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Multi Gob Weight System (FlexIS)

Introduction

Unparalleled production flexibility can be achieved by operating the 555 Feeder and 565 Shear with the new Emhart Multi Gob Weight System (plunger and shear motion profile). This permits each section of a forming machine (IS, AIS, NIS or BIS) to produce items with different gob weights and shapes. The advantages of such a system are many:

- Production can be very closely coordinated with demand, both in time as well as in quantities. This optimises machine utilisation, and minimises stock.
- To accommodate a short-notice job, it is no longer necessary to halt an existing run. Some of the sections can continue, whilst the remainder can be changed to one or more new jobs.
- For low-quantity production runs, it is not required to equip the entire machine with moulds, or to leave some sections standing idle.
- This application can be used to test a new set of mould equipment or to make sampling runs on a single section without interrupting the normal production.
- Production can be adjusted precisely to the supply of glass, thus optimising the furnace output.



Versatility shown by 4 different containers (weight) on an 8 Section machine

System Description

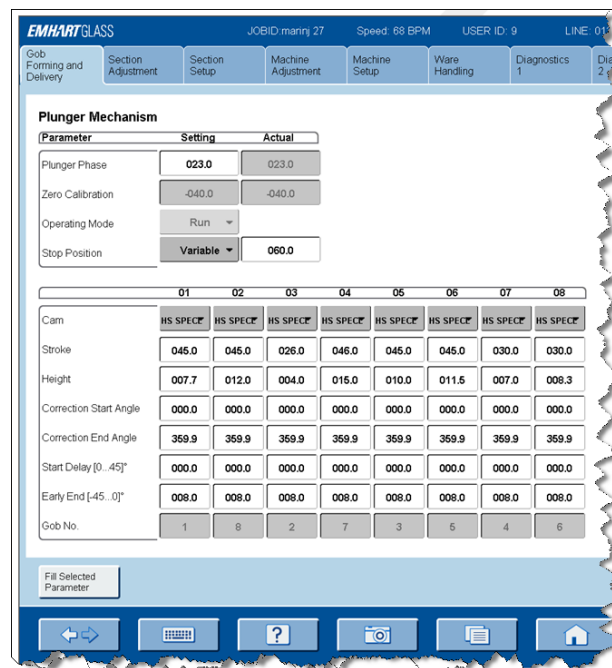
The FlexIS Multi Gob Weight System software interacts simultaneously with the controls of the Feeder and Shear, and thus overcomes the limiting factors permitting the choice of gob weight and gob shape.

Multi Gob weight jobs are controlled and monitored from a single screen for plunger and shear.

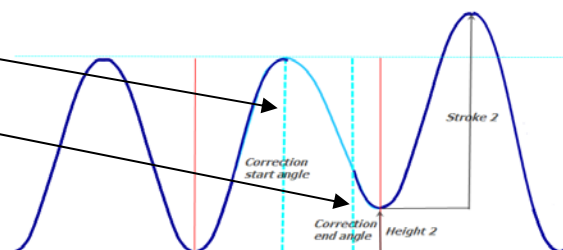
Multi motion profile - Plunger Mechanism

The software allows operator to adjust, individually for each section the:

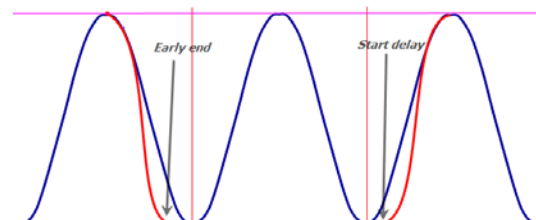
- Plunger cam profile
- Plunger height
- Plunger stroke



- Correction start angle
- Correction end angle



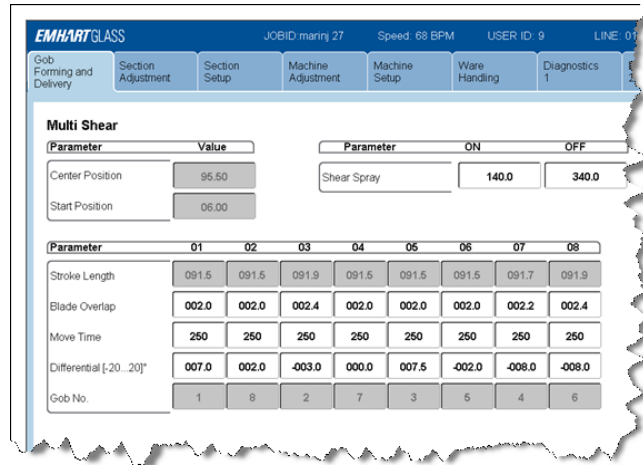
- Delayed start (0 - 45°)
plunger stays longer in the lower stroke start position
- Early end (45 - 0°)
plunger arrives early in the lower end stroke position
- Plunger phase is a common parameter for all the sections.



