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# Operating Instructions



Sample Cleaner

**MLN**



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These Operating Instructions are a constituent part of the machine and must be available to all operating personnel at all times. They are intended for the operating company of the system, the operating personnel and the specialists who are responsible for the transport, assembly, installation, operation, maintenance, cleaning, disassembly and disposal.

The Pfeuffer GmbH has prepared and reviewed these Operating Instructions with the greatest care. However, no guarantee is made for its completeness or accuracy.

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**1 Introduction**

**1.1 Intended use**

**MLN Sample Cleaner** helps in determining the total dockage (German = Besatz) associated with grain crops and grading the said crops. The cleaning process largely corresponds to that of a normal cleaning machine. The proportion of impurities (coarse particles, fine particles, aspiration discharge), that of small grains and that of quality grains can be determined with the help of a sample at the time of acceptance. This facilitates the acceptance of quality grains and the targeted exclusion of batches that do not fulfil the contractual conditions.

Sample Cleaner is designed as a portable machine with a power plug for indoor use.

Private use of the machine is prohibited.

**NOTICE**

This machine was designed solely for the aforementioned purpose.

Using it for any other purpose or modifying it without the written consent of the manufacturer is not considered to be in compliance with the intended use. The manufacturer shall not be liable for the resulting damage. Damage caused by such an unintended use is at the sole risk of the operator.

The machine is allowed to be operated only if it is ensured that all the safety devices are functional and the system in which this machine is installed complies with the EU directives.

**Cleaning flour, dust and grit is forbidden.**

The samples to be used for the correct operation of the machine are provided by the operator of Sample Cleaner.

The operator bears sole responsibility for the proper handling of these materials and the associated dangers.

Hazard notes and instructions for disposal must be provided by the operator.

The sample must be disposed of after the examination.


Intended use includes also the compliance with the Instruction Manual and User’s Guide as well as the maintenance and servicing conditions, as specified in these Operating Instructions.

These Operating Instructions do not relieve the operating company of the obligation to develop and to apply independent health and/or safety regulations or safe working processes which are aimed at the requirements of the overall machine, as well as the obligation to monitor their compliance.

**1.2 Structural features of the danger notes**

The operating instructions from Pfeuffer GmbH contain instructions that you must comply with for your personal safety as well as to avoid damage to property. The instructions for your personal safety are highlighted by a warning triangle.

Comply with the following categories of danger notes and explanations of symbols:

Pictogram	SIGNAL WORD
	Type of danger and its source.
	Possible consequence of failure to comply.
	⇒ Measure to guard against the danger.

**DANGER**

This is a warning about a highly dangerous situation that will lead to serious or fatal injuries.

**WARNING**

This is a warning about a dangerous situation that may result in serious or fatal injuries.











**CAUTION**

This is a warning of a possibly dangerous situation that will lead to slight or moderate injuries.

**NOTICE**

This is a warning about harmful situations for the product and/or environment.

**1.3 Pictograms in the operating instructions**

	Notes of particular importance and/or additional information		Warning
	Comply with the operating instructions		Warning of electrical voltage
	Pull out mains plug		Warning of hand injuries
	Protective earth connection		Warning of tipping and crushing
	Recycling marking – Supply refuse for recycling		Disposal with the household garbage is forbidden!

**1.4 Identification**

The information provided in these Operating Instructions apply only for the machine whose type designation is specified on the title page. The identification plate with the type designation is located on the machine casing (front). Correct information of type designation, serial number and year of manufacture is important for all queries; this ensures fast processing.

**1.5 Declaration of conformity****EC/EU Declaration of conformity**

in terms of the

- machinery directive 2006/42/EC and
- EU directive 2014/30/EU (EMC)
- Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) 2011/65/EU

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This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer.

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Lothar Pfeuffer, General Manager

Product: **Sample Cleaner MLN**

Serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

The aforementioned product complies with the requirements of the following harmonized standards:

DIN EN ISO 12100:2011-03+A1:2013 (EN ISO 12100:2010)

DIN EN 61000-6-2:2019-11 (EN 61000-6-2:2019)

DIN EN 61000-6-3:2011+A1:2012 (EN 61000-6-3:2007+A1:2011)

EN IEC 63000:2018

This declaration shall become null and void should any alterations be made to the machine without our approval.

Kitzingen, \_\_\_\_\_

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Lothar Pfeuffer, General Manager

**2 Safety**

**NOTICE**

**It is strictly forbidden to disable the safety devices or to change their mode of operation.**

**2.1 Installed safety systems**

The installed safety systems must be checked with corresponding test methods at regular testing intervals; refer to the following table:

Test intervals	Test methods
<b>d</b> = daily	<b>VI</b> = Visual inspection
<b>w</b> = weekly	<b>FT</b> = Functional test
<b>m</b> = monthly	<b>M</b> = Measurement
<b>¼ y</b> = quarterly	
<b>½ y</b> = half-yearly	
<b>y</b> = yearly	

**2.1.1 Supply isolating device (plug/socket combination)**

Test	
Interval	Method
<b>m</b>	<b>FT</b>

The plug/socket combination simultaneously functions as an EMERGENCY STOP device.

The connection for the mains cable (IEC 60320 C14 connector) is located on the switch box of the machine.

**NOTICE**

Detachable mains cables must not be replaced by inadequately dimensioned mains cables. Only the specified mains cables may be used!



- ⇒ In an emergency, switch off the Sample Cleaner using the operating switch in the **OFF** position.
- ⇒ Disconnect the mains cable from the electrical power supply.
- ⇒ Secure the plug suitably against unauthorized re-plugging by placing it where it can remain under constant supervision.
- ⇒ Make sure that the mains cable never becomes a tripping hazard or that someone can get caught in it or step on it.



Electrical connections, see **chapter 2.2**.



Set the plug/socket combination in such a way that it can be easily seen and is quickly accessible in case of an emergency.

**2.1.2 System control**

Test	
Interval	Method
<b>y</b>	<b>VI, FT, M</b>

The system is controlled internally with a supply system, a phase and an earth connection (with green/yellow covering for the wires).



**2.1.3 Limit switch system**

Test	
Interval	Method
m	VI

A limit switch system is used to secure the deawner against unauthorized access during operation: Locking latch at filler cap.

The Sample Cleaner can be started only if the filler cap is closed

**2.1.4 Protective caps**

Test	
Interval	Method
m	VI

During the operation, Sample Cleaner is protected against interference affecting the machine using protective caps.

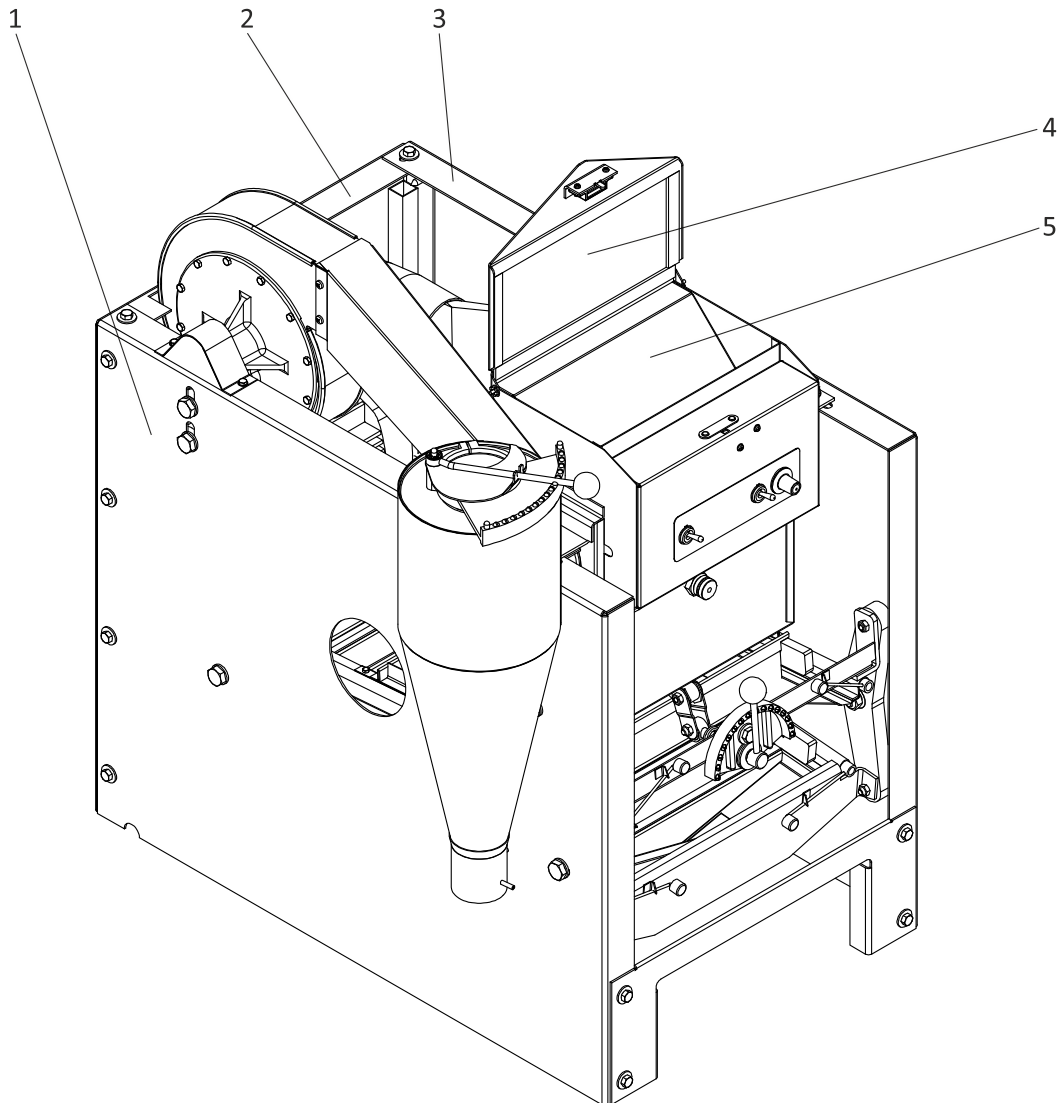


Figure 1: Overview - Protective caps

Item	Name
1	Left sidewall
2	Rear wall
3	Right sidewall
4	Filler cap with locking latch
5	Protective cap - Deawner

## 2.2 Electrical connections



In Germany, the power connection must be made in accordance with DIN VDE 0100 (international IEC 60364). The Sample Cleaner may only be operated with the specified voltages. The machine may only be connected to a properly earthed socket with a protective earth conductor.

