Efficiency of water mist turbines in stationary fire prevention systems for hangars and recycling centres

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WHAT IS A FIREFIGHTING TURBINE?



Firefighting Turbine

Machine spraying watermist (or any fluid) up to 70-80m distance

The watermist has much higher cooling and extinguishing power that the traditional water based firefighting









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Benefits of Turbine Aided Firefighting – TAF™

quick knock-down of flames and fire

reduced employment of water and foam





surrounding effect on objects



TAF TURBUNE AIDED FIREFIGHTING

TAF[®] - Turbine Aided Firefighting







- High Water mist flow
 from 300 I/min to 1.500-4.800 I/min
- Medium
 Water, salt water, Foam, Retarder, Gel
- High manoeuvrability
 (360° rotation; -20°/+50° tilting)
- Power: electric or oil-hydraulic

Adjustable spray pattern



Fine water mist mode Max efficiency 0 to 1.500 l/min



High flow mode water mist 0 to 3.500 l/min



High flow mode max throw distance 0 to 3.500 l/min







WHAT IS THE EFFICIENCY OF TAF?





Testing in IdF Magdeburg



fire fighting systems

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Measurements in IdF Magdeburg

Droplet size measured with Phase Doppler Particle Analyzer





Areas of Aerosols

Total area inversely proportional To the diameter of droplets

For example:

- 1 I water sprayed in droplets of:
- 1 mm diameter \rightarrow 6m²
- 100 μ m diameter \rightarrow 60m²
- 10 μ m diameter \rightarrow 600m²

$$A_{H_2O} \sim \frac{1}{d}$$

















Test result: HHR vs. time



Water mist turbine (red) vs. traditional monitor nozzle (yellow)

Efficiency of Turbine

- \blacktriangleright Rate of abatement of Trichlorosilane with Water-mist Turbine > 90%
- Identification of Concentration gas vs. Concentration water-mist
- ➢ No significant differences observed from -5℃ to +30℃
- \blacktriangleright Flames control time < $\frac{1}{2}$ compared to traditional nozzles











TESTS FOR HANGAR



Test configuration







Test configuration





Versuchsreihen

Test #	Pan size (m²)	Fuel (I)	Water mist flow (I/min)	Extinction fluid	Preburnig (s)
1	1	10	700	water	40
2	3	30	700	water	40
3	3	30	700	3% foam	40
4	3	30	700	3% foam	40
5	6	78	700	3% foam	40
6	9	60	700	3% foam	40
7	12	96	700	3% foam	40
8	15	96	700	3% foam	40



Max T and Max radiation

during pre-burning





Extinction time

for 8 test runs





TESTS FOR DISTRICT HEATING PLANTS



District heating plants







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The problem





The concept

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