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# “Sustainability & Productivity Gains - Happen in a Vacuum”

ULTRA Low Energy Dryer

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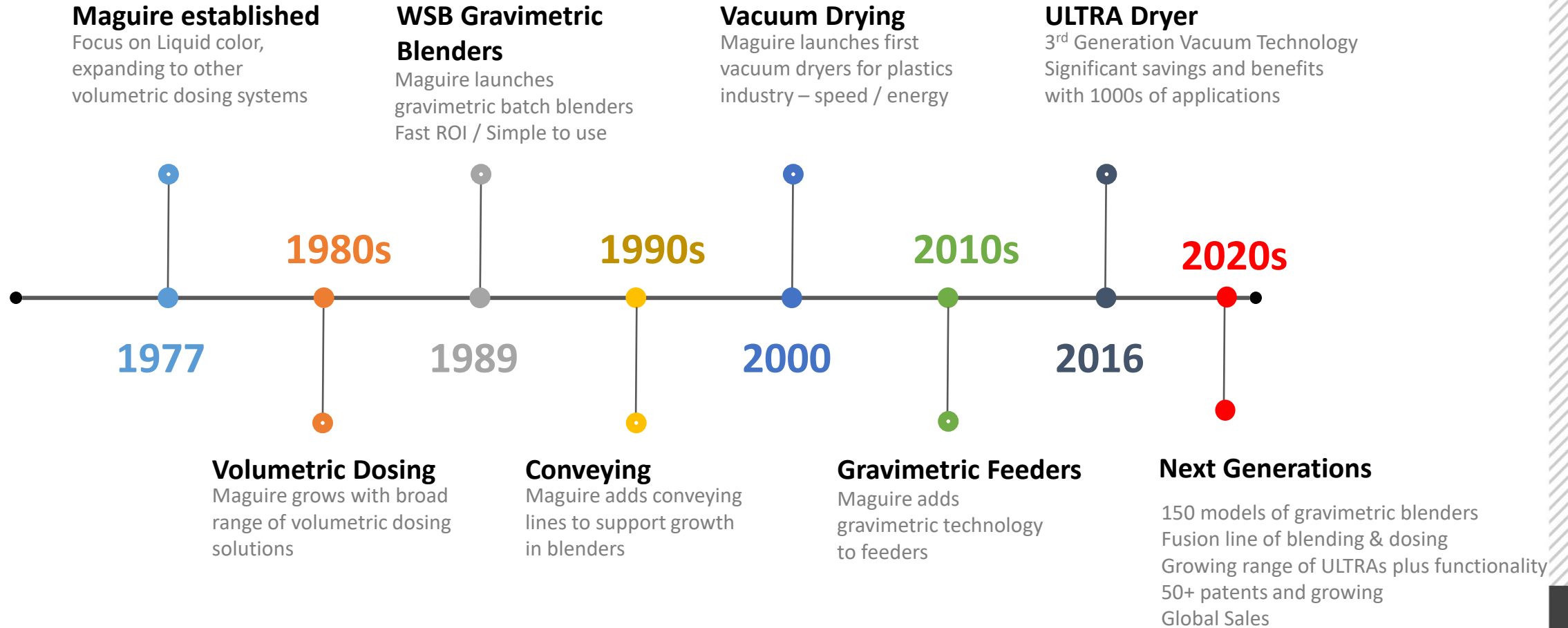


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## ? Why Dry by Vacuum?

## 7 The Magnificent Seven

1. 60% - 80% Average Energy Savings
2. 6 x Faster Drying Times
3. Fast Resin Changes – 15 minutes
4. Low Stress / Short Heat Residence Times
5. Small Footprint – 5 x Less Material in Process
6. Effective Removal of Volatiles [VOC]
7. Extremely Low Maintenance



