

Maximizing Yield and Process Efficiency

EXPERT⁵¹

Reporting and Analysis Tools





EXPERT – Making Hidden Facts Visible

Transform inspection and process data into cost saving decisions

EXPERT* are software modules helping to answer every day's quality related questions like:

- Does the product quality meet the customer's quality rules? If not, could quality rules of another customer be fulfilled instead, so that the product can still be sold with a high-level price?
- Can this coil be shipped? If not, how can it be repaired or further processed to reach saleable status?
- · What is the root cause for the quality problem?

Many solutions are hidden in the inspection and production data

The *EXPERT*⁵ⁱ software modules are the extended arm of plant management, taking action down to the plant floor. With this system you can make use of the inspection and process data being continuously collected at the line. By bringing together all available information, valuable correlations are revealed, which unleash huge potential in managing quality and production efficiency.

The solution quickly helps to find the right answers for many questions concerning yield and process optimization.

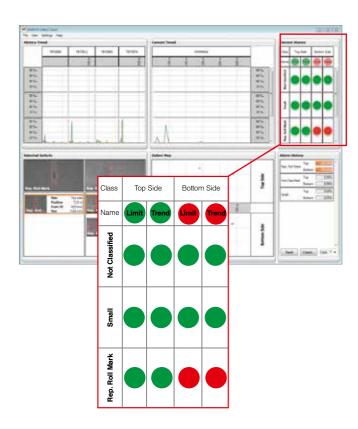
Secure highest quality standards

Achieve the goal of a zero-defect production. *EXPERT*⁵ⁱ software modules enable you to react immediately to surface defects and other quality deviations. Operators receive early warnings of even approaching problems and can react immediately to secure the highest quality standards continuously. By using the system each process step can be controlled and analyzed, and quality finally becomes plannable.

All information is utilized

To make decisions, the $EXPERT^{5i}$ software modules are able to access all available production-relevant data of the product (surface, thickness, width, flatness, etc.).

The software modules analyze and weigh all of this information according to particular criteria and generate knowledge-based suggestions for the decision makers.



Example for an alarming of *EXPERT*⁵ⁱ "DefectTrend": Even if the grade of defect actually still meets the configured range, the *EXPERT*⁵ⁱ "DefectTrend" already informs the operator that the detected repeating roll mark will become worse and exceed the tolerance limit soon. This enables the operator to take countermeasures before the line produces unsaleable scrap

Benefits

- Guaranteed product quality and reduced customer claims
- Reduced production costs with no further processing of defective products
- Assure best price for each coil by reducing security downgrades
- Reduced process related surface defects by optimizing processes
- Optimized throughput of the line and reduced waste or scrap

EXPERT – For Every Process Line the Right Answer

		Slab / Ingot	Hot Rolling	Pickling	Tandem	CAL	CGL	EGL	CC	Tinning	Finishing
Monitoring & Alarming	Monitoring & Alarming	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	DefectTrend	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	DrossMonitor*						•				
	RollMonitor		•		•						
Quality Evaluation	SlabDecision / IngotDecision	•									
	PlateDecision		•								
	CoilRelease		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	CoilReassignment	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SlittingOptimization										•
Process Optimization	ProcessAnalysis	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	DefectPatternAnalysis	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	StructureAnalysis						•		•		
Up / Downstream Information	CoilPreview			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	PickleProcessTuning*			•							
	TandemProtection *			•	•						
	DefectTracking		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	CoilRepair			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

* steel only

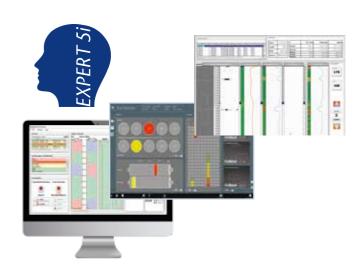
Quick, easy and correct economic decisions

The *EXPERT*⁵ⁱ software modules are currently available for all of the different tasks along the various production lines. Any user can implement the software modules, which are suited best to provide the optimum solution for the current

application. Steel producers can therefore rely on a state-of-the-art software tool to continually improve their quality management.

Facts

- Analyze data to support the decision-making process through all company levels
- Combine huge amounts of data to understand their general relationships and meaning
- Utilize the process know-how to get more leverage on decisions
- Easy and fast access to information with predefined or individual EPROMI cockpits
- Optimize production, product, quality, efficiency and yield

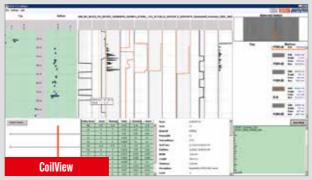


In combining selected or all *EXPERT*⁵ⁱ software modules, the potential for increased productivity is reached: quality becomes plannable, processes and production are systematically optimized.

