



## OPTIONS FOR MECHANICAL DEWATERING AND DRYING OF SPENT DISTILLERS GRAINS

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# MECHANICAL DEWATERING & DRYING OF SPENT DISTILLERS GRAINS – Jim Ling



A process equipment specialist with over 30 years of experience in separation technology, Mechanical Engineer Jim Ling has developed equipment solutions and specifications for businesses from the smallest to the largest in wide ranging industries including food, pharma, beverage, chemical, plastic, metal, waste, hemp and cannabis – among others. As the Director of Business Development for Kason Corporation, Jim has worked to collaboratively develop effective and affordable dewatering processes that translate well to distillers and others screening for pre and post distillation products to monetize waste and to optimize production yields.

Overview of screening grains and dewatering spent grains outlining choices to match production scale and dryness expectations within budgetary limits. Comparisons of screening techniques and the evolution of the traditional flour sifter, dry bulk solids processor, as an effective solution in liquid solids separation especially within distilleries. Includes a look at further processing of spent grains with small footprint dryers, compact and robust in a less traditional geometry. Considerations for green alternatives reuse spent grains and to add value to a common waste stream.

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## Sidehill / Static / Cross Flow / Sta-Sieve / Hydroscreen

### Features :

- no moving parts
- outstanding corrosion and abrasion resistance s
- free-standing design I, small footprint
- manually adjustable decks
- zero energy consumption

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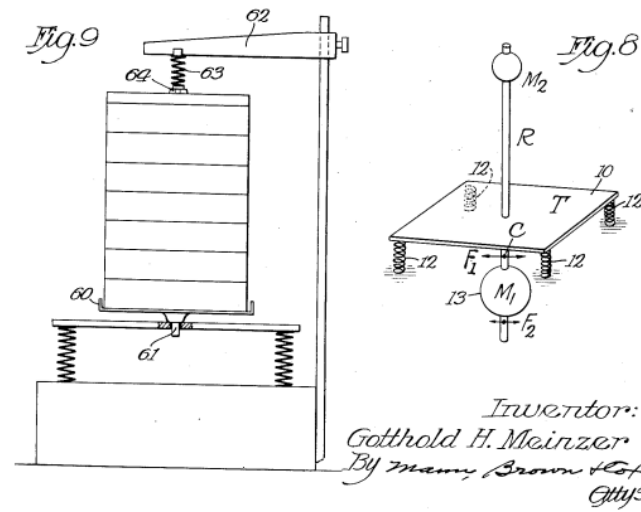
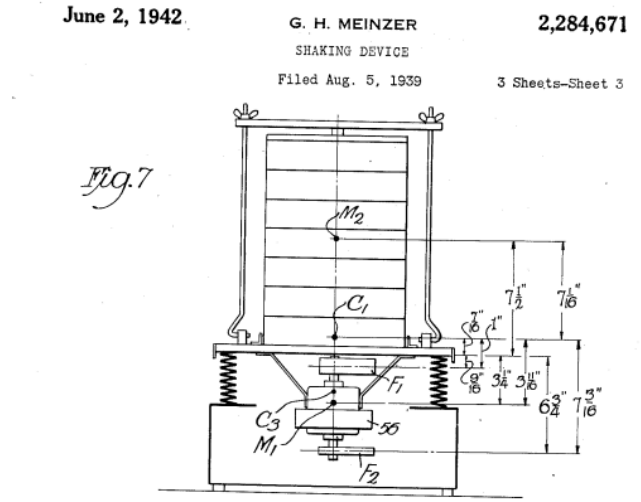
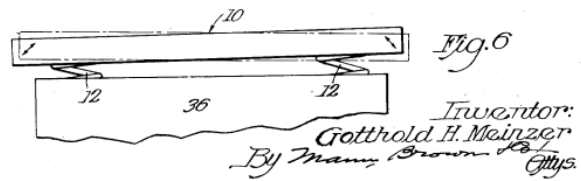
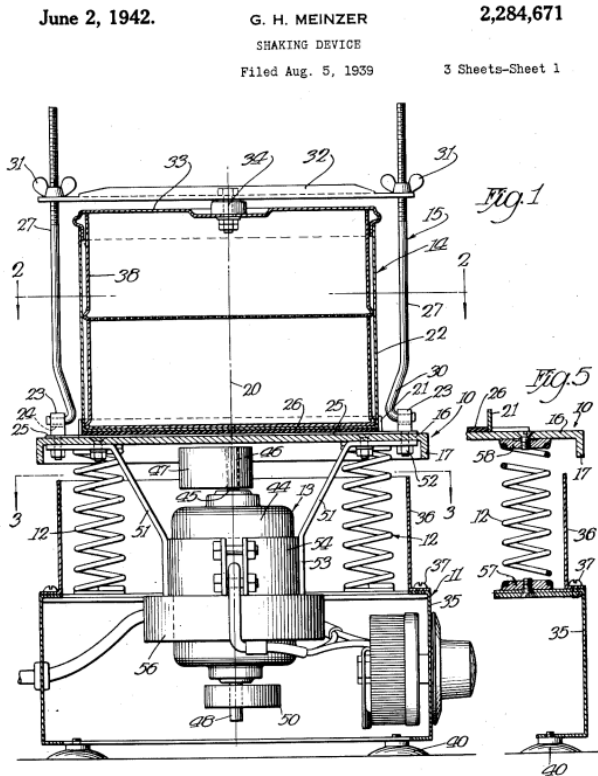


