



piFLOW[®]p conveyor

Expanded piFLOW[®]p conveyor family offers
Wet-In-Place (WIP) function!



piFLOW[®]p optimized for the
pharma and food industries

Wet in Place* (WIP)

Wet In Place (WIP) functionality has been added to Piab's popular piFLOW[®]p vacuum conveyor family. WIP spray nozzles can now be included or retrofitted to the piFLOW[®]p conveying family.

Improving the work environment with WIP functionality

The water sprayed by the WIP nozzles will wet any dust from food or pharmaceutical materials left in conveyors. This helps to prevent product from escaping into the air, where it can be inhaled by the processing staff during maintenance or cleaning procedures. By wetting potentially harmful leftover material before the equipment is opened for final cleaning, the spray nozzles can ensure that any such dust stays "Wet-In-Place" until it can be safely removed. For maximum performance and coverage, and to make sure as much material as possible is captured as quickly as possible, three spray nozzles are included with each WIP module.



piFLOW[®]p: The conveyor family designed to meet the stringent demands of the pharmaceutical and food industry

The piFLOW[®]p conveyor for powder and bulk materials is designed to perfectly match the stringent demands for operational safety and hygiene within the food and pharmaceutical industries. Made from materials that comply with US FDA and EC 1935/2004 regulations, Piab's conveyors can be used to safely transport large volumes of powder/bulk materials. The conveyor's advanced technology can also provide segregation-free conveying. piFLOW[®]p is also available with ATEX dust and gas approved certification, which helps to maximize the safety of the processing staff.

Retrofit your piFLOW[®]p with WIP

The modular design of the piFLOW[®]p conveyor allows for simple retrofitting of WIP units. The modular design of the piFLOW[®]p conveyor allows for simple retrofitting of WIP units. You also have the option to simply add just the module, with the nozzles, and in a blink of an eye you will have a piFLOW[®]p with a WIP functionality.

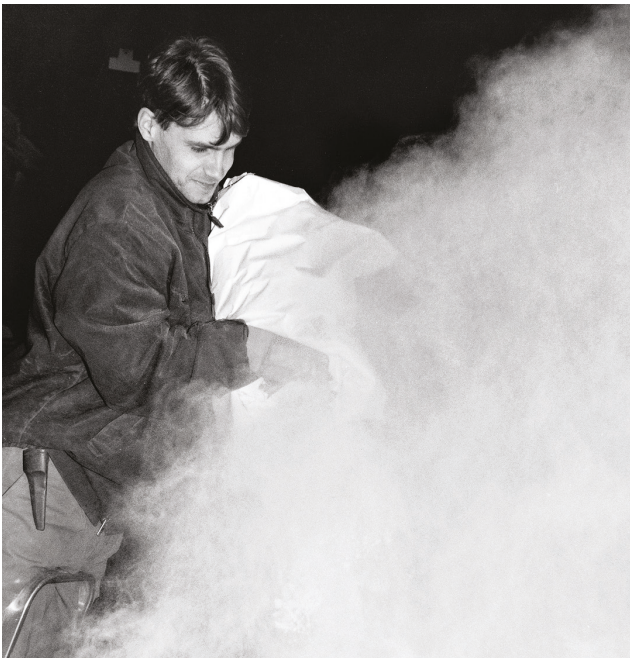
*WIP= Wet In Place. To bind (wet) dust in the equipment prior to manual dismantling of equipment for cleaning. Not a validated process.

Vacuum conveying and its great benefits

Vacuum conveying offers a quick, efficient, space saving, work environment friendly and convenient solution for moving powder, granules and tablets from one place to another. Compared to other conveying methods there are some clear benefits to be had when using vacuum conveyors within the food industry.

Reduce scrap and product contamination

Vacuum conveying provides an enclosed system where no foreign material can accidentally be mixed into the transfer line. Unlike conveying belts, where product can fall off the sides and into the surrounding area, vacuum conveyors keep all product contained from the pick-up point to the discharge vessel. Vacuum conveying is also a very gentle way of transporting product. Gentle conveying helps to keep the material intact and also minimizes product scrap.



Minimal floor space

The vacuum conveying solution has a small plant floor footprint since tubing can be routed specifically to the environment where the conveyor is installed. Tubing can be run straight vertical from the pick-up point and can also run parallel to the discharge point. This helps to minimize conflicts with other machinery. Floor space in the factory can then be kept to a minimum, and be used in a more cost-efficient way.

