For aseptic treatment of high and low acid products
Heat generation in a resistive conductor

Theory

- An electric current is passed through the product
- The electrical resistance of the food causes the power to be transformed into heat: the product temperature goes up quickly!
- There is no heat transfer: the heat is generated inside the product

Heat generation in a resistive conductor:

- \( R = \text{electrical resistance of conductor} \ [\Omega] \)
- \( V = \text{applied voltage} \ [\text{V}] \)
- \( I = \text{current intensity} \ [\text{A}] \)

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Q = V \cdot I = R \cdot I^2
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Heating Section

Each heating section may be seen as two electrical resistors in parallel. The system is safe for both the product and the people using the system

Why Ohmic Heating?

To overcome typical problems of conventional heat exchangers:

- By this method a product undergoes a minimum structural damage, retain its nutritional value. This technique gives excellent processed quality products in minimum operating time.
- Additionally research revealed that there is no protein denaturation at high temperature when heated with ohmic heating
- Ohmic heating volumetrically heats the entire mass of the food material and therefore a homogeneous treatment
- When dealing with liquid foods containing large particles there is no overheating of the liquid due to the low heat transfer rate by conduction to the center of particles as in conventional heat exchangers
- Provides a very fast heating of 40÷50°C, maximum error range 0,2°C are achieved in few seconds
- Not subjected to fouling (absence of a hot wall)
- Very low pressure drop because there is no need of high product speed
- Does not damage particles as do scraped surface heat exchangers.
Working Details

- The system chooses an initial voltage knowing the product electrical conductivity
- It continuously adjusts the power given to the product to reach and maintain temperature set points
- The system is self protected and it shuts down when it detects anomalies in the electricity parameters. The system automated boots up very shortly afterwards.

Products

Products that can be treated to achieve significant quality advantages compared to standard technology:
- Product with dices - fruit jam with dices, fruit dices, vegetable soup
- Liquid eggs
- Fruit and vegetable juices and purees
- Isotonic/energy drinks
- Soup and sauces with fish and meat.

The Industrial Systems

- When combined with holding and traditional cooling the system is the ideal solution for aseptic treatment of high and low acid products
- We can provide systems from quite a little to medium - high throughput from 1000 l/h to 20000 l/h
- The system is modular and flexible
- In typical applications the temperature profile is 65°C to 115°C (high acid) or 85°C to 155°C (low acid). The system is not restricted to this as it can be used for a much wider temperature profile and up to 150°C and more
- For big capacities a traditional pre-heating system can be used, to save electricity consumption and, therefore, money.

Upgrade Existing Plants

Advantages:
- Preservation of color, texture and taste
- Process temperature reached faster
- More uniform product heating
- No product overcooking
- Reduced fouling thanks to the absence of heat transfer surfaces
- Instant shutdown (no residual heat transfer)
- High energy efficiency (92-95%)
- Reduced maintenance cost
- Higher product quality compensates the additional cost
- The only necessary conditions for the product is electric conductivity
- High electricity frequency is used. No galvanic effect with electrode corrosion and dissolution into the product
- Investment cost is aligned or just slightly higher than the traditional heating system
- Very wide range of product treated without system modifications or with minimal modification (just change the diameter/or length of the glass pipes for example)
- Optimized treatment of particulates (no overcooking of the liquid medium and dice surface)
- Reduced pressure loss in the system
- Minimized mechanical damage to food particles
- Extreme flexibility, the same machine can process different product: viscous, particles etc.
- Very easy to operate
- Modular
- Compact
- Little mechanical and electronic changes to the existing system.

The ohmic heater is the ideal solution to upgrade an existing sterilizer:
- The existing heating would work as pre-heater. Ohmic as final heater
- Higher capacity and higher quality as double results
- Pressure drop, no need to change pumps minimal extra.
JBT Sterideal® Ohmic, configuration available for customer test at JBT Parma RTC

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**Suitable configurations and type**

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