Multi Shear

The operator can adjust the shear parameters, each section individually.

- Shear blade overlap
- Shear moving time
- Shear differential

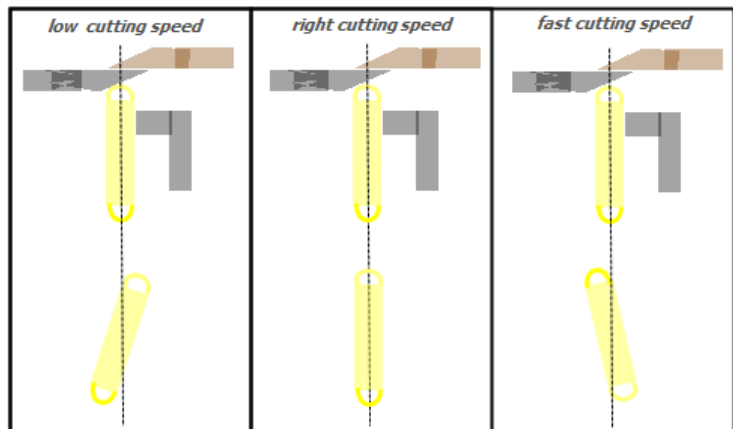


Shear blade overlap

The production of multi-weight containers usually involves different gob shapes. This will require different drop guide positions to stabilize the vertical motion of the gob. The Multi Gob weight System compensates for this variation by programming the “blade overlap” individually for each section. The drop guide is positioned manually in an intermediate position.

Shear moving time

The length of a complete shear open/close cycle influences the cutting speed, which in turn affects the rotation of the gob. For this reason, shear moving time can be used as an additional option to stabilize the vertical motion of the gob, taking account of different gob shapes, lengths or diameters.

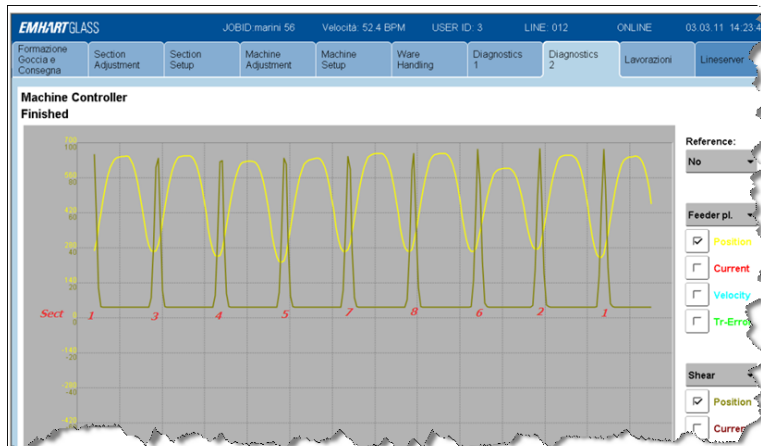


Shear differential

This parameter provides the option to adjust gob length for the same gob weight (useful in cases where different processes are running on the same machine), or to correct gob weights in cases of minor weight variations.

Graphical visualisation

The position, velocity and current of one complete machine cycle can be visualized for feeder, shear and gob mechanisms. Below the plunger and shear position profiles are displayed.



Availability

The Multi Gob Weight System software is working with very good results on a number of lines since 2010.

The software package works on all FlexIS 555 Feeder / 565 Shear Systems and on FlexIS stand alone. The optional licence can be ordered under the part number **P.N. 601-20001-2**

Installation requirements

Software version **V1.03.07.13** or above is required and the optional licence needs to be purchased to activate this feature.

Contact Emhart Service if a software update is required.

Features

- Plunger and Shear Controlled and monitored from a single screen.
- Intuitive system settings - Self explaining and instant response
- Operation settings are section independent to suite production requirement

Benefits

- Optimized visualization
- User knowledge is easily built upon and storable job file.
- Different jobs per section can be produced with different gob shape and different gob weight (around 25% - job depended)
 - Optimises the machine utilisation minimises stock
 - Reduces the moulds cost for low quantity production
 - Section sampling without interrupting production