Dust free working environment

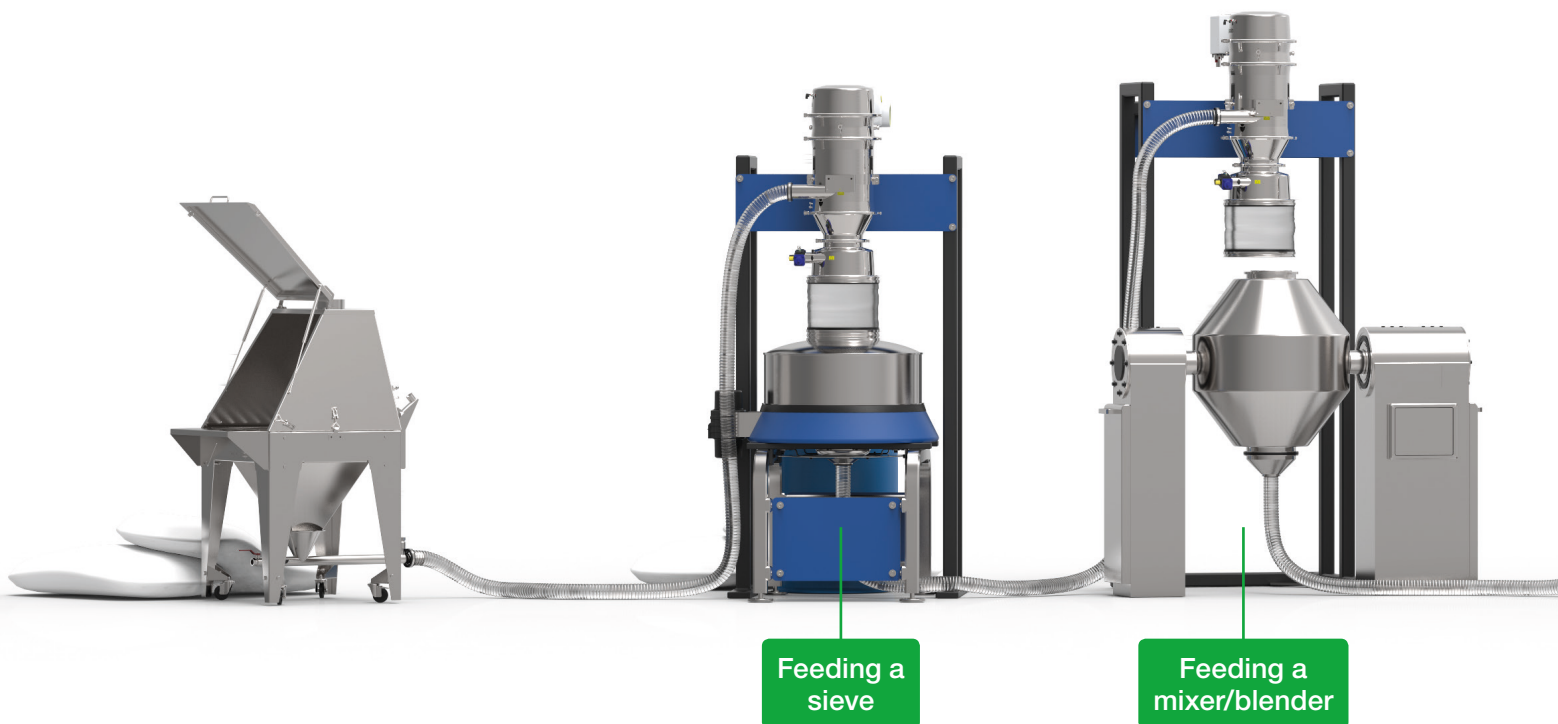
Using a vacuum conveyor can provide a dust free working environment. As an enclosed system, the vacuum conveyor can provide a better working environment. Vacuum conveying also gives one the possibility of moving materials that can be hazardous to the operators or the working environment.

Piab in the global food & pharmaceutical industries

Piab's vacuum conveyors are widely used in the food and pharmaceutical industries. Piab's presence is well spread across the globe and across various applications. Each one of our different conveyor families is developed with a specific industry in mind.

