

Metering bulk materials into the process at rates of 1000 lbs. per hour through 6000 TPH





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For more than 65 years, many industries have relied on AJAX Vibratory Feeders to introduce bulk materials from storage hoppers, silos, bags, or totes into process. For successful processing, all materials must be transported at a consistent rate of flow. Renold AJAX vibratory feeders are custom designed to meet the needs of your specific application. Three types of feeder designs and a variety of vibrators/ shakers can be provided to create flow rates from 1000lbs/hr to 6000 TPH. Additional hardware, such as hoppers, flow aids, variable speed controllers and starters are also available with our units. Rugged AJAX equipment produces the consistent flow rates and trouble-free operation you need to achieve efficient processing.

Hopper Design

Material characteristics and hopper design can restrict flow and hamper the performance of a vibratory feeder. Restrictions occur when the head load exceeds the capability of the suspension hangers or when product is trapped between the hopper skirts and trough. The following hopper design guidelines are offered to help prevent restrictions and improve process performance. This, in turn, will enhance feeder life and ensure consistent flow rates.



- 1. The slope angle of the rear wall (A) should be 60° or more to permit material flow along this wall.
- Front wall slope (B) should be 5° less than the rear wall. Too shallow a slope may result in material build-up above the gate opening. Too steep a slope may disturb flow patterns within the hopper. Deflector angles may be necessary to eliminate head loads in larger hoppers.
- 3. A short vertical section (C) should be provided just above the rear of the trough, with a height at least equal to the height of the trough. A height of one foot is recommended in high tonnage applications. The bottom must not come into contact with the feeder during operation. Clearance of 1 inch is recommended.

- To prevent material from interlocking and lodging in the throat opening, this dimension (T) should be at least 2 ½ times the diameter of the largest particle of material for randomly sized particles, or 5 times the diameter if particles are nearly the same size.
- 5. The gate opening (H) should be at least twice the size of the largest particle of material. This dimension should be measured from the bottom of the trough with the trough hung in the declined position. For best flow patterns within the hopper, the throat dimension (T) should be equal to or slightly larger than half the gate opening (H). When possible, the trough slope should be 10-15°. Flow rate of a particle will accelerate across the trough when the trough is declined. The chart below depicts expected increase in flow rate as slope from the horizontal increases.

Slope in degrees	Increase factor					
1°	103%					
3°	110%					
6°	120%					
9°	130%					
12°	140%					
15°	150%					

- The width of opening (D) must be consistent with capacity requirements. For randomly sized particles, this should be 2 ½ times the diameter of the largest particle; for same-sized particles, the width should be 5 times the diameter.
- 7. The skirt board should diverge at approximately ½ inch per foot of length, so that the opening at the front of the feeder trough is greater than that at the hopper opening. Skirt boards should also rise slightly away from the trough bottom at a rate of ½ inch per foot of length from hopper to front of trough, to prevent material blockage between the skirts and trough.

Typical Materials Handled by AJAX Feeders

- Aggregate
- Abrasives
- Chemicals
- Ceramics
- Coal
- Castings
- Hot Dross
- Metal Parts, Stampings
- Hazardous Materials

- Explosives
- Food Products
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Foundry Sand
- Crushed Glass, Cullet
- Scrap Metal
- Tobacco
- Plastics





How Material is Transported along a Vibratory Trough

A particle's direction of travel is determined by the angle of the shaker attached to the trough. The trough exhibits a sinusoidal motion. When the feeder is operating, the trough oscillates along a straight line with an amplitude and direction determined by the driving force of the shaker. This directed linear vibration results in a series of repetitive "throws and catches" that transport the material along the trough.

The particle contacts the trough surface from the lowest point (A) and while in an upward motion between points (A) to (B). At this point, the particle has been accelerated to its maximum horizontal velocity and leaves the trough surface on a free flight trajectory. The trough is decelerating, or on its return cycle, from (C) to (B). The vertical velocity of the particle gradually decreases due to gravity, and the particle rejoins the trough surface at (A1). This completes one cycle, at the lowest point of amplitude. When troughs are sloped, particle trajectory is recovered, further along at point (A2).

Repeating this cycle several hundred times per minute produces a steady flow of material at rates from 0-50 feet per minute. Driving frequency (RPM); amplitude (inches); drive mounting angle (\emptyset); and trough slope affect how well particles are transported.

