

Efficient Mixing and Agitation

Bottom mounted agitators Type ALB

Applications

The Alfa Laval bottom mounted agitator offers mixing solutions to meet any requirements in food, dairy, beverage, pharmaceutical, biotechnology or cosmetic applications.

Type ALB agitators can be dimensioned for several applications for both atmospheric and pressurized tanks and furthermore for use in sterile/aseptic applications. The correct sizing of the agitators ensures an optimised solution offering low energy consumption and configuration to meet specific design requirements. Examples are listed below:

Application	Typical examples
Maintain media homogeneous	Milk storage tanks, mixed product
	tanks, UHT storage tanks etc.
Mixing and Solutions (dissolves)	Fluid and fluid mixing, i.e. drinking
	yoghurt and fruit mix tanks,
	flavoured milk mix tanks, syrup
	mix tanks, etc.
Solid Dispersion	Powder + fluid mix tanks, etc.
Suspension	Fluids with particles, i.e. juice
	tanks
Heat transmission	Circulation of media in tanks with
	dimple jacket (cooling or heating)



Standard design

The Alfa Laval range of bottom mounted propeller agitators is designed to meet almost every customer requirement. Due to their modular build the agitators can be designed for every type of application with the sanitary industry. The modular construction is designed with the aim to meet both European and American standards and regulations, such as EHEDG, USDA, FDA, 3A etc. Please note that Alfa Laval also offer other agitator solutions:

- Type ALT, top mounted agitators
- Type ALTB, top mounted agitators with bottom steady bearing
- Type ALS, side mounted agitators

To read more about these agitator solutions, please see separate PD Sheets.

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Configurable design

Type ALB agitators are fully configurable design and the configuration can be divided into the following elements:

- Drives (drive + shaft support + shaft diameter)
- Seal arrangements (oil trap + shaft seal type)
- Shaft (length)
- Energy Saving Foils (propeller type + surface finish)
- Options

Each element has a broad range of different characteristics which makes it possible to size the agitator for all applications and requirements.

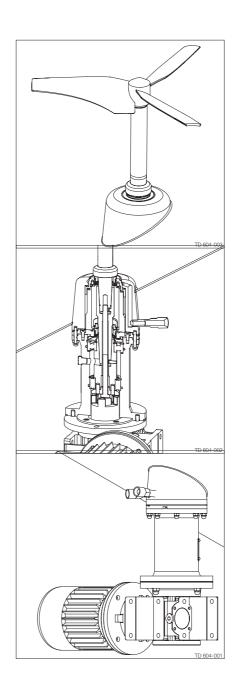
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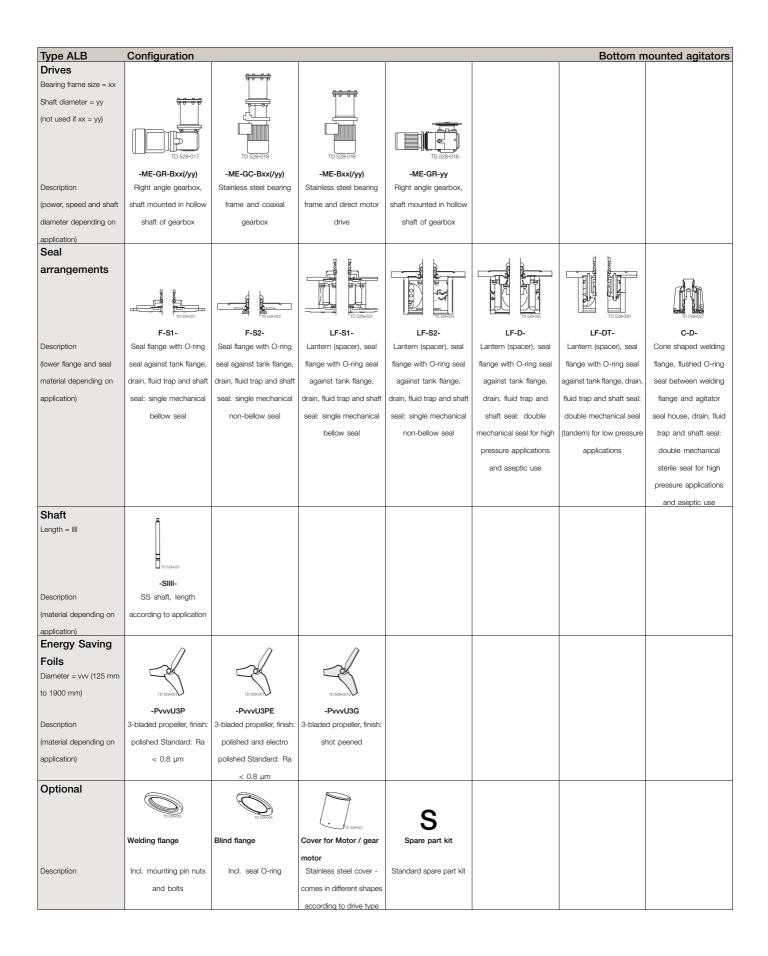
Each configuration offers a number of advantages, which are shown in the examples below:

