

# **Dry Ice Blasting in Industrial Cleaning**

Cleaning of machines, surfaces and infrastructure

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In the industrial cleaning of machines, surfaces and industrial plants quality is of utmost importance. Dry ice technology significantly increases efficiency and therefore improves productivity and optimizes costs.

ASCO has successfully developed an innovative cleaning process which is perfectly suited for the industrial cleaning industry.

### The ASCO dry ice blasting technology offers the following advantages:

POWERFUL & GENTLE	The hardness of chalk. As a not damaged effective clea blasting does logy with sop blasting resu
COST SAVING	Downtime of production an ted.
TIME SAVING	Cleaning of n formed durin technology is the object to minimum. Co This saves va
ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY	The pellets in the removed the cleaning cleaning and additives, che basically non
SAFETY	Cleaning wit cess. By elim the dry ice c ment. The eq easy to opera
OPTIMIZATION	Advantages on solid meta and sensors, test effect. TI abrasive into of gentle clea effect of an a

ss of dry ice pellets can be compared to the hardness a result, the surface structure of the cleaning surface is ed or changed in any way. Dry ice blasting is a gentle yet eaning method. Unlike steel brushes or scrapers, dry ice es not damage materials. ASCO'S unique nozzle technoophisticated aerodynamic flow behavior ensures optimum sult.

of the objects or machines to be cleaned, interruptions of and expensive disposal of hazardous waste are elimina-

machines, surfaces, industrial plants etc. can be pering the ongoing production process. Since this cleaning is dry and non-abrasive, it can be applied directly onto to be cleaned. This way, downtime can be reduced to a Cooling or, conversely, heating of tools is not necessary, valuable time.

immediately change to a gaseous state on impact. Only d contamination remains. There is no need to dispose of g media. This reduces waste dramatically! No sewage - or d filtration of wastewater. No contamination by hazardous hemicals etc. No remains of the cleaning media. Dry ice is on-toxic.

ith dry ice is a dry and non-conductive cleaning prominating the use of sulvents and hazardous chemicals cleaning technology is safe for people and environequipment is light, mobile, low in maintenance, reliable and erate.

s of Combi blasting: For strongly adhering contamination tal parts, oil and dust deposits on sensitive electrical parts s, cleaning with our Combi blaster can achieve the grea-The ASCOJET 1708 Combi Blaster can dose an additional o the dry ice stream, providing the optimum combination eaning with dry ice pellets and the additional abrasive additive.

## Industrial Cleaning: How dry ice blasting is used

Many industrial cleaners use dry ice blasting as an alternative and supplement to conventional cleaning methods. During the maintenance and repair of plant technology, the optimal cleaning process is becoming increasingly important.

It is necessary to cover the bandwidth between, e.g., strongly adhering contamination on solid metal parts and oil and dust deposits on sensitive electrical parts and sensors.

In addition to the corresponding know-how in application technology, the optimal dry ice blasting technology is the key to success.



Cleaning of lokomotive



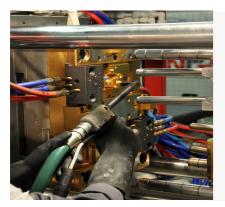
Cleaning of a built-in, hot mould



Cleaning of gas turbines



Cleaning of industrial fan



With the ASCO Dry Ice Blasting Process the cleaning of machines, surfaces and industrial plants is easier and faster.

The cleaning time of several hours is reduced to a few minutes.



- ning applications.
- unnecessary downtime.
- means that the blasting unit retains its full mobility.
- cover all applications in industrial cleaning.



**Conclusion:** Are you looking for a competent partner for the optimal cleaning solution for industrial applications? Benefit from our decades of experience in industrial cleaning. We are happy to help you find the tailor-made solution for your application.

→ ASCO is one of the first suppliers of dry ice blasting technology in industrial cleaning. Decades of experience in the industrial sector have taught us that dry ice blasting can be used for all clea-

→ Tough operating conditions require solid blasting technology. The modular and maintenancefriendly design of the ASCOJET blasting units enables industrial cleaners to carry out maintenance and wear repairs quickly and easily in industrial plants. This saves money and prevents

→ Industrial cleaners were the driving force behind the development of this new blasting unit, which is not available a second time on the market: the ASCOJET 1708 Combi Blaster. This blaster mixes a fine abrasive medium with the dry ice as required. The abrasive container is integrated in the machine. You do not need a separate container or funnel for the abrasive medium. This

With the ASCOJET 1708 Combi Blaster, the user acquires a cleaning device with which he can



# The Process

Dry ice is produced from liquid CO<sub>2</sub>. Inside an ASCO dry ice pelletizer, the liquid carbon dioxide is expanded under controlled conditions to form dry ice snow (approx. -79 °C) is pressed into pellets by a corresponding extruder plate.

The dry ice pellets are filled into the ASCO dry ice blasting unit and conveyed to the blasting gun. Here the pelets are accelerated with compressed air to a speed of up to 300 m/s and hit the moulds to be cleaned. The impact of the pellets creates a punctual thermal shock and kinetic energy which removes the contamination. The pellets immediately change to a gaseous state on impact, leaving a clean and dry surface. Only the removed contamination remains, and no abrasive needs to be disposed of. Since the pellets only have a hardness of less than 2 Mohs, the surface quality is maintained. Likewise, thermal shock has no adverse effect on the surface structure of the moulds.

# **Cleaning Method**



#### The thermo shock

As a result of the sudden and intense temperature shock on the surface, the coating or impurity contracts.



#### The cracking

As a result of the contraction the coating cracks and the material becomes brittle due to the cold.



#### The cleaning

The dry ice pellets hit the surface with great speed and remove the detached coating and clean the surface material





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Dry Ice Box AT126 Storage of Dry Ice Pellets

# The complete solution

As leading provider of complete dry ice blasting solutions, ASCO's aim is to find tailormade solutions for individual customer requirements. The extensive ASCO product and service range consists of:

- $\rightarrow$  Dry ice blasting units
- $\rightarrow$  Dry ice pelletizers
- $\rightarrow$  Dry ice containers
- $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> gas detectors
- → Wide range of accessories

ASCO not only introduces you to the ASCO dry ice blasting technology but helps also with integrating dry ice cleaning into the production process and continually optimizing it.

In case of an increased demand for dry ice we will be pleased to offer you an economical calculation for your inhouse dry ice production to optimize on cost and quality. Our product range contains dry ice pelletizers with production capacities from 150 to 750 kg/hr.

The ASCO CAREFREE rental solutions enable you to have your own dry ice production without investment costs! Ask us!



**Dry Ice Pelletizer P15i** Production Capacity 150 kg/hr for 3 mm Pellets

- → Specially developed guns or nozzles
- → Automated cleaning solutions
- → High quality dry ice
- → Building up your in-house dry ice production