# WOODWORKING DUST CONTROL



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### SHOP ENVIRONMENT

Environment is a key word in today's school shops. It's important for the physical layout to provide AN ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING. Good housekeeping practices are essential for a GOOD WORKING ENVIRONMENT and a good dust collection system safeguards the ENVIRONMENT WE BREATHE. A well designed dust collection system actually contributes to all environments as it complements equipment layout, minimizes housekeeping and removes airborne contaminants.

This brochure describes the problem of wood dust in school shops, the essentials of collection systems and the details of some commonly applied dust collectors.

Dust is a natural by-product of many industrial processes and dust control has become an essential part of those processes. Woodworking dust is an obvious by-product of all school woodworking shops and a "state of the art" dust collection system is a necessity because it accomplishes the following:

Improves shop safety.
Encourages good industrial practices.
Demonstrates good housekeeping.
Reduces dust inhalation.
Reduces potential fire hazards.
Facilitates energy conservation.

### WOODWORKING DUST

The characteristics of any industrial dust will affect the choice of a capture and collection system. Woodworking dust varies with the woodworking process, tool sharpness and type of wood. Sanding dust below 10 microns in size represents one end of the spectrum while planing curls up to several inches long repre-

sents the other. Tool sharpness affects shredding and tearing, producing larger sizes and softwoods produce larger particle sizes than hardwoods. The dominant characteristics of wood dust is the variation in size and the significant volume of dust that is normally produced.

Threshold limit values for wood dust are listed\* as one milligram per cubic meter for certain hardwoods such as beech and oak and five milligrams per cubic meter for softwood. These are recommendations intended as industrial hygiene guidelines. They do, however, reflect concern on the part of health professionals and point to the need for effective system design. This is especially pertinent in situations where recirculation is desirable to reduce energy costs.

\*Industrial Ventilation, 19th Edition, American Council of Government Hygienists, Lansing, Michigan.



### Capture and Collection Systems

Total woodworking dust control implies an effective capture and efficient collection system. A typical dust control system is composed of four components: a hood to confine the dust at its source, a duct to convey the collection material, a fan to maintain suction in the hoods and ducts, and a collector to separate the dust from the exhaust air and deposit it in a storage container.

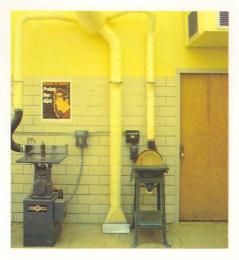
### **EXHAUST HOODS**

Since the primary purpose of a dust collection system is to prevent the dispersion of dust from the point of generation, the exhaust hood is a critical part of any system. Properly designed hoods assure maximum efficiency of the system with minimum exhaust volume and permit unrestricted movement of the operators and the free flow of material being processed. Well designed hoods also lower the cost of the system by reducing the volume of exhaust air necessary to confine the dust at its source. The illustrations on page 5 show some typical hood arrangements for equipment normally found in the woodworking shop.

### **DUCTS**

When designing a system, care must be taken to insure that the velocity of the air in the ducts is high enough to convey the entrained dust particles to the collector. The branch and main ducts must be sized proportionately to maintain proper distribution of the air through the hoods. Blast gates may be used to provide final adjustment of the system.

Exhaust ducts can be located along the ceiling or beneath the floor. The latter will usually be found only in new buildings since it is normally too expensive to install the ducts beneath the floors in existing



buildings. Each system offers certain advantages:

#### **Overhead Ducts**

Permits relocation of equipment.

Allows for easier changes in duct system.

Easier to balance airflow.

Duct maintenance easier.

#### **Under-the-Floor Ducts**

Appearance does not obscure visibility around machines.

Will not interfere with light fixtures, eliminating shadows.

Shorter lengths of duct required.

### **FANS**

It is imperative that the fans be properly sized in order to maintain sufficient velocity to carry the collected material through the ducts. Often fans are built in as an integral part of a self contained dust collector such as the ArrestAll collector or certain sizes of the Type M FabriPulse collector. Where



a separate air mover is required selection criteria may include the need for silencing, non-sparking wheels and non-overloading operating characteristics.

### COLLECTORS

The three types of collectors commonly used in woodworking shops are the ArrestAll shaker type fabric collector, Type M FabriPulse pulse-jet fabric collector and the Type D RotoClone. Final selection of the unit will depend upon the particular requirements of the shop. The ArrestAll unit is a simple, compact pocket type fabric unit which is often located inside the shop. The Type M FabriPulse collector offers continuous service with on-line cleaning utilizing compressed air to dislodge the dust. It is compact enough for inside installation. But may also be located outdoors. The Type D RotoClone is a dynamic precipitator that combines the functions of exhauster, dust separator and storage hopper in one compact unit. Where the exhaust air can be discharged outside, this dust collector is a practical solution to most woodworking dust problem. The skimmer precleaner is recommended where quantities of chips and shavings are contained in the exhaust air.



