IES OptoSort®

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"Improvement of optical sorting of mineral bulkgoods"

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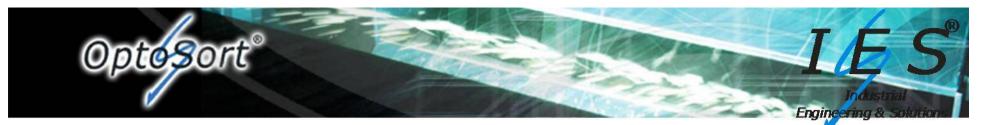


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OptoSort® Sorters



Belt Compact 1200



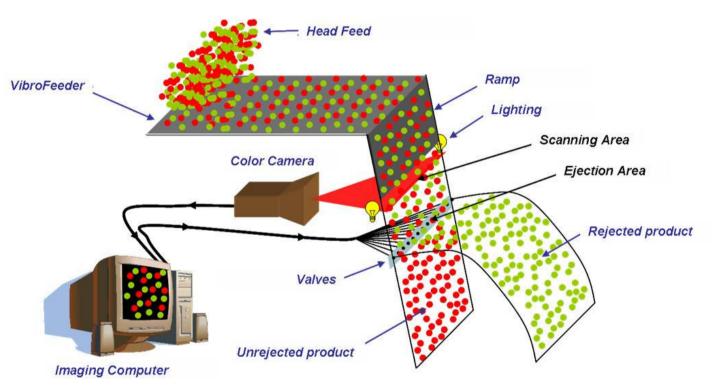
Gravity 1200 P200



GemStar 600



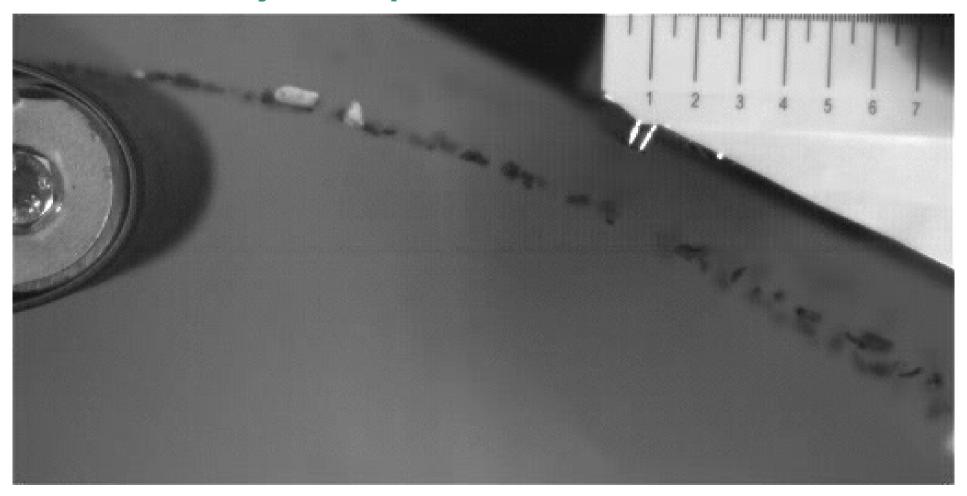
Sorting Process



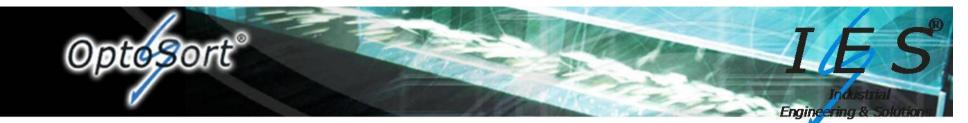
Camera pixel frequency : Scanning rate : Objects scanned : Number of ejectors : 20 MHz 10 000 lines/second up to 30 000 objects/second up to 384



