

# Water and energy conservation opportunities

In textile processing

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- ❖ Management commitment (motivation)
- ❖ Good housekeeping
- ❖ Monitoring and targeting (on process level)
- ❖ Process optimisation

- Getting started
- Analysing the process steps
- Generating opportunities
- Selecting solutions
- Implementing solutions
- Sustaining Cleaner Production



## Elements of an effective housekeeping program

- Dust and Dirt Removal
- Employee Facilities
- Surfaces
- Maintain Light Fixtures
- Aisles and Stairways
- Spill Control
- Tools and Equipment
- Maintenance
- Waste Disposal
- Storage

Source: [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety](#)

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## Examples



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## Good housekeeping measures

- substantial cost savings without significant investments
- duration of implementation is often very short
- better control of a certain process leads to better control of the quality of the product

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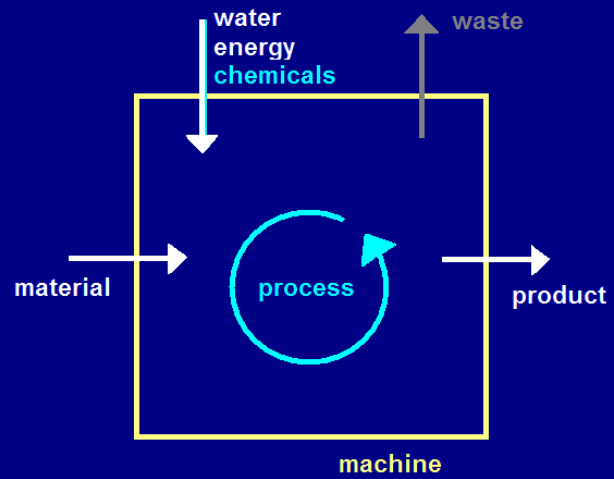
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## The method

Recognize opportunities to save:

- chemicals
- water and
- energy.

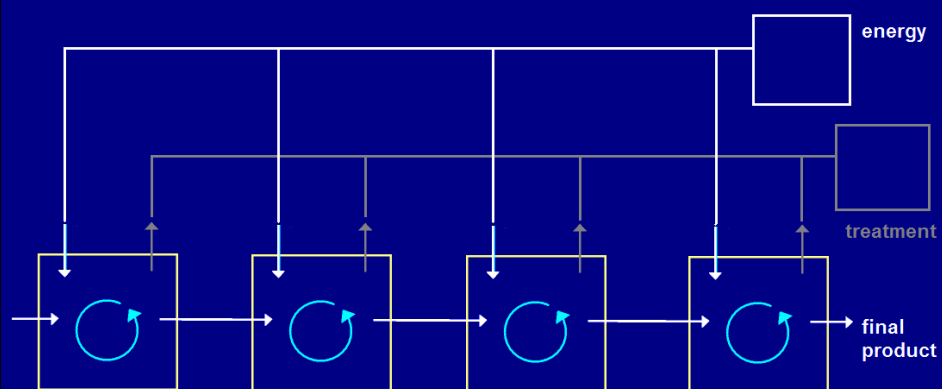


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## Factory wide view



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## Chemicals

- chemicals
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- Revise recipes regularly
- Avoid surplus applied chemicals
- Use high quality water
- Prefer auxiliaries with low environmental impact
- Control processes
- Optimise scheduling production
- Re-use baths

- Analyse
- Avoid
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## Reduce chemical impact at source

- chemicals
- water
- energy

### For instance:

In knitting: substitute mineral oil by hydro soluble oils

### Now:

- 4-8% lubricant oil
- removal with detergents etc.
- under alkaline conditions and 80-100 °C
- resulting in water consumption of 10 l/kg

### With alternative:

- washing at 40 °C in combination with other processes

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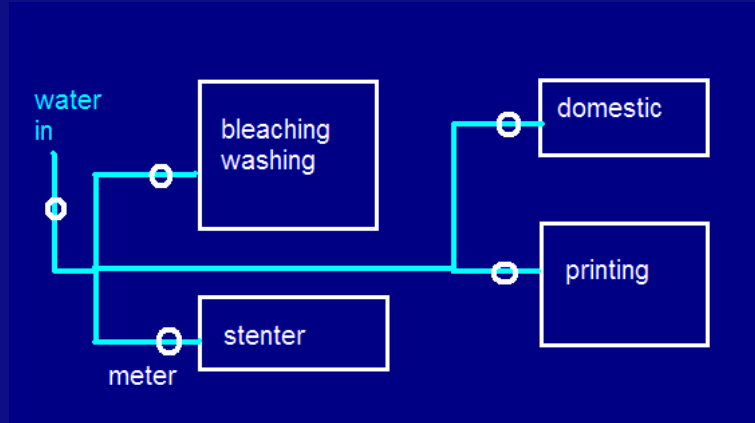
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# Water balance

