



WENGER PHASE TRANSITION ANALYZER™

KEY FEATURES:

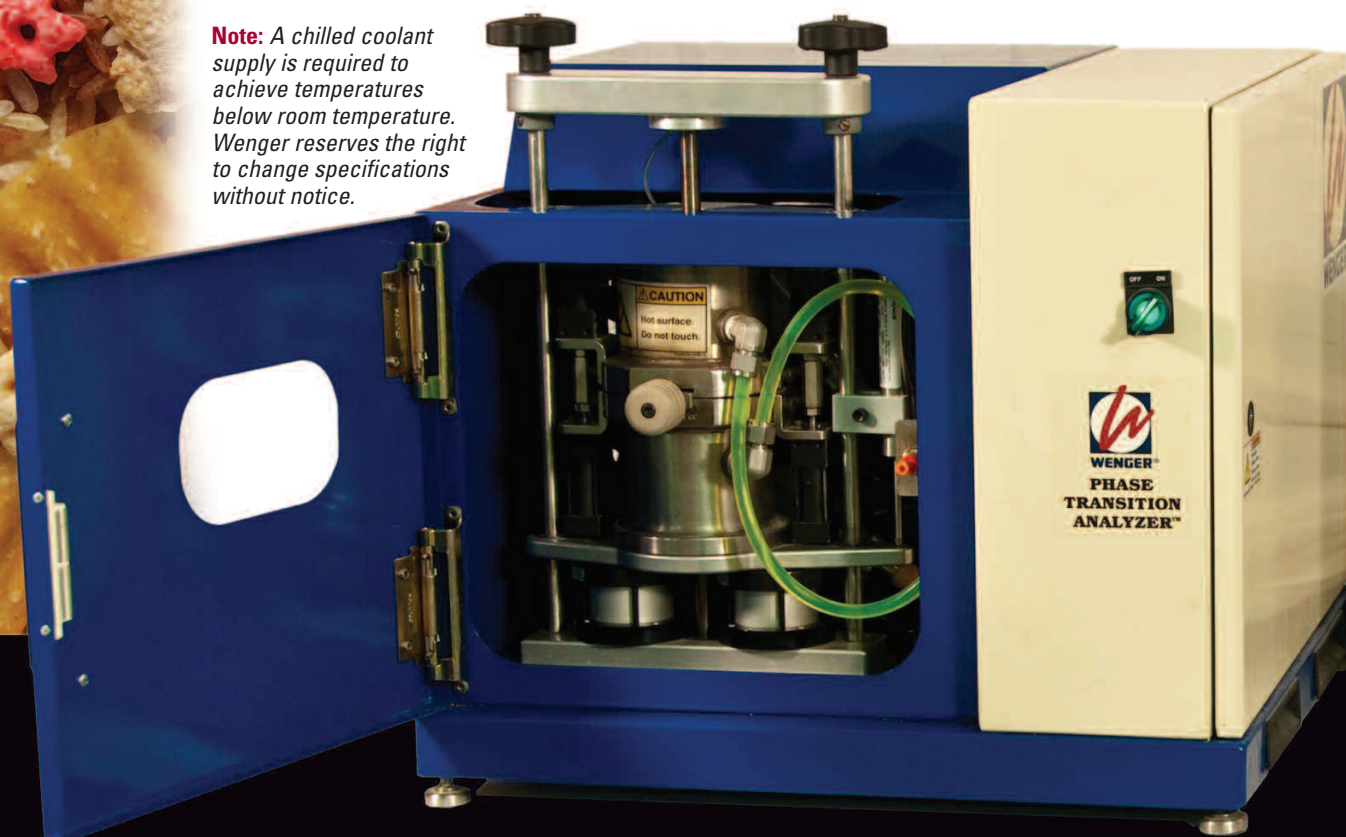
- Temperature range: 5 - 200°C
- Heating and cooling rates up to 25°C/min
- Pressure measurement and control up to 210 bar
- Software package to measure and record temperature, pressure and sample movement
- Realtime graphical display of data during testing
- Data analysis software to determine T_g and T_m
- CE compliance
- Weight: 45 kg.

Note: A chilled coolant supply is required to achieve temperatures below room temperature. Wenger reserves the right to change specifications without notice.