Operation features	Due to
Low energy consumption	the wide range of high efficiency
	propellers and drive units makes
	it possible to design for low
	operational costs
Gentle product treatment	the wide range of high efficiency
	propellers makes it possible to
	design for low shear operation

Sanitary features	Due to
Easy external cleaning	stainless steel bearing frame
	design with seal O-rings (for wash
	down)
Connections inside the tank (risk	bearing frame drives with drive
zones) can be minimised	shaft and special internal shaft
	connection without having a
	flange coupling inside the tank
All seals both stationary and	the unique cone shaped seal
rotating seals are sterilised during	arrangement with flushed sterile
running	seal system
Good drip off properties	no plane surfaces or grooves on
	internal parts
Easy cleaning	no interior shadow sides between
	the blades and smooth surfaces

Maintenance features	Due to
All service (replacement of wearing	bearing frame drives with
parts such as shaft seals, bearings	detachable shaft which can be
etc.) can be done from outside	dismounted from outside the tank
the tank	
Easy dismantling	use of spider type coupling and
	stainless steel parts





Motor

Motor size and speed as required for duty. As standard with IEC motor IP55, other types on request. As standard painted RAL5010.

Voltage and frequency

As standard for 3x380 to 420V, 50Hz - 3x440V to 480V, 60Hz. All motor voltages and frequencies are available.

Gears

Different gear types available according to configuration. As standard filled with normal synthetic or mineral oil, optional: Food approved oil. As standard painted RAL5010.

Materials

List the range of materials available for wetted parts:

Steel parts:	AISI 316L (standard) AISI 304 AISI 904L SAF 2205 Other materials on request.
Seal rubber parts (o-rings or bellows):	EPDM FPM/FEP (only for stationary o-rings) FPM Other materials on request.
Mechanical seal parts:	Carbon Carbon (FDA)

Specific selection of materials will depend on the actual configuration selected.

Silicon carbide

Material Certificate - option

3.1 Material certificates/FDA conformity statement according to 21 CFR177 on steel/elastomer parts in contact with media

ATEX - option

Agitators can be delivered approved for use in an ATEX environment with declaration of conformity according to directive 94/9/EC, approved according to ATEX categories:

In tank: II1GDcTX, II2GDcTX or II3GDcTX Outside tank: II2GDcTX or II3GDcTX

NOTE: Not all configurations can be delivered according to ATEX directive 94/9/EC.

Dimensions

Standard propeller diameter range: Ø125 mm to 1900 mm. Specific dimensions on the drive unit and propeller(s) will depend on the actual configuration selected.

Enquiries

The following information is required to ensure correct sizing and configuration for ordering: For budget pricing use the following enquiry handling form from Alfa Laval (electronic version): "Simple enquiry, agitator". For detailed quotation use the the following inquiry handling form from Alfa Laval (electronic version): "Advanced enquiry, agitator".

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