



## ONLINE COAL ASH & MOISTURE ANALYSIS

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- AshScan Duo™

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# REALTIME INSTRUMENTS

- Specialists in
  - Online Detection, Measurement and Analysis Instrumentation
  - Industrial Radiation Services, Training and Equipment.
- Customers
  - Mining and Resources
  - Industrial Manufacture (Building materials, Food, Biofuels etc.)
  - Domestic and International
- Located in Australia – Mackay (Qld) & Perth (WA)
- Technical and Sales Agents throughout the world

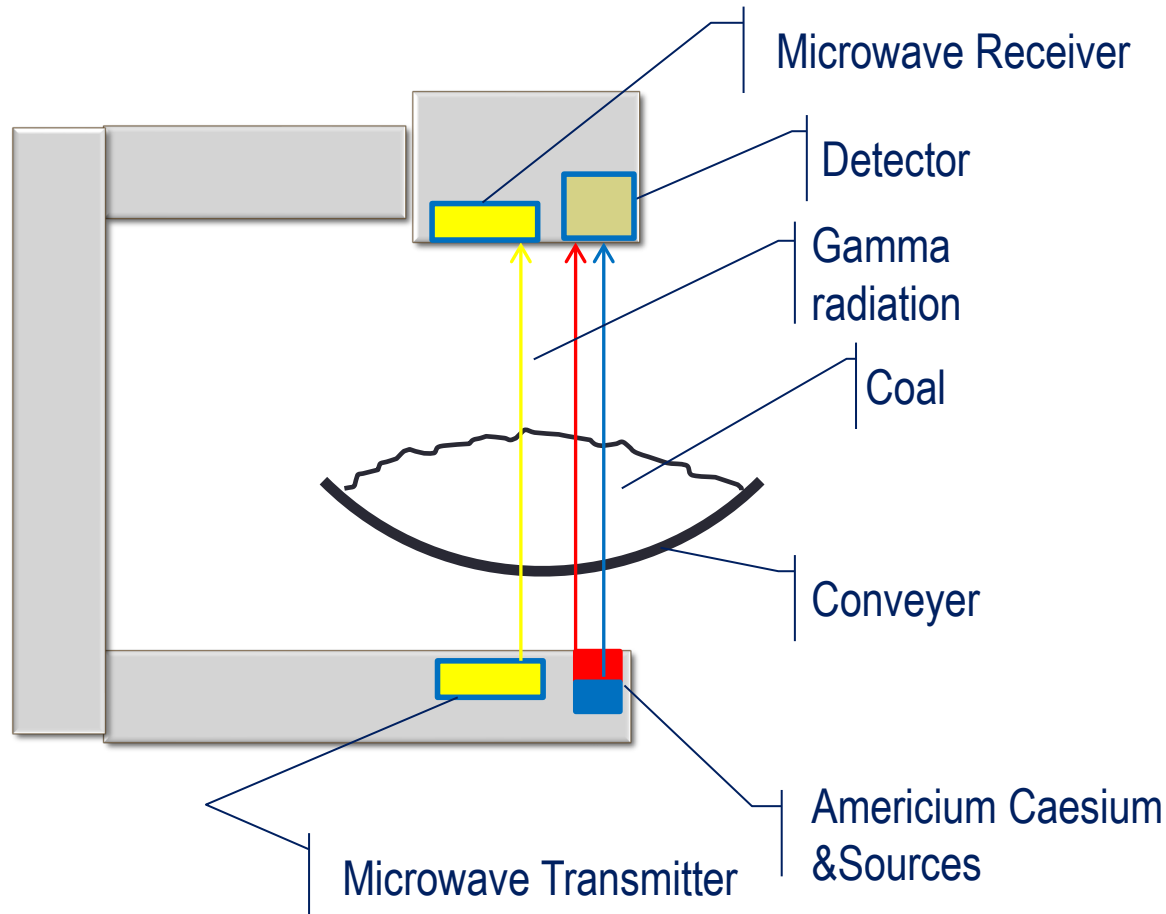
# AshScan Duo™

DUAL Energy Transmission (“LET” = Low Energy Transmission)



# AshScan Duo™ - WORKING PRINCIPLE

Measures the absorption of gamma rays by the coal



# AshScan Duo™ - WORKING PRINCIPLE

Two radioactive sources used:

- $\text{Am}^{241}$  : low energy gamma radiation.
  - Absorption of these gamma rays occurs due to the presence of the major ash-forming elements (Si, Fe, Al, Ca, Na, Al, Si, Ti) **AND** the amount of coal (loading + density) on the belt
- $\text{Cs}^{137}$  : high energy gamma radiation.
  - Absorption of the high energy gamma rays occurs due to the amount of coal (loading + density) on the belt **ONLY**.

