

TA3214 Heat & Vacuum Cool Corn Drying Rate Chart

Procedure to set unload rotor speed:

1. Using your grain input moisture and desired plenum temperature, use Chart 1 to calculate the approximate unload rate. Start dryer unload.
2. Use Chart 2 to calculate the approximate time it will take to turn the dryer over one complete time.
3. After the time from Chart 2 has expired, adjust unload rotor speed accordingly. If grain moisture is too wet, decrease unload speed by 3% for every 1% moisture is off, if too dry, do the opposite. Allow at least 1/3 the turnover time in Chart 2 between changes.
4. When the actual grain moisture is within 0.5% of your target (or desired) grain moisture, calibrate the discharge moisture sensor by following instructions on touchscreen (TOOLS→CALIBRATE SENSORS).
5. Once moisture sensor has been calibrated and you are within 0.5% of your desired output moisture on the touchscreen, you can switch the unload from Manual to Automatic. Note the Grain Column Temperature, often automatic control works best based off grain temp.

Chart 1 shows suggested unload rotor speed settings based on plenum temperature and amount of moisture to be removed. The values in the chart are a good **starting point** when first selecting the unload speed. Final running speed may differ from charts as user may adjust speed as dryer runs.

Example: to dry 20% Corn to 15% with a plenum temperature of 170°, initial unload rate should be set to: 32 %

Chart 1 TA3214 Unload Rate (%) for Corn at Listed Moistures*

		Plenum Temperature								
		140 °F	150 °F	160 °F	170 °F	180 °F	190 °F	200 °F	210 °F	220 °F
Moisture Removal	16-15%	47	54	61	68	74	81	88	95	100
	17-15%	37	42	47	52	58	63	68	73	78
	18-15%	30	35	39	43	48	52	56	61	65
	19-15%	26	30	33	37	41	44	48	52	55
	20-15%	22	26	29	32	35	38	42	45	48
	21-15%	20	22	25	28	31	33	36	39	42
	22-15%	17	20	22	24	27	29	32	34	37
	23-15%	15	17	19	21	24	26	28	30	32
	24-15%	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	26	28
	25-15%	12	13	15	17	18	20	21	23	25
	26-15%	10	12	13	14	16	17	19	20	22
	27-15%	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	19
	28-15%	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	29-15%	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	30-15%	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	11

Chart 2 TA3214 Dryer Specifications

Unload Rate (%)	Freq. (Hz)	Bu/hr*	Minutes to Turn Over
10	6	800	352
20	12	1600	176
30	18	2400	117
40	24	3200	88
50	30	4000	70
60	36	4800	59
70	42	5600	50
80	48	6400	44
90	54	7200	39
100	60	8000	35

Heat Holding Capacity:	2944
Overall Holding Capacity:	4691
Maximum Unload Rate:	8000

*The charts above show approximate unload rates and capacities, and in no way are guaranteed. They can vary due to flow gate settings, varieties of grain, weather conditions, and amount of fines.

NOTE: If the dryer has multiple plenum and several different plenum set points are being used, an equivalent plenum temp must be calculated.

$$Eq. \text{ Plenum Temp} = PT1 * \frac{\# \text{ of Tiers } P1}{\text{Total \# of Tiers}} + PT2 * \frac{\# \text{ of Tiers } P2}{\text{Total \# of Tiers}} \dots \text{ect.}$$

Example: On a TM1610 dryer with the top plenum set to 210°F and the bottom plenum set to 180°F the equivalent temp is calculated as follows:

$$210^{\circ}\text{F} * \frac{4 \text{ Tiers Top Plenum}}{10 \text{ Tiers Total}} + 180^{\circ}\text{F} * \frac{6 \text{ Tiers Lower Plenum}}{10 \text{ Tiers Total}} = 84 + 108 = 192^{\circ}\text{F equivalent temp}$$

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