Types of Shakers/Vibrators Used



AJAX Shaker

A traditional mechanical shaker drive produces a force output by means of geared, oppositely rotating, eccentric weights. This unit is extremely rugged and operates well in harsh and dusty environments. Also used in two-mass designs to deliver high tonnage rates with very low horsepower requirements.



Rotary Electric Vibrators

Rotation of two sets of eccentric weights, mounted on motor shafts, offers easy adjustment of eccentric settings and a variety of force outputs. Generally, two vibrators are mounted in a pair to produce the rectilinear motion needed to create flow. A variety of frequencies (900, 1200, 1800 and 3600 RPM) allow versatile continuous operation.



Air Piston Vibrators

For lower feed rate requirements (1000lbs/ hr-25 TPH). Reciprocating motion of a piston creates the necessary force. The piston is cushioned on a pad of air at both ends. This vibrator is air purged (explosion proof) and can be washed down during operation.



Model BFA Brute Force Air Operated Feeders

Powered by Air Piston/ Air Cushioned Vibrator

- Explosion proof design
- · Variable frequency and flow rates
- Options: hoppers, gates, covers and a variety of control devices
- Custom trough designs

Quiet operating feeders offer unparalleled durability for a variety of applications and flow rates. Explosion proof design makes these feeders ideal for use in hazardous environments. Simple, trouble-free operation requires minimal maintenance.

- Any hopper capacity can be integrated with the selected feeder
- Renold can provide controls for manual or automatic operation
- Trough sizes can be changed to suit the application



AIR BASE VIBRATOR

MODEL	TROUGH TYPE	APPROX. CAPACITY	A WIDTH OR DIA.	B LENGTH	C DISCHARGE HEIGHT	AIR CONSUMPTION SCFM	FREQUENCY	APPROX. SHIPPING WEIGHT
BFA-1.516-125	Flat	1250#/HR	1.5	16	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-216-125	Flat	1500#/HR	2	16	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-216-125	Vee	300#/HR	2	16	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-318-125	Flat	1500#/HR	3	18	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-418-125	Flat	1500#/HR	4	18	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-618-125	Flat	1500#/HR	6	18	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-116-125	Tubular	1500#/HR	1	16	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-218-125	Tubular	1500#/HR	2	18	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-318-125	Tubular	1500#/HR	3	18	8	4.4	7600	43
BFA-420-200	Flat	4TPH	4	20	9	8.5	3500	64
BFA-524-200	Flat	5TPH	5	24	9	8.5	3500	64
BFA-620-200	Flat	6TPH	6	20	9	8.5	3500	64
BFA-820-200	Flat	8TPH	8	20	9	8.5	3500	64
BFA-330-200	Tubular	2TPH	3	30	9	8.5	3500	64
BFA-424-200	Tubular	3.5TPH	4	24	9	8.5	3500	64
BFA-630-300	Flat	8TPH	6	30	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-830-300	Flat	10TPH	8	30	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-1036-300	Flat	15TPH	10	36	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-1230-300	Flat	18TPH	12	30	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-336-300	Tubular	3.5TPH	3	36	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-436-300	Tubular	3.5TPH	4	36	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-536-300	Tubular	8.5TPH	5	36	13	19.5	2400	90
BFA-636-300	Tubular	4.5TPH	6	36	13	19.5	2400	90

Pneumatic Feeders



Model BF Brute Force Electro-Mechanical Feeders

BFE - Powered by AJAX Shaker BFR - Powered by Rotary Electric Vibrators

- · Designed for new and existing operations
- Low frequency, heavy duty design offers greater life expectancy
- · Low horsepower increases energy efficiency
- · Easy to maintain and operate
- · Explosion proof motors available





Renold AJAX offers a variety of shaker /vibrator designs to provide outputs from 25TPH to 1500TPH, based on engineering economics of horsepower to deliver a required rate. This feeder is extremely efficient and quiet operating.