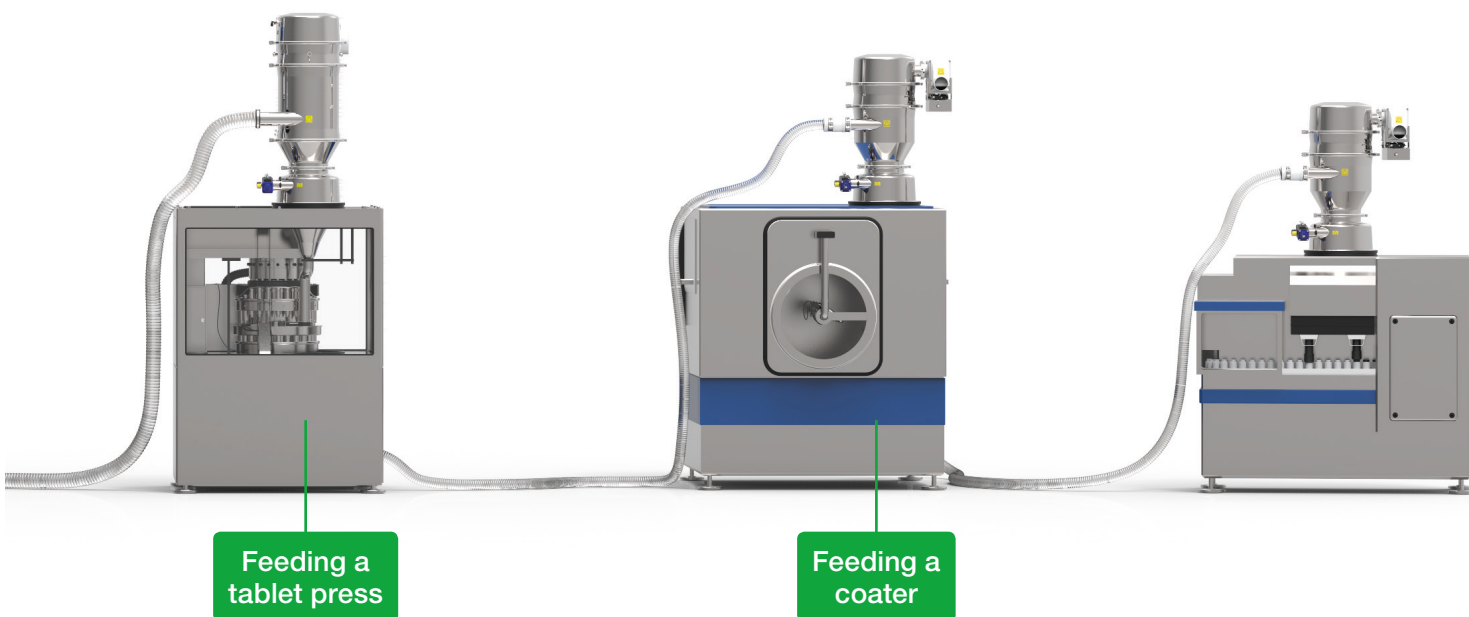
In the food industry, conveyors can be found in the baking goods, confectionery, candy, instant food, food additive, coffee, and nutraceutical industries.

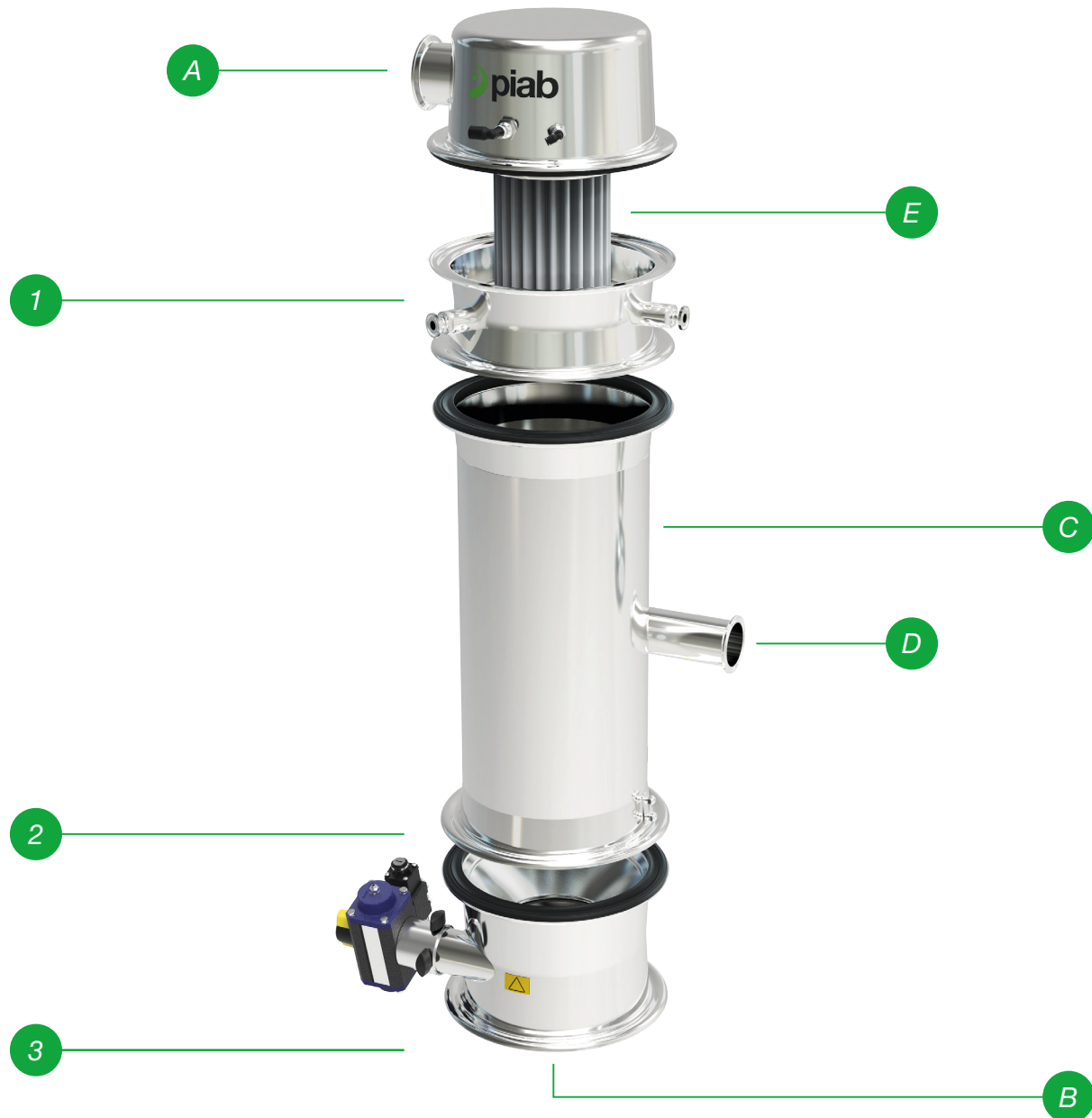
In the pharmaceutical industry conveyors are found in various steps throughout the manufacturing process. Piab conveyors can be found in numerous pharmaceutical applications. Some examples are as follows; feeding tablet presses, coating, sieving, milling, mixing/blending, fluid bed dryer and reclaim.



