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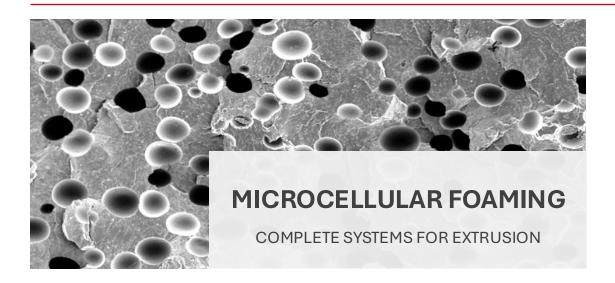
MIXING. FOAMING. COOLING.

# PROCESS CONTROL IN FOAM EXTRUSION

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## PROMIX | COMPANY TECHNOLOGY SEGMENTS









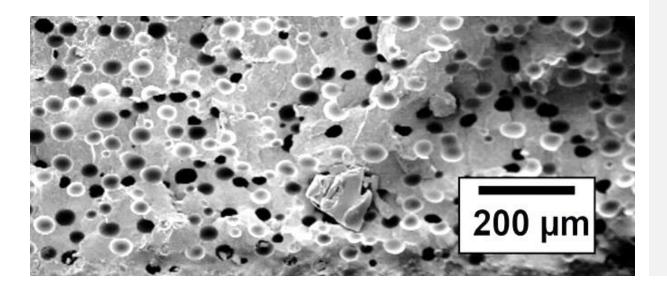


## MICROCELLULAR FOAMING | MATERIAL SAVINGS



#### MICROCELL FOAM SYSTEMS | For any Extrusion Process

- Sheets
- Films
- Profiles
- Pipes, Cables
- Thermoforming & more



#### **BENEFITS**

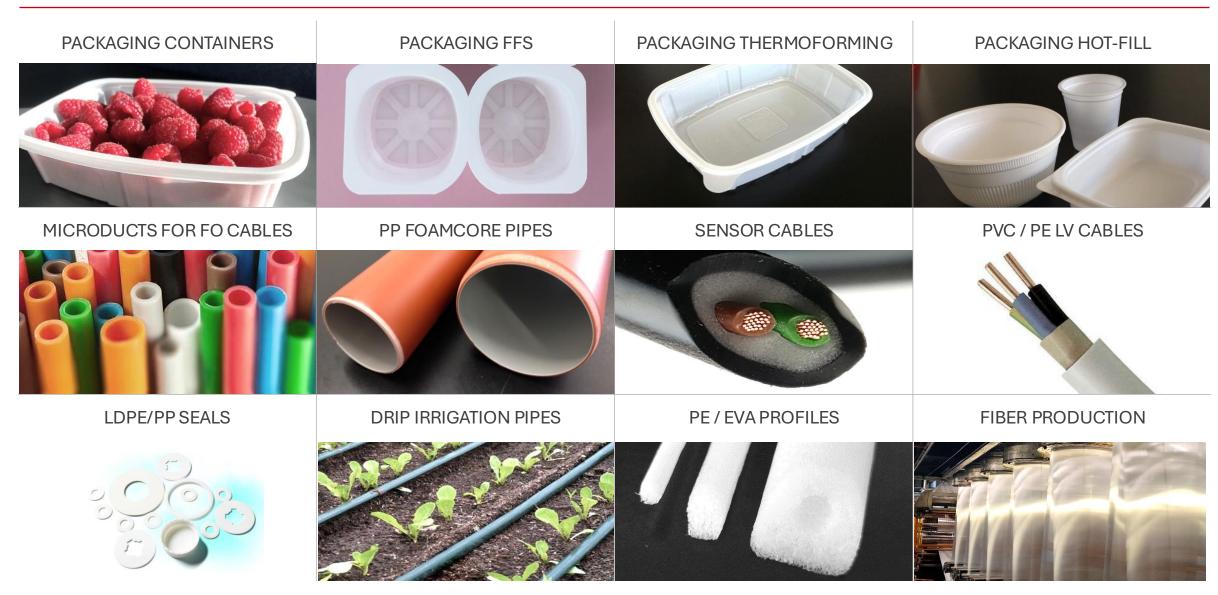
- ✓ Material cost savings
- $\checkmark$  CO<sub>2</sub> footprint reduction & fully recyclable
- ✓ Differentiation from competition
  - √ Weight reduction
  - ✓ Noise cancellation
  - ✓ Shock absorption & impact damping
  - ✓ Thermal insulation
  - ✓ Light diffusion optics & visual effects

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**Promix Microcell Technology** | Complete Foaming Systems