## Vibrator Screeners

Single- and multi-deck screeners  
separation from 5cm to 25 microns,

- Low to high-capacity,
- Batch or continuous
- Classifying / Sizing
- Sifting
- Scalping
- Liquid/Solid Separating
- De-Dusting
- De-Lumping
- De-watering

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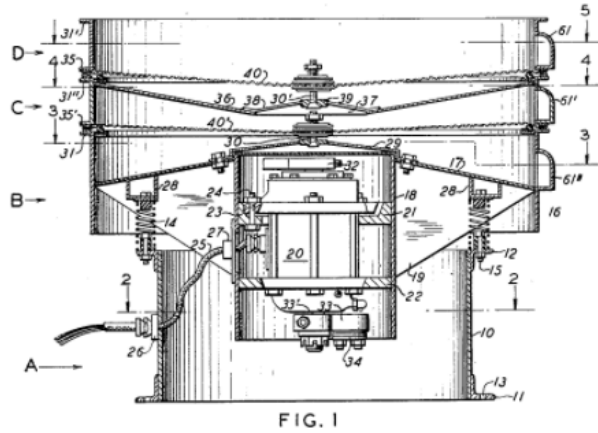


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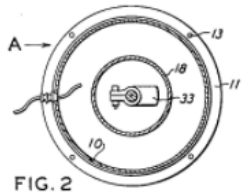


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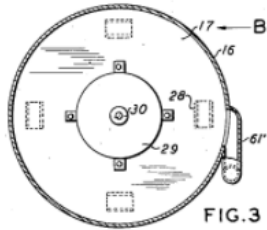


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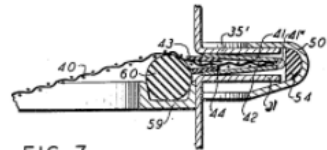


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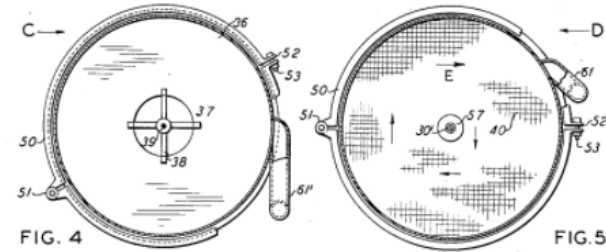