## Exhaust Requirements for Woodworking Operations RECOMMENDED DUCT VELOCITY 3500 — 4000 FPM

	Unit of		Exhaust Volume - cfm			Unit of		Exhaust Volume -			cfm			
Equipment	Measure- ment	Size	Bottom	Тор	Total	Equipment	Measure- ment	Size	Bottom	To	р	Total		
San Holland		Up to 16 incl.	440	350	790			Up to 6 incl.		-	-	440		
	Dia. In	op to 10 mei.	110	550	750	Vertical	Belt Width	Over 6-9 incl.	_	-	-	550		
table rip	Inches	Over 16	550	350	900	Belt Sander	In Inches	Over 9-14 incl.	-	-	-	800		
	Dia.	Up to 20 incl.		_	350		Illelies	Over 14			-	1100		
Swing Saw	In Inches	Over 20		1	440	Swing Arm Sander	_	_			440			
		Up to 16 incl.	_	_	350	Salidel		Up to 6 incl.	_	_	_	350		
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		Up to 24 incl.	550	350	900		Knife Length In Inches	Over 20-26 incl.			_	1100		
		Over 24 to 36 incl.	800	440	1240	PLANERS Le Single Planer		Over 26-32 incl.			_	1400		
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	Inches	Over 36 to 48 incl.	1100	550	1650			Over 38	-	-	-	2200		
		Over 48	1400	550	1950			20 incl.	550	0 785		1335		
		Over 40	1400	330	1950			Over 20-26 incl.	785	1100		1885		
Band Saw	Blade Width	2 Max.	350	350	700	Double Planer		Over 26-32 incl.	1100	1400		2500		
(Note 1)	In In.							Over 32-38 incl.	1400	0 1800		3200		
		2-3 incl.	350	550	900			Over 38	1400	22	00	3600		
	D								Bottom	Тор	Right	Left		
Band Resaws	Blade Width	Over 3-4 incl.	550	800	1350			Up to 7 incl.	440	550	350	350		
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		Over 6-8 incl.	550	1400	1950		menes	Over 18-24 incl.	1100	1400	800	800		
		Up to 12 incl. Duct A	_	_	350		-	Over 24	1400	1770	1100	200.00		
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		Over 38-48 incl. A-B-C	-	-	1250	the lower								
Single Drum	Surface	Up to 200 incl.	_	_	350									
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		Up to 31	_	_	550	- desirable								

Note 4 — "Bottom" column refers to head end cfm and "top" column to tail end cfm.

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Drum

Length

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Belt

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31 to 49

49 to 67

Over 67

Over 14

Up to 6 incl.

Over 6-9 incl.

Over 9-14 incl.

Multiple Drum

Sander

(Note 3)

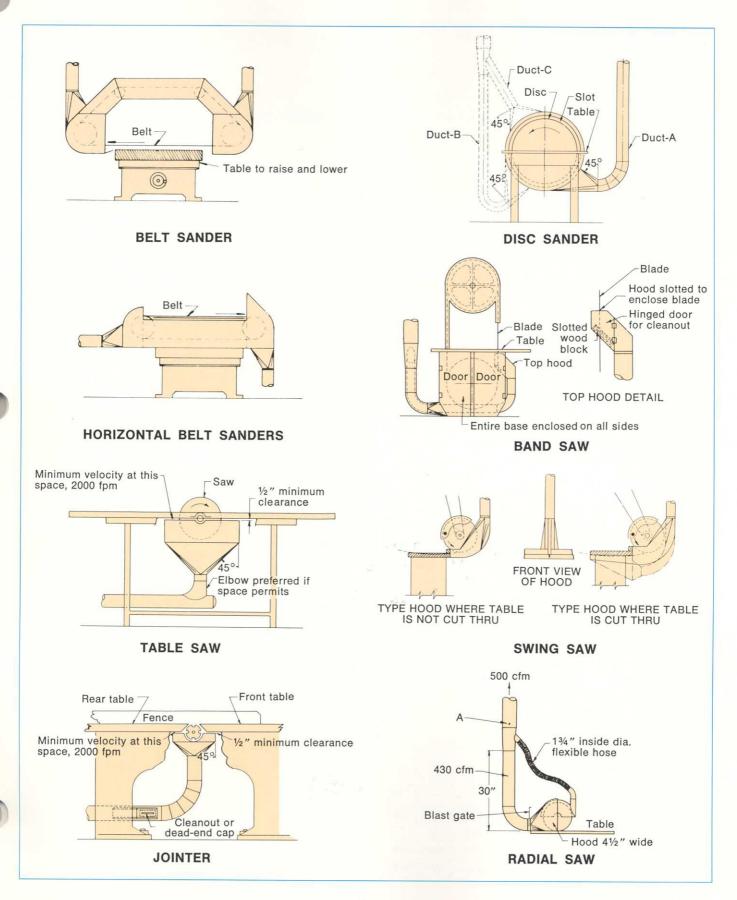
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(Note 4)

