



# «Increase Your Casting Output with Higher Productivity on Vertical Mouldin Machines From DISA»

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# Increase your casting output with higher productivity on vertical moulding machines from DISA

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# How to produce castings vertically?

DISA started in the 1960'ies with our vertical machines!

At that time we started with 6 operations (steps) – Today, vertical moulding is much more than that!



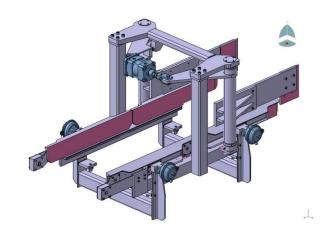




# How to increase productivity and available pouring time?

#### Double Index System (DIS)

 Enables the moulding line to transport two moulds at the same time



#### Features:

- Higher productivity (Up to 30% increase)
- Longer pouring time (+40% when two moulds are poured simultaneously)
- Less kilos per second poured (higher casting quality)





# How to increase productivity and available pouring time?

# Example:

# Disc properties used for design point:

- Ventilated, Ø280 mm, weight 8.5 kg
- Expected to be without feeders
- In-mould cooling time 40 45 minutes
- DISA: Recommended pouring rates for brake discs:
  - Normal 3.5 kg/s 4.5 kg/s (3 kg/s 5 kg/s)
  - Lower than 3 kg/s: D graphite on top cavities, gas defects etc.
  - Higher than 5 kg/s: sand inclusions etc.



# How to increase productivity and available pouring time?

#### Example from before, made on a DISA 231-X/FAST:

Description:	Std.	DIS
Castings in each mould	2	2
Poured weight	23kg	23kg
Pouring speed	4,5kg	3,7kg
Pouring time needed	5,1 sec	6,3sec
Moulding speed incl. cores	465mph	465mph

# Benefits of producing castings on vertical machines

Why do the leading foundries worldwide use a DISAMATIC when producing brake discs?

- To meet customer and market demands for:
  - High speed up to 555 moulds/hour (un-cored)
  - Precision of max 0,1 mm mismatch
  - **Excellent casting integrity**
  - Optimum production uptime
  - Less than 50% maintenance costs compared to flask lines
  - Minimum manpower required
  - Fast, precise automatic core setting
  - Overall cost optimisation
  - Reduce energy consumption \*\*







# Case story customer with higher productivity than normally

Customer name: Suzhou Ishikawa Iron Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (SIIM)

Place: Suzhou, China (Near Shanghai) Yearly output: 72,000 Tons castings

Main production: Ductile Iron for railway and Automotive sector





# Lower your cost per casting with DISA vertical moulding

#### **Production line configuration at SIIM:**

- DISA 231-X with Double Index System & DISA SBC shuttle system
- 2 Pouring units on one DISA moulding line

#### Goals achieved by SIIM with double index system:

- 30 % productivity increase
- Higher casting quality, by pouring less kg/sec

"The double index mould transportation system means that pouring time can be extended while the DISA 231-X is running at high sped, giving us an average productivity boost of up to 30 per cent, "Mr. Gaishi Shiotani continues"







#### Double Index status

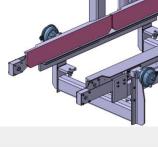
#### Status – April 2014:

#### Installed at the following customers:

- 1. SIIM, China DISA 231-B, running in daily production
  - 30% higher productivity on heavy castings
- 2. Brakes India, India DISA 240-C
  - Made recent trials with DIS

#### Sold to following customers:

- Eurac, Czech Rep. DISA 231/FAST-X
- Amtek, India DISA 250-C







# Advantages of the DISA Vertical process vs. Horizontal flask I.

Feature	Horizontal	Vertical
Production (m/h)	Lower	Higher (up to 555 m/h) Higher
Productivity (Tn/hh)	Lower	
Automation (Pouring, Peripherals, etc.) Lay-out	More difficult	Easier
	More complex	Easier
Investment	Bigger	Lower
Maintenance cost	Higher	Lower (≈ 1/4 ÷ 1/8)
Up-time	Lower	(≈ 1/4 ÷ 1/8) Higher (≥ 98%)



# Advantages of the DISA Vertical process vs. Horizontal flask I.

Feature	Horizontal	Vertical
Sand/Metal relation	Variable	Adjustable
Dimensional tolerances	Higher	(≈constant) Smaller
Mismatch	Higher	Smaller
Shake-out	More difficult	Easier
Machine operations	More (More complex)	Less (Simple. No flask)
Process	More complex	High capability (Cmk, Cpk)
Core setting	Normally	Automatic and
	manual	high precision
		CSE



# Changing from Horizontal to vertical process

#### Recipe:

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- 1. Evaluate casting dimensions
- 2. Find a suitable vertical machine
- 3. Get a loading study, to determine production time, melting capacity etc.
- 4. Evaluate existing pattern shop
  - a. Is the pattern mounted, inserted or fixed?
  - b. Measure existing pattern size
  - c. Does it use ½ or ¼ cassette pattern plate system?
- 5. Go through the core shop with the customer; can the existing cores be used vertically? if not: can the core box be modified?
- 6. If customer has doubts about the vertical process, trial production in another foundry could be agreed as an option.





#### Advantages of the DISA vertical process vs. horizontal flask I.

Foundry name: Industrias Hergom S. A.

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Place: Near Santander, Spain

Main products: Stove castings (own products)

Production start: In the 1960'ies



Changed production method in 2003 from horizontal flask line to DISA 280-B (1200x850) Vertical, - main savings:

- Man power
- Productivity increase
- Maintenance cost decreased



#### Advantages of the DISA vertical process vs. horizontal flask I.

#### **Customer case story – Hergom, Spain:**

#### Pattern conversion:



DISA bolster plate for flask line pattern plates



Fireplace roof placed into DISA bolster

Fireplace roof casting



#### Advantages of the DISA vertical process vs. horizontal flask I.

#### **Customer case story – Hergom, Spain:**

#### Example:

Productivity is the biggest improvement when changing from flask horizontal moulding line to vertical flaskless moulding line.

Hergom experienced, moulding line productivity up 220%.

Italian moulding line average production was ≈110 moulds/hour with maximum of 140 m/h.

At 280-B Disa line average production is **245 m/h with maximum of 305 m/h**.

Productivity has also increase due to reduction of number of persons and DISA up-time is better than the flaskline up-time.

