

## Make a difference in weighing and dosing

# Varion G – Loss-in-weight scale for granular products

### Control and define process streams

Weighing and dosing applications are extremely important in all food and feed processing lines. Scales and dosers are technically taking over these functions and are installed during process steps which are critical for process and quality. The Varion G perfectly copes with these requirements and provides operation modes for weighing and dosing.

Dosing – Defines product streams for downstream processes by running them under the most effective conditions as well as blending requirements, thereby achieving the desired product composition.

Weighing – Provides transparency on the most relevant process streams, ensuring maximum yield on raw materials and controlling incoming and outgoing product flows.





### Sustainability

**Proven energy cost reduction** of up to 92% thanks to the designed-for-purpose **DriveX** module with an integrated **power management system.** 



### Quality

Uniquely high and repeatable accuracy down to ±0.2% thanks to a perfect combination of **process** logic, a super-efficient differential pressure compensation and high-precision load cells.



### Availability

**Maximized up-time** thanks to the powerful and extremely easy to operate **bUnify control system**, with a modern and intuitive user interface.



### Safety and ease of use

**Easy and safe to operate and maintain** thanks to its uniquely ergonomic, robust and hygienic design.



### Digitalization

**Unlimited connectivity** with Bühler Insights and any plant control system ensures full transparency and utilization of the **Scales Monitoring System.** 

# **Key elements**

# Designed for purpose

- Inlet housing with incorporated segment gate, actuated by DriveX module
- 2 Flexible connection to decouple weighing hopper
- Bulk density measurement module (optionally)
- 4 Weighing hopper
- 5 Moisture measurement module (optionally)
- 6 High-precision load cells
- Outlet section with incorporated dosing segment gate, actuated by DriveX module
- 8 bUnify machine controller with web panel
- 9 Installation structure



### **Commodities:**



Maize



Oat flakes



Barley



Wheat



Pulses



Brown rice



Rye



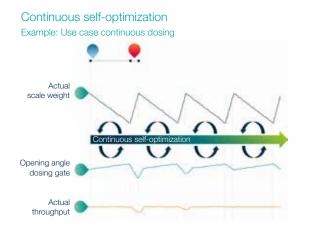
Seeds



Other granular products

# Varion G at a glance

# Turning leadership in innovation into benefits for operation and maintenance







### Best accuracy of down to ± 0.2%\*

- Self-learning process algorithm continuously optimizes the weighing process
- Smart differential pressure measurement system actively compensates and monitors internal pressure differences
- Separately connected high-precision load cells allow individual analysis of the measuring signals

### **DriveX saves energy of up to 92%**

- Designed-to-purpose servo drive and gearbox ensure not only significantly reduced energy requirements but also increases machines life-time of the drive system
- Power management system buffer restores energy and ensures safety of the machines in case of power cuts



# Maximized up-time thanks to bUnify control system

- Intuitive and modern user interface enables fast and high-quality interaction when required
- Full transparency on process and machine parameters thanks to trending charts and event management
- Support-wizards ensure the most effective root cause analysis and user guidance e.g., calibrations
- Highly flexible integration into the processing line thanks to various interface options



# Unmatched safety thanks to outstanding design

- Operational no product build-ups in the process zone thanks to the avoidance of complex and inaccessible areas
- Maintenance sufficient openings for cleaning and maintenance to comfortably reach all relevant parts and sections
- Equipment product zone free of screws and bolts protects downstream equipment
- Food minimal accumulations of product and dust thanks to first-class hygienic design



# Scales Monitoring System provides solid ground for various improvements

- Improved performance and process stability thanks to full transparency on critical machine and process parameters
- Long-term monitoring of the incoming product flow leads to maximized and uniform overall processing line efficiency
- Smart Bühler Insights dashboards ensure transparency across all organizational levels

# **Use case: Continuous dosing**

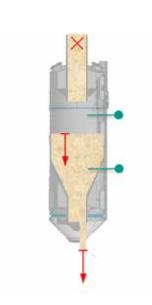
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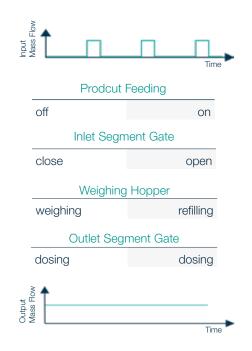
In the operation mode FlowControl, the Varion G continuously doses the product with the desired process flow rate to the downstream process steps. The throughput can be freely selected, optionally in combination with the total weight of a production lot.