How Piab conveyors meet different demands from the food and pharma industry

- Working conditions are important for both industries and by wetting potentially harmful leftover material before the equipment is opened for cleaning, the WIP functionality is often required.
- **Contained conveying** is often required as most of the materials are dusty.
- **ATEX certification** is a very common requirement for safety reasons.
- In both industries, conveying equipment must be certified according to **FDA and EC 1935/2004**. We also work according to **cGMP** (current Good Manufacturing Practice).
- Available space in the production facility is often a constraint. Production floor layout changes due to variations in capacity and production mixes means that space saving, **easily moved** conveying equipment is typically requested with a **small footprint**.
- A **quick changeover** is needed as the changes of conveyed material happens quite often. Consequently, the need of being able to quickly open and clean the conveying equipment maximizes uptime.
- If the final product is tablets, capsules or fragile materials such as nuts, almonds or cereals, it is of a great importance to move them gently without damaging the product. Here **gentle conveying** is of great importance. Traceability of materials used in product contact zones is needed, hence we provide the **2.2 certificate** for the stainless-steel material.
- Changes to material also means that the conveying equipment needs to be **easy to clean and must have a hygienic design**.
- Low noise and contained conveying promotes a good and healthy work environment.
- A **5-year warranty** for the conveyor provides security in the production.





(1, 2, 3) Possible positions for one or more water nozzle modules for having Wet in Place (WIP) functionality.

Vacuum pump (A) – using COAX® with compressed air or a mechanical pump.

The bottom valve (B), closes and the vacuum increases in the container (C) and the conveying line (D).

The filter (E) protects the pump and the surrounding area from dust and small particles.

At a preset time, the pump and the conveying are stopped and the bottom valve (B) is opened. The product is discharged at the same time as the air shock is activated and the compressed air cleans the filter from dust and small particles.

piFLOW[®]p – Overview



- The WIP module fits well with all piFLOW[®]p conveyors between two to 33 liters (0.07 to 1.17 cubic feet)
- The WIP module has a hygienic design to secure optimum functionality
- Designed mainly for industries handling food, chemical and pharmaceutical products
- Low noise level
- Automatic filter cleaning
- All materials in contact with the conveyed product fulfill the requirements of FDA and EC 1935/2004, and designed according to USDA dairy guideline
- Optionally available with ATEX certificate and/or IQ/OQ and/or 2.2 certificate



Technical data

Description	Unit	Value
Material		ASTM 316L, EPDM, Q, NBR, ePTFE, PTFE, PE, PET, PA, AI, SS, PP
Temperature range	°F	32–140
Weight	lb	24.3–247
Feed pressure max.	psi	101.5
Feed pressure range	psi	58–87
Air consumption range	scfm	5.30–237
Vacuum range	-inHg	18–22.2
Noise level range	dBA	69–77
Filter area	ft ²	0.33–75.3
Min. particle size	µm	0.5 or 5
Material batch volume	cf	0.07–1.98
Feed pressure range, control	psi	58–87

Specifications subject to change without notice.

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