# ULTRA for PET – How does it work?



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## Phase 1: Heat

Residence Time: 40 – 60 minutes

Resin Temp: 340°F / 170°C

Resin Humidity: 100 ppm

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## Phase 2: Vacuum / Dry

Residence Time: 15 – 20 minutes

Vacuum Pressure: 3.15"/Hg / 80mm/Hg

Resin Humidity: >50 ppm

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## Phase 3: Convey

Load Cell Monitoring of Usage

Just in Time

Continuous Feed

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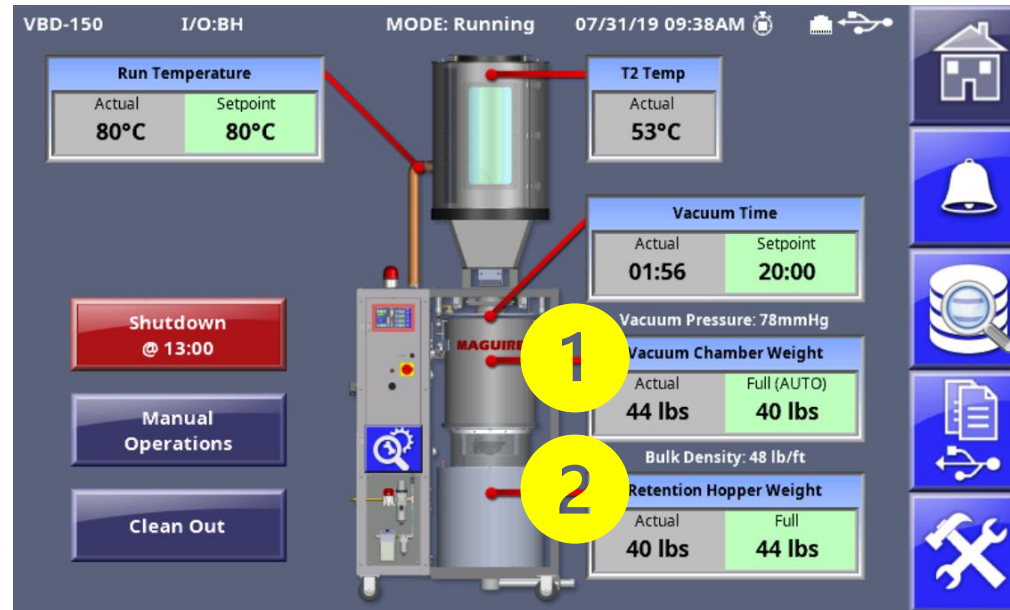
High Temperature material from Phase 1, then placed under **High Vacuum** in Phase 2, reduce the boiling point of any moisture present to 133°F / 56°C leading to moisture to rapidly leave material

