The Centec Group

Centec is a privately owned group of companies. With a focus on the processing industries, we are rapidly growing in the major world markets. We have a global sales and service structure, with our own subsidiaries and a network of qualified distributors. Our international operations include mechanical, electrical and process automation engineering, with skid manufacture and pipework fabrication; as well as our own switch cabinet production. This infrastructure allows efficient logistics, short lead times and strict adherence to delivery deadlines. The quality of our products is excellent, so is the price-performance ratio.


HCl and H$_2$SO$_4$ Measurement in Offset Printing

Application Report

Automated process skids and high precision sensors from a single source. Centec.

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Offset printing is a printing technique whereby ink is spread on a metal (aluminium) plate with etched images, then transferred (offset) to an intermediary surface such as a rubber blanket, and finally applied to paper by pressing the paper against the intermediary surface. A light-sensitive, ink accepting polymer coating is applied to the aluminium. For better adhesion of the coating, the aluminium is etched by hydrochloric acid (HCl) and then oxidized by sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄). The images are formed on the surface of the plate by selectively removing portions of the polymer coating. The concentrations of HCl and H₂SO₄ are determined with highest precision based on density measurement.

For density measurement, the liquid consisting of 2 components flows through a U-shaped tube. While the tube is electronically excited to oscillate at resonance, the oscillation frequency is observed. Any change in the fluid density has an impact on the detected signal and can thus be identified. Based on the correlation between concentration and density, the concentration is calculated and displayed.

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