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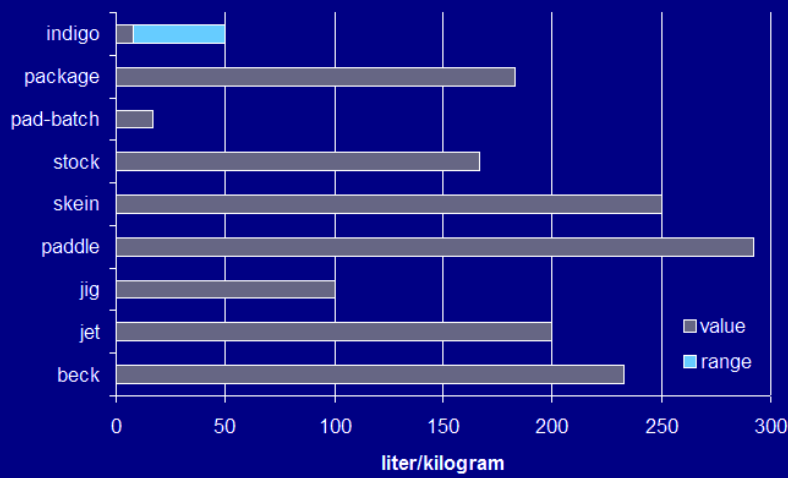
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# Water consumption dyeing processes

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## Improving working practices (Good housekeeping)

- Stop leaks
- Water shut off valves on water hoses
- During filling and rinsing, avoid displacement spillage



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## Water reduction: avoid consumption

Examples:

- Reduce cleaning by optimisation scheduling production
- Pre-treatment according to quality needs downstream
- Combine processes where possible
- Wet-in-wet processing

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## Water reduction: optimise control

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### Examples:

- Installation flow control devices (continuous washers)
- Controllers for fill volume and temperature (batch dyeing)

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## Keep track

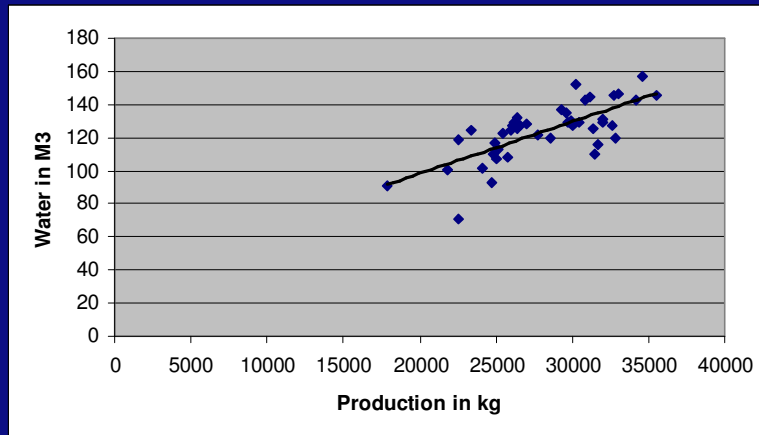
- Daily, weekly, monthly
- Report
- Analyse
- Relate to production

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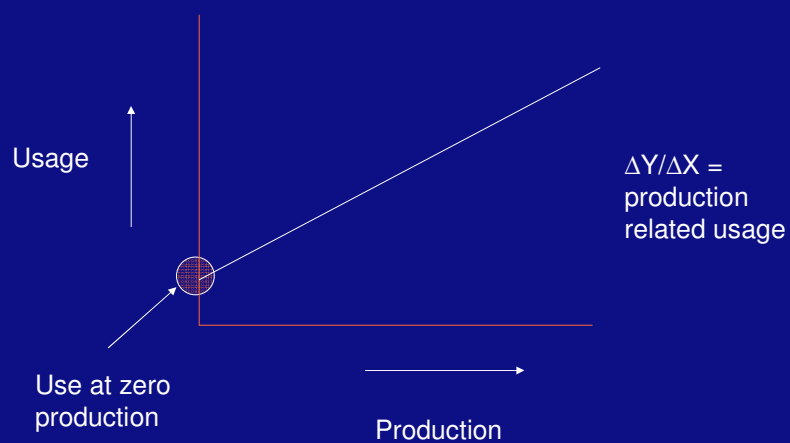
## Analysis water consumption



