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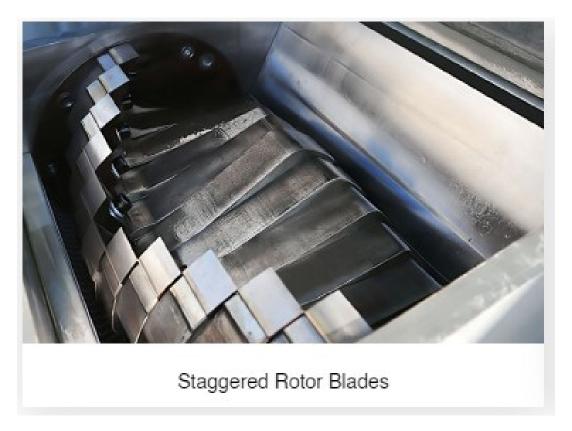
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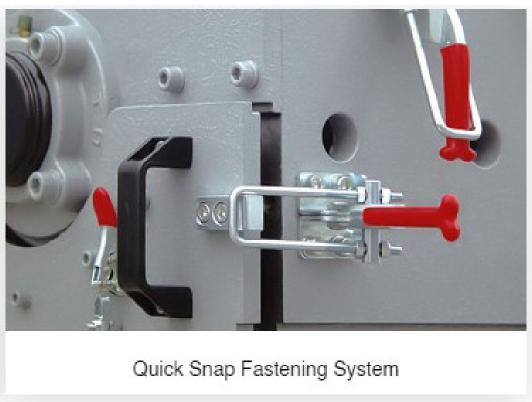


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INFORMATION ON THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL 1

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No part of this operation manual may be reproduced, distributed or used in any shape or form, stored in a data processing system or translated into another language without written permission.

This operation manual serves to help you to get to know your machine and how to make use of its application possibilities in accordance with the regulations.

The operation manual contains important information on how to operate the machine safely, correctly and economically. Following this advice will help you to avoid danger, minimize repair costs and down times and to increase the reliability and durability of the machine.

Before you begin to work on and with the machine, please read the operation manual thoroughly. Only after you have read and understood the contents of this operation manual may you begin work on and with the machine. Keep this operation manual at the application site for future reference.

References to chapters, plans and other documents as well as key markings are written in italics.

◆ Instructions on handling are marked in this way.

The machine is designed in modular system and offers a wide spectrum of variations to do justice to your expectations. In order that you receive with the delivery of your machine all the information relevant for you, this operation manual is divided into three parts:

- 1. Part A: Information of the basic machine.
- 2. Part B: Plans, operation manuals for systems from other manufacturers etc.

Should you wish to order further operation manuals, please quote the machine number.

We wish you every success with your new machine!

2 **TECHNICAL DATA**

Opening cutting chamber	Data in mm:	270x120
Rotor dimension:	Diameter in mm:	180
	Width of cut in mm:	120
Rotor knives:	No. of rotor knives:	12
Stator knives:	No. of stator knives:	2(4 edges)
Rotor speed (50 Hz):	rpm	200
Width:	Data in mm:	420
Length:	Data in mm:	850
Height:	Data in mm:	1050
Drive motor:	Power in kW:	2.2
Screen:	Type and screen hole size	
	dependent on the	
	application and customer	
	requirements.	
Machine weight:	In kg	120
Electrical connection data:	markings are attached to the	e machine
Noise level:	Without noise equipment,	ca. 90
Depends on plant location and	in dB(A):	
type of grinding material!		

Opening cutting chamber	Data in mm:	270x180
Rotor dimension:	Diameter in mm:	180
	Width of cut in mm:	180
Rotor knives:	No. of rotor knives:	18
Stator knives:	No. of stator knives:	2(4 edges)
Rotor speed (50 Hz):	rpm	200
Width:	Data in mm:	420
Length:	Data in mm:	910
Height:	Data in mm:	1050
Drive motor:	Power in kW:	3.0
Screen:	Type and screen hole size	
	dependent on the	
	application and customer	
	requirements.	
Machine weight:	In kg	130
Electrical connection data:	markings are attached to the	e machine
Noise level:	Without noise equipment,	ca. 90
Depends on plant location and	in dB(A):	
type of grinding material!		

Opening cutting chamber	Data in mm:	270x300
Rotor dimension:	Diameter in mm:	180
	Width of cut in mm:	300
Rotor knives:	No. of rotor knives:	30
Stator knives:	No. of stator knives:	2(4 edges)
Rotor speed (50 Hz):	rpm	200
Width:	Data in mm:	420
Length:	Data in mm:	1030
Height:	Data in mm:	1050
Drive motor:	Power in kW:	4.0
Screen:	Type and screen hole size	
	dependent on the	
	application and customer	
	requirements.	
Machine weight:	In kg	150
Electrical connection data:	markings are attached to the	e machine
Noise level:	Without noise equipment,	Ca. 90
Depends on plant location and	in dB(A):	
type of grinding material!		

Opening cutting chamber	Data in mm:	270x430
Rotor dimension:	Diameter in mm:	180
TOOLGI GITTETISIOTI.	Width of cut in mm:	430
Rotor knives:	No. of rotor knives:	45
Stator knives:	No. of stator knives:	
		2(4 edges)
Rotor speed (50 Hz):	rpm	200
Width:	Data in mm:	420
Length:	Data in mm:	910
Height:	Data in mm:	1050
Drive motor:	Power in kW:	4.0
Screen:	Type and screen hole size	
	dependent on the	
	application and customer	
	requirements.	
Machine weight:	In kg	170
Electrical connection data:	markings are attached to the	e machine
Noise level:	Without noise equipment,	Ca. 90
Depends on plant location and	in dB(A):	
type of grinding material!		
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3 GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1 Copyright

Virtus Equipment holds the copyright for these operation instructions, entrusted to the owner of the granulator for his personal use. These contains technical instructions and drawings which are not be copied complete or in part, distributed or used for reasons of unauthorized competition or for informing others.

3.2 Application

The granulator is designed for size-reduction of blow moulding parts such as PE, PP, and PVC etc. The user is responsible for consequences resulting from incorrect operation: This will lead to the loss of the warranty as well as any compensation claims.

3.3 Safety

The granulator has been constructed in accordance to the general standards of technology and is fitted with safety devices to prevent accidents that could endanger the life or health of the operator. The company operating the unit is responsible for the compliance of the safety regulations. We recommend staff training courses at regular intervals subsequent to initial training during commissioning.

Inspection of goods 3.4

The goods must be inspected by the purchaser to ensure that the delivery is complete and free from damage during transport. In the event of any queries Virtus must be informed with regard to missing items or transport damage. In the event of actual transport damage, written notification including photographs should be made and sent to the transport company as well as sent to Virtus immediately after delivery.

4 GENERAL SAFETY ADVICE

4.1 Safe operation of the machine

The machine is built according to the state of the art and recognised safety regulations.

It is equipped with protective devices; however there is still the threat of danger in case of incorrect conduct or misuse:

- for the health of the operator and that of other persons,
- for the machine,
- for the environment,
- for material assets belonging to the company and the operator.

All persons involved in:

- transportation and storage,
- start-up and shutdown,
- operation,
- setting and fitting
- maintenance and waste disposal...

of the machine must carefully read and take note of the following advice. However, not only the general safety advice listed in this chapter has to be observed, but also the safety advice which is added specifically in the other chapters.

Failure to heed this safety advice can lead to loss of all compensation claims.

Furthermore, the existing rules and regulations for the prevention of accidents as well as in house company working, operational and safety regulations have to be observed.



4.2 Use in accordance with the regulations

The operational safety of the delivered machine is only guaranteed for use in accordance with the regulations!

This regulation use is only achieved if the following points are observed and fulfilled.

Manufacturing process and grinding material

The granulator is suitable exclusively for the grinding of material, which corresponds to the agreed customer-specific specifications in all points (see Contract of sale).

Any other work or design will differ from the specified requirements. Virtus Equipment will not be held responsible. The specified requirements also include all information found in the owner's manual such as maintenance and service. Any change in the specifications or requirements must be brought to the attention of Virtus.

Suction unit

If emissions occur during grinding of material, which exceed the permissible legal values for contaminants in the air, the granulator may only then be operated when the customer on site has installed a suitable air suction device.

Safety device for the in feed hopper

In the case that your design of granulator does not contain any additional in feed device (e.g. nip roll feed device), the in feed hopper must be safeguarded in a suitable way against persons reaching in or falling in.

Connection of the Emergency Stop button

The machine may only be operated with the installed Emergency Stop buttons. In case no Emergency Stop buttons have been installed, an Emergency Stop button must be mounted on the control cabinet, the second on the material in feed.



Miscellaneous:

- The working conditions and instructions specified in this operation manual must be adhered to.
- The machine is not suitable for operation in an explosive environment.
- Faults, which can impair safety, are to be reported immediately and eliminated by a trained and skilled specialist.
- The machine may only be used in the industrial application range.

General Requirements Safety Information

- The service and maintenance in this owner's manual must be performed on a regular basis.
- The machine is not designed for operation in a volatile environment.
- Faults that could be a safety factor must be reported immediately and repaired by experienced personal.
- The machine must only be installed in a production type building.

Known uses not in accordance with the regulations

Never grind grinding materials, which do not correspond to the agreed customer-specific specifications. If this occurs, there is a danger to persons and the possibility of the machine being damaged.

Informal Safety Requirements

The owner's manual should always be located near the machine. New excerpts or additions to the owners' manual must always be replaced to include any safety requirements or environmental requirements.

All safety or caution signs must be visual and easy to read.

4.3 Liability and Responsibility

The General Conditions of Sale and Delivery basically apply. These conditions apply no later than the end of the contract. Liability and or responsibility to seller do not apply to the following;

- Equipment is not properly used for its specific application.
- Non-conforming installation, commissioning or service of the machines.
- Operation of the equipment without proper safety guards.
- Not conforming to the directions of the owners' manual regarding transport, storage, installation, commissioning or servicing the equipment.
- Any designs alterations on the machine.
- Any changes on the program logic which can alter the machine operation or electrical function.
- Changes in the logic function.
- In proper maintenance or serving the machines that can lead to extraordinary wear
- In proper serving of equipment
- Spontaneous crashes caused by foreign objects falling into the machine or acts of God

We honour a 12 month guarantee valid after delivery under the conditions that originally delivery or original parts from Virtus Equipment are used or accepted for use in accordance with our owner's manual.

Otherwise the guarantee will be considered invalid. Excluded are wear and tear parts such as knives, screens, drive belts, bearings, etc.

4.4 Structural changes, spare parts, accessories

For reasons of safety, remodelling and modifications to the machine, in particular to the electrical devices, are only permissible by arrangement with the manufacturer!

Replace faulty parts immediately. Only use original spare parts or spare parts from other manufacturers, which correspond, to the original spare parts with regards to function, stress and safety. This applies in particular for reasons of EMC (electro-magnetic compatibility) for electrical components.

The use of unsuitable parts can impair resistance to rays and increase the emission of rays!

If parts are replaced which are relevant for safety, they must be checked afterwards for proper functioning.

Only use accessories, which have been approved by the manufacturer. Use of accessories can change work with the machine. You must therefore observe the additional advice for your work and your safety. Read Part B: Accessories, before you commission the machine.

4.5 **Operation manuals from other manufacturers**

Integrated in the machine are systems from other manufacturers. When working on or with these systems, please observe the advice in the operation manuals from the respective manufacturer. These operation manuals are enclosed with the machine documentation

4.6 Noise levels and noise control measures

The GSL series granulator standard design is without a sound proof enclosure.

The noise level of the granulator depends on location and type of grinding material.

In order not to exceed the noise level of 85 dB(A) is the purchaser required to provide soundproofing.

The noise level can be affected by foundation static or dynamic, aux. blowers etc. or other additional equipment. Therefore it is necessary to actually determine if the noise level is directly coming from the machine or accessory equipment.

Virtus Equipment can supply equipment to reduce the noise levels.

CAUTION



The user or purchaser is responsible for compliance with the instructions and procedures!

4.7 Work stations

During normal operation, the work station is the station at the in feed of the grinding material.

For maintenance work, the whole area around the machine is at your disposal.

4.8 Remaining risks

The machine is constructed so that you are able to operate it safely. Structurally non-avoidable dangers are prevented as well as possible by the protective devices. A certain remaining risk does however always remain! Being aware of these remaining risks of the machine will help you to structure your work more safely and in so doing to avoid accidents.

To avoid danger, please observe in addition the specific safety advice in the individual chapters.

4.8.1 **Mechanical dangers**

Type of danger:	Danger of crushing by heavy parts falling	
	down or falling over.	
Activity:	Unloading and transporting the machine or	
	machine components.	
Possible	Serious injury could result.	
consequences:		
Preventative	Wear personal protective gear. Follow the	
measures:	instructions in this Operation manual.	

Type of danger:	Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting
	knives, even when the rotor is stationary.
Activity:	Knife replacement, knife setting, and knife
_	sharpening, other maintenance work.
Possible Serious injury, particularly to hands and	
consequences:	fingers can result.
Preventative	Wear personal protective gear. Follow the
measures:	instructions in this Operation manual.

Type of danger: Danger of crushing when closing the granulator upper section.	
Activity:	Maintenance work.
Possible	Serious injury can result.
consequences:	
Preventative	When closing the granulator upper section,
measures:	ensure that no persons are in the danger
	area.

Type of danger:	Tripping over cables and other objects lying around.
Activity:	All activities.
Possible	Serious injury can result.
consequences:	
Preventative	Lay cables in accordance with the
measures:	regulations. Keep work station clean and tidy.

Type of danger:	Danger of crushing, cutting and amputation caused by up to 3 minute run down of the rotor.				
Activity:	Maintenance work.				
Possible	Serious injury or death can result.				
consequences:					
Preventative measures:	The housing upper section must always be tightly locked during operation using the connecting screws. Do not make the run down safety devices ineffective by using technical aids or other manipulations. Never check by hand whether the rotor has come to a stop.				

Electrical dangers 4.8.2

Danger:	Direct or indirect contact with live parts in the					
	terminal box.					
Activity:	Maintenance work, start-up.					
Possible	Serious injury or death.					
consequences:						
Preventative	Trained electricians may only carry out all					
measures:	work on the electrical equipment.					
	If work is necessary on parts, which conduct dangerous voltage, a second person should be called in who can break the power supply in case of emergency. The yellow-marked lines conduct voltage even when the machine is switched off (main switch to 0). Only use original safety fuses with stipulated intensity of current.					
	Faulty electrical components must be replaced immediately.					
	If faults occur in the electrical energy supply, switch machine off immediately.					
	The terminal box must be locked during operation. Before opening the terminal box: Main switch to 0.					

4.8.3 Dangers caused by the control system

Type of danger:	Danger caused by failure of the Emergency Stop function.					
Activity:	All activities.					
Possible	Serious injury or death.					
consequences:						
Preventative	It must be guaranteed that failure of an					
measures:	Emergency Stop button is displayed and					
	leads to an immediate stop of the machine.					

Thermal dangers 4.8.4

Type of danger:	Danger of fire and explosion caused by throwing dangerous objects (e.g. spray cans) into the granulator.				
Activity:	Grinding.				
Possible	Serious injury or death can result.				
consequences:					
Preventative	Only grind grinding material, which				
measures:	corresponds to the agreed customer-specific				
	specifications in all points.				

Dangers caused by noise 4.8.5

Type of danger:	Damage to hearing.					
Activity:	All activities.					
Possible	Diminished hearing, headaches, impaired					
consequences:	balance, and deterioration of concentration.					
Preventative	Reduce noise emissions by taking suitable					
measures:	measures. Wear ear protection.					

4.8.6 Dangers caused by vibration

Type of danger:	Instability of the granulator caused by vibration.				
Activity:	All activities.				
Possible	Serious injury can result.				
consequences:					
Preventative	Install the machine according to the				
measures:	instructions of this Operation manual and the				
	Assembly drawing.				

Type of danger:	Loosening of the cutting knife mountings caused by vibration.				
Activity:	All activities.				
Possible	Serious injury can result.				
consequences:					
Preventative	Check the cutting knife mountings regularly				
measures:	according to the instructions in this operation				
	manual.				

Dangers caused by materials and substances 4.8.7

Type of danger:	Inhalation of grinding dust.					
Activity:	All activities.					
Possible	Diseases of the respiratory tract etc.					
consequences:						
Preventative	Mount a suitable air suction device. Wear					
measures:	breathing equipment if necessary.					
	When cleaning the machine do not blow out					
	grinding dust, use suction instead.					

Danger caused by manipulation of the protective devices 4.8.8

Type of danger:	Danger of crushing, cutting and amputation.				
Activity:	All activities.				
Possible	Serious injury or death can result.				
consequences:					
Preventative	Never make the protective devices				
measures:	ineffective. Check the protective devices				
	regularly for proper functioning according to				
	the specifications given in this operation				
	manual.				

4.9 **Protective devices**

The machine may under no circumstances be operated without these protective devices or with faulty or manipulated protective devices.

4.9.1 Safety device for screen holder

Illustration: Safety device for screen holder



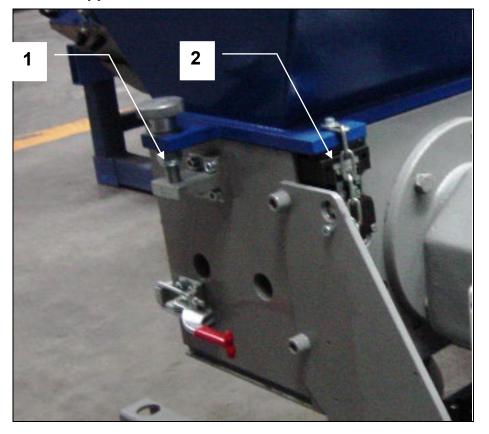
The granulator can only be operated if the screen holder is fixed and tightened with the clamps. Otherwise the safety switch is activated.

If the screen holder will be opened during operation, the safety switch is activated, thus switching off the machine.

4.9.2 Safety device for hopper

Illustration:

- (1) Threaded spindle
- (2) Safety switch



The hopper can be opened or pivoted upwards for maintenance work and for cleaning. It is connected with the cutting chamber by means of a joint.

Therefore the hopper is safeguarded against opening while

If the hopper will be opened during operation, the safety switch will be activated and the machine stops.

4.9.3 Safety device for suction trough

Illustration:

Safety switch for:

- (1) Hopper
- (2) Suction trough

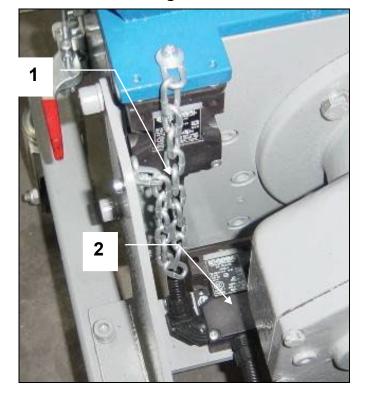
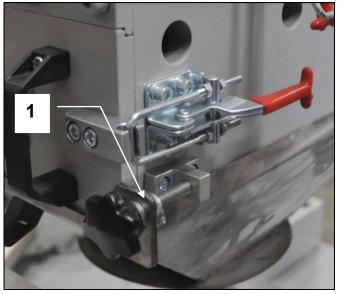


Illustration:

Safety switch for: (1) Threat spindle



The suction trough can be taken out for maintenance work and for cleaning.

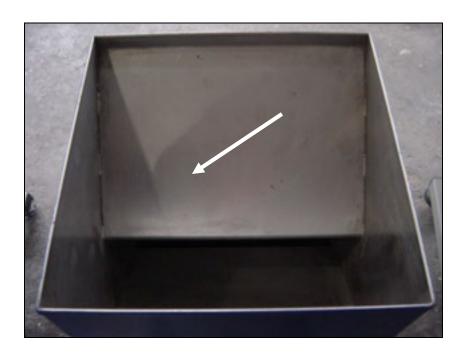
The suction trough is equipped with a safety switch and a threat spindle for a time delay.

If the suction trough will be taken out during operation, by turning the threat spindle the safety switch will be activated and the machine stops.

4.9.4 Splash guard

In case that the grinding material is introduced directly via the in feed hopper, the input opening is provided with a splash guard or folding plates to prevent flyout.

Illustration: Folding plate



4.9.5 Safety markings

Safety markings are attached to the machine. If one of these markings becomes detached or is no longer recognisable, it must be replaced. You can order new markings at specialist shops or from us (see Customer service and spare parts orders).

