



Manual Cleaning Reduced by 84.6% – Boosting Efficiency and Cutting Costs at DLG.

DLG, Denmark

The Challenge

The boiler, fueled by a challenging mixture of seed, grain, feedstuff residue, dust, chaff, and pressed grain, quickly developed severe fouling in the tube passes.

As a result, manual cleaning was necessary every 14 days, requiring eight hours of labor each time. Each cleaning operation led to 24 hours of downtime, amounting to a total loss of 624 operating hours annually.

This frequent maintenance not only resulted in high labor costs but also caused a noticeable decline in boiler efficiency, particularly in the periods leading up to each cleaning.

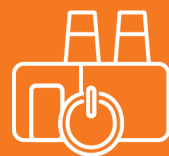
Additionally, increasing environmental and emission requirements placed further pressure on the facility to enhance its operational performance.



€33.500
Annual savings



97.1 %
Reduction of
cleaning working
hours



84.6%
Reduction in
downtime

The Solution

DLG decided to retrofit the Aerovit Soot Blower system to automate cleaning processes and optimize boiler performance. The system was installed on their Danstoker Multimiser No. 19, a 2 MW, 5-pass hot-water boiler.

The investment of 22.800 EUR paid off quickly, achieving a payback period of approximately eight months through improved operational efficiency, reduced downtime, and increased boiler capacity.

"The Aerovit Soot Blower system has provided DLG with definite improvements. Boiler operating time has improved significantly, and the man-hour costs have been reduced, correspondingly.

At the same time, the boiler capacity has increased drastically, in particular during the last period before each cleaning.

After having installed the Aerovit Soot Blower system, we have experienced the boiler working with a stable low pressure and with optimum flue gas cooling.

It is an important factor for the impact, that the Soot Blower system work at 8 bar. We are now able to decide ourselves when the boiler installation should be taken out of operation for inspection and service"

Bo Vernegren
(Operating Manager at DLG)

How does Aerovit Soot Blower work at DLG?

The Aerovit Soot Blower system uses controlled bursts of high-pressure air (operating at 8 bar) to continuously and effectively remove soot deposits from boiler tube passes.

By maintaining clean heat transfer surfaces, the system ensures stable boiler operation, optimal flue gas cooling, and minimizes pressure fluctuations.

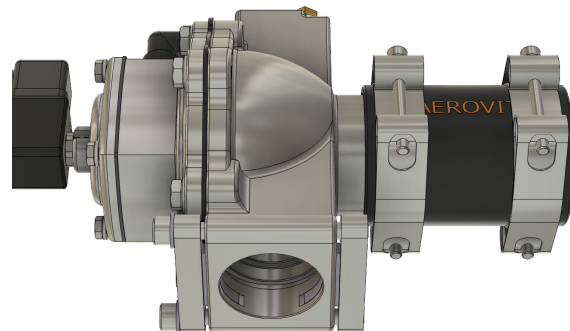
The system is installed externally and operates during boiler runtime, allowing facilities to maintain performance without interrupting production for manual cleaning.

Features:

- Customized system designed to match the specific boiler design and fuel type
- Unique cooling system that protects the valve from high temperatures and corrosive flue gas
- Special sound silencer
- Low maintenance costs

Advantages:

- Payback time in 3-24 month
- Proven higher efficiency and boiler output
- Reduce manual cleaning and thus boiler shutdowns with 80-100%
- Reduce fuel consumption per produced MW
- Lower CO2 emission
- Robust design with few moving parts



Before cleaning with Aerovit



After cleaning with Aerovit

The results



Reduced Cleaning Frequency

Manual cleaning dropped from 26 times a year to just 4 times annually.



Minimized Downtime

Downtime decreased from 624 hours to 96 hours annually. Which results in a saving of 528 operating hours (~84.6% reduction).



Saved working hours

Cleaning-related labor reduced from 208 hours to only 6 hours annually (~97.1% reduction).



Increased efficiency

Boiler efficiency improved by approximately 8%.



Financial savings

Additional operating time and reduced labor resulted in savings of approximately 33.500 EUR per year.



Rapid return on investment

The return on investment (ROI) was achieved in approximately eight months.

Overview

At DLG's waste-fired facility in Hasselager, Denmark, heavy fouling from problematic fuel mixtures led to frequent and labor-intensive manual cleaning of their Danstoker Multimiser No. 19 boiler.

To address the operational challenges and environmental requirements, DLG retrofitted the Danstoker boiler with Aerovit Soot Blower system. The installation resulted in significant improvements in boiler efficiency, operating hours, and cost savings.