

Advantages of the HudcoAir® Conveyor

Dust-Free Material Conveying

The top covers on the **HudcoAir**® Conveyor are sealed to the plenum flange with a rubber gasket, a feature not possible with roller-supported conveyors. Material load points are sealed to the top covers, eliminating dust at transfers. There is simply no clean up required as a result of spillage and dust emissions from a **HudcoAir** Conveyor.

Eliminates Maintenance

The HudcoAir Conveyor requires minimum maintenance on the drive mechanisms, head and tail pulleys and return idlers. By eliminating the troughing idlers, maintenance – including lubrication and replacement – is eliminated.

Eliminates Spillage

The HudcoAir Load Zone uses no rubber or plastic skirt seals. When load containment is necessary, permanent **Wearspan®** Skirts are installed providing *years of maintenance free service*.

Easily Adaptable Vertical Curves

The **HudcoAir** can be configured with concave and convex vertical curves in accordance with CEMA standards.

Inherently Safe

With the belt enclosed and no moving parts exposed, the HudcoAir offers unmatched safety.

Higher Inclination Angles

By eliminating the "wave" action inherent to roller-supported conveyors, materials transported on a **HudcoAir** Conveyor are very stable. This characteristic allows the use of higher inclination angles without product rollback. Shorter conveyor lengths can be used to facilitate product lifts. This saves belt length, horsepower and space.

Eliminates Tracking Problems

Tracking of the **HudcoAir** Conveyor is principally determined by the load position. When product is loaded on to the center of the belt, gravity insures proper belt tracking. There are no provisions needed for tracking adjustments on the load side of the **HudcoAir**.

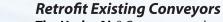
Reversible Travel

The HudcoAir does not suffer from the temperamental influence of rollers so it can be reversed easily with no adverse effects. Since tracking is assured by center loading, the belt configuration is highly symmetrical and subject to being easily reversible.

By reducing the friction and flexing normally experienced with roller based conveyors, belt tension is reduced and allows the **HudcoAir** to operate with less expensive belts. Less friction and tension translates to longer belt life.

Easy Installation

Fully trained Hudco technicians are available to install the **HudcoAir** Conveyor anywhere in the world. We can supply all the structural and civil engineering for your project and install and startup the system.



The HudcoAir® Conveyor can be retrofitted to existing conveyor structures. Simply remove the troughing idlers and install the **HudcoAir** Plenum to the existing structure and reuse the existing drive and return system. The HudcoAir Retrofit is designed to be completely compatible with CEMA conveyor idlers.

Partial Retrofit

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Guaranteed

Performance

The HudcoAir® Conveyor

your application to insure

is custom designed for

perfect performance.

Before shipment, every

HudcoAir Conveyor is

and tested. When your

conveyor arrives, each

marked for fast, efficient

assembly. Additionally,

we both know your

HudcoAir will work

properly because we floated a belt on it before

we shipped it to you!

component is match

assembled in our facility

Since the **The HudcoAir** is CEMA compatible, you can retrofit any section of your existing conveyor. Start at either end or in the middle and install the **HudcoAir** where you need it most. Later, the balance of the conveyor can be retrofitted. Standard **HudcoAir** plenums are manufactured in lengths up to 20 feet.

Solves Conventional Load Zone Issues

The HudcoAir Load Zone eliminates the high cost of rubber or urethane skirt seals, slider beds, impact rollers and other needless components while eliminating spillage, dust and belt damage caused by debris trapped under flexible seals.

Customized for Your Application

The HudcoAir Conveyor is the only conveyor available with a truly airtight seal between plenum segments. Hudco's patented design and precise manufacturing method assures proper alignment and highly consistent belt tracking

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Unique Features of the HudcoAir® Conveyor • Load Cells - The HudcoAir Conveyor can be modified with

- load cells to accurately weigh transported product.
- Sample Systems The HudcoAir is designed to accept product-sampling systems.
- Coating Hudco offers a variety of coating options, including epoxy /urethane, powder coating, Zinga* and hot dip galvanizing.
- Stainless Steel Construction For highly corrosive environments, Hudco can manufacture every component of the HudcoAir from select grades of stainless steel.
- Fire Detection and Elimination The HudcoAir Conveyor can be fitted with fire detection and elimination technology. Once detected, a signal activates a sequence of water or chemical spray to eliminate the potential fire or explosion. Fire Breaks also are designed into the system at strategic locations.