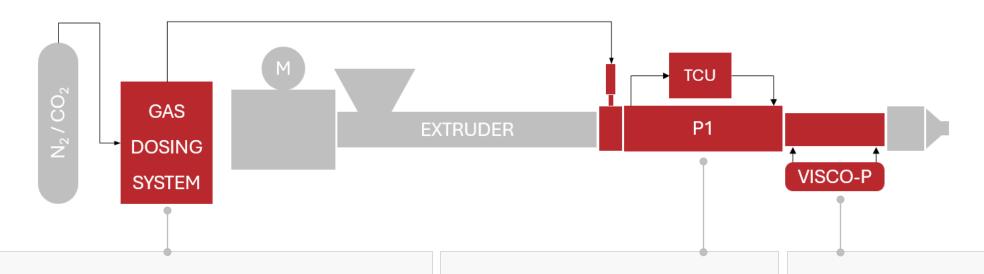
## PROMIX APPLICATIONS | MICROCELL EXAMPLES





#### MICROCELL FOAMING | PROMIX PRODUCTS





#### Microcell Foam Technology | Gas Dosing Station

- Highest precision
- Mass-flow controlled unit
- N<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub>
- Easy & safe operation



#### P1 | Cooling Mixer

- Melt cooling & mixing
- Precise T control



#### Visco-P | Inline Viscometer

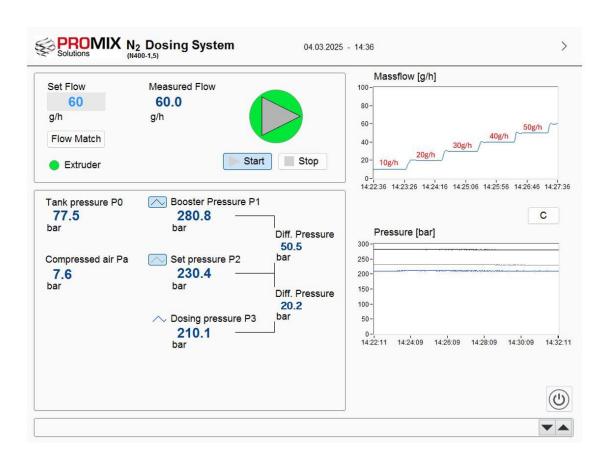
- Continuous quality control
- Recycled & highly filled



## MICROCELL FOAMING | GAS DOSING STATIONS



FAST RESPONSE | Changes in steps from 10g/h to 60g/h



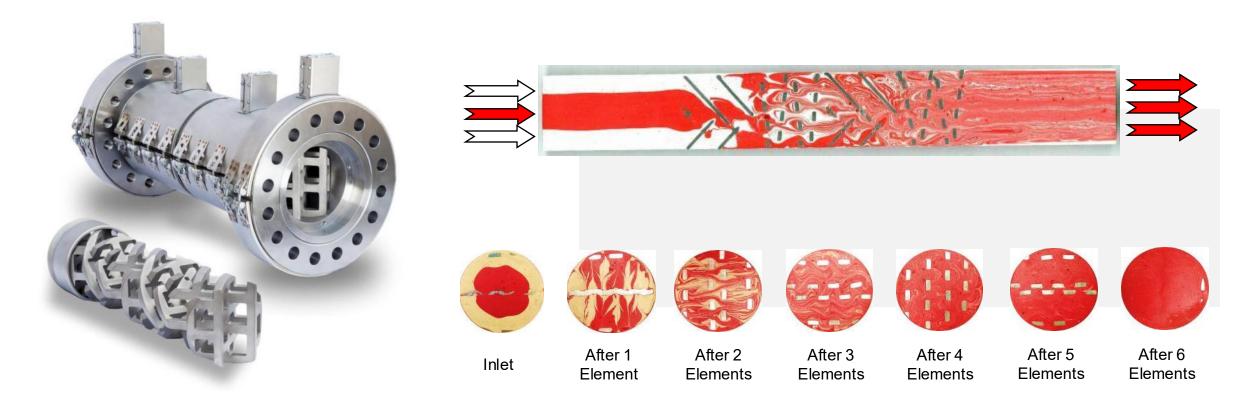
**HIGHEST PRECISION**| Change from 2.45g/h to 2.50g/h



## MELT BLENDER | MELT HOMOGENIZATION



#### Melt homogenization using static mixers



## TECHNOLOGIES | MELT COOLING





Picture: Sulzer

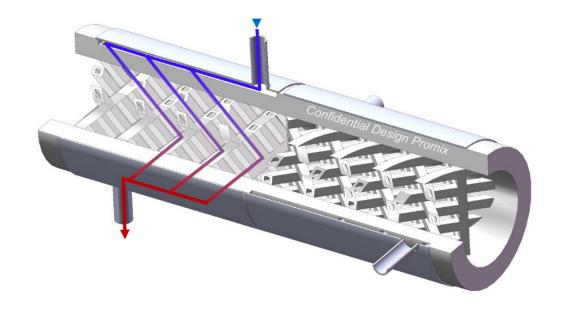
#### Common limitations are

- Poor residence time distribution
- Mechanically weak
- Risk of fouling / blocking / freezing
- Low mixing effect / poor self cleaning

## P1 MIXING COOLER | MELT COOLING







Key advantages for Microcell Foaming

- Simultaneous mixing and cooling
- Mixing effect supports heat exchange
- Excellent melt / product homogenization
- Defined melt temperature before die supports best possible cell structures

## P1 MIXING COOLER | MELT COOLING



P1 is the synthesis of a very effective mixer with a high-performance cooler.