4.10 Authorized persons

Authorized personnel may only carry out work on the machine. Observe the legally permissible minimum age!

As a basic rule, persons who have received training on the machine may only operate the machine.

Personnel, who are still to be trained or receive instruction on the machine, may only work on the machine under constant supervision by an experienced person.

The company operating the machine must make the operation manual accessible to the machine user and ensure that he has read and understood it. Only then may he put the machine into operation.

Responsibility for the different jobs on the machine must be clearly established and adhered to. There must be no unclear areas of authority, as this could endanger the safety of the machine user.

If several persons work on the machine, a detailed division of workstations should be set up.

Trained electricians may only carry out all work on the electrical equipment.

Authorized specialist personnel may only eliminate faults on the control system.

All work related to installation, trained specialist personnel having received instruction on the machine might only carry out fittings and maintenance of the machine.

The operator must make sure that only authorized person's work on the machine. He is responsible for the safety of third persons in the working area of the machine.

Personal protective gear 4.11

Wear close-fitting clothing. Jewellery and hair must be worn so that they cannot be pulled into the machine by moving parts.

The following protective gear must be worn when carrying out the following tasks:

	Safety helmet	Safety boots	Safety gloves	Safety goggles	Ear muffs
Unloading machine.	Х	Х	Х		
Connecting machine.		Х			
Operation.		Х	Х	x	Х
Cleaning.		х	Х	Х	
Maintenance of bearings.		х			
Screen replacement.		Х	Х		
Maintenance of "V"-belts.		Х			
Maintenance of cutting knives.		х	Х		
Knife sharpening.		Х	Х	Х	Х

If necessary, protect yourself (in addition to the air suction device) with breathing equipment before inhaling substances harmful to the health.

4.12 Safety measures at the application site

Requirements at the application site: see chapter *Initial Start-up*. The machine must be erected horizontally on a horizontal surface and in a stable manner.

Ensure by means of appropriate in house orders and controls that the environment of the work station is always clean and clear of obstructions.

4.13 Fire fighting agents

In the case of fire, disconnect the power supply of the machine or pull out the mains plug. Extinguish the fire from a distance of several meters using a fire extinguisher suitable for the machine and the grinding material.

4.14 Cleaning agents

Only use suitable cleaning agents to clean the machine and in doing so, the advice of the manufacturer is to be heeded. Please be aware that unsuitable cleaning agents (e.g. thinners) can damage the paint of the machine as well as the cables and plastic parts.

4.15 Conduct in case of an emergency

The machine may only be operated with the installed Emergency Stop buttons. An Emergency Stop button must be mounted onto the control cabinet, the second onto the grinding material in feed.

Emergency Stop:

◆ In case of emergency, immediately press one of the Emergency. Stop buttons.

CAUTION



The EMERGENCY STOP must be activated in all situations whereby injury or damage could result!

Reoperation:

- ◆ Eliminate cause of Emergency Stop.
- **◆** Unlock *EMERGENCY STOP BUTTON*.
- ♣ Acknowledge fault.

The machine is now ready for operation again.

4.16 Classification of specific safety advice

The specific safety advices in the following chapters of this operation manual are classified as follows:

\triangle DANGER



Indicates an immediately threatening danger. If you do not take avoiding action, death or serious injury will result.

riangleWARNING



Indicates a possibly dangerous situation. If you do not take avoiding action, death or serious injury could result.

\triangle CAUTION



Indicates a possibly dangerous situation. If you do not take avoiding action, slight or minor injury could result.

This safety advice refers to the remaining risks for certain working steps and helps you to work safely with the machine. In addition to the safety advice above, there are also the hint and the tip.

HINT



Indicates a possibly harmful situation. If you do not take avoiding action, the machine could be damaged.

TIP



Indicates application tips and other particularly useful information.

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE MACHINE

5.1 Grinding material in feed

The grinding material can be fed into the granulator in the following ways:

- Manual in feed of the grinding material directly into the in feed hopper.
- Manual in feed of the grinding material with the help of an additional in feed device (e.g. nip roll feed device).
- Automatic in feed of the grinding material by means of an additional in feed device (e.g. conveyor belt).

∴WARNING



The machine is not allowed to manually feed cut film, fibers, strands or similar materials. Risk of to cause entanglement

5.1.1 In feed hopper

The grinding material in feed ensues via an in feed hopper, which is formed so that the grinding material can be delivered correctly and safely. A splashguard at the input opening prevents thrownback parts being able to escape. The grinding material in feed can take place manually or with the help of an additional in feed device

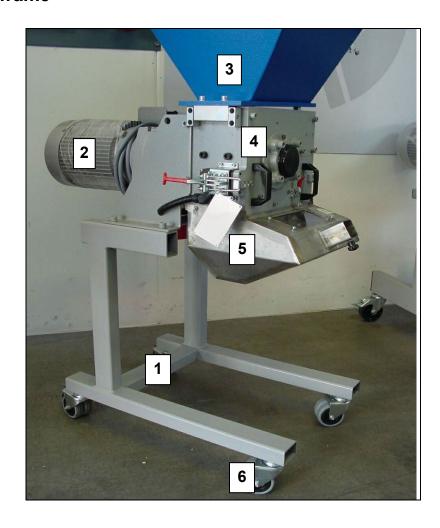
5.1.2 Additional in feed device

If your machine has an optional in feed device such as roller feeder or conveyor belt please refer to the additional information about the accessories in the appendix.

5.2 **Base frame**

Illustration:

- (1) Base frame
- (2) Gear motor
- (3) Hopper
- (4) Cutting chamber
- (5) Suction trough
- (6) Wheels



The granulator, the suction trough and the drive motor are mounted on the base frame.

The base frame is equipped with wheels.

5.3 **Drive**

The drive of the rotor ensues by means of an electric helical gear motor. The motor is flanged on the cutting chamber.

Please observe the operation manual from the manufacturer!

Granulator upper section/hopper 5.4

The hopper can be opened by hand for maintenance work and for cleaning. It is connected with the granulator lower section by means of a joint.

Illustration: Hopper (opened)



5.5 Granulator lower section

The cutting chamber is mounted onto the base frame. The motor is flanged onto the cutting chamber. On the motor shaft the rotor stars are mounted. The end of the drive shaft sits in a flange bearing, which is mounted on the cutting chamber. The bearings lie outside the grinding chamber and are sufficiently sealed off against penetrating dirt.

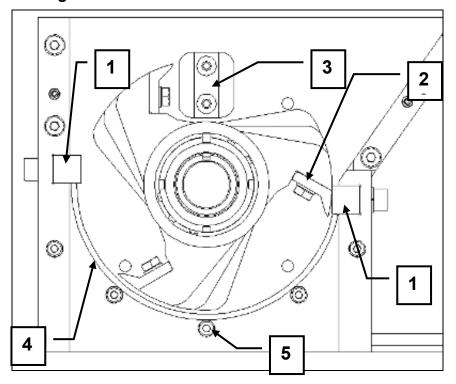
The stator knives which are installed in the cutting chamber are easily accessible and simple to install and dismantle.

The ground material falls through a screen into the suction trough mounted underneath the rotor and can be sucked off from there.

5.5.1 Rotor and cutting knives

Abbilduna:

- (1) Stator knives
- (2) Rotor knives
- (3) Scraper
- (4) Screen
- (5) Screen holder bars



The material is ground between the knives assembled on the rotor and the stator knives which are mounted in a fixed position in the housing.

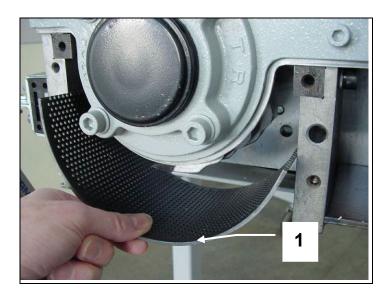
Scrapers are placed on both side walls of the cutting chamber. The design of the rotor has a significant influence on the quality of the grinding process and its results. The rotor construction, the type of knife mounting and the number of knives have all been exactly matched to your task allocation.

The rotor is accessible after opening the hopper.

5.5.2 Screen and screen support

The screen lies in the screen support below the rotor. This screen support is fixed in the sidewall of the cutting chamber. It can be removed by opening the clamps.

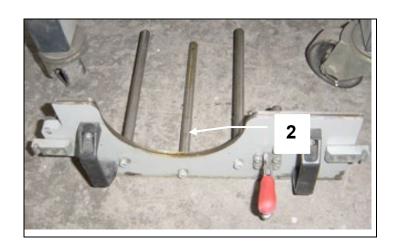
Illustration: (1) Screen



The screen is slightly larger in it's radius than the cutting circle of the rotor knife. The screen perforation is selected according to the desired grain size of the grinding material.

All grinding material parts which are smaller than the screen perforation fall through the screen into the suction trough. The screen is replaceable and can be taken out after the suction rough and the screen holder are taken out.

Illustration: (2) Screen support



Discharge of grinding material 5.6

Illustration:

Suction trough



The ground material is sucked off by means of a blower (Accessories) out of the suction trough of the granulator. If the granulator is equipped with a high frame, the ground material can be collected in a box below the cutting chamber.

6 INITIAL STARTUP

6.1 **General Advice**

All work related to start-up may only be carried out by trained specialist personnel.

Check the machine for possible transportation damage or other damage. Should you determine damage, have this confirmed by the freight company and please report this to us in writing immediately after delivery. When starting up for the first time and after setting up ready for service, you must carry out the necessary checks according to the chapter Machine check prior to initial.

6.2 Requirements at the application site

The site of application for the machine must exhibit the following features:

- Enclosed space.
- The ground must exhibit sufficient load-bearing capacity (you can find the machine weight in the Chapter Technical Data). The unevenness of the ground surface may not exceed 5 mm.
- The machine must be freely accessible from all sides.
- There must be sufficient room available for operating and service personnel.
- Spatial requirements: see Assembly drawing. All hinged parts must be able to be opened completely.
- Vibration-free environment.
- The application site must be well-lit.
- The machine may not be exposed to direct radiation caused by radiators or the sun.
- Room temperature: +5° to +40°C

tropics is also necessary.

- Relative atmospheric humidity according to DIN 40040: 15 to 70 % (indoor) By humidity levels higher than 70 %, apply anticorrosive agent to the metallic-finished machine parts. Insulation for the
- The machine may not be operated within range of static discharges or strong magnetic fields as this could lead to faults in the machine control system.

6.3 Unloading and installing the machine

The machine or the machine components are packed so that they arrive with you safely. To see how the machine is packed or should be packed, please see the Packing plan. For unloading the packaged machine or machine components you may use a suitable crane or forklift truck.

riangleWARNING





Suspended load.

Falling loads can cause serious injury or death.

Only use a crane or a forklift truck which is suitable for the weight and the dimensions of the load.

Also use a suitable stopping means and pay attention to the gravity centre location.

Do not step under the suspended load.

Wear a safety helmet in addition to your basic protective gear.

- ◆ After unloading, remove the packaging material and all transportation safety devices.
- ◆ In the case that the granulator and its accessory components have been delivered as individual items, mount these at the site of application using the mounting screws sent with the delivery exactly in accordance with the data given in the Assembly drawing. Only in this way can it be guaranteed that there are sufficient delivered piping parts, tubing and cable connections and that the linking places match.

riangleWARNING



Overturning or falling machine.

Serious injury or death can result.

In the case that you wish to erect the granulator over a pit, on a frame or on a platform, you must secure the machine by putting mounting screws through the holes on the mounting pads (see Assembly drawing). If assembling the machine on solid ground, this safety device is not absolutely necessary.

♣ Align the machine horizontally with the help of a suitable spirit lev-

Do not use blocks to place underneath the machine, use instead metal strips in order to prevent buckling of the base frame. Make sure that an even distribution of weight is achieved on all the points of support.

6.3.1 Installing the machine with hopper Nr 3 and frame Nr 1

For a Safe installation according machine directive 2006/42/EC, if using hopper Nr 3, the machine need installed with safety guards according ISO EN 13857 (4.2.2.1.2 Table 2) with following safety distances for a safe operation.

Illustration: Side fence installation according ISO13857 for hopper NR 3

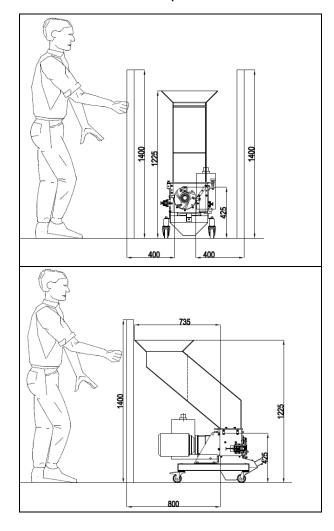


Illustration: Front fence installation according ISO13857 for hopper NR 3

- 1. Move the control box out of fence; operator can control the machine in the safety place
 - If the operator need enter the fence to check the machine.
- 2. Please install a door with interlock guard with guard locking, to avoid the operator enter the fence and machine still running

riangleDANGER



Rotating knives.

Can cause serious cutting and crushing injuries, possibly leading to death.

You shall not stay between safety fence and machine during the machine is running.

Electrical connection 6.4

NWARNING



Dangerous voltage.

Touching live parts can lead to serious injury or death. All work which relates to the electricity of the machine may only be carried out by trained electricians. Observe the currently effective EMC regulations.

Voltage, current, frequency and protection are marked on the *Type* plate. The voltage tolerance is ± 10%.

◆ For machines, which have been supplied none pre-wired by VIRTUS the electrical connection, is to be carried out in accordance with the enclosed Wiring diagram in the terminal box. When doing this, the regulations of the local electricity authority are to be adhered to. The cable cross section required is to be determined according to the rated capacity of the units.

WARNING



When operating specific equipment caution must be taken to prevent electrical shock. Installation, service, alterations and or modifications must only be done by qualified personal and with up most safety. Not conforming to the requirements could result in bodily injury, death or costly damage.

HINT



Alterations to the wiring diagrams from VIRTUS require our approval. Failure to do this will exclude all guarantee claims.

The wiring schematics are located in the control panel in the event that the control panel is a part of the delivery.

Connection of Emergency Stop button

The machine may only be operated with installed Emergency Stop buttons. In the case that no Emergency Stop buttons have been installed at the factory, an Emergency Stop button must be installed at the control cabinet, the second at the grinding material in feed.

Checking the rotational direction

Checking the rotational direction is part of the machine checks before initial start-up (see chapter of same name). The steps prior to this check must be carried out beforehand.

- ♣ Switch the machine on and then immediately off again for a short time (see Switch on machine and Switch off machine).
- ◆ Observe whether the discharge air fan in the drive motor is rotating in the direction of the attached direction arrow.

HINT



If running in the wrong direction, reconnect the motor connection immediately. Damage to the machine will result from operation in the wrong direction.

Machine check prior to initial start-up 6.5

Che	eck	See chapter
1.	When granulator is open, check the knife	Replacing and checking the cutting knife
	mounting screws using a torque wrench.	mountings.
2.	Search the grinding chamber for foreign	Cleaning the machine.
	matter.	
3.	Open the suction trough on the housing	Emptying the screen
	lower section and check whether the	
	screen has been inserted in accordance	
	with the regulations.	
4.	Close granulator upper section and fasten	Opening and closing the granulator.
_	screws tightly.	Part P. Assassarias
5.	Examine in feed device (accessories) for	Part B: Accessories.
6.	foreign matter.	
0.	Check that the <i>Emergency Stop buttons</i> are unlocked.	
7.	Check all safety devices for proper	Checking the protective devices.
ļ · ·	functioning.	Checking the protective devices.
8.	Switch on machine for a short time and	Installing the machine.
	check rotational direction. The rotational	
	direction can be seen at the discharge air	
	fan of the drive motor (observe running	
	direction arrow).	
9.	Allow machine to run for approx. 10	Switch on machine.
	minutes without grinding material.	
10.	(Part B: Accessories.
	in feed device (accessories), check	
44	rotational direction of blower.	Managed in face of a family allows are a family
11.	Feed grinding material uniformly. Too	Manual in feed of grinding material.
	much grinding material can lead to	
12	overload of the machine.	
12.	If necessary, check the temperature of the ground material.	
<u> </u>	ground material.	

7 **OPERATION**

Have you read and understood the operation manual, in particular the safety advice in the chapter on? You may not operate the machine until you have done so!

TIP



Should faults occur during work with the machine, please observe the advice in the chapter Troubleshooting.

Machine checks before switching on the machine 7.1

Che	eck	See
1.	The knives are properly set and the screws are tightened with the specified torque.	Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings.
2.	The screen is inserted into the screen support in accordance with the rules and the screen support is held fixedly at the end position due to the tightened mounting screws.	Emptying the screen. Replacing the screen.
3.	The grinding chamber is free of foreign matter.	Cleaning the machine.
4.	The suction trough below the screen support is closed.	Emptying the screen. Error! No bookmark name given. Replacing the screen.
5.	The hopper is closed.	Error! Not a valid result for table.
6.	All safety devices including those of the installed grinding material in feed and discharge devices are checked and operative.	Checking the protective devices.

7.2 Switch on machine

- 1. Switch on the grinding material discharge device (accessories).
- 2. Switch on the granulator (main switch to 1).
- 3. Switch on the grinding material in feed device (accessories).

7.3 Switch off machine

- 1. Switch off the grinding material in feed device (accessories).
- 2. Wait until the remaining grinding material has been ground, then switch off the granulator, (main switch to 0).
- 3. Switch off the grinding material discharge device (accessories).

7.4 Manual in feed of grinding material

riangleDANGER



Rotating knives.

Can cause serious cutting and crushing injuries, possibly leading to death.

Do not reach into the in feed hopper or lean in whilst the rotor is running (pay attention to the 3 minute run down time). Only use approved grinding material.

◆ Throw the grinding material into the grinding chamber through the splash guard.

If in your design of machine an additional in feed device is installed, please observe the additional information for work with and on the in feed device Part B: Accessories.

8 **MAINTENANCE**

Safety advice 8.1

Trained specialist personnel may only carry out work included within the framework of maintenance. Carry out the maintenance work within the specified time and document this. The machine will thank you for this by providing high reliability.

riangleWARNING



Danger caused by electrical voltage and starting the machine during maintenance work. Mortal danger.



Therefore, as a basic rule when carrying out maintenance work:

Main switch to 0, safeguard using padlock and attach a warning sign.

8.2 Maintenance plan

The tasks for maintenance work are described in detail in this chapter.

Maintenance work	Oh = Operat	Oh = Operation hours	
	Every 7 Oh	Every 35 Oh	If necessary
Check protective devices for proper functioning.	Х		
Clean machine.			х
Check cutting knife mountings.	X		
Check the main bearings (bearing clearance, lubricant renewal).			х
Lubricant replacement, lubricant renewal	See Lubrica	tion interval	s:
Check "V"-belt tension force and "V"-belt condition.		Х	
Check condition of cutting knives.	Х		
Check all screws of the machine for a tight fit.		Х	
Check wearing parts.		Х	

Yearly maintenance

The purpose of yearly maintenance of the machine is primarily to check the general condition of the machine and to arrange for the supply of any necessary replacement parts in good time. A service engineer from Virtus Equipment can also carry this out on request.

8.3 Checking the protective devices

For this, see also the chapter *Protective devices*.

Check the safety devices for:

- Stipulated condition,
- Stipulated location,
- Safe mounting,
- Stipulated function.

riangleWARNING



Danger due to non-functioning protective devices. Serious injury or death can result.

- Eliminate all defects before you put the machine into operation!
- . If defects occur during operation, stop the machine immediately and eliminate the defects!
- Do not change or remove any protective devices. Do not put any protective devices out of action by modifying them.

8.4 Opening and closing the hopper

The hopper can be opened by hand for maintenance work and for cleaning. It is connected with the granulator lower section by means of a joint.

8.4.1 Opening the hopper

Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Switch off the granulator at the main switch, safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ◆ Open the threaded spindle



Illustration: Hopper (opened)



8.4.2 Closing the hopper

Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Clean all surfaces between the hopper and the cutting chamber with a hand brush.
- ◆ Check that there are no objects in the grinding chamber.
- ◆ Close the hopper slowly to ensure that all parts fit properly.
- ◆ Tighten the threaded spindle.
- ◆ Machine can be started again.

8.5 Cleaning the machine

∴WARNING



Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.

Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.

Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Open hopper (see Opening the).
- ◆ Remove the screen.

WARNING



Inhalation of grinding dust which is dangerous to the health. This can result in injury to the respiratory tract.

Never blow out the grinding material residue, use suction instead.

Wear breathing protection if necessary.

- ◆ Pre-clean the grinding chamber using a hand brush.
- ◆ Suck up the remaining grinding material residue using a suitable. suction device.
- ◆ Remove clinging grinding material residue using a suitable wooden scraper.
- ◆ Put the screen into the screen support.
- ▶ Put the screen support into its working position
- ♣ Rotate in the threaded spindle

8.6 Replacing the main bearing

Due to the rotor stars are mounted directly on the drive shaft, the machine has only one flange bearing. The main bearing of the machine is dimensioned so that a bearing replacement is only necessary in exceptional cases. Dismounting and mounting of the bearing requires specialist knowledge and a careful working method. Therefore, in addition to the following advice, please observe the instructions given in the installation manual of the bearing manufacturer.

The bearing mounted in this machine is indicated in the spare parts list. A requirement for dismounting and mounting the bearings is a suitable pulling-off device.

8.6.1 Dismounting the main bearing

To dismount the bearings proceed as follows:

The parts which are marked with a piece number are illustrated in the drawings of the spare parts list!

- ◆ Loosen the bearing mounting screws and take them out.
- ◆ Open the set screw on the bearing.
- ▶ Remove the bearing off the rotor axis using a pulling-off device.

8.6.2 Mounting the main bearing

To mount the bearings proceed as follows:

- ▶ Before mounting, clean the bearing surfaces and the shaft surfaces thoroughly and grease lightly.
- ◆ Attach the bearing housing to the rotor axis.

HINT



- During mounting, the mounting forces must always engage into the inner ring, otherwise the roller bodies will be damaged.
- The hardened bearing rings are sensitive to impact stress. For this reason, never hit directly on the rings with the hammer, use instead preferably a brass arbour or better still a striking bush (piping piece) made from a soft material. The inner diameter of the striking bush should be only slightly larger than the diameter of the bearing base.
- The bearing is then pushed onto the shaft using light blows. When doing this, the force of pressure must be evenly distributed on the circumference of the bearing ring.
- ♣ Fix mounting screws
- ◆ Carry out a test run.

8.6.3 Lubricating the main bearings

An important requirement for high operational safety and long service life of the arrangement of bearings is the correct lubricant supply. Every VIRTUS machine is greased and checked in test runs before delivery.

HINT



Unsuitable lubricant, lubricant deficiency, excessive lubrication or impurities in the lubricant lead to overheating and thus extreme wear of the bearings.

8.6.4 **Lubrication intervals:**

Relubrication of Y-bearing units is only required if

- are exposed to high humidity or severe contamination
- have to carry high loads
- have to run at high speeds or at temperatures above +55 °C for longer time

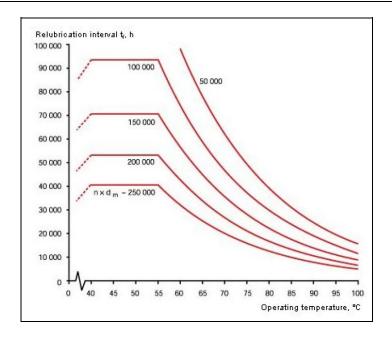
relubrication is required to enable the whole Y-bearing service life.

The relubrication interval t_f can be estimated from the diagram 1 as a function of the rotational speed n (r/min), the mean diameter of the bearing d_m (table) and the operating temperature (°C). The recommended intervals correspond to a time when 90% of the bearings are still reliably lubricated, and represent L_{1 0} grease life. When the L_{1 0} grease life is equivalent to or higher than the L₁₀ basic rating life of the Y-bearing or Y-bearing unit, bearing or unit can be considered as being lubricated for life and relubrication is not required.

The intervals obtained from the diagram 2 are valid for Y-bearings and Y-bearing unit

- on horizontal shafts
- in stationary machines
- for operating temperatures between +40 and +55 °C
- at low loads (C /P ≥ 15).

Illustration: Diagram 1



Vibrations have an influence on the grease life too. The extent cannot be quantified exactly but it is noticeable at rising operating temperatures. Also when the operating temperatures are below +40 °C for longer periods, the grease life is shortened because the oil separation is reduced.

The values for reducing the relubrication intervals are estimated values.

In cases where machines and equipment are used for a limited period of time, it is recommended that they should be relubricated at the end of the operational period, i.e. immediately before being laid up.

8.6.5 Check lubricant quality

You can judge whether the lubricant needs to be replaced by checking for the following features:

- change in consistency,
- discolouration.
- · degree of soiling.

8.6.6 Replacing or refilling lubricant

HINT



When relubricating, the grease should be pressed in slowly to the running bearing until fresh grease escapes from the seal. Avoid excessive pressure as this can damage the seals.

To find out which lubricants from which manufacturers you can use, look in the List of lubricants.

Refilling lubricant

For relubrication of standard Y-bearing units the use of SKF grease LGWA 2, which is fully compatible with the original grease, is recommended. The multipurpose SKF greases LGMT 2 and LGMT 3 are also compatible with the original grease and may also be used for relubrication.

Illustration: Grease nipple



8.6.7 **List of lubricants**

Country of manufacture / manufacturer	Roller bearing grease
ARAL	ARAL Grease HL 3
BP	BP ENERGREASE LS 3
CASTROL	CASTROL SPHEEROL AP 3
ESSO	Beacon 3
FUCHS	FUCHS Grease 1200 FUCHS Grease FWA 220
SHELL	SHELL Alvania Grease 3
MOBIL-OIL	MOBILUX 3
WISURA	WISURA Liba L 3
Zeller & Gmelin	ZET GE Grease M 50
FAG	FAG L 71
ANTAR Petroles de l'Antlantique	ROLEXA
Holland, Beverol	Beverol Multi Purpose Grease
Italy, Agip	AGIP Grease 33 FD
Swede, NYNÄS	Nynäs FI 3-42

8.7 Replacing the screen

In order to keep the throughput of the granulator and the quality of the grinding material constant, the condition of the screen must be checked regularly.

The screen may be damaged, dirty or not suitable for the grinding material:

- Screen holes too fine: overheating of the grinding material.
- Screen holes too course: parts in ground material which are too big.

Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Switch off the granulator at the main switch, safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ◆ Open the closing lever at the suction trough
- ◆ Take out the suction trough
- ◆ Unfasten the screen support mounting clamps
- ◆ Take out the screen support
- ◆ Remove the screen.
- ◆ Put new screen into the screen support.
- ▶ Put the screen support into the working position and fasten using the mounting clamps.
- **Ψ** Fix the suction trough.
- ♣ Granulator can be started again

Illustration:

(1) Screen support

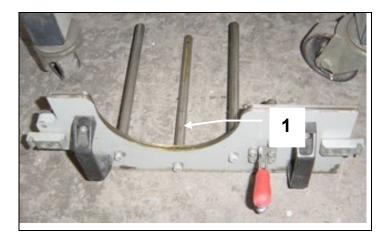
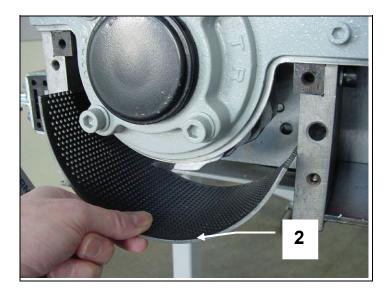


Illustration: (2) Screen



Working on the cutting knives 8.8

In the case of granulators, the correct grinding properties, correct setting and mounting of the cutting knives are important factors to ensure perfect functioning and economic operation of the machine.

8.8.1 Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings

Due to their function, certain machine parts are subject to stress in their operating state as a result of vibrations, which can lead to loosening of the screw connections. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to check the cutting knife mounting screws in accordance with the Maintenance plan.

◆ Tighten the mounting screws on the cutting knives using a torque wrench which is set to the required torque for the screw size. The required torque for the knife fixing bolts is 41 Nm.

You can find out the required torque from the following table. Take note too that the tightening capacity decreases of screws which have been loosened and tightened again several times. New screws of the same material quality must therefore replace the cutting knife mounting screws after they have been loosened and tightened several times.

Torque:

Bolt type	Grade	8.8	Grade	10.9	Grade	12.9
	Nm	lbf ft	Nm	lbf ft	Nm	lbf ft
M8	25	18.4	35	25.8	41	30.2
M10	49	36.1	69	50.9	83	61.2
M12	86	63.4	120	88.5	145	106
M16	210	154	295	217	355	261

8.8.2 Checking the condition of the cutting knives

⚠WARNING



Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.

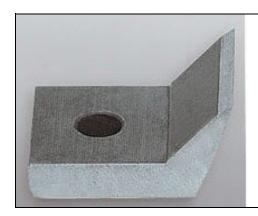
Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.

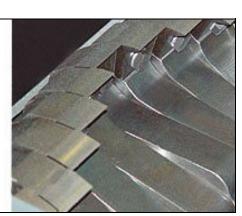
The cutting knives become blunt after a certain number of operation hours. Therefore they should be checked regularly.

Using blunt knives has the following consequences:

- Decreased grinding capacity.
- Increased current consumption of the drive motor.
- Inexact cut.
- Overheating of the ground material.

Rotor knives:





8.8.3 Dismounting the cutting knives

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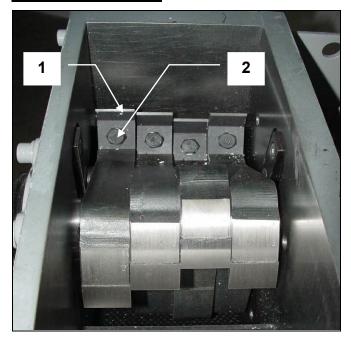
Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.

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Proceed as follows:

Illustration:

- (1) Rotor knife
- (2) Knife mounting screws



- ◆ Open the hopper (see Opening the hopper).
- ◆ Remove suction trough and screen holder.
- ◆ Safeguard the rotor against torsion.
- ◆ Loosen the stator knife mounting screws.
- ◆ Take out the knife mounting screws
- ◆ Put to eye bolt screw into the thread on the end of the stator knives.
- ◆ Take out stator knives
- ◆ Loosen the rotor knife mounting screws.
- ◆ Take out the knife mounting screws and rotor knives.

Illustration:

- (1) Stator knife
- (2) Screw for take out stator knife



8.8.4 Mounting the cutting knives

∆WARNING



Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.

Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.

HINT



The cutting knives, in particular the rotor knives, should only be sharpened or replaced in sets. There is a danger of balance error if a combination of rotor knives from different knife sets is used.

Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Clean the knife supporting surface and threaded holes.
- ◆ Insert sharp knives and push against the setting surface.
- ◆ Screw in the mounting screws DIN933/M8x20/12.9 and tighten using torque wrench.

The required torque for all rotor knife mounting bolts is 41 **Nm** (also see the table under *Replacing and checking the cutting* knife mountings).

- ◆ Screw in the mounting screws DIN912/M10x30/12.9 and tighten using torque wrench.

The required torque for all stator knife mounting bolts is 83 Nm (also see the table under Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings).

♦ Check whether the cutting gap is correct and whether the cutting knives do not collide as you turn the rotor by hand.

TIP



Stator knives from VIRTUS have four symmetrical cutting

This makes it possible to turn the knives and only to sharpen after every fourth knife change.

- ◆ Remove tools and other objects from the grinding chamber.
- ◆ Close the hopper .
- ♣ Fix screen, screen holder and suction trough
- ▶ Switch on the granulator for a short time without grinding material and listen for noises. If you hear unusual noises, determine the cause and eliminate it.

8.8.5 Sharpening cutting knives

TIP



Specialist sharpening of the cutting knives is part of the service offer of VIRTUS.

riangleWARNING



Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.

Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.

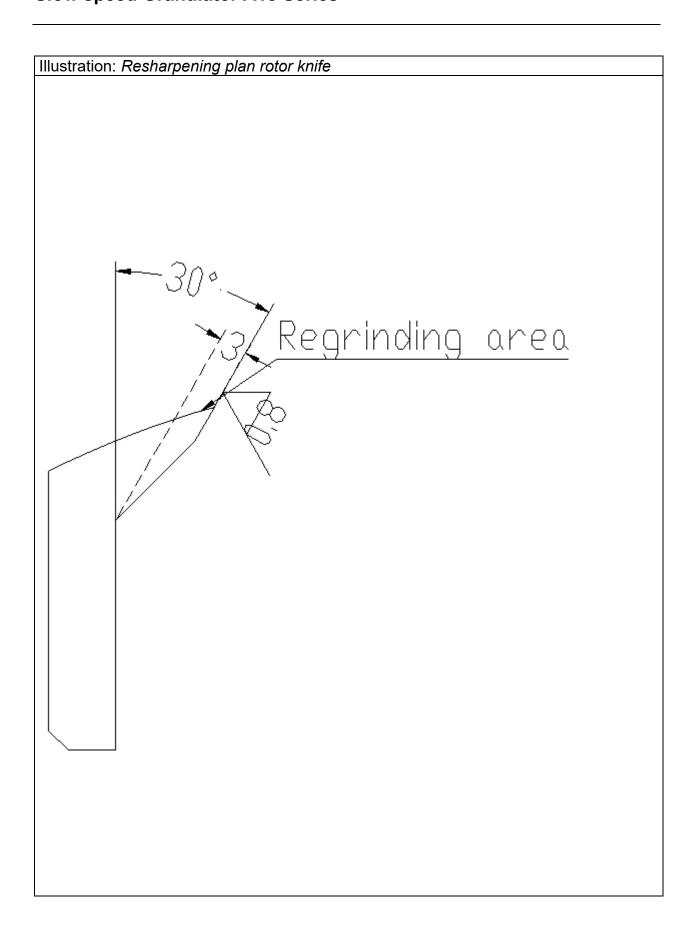
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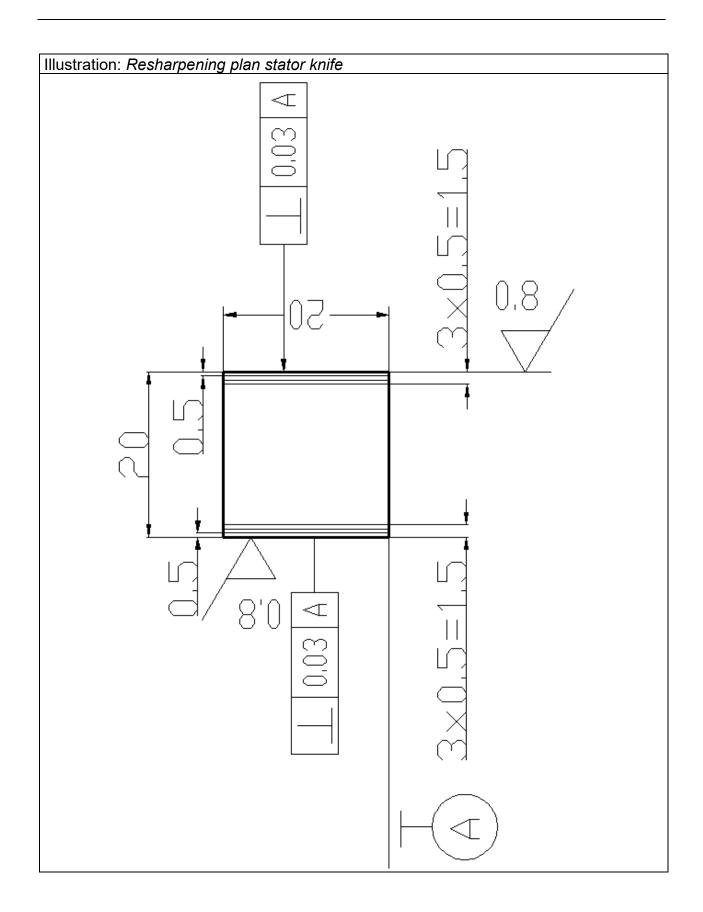


The cutting knives, in particular the rotor knives, should only be sharpened or replaced in sets. There is a danger of balance error if a combination of rotor knives from different knife sets is used.

Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Dismount the cutting knives (see Dismounting the cutting knives).
- ◆ Sharpen the cutting knives.
 - A specialist in accordance with the sharpening plan using particular care should uniformly sharpen the cutting knives mechanically. It is important to make sure that sharpening takes place with small grinding allowance and sufficient coolant supply. The sharpening process is finished when the cutting edge is sharply cut. Not all indentations must be ground out, otherwise the number of possibilities for sharpening is unnecessarily reduced. For the sharpening process, use soft grinding wheels (Quality 40) H or 46 K). Knives, which have grinding cracks, are not to be reused due to danger of breakage during operation.
- ◆ Whet the cutting edges of the cutting knives using a whetstone. By taking these measures, the service life of the cutting knives can be increased.
- ▶ Set the cutting knives (see *mounting the cutting knives*).
- ◆ Mount the cutting knives (see mounting the cutting knives).





8.8.6 Transporting and storing the cutting knives

riangleWARNING



Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives. Serious injury, in particular to hands and fingers, can result. Only transport and store the cutting knives packaged. Grease the cutting knives well, so that they do not rust. Protect the cutting edges with doubled cardboard and use adhesive tape to safeguard the knives against slipping out of the sides of the sheath.

After unpacking, you must degrease the cutting knives so that they can be gripped safely.

9 **TROUBLESHOOTING**

Machine blocks or switches itself off 9.1

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.1.1	Too much feed material.	Reduce grinding material in feed.
9.1.2	Screen blocked.	Clean screen, check condition, if necessary select larger screen perforation.
9.1.3	Knife condition.	Check knives and resharpen or replace if needed.
9.1.4	Cutting gap.	Check cutting gap and set according to the instructions in this operation manual.
9.1.5	Suction trough blocked.	Empty suction trough
9.1.6	Current failure.	Check limit switch for defective contact. Check electrical connection, if necessary tighten limit switch.
9.1.7	Rotational direction of rotor.	Check motor and reverse polarity if necessary.

Rotor does not grip bulky material 9.2

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.2.1	Knife condition.	Check and sharpen if needed according to the instructions in this operation manual.
9.2.2	Protruding bed knife.	Chamfer bed knives; consult with service department of VIRTUS.

9.3 Overheating of the grinding material

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.3.1	Screen perforation too small.	Insert a screen with larger perforation.
9.3.2	Knives blunt.	Resharpen knives.

Unusual vibrations 9.4

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.4.1	Rotor out of balance.	Weigh knives, balance rotor.
9.4.2	Bearing damage.	Check bearings, replace bearings if necessary.
9.4.3	Machine feet defective (wheels).	Check wheels and renew these if necessary.

9.5 Extreme cutter wear

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.5.1	Bearing damage.	Check bearings, replace bearings if necessary.
9.5.2	Knife finish.	Check knife and sharpen or replace if necessary.
9.5.3	Wrong cutting angle.	Check cutting gap and set according to the instructions in this operation manual.
9.5.4	Foreign matter.	Fit feed device with a metal detector.

Bearings too hot 9.6

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.6.1	Too much grease in bearing.	Reduce amount of grease.
9.6.2	Rubbing on housing sealing ring.	Check sealing ring, oil or replace.
9.6.3	Bearing damage.	Check bearings, replace if necessary.
9.6.4	No grease in bearing.	Lubricate bearing.

Too many fines in grinding material 9.7

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.7.1	Type of material.	Fit fines separator.
9.7.2	Screen worn.	Renew screen, possibly using manganese steel.
9.7.3	Unsuitable screen perforation.	Replace screen after consulting VIRTUS service department.

9.8 **Cutting gap alters during operation**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required	
9.8.1	Knife mounting screws not tight.	Retighten using torque wrench in accordance with ta-	
		ble in operation manual.	
9.8.2	Screw fatigue.	Fit new screws.	
9.8.3	Supporting surfaces not clean.	Clean and de-rust supporting surfaces.	
9.8.4	Threads in housing worn.	Fit new bushes in housing.	

Screen damage 9.9

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.9.1	Screen inserted wrongly.	Fit screen correctly.
9.9.2	Screen support buckled.	Replace screen support.

Granulator does not start 9.10

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.10.1	Limit switches not activated.	Check position of limit switch and correct.
9.10.2	Main and control fuses.	Replace fuse.
9.10.3	Residue material in granulator.	Empty granulator before switching on.
9.10.5	Star delta connection.	Correct wiring on motor.