### Insights into the Varion G process

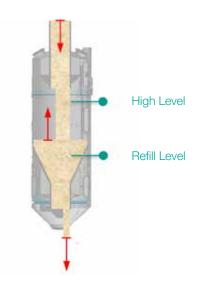
Continuous dosing is provided by two sub-process steps: weighing and refilling. The product level in the weighing hopper is always between high and refill level.

### Sub-process step weighing





### Sub-process step refilling



### Exemplary use cases:

- Dosing product to a continuously operated core machine such as roller mill, hammer mill, etc, ensuring highest performance in the core process
- Dosing product to a continuously operated raw material blending system ensuring the desired compositions of raw materials



### **Efficiency**

Most accurate and consistent feeding of core processes



### Quality

Transparency in the factory and repeatability in the process

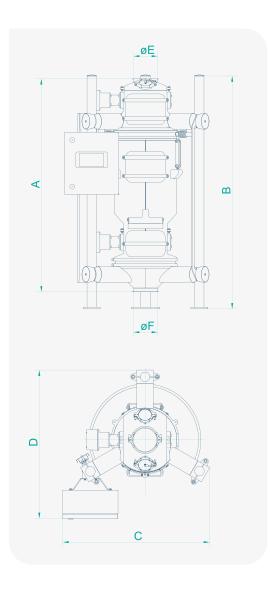


### Self optimization

Availability of relevant data as basis for smart process interlocks

# **Technical specifications and capacities**

# Use case: Continuous dosing



### Dimensions

Model	Α	В	С	D	øΕ	øF
	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]
30	1153	1305	930	949	ø150	ø150
60	1373	1505	930	949	ø150	ø150
140	1665	1805	1104	1099	ø300	ø250
200	1891	2005	1104	1099	ø300	ø250

Dimension may vary for different machine configurations

### Volume flow & capacities

Model	Volume flow	Wheat Rye	Maize Barley	Oat
	[m³/h]	0.75 t/m <sup>3</sup> [t/h]	0.6 t/m <sup>3</sup> [t/h]	0.5 t/m <sup>3</sup> [t/h]
30	up to 16	up to 12	up to 9	up to 7.5
60	up to 32	up to 24	up to 18	up to 15
140	up to 80	up to 60	up to 45	up to 40
200	up to 107	up to 80	up to 56	up to 48

# Alternatives to dose granular products:







Flow balancer **Rois** 

# **Use case: Continuous weighing**

# Ensure maximal quality and efficiency

In the operation mode FlowMeter, the Varion G measures the mass flow of a process stream with a given throughput. Key performance parameters such as high weight accuracy with maximal consistencies in the weight measurement process are given throughout the operation. The actual mass flow rate is calculated and provided at any time.

### Insights into the Varion G process

The continuous weighing is provided by two sub-process steps: weighing and refilling. During refilling the weighing hopper is filled until the target level. The weighing is done based on time.

**Product Feeding** 

Pre-Hopper

Inlet Segment Gate

Weighing Hopper

Dosing Segment Gate

on

emptying

open

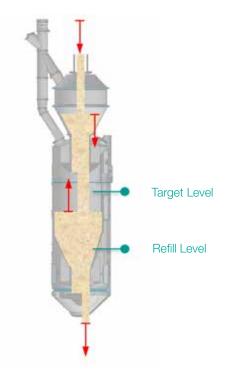
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### Sub-process step weighing

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### Sub-process step refilling



### Exemplary use cases:

- Measuring a given product flow at various positions throughout the processing line providing transparency and process control
- Providing product properties like bulk density, moisture content, and temperature in addition to the weight to an upstream process such as drying systems, flaker, etc.



### **Transparency**

Transparent measure of the mass flows on all relevant positions in the factory

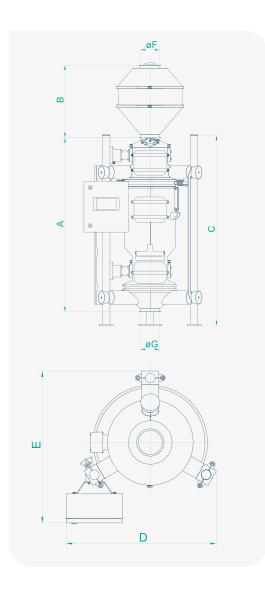


### Yield management

Accurate measure of the incoming and outgoing product streams

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60	up to 17	up to 13	up to 10	up to 8
140	up to 53	up to 40	up to 32	up to 26
200	up to 67	up to 50	up to 40	up to 33

# Alternatives to weigh granular products:



Batch scale **Akrivis** 