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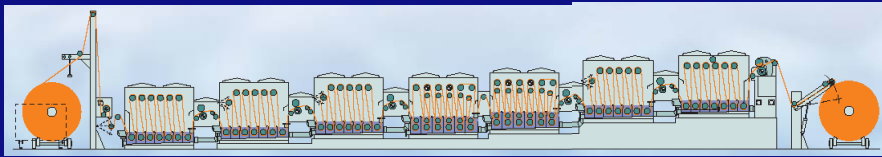
## Water reduction: optimise process

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### Examples:

- Use counter current, separation, reduce carry-over
- Substitution of overflow-flood rinsing by smart rinsing
- Reducing liquor ratio

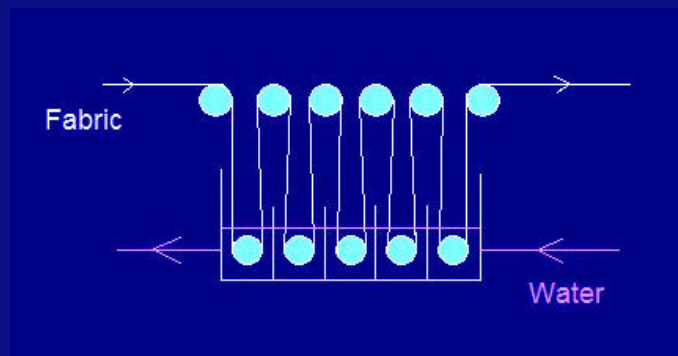
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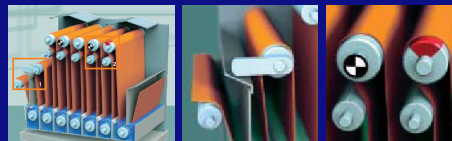
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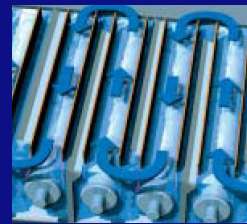
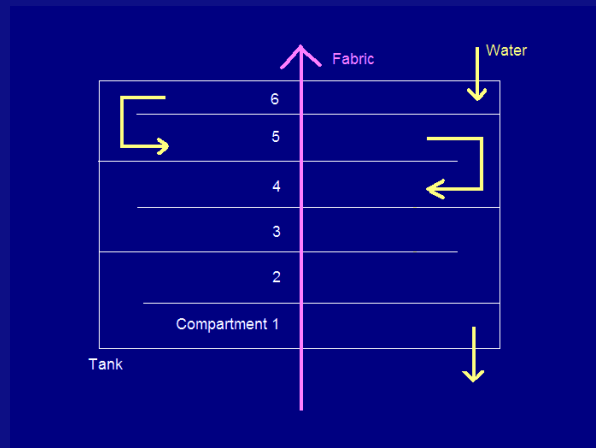
## Washing tank with counter current flow in five compartments



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## Washing tank with six compartments (top view) with meander flow



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## Water reduction: re-use

### Examples:

- Re-use baths
- Re-use process water
- Provide storage facilities
- In-line water treatment and re-use
- Re-use cooling water

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## Examples cooling water

- Engine and burner cooling
- Fabric cooling with cooling drums
- Cooling dye baths
- Cooling of the air in a pressure dryer

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## Ultra filtration



## Textile wastewater

Table 1: Typology Of Textile Wastewater

	Pretreatment	Dyeing	Printing
<b>Temperature (°C)</b>	80-90	40/60/95	60/95
<b>Chemical Oxygen Demand</b>	5,000-25,000 mg O <sub>2</sub> /l	1,000-3,000 mg O <sub>2</sub> /l	2,000-15,000 mg O <sub>2</sub> /l
<b>Other</b>	Size Caustic Soda Washing and wetting agents Salts — alkaline metals Organic impurities	Dissolved dyestuffs (reactive, direct and acids) Dye pigments (vat dyes, disperse dyes and pigment dyes)	Dissolved dyestuffs (vat dyes, disperse dyes and pigment dyes) Thickener, salts, and washing and wetting agents



