# THE RESULTS OF PRACTICAL RESEARCH OF THE SEPARATOR IN AN EFFICIENT DESIGN THAT SEPARATES THE RAW COTTON FROM THE AIR

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The article provides information on the main disadvantages of separators currently used in ginneries. The results obtained by identifying ways to overcome the above-mentioned shortcomings and introducing into the production of separators of new efficient design are also presented. The analysis of the results shows that the improved SXM inertial separator allows to preserve the natural properties of cotton by 15-20% compared to the current SX separator, as well as to provide a stable and stable average of 15 t/h.

**KEYWORDS:** raw cotton, separator, seed, mesh surface, air flow, vacuum - valve.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Improving the efficiency of existing equipment and facilities in ginneries, improving the quality of products in many respects to meet the technical requirements for these devices, the correct choice of technological regulations and the correct observance of aerodynamic standards in pneumatic transport systems depends. Analysis of existing technological and aerodynamic conditions, selection and introduction of alternatives into production, production efficiency, identification of factors affecting the natural properties of cotton and finding ways to eliminate it, air separation device for cotton is available in SS-15A and SX separators The essence of this scientific work is the introduction of proposals for the elimination of deficiencies and the prevention of fiber loss and its application in production [1,2].

An analysis of this topic and finding a solution to the problem arising from it is a comprehensive analysis of the SS-15A and SX separators, which are widely used in ginneries today. This is due to the fact that cotton, which is widely used today, damages the fiber and seeds, which are the main products of cotton transportation. Therefore, the main goal of this work is to identify ways to overcome the above shortcomings and the introduction of new technologies in production [3,4].

#### **METHODS AND MATERIALS**

Currently, the SX separator is widely used in the ginning industry (Figure 1). The separator is designed as follows: separating chamber 1, return wall 2, inertial separation section 3, air inlet and outlet pipes 7, cylindrical mesh surface 6, separation shaft 8, scraper 9 and vacuum valve 5. Cylindrical mesh surface and the separation drum is mounted at a



specified distance (70-100 mm) from the separation chamber.

The fact that the scrapers in the separating drum are interconnected with the air separating cotton prevents the cotton from accumulating in the separating chamber.

The principle of operation of the separator brand SX is based on the principle of operation of the pneumatic separator.

The main part of the seed cotton, which enters the air-separating chamber 1, separates from the air flow as a result of hitting the return wall 2 and by its own inertia falls directly into the vacuum valve. A portion of the seed cotton is moved by the fan along with the air flow absorbed through the mesh surface, sticks to the cylindrical mesh surface, is cleaned with the scrapers of the separating drum and discharged into the vacuum valve.

Due to the use of SX separator, cotton seeds are not allowed to fall directly on the surface of the cylindrical mesh. As a result, a reduction in cotton entanglement and seed damage was achieved. In addition, the plane of the mesh surface is always clean, thus ensuring a constant aerodynamic resistance of the separator. Another advantage of the separator is that it consumes less energy.

Analysis of the SX separator shows that there is a partial loss of fiber during the separation of cotton from the air, which is 0.23~kg / h. As a result of the use of the separator, fiber loss is reduced by 0.17~kg / h for high varieties and 0.83~kg / h for low varieties [5,6].

Improvements to the SX separator have been made in two main areas:

The first direction is to preserve the natural properties of the cotton falling into the vacuum-valve by distributing the cotton layer evenly along the working lengths of the vacuum-valve at the inlet of the separators. In this direction, the cotton layer is concentrated in the middle of the pipe by the centrifugal force, so that the main mass falls on the central part of the vacuum valve. For this purpose, it is advisable to install distribution and guidance devices for the cotton gin.

The second direction is to minimize the mass of cotton moving on the mesh surface by directing the separator by the inertia of the cotton mass moving from the inlet to the vacuum valve. Due to this, the natural properties of cotton are preserved. To do this, improve the design of the inlet pipes of the SX separator and provide aerodynamic process control [7,8,9].