The  $\text{Cs}^{137}$  allows us to mass compensate the  $\text{Am}^{241}$  measurement

This is then correlated to total Ash content by calibrating with a laboratory Ash analysis.

## AshScan Duo™ - WORKING PRINCIPLE

- A microwave signal is passed from the bottom antenna through the material and received in the top antenna.
- Water in the material reduces the amount of signal (attenuation)
- Water in the material also shifts the phase of signal (phase shift)

## AshScan Duo™ - WORKING PRINCIPLE

- Cs<sup>137</sup> high energy gamma radiation measures amount of coal (loading + density) on the belt.
- By combining the change in microwave signal with the amount of absorption of the Cs-137 gamma rays the percentage moisture is calculated.



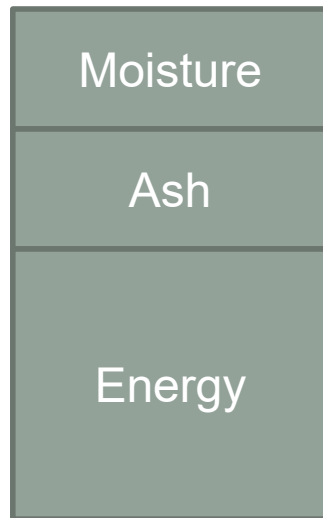
## AshScan Duo™ - MEASURING ASH%

Ash% = Offset + slope \* Americium /Caesium

# AshScanDuo™ - MEASURING MOISURE%

- Moisture% = Slope \* Microwave/Caesium + Offset

# Measuring Calorific Value



The MAFCV for the coal type is input into CV calculation equation

Ash & moisture is measured by the AshScan™ Duo

Energy is calculated and reported in real time according to the equation below

$$\text{Calorific Value} = ((100 - \text{Ash} - \text{Moisture}) / 100) * \text{MAFCV}$$

MAFCV = Moisture Ash Free Calorific Value

# AshScan™ - Outputting of Results

- 2 x 4-20mA to send 2 of either ash, moisture, or CV
- If serial or Ethernet connection to Control Unit no limit on what can be sent to the plant DCS
- CV can be either calculated in the AshScan Duo™ or can be calculated in the plant DCS

# AshScan Duo™ - GENERAL FEATURES



## Touch Pad and Screen Display

- No laptop required
- Cabinet does not need to be opened to operate
- Password protected to prevent unauthorised access

# AshScan Duo™ - HMI



## Touch Pad and Screen Display

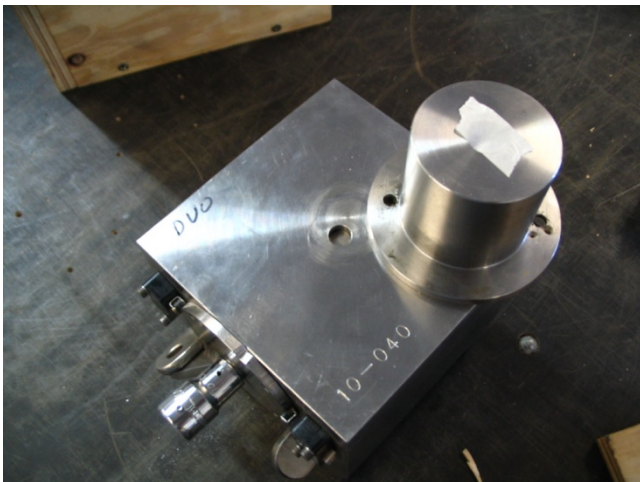
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# AshScan Duo™ - SAFETY