Granulator blocks when under load 9.11

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.11.1	Feed too much.	Feed slowly.
9.11.2	Limit switch loose or wrongly set.	Reposition and tighten limit switch.
9.11.3	Fuse defective.	Replace fuse. Fit larger fuse. Only after consulting the service department of VIRTUS.
9.11.4	Motor fuse switches off - red indicator.	Reduce feed quantity of the grinding material, correct setting, replace fuse.

STORAGE, DISPOSAL, TRANSPORTATION 10

10.1 Storage



Clean the machine (see *Cleaning the machine*). Preserve all polished metal surfaces using a suitable rust preventing agent. Store the machine in an enclosed, dry place. Cover the machine completely with a plastic sheet.

10.2 Disposal



Protect the environment.

The disposal of machines, machine components and process materials is partially subject to legal controls. More detailed information is given at the relevant administrative authority (e.g. regional and national Water Conservation Bureaux and Environmental Protection Agencies). Only deposit the material to be disposed of at authorized drop-off points.

10.3 **Transportation**

riangleWARNING





Suspended load.

Falling loads can cause serious injury or death.

Only use a crane or forklift truck, which is suitable for the weight and dimensions of the loads.

Also use suitable stopping means and pay attention to the gravity centre location.

Do not step under the suspended load.

Wear a protective helmet in addition to your basic protective gear.

11 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SPARE PARTS ORDERS



Should problems occur during operation of the machine or if you have general questions about the machine which this operation manual cannot answer, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be pleased to help you further in order to solve your problem as quickly as possible.

You can identify the spare parts you require using the spare parts list. Please quote the following information when making your order so that we can deliver the spare parts to you quickly:

- Company name and address.
- · Contact person.
- Machine type.
- Machine number.
- Piece number of the spare part.
- Spare part reference.
- Subject number.
- Order quantity.

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TIP



The easiest way to order your spare parts is to copy the spare parts list and to fill in the order amount after the respective spare part.

12 **SPARE PARTS LIST A18/12**

Pos.	Рс	Description/Standard	Partnumber/SAP	Order
100		Machine complete	10000000	
101	1	#1 Standard hopper	20450000	
		#3 T-hopper	20452500	
		#4 UK		
102	1	Cutting chamber	20460000	
102.1	1	Cutting chamber Part 1 - drive side		
102.2	1	Cutting chamber Part 2 - bearing side		
102.3	1	Cutting chamber Part 3 - front side		
102.4	1	Cutting chamber Part 4 - back side		
103	1	Suction #1 low frame		
		Suction #2 high frame		
104	1	Clamp PC-213U	80003290	
105	2	Clamp PC-431	80003300	
106	2	Scraper	80012570	
107	4	Bolts for scraper DIN7991 M6x12 8.8	80011610	
108	2	Wheel Ø80 no brake	80003990	
109	2	Wheel Ø80 with brake	80003980	
110	1	Low Frame	20463000	
		High Frame	20463500	
111	2	Handle	80013120	
112	1	Hopper locking screw	20482100	
113	1	Frame for PE BOX(High Frame)	20463400	
114	1	PE Box(High Frame)	80012890	
200		Screen		
201	3	Long screen support bar	20461000	
202	2	Short screen support bar	20461100	
203	1	Screen Ø 6	20481000	
204	1	Front plate		
300		Bearing		
301	1	Bearing housing complete SBFC207	80003160	
400		Drive		
401	1	Motor 2.2KW 380V50HZ	80020035	
500			00400700	
500	1	Rotor assembly	20460720	
501	1	Round nut GB810 M45×1.5	80012960	
502	1	Clamping Washer GB858	80012980	
503	1	Front sleeve GSL1812-02-02-01	20460400	
504	1	Back sleeve GSL1812-02-02-02	20460500	
505	1	Key DIN6885-1	20460600	

506	12	Rotor Knife	80001030	
507	12	Bolt DIN933 M8×20 12.9	80009610	
508	12	Washer DIN127-8	80010840	
600	2	Stator knife	80001290	
601	4	Bolt DIN912 M10×30 12.9	80011150	
700		Electrical parts		
701	3	Safety switch AZ15zvrk-1476-1	80005560	
702	1	Control panel	10002000	

13 **SPARE PARTS LIST A18/18**

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102.3	1	Cutting chamber Part 3 - front side			
102.4	1	Cutting chamber Part 4 - back side			
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		Suction #2 high frame			
104	1	Clamp PC-213U	80003290		
105	2	Clamp PC-431	80003300		
106	2	Scraper	80012570		
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110	1	Low Frame	20463000		
		High Frame	20463500		
111	2	Handle	80013120		
112	1	Hopper locking screw	20482100		
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400		Drive	
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507	18	Bolt DIN933 M8×20 12.9	80009610
508	18	Washer DIN127-8	80010840
600	2	Stator knife	80001270
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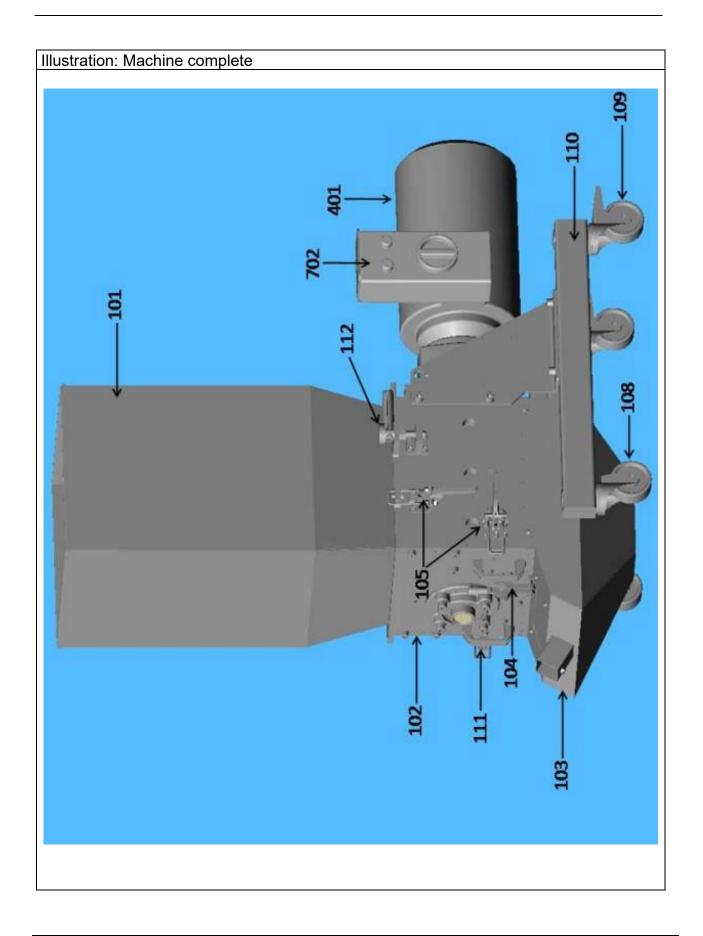
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		High Frame	20463500		
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112	1	Hopper locking screw	20482100		
113	1	Frame for PE BOX(High Frame)	20463400		
114	1	PE Box(High Frame)	80012890		
200		Screen			
201	3	Long screen support spindle	20560400		
202	2	Short screen support spindle 20461100			
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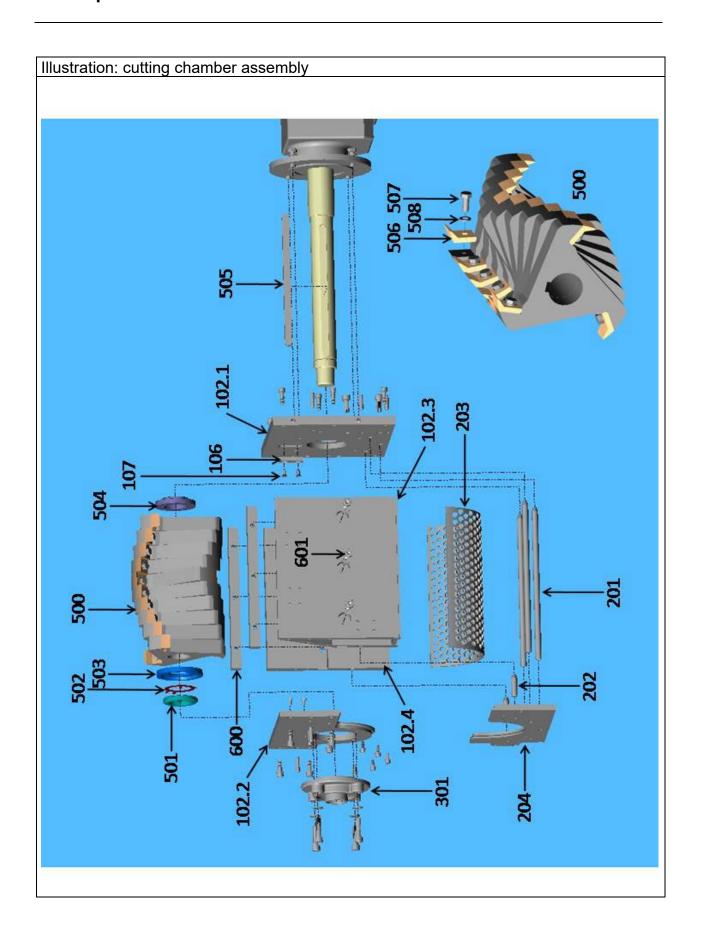
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501	1	Round nut GB810 M45×1.5	80012960
502	1	Clamping Washer GB858	80012980
503	1	Front sleeve GSL1818-02-02-01	20510200
504	1	Back sleeve GSL1818-02-02-02	20510300
505	1	Key	20560300
506	30	Rotor Knife	80001030
507	30	Bolt DIN933 M8×20 12.9	80009610
508	30	Washer DIN127 8	80010840
600	2	Stator knife	80001250
601	6	Bolt DIN912 M10×30 12.9	80011150
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15 **SPARE PARTS LIST A18/43**

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		#3 Thai-hopper	20602000		
		#4 UK			
		#5 AMIS			
102	1	Cutting chamber	20610000		
102.1	1	Cutting chamber Part 1 - drive side			
102.2	1	Cutting chamber Part 2 - bearing side			
102.3	1	Cutting chamber Part 3 - front side			
102.4	1	Cutting chamber Part 4 - back side			
103	1	Suction #1 low frame			
		Suction #2 high frame			
104	1	Clamp PC-213U	80003290		
105	2	Clamp PC-431	80003300		
106	2	Scraper	80012570		
107	4	Bolts for scraper DIN7991 M6x12 8.8	80011610		
108	2	Wheel Ø80 no brake	80003990		
109	2	Wheel Ø80 with brake	80003980		
110	1	Low Frame	20613000		
		High Frame	20613500		
111	2	Handle	80013120		
112	1	Hopper locking screw	20482100		
113	1	Frame for PE BOX(High Frame)	20463400		
114	1	PE Box(High Frame)	80012890		
200		Screen			
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202	2	Short screen support spindle	20461100		
203	1	Screen Ø 6	20630300		
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16 **CLARIFICATION FOR PERSONAL TRAINING**

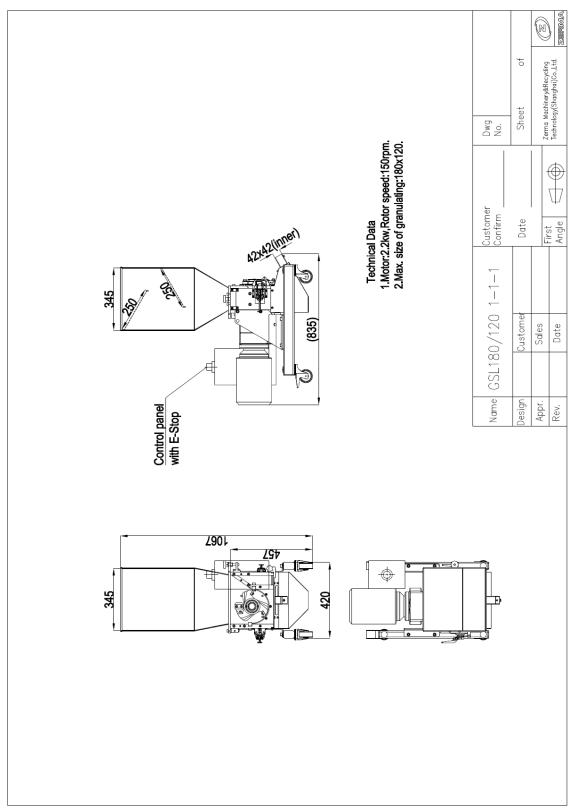
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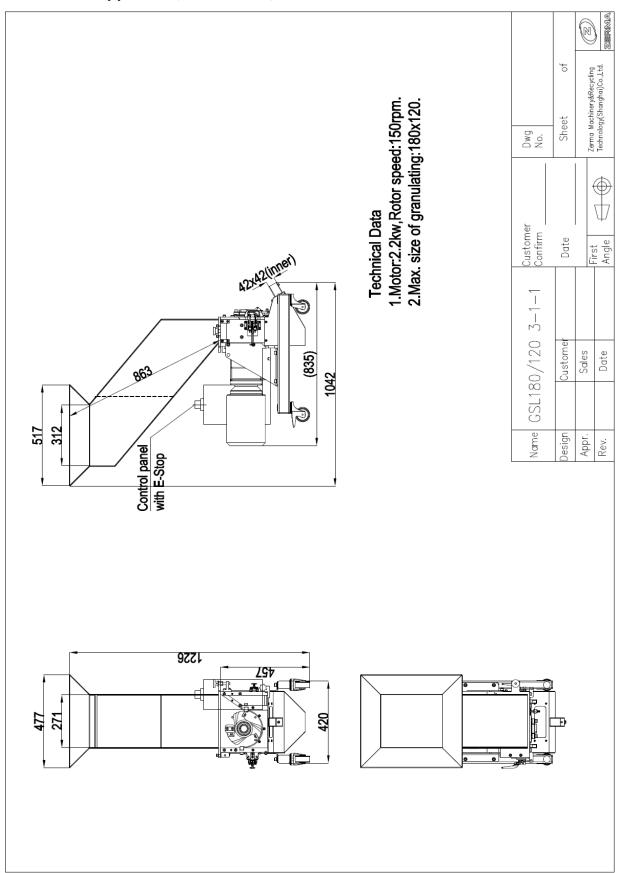
17 STANDARD MACHINE LAYOUTS

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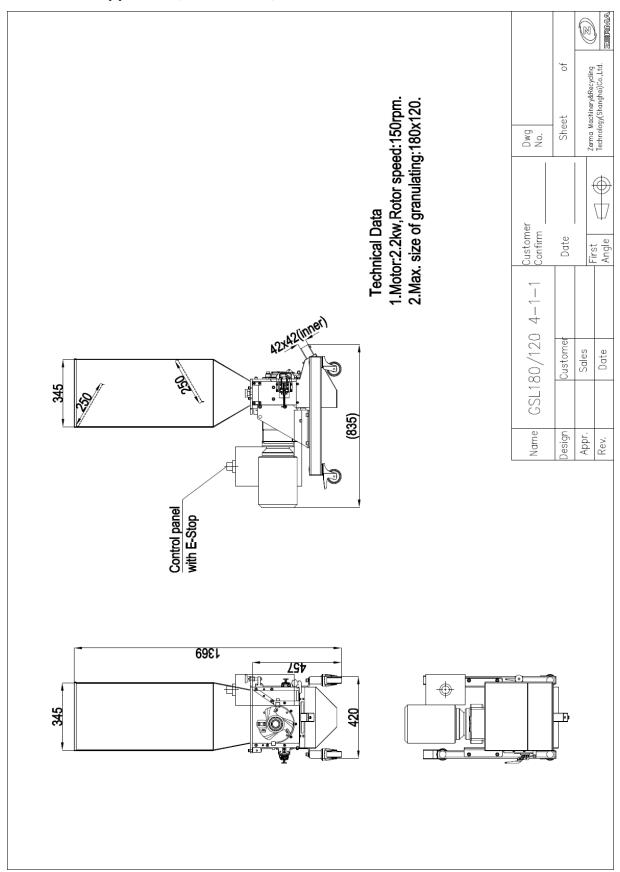
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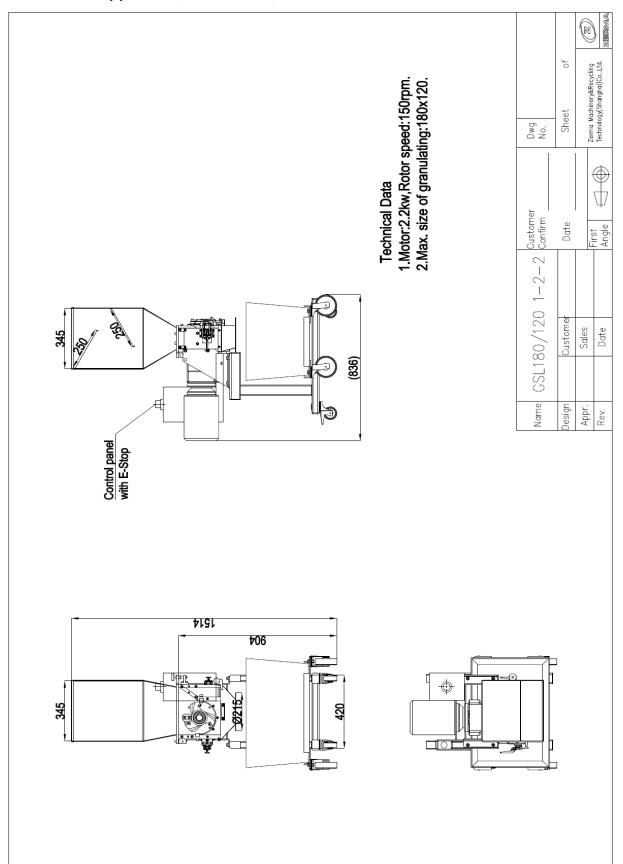
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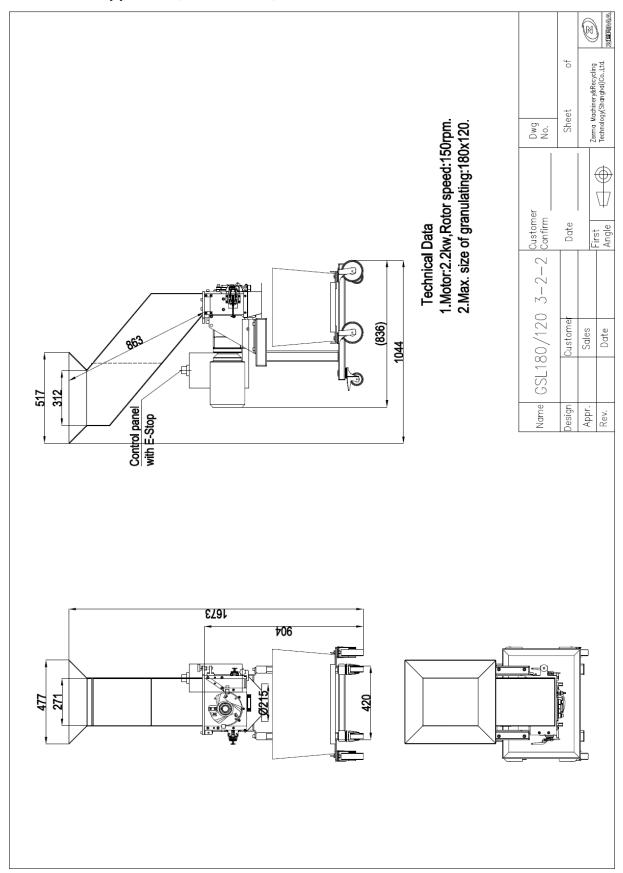
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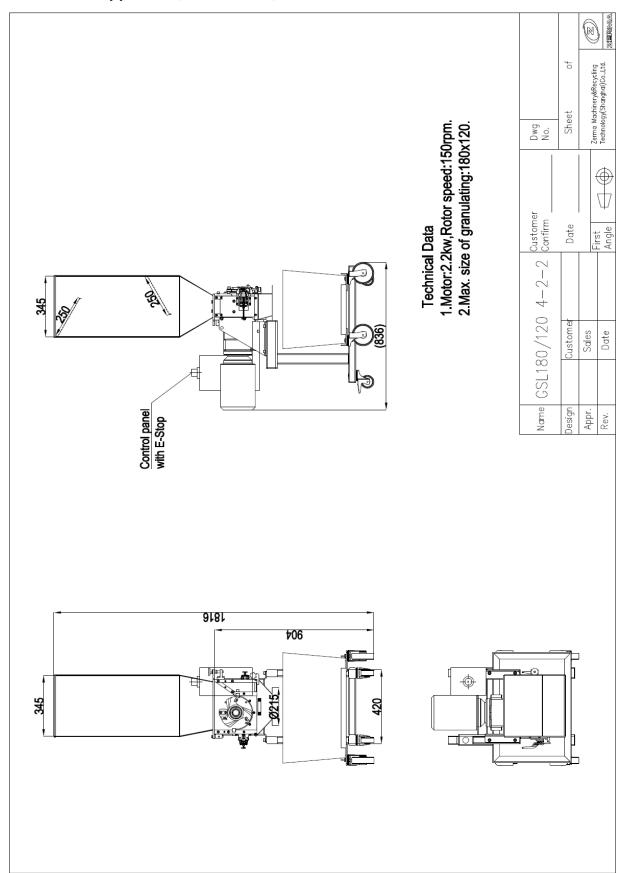
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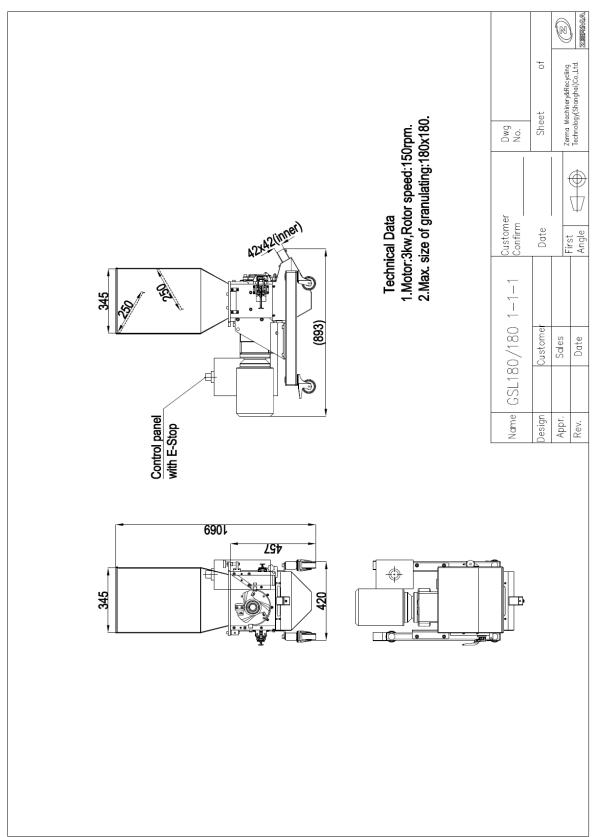


