1. Filtration of thick juice, remelt, standard liquor process

The Cricketfilter® is a pressure filter with a large specific filtration area due to the shape of the elements. The Cricketfilter® is unique because of its patented filter elements, which allow to discharge the filter cake by back pulsing. The Cricketfilter® has been introduced successfully into the sugar industry since 1990. The Cricketfilter® is used for direct filtration during carbonation and sulphitation steps and for pre-coat / body-aid filtration during thick juice, remelt and standard liquor steps (sugar end liquids). The Cricketfilter® is proven in beet sugar and cane sugar applications. Filtration at sugar end steps is a pre-coat / body-aid filtration. The Cricketfilter® is first pre-coated with a suitable filter aid. During filtration some filter aid is added into the feed to keep a high filtration capacity during a long cycle time. At the end of the filtration cycle the filter cake is de-sweetened and then back pulsed. The filter cake slurry is discharged through a bottom valve.
2. System advantages Cricketfilter®

- Fully automated
- Cake discharge section by section
- Effective cleaning
- No rotating parts

The Cricketfilter®, which operates fully automated, produces a high filtrate clarity after a short recirculation time. Elements are mounted on internal filtrate manifolds and cake release is done for manifolds individually, as it is more effective. The cake release is done by back pulsing with air and no extra liquid is needed. During the short regeneration time the filter medium is cleaned intensively. The whole campaign can be run with the same filter cloths, which remain in the filter throughout the campaign.

3. Process advantages Cricketfilter®

- High sugar quality
- Short regeneration times
- Higher outputs
- Advanced slurry discharge

A clearer filtrate results in higher sugar quality. The filter aid consumption is low, this also results in a longer cycle time for the thick juice filter. As the de-sweetening can be done directly after filtration, economic de-sweetening is possible with low sugar losses, and low water consumption.

The Cricketfilter® for first carbonation has a wider element spacing due to the higher solid content. The filter cloth is selected to suit the filtration needs of the application. The Cricketfilter® itself by design is keeping maintenance to a minimum.

4. Standard design data

- Material tank: carbon steel or stainless steel
- Material filter elements: stainless steel
- Design pressure: -1 / 6 bar(g)
- Design temperature: -10 / 150 °C (depending on filter cloth)
- Design and approval: PED 97/23/EC, SELO 02257 (China), GOST R (Russia) and others upon request

5. Specifications

**Cricketfilter® for carbonisation**

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Notes: Dimensions are for reference only. Subject to technical alteration without prior notice.

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