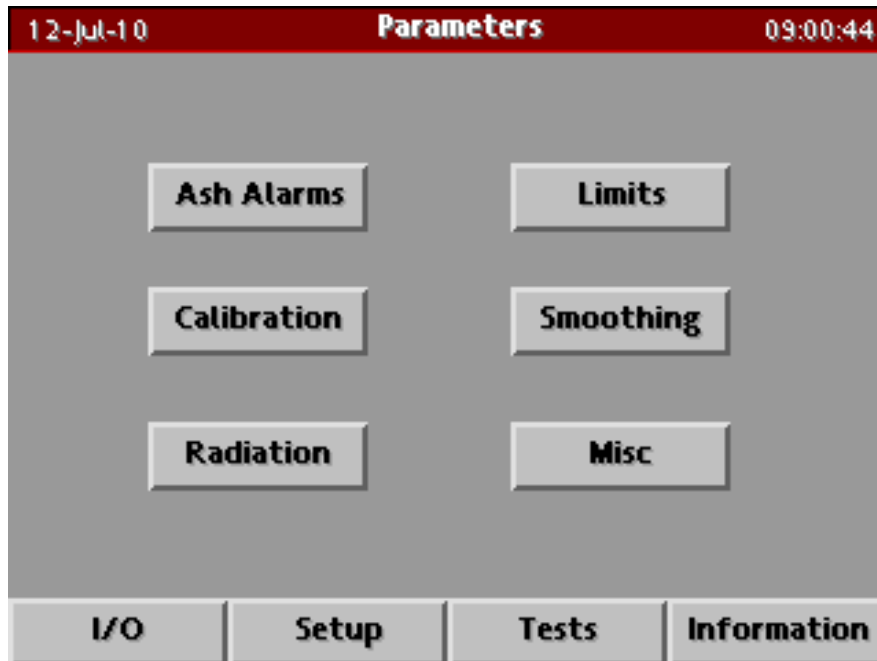
## Safety

- Source can be removed while conveyor is running for easy service & in case of emergency



- Source Block and Source Holder fabricated to highest international standards

# AshScan Duo™ - HMI



## Practical

- Designed by commissioning engineers for on-site engineers
- Step-by-Step Instructions on HMI



# AshScan Duo™ - HMI

12-Jul-10 **Calculate Calibration** 09:03:34

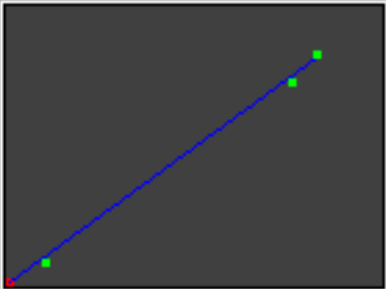
**Prev Sample** **Next Sample**

Sample Number: 1

Lab Result: 25.00%

Analyser Response: 1.10012

Enabled in calibration?



Current Calibration: Calibration 2

Calibration Name:

**Set Calibration**

Calculated Slope: 23.027

Calculated Offset: - 0.77

Standard Error: 0.6510

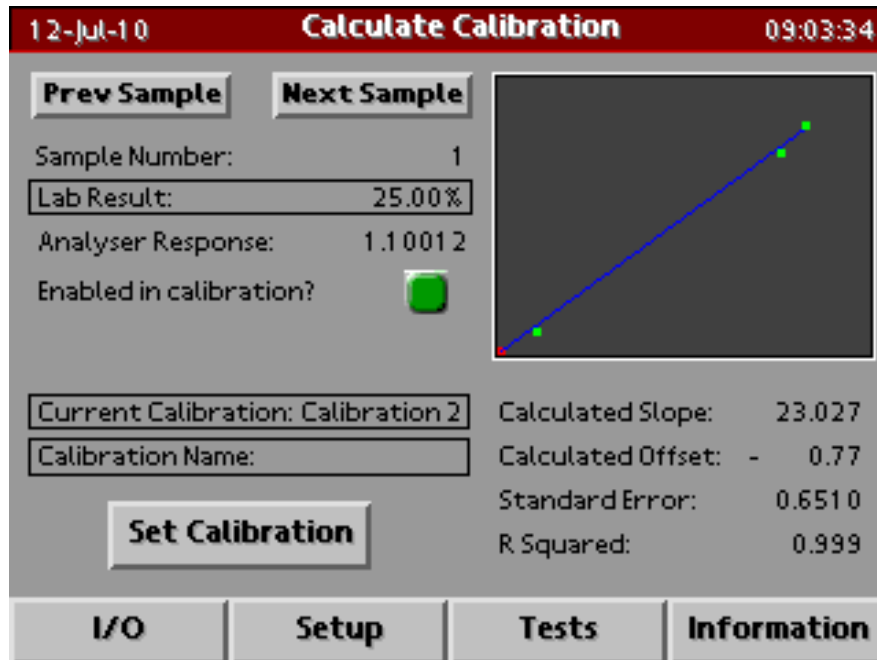
R Squared: 0.999

I/O Setup Tests Information

## On Board Calibration

- Regression equation calculated by the HMI

# AshScan™ - HMI



## Accurate & Reliable

- Accuracy depends on the quality of set up & calibration
- The easier the analyser is to set up and calibrate, the better the quality of calibration
- The Ashscan has a small number of set up parameters and intuitive calibration through the HMI

# AshScan Duo™ - CONNECTIVITY

- **Out (Standard)**

- 2 x 4-20mA to send 2 of either ash, moisture, or CV
- If serial or Ethernet connection no limit on what can be sent to the plant DCS

- **Out (optional)**

- Serial (eg. ModBus)
- Ethernet
- 3G modem

Data is sent via 3G to a secure website managed by RTI.

