

Overall Efficiency (η) for a cyclone Separator



(as underflow)

$$\eta = \frac{\text{mass of solid particles removed from feed}}{\text{mass of solid particles present in the feed}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\sum m_{d_{pi}, U}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

U for Underflow
F for feed

fractional Efficiency = $\eta_i = \frac{\text{mass of a given particle size in underflow}}{\text{mass of a given particle size in feed}}$

$$\eta_i = \frac{m_{d_{pi}, U}}{m_{d_{pi}, F}} \Rightarrow m_{d_{pi}, U} = \eta_i m_{d_{pi}, F} \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{m_{d_{p1}, U}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} + \frac{m_{d_{p2}, U}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} + \dots + \frac{m_{d_{pi}, U}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} + \dots + \frac{m_{d_{pn}, U}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}}$$

from eqn (b)

$$\eta = \frac{(\eta_1) m_{d_{p1}, F}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} + \frac{(\eta_2) m_{d_{p2}, F}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} + \dots + \frac{(\eta_i) m_{d_{pi}, F}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}} + \dots + \frac{(\eta_n) m_{d_{pn}, F}}{\sum m_{d_{pi}, F}}$$

$$\eta = \eta_1 \omega_1 + \eta_2 \omega_2 + \dots + \eta_i \omega_i + \dots + \eta_n \omega_n$$

$$\eta = \sum \eta_i \omega_i$$

where ω_i = mass fraction of particle having diameter d_{pi} in Feed