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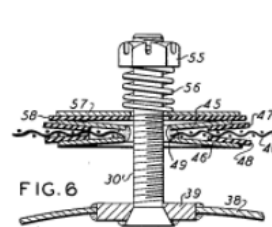


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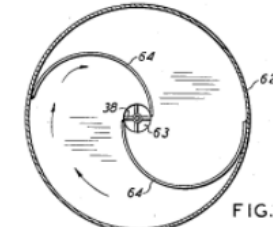


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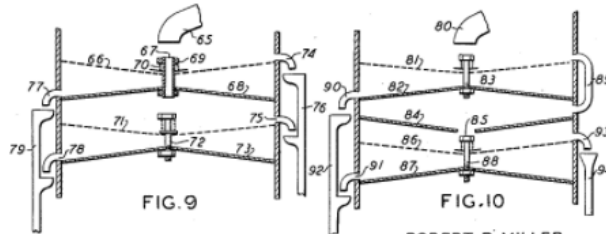


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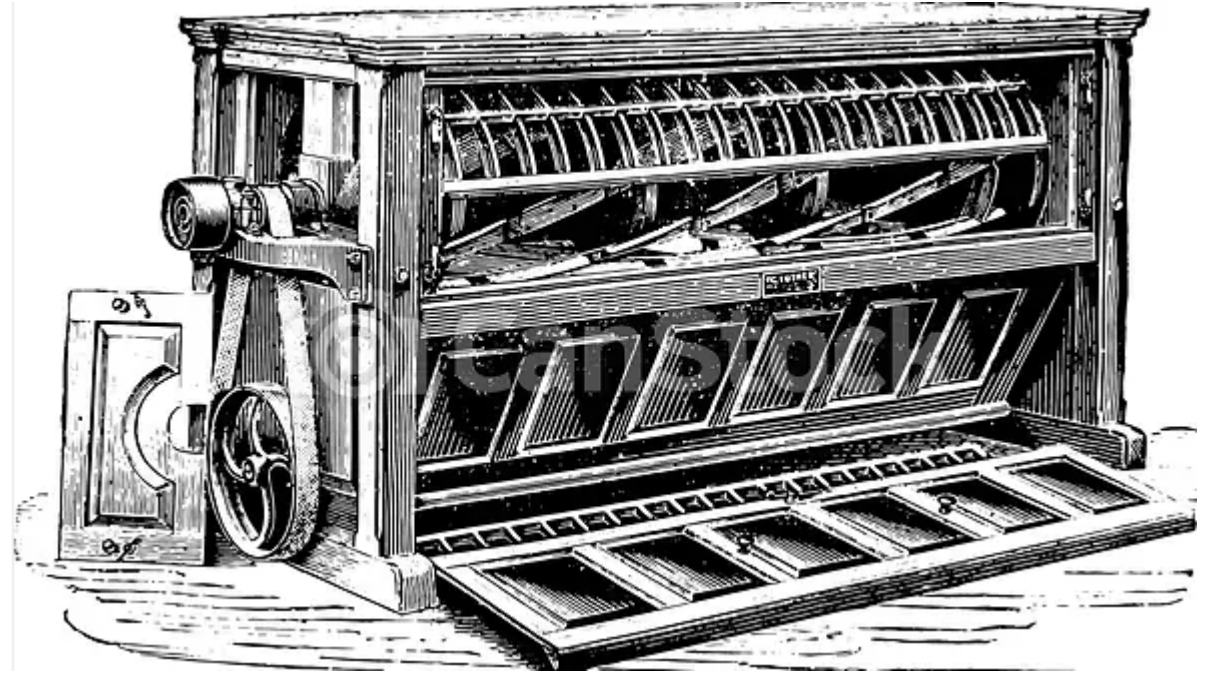
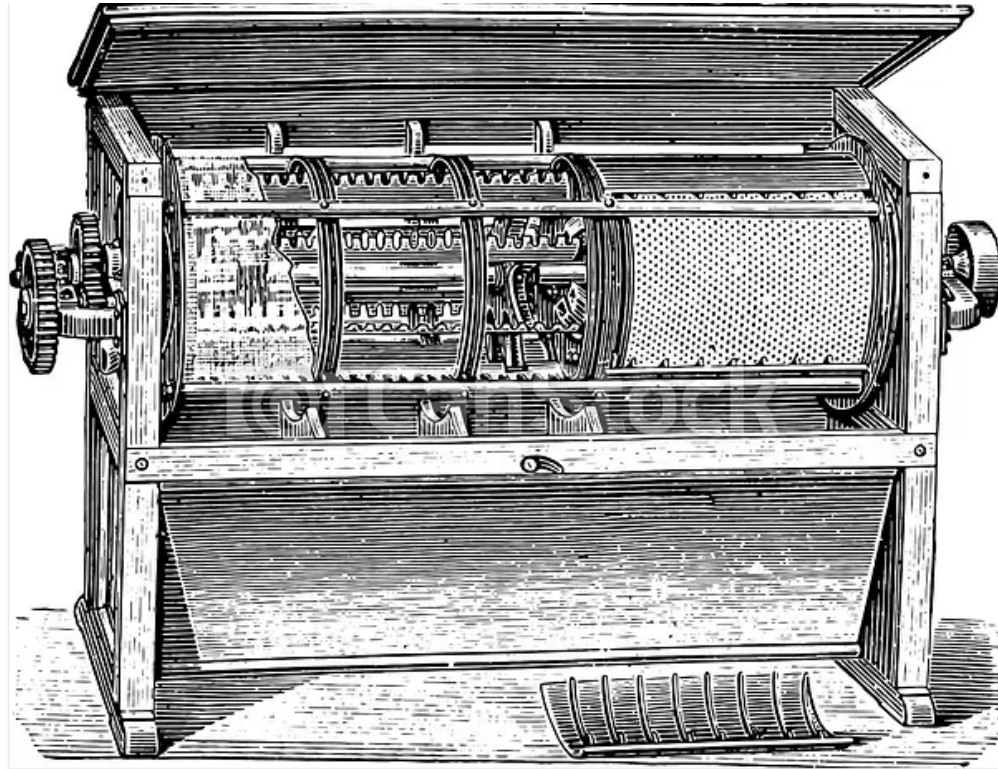
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## Centri-Sifter