* Zinga is a one-component anti-corrosion zinc coating system. Its unique formula provides environmentally safe cathodic protection to steel comparable with hot-dip

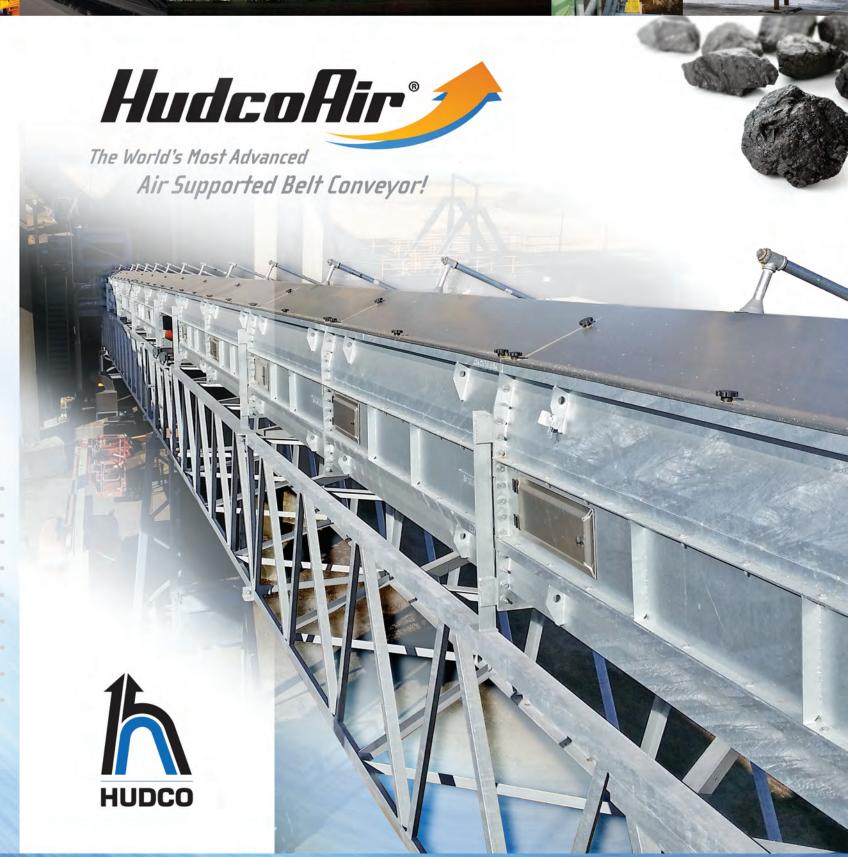
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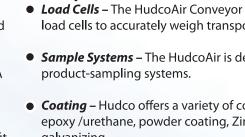
Belt Widths	Trough Angles	Conveyor Lengths
18"		
24"	The	The
30"	HudcoAir®	HudcoAir [®]
36"	is Available	is Available
42"	in All	in Lengths
48"	CEMA Trough	From 10'
60"	Angles	
72"		
84"		
96"		

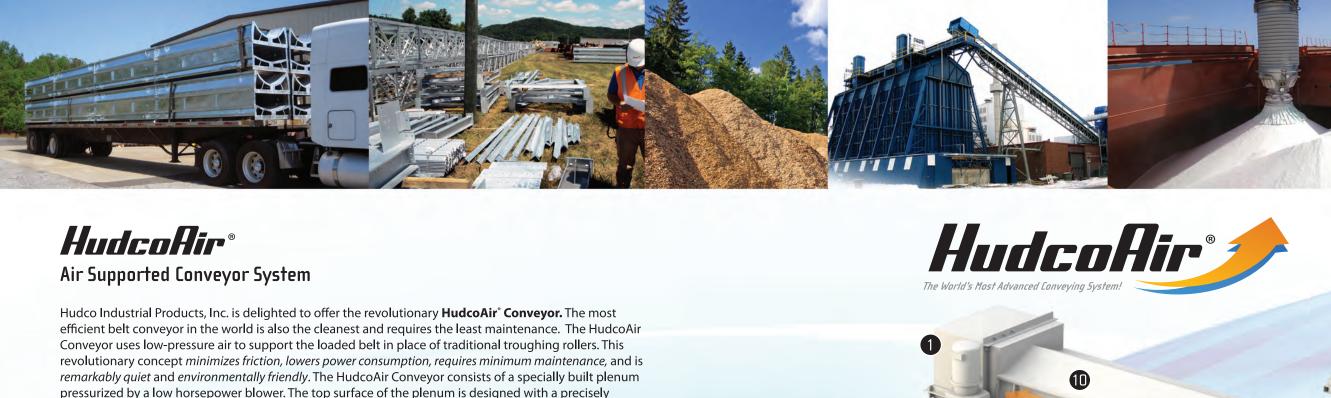
All conveyor configurations capable of transporting loads exceeding 250 pounds per cubic foot of product density.