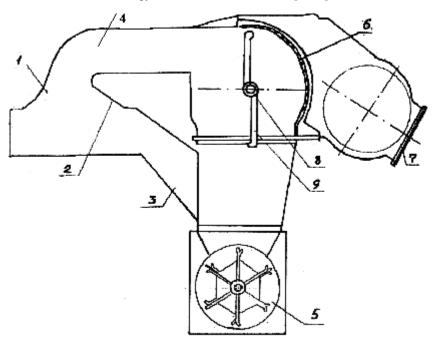


Figure 1. General view diagram of SX separator

1th separation chamber; 2th revolving wall; 3th inertial separation section; 4th seed cotton air inlet pipe; 5th vacuum-valve; 6th grid surface; 7th outlet pipe; 8th separation shaft; 9th scraper.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

During the introduction of the improved separator, it was found that the bulk of the cotton mass moving through the separator inlet pipe falls into the vacuum valve by its own inertia (95-97%) and 3-5% of the seed cotton moves through the air. As a result, it was argued that there was no need to install a mesh drum on the separator [10,11,12]. With this in mind, a sample copy of the improved separator was created. The proposed separator is shown in Figure 1.



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2 – rasmda keltirilgan SXM separatorida ishlab chiqarish jarayoni davomida sinov ishlari olib borildi.

Ishlab chiqarishda o'tkazilgan sinov natijalari, paxtaning ifloslik darajasi, namligi hamda chigitning mexanik shikastlanish darajalarini aniqlashga imkon berdi. Olingan natijalar 1 hamda 2 – jadvallarda keltirilgan. The SXM separator shown in Figure 2 was tested during the manufacturing process.

The results of production tests allowed to determine the degree of contamination, moisture and mechanical damage to the cotton. The results are given in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. Changes in the degree of mechanical damage to the seed

The number of times the cotton passes through the pipe	Depending on the change in the speed of the separator in the inlet pipe, the degree of mechanical damage to the seed,%				
	27,3 m/s	29,7 m/s	31,5 m/s	33,1 m/s	35,0 m/s
Preliminary indication of cotton	1,62				
1	1,62	1,63	1,65	1,64	1,65
2	1,62	1,67	1,64	1,65	1,67
3	1,63	1,69	1,71	1,70	1,68
4	1,68	1,72	1,74	1,72	1,76

#### Experimental results

#### Table 2.

Cotton sort	The number of times the cotton passes through the pipe	Degree of mechanical damage to the seed in the SX separator,%	Degree of mechanical damage to the seed in the SXM separator,%	Amount of waste,%
1	Preliminary indication of cotton	1,35	0,73	4,55
	1	1,46	0,74	3,82
	2	1,53	0,79	3,50
	3	1,63	0,81	3.32
	4	1,76	0,84	3,28
W, % 11.2	Preliminary indication of cotton	2,40	0,97	7,20
	1	2,51	1,02	5,94
	2	2,64	1,04	5,94
	3	2,80	1,07	5,21
	4	2,85	1,10	6,53
W, % 16.7	1	2,54	1,03	6,53
	2	2,71	1,07	6,19
	3	2,90	1,10	5,89
	4	2,97	1,15	5,67
W, % 21.35	1	2,57	1,04	6,95
	2	2,70	1,06	6,78
	3	2,92	1,12	6,66
	4	3,00	1,16	6,53
III	Preliminary indication of			
	cotton	2,63	1,02	6,78
	1	2,76	1,05	5,76
	2	2,87	1,12	5,24
	3	3,02	1,17	5,08
	4	3,21	1,21	4,90

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Figure 2. Side view of SXM separator.

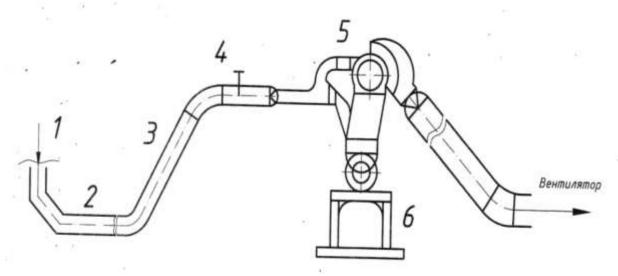


Figure 3. Experimental scheme of pneumatic transport device.

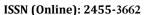
1th cotton transfer area; 2th horizontal section; 3th vertical section; 4th Prandtl pipeline; 5th separator; 6th hatch.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The analysis of the results in the tables shows that the improved SXM inertial separator allows to maintain the natural properties of cotton by 15-20% compared to the current SX separator, as well as to ensure a stable stable average of 15 t / h. The implementation of this separator will reduce fiber loss by 0.23 kg / h for high-grade cotton and by 1.83 kg / h for low-grade cotton.

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