Energy Saving Strategy for Tunnel & Shuttle Kilns

SANITARY WARE

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Introduction

• The application of the Kyoto protocol and the effects of the recent energy crisis, have highlighted just how important it is to save energy and thus raise machine efficiency to achieve a **reduction of machine running costs**. For this reason, Riedhammer EMS strategy has **many high-tech solution** just to increase its own machines efficiency.

• Saving energy means also reduction of CO₂ emissions, consequently reduction of penalties for CO₂ emission.

• Tunnel and Shuttle kiln for the production of ceramic wares, are thermo-machines that consume large amount of energy as much they lose large quantity of it in the atmosphere.

• It becomes fundamental to **place investments to recover the largest amount of lost heat through the chimneys** and re-use it inside the plant whether in process uses or in air-conditioning factory plant.

• The whole solutions in the following explanation are **applicable in new kiln plants**, while for existents kiln plants it needs an evaluation case by case.
Environmental Lost Heat (Loss of Energy)

Approx. heat balance of a tunnel kiln performing 32 tons per day of wares.

Production 32 Tons/day

FLUE GAS
Up to 30%
610,000 kcal/h

WASTE AIR
Up to 37%
560,000 kcal/h

Fuel
100%
1,750,000 kcal/h

TWS tunnel kiln
Energy Savings up to 90,000 €/year

Indirect Recovery

FLUE GAS

Tunnel kiln

WASTE AIR

Energy Savings up to 133,000 €/year – (indirect)
up to 200,000 €/year – (direct)

Indirect recovery
Direct recovery

Remarks:
all data must be considered approx. and depend on the single case under examination.
All the economic savings estimation are based on a reference medium cost of gas in Europe 0.35€/m3n
E M S
Energy Management System
EMS is a complete package of technical solutions to improve kiln efficiency and to reduce the total plant energy consumption.

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Examples for Technical Solutions
Conversion of waste energy discharged from the kiln, in usable energy suitable for other thermo-devices inside the ceramic plant.
Direct Recovery

Distribution of Warm Air toward the different consumers, strewn in the ceramic plant, by a smart distribution system.

Smart Distribution System

Source

Consumers

Mould dryer
Air treatment unit
Green ware dryer
Casting bench
The smart distribution system allows the safe connection between tunnel kiln and users, without interfering with the pressure stability inside the kiln channel. It is equipped with a regulation architecture to guarantee stable feeding at the downstream consumers, whether in periodic or continuous functioning.
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Energy Consumers
Before to begin a plan for Energy Recovery it is fundamental to generate the “Energy Provider and Energy Consumers Drawing”. This document contains all necessary information of consumption and waste energy.

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Energy Consumers List

- Green product driers
- Glaze driers
- Mould driers
- Preheating of Combustion Air
- Air-conditioning plant
- Production of hot water to integrate heat for centralized boiler plant
- Casting benches
- Spray driers
- Other consumers
Data required

1. Providers of Energy (normally the kilns)
   - type (hot air or flue gas)
   - amount (m$^3$/h at given °C)
   - Content of main pollutants
   - Type of fuel (NG, LPG…)

2. Consumers (warm AIR or WATER consumer)
   - Energy medium needed (air, flue gases)
   - Range of capacity and temperature needed
   - Installed power (kW)
   - Consumption (kWh/yr)
Practical Examples of Technical Solutions
Energy saving from Heat Exchanger Installations

Example of HEAT EXCHANGER installation, recovering energy from FLUE GAS and producing hot water @ 110°C.

Typical case of indirect recovery in a new tunnel kiln.

This can be forwarded to different hot water consumers like driers or warm air generators or directly fed to the boiling station.

Possible savings in CO2 emission per year*: from 500 - 700 tons

Possible saving of gas cost per year*: up to 133.000 €

Return of investment*: < 2 years

* All the economic savings estimation are depending on local cost on type of upgrade
Heat Exchanger Installations on SHUTTLE kiln

HEAT EXCHANGER installations, may be done also in shuttle kiln, just to produce Warm Clean Air or Hot Water or Overheated Water.

The amount of recovered energy varies in accordance with the working temperature inside the shuttle kiln. The warm air / hot water produced, can be used in extra-kiln consumers and to pre-heat the air combustion of the shuttle kiln itself.

The system may be developed whether for new plants or existent plants upon feasibility study.

Possible savings in CO2 emission per year*: from 150 - 250 tons

Possible saving of gas cost per year*: up to 50.000 €

Return of investment*: < 5 years

* All the economic savings estimation are depending on local cost on type of upgrade
Example of a DIRECT RECOVERY of hot air from the waste air channel of a tunnel kiln.

The warm air energy can be used directly.

It can be forwarded to different warm air consumers.

In case of tunnel with fibre lining, the warm air must be filtered.

Possible savings in CO2 emission per year*: from 600 - 1200 tons

Possible saving of gas cost per year*: up to 200,000 €

Return of investment*: < 3 years

* All the economic savings estimation are depending on local cost on type of upgrade