Aerosol Micro Leak Detection System Emerson Cascade

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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



"Aerosol Packaging Award" 2010*, 2011, 2012 and 2014 * Joint Cascade Unilever Award Analysis Division

"Innovative Product of the Year 2014"

FROST & SULLIVAN

"New Product Innovation 2016"



LEADING TECHNOLOGY

MAP Food Leak Detection

pMDI Leak Detection

Aerosol Leak Detection

Process Gas Analysis

Cascade[™] Aerosol Micro Leak Detection Technology – 150+ installations



Benchtop, for leak detection development and diagnostics



Continuous, filling line leak detection

What if you could...



Remove the risk associated with leaking cans leading to fires?

Detect leaking cans on line, in real time and reject the faulty can instantaneously?

Receive statistical information about can rejection rates and patterns to trouble shoot line performance?

Future proof your filling lines for brand owner & legislative demands?



Challenge #1: Ensure Safety of Personnel and Property



Failure to detect a faulty can after filling could become a serious safety hazard.



Removing the risk

associated with leaking cans that can lead to fires.

Challenge #2: Eliminate Product Recalls



Product recalls are costly and can have a lasting damaging effect to the brand.



line quickly.

Brand Protection

Removing the risk of recall by detecting and reject leaking cans on

Challenge #3: Maximize Production Capacity



Aerosol Manufacturers are challenged to maximize their line speeds to compete in today's market.



Line speeds are increasing. Inline leak detection enables every aerosol can on the manufacturing line to be properly tested.

Challenge #4: Meet Customer and Regulatory Requirements



Industry required specifications from Brand **Owners and Legislation**



owner & legislative demands for leak detection.



The need to future proof filling lines for brand

Factors Affecting Aerosol Filling



Valve Quality

Filling Process

The Water Bath – Original Solution





Introduced in 1940's to test for deformation and bursting of cans

Line-speeds effectively of 60 cpm

Labor costs – Highly manual

Limited range of propellants



Challenges of the Modern Production Line



Operating at speeds up to 600 cpm, making visual inspection ineffective

Cans not always fully immersed.

Manual removal of defective cans impacts productivity and operator wellbeing

Maintaining water clarity to aid visual inspection is expensive & wasteful



Operational Excellence



Leak detection as part of process control – with or without a waterbath

Replace the need for operators to manually inspect cans

Get alerts to systemic issues online – investigate and rectify before a whole batch is impacted

Improve safety throughout supply chain





Emerson Cascade[™] Aerosol Micro Leak Detection Systems





Typical Installation



- **Purge air** maintain positive pressure within enclosure for environmental immunity
- Carbon filter filtered air is pushed into the enclosure. Maintaining a positive pressure with respect to the environment. Prevents ingress of propellant from the environment
- Polycarbonate enclosure protection from airborne contamination
- Multi-laser detection head
- Pneumatics compressed air rejection, cell purge

Installed on new or existing lines



Rejection Mechanism

- Leaking Cans Rejected Directly
 - Single leaking can activates a signal and is removed from the line for containment
 - Multiple leaking cans activate an alarm indicating process fault





Operation

- Sensor Head can be Installed on New or Existing Production Line
- Sample air containing the propellant that has leaked from the can is drawn into the system via the sampling arch
- Quantum Cascade Laser Technology
 - Laser modules mounted in leak detector enclosure
- Response Time
 - Up to 600 cans per minute
 - Automated Rejection of individual cans
 - Alarm after multiple failures



Production Excellence

Detect and Reject Faulty Cans Directly On Line



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Eliminate Product Recall

Improve Health & Safety of Facility

- Complete Can Tested
 - Valves
 - Crimps
 - Tri-Weld
 - Seams
- Works with all can Sizes and Material of Construction



Aerosol fillers can collect samples of leaking cans identified by Micro Leak Detection System and take these to their supplier for improvement.



Regulatory Requirements

Aerosol dispensers shall be subject to one of the following final tests methods:

1. Hot Water Bath Test

- Each filled aerosol dispenser shall be immersed in a hot water bath until contents reach a uniform a) temperature of 55 °C.
- b) Any aerosol dispenser showing *visible* permanent distortion or a leak must be rejected.

2. Water Bath Alternative Test

- **Empty Can Pressure Test** a)
- Check weigher required b)
- Filled Can Leak Detection Test C)
- Apply for water bath alternative certificate from appropriate local organization d)

Comply with Legislation & Contract Requirements

Sensitivity aligned with UN ADR Waterbath Alternative requirements

Post Waterbath

8x10⁻³ mBarLs⁻¹ 1 bubble / second @ 50°C

Waterbath Alternative

2x10⁻³ mBarLs⁻¹ 1 bubble / 5 seconds @ 20°C







Increase Production Capacity

System Capabilities

- Fully Automated: no user input required
- Alarm capabilities to identify production faults
- System logs production statistics to help identify root cause
- Password protect system changes



Track production: Cans processed and rejected.



Comprehensive monitoring screen linked to traffic light and programmable line stop.





Easy to navigate icon based display screens.



Video



Benchtop Based Leak Detection and Analysis for Aerosol and pMDI



Testing individual cans for location and quantification of leaks



Method Development, QA and Troubleshooting

- Troubleshoot leak problems
 - Isolate valve, crimp and seam
 - Quantify leak rate
- Fast Batch Analysis
 - Multiple cans in minutes
- Method Development
 - Long term leak profile of individual cans
 - Leak kinetics for process optimization
 - Leak kinetics for component selection

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Multi-chamber Design for Process Fault Identification



Patent pending sampling head – identifies the leak at the source



Service and Support - Commitment to Excellence

- Easily installed on new or existing lines with little or no down time
- Minimal Consumables
- No Calibration
- Local Service Capabilities Globally
 - Ensure Right Sized System Installed
 - Personalized Support Contracts



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