Belt Sander

### **Exhaust Hoods**

### RECOMMENDED DESIGNS FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT



### Design Problem

For most installations, the data included in the following tables normally will be sufficient to provide an adequate dust collection system. Their application can best be seen by means of a practical shop layout.

Equipment to be exhausted:

- A. One 7" jointer
- B. One 10" table saw
- C. One 18" planer
- D. One 2" band saw
- E. One floor sweep

### BRANCH PIPE SIZES AND REQUIRED EXHAUST VOLUMES

The first step in designing a dust control system is to determine the exhaust volume and branch pipe size required for each dust source beginning with the one located farthest from the dust collector. For most operations these exhaust volumes requirements are specified by:

- 1. State codes or regulations.
- 2. Professional society codes of recommended practice.
- Necessary inward velocities through hood openings to prevent dust escapement.

The general range of indraft velocities, Page 4, will serve as a guide where recommendations for specific applications are not available. Branch size is readily determined to the nearest practical diameter by determining the total air volume from the exhaust hood and selecting the suitable conveying velocity. Standard duct diameters will vary with the fabricator, but generally increase through 51/2" diameter in 1/2" increments; 6" through 20" in 1" increments; 22" and above in 2" increments.

The exhaust requirements for woodworking operations are shown on Page 4. Actual velocities and volumes will vary as much as 10% from design values to utilize typical duct diameters for a specified exhaust volume.



The branch size and exhaust volume from the equipment listed above could, therefore, be:

A. 7" jointer 1" - 4½" duct 440 CFM
B. 10" table saw 1" - 4" duct 350 CFM
C. 18" planer 1" - 5" duct 785 CFM
D. 2" band saw 1" 700 CFM

E. Floor sweep exhaust volume need not be included in computing total exhaust requirements unless state code requires doing so.

### SYSTEM LAYOUT

A single line diagram is most helpful in calculating the pressure loss of the system. Location of the equipment will be determined by shop layout. The various branches should be connected by a main duct located to give as short a run to the dust collector inlet as possible. Where practical, branches having the greatest resistance should be of the shortest possible lengths and should enter the main duct as close to the dust collector as possible.

Frequently the compactness of the dust collector permits sufficient latitude in location to allow system design for minimum resistance and consequently slightly lower horsepower consumption. In other cases, it will be located where space is available and where disposal of the collected material is most convenient. These considerations often outweigh the slight savings in power of a better balanced system.

Typical layout for the equipment in this layout can be seen on Page 7, using the basic engineering data from Page 4.

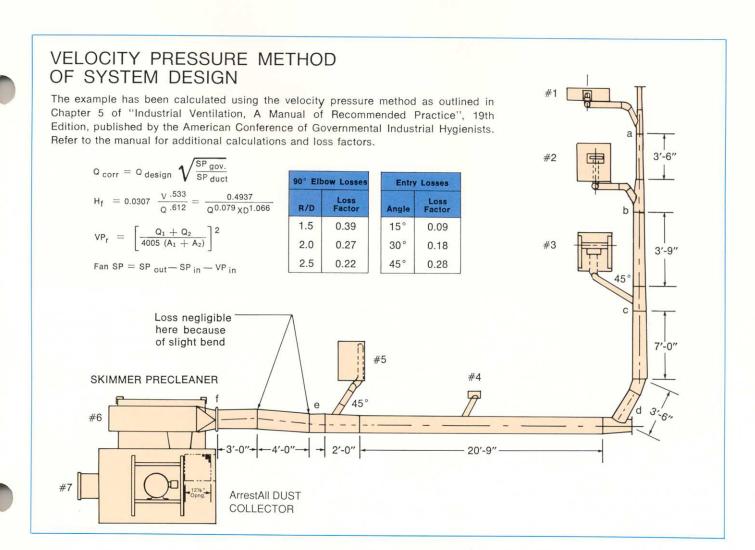
From this example all essential exhaust system information has been obtained including:

- Exhaust volume and pressure losses which determine the collector size, and horsepower.
- 2. Sizing of main branch and ducts of exhaust sizing.
- Selection of proper hood design.