## Waste water treatment - Zero discharge

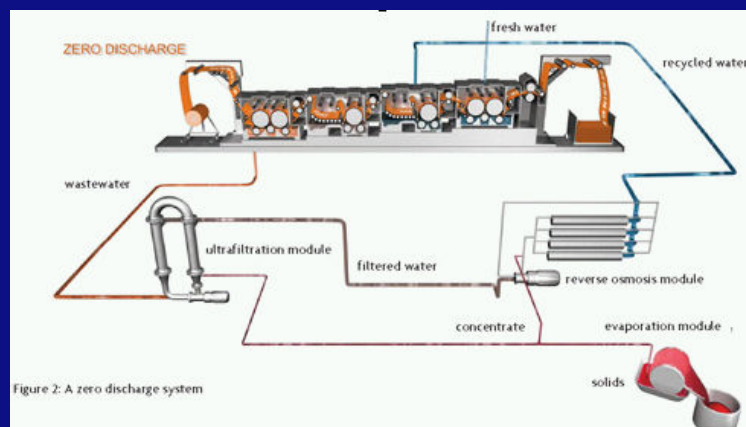
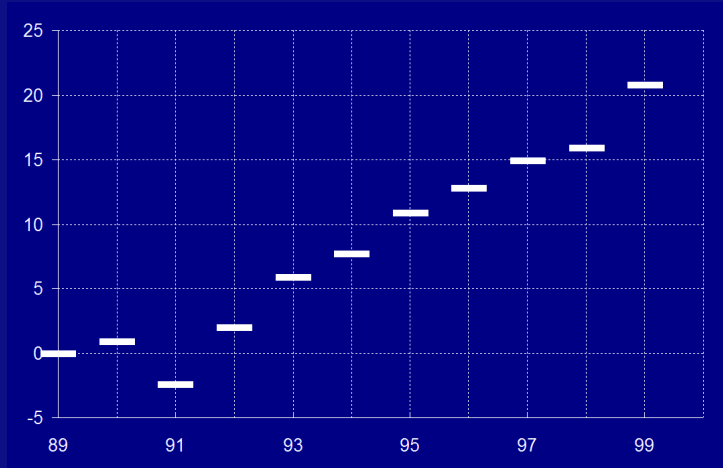


Figure 2: A zero discharge system



## Energy efficiency improvement Dutch Textile Industry 1989 - 2000

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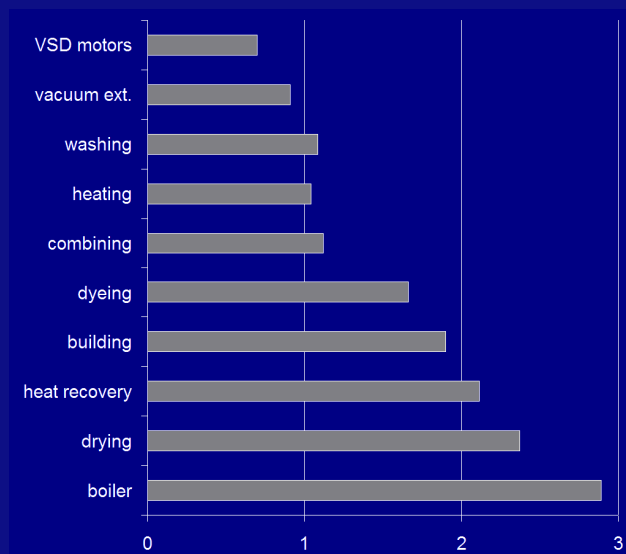
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## Most successful measures

- chemicals
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Rated as a  
percentage of  
total energy  
consumption



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# Energy

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## Shapes:

- Wood
- Natural gas
- Furnace oil
- Electricity
- Steam
- Thermal oil
- Compressed air

## Users:

- Boiler
- Motors (fans)
- Air conditioning
- Compressors
- Lighting



# Conversion factors

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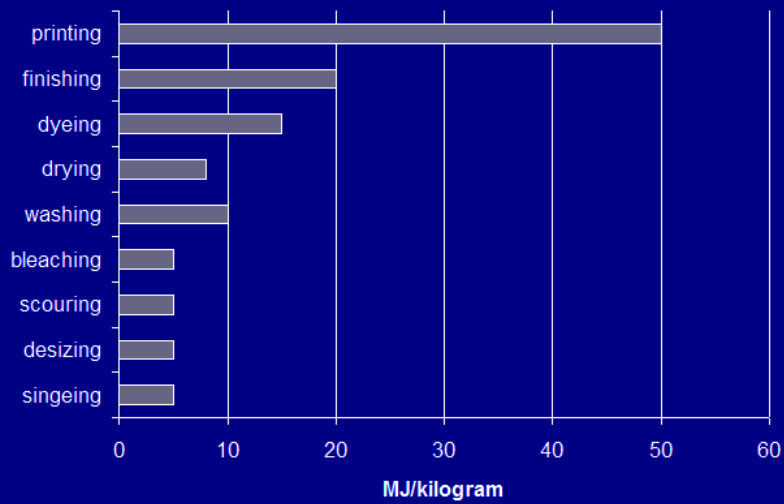
S.I. unit of energy is **Joule**