## 2.3 Operating and hazard areas associated with the machine

### Operating area

Ensure a sufficient working height (depending on the body size of the operating personnel) of approx. 60-65 cm. For this, a suitable base frame is necessary so that the operating personnel can access the collecting pans ergonomically.

### Hazard area

The entire area of one meter around the machine is dangerous during adjustment, maintenance and repair work. The swiveling range of the self-opening door as well as of the filler cap must also be taken into consideration. Do not keep any objects around the machine.

## 2.4 Operating and maintenance personnel

Operating and maintenance personnel are responsible for transport, assembly, installation, operation, adjustment and cleaning of the machine as well as for fault rectification.

1. Sample Cleaner is allowed to be operated by authorized and instructed persons only.
2. The responsibilities associated with operating the machine must be clearly defined and adhered to so that there are no unclear responsibilities concerning safety.
3. The deactivation procedures specified in these Operating Instructions must be adhered to for all tasks (operation, maintenance, repairs etc.); refer to **chapter 2.9**.
4. The operator must forbid all the methods of operation that compromise the safety levels associated with the machine.
5. The operator must also ensure that only authorized persons work on the machine.
6. The operator is obligated to immediately inform the operating company about changes in the machine that compromise safety.
7. The operating personnel must be equipped with the corresponding protective equipment by the operator, in accordance with the legal obligations and the material to be processed.
8. The operator must regularly demand that the personal safety equipment be used. The operator must also monitor the usage of the said equipment.

## 2.5 Safety measures (to be implemented by the operating company)

It is noted that the operating company

- ⇒ trains the operating and maintenance personnel with regard to the safety devices of the Sample Cleaner
- ⇒ and monitors their compliance with the safety measures.

The frequency of functional tests described in **chapter 8.3** must be adhered to.

The tasks described in these Operating Instructions are listed in such a way that they are

- ⇒ understood by the operating personnel (with regard to the Function and Operation chapters).
- ⇒ understood by **skilled personnel** (with regard to the chapters delivery, transport and storage, installation and commissioning, maintenance and cleaning, disruptions – causes and their rectification and dismantling and disposal).

The chapters delivery, transport and storage, installation and commissioning, maintenance and cleaning, disruptions – causes and their rectification and dismantling and disposal are **only** intended **for skilled personnel**. Tasks that are described in these chapters must be carried out by **skilled personnel** only.

### Instructed person

A person who has been instructed and, if necessary, trained by a **skilled worker** about the assigned tasks and possible dangers in case of improper behaviour, and who has been instructed about the necessary safety devices and safety measures.

### Skilled worker

An individual who is proficient in identifying risks and avoiding hazards that can occur when using the product, on account of his relevant professional training, education and/or experience.

(Definition as per DIN EN 82079-1:2013-06)

### Qualified electrician

Person who is in a position to carry out work on electrical systems and independently recognize potential dangers on the basis of their technical training, knowledge and experience and knowledge of the relevant standards and provisions. Qualified electricians are specially trained for the working environment in which they work and have knowledge of the relevant standards and provisions.

### Obligations of the operator



In the European Economic Area (EEA), the national implementation of framework directive 89/391/EEC and the relevant specific directives (especially directive 2009/104/EC "about the minimum requirements for safety and health protection in case of the use of equipment by workers") must be borne in mind and adhered to, with regard to the version that is currently valid.

In addition, the local legal provisions for the following must be adhered to:

- ⇒ Safety of personnel (accident prevention regulations)
- ⇒ Accident prevention regulation DGUV<sup>1</sup> Regulation 3 "Electrical systems and equipment"
- ⇒ Safety of work equipment (protective equipment and maintenance)
- ⇒ The permissible noise load, depending on the location and the time of day (in Germany, TRLV<sup>2</sup> apply)
- ⇒ Product and material disposal (waste legislation)
- ⇒ Cleaning (cleaning agents and disposal)
- ⇒ Hazardous substances (in Germany, TRGS<sup>3</sup> 555 apply)
- ⇒ Environmental protection regulations.

## 2.6 General safety instructions



The safety equipment and safety instructions described in these Operating Instructions must be borne in mind.



1. Disconnect the machine from the mains in case of malfunctioning.
2. Disconnect the machine from the mains before starting with the cleaning operation.
3. Do not let the machine get wet during transport, storage, cleaning and operation.
4. Make sure that you only use the Sample Cleaner when it is in a defect-free condition.
5. Never touch the mains cable with wet hands.
6. Always use original spare parts and accessories.

<sup>1</sup> DGUV = Association of German Statutory Accident Insurance

<sup>2</sup> TRLV = Technical Rules of the Noise and Vibration Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance

<sup>3</sup> TRGS = Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances

## 2.7 Safety tests

The following safety tests have been conducted by Pfeuffer GmbH at the plant:

Test and inspection as per DIN EN 60204-1:

- Inspection to verify that the electrical equipment complies with the technical documentation.
- Continuous connection of protective conductor system
- Insulation resistance tests
- Voltage tests
- Functional tests

The functions of the electric equipment, especially those that relate to safety and safety measures, have been tested.

## 2.8 Residual hazards associated with the Sample Cleaner

The operation primarily takes place in automatic mode.

- ⇒ Pay attention to electrical hazards in case of all tasks that are to be carried out vis-a-vis electrically-operated components.
- ⇒ Be mindful of crushing hazards when setting up, servicing, repairing and operating the machine.

## 2.9 Deactivation procedure

### **DANGER**



#### **Touching live parts can be fatal!**

The following deactivation procedure must be carried out before cleaning, maintaining or repairing the machine (only by skilled personnel):

- ⇒ Deplete the Sample Cleaner.
- ⇒ Disconnect the machine from the mains:



⇒ Disconnect the plug/socket combination from the power supply.

- ⇒ It must be possible to ensure that the plug remains under the direct supervision of the person in the hazardous area.
- ⇒ Make sure that water, vapour or dust cannot enter the electronic area when cleaning.

**3 Technical data**

Sample quantity	approx. 1.5 liter
Material/transported material (sub-supplier)	Grains, peas, rape seed, maize and similar granular bulk goods

**3.1 Dimensions and weight**

Height	735 mm
Width	580 mm
Length	680 mm
Weight	approx. 55 kg

**3.2 Power supply**

Supply voltage/Frequency	230 V <sub>AC</sub> + 6 % - 10 %, 50 Hz (115 V <sub>AC</sub> + 6 % - 10 %, 60 Hz)
Power consumption	500 VA
Number of phases	1 Ph / PE
Earth conductor	PE (yellow/green) in mains cable
Frequency	±1 %
Installation instructions	Executed as per VDE <sup>4</sup>

**3.3 General information**

Ambient temperature storage and transport	-10 °C to +50 °C
Ambient temperature operation	+5 °C to +40 °C
Air humidity	20 % – 80 % non-condensing

**3.4 Noise and vibration**

Acoustic level	L <sub>PA</sub> = 82 dB <sub>(A)</sub> as per measurement report (without product)
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The nature of the product (e.g. heavy, hard seeds such as beans and maize) or structure-borne noise can increase the noise level. Especially if several machines are operated simultaneously in one room (laboratory environment).

It is the responsibility of the operator to check the noise level on site and then take appropriate measures (produce risk assessment if necessary → wear hearing protection etc.).

<sup>4</sup> VDE = Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (Germany)

## 4 Delivery, transport and storage



The chapter Delivery, transport and storage is intended for **skilled personnel** only.

### 4.1 Scope of delivery

The standard scope of delivery to the operator includes: Sample Cleaner model **MLN**, 4 PVC collection pans, dust collection bag and dust collection bag holder, operating instructions.

### 4.2 Transport and packaging

Systems and machines of Pfeuffer GmbH are carefully checked and packaged before dispatching. However, damages during the transport cannot be excluded.

#### Intake control

Run a completeness check using the delivery note.

#### In case of damages

Check the delivery for damages (visual inspection).

#### In case of complaints

If the delivery has been damaged during transport:

- ⇒ Retain the packaging (for the dispatcher to inspect or for return delivery).
- ⇒ Immediately inform the suppliers or Pfeuffer GmbH.

### WARNING



#### Risk of suffocation

Packaging materials (e.g. film, polystyrene, cardboard boxes) can be dangerous to children.



