Model No. BDXX

# AGGREGATE DIVERTER

Ideal application: Used to divert heavy-duty and/or abrasive dry bulk solid materials from one source toward two destinations in gravity-fed applications. The Vortex® Aggregate Diverter™ often replaces conventional "bucket" diverters used in such environments.

**Purpose:** In-line maintenance features and durable materials of construction to reduce downtime and prolong service life.





A- Style

Straight Leg

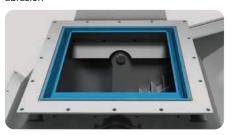
# Optional dead pocket inlet allows materials to abrade upon themselves as they pass through the inlet Recessed areas to protect the seals Optional "rock box" liners and leading edges along the bucket blade of the bucket blade and outlet chutes from abrasion Dust-tight to atmosphere **Bucket blade** constructed from 400 Robust blade seal Brinell Hardness (BHN) maintains a positive seal abrasion-resistant steel of materials/dust-tight seal across the closed Removable access outlet chute to prevent Replaceable panel for in-line material leakage into the parts to prolong inspection and opposite chute service life

maintenance

### **KEY FEATURES**



Optional chute liners to protect against wear and abrasion



Optional dead pocket inlet allows materials to abrade upon themselves as they pass through the inlet



Optional "rock box" liners allow materials to collect and abrade upon themselves, rather than continuously abrading upon the diverter's material contact areas

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**Conveyance Type** Gravity flow only

Materials Handled Heavy-duty and/or abrasive dry bulk solid materials

**Standard Sizes** 6 – 24 in | 152 – 610 mm

Contact us for custom sizes

**Inlet & Outlets** Available in square or rectangular sizes. Round transition

options are available (see page 67)

**Overall Height** 15x24 in — 50x73 in | 380x610 mm — 1,270x1,855 mm

**Weight** 70 – 1,275 lb | 30 –580 kg

Outlet Angle Options 30° or 45° from center

Contact us for custom angles

Flange Options Standard flange, ANSI #125/150, DIN PN10

Custom flanges are available

Material Temperatures 250°F | 120°C for standard gate, with modifications that allow

up to 400°F | 205°C

**Body/Frame Construction** Painted carbon steel

Material Contact Options 400 BHN abrasion-resistant steel, carbon steel

**Liner Options** 400 BHN abrasion-resistant steel, UHMW, rubber, "rock box"

**Bucket Seal Options** Chute rubber, silicone rubber, Kryptane® abrasion-resistant

polyurethane

**Drive/Actuation** Double-acting air cylinder, hand lever, electric actuator (see

pages 61 & 62)

Position Confirmation | Magnetic reed, proximity or mechanical limit switches (see

page 63)

Other Options Spin knobs (see page 68)

Compliance ATEX Zone 20 (internal), ATEX Zone 21 (external), FDA





#### THE POWER OF COMPARISON

#### **Vortex Aggregate Diverter vs. Alternatives**

- Many alternative bucket diverters are constructed from less durable metal materials of
  construction. When handling heavy-duty and/or abrasive dry bulk solid materials, rapid wear
  and abrasion will result in frequent maintenance and diverter replacement. To address this
  concern, the body of the Vortex® Aggregate Diverter™ is constructed from carbon steel. Its
  bucket blade is constructed from 400 Brinell Hardness Number (BHN) abrasion-resistant steel.
- Many alternative bucket diverters have thin elastomer seals adhered to the perimeter of the blade. Over time, the thin seals erode or tear away from the blade and allow material leakage into the opposite chute. The Aggregate Diverter addresses this concern by incorporating a bucket seal constructed from a full sheet of durable rubber. Rather than adhering thin seal strips around the perimeter of the bucket, the robust seal sheet is bolted beneath the bucket and secured by a bolt-in metal plate. This design ensures the bucket seal will not tear away in service, and will provide a positive seal of materials/dust-tight seal over time.
- Many alternative bucket diverters are designed so that the leading edges of the bucket are
  constantly exposed to the material flow stream, creating wear and abrasion to the blade and
  bucket seal. If wear is significant, it can allow material leakage into the opposite chute, in
  addition to frequent wear part maintenance. To address these concerns, the Aggregate
  Diverter is designed with recessed areas so that the leading edges of the bucket are shielded
  from the material flow stream.
- Many alternative bucket diverters are designed with irreplaceable wetted parts. Once a primary wetted part is worn significantly, the entire diverter must be replaced. To resolve this cost-effectiveness issue, the Aggregate Diverter is designed with replaceable wetted parts that can be accessed in-line. This includes actuator, bucket, and bucket seal, among others. If maintained and operated as recommended, these should be the diverter's only wear parts. In several cases, this has allowed an Aggregate Diverter to remain in service for many years and sometimes, even decades.
- Many alternative bucket diverters have sealed bodies, which limits interior access. In order to perform inspection and/or maintenance, the diverter must be removed from the process line so that its internal mechanisms can be accessed. This can lead to expensive and extensive production downtime. To allow in-line inspection and/or maintenance, the Aggregate Diverter is designed with a removable access panel that can be removed using simple tools. This feature is especially beneficial in abrasive applications where frequent interior access is required for wear part maintenance. The removable access panel feature significantly reduces downtime by accelerating the maintenance process.

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