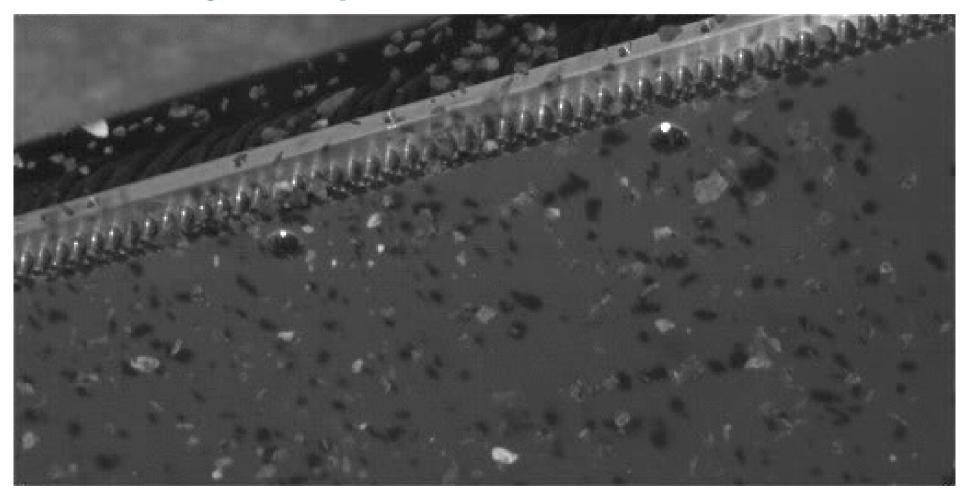
Ejection process - side view



Grain size 4-10 mm at 3 m/s



Ejection process – underside view



High Throughput Grain size 4-10 mm at 3 m/s



Advantages of optical sorting

- Increase : Productivity
 - Throughput
 - Quality of product
- Decrease : Loss of good product
 - Maintenance time and costs
 - Operational costs
 - Transportation costs
- Environment friendly:- Low water consumption
 - Low energy consumption
 - No X-ray safety hazard
 - No need of chemicals



Advantages of OptoSort®

- Standard Hardware & Software platform with Windows 2000/XP ®
- Remote control of the Sorters via DSL or ISDN for a high reactivity
- High Speed ejector system (reaction time less 1.5 ms)
- Fast camera systems for a high throughput (doubleside inspection possible)
- Morphology operations for improved image handling
- Sorting of complex colored materials is possible due seven independent teachable color classes and logical linkage
- > Additional features as geometry (length and width), area and shape classification
- Free combination of all operations for a very accurate sorting
- Build in teaching let you create your own sorting programs



Operation Modes and Interfaces

- > The machines can be operated :
 - Local (build-in screen and keyboard)
 - In a server client architecture (based on CCSort ® software)
- Features of CCSort® :
 - Up to 12 sorters controlled via one network server
 - Integrated communication functionality via profibus
 - Complete recipe database for all sorters
 - Online display of throughput and ejection rates
 - Alarm monitoring database (control of machine status)



Sorting Applications





Light source arrangements for improved detection

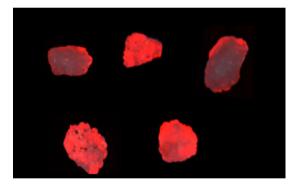
- Top light illumination
 - Light sources using the physical properties of the light
 - Light sources with non visible wavelengths
- Back light illumination
 - Light source arrangement using the physical properties of the material
- Combination of both
 - Light source arrangement using the reflection and transmission properties of the material

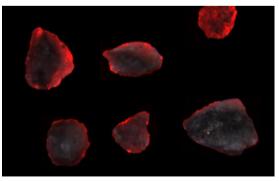




Example: Rock Salt

- Recognize and separate salt safely from contaminants
- Also finds contaminations enclosed in the salt