- ⇒ Keep packaging material away from children.
- ⇒ Do not leave packaging material lying around carelessly.
- ⇒ Dispose of packaging material in an environmentally friendly way.

### 4.3 Temporary storage

Freight packaging of the Sample Cleaner and exchange parts and accessories is intended for a storage duration of six months upon delivery.

#### Storage conditions

Closed and dry room with a room temperature from minimum -10 °C to maximum +50 °C

### 4.4 Transport to installation location (of customer)



The machine must be transported by skilled personnel only and in accordance with the local conditions and, if applicable, the information on the packaging material.

Sample Cleaner is supplied to the installation location of the customer on a transportation pallet.

### CAUTION



The machine can topple during transport. Pay attention to the centre of gravity (it lies approximately near the centre) and the weight (refer to technical data).

Before transporting, secure the machine with the respective lifting means.

**Transport with forklift truck**

Packing items that are packaged on pallets or in boxes can be transported by a crane under the following conditions:

- The forklift truck must be constructed according to the weight of the transport unit.
- The driver must be authorised to drive the forklift truck.

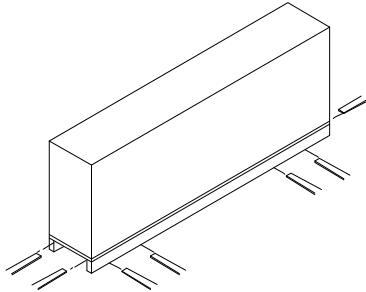


Figure 2: Diagram of transport by forklift

**Lashing**

- ⇒ Move the forks of the forklift truck between or under the pillars of the transport pallet of the machine.
- ⇒ While doing so, make sure that the forks of the forklift truck have been pushed through to a sufficient degree (the forks must stick out on the opposite side).
- ⇒ Lift the machine and transport it.

Type	Weight	Handling
MLN	approx. 55 kg	Operator must provide for safe transportation

**Unpacking**



Figure 3: Unpacking

In order to avoid damages to the casing and other components,

- ⇒ open the packaging
- ⇒ lift the Sample Cleaner out of the carton with the help of at least four persons
- ⇒ bring the Sample Cleaner to the installation site using a pushcart.

**Packaging for return delivery**

- ⇒ If possible, use the original packaging and original packaging material. If both are unavailable, engage a packaging company with skilled personnel.
- ⇒ Place the carton on a transport pallet (refer to the weight specification). Put the Sample Cleaner back into the carton with the help of at least four persons.



Figure 4: Lifting with the help of four persons



Figure 5: Packaging for return transport

- ⇒ Place the Styrofoam block next to the Sample Cleaner to fill the hollow space.
- ⇒ Seal the carton and fasten the Sample Cleaner on the transport pallet.

## 5 Installation and commissioning



The chapter Installation and commissioning is intended for **skilled personnel** only.

### Positioning of MLN Sample Cleaner

- ⇒ Unpack the Sample Cleaner carefully (refer to **chapter 4.4**) and place it horizontally. Use a water level for that.
- ⇒ Ensure a working height of approximately 60-65 cm, depending on the size of the operating personnel.



A correct horizontal positioning of the machine guarantees an even distribution of the grains across the sieves.

- ⇒ The Sample Cleaner causes vibrations on the bottom surface. Therefore, do not set up the machine near equipment that is sensitive to vibrations.
- ⇒ Make sure there is an adequate distance to all sides so that no heat buildup can occur.
- ⇒ Avoid exposure to direct sunlight and extreme ambient conditions.

The magnitude of dust nuisance will increase during operation:



Pfeuffer GmbH recommends placing a suction hood over the air outlet of the cyclone. The distance between the air outlet and the suction hood must be at least 400 mm so that the aspiration effect is not affected.

### CAUTION

#### Dust warning



Due to the nature of the samples, increased levels of dust particles and impurities (such as harmful mycotoxins) may emerge in the vicinity of the Sample Cleaner during operation.

- ⇒ Check whether inhaling large quantities might lead to irritation or illnesses of the respiratory passages, and if so then take appropriate measures.
- ⇒ Place a suction hood over the air outlet of the cyclone, use an enclosure or use respiratory protection.

- ⇒ Keep the control switch in the **OFF** position.



- ⇒ Insert the mains plug into a correctly-earthed socket with an earth conductor.

- ⇒ Ensure that the mains cable is never a tripping hazard or that someone can become caught or step on it.
- ⇒ Insert the sieves as described in **chapter 7.4. Ensure the correct installation position!**
- ⇒ Activate the Sample Cleaner keeping in mind all the specifications given in **chapter 7**.



**6 Function**

**6.1 Components of MLN Sample Cleaner**

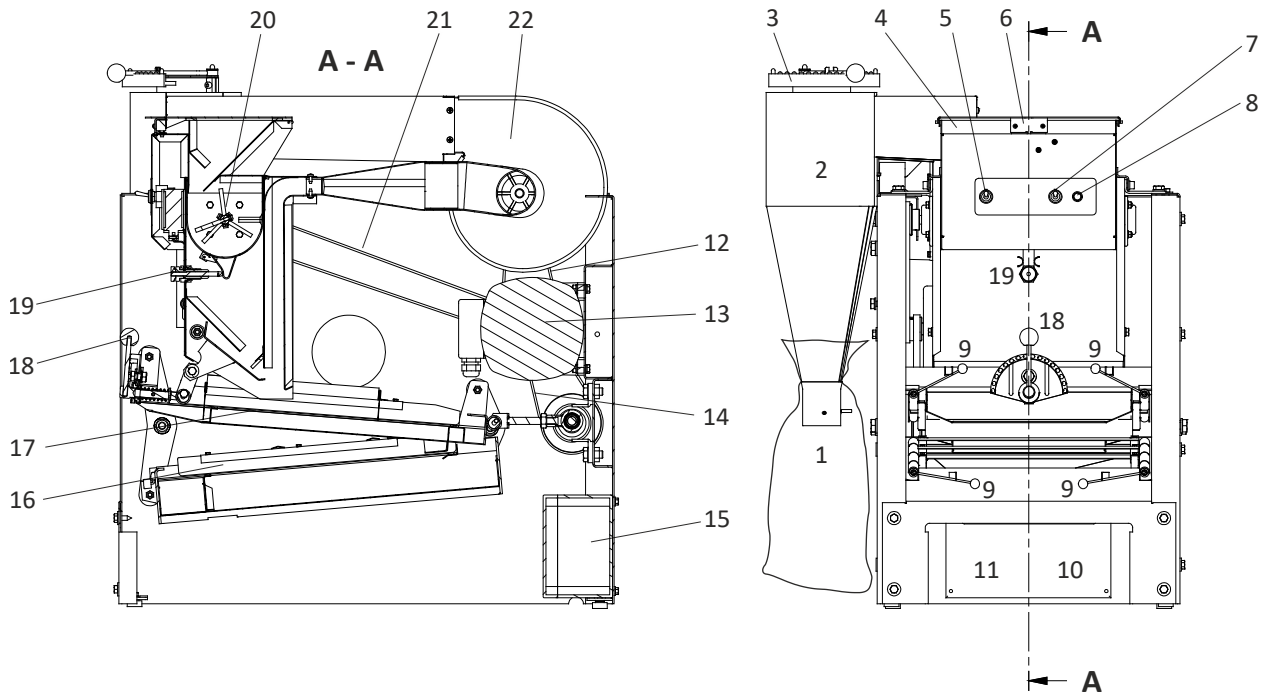


Figure 6: Overview

Item	Name
1	Dust collection bag
2	Cyclone
3	Air regulation
4	Filler cap
5	ON/OFF control switch
6	Locking latch for filler cap
7	Control switch - Open the bottom of the deawner
8	Potentiometer - Deawner time
9	Tension springs on sieving tray
10	Collection pan for cleaned sample
11	Collection pan for sand, weeds and coarse dirt particles
12	V-ribbed belt - Fan
13	Motor
14	V-ribbed belts for sieve drive
15	Switch box
16	Sand sieve (Bottom sieve)
17	Straw sieve (Top sieve)
18	Outlet regulation
19	Locking lever for base of deawner
20	Deawner
21	V-ribbed belt - Deawner
22	Fan