WHAT IT DOES:

The **Wenger Phase Transition Analyzer™** was developed in the Wenger Technical Center to measure the "controlling" glass (T_g) and melt (T_m) transitions of a complex mixture of biopolymers that often comprise an extruded food or feed product.

The "controlling" T_g and T_m is the temperature at which sufficient amount of sample is softened to allow for particle compaction (T_g) or melted to allow for flow (T_m) through an orifice.



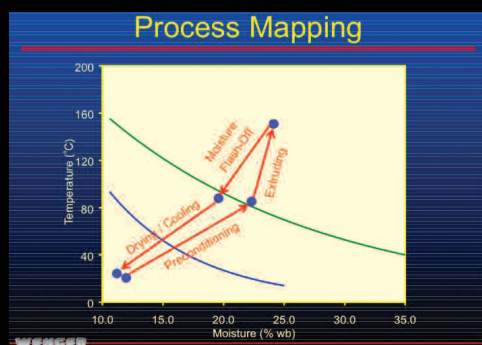
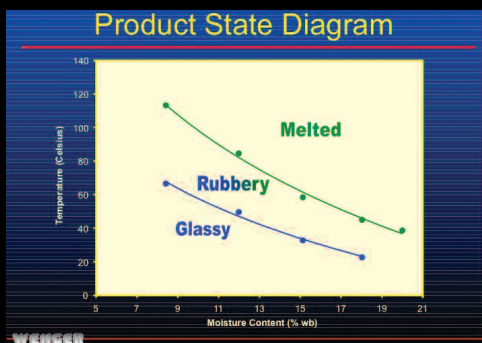
Enables *precise mapping* of extrusion process.

WHAT IT IS:

The Wenger Phase Transition Analyzer™

is a closed-chamber capillary rheometer, which uses a combination of pressure, temperature, time and moisture to measure the T_g and T_m of a biopolymer.

It consists of two sealed chambers, separated by an interchangeable capillary die, that prevents sample moisture loss so testing can be at temperatures far exceeding 100°C. The sample chamber is of fixed volume, and a constant pressure is maintained on the sample throughout the test. The sample movement, which is tracked and recorded during testing, is used to determine the sample's controlling T_g and T_m .



BENEFITS/ADVANTAGES:

The Wenger Phase Transition Analyzer™ provides knowledge about the T_g and T_m of a biopolymer that can be directly applied to the extrusion cooking process.

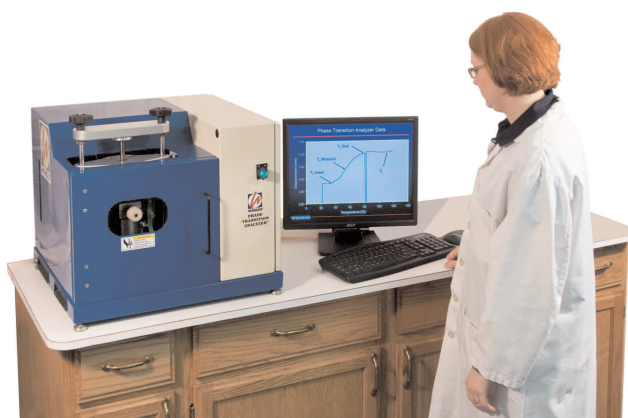
When a sample's T_g and T_m is combined with a mass and energy audit of an extrusion system, it enables an extrusion technologist to accurately map the process – a valuable aid to troubleshooting and better characterization of the extrusion operation. The Phase Transition Analyzer™ data also has been correlated to important properties of both raw materials and extruded products.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS:

- Windows XP, 133 MHz processor (or better).
- 128 MB RAM, 300 MB available hard drive space.
- Color monitor or flat panel HMI with minimum screen resolution of 600 x 800.
- I/O Network card.
- Spreadsheet applications such as Excel or Lotus

UTILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Compressed air 6 – 8 bar (90 – 115 psi).
- Dedicated circuit: 240 Volt, single phase, 50/60 hz, 10 Amp or 120 V, 60 hz, 20 Amp circuit.
- Cooling medium capable of 8 liter/min. (2 gal/min) with operating temperature range of 0 - 40°C (32 – 104°F).



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