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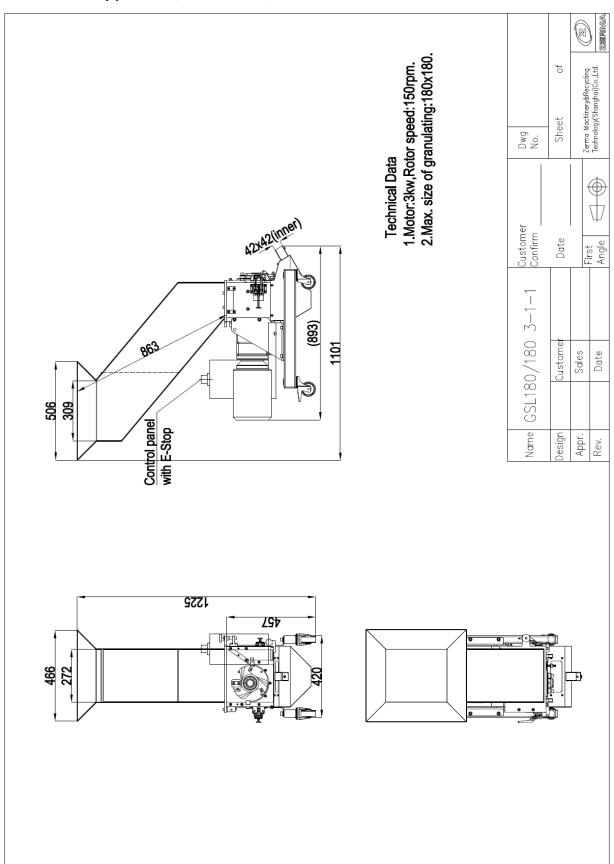


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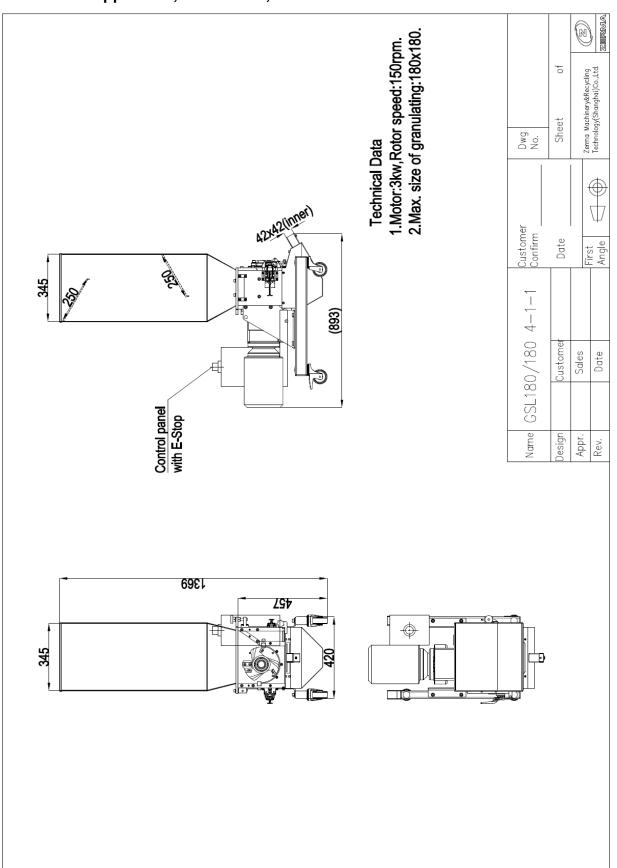
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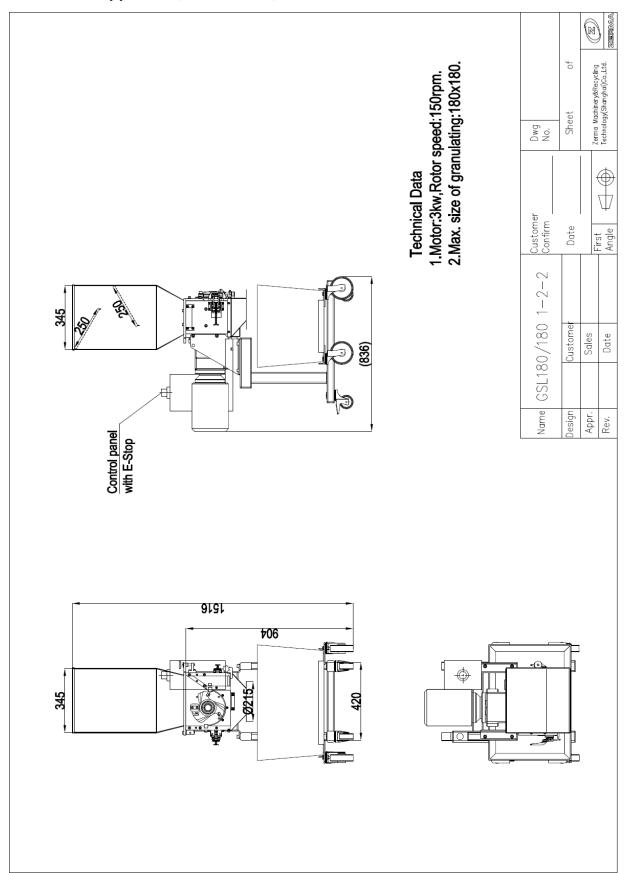
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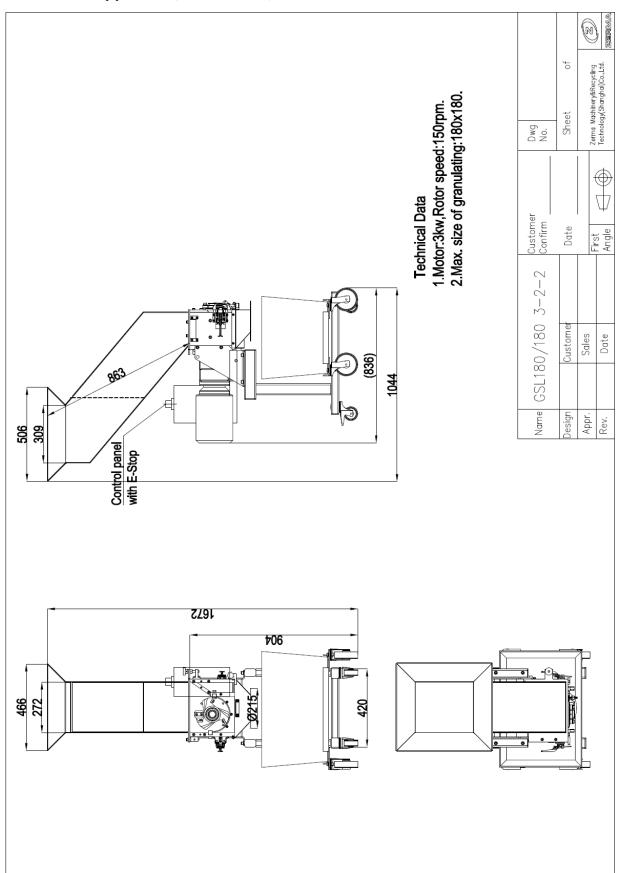
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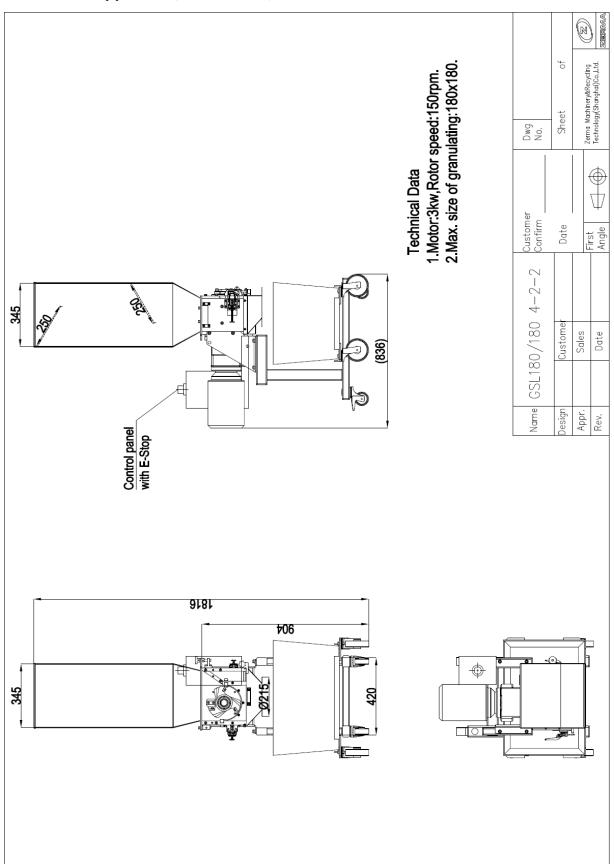
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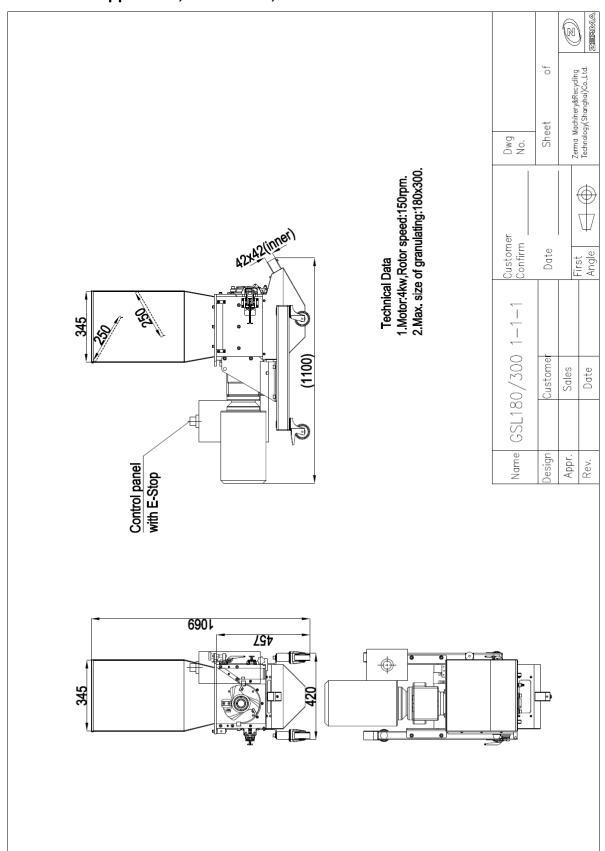


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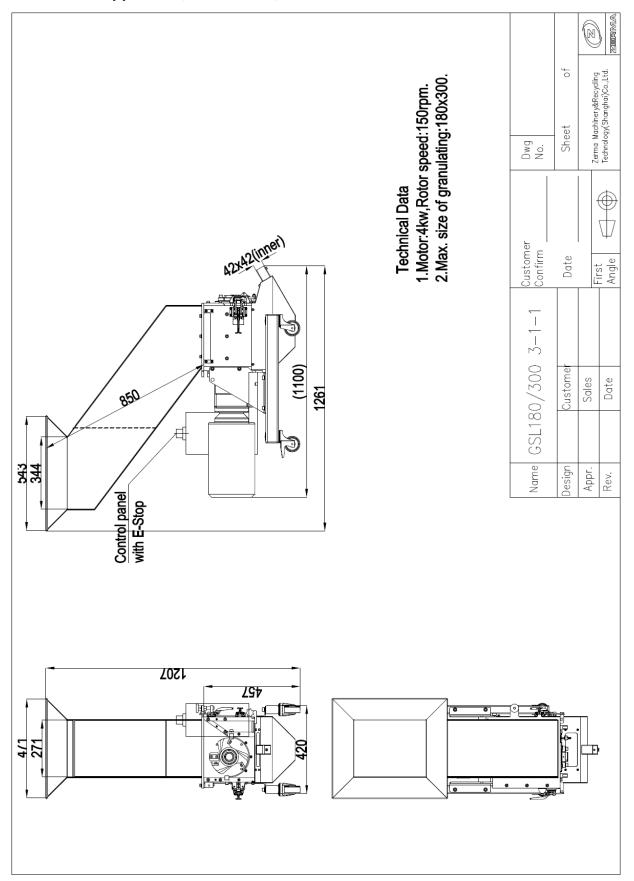


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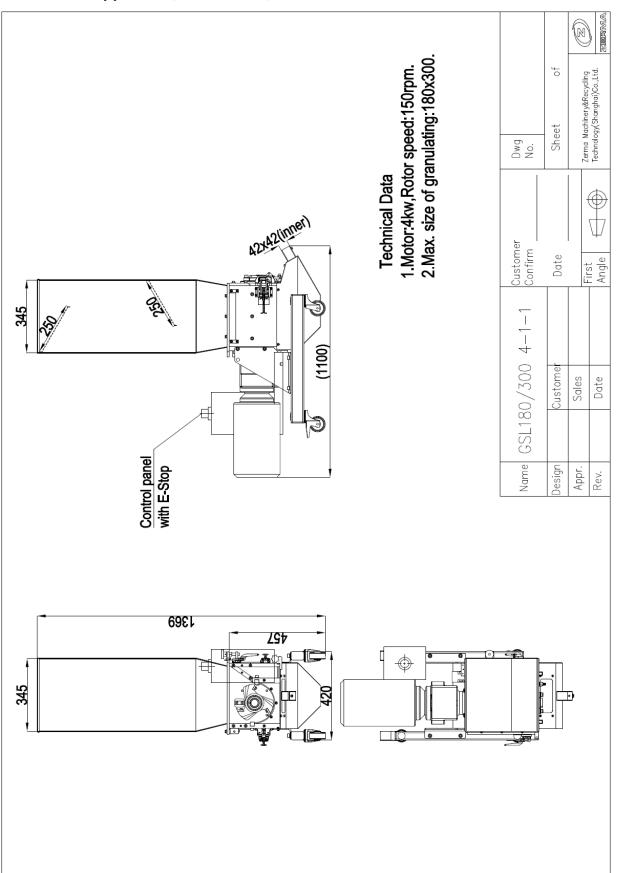
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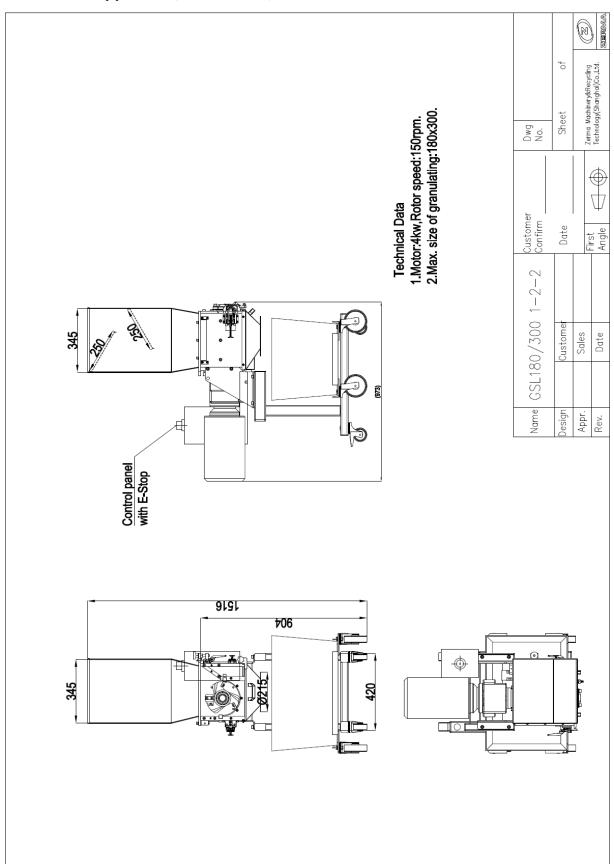
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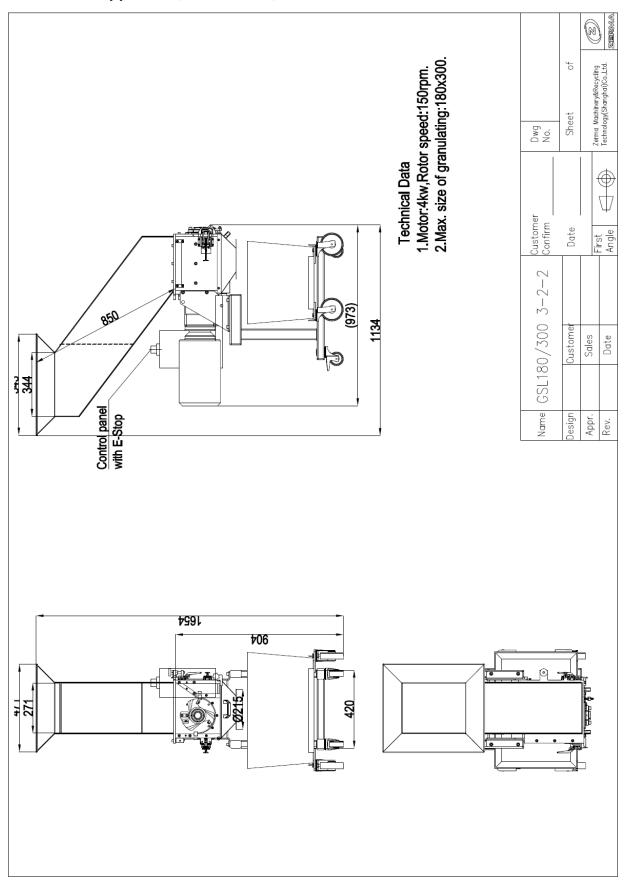
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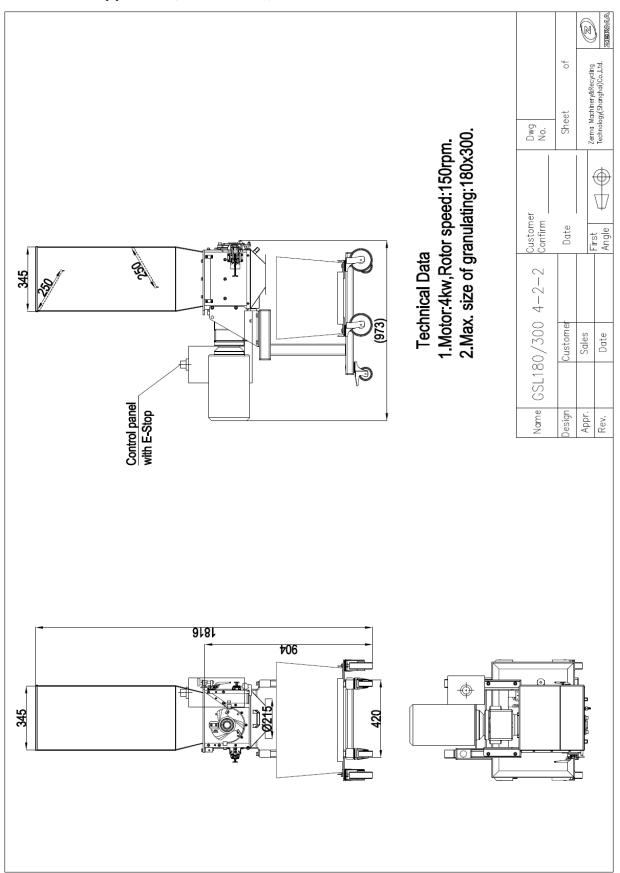
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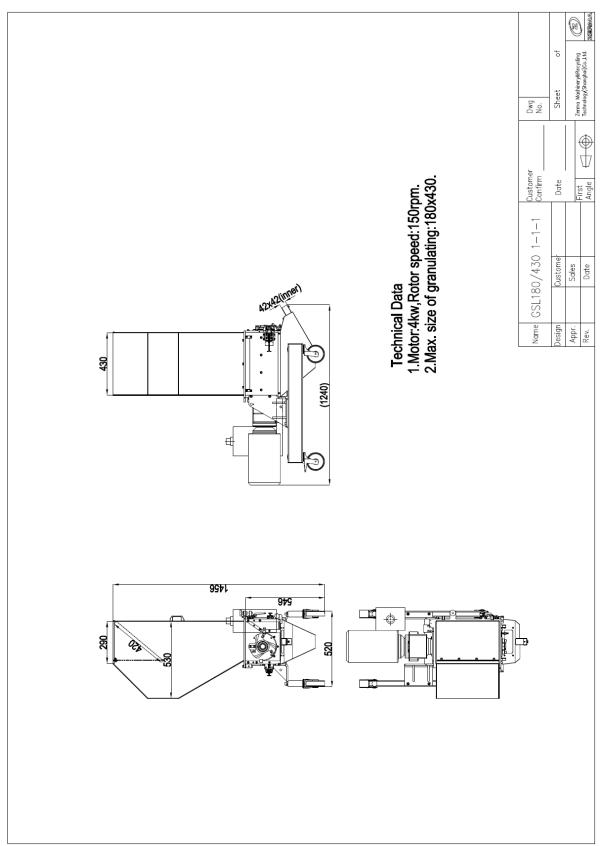


