Steel and Primary Metal Applications

- Cleaner water
- Reduced downtime and maintenance
- Better operating efficiency and longer production runs
- Improves product quality

Common LAKOS Filtration Applications In Steel Mills

Spray nozzle protection • Continuous casting • Secondary finishing - plate
Strip mills - descaling • Sheet steel production cooling • Cooling towers
Heat exchanger protection • Blast furnace cooling water • Pits/sumps/basins
Wet scrubber/gas cleaning-BOF • River & plant intake water
A History Of Global Solutions

Since the mid-1940’s Claude Laval Jr.’s inventions have been solving filtration problems in countless industrial applications. Our history includes 150+ U.S. and international patents of innovative and creative ways to remove solids from liquids. Few industries have benefited more from these efforts than the steel industry, in which LAKOS separators have become the industry standard.

How Does A LAKOS Separator Work?

Unique LAKOS Features:

- No moving parts to wear out
- Reduced liquid loss
- No backwashing or other routine maintenance or downtime requirements
- Easily automated with several SOLIDS HANDLING options
- Protects descaling pumps for longer life and sustained efficiency
- Centrifugal-action performance, using no screens or filter elements

Patented Internal SwirlEx tangential slots accelerate flow to maximize separation of solids with minimum pressure loss

Fluid and pressure drawn by Vortube to allow even finer solids to be drawn into solids collection chamber

Pressure gauges with petcock valves (included as standard) to monitor proper flow range

Rigid coupling for internal access; optional flange assembly available

Particles are separated from fluid via centrifugal action

Free of separable particles, fluid spirals up the vortex to the outlet

Vortex flow draws fluid and pressure via the Vortube from the solids collection chamber to maximize fine particle removal

Inlet

Optional ANSI flanged inlet/outlet connections shown. Standard grooved-end connections with optional DIN or JIS flanges also available

Solids Purge Outlet

LAKOS Automatic Purging and Solid Collection Systems available (see page 4) for complete systemization and maintenance-free operation

ArcelorMittal Steel Plant
Burns Harbor, Indiana
35+ LAKOS Separators

California Steel
Fontana, California

PROACER Steel
Chile
Some of Our Global Steel Installations Include:

- **ArcelorMittal Steel**
  - Burns Harbor, IN
  - Coatesville, PA (See AB-194 for details)
  - Conshohocken, PA
  - Saldanha, South Africa
  - Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico
  - See AB-210 for details

- **British Steel**
  - Birmingham, UK
  - Fontana, CA (See AB-186 for details)

- **Dong Kuk Steel Company, Ltd.**
  - Inchon, Korea
  - See AB-138 for details

- **Gerdau, S.A. Steel**
  - Tampa, FL
  - Santiago, Chile

- **Lone Star Steel**
  - Lone Star, TX

- **Nippon Steel**
  - Yawata Works/Kimuzu Works, Japan

- **North Star Steel**
  - Houston, TX

- **POSCO Steel**
  - Korea (See AB-207 for details)

- **Sidmar Steel**
  - Gent, Belgium

- **Tata Steel**
  - Jharkhand, India

- **Rautarukki Steel**
  - Raah, Finland

- **U.S. Steel**
  - Fairfield, AL; Pittsburgh, PA

- **Voest-Alpine**
  - Linz, Austria

Contact LAKOS for a more complete listing.

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**What Does LAKOS Remove?**

**Mill scale, slag, dirt and other settleable fines**

The flow rate and velocity of the liquid are the key factors in determining the effectiveness of solids removal. This combination creates the centrifugal-action necessary to remove particles as they pass through the Separator. The efficiency of this process is greatly dependent on the size and weight of particles (their specific gravity) as shown in the chart below.

The effectiveness of this process can be improved by multiple passes through a LAKOS Separator or by installing two Separators in tandem (a “Super Separator”).

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**Efficiency**

Solids Removal Chart

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- ▲ Recirculated Flow
- ◀ Single Pass

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**Typical Steel Plant Applications**

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**Open Water Pump Intake Protection**

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Solids Handling and Total Systemization: A Key LAKOS Advantage

After the solids are removed from the process flow, LAKOS offers several manual or automatic SOLIDS HANDLING purge options to capture and concentrate the solids for disposal at low cost and low maintenance. These include everything from simple barrels and collection hoppers to automated valve options as shown.

LAKOS Industrial-Strength Separators

Flow Range:
3 - 12,750 US GPM
0.7 - 2895 m³/hr

Maximum Pressure Rating:
150 psi
10.3 bar
Higher pressures also available

Pressure Loss Range:
3 - 12 psi
0.2 - 0.8 bar

Materials of Construction:
Carbon steel is standard, but also available in stainless steel, fiberglass-reinforced polyester (FRP), Monel™ clad steel, abrasion resistant (AR) steel, low-alloy steel, industrial-grade PVC plastic (KXL Series), and USDA approved materials. Consult factory for special requirements.

Sizing and Selecting The Right LAKOS Separator

Step 1:
Determine the actual Flow Rate of Fluids

Step 2:
Verify the solids are settleable (see charts on page 3)

Step 3:
Determine what you want to do with the solids that are removed

Step 4:
For pit/sump/basin cleaning, determine the length and width and depth of the reservoir

Lakos Separators are manufactured and sold under one or more of the following U.S. Patents: 5,320,747; 5,338,341; 5,368,735; 5,425,876; 5,571,416; 5,578,203; 5,622,545; 5,653,874; 5,894,995; 6,090,276; 6,143,175; 6,167,960; 6,202,543; 7,000,782; 7,032,780 and corresponding foreign patents, other U.S. and foreign patents pending.