This reference guide is not intended as a substitute for the product manual for the products referenced herein. Product manuals for the above products contain important precautions, directions for use and product warranty and liability limitations that must be read before using the product. Always read and follow all manual directions and precautions. Certain design features of the HudcoAir® Conveyor System are protected by U.S. Patent No. 6,491,156.

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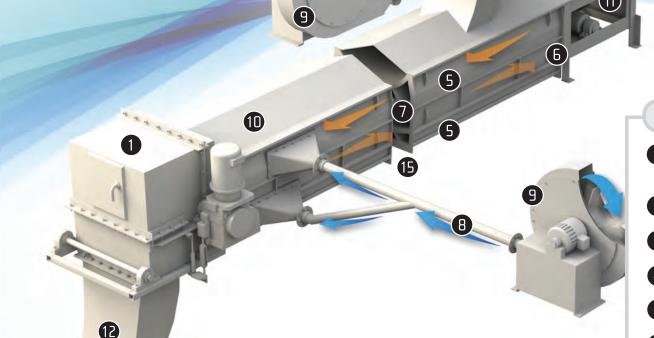


pressurized by a low horsepower blower. The top surface of the plenum is designed with a precisely perforated trough to "cradle" the belt. As the pressurized air is released from the holes in the trough, it creates a film that actually levitates the belt from frictional contact with the trough. In other words, the belt literally *floats on air!*

There is no limit to the bulk products that can be transported on a HudcoAir Conveyor. Coal, sand, limestone, woodchips, fly ash, phosphate, cement and even iron ore can be transported easily. Movement of the belt is

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extremely smooth, quiet, safe and dust free, while using less total horsepower than a conventional roller supported conveyor.



1 Fully Enclosed "Head Box"

HudcoAir® System Components

2 Standard Conveyor Belt

Conveyed Dust Contained Material

(Optional Dust Collection Pick-up)

4 Feed Transfer Chute

5 Low Pressure Air Plenum

6 Fully Enclosed Belt Return

7 Sealed Connections

B Air Supply Duct to Load Side and **Return Plenums**

Heavy-Duty Pressure Blower

1 Covered Supply

11 Optional Carryback Reloader

(12) Centerload® Transfer Chute

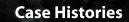
B Metered Air Film

14 Sealed Aluminum Cover

15 HudcoAir Unit Sections may be added creating belt lengths up to 5,000' long.

16 Inlet Air Filtration (Not Shown)

17 Permanent Wearspan® Skirt System (Not Shown)



Case #1: A major (PRB) coal fired power generation facility in the Midwest was faced with replacing a worn out conventional conveyor. The unit was 507 feet long, 42" belt width with a 69' vertical rise. The design capacity was 750 tons per hour. Spillage and dust from 7 vibrating feeders generated significant housekeeping chores. After a comprehensive cost study, the plant decided to install a HudcoAir to retrofit their existing conveyor. Hudco Industrial Products, Inc. handled the entire project including installation and start up.

The project was completed on time and the After observing the HudcoAir® perform through one of the coldest winters in 25 years, the plant had Hudco install a second HudcoAir*. These HudcoAir* Conveyors have reliably supported the entire fuel requirement for the 1,100 megawatt plant since 2001 with the lowing operational improvements

• Daily clean up has been reduced by over 75%. There are no spillage or dust emissions from any point on the conveyors, including the 14 vibrating feeders.

The HudcoAir Conveyors deliver 1,500-tons per per ton. The electricity the plant saves on material handling can now be sold. Every kilowatt saved on

Conveyor. The 48" wide x 432' HudcoAir was installe to replace a conventional system receiving PRB coal from 28 vibratory feeders. The conventional idler supported system required the use of over 800' of skirt and belt seals that required constant maintenance and Lined CenterLoad® Chute. This arrangeme minated the need for over 800' of skirts and seals! The Hudco CenterLoad Chute places the PRB coal onto the center of the belt without dust or spillage.

to the HudcoAir System
• Elimination of coal spillage and dust emission
• Elimination of seal skirt maintenance and

Minimized fire and explosion risks mproved workplace safety