

# **DS-eVUE Extrusion Process Control System**

# **Overview**

The DS-eVUE combines full process control with affordability. This mid-level system is engineered for controlling smaller lines with one or two extruders and offers the features and flexibility of advanced systems in a value-added, compact package. Processors can take advantage of features such as trending and recipe storage without incurring costs for additional functions not required for their processes

# **Features**

- System architecture divided into two basic parts: computer/HMI (Human Machine Interface), and process controller
- Touch-screen control via a high resolution color LCD of drives, pressures, and temperatures
- PLC based hardware system
- Simple manipulation of all control functions, including set-point changes, recipe creation/storage, line status overview, alarms, and events tracking
- · Web interface
- Mounting options: swing arm, slope front, console, 19-inch rack

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#### Computer/HMI

- 19" wide screen 16:9
- · Solid state hard drive
- LAN ports
- USB ports

# Temperature Control

- PLC dual or single T/C
- Single T/C Autotune

#### PLC

- Siemens
- · Allen-Bradley Logix

#### Software

- OS: Windows®
- SCADA: Run-Time

#### **Drive Operation**

- Independent: each drive is controlled independently of all other system drives
- Coordinated: drive Start/Stop is controlled independently
- Speed control depends on the drive's function and may follow the master reference, downstream drive, or melt pump if provided

# **System Architecture**

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# Computer/HMI

The integrated computer/HMI contains Windows®-based operating software, SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition) foundation software, and custom applications software. The HMI features an integral 19" high-resolution color LCD with touch-screen and functions as the main operator interface for controlling drives, pressures, and temperatures. The operator can implement control functions, make set-point changes, monitor line status, alarms and events, focus on specific process areas, create and download recipes, and conduct supervisory functions such as trending and reporting.

# **Temperature Control**

Standard temperature control is maintained by the PLC control utilizing Davis-Standard's advanced dual thermocouple algorithm. All temperature zone information is entered and displayed through the HMI.

#### **Process Controller**

The process controller (PLC) is selected according to application and is based on either a Siemens or Allen-Bradley PLC hardware system. It is supplied with an Ethernet port to allow for easy data extraction of line parameters to a host data collection system with options for remote view notes and web browsing capabilities. PLC components include an industrial input and output rack/rail with power supply, a CPU module, analog input and output modules, binary input and output modules, and modem for remote diagnostics and trouble-shooting. Davis-Standard supplies a customized process control program for various applications in standard PLC language.

### **Software Advantages**

The Ds-eVUE is powered by a Windows® operating system with an anti-virus program, zip program, and PLC interface program as needed. Run-Time SCADA software package. Davis-Standard offers a customized application program for controlling and monitoring the extrusion process.

# **Features**

All DS-eVUE systems include, or are available with, the following features and functions:

- Main menu
- Multi-level programmable security access to protect critical set-up functions and limit access to selected control functions
- · Operator screen with shift/product/run data entry
- · Extrusion temperature control and monitoring
- Set-points and other numeric data entered on the touch-screen via a pop-up keypad
- Extrusion pressure monitoring, calibration, and set up
- Extrusion pressure control of screw speed, based upon melt pump suction press set point and measured value
- Line overview screen with a summary of key process data
- · Screens for extruder(s), die(s), and downstream equipment
- Line and drive(s) set/monitor drive start/stop, machine speed, drive percent load, drive mode select, drive status monitor
- Recipe creation, storage, down-loading, editing, snapshot (captures current set-points)
- System alarm and event log 60 days
- Historical trending of predefined groups 60 days
- Electronic status reports
- · Help screens for set-up, maintenance, and trouble-shooting
- Provision for system networking via Ethernet LAN; DS-eVUE process data is available over the LAN
- Optional communication interface to a single intelligent device (Davis-Standard has an extensive list of tested and proven device drivers from which to choose.)
- Optional language selector
- Electronic signatures and For 21 Part 11 ready