## 6.2 Functional sequence

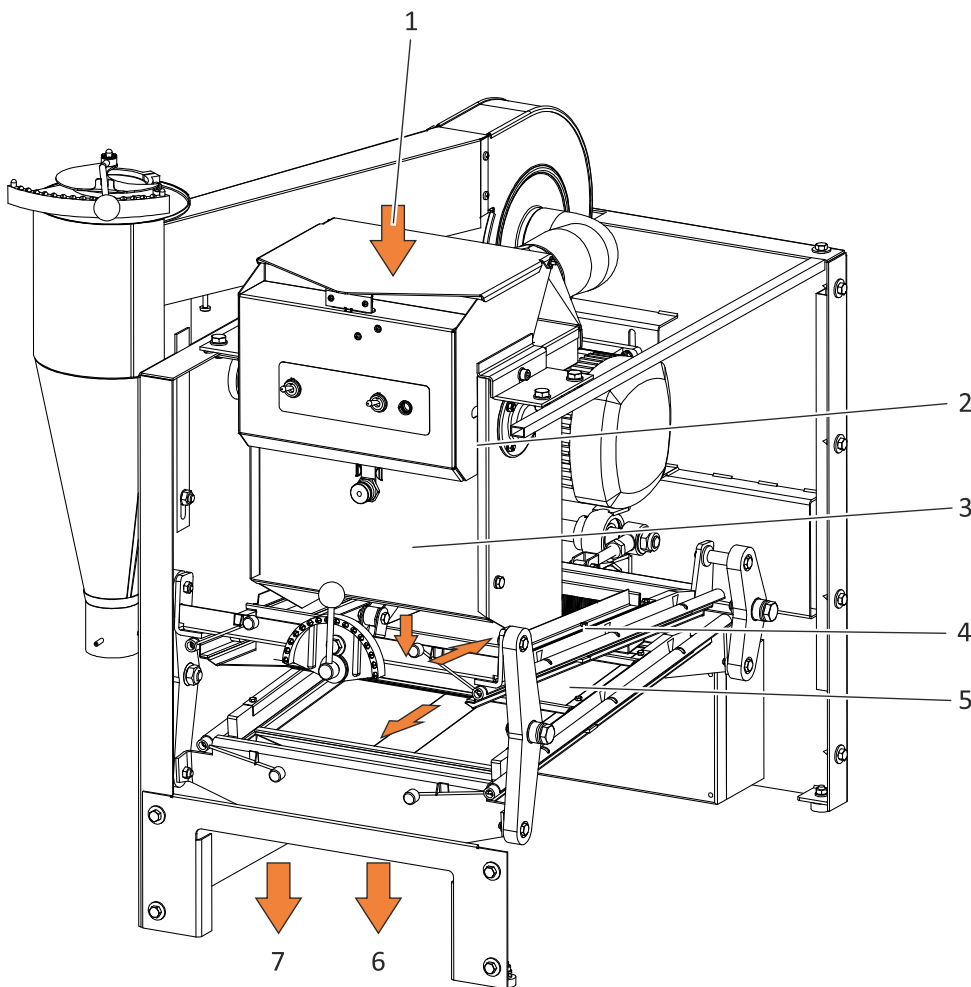


Figure 7: Functional sequence

Item	Name
1	Fill in the sample
2	Deawner
3	Aspiration
4	Straw sieve (top sieve)
5	Sand sieve (bottom sieve)
6	Outlet - Cleaned sample
7	Outlet for sand, weeds and coarse dirt particles

Sample Cleaner **MLN** helps in making stock-related determinations associated with grain crops and grading the said crops.

After the sample has been weighed, pour it into the deawner when the deawner base is closed.

The machine starts when you close the cover of the filling container and switch the control switch to **ON**. The deawner base automatically opens after a period of time specified on the potentiometer (freely selectable between 0 and 80 s).

The light dirt such as dust is extracted by the aspiration process and deposited by the cyclone in the dust collection bag.

The sample proceeds via the straw sieve that sifts larger impurities, after which it proceeds via the sand sieve. Sand and small impurities such as weed seeds fall through the sand sieve.

The impurities, sand and weed seeds go into the front left collecting pan and the cleaned sample goes into the front right collecting pan.

**7 Operation**



Sample Cleaner is allowed to be operated by qualified and trained persons only.

**7.1 Control elements**

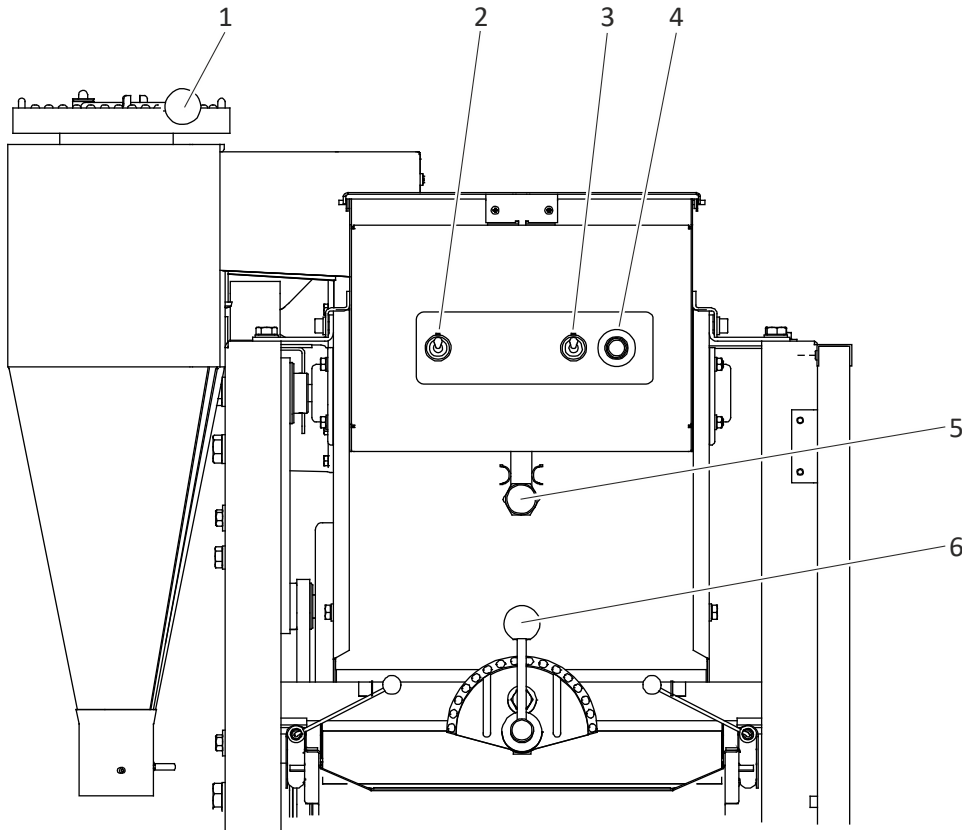


Figure 8: Control elements

Item	Name
1	Air regulation
2	ON/OFF control switch
3	Control switch for manually opening the deawner base
4	Potentiometer
5	Locking lever for deawner base
6	Outlet regulation

**7.1.1 Potentiometer**

Set the duration for which the sample is deawned using the potentiometer.

Pos.	Duration (approx.)	Pos.	Duration (approx.)
0	no deawning	5	50 s
1	10 s	6	60 s
2	20 s	7	70 s
3	30 s	8	80 s
4	40 s	9	not used

**7.1.2 Control switch - Opening the de-awner base**

With the help of the control switch for manually opening the deawner base, the deawner base can be opened by hand at any time.

**7.1.3 ON/OFF control switch**

The **ON/OFF** control switch starts and ends the cleaning process.

**7.1.4 Outlet regulation**

With the help of the outlet regulation, you can adjust the opening gap of the dosage flap, which sets itself after the deawning ends.

The opening gap affects the flow time.

At least 18-20 s should elapse after the deawner base has been opened and before the material in question is completely discharged onto the top sieve.

This duration is necessary, to achieve an optimum aspiration effect and to guarantee an even distribution of the grain across the sieves.

1 = smallest opening gap (more flow time)

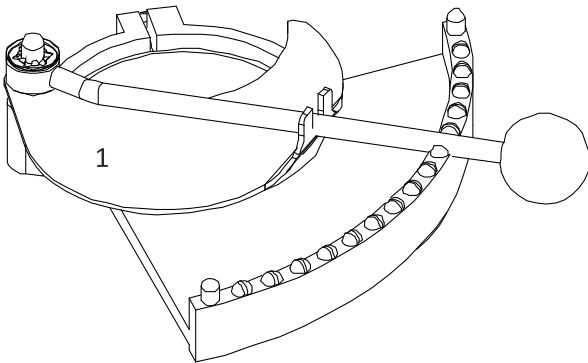
15 = largest opening gap (short flow time)



Make sure that different opening gaps are selected for different samples. Recommendations for the outlet regulation are given in **chapter 7.5**.

**7.1.5 Air regulation**

The counter-pressure is adjusted via the air regulation system, via which the fan works. The air should be adjusted in such a way that no defect-free grains are collected in the dust collection bag.



1 = lowest suction power

15 = highest suction power

Figure 9: Air regulation – segment disc

Item	Name
1	Segment disc



The crescent-shaped segment disk with item number 2350 0265 can be used for **cleaning fine seeds**. Recommendations for the air regulation are given in **chapter 7.5**.

**7.1.6 Locking lever for base of deawner**

⇒ Close the deawner bottom by pressing the locking lever.



**NOTICE!** The deawner bottom must be manually closed again after every cleaning process!

**7.2 Cleaning the samples**

- ⇒ Place each collection pan under the outlets at the intended places.
- ⇒ Fasten a dust collection bag at the cyclone.