from 5cm to 25 microns,

- Low to high-capacity
- Continuous processing
- Sifting
- Scalping
- **Liquid/Solid Separating**
- De-Dusting
- De-Lumping
- **De-watering (20-150M)**
- Liquid tight (or dust free)
- Quiet & vibration free
- Easy clean out
- Single or twin models

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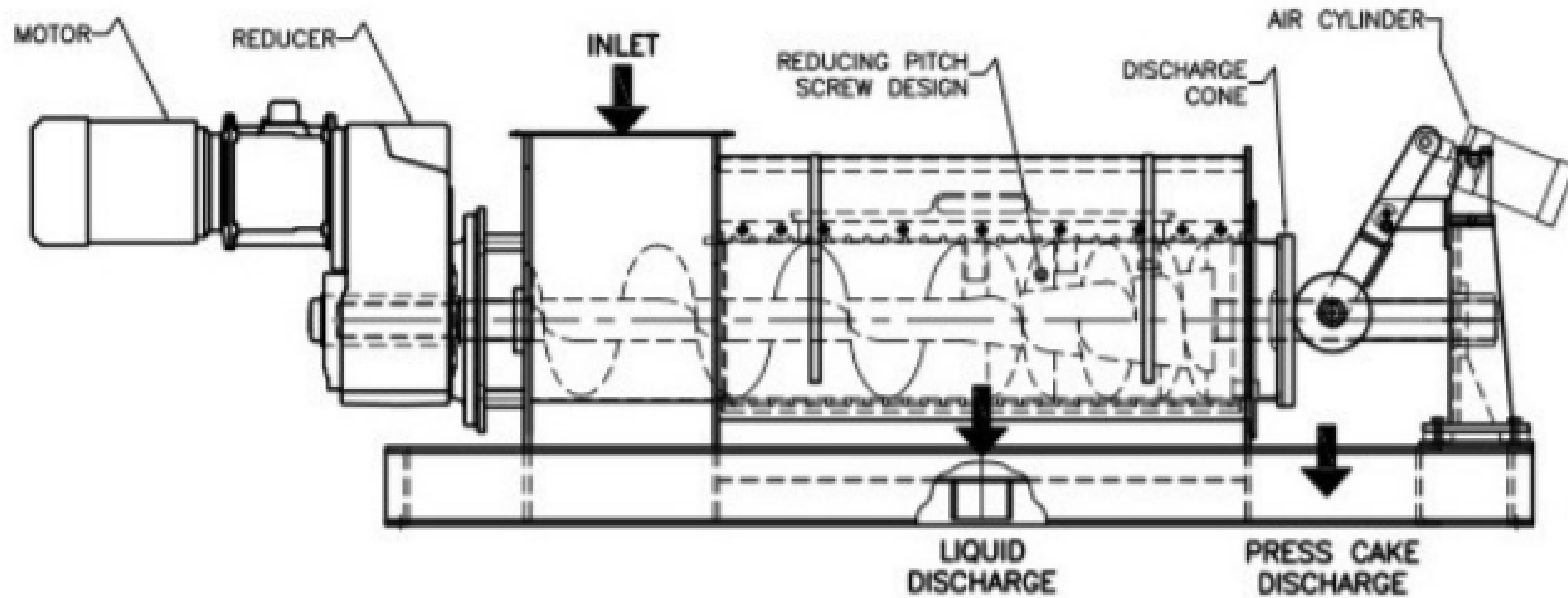
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# MECHANICAL DEWATERING – Screw Press