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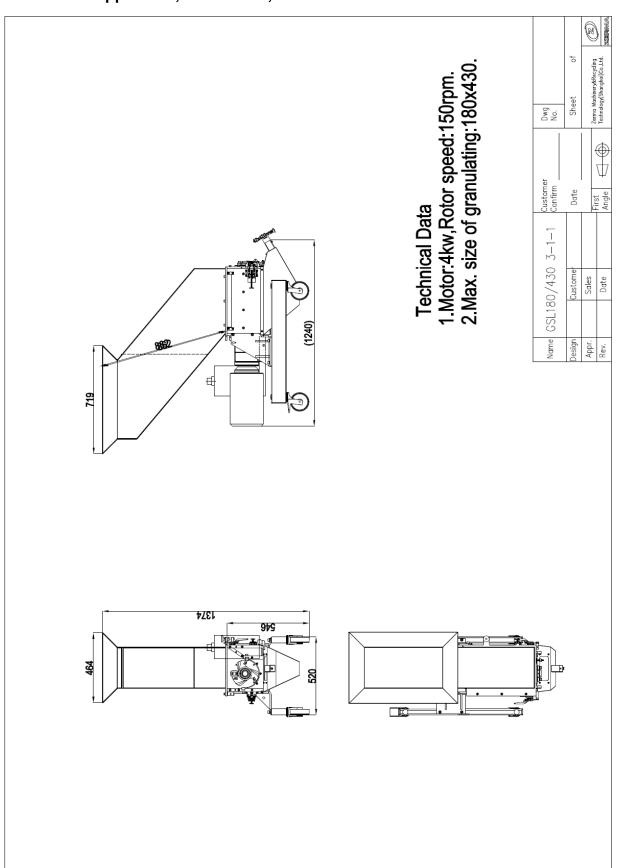


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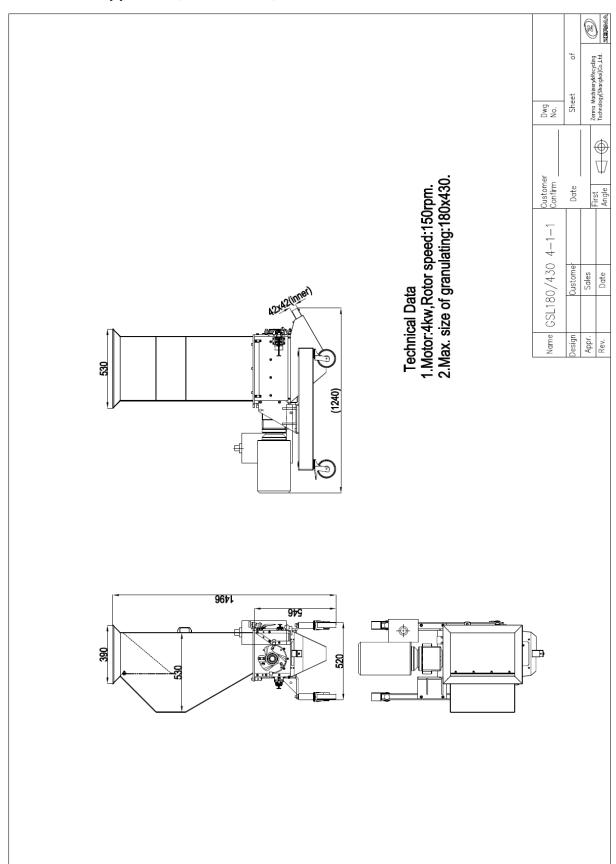
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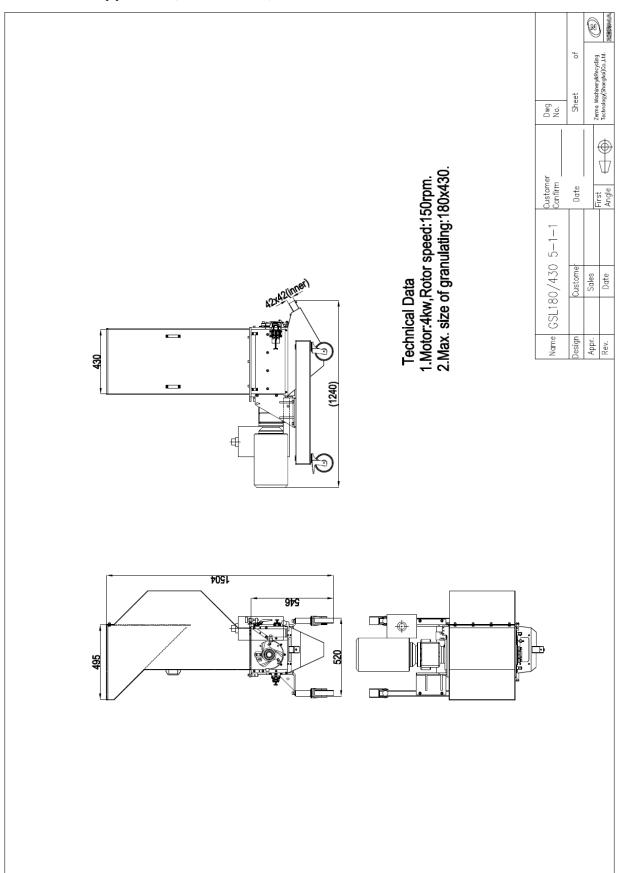
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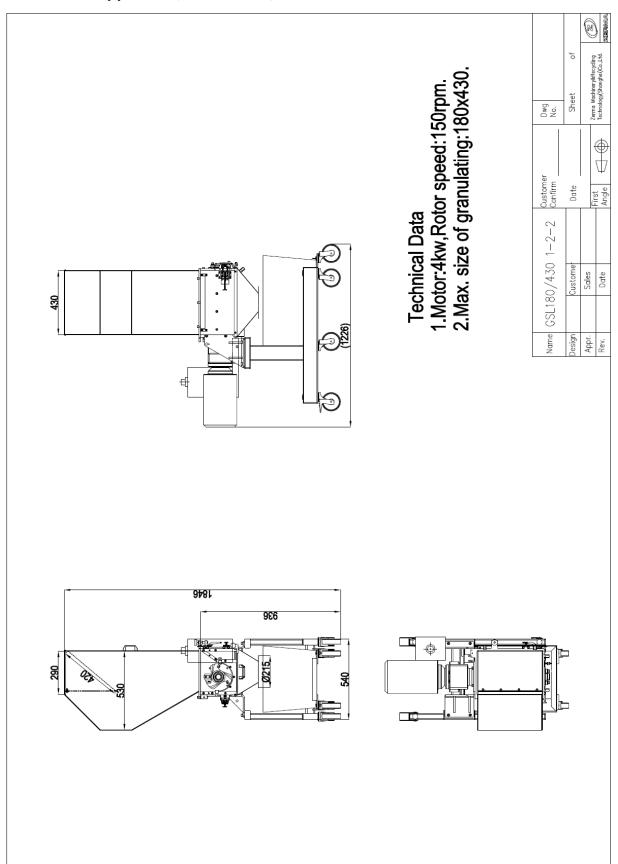
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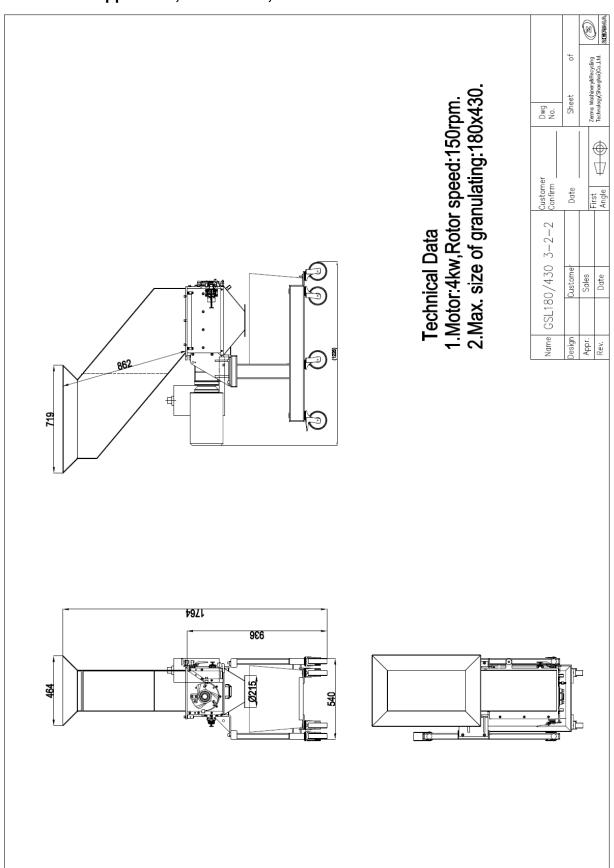
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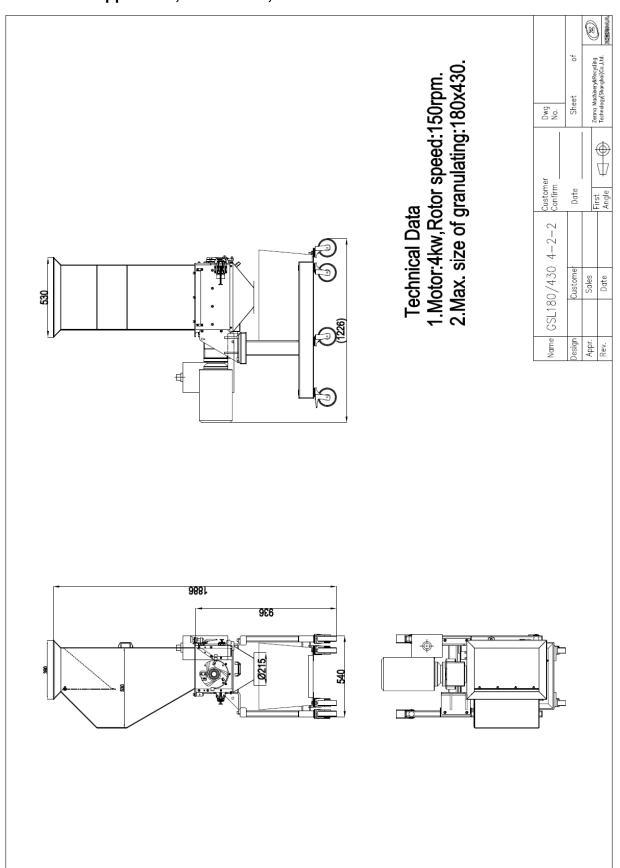
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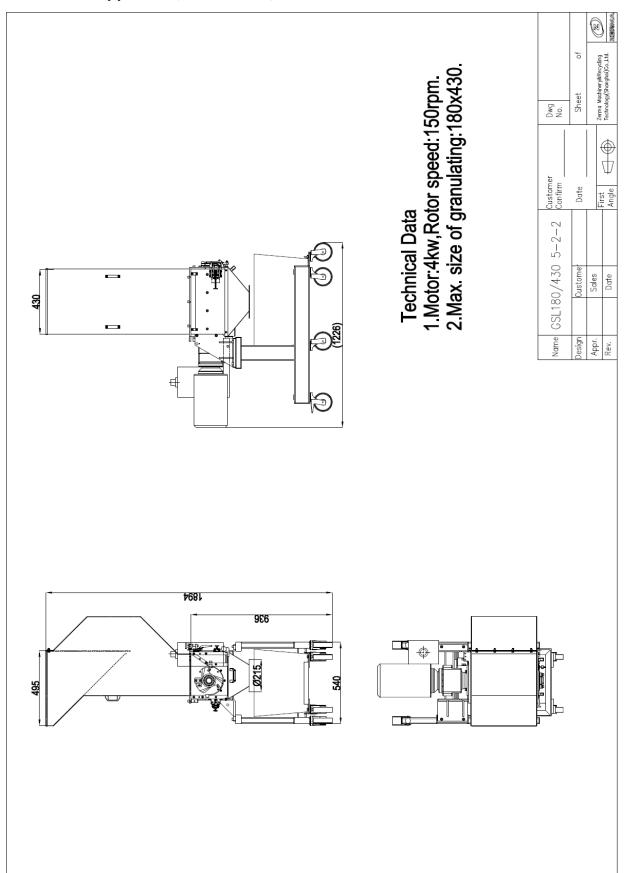
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17.4.7 Hopper Nr 4, Frame Nr 2, Suction bin Nr 2

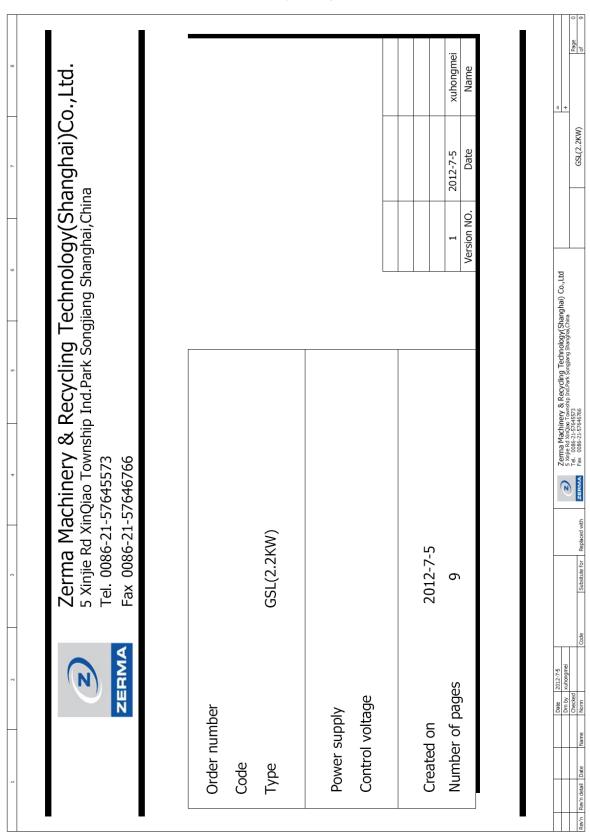


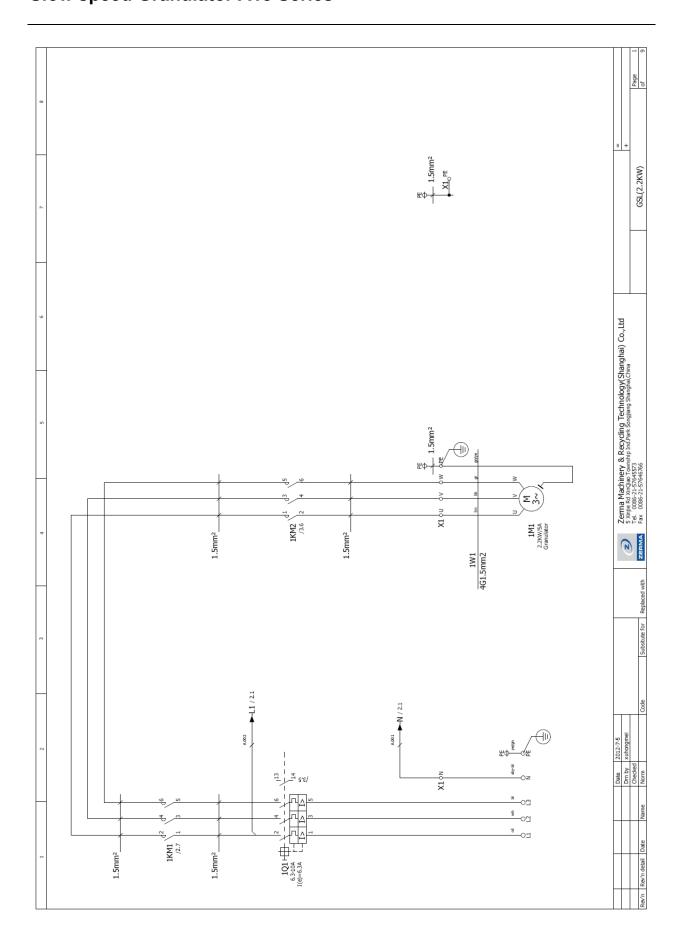
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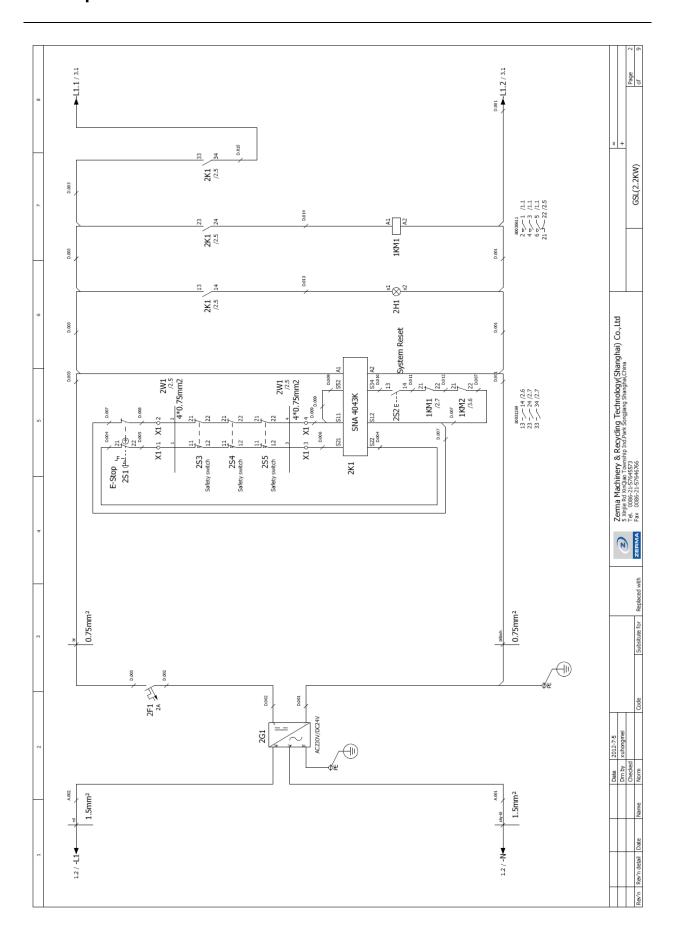


