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# APV Cavitator Technology for Egg Processing

A NEXT GENERATION EGG HOMOGENIZATION AND PASTEURIZATION PROCESS IN ONE STEP

#### THE POWERFUL FORCES OF CAVITATION PRODUCE RESULTS THAT FAR EXCEED THOSE OF CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Controlled cavitation is a new breakthrough technology for microscopic mixing, dispersion/homogenization and scale-free heating based on hydrodynamic cavitation.

The key challenges in egg processing are shelf life and protection of the functional properties of the egg products as well as extended run time of the pasteurizer and lower overall production cost. The APV brand Cavitator offers a wide range of benefits that meet the needs of our customers.



#### THE PRINCIPLE OF THE APV BRAND CAVITATOR

The heart of the technology is a rotor spinning in a liquid chamber. The rotor has a number of radial holes. The spinning action

generates internal liquid frictions (disk friction) and the holes generate hydrodynamic cavitation. The cavitation creates high shear ensuring a very efficient homogenization effect and friction which generates heating away from the metal surface and thereby avoid fouling.



## THE HOMOGENIZATION AND PASTEURIZATION PROCESS FOR WHOLE EGG

The liquid egg product is pre-processed after breaking and pumped from the storage tank at about 37°F (3°C) to the pasteurizer. A preheating takes place at 133-136°F (56 – 58°C) in the Plate Heat Exchanger (PHE).





The Cavitator is coupled to the PHE in a hybrid solution, so the Cavitator is homogenizing and pasteurizing the liquid egg in one step, increasing the temperature by 18°F (10°C) to 151-154°F (66-68°C) without fouling of the pasteurizer.

The product enters the holding tube in a homogeneous form ensuring an even pasteurization/ holding resulting in protection of the functional properties of the egg product.

The holding time may vary, but will typically be 3.5 minutes. After the holding time the product is cooled in the PHE to about 37°F (3°C) prior to storage.

#### FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF USING THE APV BRAND CAVITATOR FOR EGG PROCESSING

The Cavitator combines highly efficient low pressure homogenization and pasteurization in one step.



The Cavitator is coupled to the pasteurizer in a hybrid process solution and replace the high pressure homogenizer. The new technology has

several attractive features and benefits for the egg producers:

- The excellent homogenization by the Cavitator ensures a homogenous mix of the whole egg components which means an even pasteurization and holding
- The Cavitator has no heat transfer surface and so no hot or cold spots exist, consequently no scaling or fouling takes place in the pasteurizer
- Thanks to the scale-free heating the run time is significantly extended -typically by 4 hours compared to the conventional process, i.e. typically up to 8-12 hours run time between Clean-In-Place (CIP)
- The scale free heating and the efficient homogenization ensure protection of the functional properties of the egg product

- The increased pasteurization temperature and the cavitation shock wave effect result in an extended shelf life (ESL)
- Lower operational cost due to longer run times and fewer CIP processes and low pressure homogenization
- Lower investment cost when replacing a high pressure homogenizer with the Cavitator.
- Lower maintenance time and cost
- Highly reliable and sanitary design meeting 3-A and EHEDG standards
- The APV brand Cavitator can be delivered as a single unit or as a plug & play skid mounted system.

### EGG YOLK AND EGG WHITE AND OTHER APPLICATIONS

The APV brand Cavitator can also be used for processing of egg yolk and egg white. For egg white however, at the same or 1.8-3.6°F (1-2°C) elevated temperature compared to the conventional process. The increased kill rate will primarily result from the cavitation effect.

Furthermore, the Cavitator can be used for mixing and fast hydration of powder ingredients as well as dispersion and emulsification in addition to scale-free heating of other heat sensitive products.



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