# MECHANICAL DEWATERING – Overview



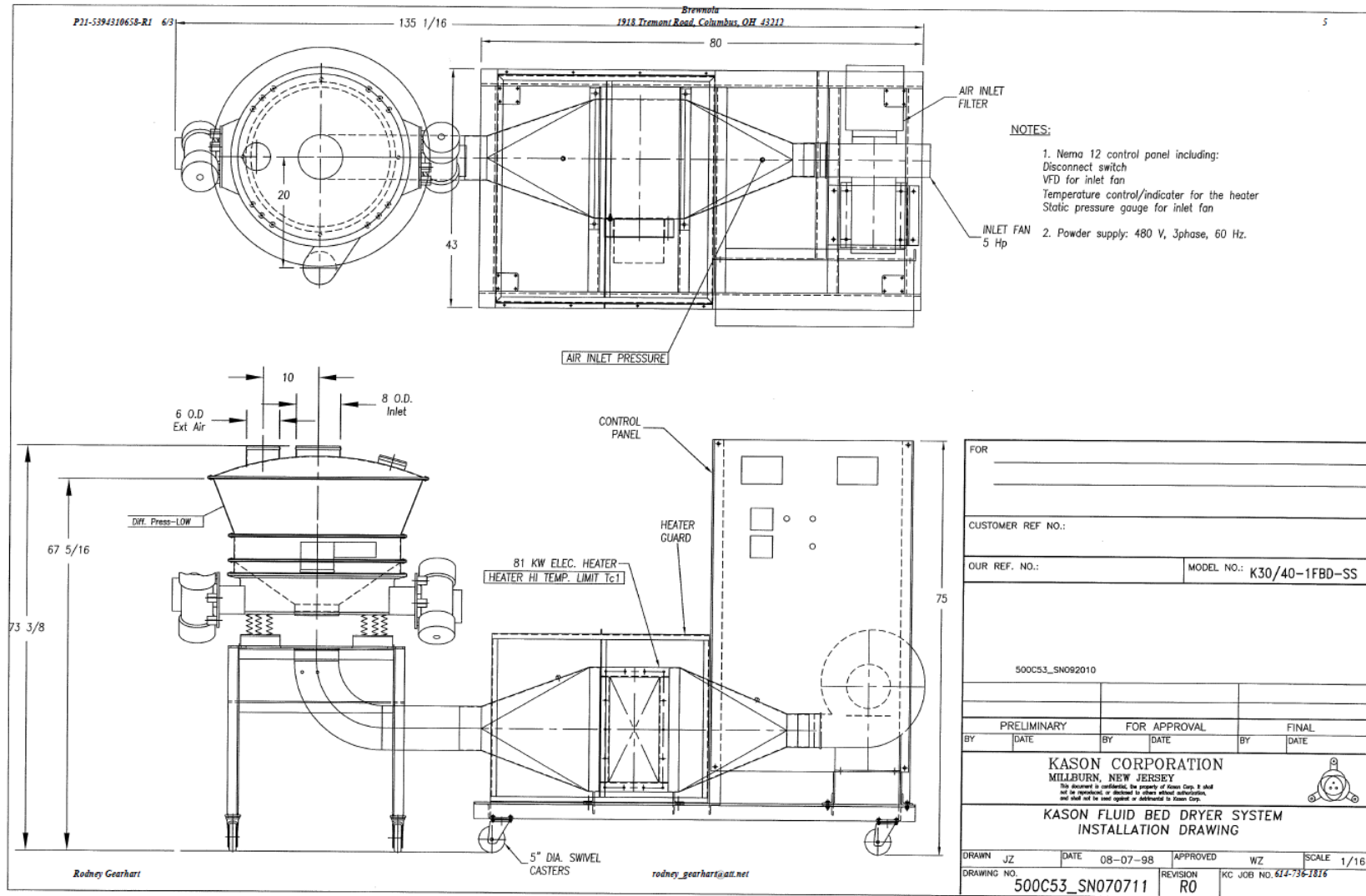
Machine	Price	Solids Output	Description
Cross-Flo	\$12K	90% moisture	Porridge, but more like soup
Vibroscreener	\$15K	70-80% moisture	Porridge, free water still dripping, less soupy
Centri-Sifter	\$25K	50-70% moisture	Free Water removed – <i>see video attached</i>
Screw Press	\$60K+	50-70% moisture*	Free Water removed, a bit more pressed than above
Centrifuge	\$60-\$100K+	35-60% moisture	More water squeezed than a press using high G rotation