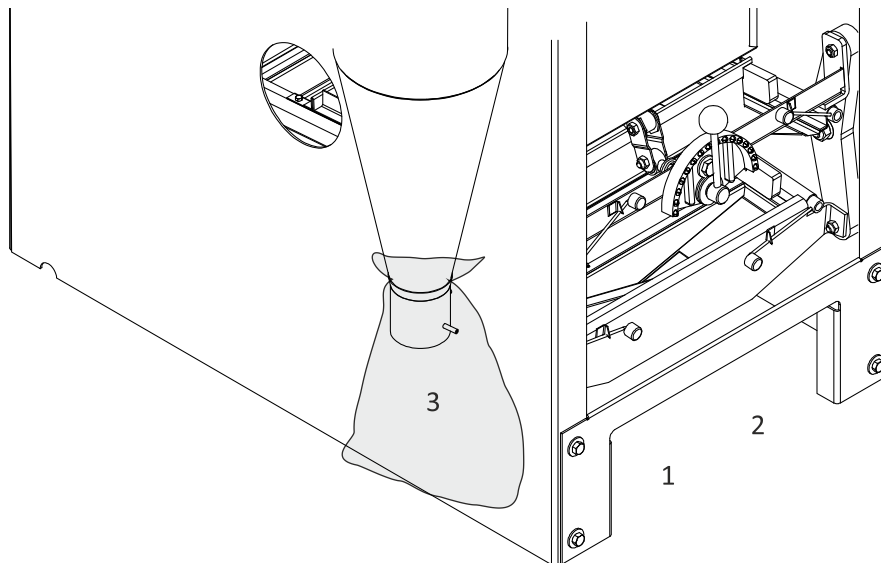


Figure 10: Placing the collection pans and the dust collection bag

Item	Name
1	Outlet for sand, weed seeds and coarse dirt particles
2	Outlet - Cleaned sample
3	Dust collection bag

**CAUTION**

**Dust warning**



If the sealing of the dust collection bag against the outlet is insufficient, dust can be discharged into the atmosphere.

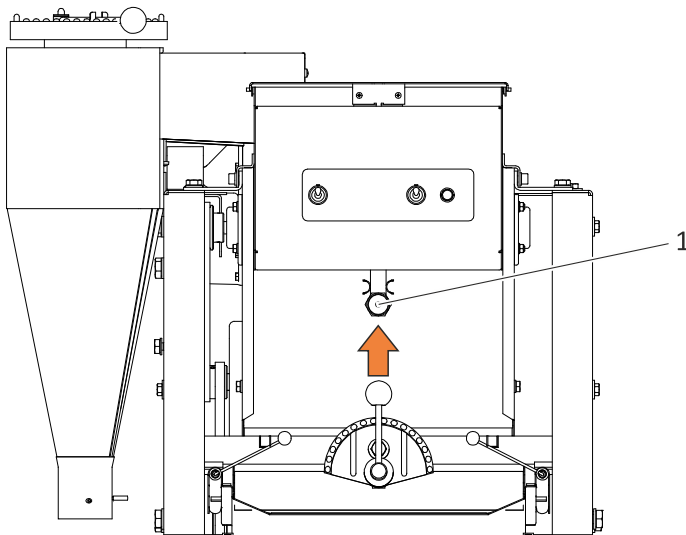
Pollutants such as hazardous levels of Mycotoxins can be present in this dust!

- ⇒ Check whether inhaling large quantities might lead to irritation or illnesses of the respiratory passages, and if so then take appropriate measures.

- ⇒ Monitor the outlet and air regulation. Pfeuffer GmbH recommends placing the sieves according to the table given in **chapter 7.5**.
- ⇒ Tare a collection pan on a pair of scales and fill it with approximately 1 kg raw material.
- ⇒ All the collecting pans (PVC) are tared to 130 g ±0.1 so that re-taring is not applicable when weighing again.

**NOTICE**

Do not keep any objects (tool, scissors, funnel, measuring cup, etc.) on the Sample Cleaner. When starting the cleaning process, they could fall in the working area and lead to damages to the Sample Cleaner.



⇒ Close the deawner bottom by pressing the locking lever.



The deawner bottom must be manually closed again after every cleaning process!

Figure 11: Locking lever for deawner bottom

Item	Name
1	Locking lever

⇒ Open the cover of the filling container and pour the sample in the deawner.

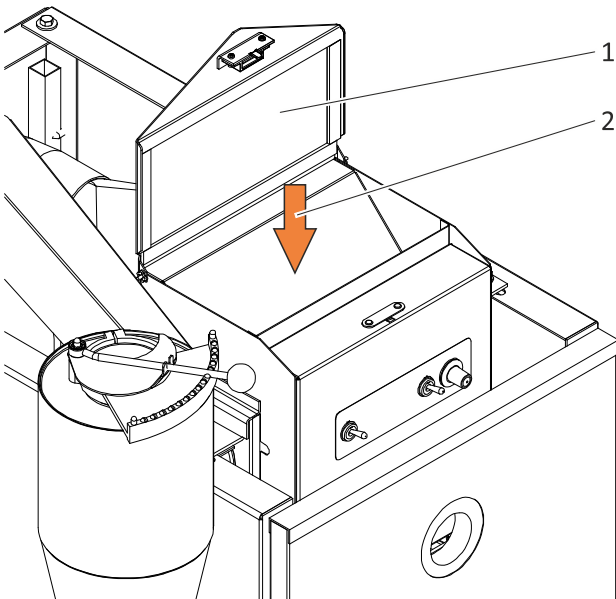


Figure 12: Fill in the sample

Item	Name
1	Filler cap opened
2	Sample

- ⇒ Set the deawner time on the potentiometer.
- ⇒ Close the filler cap and the door of the MLN Sample Cleaner.
- ⇒ Switch the control switch **ON**.  
The Sample Cleaner starts.
  - A limit switch system is integrated into the filler cap.  
The deawner will start only if the filler cap is closed.

**CAUTION**

**Hand injuries!**



- ⇒ Do not put your hands
  - in the working range of the sieve
  - from above in the Sample Cleaner
  - through the service openings at the side walls of the Sample Cleaner.

The deawner bottom will open automatically at the end of the deawning time.

- In order to cut short the deawning, actuate the control switch for manually opening the deawner bottom.

⇒ Switch the control switch **OFF** if the cleaning process has finished.

A complete cleaning process has ended as soon as grains can no longer be seen on the sieves. Duration for a 1 kg sample is approximately 60 s.



Check whether the sieves are free after the cleaning process ends. If grains are stuck, you can remove them by slightly knocking with your fingers.

⇒ Weigh the cleaned sample again. This way, you can determine the waste in percent. For this, refer to the calculation example in **chapter 7.3**.

**7.3 Re-weighing**

Calculation example:

The weight of the sample that you are pouring in the filling container is 1,050 g.

The cleaning process is started.

The aspiration is effective when the sample is discharged.

10 g dust and light dirt particles are sucked in.

Straw sieve and sand sieve sort 20 g of dirt particles each, i.e. total 40 g.

The weight of the sample is now 1,050 g - 50 g = 1,000 g.

The waste of 50 g has 4.8% of the sample.

The remaining 1,000 g is the weight of the grains without waste: **1,000 g = 95.2 %!**

Result of weighing:

Sample	1,050 g
Waste	50 g = 4.8 %
Top goods	1,000 g / 95.2 %

**7.4 Sieve change**



⇒ In order to avoid an unexpected starting of the Sample Cleaner, disconnect the mains before changing the sieves.

The tension springs for the straw sieve and the sand sieve are clamped with holders on the sieving trays.

⇒ Press the tension springs downwards and pull them forward.

⇒ In order to attain unrestricted space for the sieve-changing operation, rotate the springs in the direction of the respective side wall.

⇒ The sieves are now ready to be changed.

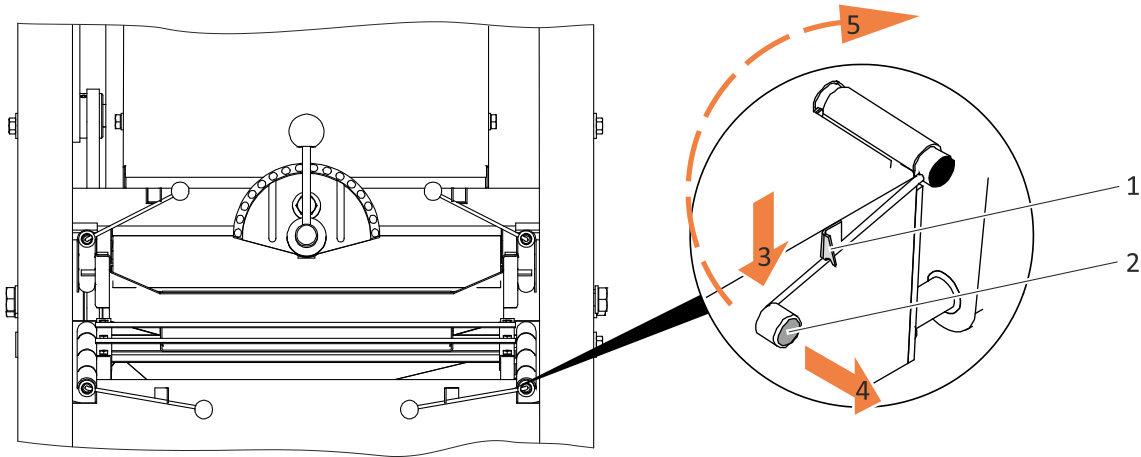


Figure 13: Tension springs on sieving tray

Item	Name	Item	Name
1	Holder	4	Tension spring forwards
2	Tension spring	5	Tension spring towards side wall
3	Tension spring downwards		



The sieves are fitted with the deawned side upwards. The engraved numbering is also located in this side.

**NOTICE**

Make sure the neoprene rubbers attached on the sieving trays are not damaged due to the edges of the sieves.