STANDARD UNIT BASED ON DRY SAND 100 PPCF, INSTALLED WITH PROPER SKIRTBOARDS									
MODEL	HP	А	в	с	D	E	F	CAPACITY TPH	Shipping Weight
BF 1248 BF 1260 BF 1272	1/2 1/2 3/4	12 12 12	48 60 72	6 6 6	23 23 23	16 16 16	36 48 60	90 100 120	452 475 502
BF 1848 BF 1860 BF 1872 BF 1884	1/2 3/4 1 1	18 18 18 18	48 60 72 84	6 6 6	23 23 23 23	22 22 22 22 22	36 48 60 66	175 200 225 250	475 541 579 621
BF 2448 BF 2460 BF 2472 BF 2484	1-1/2 1-1/2 2 2	24 24 24 24	48 60 72 84	6 6 6	23 23 23 23	28 28 28 28	36 48 60 66	175 300 325 400	724 772 834 1014
BF 3060 BF 3072 BF 3084 BF 3096	2 3 3 5	30 30 30 30	60 72 84 96	6 6 6	32 32 32 32	34 34 34 34	48 60 66 80	400 400 525 625	972 1052 1395 1467
BF 3660 BF 3672 BF 3684 BF 3696	3 3 5 5	36 36 36 36	60 72 84 96	8 8 8 8	32 32 32 32	42 42 42 42 42	48 60 66 80	700 700 750 750	1174 1254 1484 1580
BF 4860 BF 4872 BF 4884 BF 4896	5 5 5 5	48 48 48 48	60 72 84 96	8 8 8 8	32 32 32 32	52 52 52 52	48 60 66 80	1000 1100 1100 1200	1331 1440 1961 2483

AJAX BF FEEDER CAPACITY CHART 10 DEGREE SLOPE





Model TM Two-Mass Electro-Mechanical Feeders

Powered by AJAX Shaker or Rotary Electric Vibrators

- · Low horsepower, high tonnage rates
- Module design
- Single driving unit



The AJAX Shaker drive excites the natural frequency drive system to produce a straight line vibrating force. By compensating for head load, the feeder maintains a constant feed with considerable energy savings. With the addition of a voltage controller to vary the motor speed, the stroke of the feeder can be infinitely adjusted for variable rate applications.

STANDARD UNIT BASED ON DRY SAND 100 PPCF, INSTALLED WITH PROPER SKIRTBOARDS									
MODEL	HP	А	в	с	D	E	F	CAPACITY TPH	Shipping Weight
TM 3660 TM 3672 TM 3684 TM 3696	3 3 5 5	36 36 36 36	60 72 84 96	8 8 8 8	30 30 30 30	42 42 42 42	48 60 66 80	700 700 750 750	1563 1815 2068 2321
TM 4872 TM 4884 TM 4896 TM 48120 TM 48144	3 5 5 5 5	48 48 48 48 48	72 84 96 120 144	10 10 10 10 10	32 32 32 32 32 32	54 54 54 54 54	60 66 80 96 108	1100 1200 1200 1500 1600	2321 2658 2995 3368 4042
TM 6084 TM 6096 TM 60120 TM 60144	5 5 5 7-1/2	60 60 60 60	84 96 120 144	10 10 10 10	32 32 32 32 32	66 66 66 66	66 80 84 108	2000 2000 2300 2600	2947 3368 4211 5053
TM 7296 TM 72120 TM 72144 TM 72156	7-1/2 7-1/2 7-1/2 7-1/2	72 72 72 72 72	96 120 144 156	10 10 10 10	34 34 34 34	78 78 78 120	80 84 108 80	2600 2600 3000 3000	4042 5053 6063 6569
TM 8496 TM 84120 TM 84144 TM 84156	7-1/2 10 10 10	84 84 84 84	96 120 144 156	12 12 12 12 12	36 36 36 36	90 90 90 90	80 84 108 120	3200 3500 3500 3500	4716 5895 7074 7664
TM 96120 TM 96144 TM 96156	10 10 10	96 96 96	120 144 156	15 15 15	41 41 41	102 102 102	84 108 120	3775 4000 4000	6737 8085 8759

AJAX TWO MASS FEEDER CAPACITY CHART 10 DEGREE SLOPE





Operation of Feeders



Electrical Controls

Renold offers a variety of electrical controls to start/stop motors and integrate variable speed controllers. Controls are sized by motor horsepower, amperage draw and voltage. Users must identify the equipment location classification for operating approval.



Feeder Capacity Charts

AJAX feeder capacity charts are based on dry sand (100 ppcf) and feeder slope. The rate also depends on use of the proper hopper and skirt design, with respect to gate opening and feeder length. Trough length is determined by material flow characteristics (static/dynamic angle of repose). When the feeder is cut off, material must stop short of the feeder discharge to prevent flushing. Material characteristics, such as type, bulk density and repose angle must be known to properly engineer the feeder. Renold engineers can test your product to determine these characteristics.



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