source of heat for radiation may be either the sun, or heated surfaces. Sun drying is practiced where danger from rain is slight, and where sufficient time can be allowed. Where a strict adherence to a schedule is necessary, or where dusty atmosphere is present, this method is not in favor. Fruits are often dried in the sun.

Radiation from hot surfaces (heated by steam, electricity, or other means) furnishes generally, from one-third to one-half the total heat required for evaporation. Convection currents set up by these hot surfaces and the cooler materials carry the balance of the heat.