**7.4.1 Top sieve (straw sieve)**

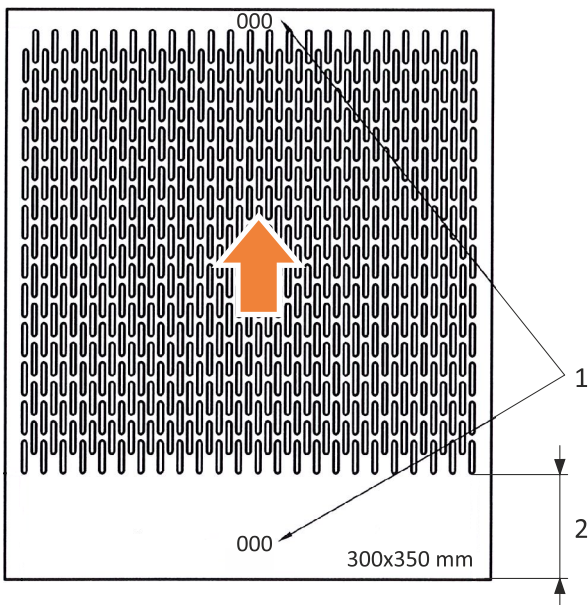


Figure 14: Straw sieve - mounting position

- ⇒ Pull the sieve to be changed.
- ⇒ Slide the new sieve on the sieving tray till the stop. It might have to be slightly lifted.
- ⇒ **Pay attention to the correct mounting position, refer to figure 14.**

Item	Name
1	Engraved number
2	Surface not stamped



⇒ The plastic sheet on the sieve holder must pull backwards in order to avoid the grains falling out after the deawning.

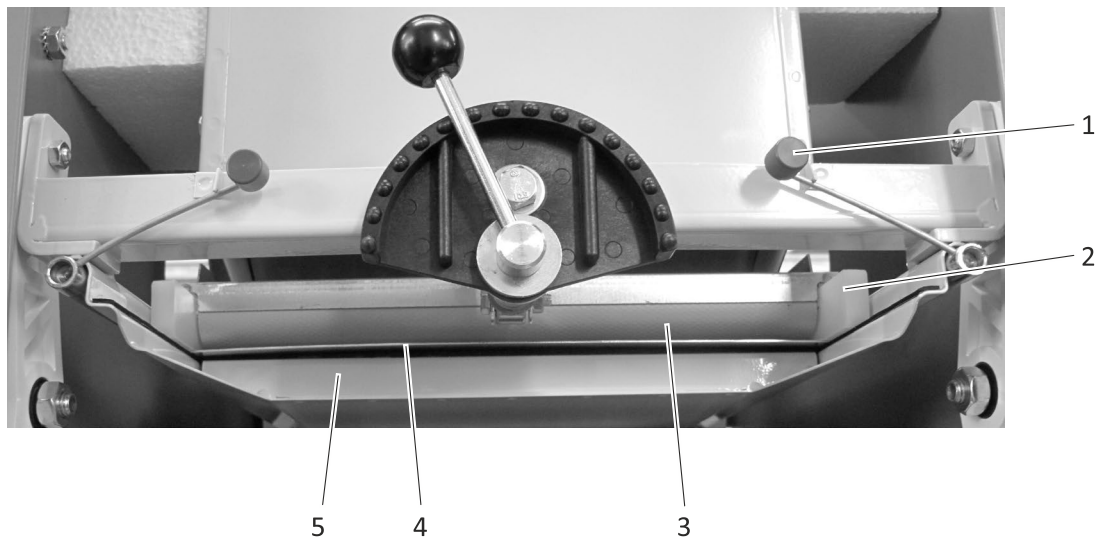
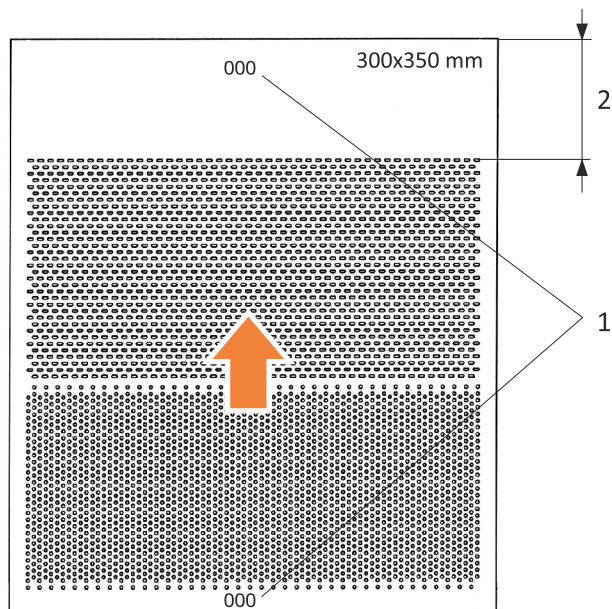


Figure 15: Correct mounting - Straw sieve

Item	Name
1	Tension spring clamped
2	Sieve holder
3	Correct position of the plastic screen (backwards)
4	Sieve
5	Sieving tray

### 7.4.2 Bottom sieve (sand sieve)



- ⇒ Pull the sieve to be changed.
- ⇒ Slide the new sieve on the sieving tray till the stop. It might have to be slightly lifted.
- ⇒ **Pay attention to the correct mounting position, refer to figure 16.**

Figure 16: Sand sieve - mounting position

Item	Name
1	Engraved number
2	Surface not stamped

⇒ Firmly re-clamp all the sieves on the holders using the tension springs.

**7.5 Recommended sieves and settings**

Product	Top sieve (straw sieve)	Bottom sieve (sand sieve)	Air	Outlet
<b>Grains:</b> Wheat Rye Barley Oats	4.5 x 20 mm	1.5 x 3.5 mm + Ø 2.0 mm	7-10	6
<b>Malting barley</b>	4.5 x 20 mm	1.5 x 3.5 mm + Ø 2.0 mm	7-10	6
<b>Spring swede rape</b>	Ø 2.8 mm	1.0 x 20 mm	5	1
<b>Winter oilseed rape</b>	Ø 3.0 mm	1.0 x 20 mm/ 1.25 x 20 mm	6	1-2
<b>Linseed</b>	1.8 x 20 mm/ 2.2 x 20 mm	Ø 1.8 mm/ Ø 2.0 mm	3-5	1-2
<b>Maize</b>	Ø 11.0 mm/ Ø 12.0 mm	Ø 4.5 mm	15	10-12
<b>Peas</b>	Ø 9.0 mm/ Ø 10.0 mm	Ø 3.0 mm/ Ø 3.5 mm	15	8-10
<b>Beans</b>	Ø 11.0 mm/ Ø 13.0 mm	3.5 x 20 mm	15	10-12
<b>Soybeans</b>	Ø 8.0 mm/ Ø 9.0 mm	2.5 x 20 mm	15	8-10
<b>Sunflower</b>	Ø 11.0 mm/ Ø 12.0 mm	2.0 x 20 mm/ 2.5 x 20 mm	7-9	8-10

Key:		
Ø = round hole	x = slot	/ = or



The specified settings and sieves are recommended by Pfeuffer GmbH. Objective is the same result as during a process cleaning.

Products such as peas, beans, soybeans and sunflowers vary greatly in size depending on their types.

You can get the recommended sieves at Pfeuffer GmbH; the item numbers are given in **chapter 11.4**

You can look up standardised specifications under the following standards:

DIN EN ISO 5223: Test sieves for cereals

DIN EN ISO 658: Oilseeds – determination of impurity level

DIN EN 15587: Cereal and cereal products – determination of stock in wheat, hard wheat, rye and feed barley

## 8 Maintenance and cleaning



The chapter maintenance and cleaning is intended for **skilled personnel** only.

### NOTICE

Opening the housing and inappropriate operation will invalidate the warranty.

In order to guarantee a failure-free operation of the Sample Cleaner, it is absolutely necessary that the machine is regularly cleaned and maintained.



### DANGER

**Touching live parts can be fatal!**



The deactivation procedure must be carried out before cleaning, maintaining or repairing the machine (refer to **chapter 2.9**).

- ⇒ During all work that is required, wear personal protective equipment according to the company health and safety regulations.
- ⇒ Pay attention to local statutory accident prevention regulations!



Time-related factors associated with the execution of the cleansing-related and maintenance activities are calculated for single-shift operations (8 hours/day; 22 days/month; 12 months/year).

<b>d</b> = daily	$\frac{1}{4}$ <b>y</b> = quarterly
<b>w</b> = weekly	$\frac{1}{2}$ <b>y</b> = half-yearly
<b>m</b> = monthly	<b>y</b> = yearly
<b>ar</b> = as required	

### NOTICE

Hazard notes and instructions for disposal must be provided by the operator.

### NOTICE

Following cleaning, maintenance or exchanging wearing parts, check that all safety devices are functioning correctly.



Specifications about maintaining and cleaning the motor and control unit can be obtained from the respective Operating Instructions of the manufacturer.



The Pfeuffer GmbH recommends a complete cleaning or covering of the machine before a longer standstill, in order to preserve the operational readiness of the Sample Cleaner.

### 8.1 Cleaning

#### NOTICE

Do not use any sharp objects or tools for cleaning. Use only those objects that are intended for cleaning. Make sure that water, vapour or dust cannot enter the electronic area when cleaning.

**8.1.1 Motor**

Excess dust deposition on the motor can lead to overheating and failure.

⇒ Clean the motor with a dry cloth and/or compressed air.

**8.1.2 Deawner**

Getting rid of residual impurities:

- The deawner must be empty.
- Start the deawning process.
- The impurities generally come off after approximately 60 s.

If it is necessary to clean the deawner bottom by hand, you must remove the filling container.



**CAUTION**

**Hand injuries!**



The deawner could start and lead to hand injuries!

⇒ Pull the mains plug.

⇒ Undo both the screws at the side of the filling container.