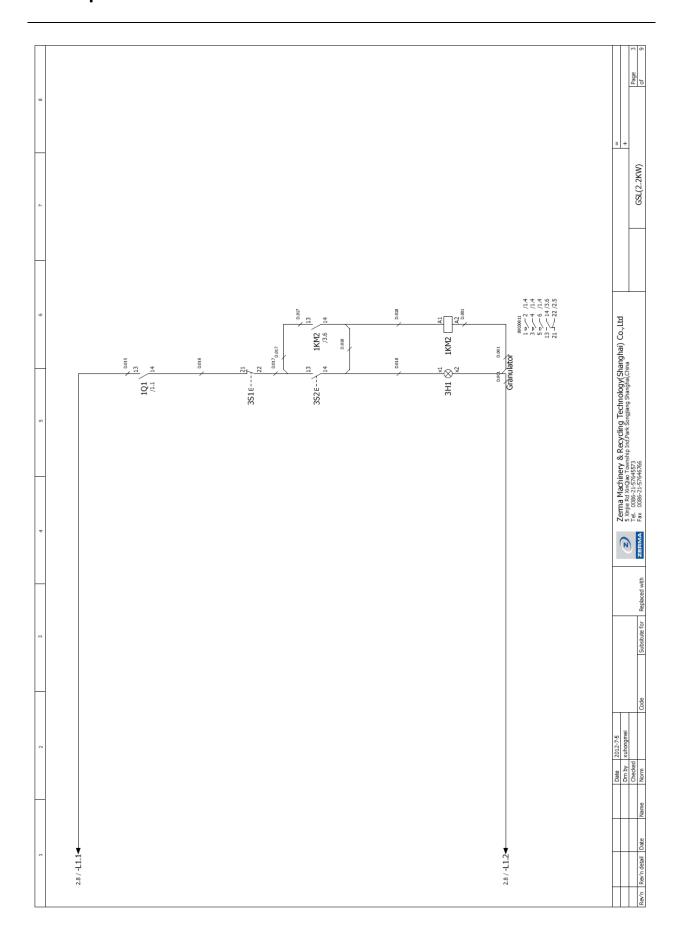
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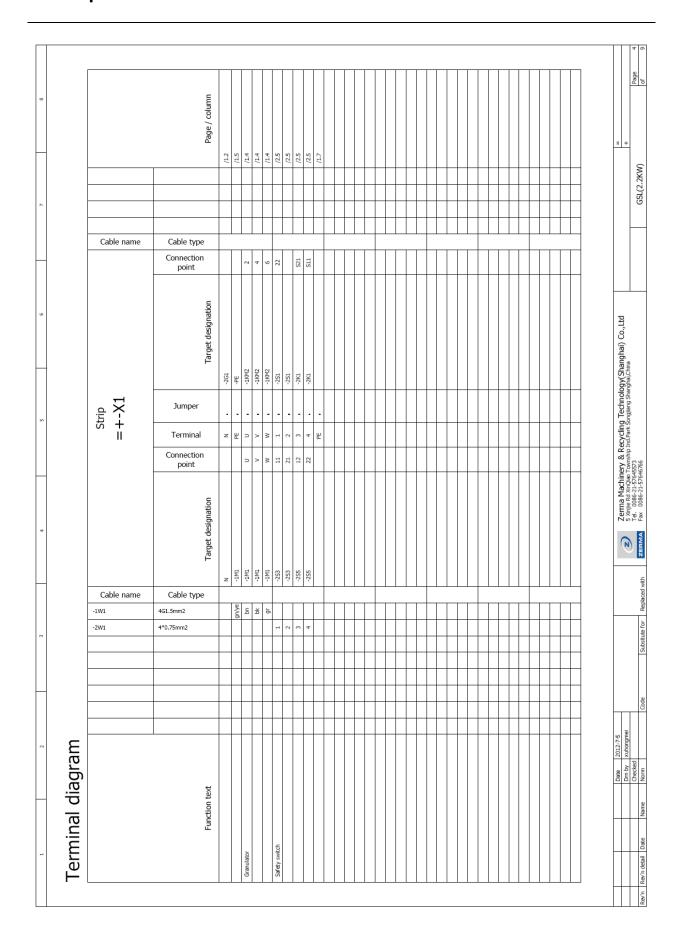
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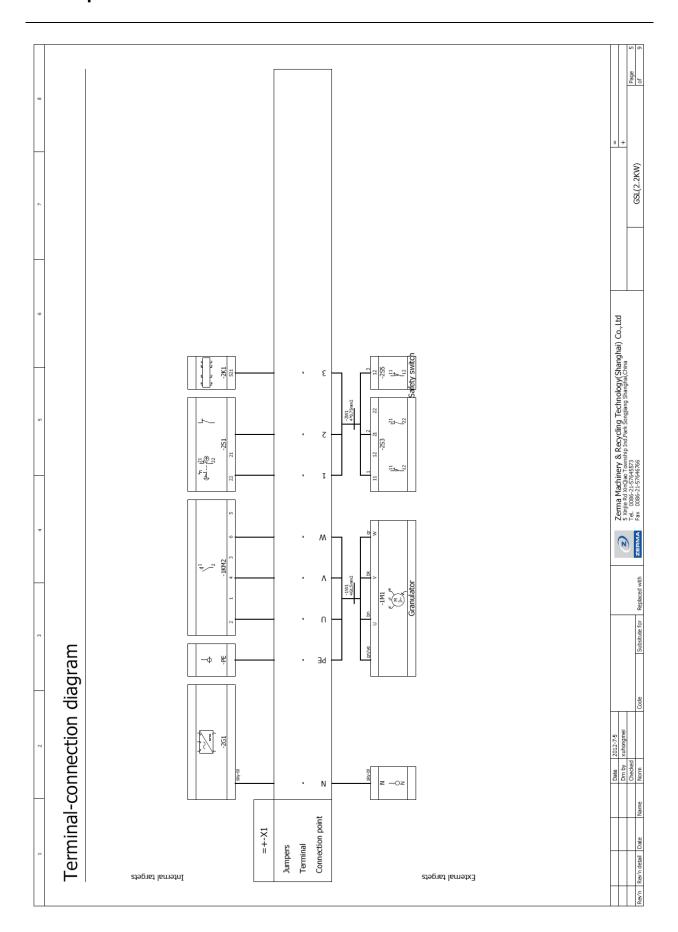


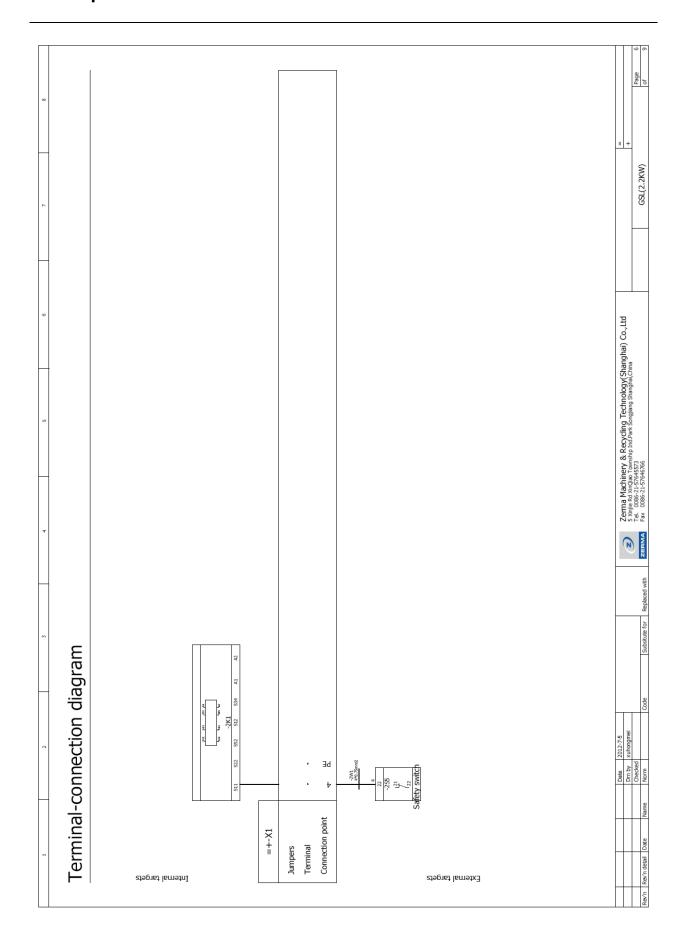








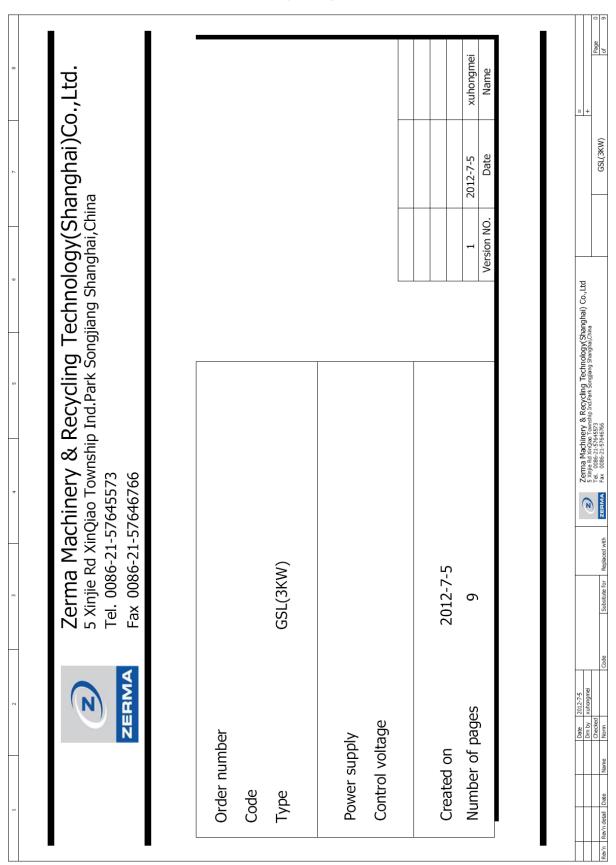


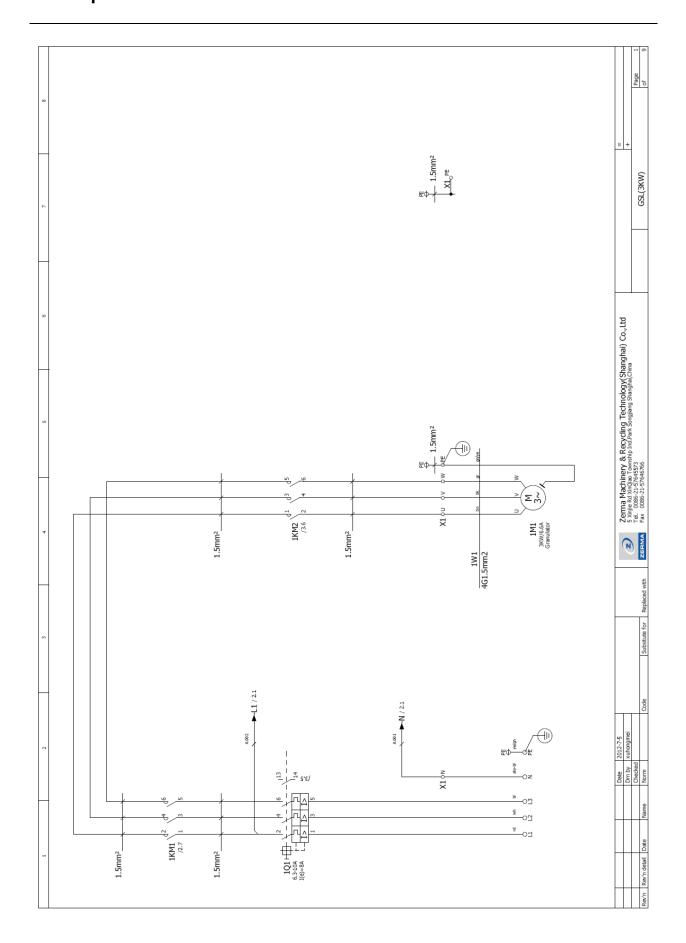


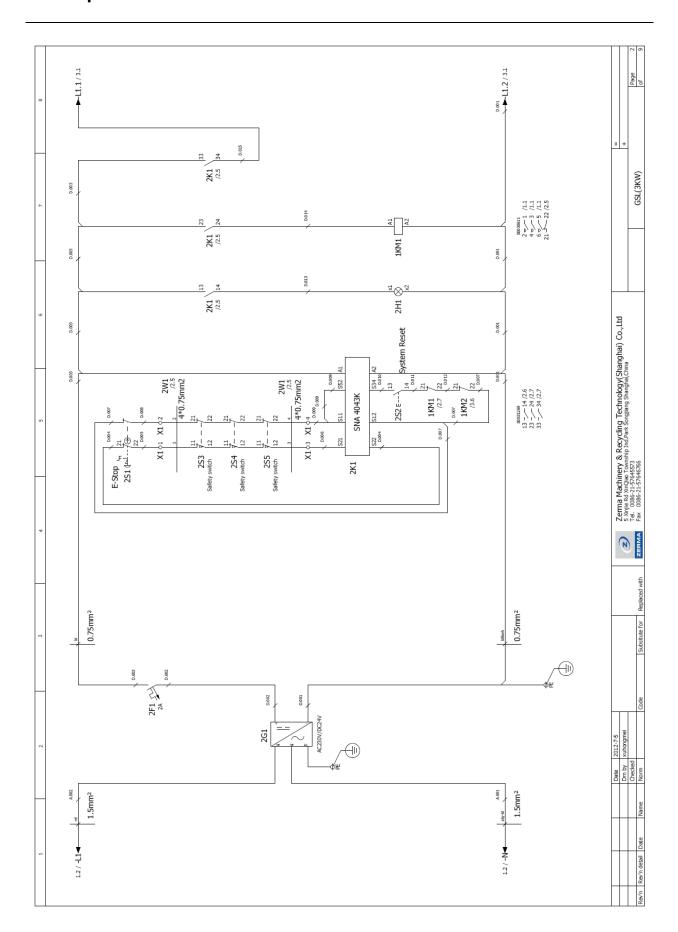
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80031186	1	PE busbar	3×17/5 piece		Leipole
80031372	1	Mould case circuit breaker DC2A	PL9-C2-DC	2F1	Moeller
80031257	1	Power supply 48W DC24V 2A	CP SNT 48W 24V 2A	261	Weidmuller
80005940	2	Fixing adapter	M22-A	241;251;341;351;352	Moeller
80030309	1	Lable	M22-XST	2H1	Moeller
80030308	1	Lable mount	M22S-ST-X	241	Moeller
80031028	1	Indicator&pushbutton(white)	M22-DL-W	241	Moeller
80005470	т	Contact element NO	M22-K10	2H1;3H1;3S2	Moeller
80008130	2	Bulb&lamp socket (white/yellow)	M22-LED-W	241;341	Moeller
80031027	1	Double actuator	M22-DDL-GR-X1/X0	3H1	Moeller
80005450	4	Contact element NC	M22-K01	251,3H1,351	Moeller
80031269	1	Safety monitoring DC24V	SNA 4043K(DC24V)R1.188.1680.0	2K1	Wieland
80030611	2	Power contactor	DILM9-10C(24VDC)	1KM1;1KM2	Moeller
80030725	2	Auxiliary contact module	DILM32C-XHI11	1КМ1;1КМ2	Moeller
80031043	1	Motor-protective circuit breaker	PKZMC-10	101	Moeller
80005110	1	Auxiliary contact	NHI11-PKZ0	101	Moeller
80031019	1	Emergency stop actuator	M22-PV	251	Moeller
80030438	ъ	Safety switch	AZ16-02ZVRK	253255	Schmersal
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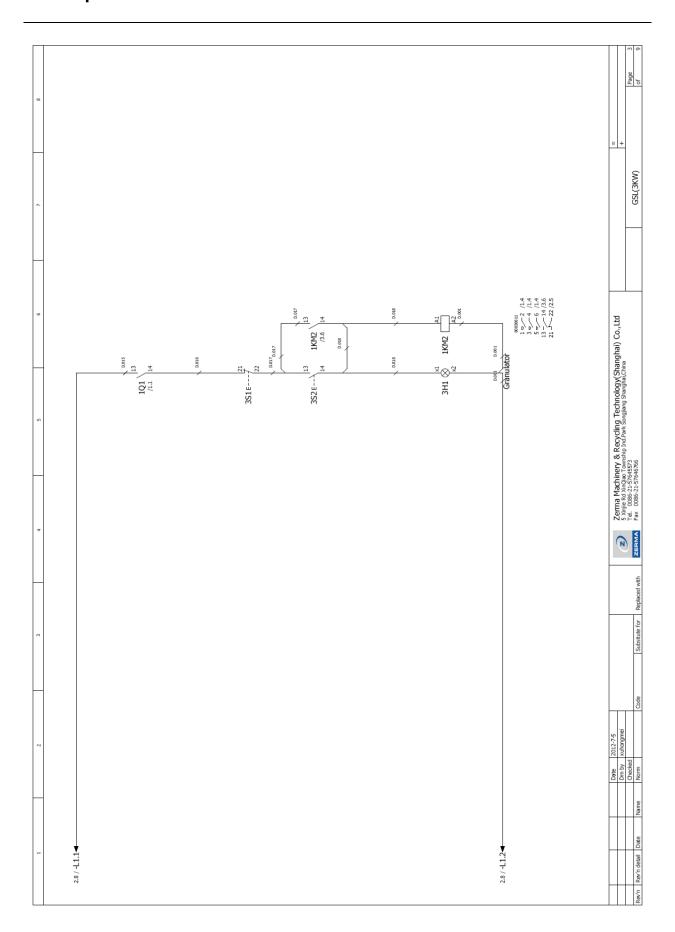
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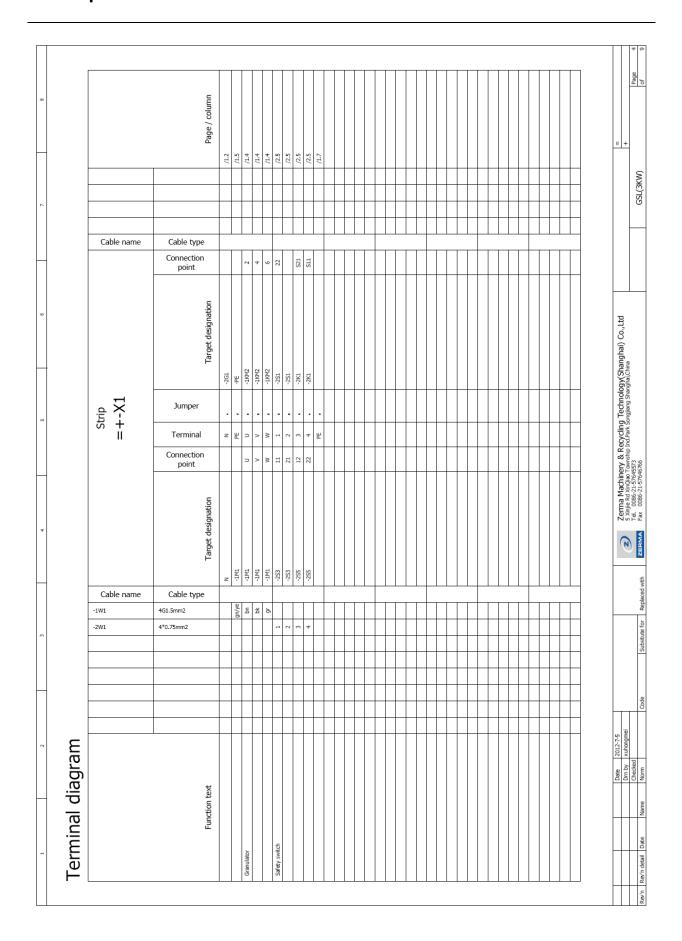
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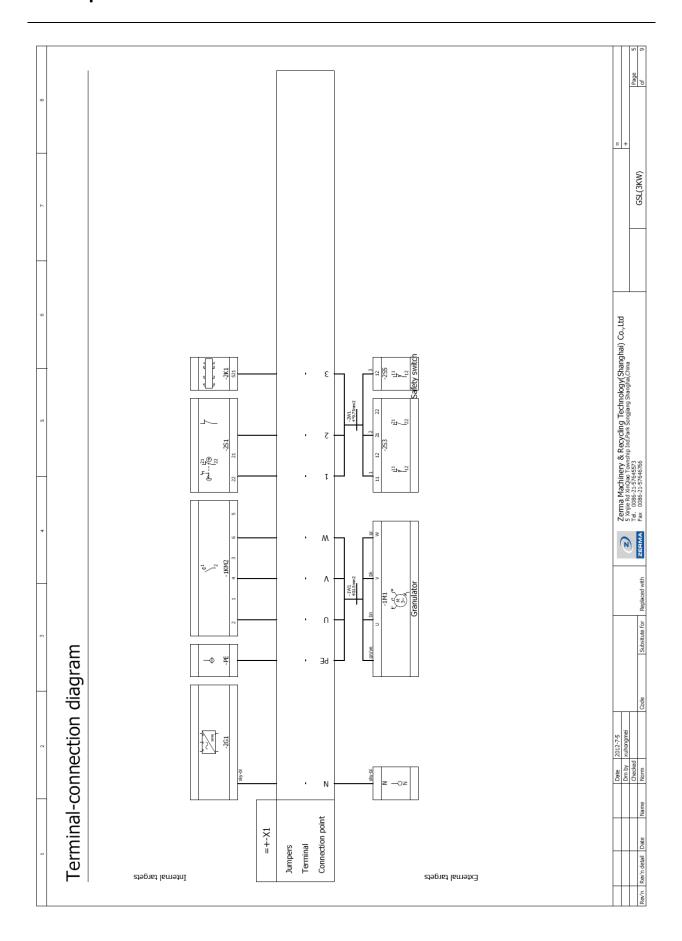