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Optional EXPERT Views for Monitoring & Alarming



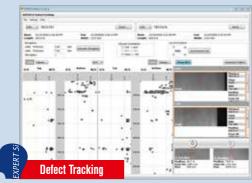
Provides most direct feedback on product quality, even during production. Uses same rules as decision module.

Coil Specific EXPERTs

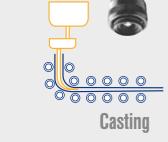
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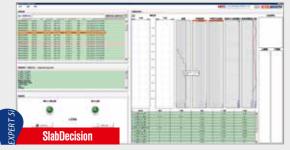


Shows synchronized trend data of relevant surface defects spanning multiple coils. Alarms allow immediate reaction to process problems.

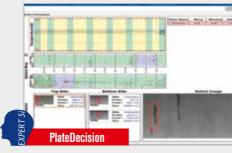


Isolates the origin and cause of defects, tracking the defects through the entire production process. Defect causes are quickly resolved, reducing scrap while optimizing release decisions.





Shows surface defects and quality relevant data, e.g. chemical composition. A special module allows investigation of casting process. It creates "error events" like "low mold level", "casting speed deviation", etc. which are taken into account during slab/ingot quality evaluation. Result: a precise release decision.



Allows quality evaluation of plates. izes defect images and provides of information for each defect. Seve defects can be analyzed in detail. To with other gauge data it allows well-great release decision.

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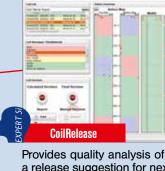
Allows complete view of product quality - all production steps, all data. Thereby supporting the analysis of root causes of quality problems.



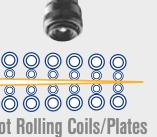
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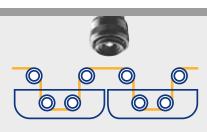




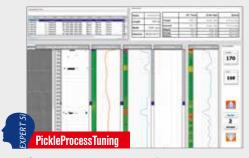
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Evaluates and provides visual image of the severity and cause of periodic roll marks. If several rolling stands are involved, the defect causing stand is identified.



Pickling



Generates suggestions for optimal pickling speed, provides visualization of scaling degree and temperature of the coil from previous hot rolling process. Thereby optimizing throughput, while reducing overpickling and residual scale.

Process chain comprehensive EXPERT

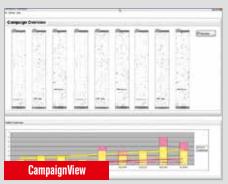


Monitoring & Alarming

Offers different views on the production to provide instant feedback on quality problems and to support the analysis of root causes by reviewing the quality in previous production steps.



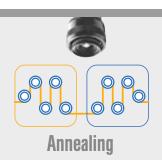
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Shows the last coils produced in the current campaign. Gives overview about defect trends, number of alarms and warnings. Provides benchmarks with averages for this campaign type.









Alerts mill operator of specific defects (defect image, location and type) that could cause a coil to break and damage to the cold rolling mill. Makes suggestions to avoid this type of serious process incident.

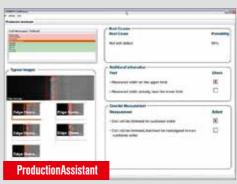


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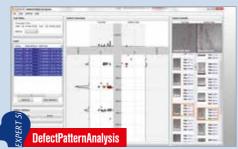




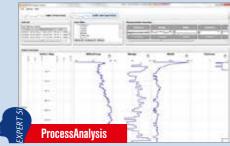
Helps overcome current quality problems. A knowledge base offers proven correction actions for quality problems. Interactive feedback allows for tracing the correction results.



repair requirements from processes, issues warnressing defective material, Throughput is optimized.



Aggregates defect distribution of several coils and allows user to find typical defect pattern, e.g. caused by defective descaler nozzle, defective roll or by corner defects of an ingot. Allows for analyzing the root cause of surface defects.



Provides a visual correlation of process parameters with resulting surface quality. Offering concrete analysis of defect causes. Process defects can then be quickly identified.



Galvanizing Tinning / Color Coating



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Warns of increased density of dross defects. Result: Process optimization in the galvanization area while avoiding inferior quality. Extension of automotive exposed campaigns.





Allows for quality decision for each single slit strip. Additionally uses surface quality data and flexible quality rules to optimize slitting plan for achieving highest yield.

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