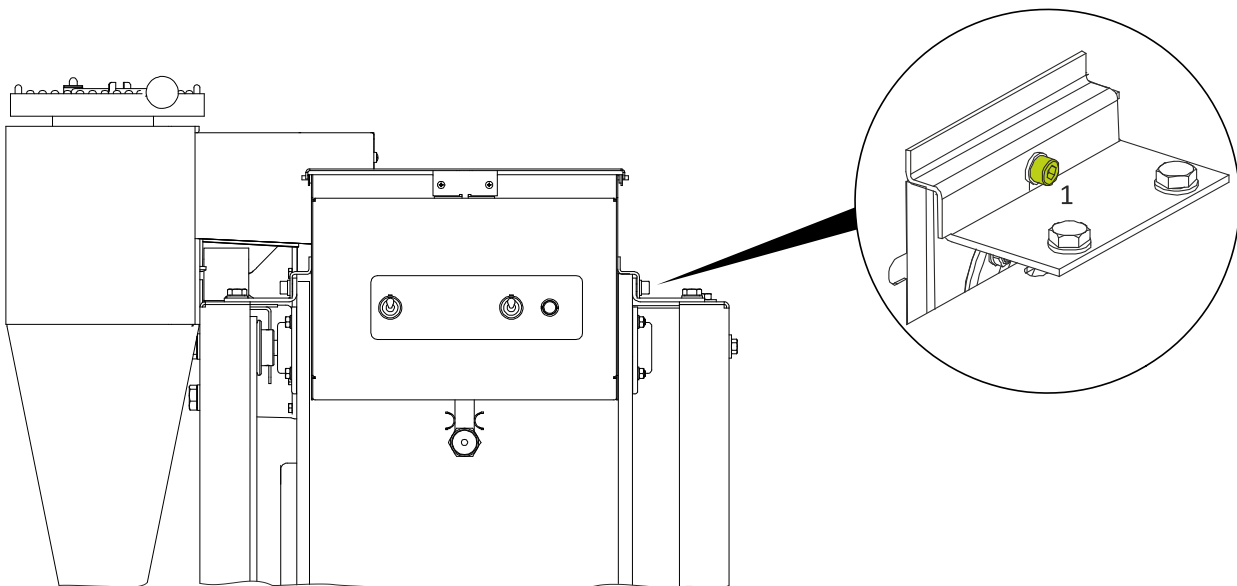


Figure 17: Screws at the filling container

Item	Name
1	Screw

⇒ Remove the filling container from the deawner.

**NOTICE**

Make sure that you do not damage, cut or pull out any cables.

- ⇒ Clean the deawner with a damp cloth and/or compressed air.
- ⇒ After cleaning, re-mount the filling container at the specified place.
- ⇒ Insert the rubber bush on the casing through the recess; refer to *figure 18*.

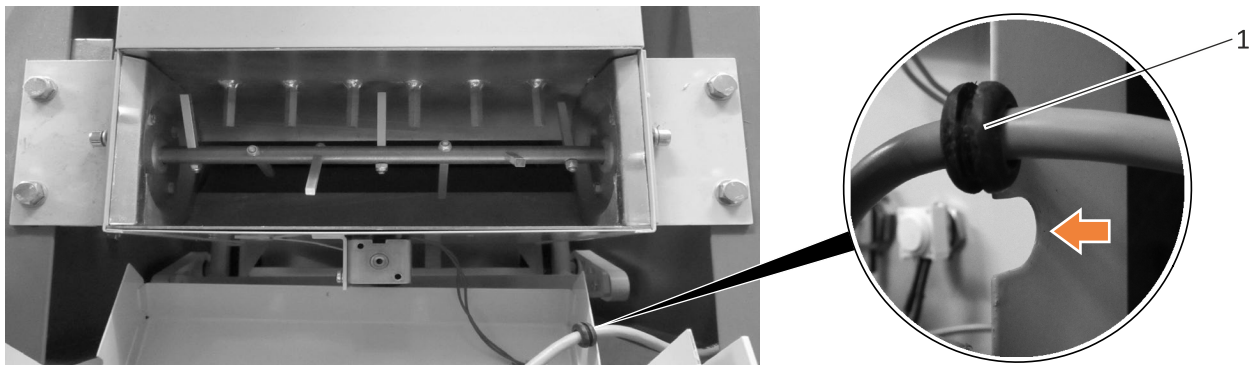


Figure 18: Rubber bush at the filling container

Item	Name
1	Rubber bush

**NOTICE**

Make sure that you do not damage, cut or pull out any cables.

⇒ Secure the side screws at the filling container.

**8.2 Lubrication**

Maintenance-free bearings are used in Sample Cleaner. Lubrication is not necessary.

**8.3 Inspection interval and functional test**

Assembly	Interval during single-shift operation				
	w	m	¼ y	½ y	1 y
Normal functional tests:					
Buttons and switches		X			
Mains isolator (plug/socket combination)					X
Markings and warnings present and legible (via visual inspection)					X
Check if wires are tight					X
Check whether all the plug, screw and clamped connections are tight and if necessary, re-tighten them			X		
Check all cables for damage and aging				X	
Check protective covers for defects, as well as for correct and tight fit		X			
Rubber bearings (sieve mode)					X
Check the belt tension and inspect for damages					X
Functional test of the drive motors				X	
Perform an electrical check in accordance with VDE <sup>5</sup>	See DGUV <sup>6</sup> Regulation 3				

<sup>5</sup> VDE = Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (Germany)

<sup>6</sup> DGUV = Association of German Statutory Accident Insurance

**DANGER**



**Damaged cables increase the risk of getting an electric shock!**

- ⇒ Never touch a damaged cable (e.g. cable that has been cut into, insulation damaged etc.)
- ⇒ Disconnect the cable from the electrical power supply immediately.
- ⇒ Replace the cable with a new one.



**NOTICE**

Detachable mains cables must not be replaced by inadequately dimensioned mains cables. Only the specified mains cables may be used!

**8.4 General maintenance instructions**

Maintenance is a part of servicing and refers to the scheduled cleaning, checking and replacement of wearing parts. The aim of maintenance is to maintain the full functionality of the machine over its lifetime.

The Sample Cleaner should therefore be checked for wear and tear at regular intervals. The inspection intervals depend on the frequency of use and the ambient conditions to which the Sample Cleaner is exposed. Only through regular checks (visual inspection) can damage to the machine caused during use be detected early and reliably.

If you are unsure whether your machine is still completely ready for use, Pfeuffer GmbH's professional service team will be pleased to assist you.

Check	Interval
Correct and secure position of the gear motor and the torque transfer elements	½ y
Wear and tear of the gear motor and the torque transfer elements	½ y
Functionality of limit switch system	½ y
Correct and secure position of protective cladding	m
Unusual noises: Rattling, rumbling or grinding → Reference to wear of parts (refer to list of spare parts <b>chapter 10</b> ) Worn-out parts must be replaced by <b>skilled personnel</b> only!	m

**8.5 Checks**

After the work has finished, check:

- ⇒ The completeness of the work carried out.
- ⇒ That there are no tools in the machine.
- ⇒ The wiring in the switch box for breaks, chafe marks or burns.
- ⇒ The covers or insulations for damages.
- ⇒ Close the cover of the gear box.
- ⇒ A function of all assemblies in setting or manual mode.
- ⇒ The safety equipment for proper functioning.
- ⇒ If all the functions are error-free, the machine is handed over to the operator.

**9 Disruptions – causes and rectification**



The references about possible malfunctioning stated in this chapter are explained in such a way that they are understood by skilled personnel from electric/electronic or mechanical/maintenance departments. These personnel must be provided with corresponding tools and testing equipment. If the stated measures are not successful, please contact Pfeuffer GmbH. Correct information of type designation, serial number and year of manufacture is important for all queries; this ensures fast processing.



**DANGER**

**Touching live parts can be fatal!**



The deactivation procedure must be carried out before cleaning, maintaining or repairing the machine (refer to **chapter 2.9**).

Problem	Cause	Rectification
Machine does not show any function.	System voltage not available.  Control switch ON/OFF remains at <b>OFF</b> .  Internal fuse defective.	Get the system voltage checked and activated by an <b>electrically skilled person</b> .  Switch the control switch <b>ON</b> .  Checking and replacement by an <b>electrically skilled person</b> .
Deawner bottom does not open/close.	Pre-set (using nut on locking lever) opening degree of the deawner base has changed.  Trapped grains.  Trigger magnet without function.	Reset the opening degree correctly with the help of nut and locknut at the locking lever.  Shake the locking lever for the deawner bottom and actuate the control switch for manual opening.  Checking and replacement by an <b>electrically skilled person</b> .
Filler cap cannot be opened.	Trigger magnet does not respond.	Pull up the locking lever slightly by hand, which is located at the centre under the filling cup.



Specifications about dysfunctions of the motor and control unit and its causes can be obtained from the respective Operating Instructions of the manufacturer!

**10 Spare and wear parts**

**NOTICE**

We particularly emphasise that spare parts and accessories that have not been supplied by us are also not checked and approved by us. The assembly and/or use of such products can hence affect the specified design properties of the Sample Cleaner under certain circumstances. Pfeuffer GmbH is not responsible for damages that occur due to the use of non-original parts and non-original accessories. Standard parts can be obtained at specialist shops.

The spare parts specified in the following are wear parts of MLN Sample Cleaner.

