

Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia

Overland Conveyor Optimisation

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Opportunity Haul and convey - 41% total energy



Source: McKinsey Mine Decarbonization Model

Prior Research Big Roller™ vs Conventional Conveying

Testing at TUNRA shows Big Roller[™] reduces Primary Losses

- 1) Indentation Rolling Resistance (IRR) by up to ~50%*
- 2) Idler bearing Drag by >65% @4N/idler Normal friction

Other Primary Losses

- 3) Alignment and Flexure losses also reduced
- * AS1333-2024 Type II Testing required for each projects specific belt construction, loads and operating conditions

Ground module: 12 months End game: TRL 7 & ready for in field conveyor deployments



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Roller Product Development and Testing

Design basis: 20" / 20kg, 45°/ 1500 Belt Width Product range design extension

Manufacturer				
Diameter	mm	508		
Wall thickness	mm	8.5	14	
Mass	Kg	20	24	
Rotational Mass	Kg	13	17	
Rotational Inertia	Kgm ²	0.63	0.94	
L ₁₀ @6.4m/s	hours	65,000		
Bearing		6309		
Shell material		Nylon (WearTech)		
End Disc material	ind Disc material		Nylon	



Third Party Validation Tests

- Rim drag and breakaway force at 20°C
- Shell to end cap load resistance to pressing out
- Dust ingress
- Water ingress
- T.I.R. / M.I.S.
- Dynamic unbalance
- Self-noise

Energy Efficiency (IRR) Tests

• Indentation Rolling Resistance @20"



Ground model - Commercial demonstration

Strake Engineering - 3rd party engineering review

- 1. AS4100 / AS3990 / AS3600
- 2. Client's specification / design criteria





Partners sought

Scope – opportunity to tailor for Partner's requirements and preferred belt suppliers

• Ground module / roller designs to cater for all commodity process requirements
• 25 to 40 MTPA (Iron Ore, waste ore)







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