

TA3228 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: 61 %

Chart 1 TA3228 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%	91	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	17-15%	70	80	90	100	100	100	100	100	100
	18-15%	58	66	74	83	91	99	100	100	100
	19-15%	49	56	63	71	78	85	92	99	100
	20-15%	43	49	55	61	67	73	79	85	92
	21-15%	37	43	48	53	59	64	69	75	80
	22-15%	33	37	42	47	51	56	61	65	70
	23-15%	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	58	62
	24-15%	25	29	32	36	40	43	47	50	54
	25-15%	22	25	28	32	35	38	41	44	47
	26-15%	19	22	25	28	30	33	36	39	41
	27-15%	17	19	21	24	26	29	31	33	36
	28-15%	14	16	18	20	22	25	27	29	31
	29-15%	12	14	16	17	19	21	22	24	26
	30-15%	10	12	13	14	16	17	19	20	22

Chart 2 TA3228 Dryer Specifications

Unload Rate (%)	Freq. (Hz)	Bu/hr*	Minutes to Turn Over
10	6	810	633
20	12	1620	317
30	18	2430	211
40	24	3240	158
50	30	4050	127
60	36	4860	106
70	42	5670	90
80	48	6480	79
90	54	7290	70
100	60	8100	63

Heat Holding Capacity:	5696
Overall Holding Capacity:	8547
Maximum Unload Rate:	8100

*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.

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

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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