



## Efficient Mixing and Agitation

### Bottom mounted agitators Type ALB

#### Applications

The Alfa Laval bottom mounted agitator offers mixing solutions to meet any requirements in food, dairy, beverage, pharmaceutical, biotechnology or cosmetic applications.

Type ALB agitators can be dimensioned for several applications for both atmospheric and pressurized tanks and furthermore for use in sterile/aseptic applications. The correct sizing of the agitators ensures an optimised solution offering low energy consumption and configuration to meet specific design requirements. Examples are listed below:

Application	Typical examples
Maintain media homogeneous	Milk storage tanks, mixed product tanks, UHT storage tanks etc.
Mixing and Solutions (dissolves)	Fluid and fluid mixing, i.e. drinking yoghurt and fruit mix tanks, flavoured milk mix tanks, syrup mix tanks, etc.
Solid Dispersion	Powder + fluid mix tanks, etc.
Suspension	Fluids with particles, i.e. juice tanks
Heat transmission	Circulation of media in tanks with dimple jacket (cooling or heating)



#### Standard design

The Alfa Laval range of bottom mounted propeller agitators is designed to meet almost every customer requirement. Due to their modular build the agitators can be designed for every type of application with the sanitary industry. The modular construction is designed with the aim to meet both European and American standards and regulations, such as EHEDG, USDA, FDA, 3A etc. Please note that Alfa Laval also offer other agitator solutions:

- Type ALT, top mounted agitators
- Type ALTB, top mounted agitators with bottom steady bearing
- Type ALS, side mounted agitators

To read more about these agitator solutions, please see separate PD Sheets.

## Configurable design

Type ALB agitators are fully configurable design and the configuration can be divided into the following elements:

- Drives (drive + shaft support + shaft diameter)
- Seal arrangements (oil trap + shaft seal type)
- Shaft (length)
- Energy Saving Foils (propeller type + surface finish)
- Options

Each element has a broad range of different characteristics which makes it possible to size the agitator for all applications and requirements.

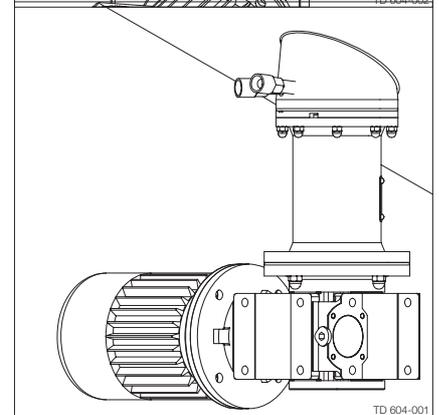
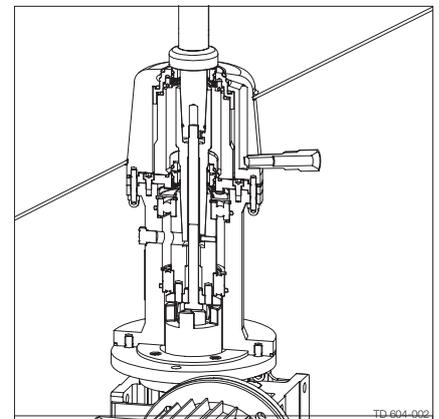
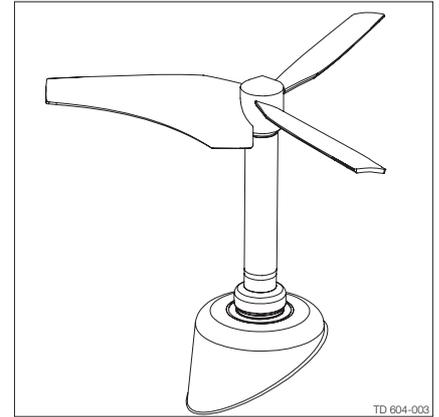
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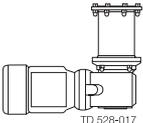
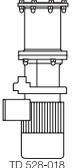
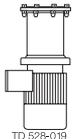
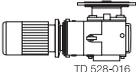
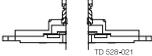
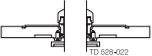
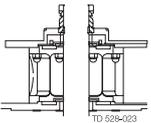
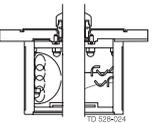
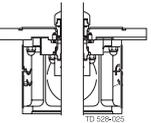
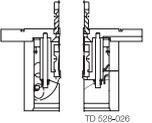
Each configuration offers a number of advantages, which are shown in the examples below:

Operation features	Due to
Low energy consumption	the wide range of high efficiency propellers and drive units makes it possible to design for low operational costs
Gentle product treatment	the wide range of high efficiency propellers makes it possible to design for low shear operation