# MECHANICAL DRYING OF SPENT DISTILLERS GRAINS – Fluid Bed Dryer



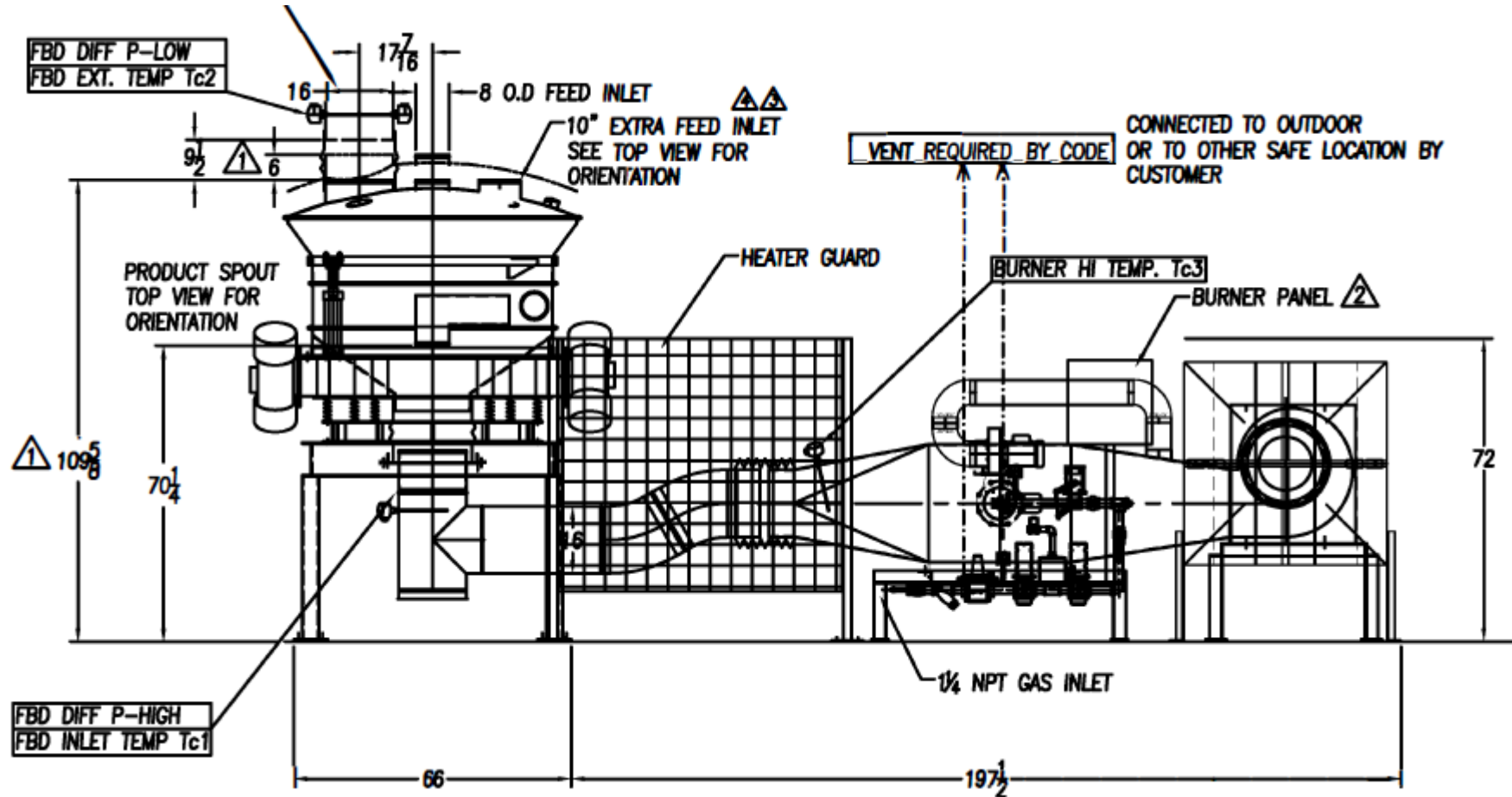
- Compact and lightweight
- Sanitary 304 stainless steel contact surfaces, with other materials available
- High levels of vibration resistance
- Quick-disconnect clamps and minimal interior seams for quick and easy cleaning and inspection
- Choice of fluid bed air distributor and adjustable weir to control the bed depth
- Optional construction to 3-A, FDA, and BISCC standards

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	Rate	Energy Consumption	
	Lbs/hr (Wet)	BTU (M)	BTU/Lbs
Dryer 1 - Rotary	2,000	2	1,000
Dryer 2 - Rotary	4,000	5	1,250
Dryer 3 - Rotary	10,000	10	1,000
Dryer 4 - Rotary	12,000	11	917
Dryer 5 - Rotary	16,000	16	1,000
Dryer 6 - Rotary	20,000	22	1,100
Dryer 7 - Hybrid	1,000	4.25	4,250
Dryer 8 - Hybrid	2,000	8.5	4,250
Dryer 9 - Hybrid	5,000	21.25	4,250
Dryer 10 - Rotary	6,000	37	6,167
Dryer 11 - Batch	625	1	1,600
FBD - Competitor	6,000	7.5	1,250
Kason	8,000	5.5	688

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