# Load Cells – Unique ULTRA Benefits



Load Cells:  
Vacuum  
Chamber

Load Cells:  
Retention  
Hopper



Intelligent next generation drying

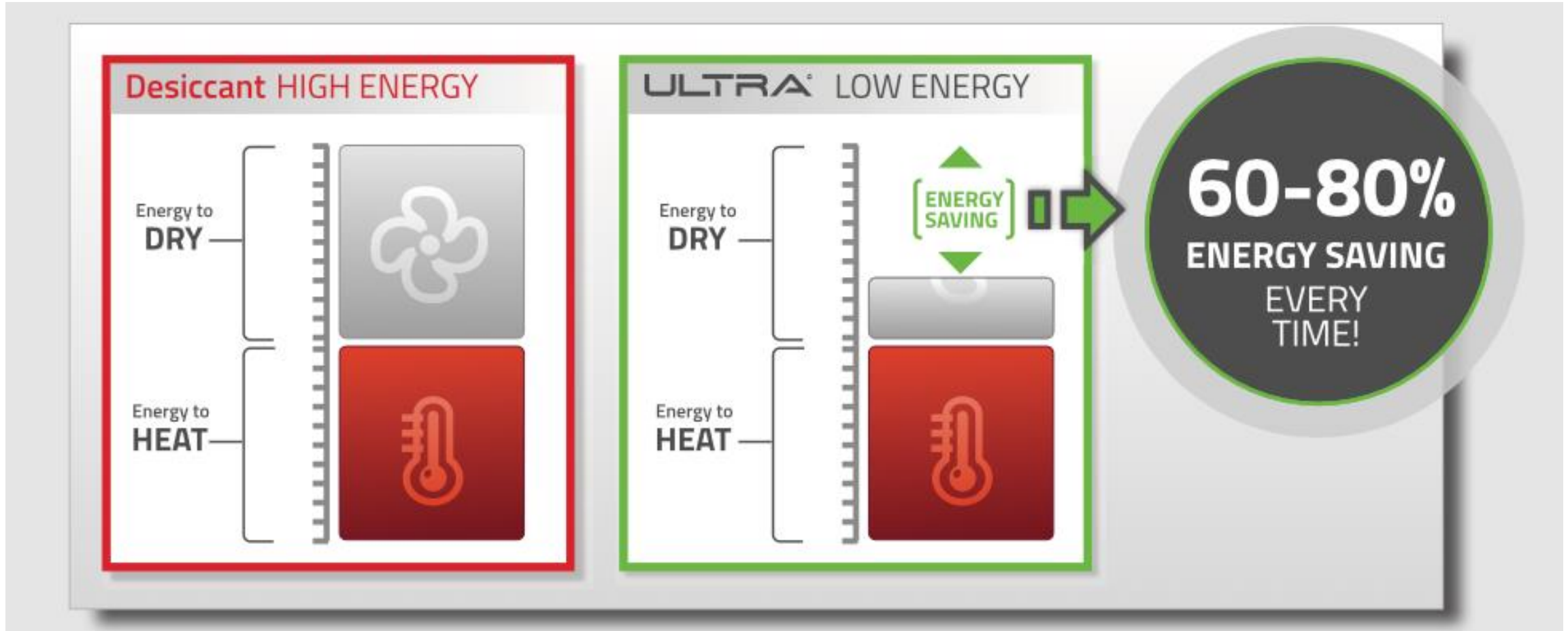


Load cell data combined with the control of ULTRA allows ULTRA to control many other process parameters;

- VC Fill Weight
- RH Materials Usage
- Control w/lb/hr
- Demand Rate

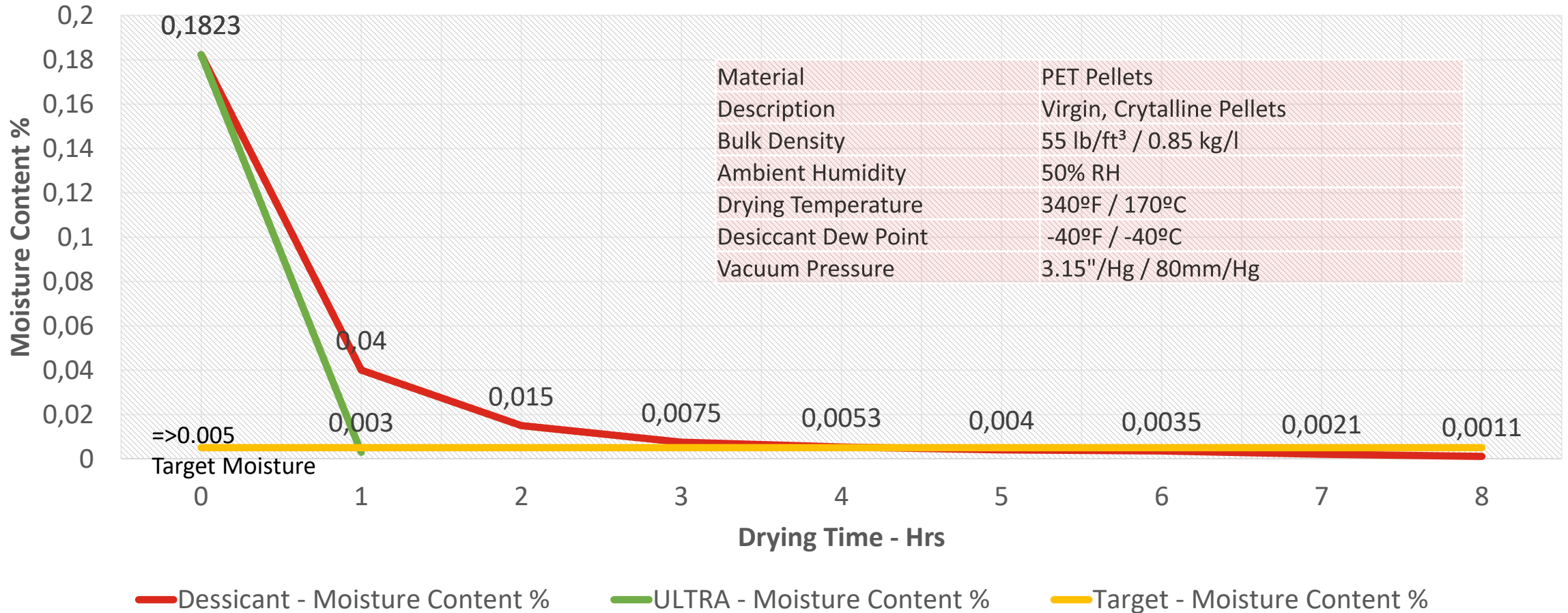
Special Unique Controls;  
Auto Stop  
Dynamic Drying  
Pit Stop