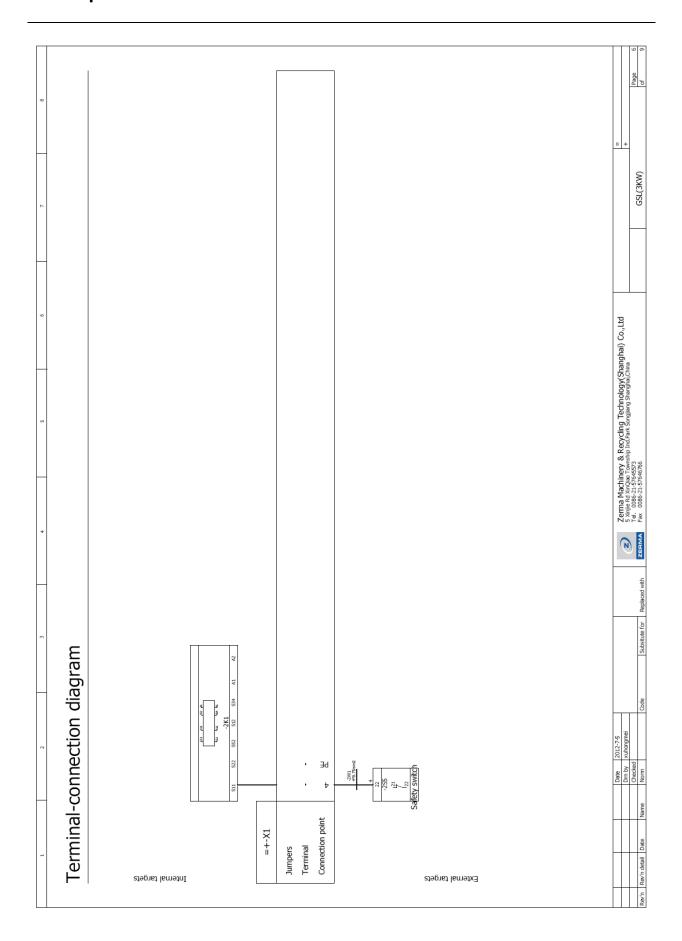








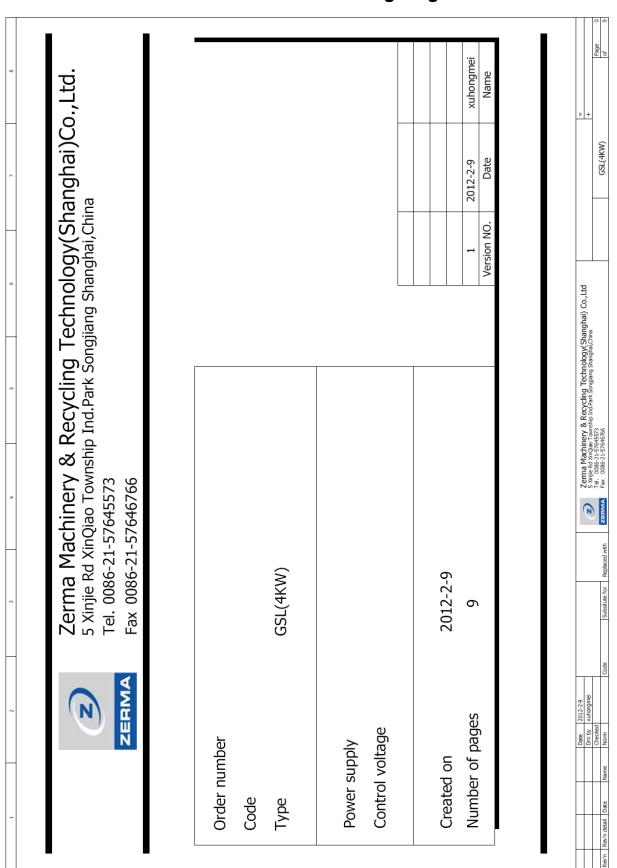


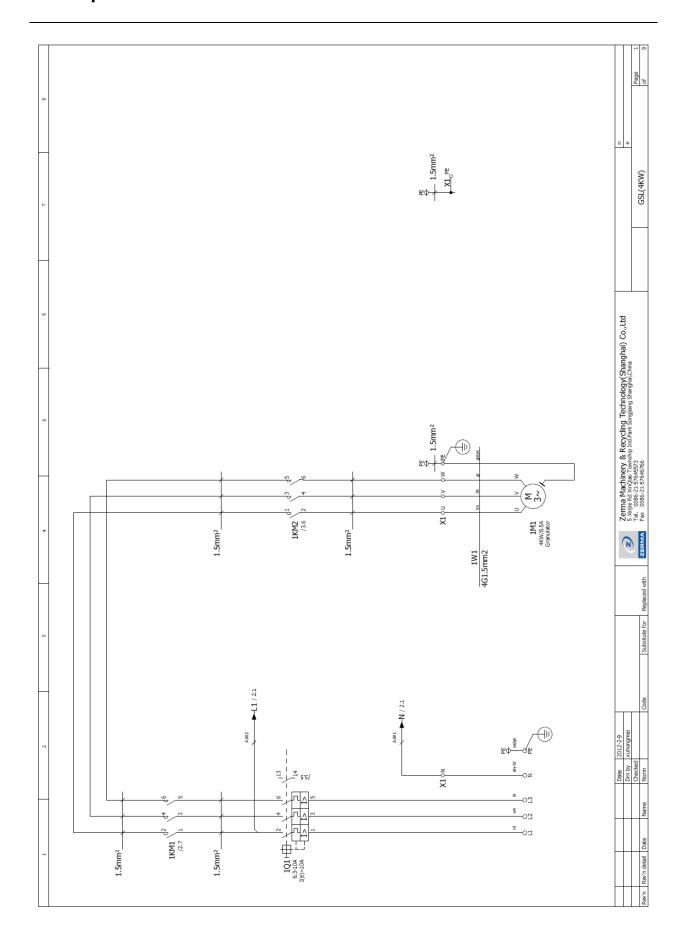


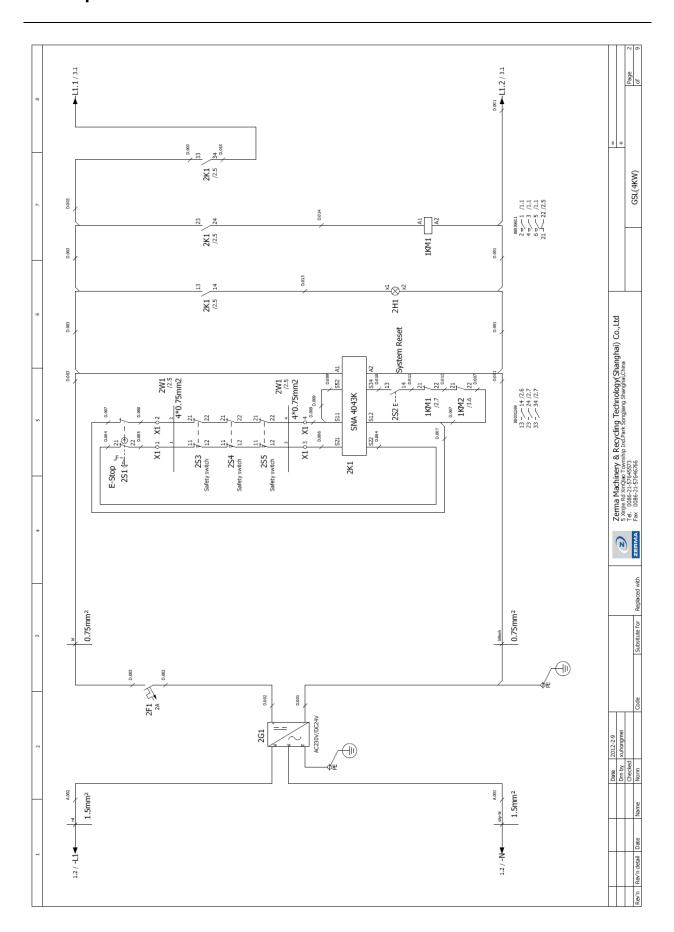
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80031372	1	Mould case circuit breaker DC2A	PL9-C2-DC	2F1	Moeller
80031257	1	Power supply 48W DC24V 2A	CP SNT 48W 24V 2A	2G1	Weidmuller
80005940	5	Fixing adapter	M22-A	2H1;251;3H1;351;352	Moeller
80030309	1	Lable	M22-XST	2H1	Moeller
80030308	1	Lable mount	M22S-ST-X	2H1	Moeller
80031028	1	Indicator&pushbutton(white)	M22-DL-W	2H1	Moeller
80005470	3	Contact element NO	M22-K10	2H1;3H1;3S2	Moeller
80008130	2	Bulb&lamp socket (white/yellow)	M22-LED-W	2H1;3H1	Moeller
80031027	1	Double actuator	M22-DDL-GR-X1/X0	341	Moeller
80005450	4	Contact element NC	M22-K01	251,3H1,3S1	Moeller
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80030611	2	Power contactor	DILM9-10C(24VDC)	1KM1;1KM2	Moeller
80030725	2	Auxiliary contact module	DILM32C-XHI11	ІКИІ;1КИ2	Moeller
80031043	1	Motor-protective circuit breaker	PKZMC-10	191	Moeller
80005110	1	Auxiliary contact	NHI11-PKZ0	191	Moeller
80031019	1	Emergency stop actuator	M22-PV	251	Moeller
80030438	3	Safety switch	AZ16-02ZVRK	253255	Schmersal
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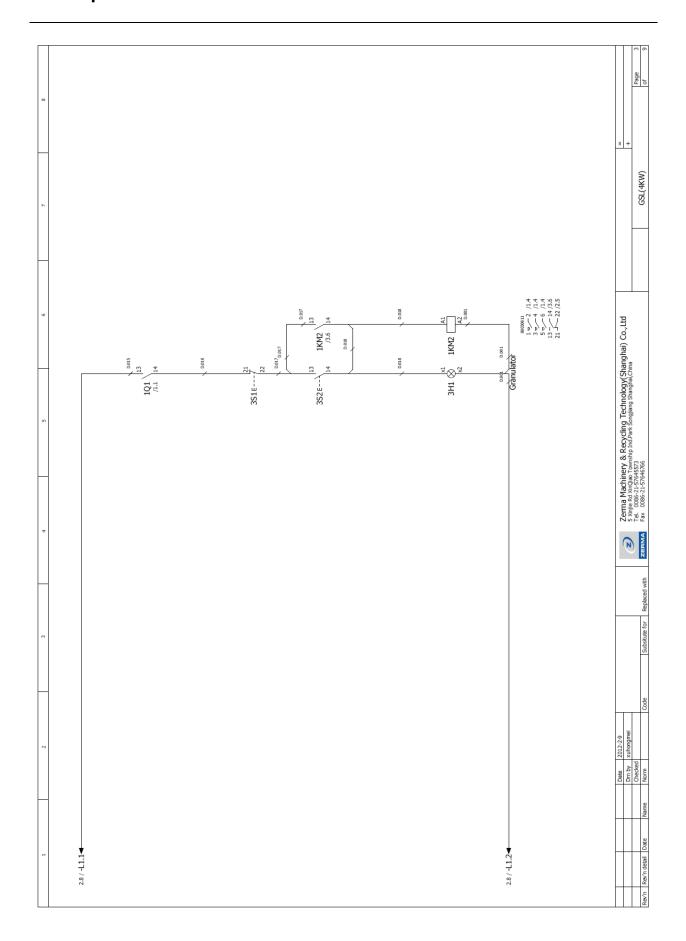
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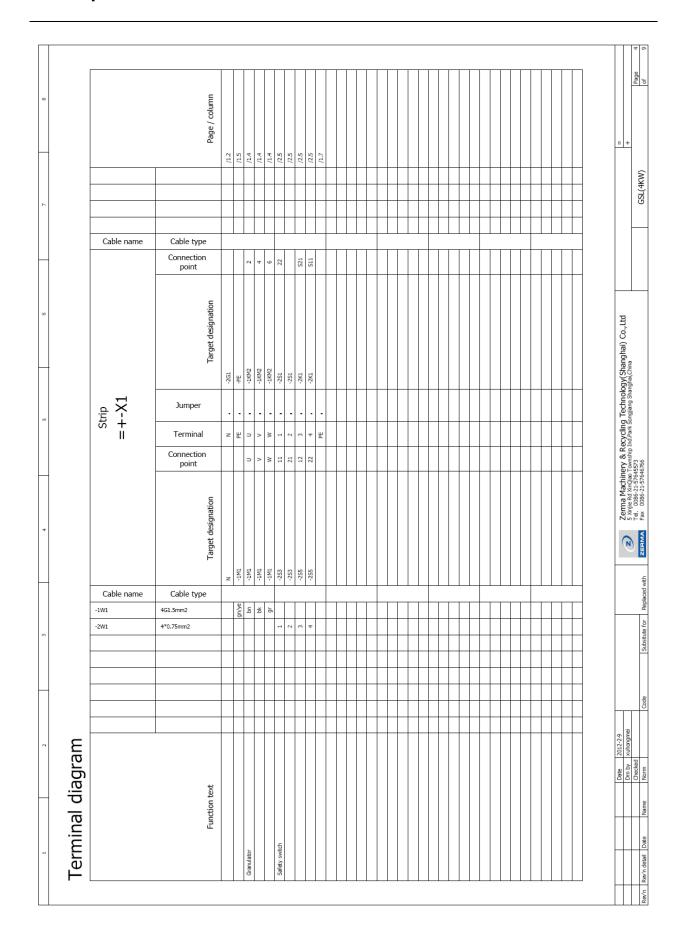
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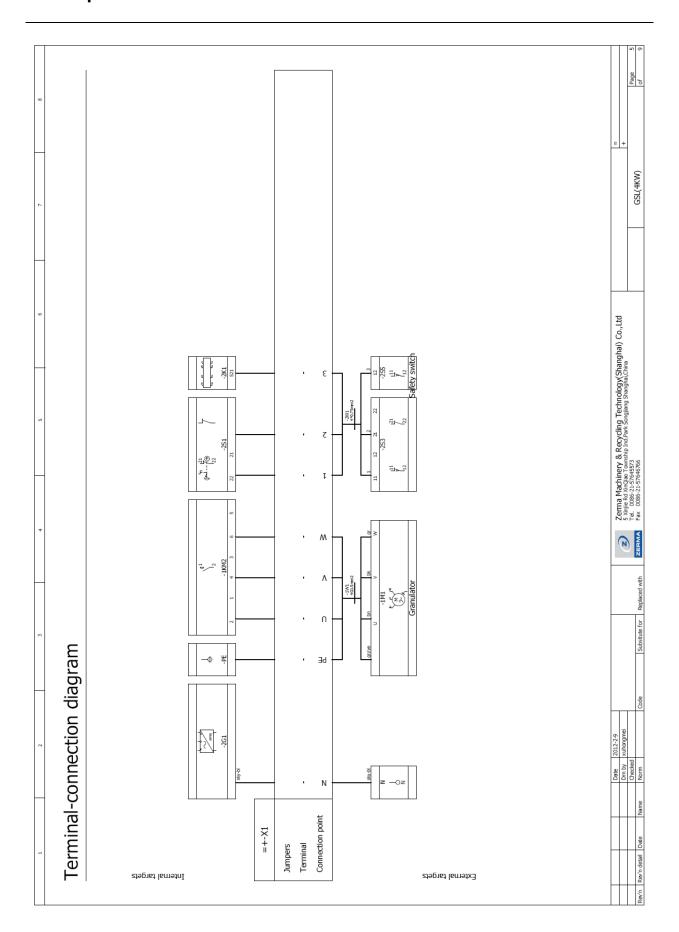


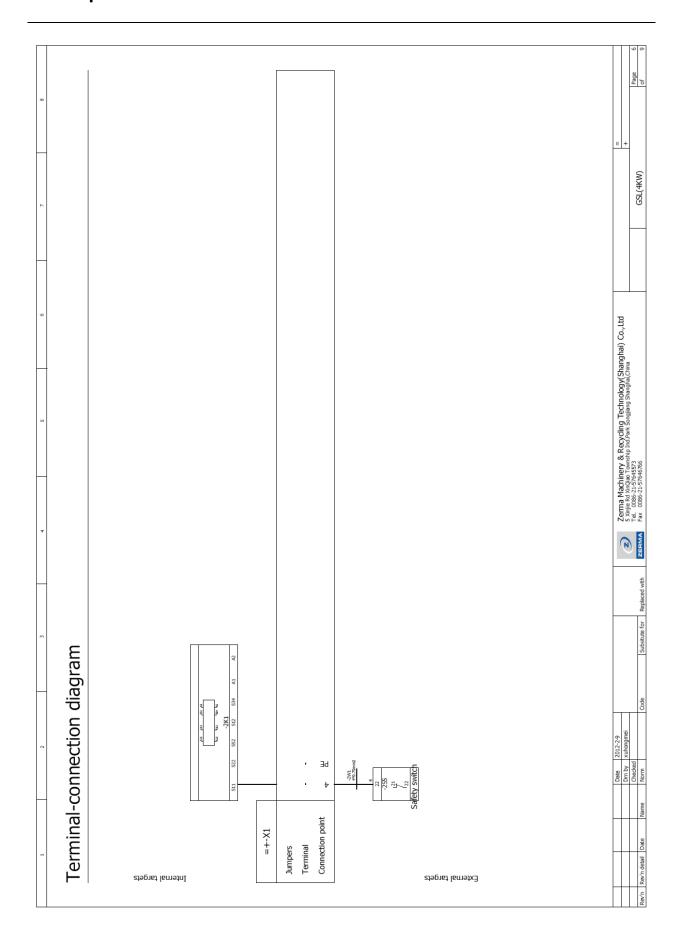












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