#### When is an inline viscometer required?

- Recycling material Raw material management
- Sensitive Processes Reactive compounding / extrusion
- Unstable Processes Control / stability
- Efficiency Reduced scrap by immediate alarms
- Claim handling Clear batch assignment





#### **Strengths & Applications**

#### **Resulting Benefits**

High-accuracy inline viscometer

Real-time quality control of the process

Viscosity of the full melt stream

Indicating raw material & process deviations

Promix measuring module

Additional melt homogenization

IV monitoring for PET applications

Raw material dosing optimization

No risk of blocking, deposits or degradation

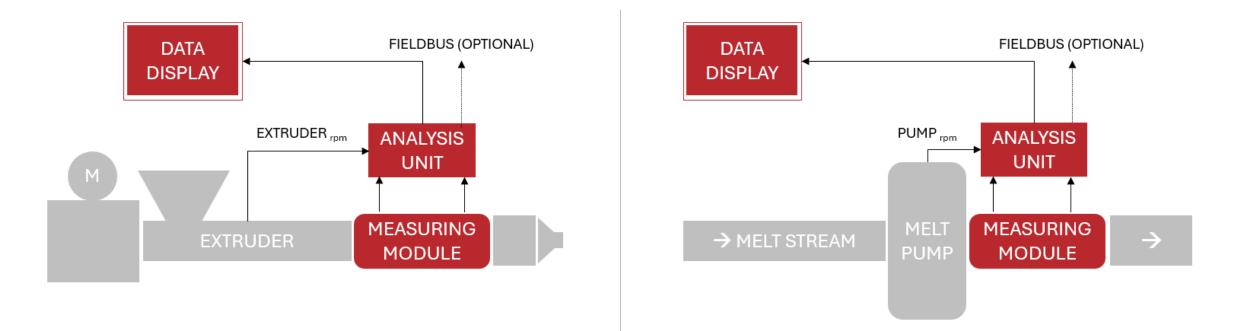
Recycling, filled & shear-sensitive materials

Short installation length

Easy retrofit to any extrusion line



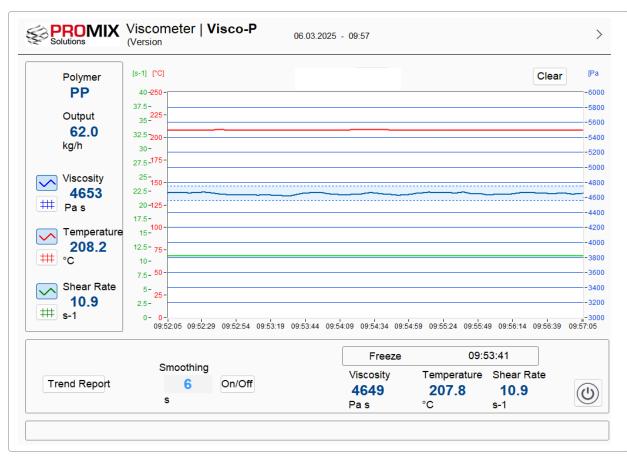


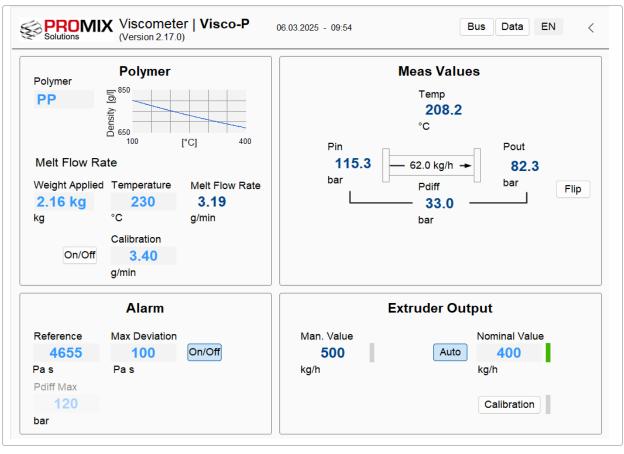


Visco-P | In-Line Viscometer Components in different Process Set-Ups



GUI / Screenshots





#### PROMIX SOLUTIONS | PRODUCT RANGE



#### Process technology for MIXING. FOAMING. COOLING in the plastics industry

MICROCELL FOAMING | Systems



PROCESS CONTROL | Inline Viscometer



EXTRUSION | Melt Blenders



MICROCELL FOAMING | Gas Dosing Stations



NUCLEATION ADDITIVE | Procell MB



LIGHT FOAM COMPONENTS | Q1 Annular Die



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COOLING MIXER | P1



HEAT EXCHANGE | P1



INJECTION MOLDING | Mixing Nozzles







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## P1 MIXING COOLER | MELT COOLING



#### % RESIDENCE TIME DISTRIBUTION

—Tube Bundle Cooler — P1