Wear part	Item number
Lever switch - Short, angled with rubber bushes	2350 0254
Lever switch - Long, angled with rubber bushes	2350 0256
Rubber bush for eccentric axle	3135 1740

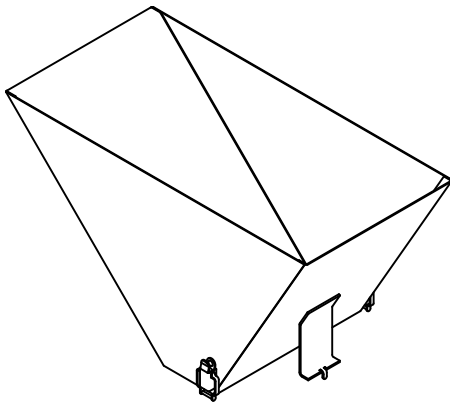
Other spare and replacement parts are available on request. A complete list of spare parts is available and can be separately requested.

### NOTICE

Replacement works on the motor, V-belt gear and switch box should be carried out by a skilled person only; refer to **chapter 2.5**. In case of questions, please contact Pfeuffer GmbH.

## 11 Supplements and accessories

### 11.1 Feed hopper



A feed hopper with a capacity of 5 kg can be mounted on the deawner. This way, the Sample Cleaner can be used for larger sample quantities, e.g. for seed cleaning for trial lots.

Figure 19: Feed hopper

### 11.2 Flow cup and bag holder

As the usual collecting pans are not suitable for larger sample quantities, another accessory is necessary for operating the Sample Cleaner with integrated feed hopper:

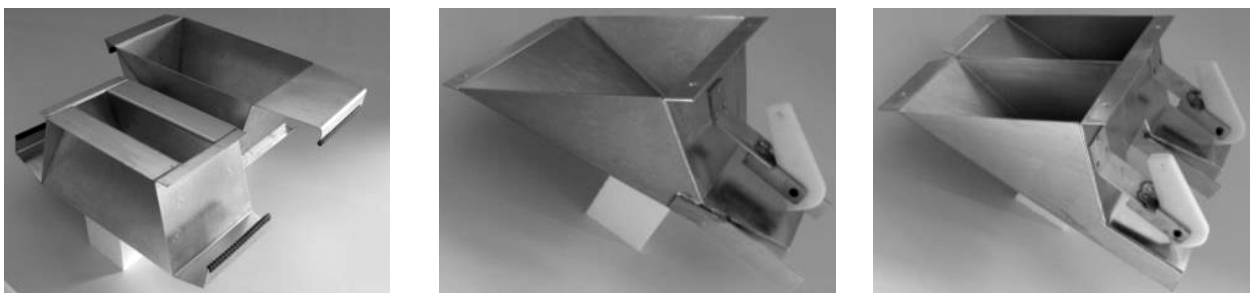
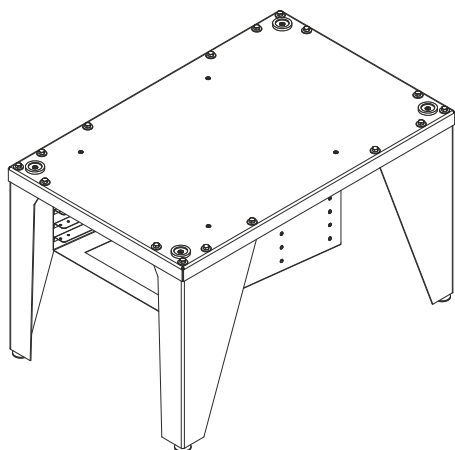


Figure 20: Flow cups, bag holders (1-fold or 2-fold)

### 11.3 Support table

The support table ensures an ergonomic working height above the floor. This allows easy removal of the collection pans and replacement of the dust bag. It is also easier to install and remove the sieves.





The high-quality support table is made of powder-coated steel and therefore particularly solid and rust-proof. Rubber pads on the feet provide a secure stability, as the frame can not slip. Under the tabletop there are mounting profiles which provide additional storage space for the various sieves and simplify quick sieve changes.

Technical data:

Floor space: 450x700 mm  
 Height: 420 mm  
 Weight: approx. 15 kg  
 Maximum load capacity: 100 kg

Figure 21: Support table MLN/SLN

Product	Item number
Support table MLN/SLN	1740 0060
Feed hopper	1740 0080
Sample pan for flow	1740 0081
1-fold bag holder	1740 0082
2-fold bag holder	1740 0083
Stainless steel collection pan	3351 0500
PVC collection pan	3110 0050
Dust collection bag holder and dust collection bag	1740 0100
Dust collection bag	4911 8090
Nozzle gage (hole gage) for checking the nominal hole widths	1249 0020

**11.4 Sieves**

Top sieve (straw sieve) 300 x 350 mm	Item number
Ø 2.8 mm	3115 5067
Ø 3.0 mm	3115 5070
Ø 8.0 mm	3115 5118
Ø 9.0 mm	3115 5124
Ø 10.0 mm	3115 5127
Ø 11.0 mm	3115 5133
Ø 12.0 mm	3115 5134
Ø 13.0 mm	3115 5136
1.8 x 20 mm	3115 6034
2.2 x 20 mm	3115 6046
4.5 x 20 mm	3115 6088

Bottom sieve (sand sieve) 300 x 350 mm	Item number
Blind sieve	3115 6998
Ø 1.8 mm	3115 5034
Ø 2.0 mm	3115 5040

Bottom sieve (sand sieve) 300 x 350 mm	Item number
Ø 3.0 mm	3115 5070
Ø 3.5 mm	3115 5076
Ø 4.5 mm	3115 5088
1.5 x 3.5 mm + Ø 2.0 mm	3115 6999
1.0 x 20 mm	3115 6010
1.25 x 20 mm	3115 6019
2.0 x 20 mm	3115 6040
2.5 x 20 mm	3115 6057
3.5 x 20 mm	3115 6076

## 12 Emergency



⇒ In case of an emergency, disconnect the Sample Cleaner from the electrical power supply.

## 13 Dismantling and disposal



Disassembly and disposal may be carried out only by **skilled personnel**.



**DANGER**

**Touching live parts can be fatal!**



The deactivation procedure must be carried out before cleaning, maintaining or repairing the machine (refer to **chapter 2.9**).



### Special waste

Oil, cleaning agents, contaminated cleaning tools (brush, rags, etc.) must be disposed of according to the local regulations and in accordance with the notes in the manufacturers' safety data sheets.



Disposal with the household garbage is forbidden!  
The Sample Cleaner must be disposed of in accordance with the statutory local environmental regulations (Directive WEEE 2012/19/EU).

## 14 Glossary

**Aspiration** is the suction of light-weight impurities.

**Mycotoxins** are mould fungi. A chronic intake can result in organ damage.

**Deawner** is a device for removing the dust and impurities deposited on grains, husks, which remain on the grains during threshing.

**Shrivelled grain** is a shrivelled, hollow small grain.

**Small grains** are small, broken, shrivelled grains and grains of other cereals and their seeds.

**Cyclone** is a separator for light-weight impurities.

**15 DIN ISO 9001 - Documentation**

In practical applications, the introduction of QM and TQM systems is becoming increasingly important. Here you can find some points indicating how the accuracy of your test instrument can be documented.

**Monitoring intervals for test instruments**

It is recommended for the parameters stated below to be checked and documented once a year. Here is a suggestion for a form that should make this task easier.

**Checking the nominal hole widths:**

A certified precision nozzle gage with a read-off accuracy of 1/100 mm is available for accurate measurement of the nominal hole widths, see **chapter 11** for item number.

Tolerances for sieve plates:

- Slot: ISO 5223 Test sieves for cereals
- Round hole: DIN ISO 3310-2 Test sieves – Technical requirements and testing – Part 2: Test sieves of perforated metal plate

**Test process**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1		█						█													█								█
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Figure 22: Diagram for selecting the hole widths to be tested

- ⇒ Select about 40 sieve holes (see diagram for 2.5 mm sieve with 29x11 holes, 44 selected).
- ⇒ Position the sieve plate vertically and clamp it in the clamping fixture.
- ⇒ Insert the measuring tip of the nozzle gage manually at an angle of 90° into the sieve hole (the gage must be at right angles to the sieve). Advance it until you encounter resistance, but without applying force, hold firmly at the top end, the vernier scale moves down.
- ⇒ Read off the result on the vernier directly in the inserted condition. Enter it in a test log (Copying template see next page).

**NOTICE**

The results can be falsified by removing the nozzle gage before reading off the result, e. g. due to the measuring tip jamming or having a pushing force exerted on it!

- ⇒ The sieve should be discarded if the nominal hole with is outside the tolerance required in the standard for more than 3 values. Please contact the manufacturer!

**Test log for nominal hole widths**

This log is intended to allow the owner-operator to document the test status of the sieves of the Sample Cleaner.

Company, location \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Cleaner **MLN**

Year of manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company stamp:

**Checking the nominal hole widths**

Nominal hole width – tolerances for sieve plates:

Slot: ISO 5223 Test sieves for cereals

Round hole: DIN ISO 3310-2 Test sieves – Technical requirements and testing – Part 2: Test sieves of perforated metal plate

Nominal hole width as embossed: \_\_\_\_\_ mm specified tolerance: \_\_\_\_\_ mm

**Actual hole widths:**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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The tester confirms that the measurement has been carried out correctly as described in the operating instructions in **chapter 15**.

The nominal hole widths correspond to the actual hole widths :  Yes  No

The sieves meets the requirements stated in the aforementioned regulations:  Yes  No