			Component Lengths of Machine Branch Ducting					
Key	Machine	Branch CFM	Straight Run	Elbows	Entries			
1	7" Jointer	440	11.83′	3-90°L 1-60°L	1-30°E			
2	10" Table Saw	350	13.25′	3-90°L 1-60°L	1-30°E			
3	18" Planer (Single)	785	13.25'	3-90°L	1-45°E			
4	Floor Sweep	800-1400						
5	2" Band Saw	Bottom 350 Top 350 700	12.00′	4-90°L 1-30°L	1-30°E 1-45°E			

#### NOTES:

- 1. Floor sweep consideration is not generally included in calculations.
- 2. All elbows are 30, 60, or 90° and 2D radius is preferred.
- 3. 30° entries are preferred except as noted.



#### VELOCITY PRESSURE METHOD CALCULATION SHEET

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## Model AR ArrestAll Self-Contained Dust Collector

The Model AR **ArrestAll** dust collector is a compact and efficient solution to small and medium volume dry dust problems. Designed to serve a single source or a system of multiple sources, it saves energy by recirculating clean air.

The ArrestAll system includes these features which are important in woodworking dust collection:

- · Wide pocket spacing.
- · Funnel bottom.
- Large dust containers.
- · Quiet operation.
- · Non-overloading BI fans.
- Non sparking wheels.
- · Final filter option.
- · Drop out chamber option.

See Product Bulletin APC-1-240 for additional details.

### **BENEFITS**

Clean Air . . .

Removes over 99% of general industrial dusts by weight.

Energy Savings . . .
 Recirculates clean air, reduces

Recirculates clean air, reduces exhaust.

Quiet Operation . . .
 Silencer is standard on ever

Silencer is standard on every AR ArrestAll unit.

• Attractive . . .

Clean, crisp lines—earthtone colors.

• Low Maintenance . . .

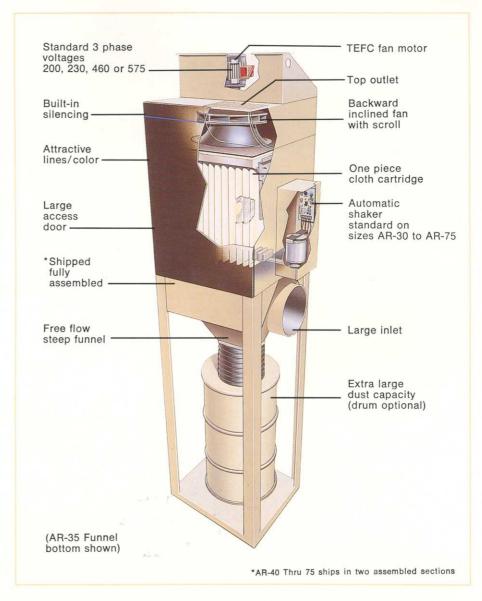
Self cleaning—extra-large dust containers.

· Saves Space . . .

Compact design conserves valuable floor space.

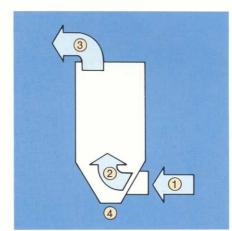
· Movable . . .

Self-contained—can be moved or reapplied as needed.



### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

- Dust laden air is drawn into the inlet where it turns 90° causing the heavier particles to fall into the container.
- The fine particles are drawn to the fabric pockets and trapped on the surface, forming a dust cake which increases efficiency.
- The clean air flows from the pockets into the fan and is discharged.
- The collected dust is periodically removed from the fabric pockets by an automatic (or manual) shaker system.



## Sizes and Arrangements







Size Designation	Motor Horsepower	Arrangements	Drive		
AR-10	3/4	51			
AR-20	11/2	Flat Bottom	Direct		
AR-30	2	Flat Bottom	Direct		
AR-35	3	Funnel Bottom Bin Vent	Direct		
AR-40	5				
AR-45	7 1/2		Direct		
AR-50	10		and Belt		
AR-55	15	Flat Bottom			
AR-60	20	Funnel Bottom Hopper Bottom			
AR-65	25	Bin Vent	Dala		
AR-70	25		Belt		
AR-75	30	'			

## Design M FabriPulse Model 2 Pulse-Jet Fabric Dust Collector

## PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMY IN A COMPACT PACKAGE

The Design M FabriPulse Model 2 pulse-jet fabric dust collector was designed to fill the need of the many industrial dust collection applications that require small, compact filter sizes and low air volumes.