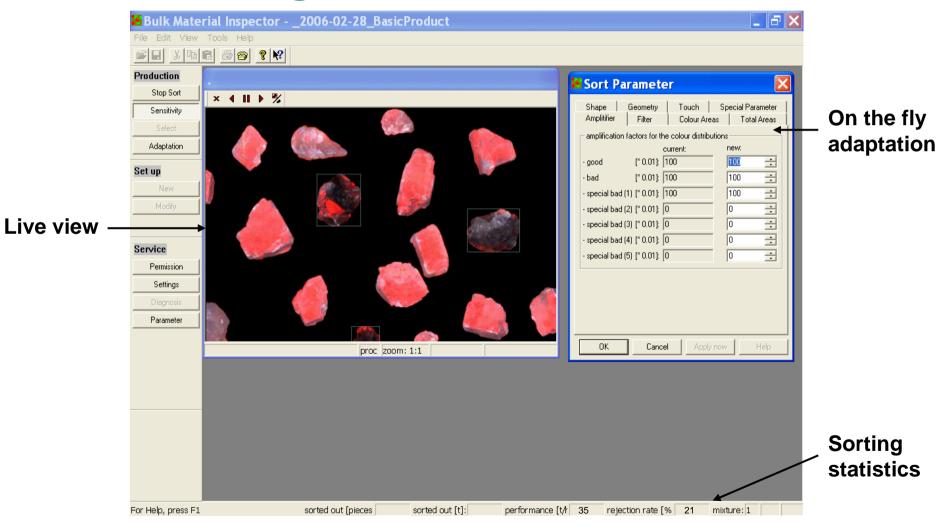


Fraction	Gravity 1200 P200
+10 - 25mm	25t/h
+25 - 60mm	60t/h
+60 -150mm	140t/h



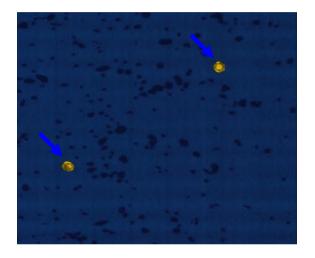


Sorting Demonstration: rock salt





Example: Diamonds



Fraction	GemStar 600
+1 - 4mm	4t/h
+4 -10mm	10t/h
+10 -30mm	30t/h

Average yield: < 0.8% on -4+1 mm < 0.3% on -10+4 mm < 0.1% on -30+10 mm



Gems : p>95%

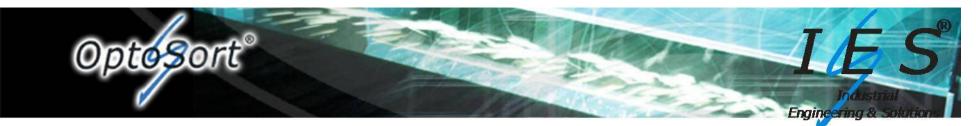
Recovery:



Near Gems : p>90%



Boarts : ρ >50%



GemStar®: Diamond Sorter



The Gemstar® is also available for other applications

- Working width 300 or 600 mm
- Grain size 1 30mm
- Throughput up to 30 t/h
- Detection of non-fluorescing diamonds
- IP65 enclosed and air conditioned

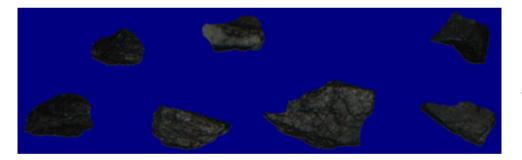


Example: Gold / Base Metals

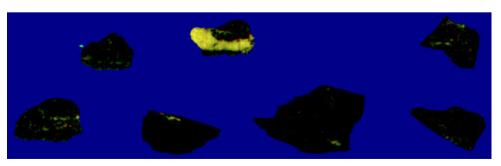
Turning the invisible into visible by using adapted top light means

- increasing the reflection of the metal
- reducing the reflection of all other barren rock areas

compared to the human eye based decision.



Picture taken with normal white top light

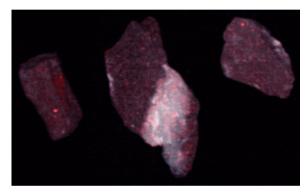


Picture taken with adapted top light

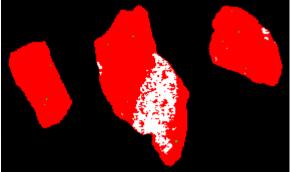


Example: Gold / Base Metals

Image improvement due morphological operation:



The red dots in the original picture indicate gold.

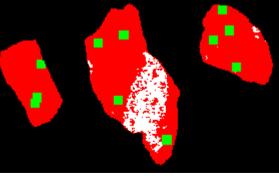


After morphological filtering the surface percentage has increased and the classification is possible.



The surface percentage (green) of gold is to small for proper

classification.





Example: Tungsten ore

Top light with a UV wavelength creates fluorescence on the Surface of Tungsten ore. The human eye is not able to sort this material.