Clients have their own login and password

Independent of Client's network; no security issues, unaffected by changes in network

## AshScan Duo™ - FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Feature		Benefit
Dual Energy Gamma Ray Technology (DUET)	▶	Worlds most proven technology for measuring coal ash
MoistScan Microwave Transmission Technology	▶	Full Transmission 100% material analysed
Easy to Install	▶	Supplied fully assembled 90kg; 2 person install
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-20mA and CF card logging standard.</li> <li>• Serial &amp; Ethernet connection options to Plant, compatible with most popular communication protocols</li> <li>• 3G modem option.</li> </ul>	▶	Seamless, hassle-free plant integration

# AshScan™ - FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Feature		Benefit
Continuous Data Logging to CF Card	▶	Excellent tool for commissioning and calibration assistance & diagnostics
Source can be installed & removed whilst conveyor is running	▶	Belt shut down not required Safety – eg in instance of fire
HMI on Cabinet with simple Menu Structure and Graphical Interface	▶	Source operation, forcing analysis, standardization, calibration selection all done from HMI Easy commissioning & set up Easy calibration No special software, cabling or hardware required

# AshScan™ - FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Feature		Benefit
Small number of set up parameters	▶	Very easy to set up. Virtually eliminates “set up error” – a major reason for poor performance in competitor gauges No external “expert” required
Step by step instruction on HMI to commission & calibrate	▶	Very easy set up No external “expert” required
Calibration regression equation is calculated within HMI	▶	No need for a PC and spreadsheet analysis to develop regression equation

# AshScan™ - SUMMARY

- Suited for all coal applications; Provides accurate ash measurement of bulk coal streams in real time.
- Detector sits above belt; may need protection from overburden (eg on ROM)
- Components are built and pre-aligned into a rigid steel 'C' frame
- Communications to plant control systems via standard industrial protocols.
- Touch Pad and Screen Display (no PC required)
- Designed and built to withstand true industrial environments.



## AshScan Duo- SUMMARY

- Sensitive and fast
  - Rolling 10-30 second acquisition typical
  - good for fast coal sorting applications
  - Can work with lower burdens; 50-350mm bed depth
- May require recalibration for coal from a different seam (if the % of Fe or Ca in Ash varies significantly)
- Requires Radiation License
- AshScan Duo model also incorporates Moisture Analysis using our “MoistScan” microwave technology





# AshScan Duo™ – Installation Examples

# AshScan™ - China



## Power Plant – Huanian Province China

Coal Type	Medium Rank Coking
Ash %	25
Moisture %	20
Precision	0.75% (1SD)

# AshScan™ - Australia



## Hail Creek – Australia

Coal Type	High Quality Coking
Ash %	9
Moisture %	12
Precision	0.75 (1SD)

# AshScan Duo™ - USA



## Eagle Butte Mine - USA

Coal Type	Anthracite
Ash %	6
Moisture %	30
MAFBTU	8400btu/lb
Precision	0.65 (1SD)



# AshScan Duo™ - USA



## Mine – Baton Rouge USA

Coal Type	Sub-bituminous
Ash %	8-16
Moisture %	15-30
MAFCV	8300 – 11500 btu/lb
Precision	0.85 (1SD)

# AshScan Duo™ - Australia



## Mine – Berrima Coal

Coal Type	Coking Coal
Ash %	5 – 12%
Moisture %	12-18%
Precision	0.8% (1SD)

# AshScan Duo™ - Australia



## Mine – Muswellbrook Coal

Coal Type	Brown Coal
Ash %	25-40%
Moisture %	8-15%
Precision	1.3% (1SD)

# AshScan Duo™ - Australia



## Mine – Tahmoor Coal

Coal Type	Coking
Ash %	6-12%
Moisture %	5 - 8%
Precision	0.75% (1SD)



# AshScan™ - Examples

- Newlands Coal Mine – Qld, Australia
- Callide Power Station – Qld, Australia
- Westcliff Coal – NSW, Australia
- Dendrobium – NSW, Australia
- Westside – NSW, Australia
- Invincible Colliery – NSW Australia
- Berrima Colliery – NSW Australia
- Powder River Coal – USA
- Dugout Canyon Mine – USA
- Shangjiibeil Mine – China
- Macmet – India

# Service and Support in India

- VISHWA
  - Site technical support
- RTI
  - Remote Support via external connection to analyser