Sanitary features	Due to
Easy external cleaning	stainless steel bearing frame design with seal O-rings (for wash down)
Connections inside the tank (risk zones) can be minimised	bearing frame drives with drive shaft and special internal shaft connection without having a flange coupling inside the tank
All seals both stationary and rotating seals are sterilised during running	the unique cone shaped seal arrangement with flushed sterile seal system
Good drip off properties	no plane surfaces or grooves on internal parts
Easy cleaning	no interior shadow sides between the blades and smooth surfaces

Maintenance features	Due to
All service (replacement of wearing parts such as shaft seals, bearings etc.) can be done from outside the tank	bearing frame drives with detachable shaft which can be dismantled from outside the tank
Easy dismantling	use of spider type coupling and stainless steel parts



Type ALB	Configuration				Bottom mounted agitators		
<b>Drives</b> Bearing frame size = xx Shaft diameter = yy (not used if xx = yy)  Description (power, speed and shaft diameter depending on application)	 <b>-ME-GR-Bxx(/yy)</b> Right angle gearbox, shaft mounted in hollow shaft of gearbox	 <b>-ME-GC-Bxx(/yy)</b> Stainless steel bearing frame and coaxial gearbox	 <b>-ME-Bxx(/yy)</b> Stainless steel bearing frame and direct motor drive	 <b>-ME-GR-yy</b> Right angle gearbox, shaft mounted in hollow shaft of gearbox			
<b>Seal arrangements</b>  Description (lower flange and seal material depending on application)	 <b>F-S1-</b> Seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical bellow seal	 <b>F-S2-</b> Seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical non-bellow seal	 <b>LF-S1-</b> Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical bellow seal	 <b>LF-S2-</b> Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: single mechanical non-bellow seal	 <b>LF-D-</b> Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: double mechanical seal for high pressure applications and aseptic use	 <b>LF-DT-</b> Lantern (spacer), seal flange with O-ring seal against tank flange, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: double mechanical seal (tandem) for low pressure applications	 <b>C-D-</b> Cone shaped welding flange, flushed O-ring seal between welding flange and agitator seal house, drain, fluid trap and shaft seal: double mechanical sterile seal for high pressure applications and aseptic use
<b>Shaft</b> Length = llll  Description (material depending on application)	 <b>-Slll-</b> SS shaft, length according to application						
<b>Energy Saving Foils</b> Diameter = vvv (125 mm to 1900 mm)  Description (material depending on application)	 <b>-PvvvU3P</b> 3-bladed propeller, finish: polished Standard: Ra < 0.8 µm	 <b>-PvvvU3PE</b> 3-bladed propeller, finish: polished and electro polished Standard: Ra < 0.8 µm	 <b>-PvvvU3G</b> 3-bladed propeller, finish: shot peened				
<b>Optional</b>  Description	 <b>Welding flange</b> Incl. mounting pin nuts and bolts	 <b>Blind flange</b> Incl. seal O-ring	 <b>Cover for Motor / gear motor</b> Stainless steel cover - comes in different shapes according to drive type	<b>S</b> <b>Spare part kit</b> Standard spare part kit			

## Motor

Motor size and speed as required for duty.  
As standard with IEC motor IP55, other types on request.  
As standard painted RAL5010.

## Voltage and frequency

As standard for 3x380 to 420V, 50Hz - 3x440V to 480V, 60Hz.  
All motor voltages and frequencies are available.

## Gears

Different gear types available according to configuration.  
As standard filled with normal synthetic or mineral oil, optional: Food approved oil.  
As standard painted RAL5010.

## Materials

List the range of materials available for wetted parts:

Steel parts:	AISI 316L (standard) AISI 304 AISI 904L SAF 2205 Other materials on request.
Seal rubber parts (o-rings or bellows):	EPDM FPM/FEP (only for stationary o-rings) FPM Other materials on request.
Mechanical seal parts:	Carbon Carbon (FDA) Silicon carbide

Specific selection of materials will depend on the actual configuration selected.

## Material Certificate - option

3.1 Material certificates/FDA conformity statement according to 21 CFR177 on steel/elastomer parts in contact with media

## ATEX - option

Agitators can be delivered approved for use in an ATEX environment with declaration of conformity according to directive 94/9/EC, approved according to ATEX categories:

In tank:	II1GDcTX, II2GDcTX or II3GDcTX
Outside tank:	II2GDcTX or II3GDcTX

NOTE: Not all configurations can be delivered according to ATEX directive 94/9/EC.

## Dimensions

Standard propeller diameter range: Ø125 mm to 1900 mm.  
Specific dimensions on the drive unit and propeller(s) will depend on the actual configuration selected.

## Enquiries

The following information is required to ensure correct sizing and configuration for ordering:  
For budget pricing use the following enquiry handling form from Alfa Laval (electronic version): "Simple enquiry, agitator".  
For detailed quotation use the the following inquiry handling form from Alfa Laval (electronic version): "Advanced enquiry, agitator".

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