# ULTRA - HOW MUCH ENERGY SAVING?



# ULTRA - How Fast?

PET - Moisture Loss during Drying



# ULTRA - Fast Start Up & Resin Changes



Continuous process

Fast material changes

Improved health and safety at work

Avoids multiple dryers – buffer arrangements

Eliminates material wastage / conveying / storage

Aids planned material changes

60 – 80% energy savings

10-Yr Period - \$ 172,800 Energy Saving

	Desiccant	ULTRA
Temperature	340°F / 170°C	340°F / 170°C
Energy to Dry	86 w/lb/h 190 w/kg/h	32 w/lb/h 70 w/kg/h
Heating / Drying Time	4 to 6 hours	40/20 minutes
Start-up Time	4 to 6 hours	1 hour
Energy Cost / Year	\$27,360	\$10,080
Material in Process	1500lbs / 860kg	350lbs / 160kg

Based on a 220lb/h / 100kg/h ISBM process





## Low Stress / Short Heat History

- Low stress / short heat history for multigenerational materials – rPET / PCR
- Growing demands for blends of rPET / PET
- ULTRA Heat hopper - open circuit design vaporizes VOC
- Improves bottle clarity
- No desiccant degradation, filter change, water connections
- No oil condenser

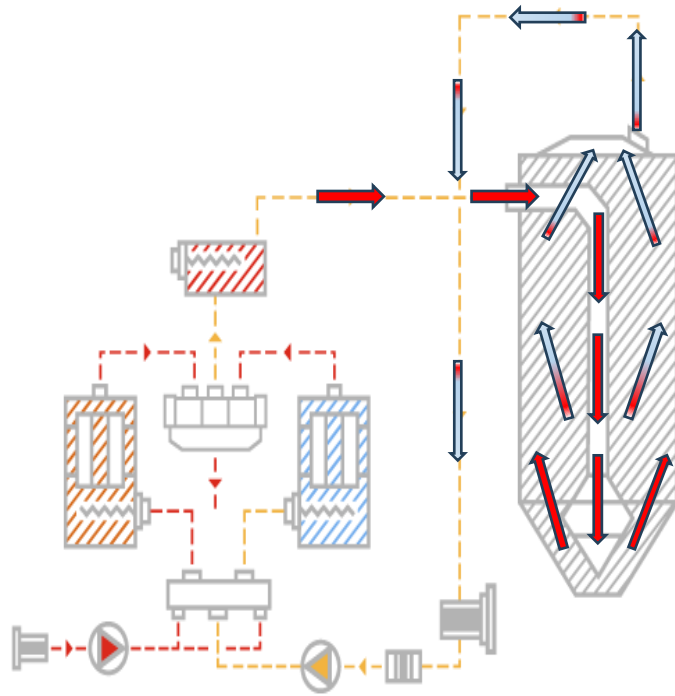


## Space Saving

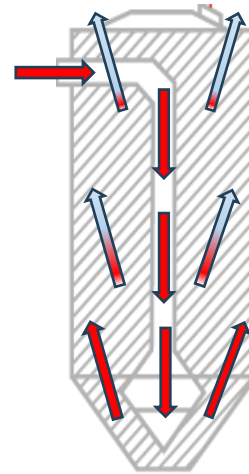
- Faster Drying means less material in process
- This means more compact drying equipment
- Example – 2 identical preform machines at up to 1,000lb/h
- Easier material changes – more responsive drying process



# ULTRA – Unique Benefits - RPET / PCR Drying



Typical Desiccant Heat **Closed Loop**  
Airflow Circuit



ULTRA Heat **Open** Airflow  
Circuit

Benefits in reality - drying with ULTRA improvements are in:

- Heat Exposure
- Material Properties
- Color
- Dust & Fines
- Degassing
- Deodorizing
- Clarity

# ULTRA: Low Maintenance

No desiccant to replace

No process filters

No water connection

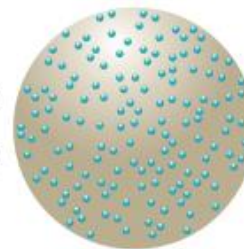
No oil condensers

New Desiccant Media



Desiccant Deterioration on 18 to 24 months

Clay bead  
showing  
desiccant  
crystals



Cracks &  
flaking  
appear



Dust forms



## Case Study - Berry Plastics

53 ISBM Machine  
Principle materials – PET, RPET  
400 material changes / month

Major concerns – energy cost and material change times exceeding 1 hour

ULTRA-150 at 42.74 kg/h / 94lb/h ran side by side with existing wheel dryer system over a 24-hour period

Wheel dryer consumed in 24hrs - 177.64 kW

ULTRA consumed 24hrs - 70.12 kW

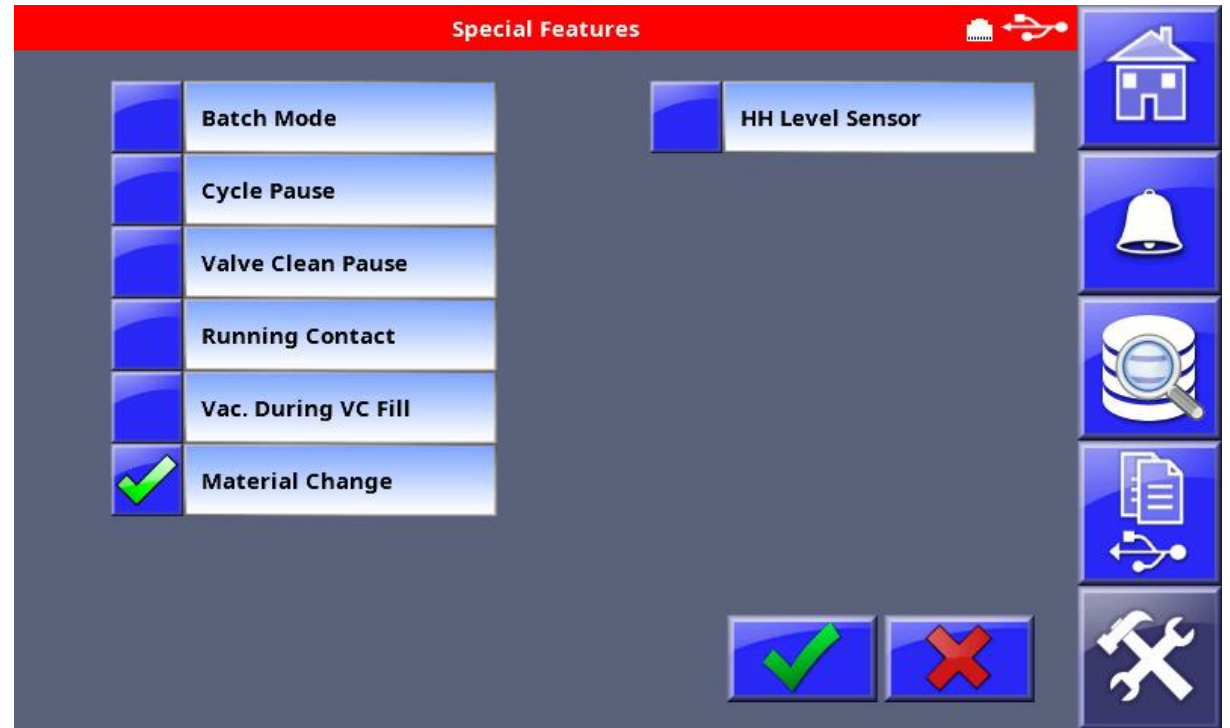
Total Energy saving of 60.5%



# Berry Plastics – 15 MINUTE MATERIAL CHANGE

Material Change on the Fly or “Pit Stop”

Ultra uses load cells, which monitor material consumption and enable a special feature to deliver significant Productivity Gains.