- 1,000,000 Joule =  $10^6$  J = 1 Mega Joule = 1 MJ
- $10^9$  J = 1 Giga Joule = 1 GJ
- Electricity: 1 kWh = 3.6 MJ  
(40% efficiency during generation: 9 MJ)
- Gas: 31.65 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>
- Steam: 3170 MJ/ton
- Oil: 41.45 MJ/kg
- Coal: 27.2 MJ/kg
- Wood: 18 MJ/kg
- Compressed air: 1.82 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>



## Energy consumption per process

- chemicals
- water
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## Energy

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- Make an energy balance
- Prevent losses
- Measure energy streams
- Optimise processes
- Recovery (re-use)

Domestic (office)  
Standby  
Production related

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## Energy efficient Lighting

- chemicals
- water
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- Use natural light
- Reduce lighting near windows
- Install skylights (shaded and sealed in summer)
- Turn off lights after work
- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Don't use (unnecessarily) low voltage spot lights
- Reduce light in corridor or reception if possible
- Consider alternatives to incandescent light globes



## Lighting

	General Lighting Service Incandescent lamps	Tungsten Halogen (quartz iodine) lamps		Hot cathode Fluorescent lamps	Metal halide Discharge lamps	Colour improved High pressure sodium
		240V	6-12V			
Capital cost	Very cheap & Easy to replace	Low	Low/medium	Low/medium	High	High
Relative cost	High	High	Medium	Low	Very low	Medium
Wattage	15 - 1500	50 -2000	10 - 75	8 - 125	35 - 3500	35 - 50
Efficiency (Lumens/W)	10 - 20	22	35 - 50	Up to 70	60 - 115	40 - 44
Av. Life (hours)	1000	2000	2000 - 4500	8000 - 16000	6000 - 8000	12000 - 15000
Depreciation (Lum. maint.)	Light output falls 15%	Very little	Very little	~15-20%	45%	~15%
Colour rendition	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good based upon lamp choice	Good for clear lamp and excellent for phosphor coated	Good

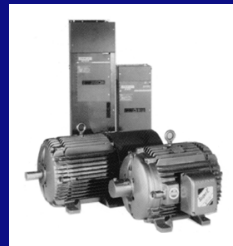


## Electrical motors

- Optimize motor sizing (size adequate for its task)
- Improve driven machinery (fans, pumps, compressors)
- Improve process (layout, logistics, control)
- Application of more efficient motors
- Application of variable speed drives (VSD)

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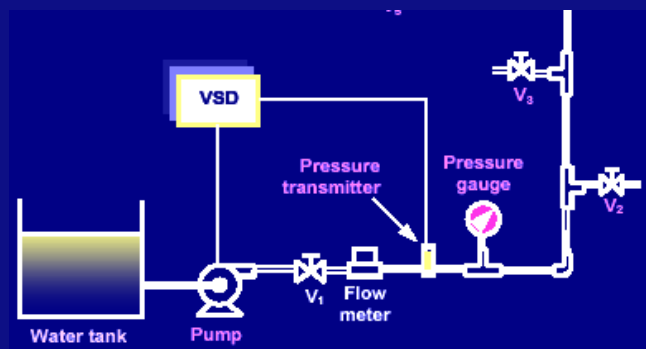
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## Example of a VSD



Variable speed



Variable speed Drive

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## Air compressors

### Facts:

- Annual energy cost is approximately 7 times the compressor's capital cost.
- a 50 kPa pressure reduction yields 4% saving
- Every 10 l/s of air leakage increases energy use by about 7 MWh/yr costing about \$1,000 (at 15c/kWh)
- Regularly system leakage exceeds 20% - 50% of the total output.



## Possible inappropriate use:

- Dusting, Clean-up, Drying, Process cooling
- Low pressure blowers, mixers, fans, brooms, nozzles
- Aspirating, Sparging, Atomizing
- Padding
- Vacuum generator
- Personnel cooling
- Compressed air-operated coolers
- Air-to-air heat exchanger or air conditioner
- Air motor-driven mixer
- Air-operated diaphragm pumps
- Idle equipment



## Options

- Avoid
- Leaks
- Lower pressure
  - Relate to individual machines who need high pressure
- Shut off system when possible (maybe pressure needed for boiler room)
- More efficient and dimensioned compressors



## Increase efficiency by:

- Establish a regular maintenance program
- Hunt for air leaks
- Check system operating pressure
- Check temperature reduction at the compressor intake
- Check all belt drives
- Check or install shut-off timers
- Control your air compressor usage
- Abuse and miss-use
- Consider adding variable speed drives
- Consider Heat Recovery
- Installing New or Upgrading Plant?

