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**Pulp & Paper Industry Case History** 

# **Starch Cooking**

#### Application

A converting mill producing a range of specialty coated printing and copier papers, required a steam injection heater for cooking cationic starch slurry, up to 35% solids. The heater serves a dual function. First, water is pre-heated to 140°F and blended with starch powder. Then the starch slurry is pumped back through the heater at a rate of 40 GPM and cooked at 200°F. Depending on the recipe, post dilution is used to obtain final consistency.

#### **Process Conditions**

Slurry and Water Flow Rate: 40 GPM Inlet Temperature: Final Cook Temperature: Steam Pressure: Water Pressure: Required Steam Flow:

50°F 200°F 65 PSIG **50 PSIG** 2,580 lb/hr

### Solution

A Pick Model 6X25-3BX Heater was selected for this application. Its generous flow-through design imposes negligible pressure drop on the slurry. It provides thorough cooking at a precisely controlled temperature. The low velocity design minimizes mechanical shear of the starch granules, an important factor for most cationic starches.

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### Features and **Benefits:**

- Low Pressure Drop
- Precise **Temperature** Control
- Low Mechanical Shear
- **Compact Design**
- **Non-Plugging**

# **Starch Cooking System Diagram**



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