The Design M dust collector offers these features that make it the best dust cleaning value in its class:

- Provides continuous dust collection at a 99%+ collection efficiency.
   It also features topside dust entry and a positive seal between the clean and dirty sides.
- Utilizes unique, small-diameter filter bags with built-in venturis and expanders to pack up to 1,500 square feet of media into a small space.
- Requires significantly less compressed air horsepower than competitive pocket-pulse collectors.
- Ships with bags installed on all sizes.

See Product Bulletin APC-1-411 for additional details.

### **ECONOMY**

 Pressure loss across the fabric is reduced by an effective cleaning system, so horsepower is lower than that of competitive designs.



- The pulsing system uses a fraction of the compressed air horsepower needed for pocketpulse collectors.
- Maintenance costs are reduced significantly because venturis and cages are built into the bags. No tools or bag clamps are needed.
   Filter bags can be easily replaced, either individually or as an assembly of 42 bags.

### COMPACT SIZE

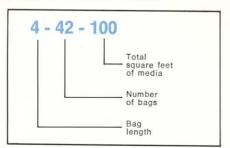
- Available with 100 to 1,500 square feet of fabric for air volumes to 15,000 cfm in a single unit.
- Requires less floor space than most competitive units because it can operate at air-to-cloth ratios as high as 10:1.

### **OPTIONS**

- Hoppers—45° and 60° hoppers are available.
- Leg extensions—Standard leg height provides a 12½" clearance from the hopper outlet to the base. Leg extensions in 6" increments providing up to 7'½" hopper clearance are available. Outdoor (30 psi windload) leg extensions are also available.
- NEMA 4 or NEMA 9 controls.
- Explosion vents—Explosion vents for positive or negative pressure systems are available.
- Pressure switch controls—
   Minimizes compressed air usage and maximizes bag life by initiating bag cleaning only when the pressure drop across the baghouse reaches a preset level.

## Sizes and Arrangements

### **EQUIPMENT SIZE**



Bag Length (Ft)	Bag Quantity	Media Area (Ft.²)	Bag Length (Ft)	Bag Quantity	Media Area (Ft. <sup>2</sup> )
4	42	100	4	252	600
6	42	150	6	252	900
4 84		200	4	336	800
6	84	300	6	336	1200
4	168	400	4	420	1000
6	168	600	6	420	1500



### DESIGN M FabriPulse DUST COLLECTOR (WITH INTEGRAL FAN)\*

- Quick, easy assembly.
- Requires less floor space than mounting the fan externally from the collector.
- · No fan pedestal required.
- Eliminates interconnecting duct work.
- Weather hood or silencer enclosure for blower assembly available (optional).

### DESIGN M FabriPulse DUST COLLECTOR (INSERTABLE)

- For custom bins and dust enclosures.
- Uses lower fan horsepower than a conventional system.
- Outlet weather hood w/bird screen available (optional).
- Sizes 4-42 to 6-168.

### DESIGN M FabriPulse DUST COLLECTOR (BIN VENT)

- Full size range available.
- · For bins and custom enclosures.
- Outlet weather hood w/ bird screen available (optional).

\*Also available for appropriate size Design M FabriPulse Collector, insertable bin vent units.

## Type D RotoClone Dust Collector with Skimmer Precleaner



TYPE D RotoClone AND SKIMMER PRECLEANER

ing speeds and remains constant over the entire pressure volume range. Simplicity of design makes for trouble-free performance, ease of installation and small space requirements.

Where exhaust air contains quantities of chips, shavings and other large particles, the Skimmer Precleaner is recommended as a precleaner to the Type D RotoClone.

The Type D RotoClone dust collector is recommended when cleaned air can be discharged outdoors.

### BENEFITS-

- · Minimum space requirements
- · Constant exhaust volume
- High dust separating efficiency
- · Rugged construction for long life
- Simplified design for ease of maintenance

See Product Bulletin APC-1-501 for additional details.

The Type D RotoClone dry centrifugal dust collector is a dynamic precipitator in which the functions of exhauster and dust separation are combined in a single, compact unit. When mounted on its dust storage hopper and provided with a motor, it becomes a complete dust control system.

The high collection efficiency of the Type D RotoClone is not affected by changes in air volume or operat-

		Dust Storage Capacity in Cu. Ft.					
Size	CFM	RotoClone Hopper	Skimmer Hopper				
6	500-1,050	5.5	9.8				
8	800-1,800	12.2	12.3				
10	1,600-2,700	11.8	18.0				
12	2,000-3,800	26.8	27.0				
14	3,300-5,500	25.9	48.9				
16	4,250-7,000	49.5	49.5				
20	6,600-11,000	49.5	61.6				



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