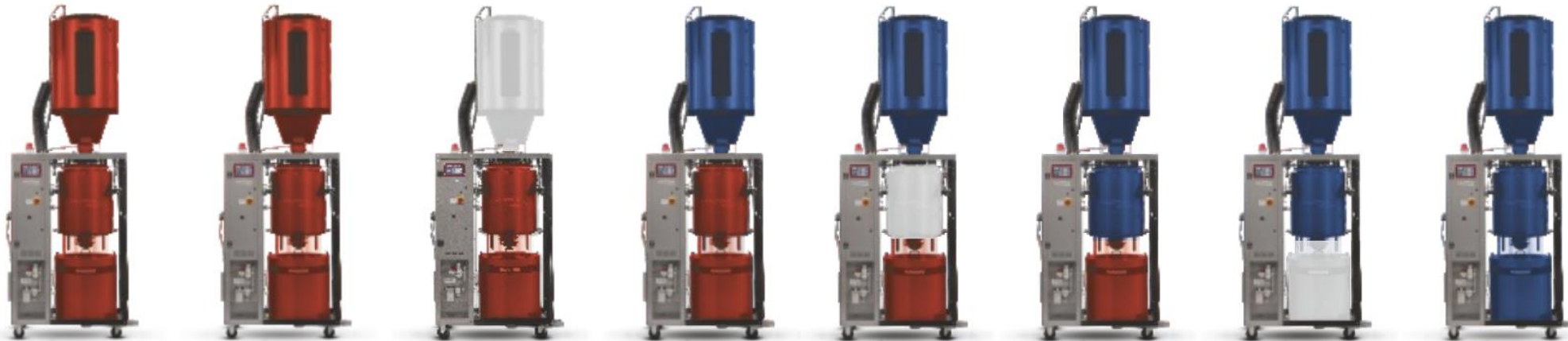


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# Berry Plastics

## – User experience

“ The feedback from our technicians is good which is always a welcome benchmark.

We can confirm that the 15min changeover “on the Fly” does seem to be consistent and we are very pleased with the gains in production this provides.”

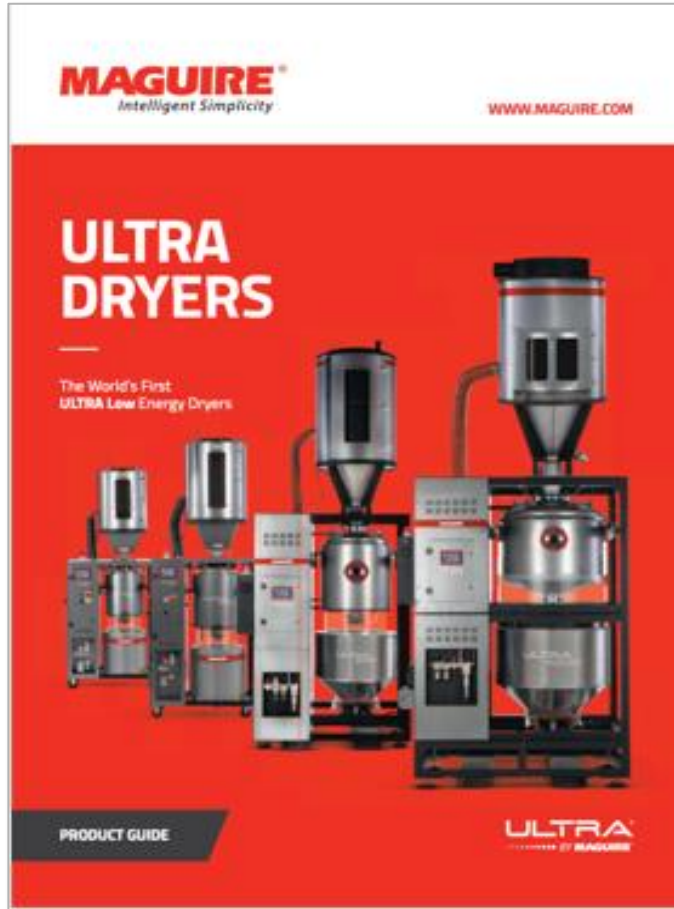
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# Ultra Low Energy Dryers



- Ultra Quick
- Ultra Smart
- Ultra Simple
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