Maximizing Yield and Process Efficiency

EXPERT\textsuperscript{5i}

Reporting and Analysis Tools

Fast decisions. The key to high productivity.
**EXPERT**<sup>si</sup> – Making Hidden Facts Visible

**Transform inspection and process data into cost saving decisions**

**EXPERT**<sup>si</sup> 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**<sup>si</sup> 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**<sup>si</sup> 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**<sup>si</sup> 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.

**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

Example for an alarming of **EXPERT**<sup>si</sup> „DefectTrend“: Even if the grade of defect actually still meets the configured range, the **EXPERT**<sup>si</sup> „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.
Quick, easy and correct economic decisions

The EXPERT\textsuperscript{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 \textsuperscript{5PROMI} cockpits
- Optimize production, product, quality, efficiency and yield

In combining selected or all EXPERT\textsuperscript{5i} software modules, the potential for increased productivity is reached: quality becomes plannable, processes and production are systematically optimized.
**EXPERT 5i** Efficient Decisions
Reporting and Analysis Solutions for Maximized Yield in Metal Production

**Optional EXPERT Views for Monitoring & Alarming**

**Defect Tracking**
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.

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

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

**SlabDecision**
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.

**PlateDecision**
Allows quality evaluation of plates. Visualizes defect images and provides detailed information for each defect. Severity of defects can be analyzed in detail. Together with other gauge data it allows well-grounded release decision.
Through Facts and Trends

Optimized Yield in Metal Production

ProcessView

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

PlantMonitor

Perfect tool for mill managers of currently produced material, drilling down to each single coil.

CoilRepair

Evaluates quality of repair measures and frequently prevents downgrading of coils. Result: improved material utilization and higher profit.

CoilRelease

Provides quality analysis of coils and issues a release suggestion for next process or end customer.

RollMonitor

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.

PickleProcessTuning

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.

Pickling

Visualizes defect images and provides detailed information for each defect. Severity of defects can be analyzed in detail. Together with other gauge data it allows well-grounded release decision.
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.

- **CampaignView**
  - 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.

- **CoilReassignment**
  - Reassigns blocked material to different customer orders with matching requirements. Ensures improved material utilization and higher profit.

- **CoilPreview**
  - Shows defects and warnings from previous production processes, issues warnings and reduces processing defective material, repairs and downtime. Throughput is optimized.

- **Perfect tool for mill managers showing the quality situation of currently produced material at all lines and supports drilling down to each single measurement.**

- **CampaignView**
  - Provides quality analysis of coils and issues a release suggestion for next process or end customer.

- **TandemProtection**
  - 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.

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

- **StructureAnalysis**
  - Determines the quality value of the surface structure for a configurable number of lanes per coil. It generates alarms if the surface structure does not meet the quality target.

Process chain comprehensive EXPERT
Galvanizing Tinning / Color Coating

Recoiling / Slitting

ProductionAssistant

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.

DefectPatternAnalysis

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.

ProcessAnalysis

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

DrossMonitor

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

Repair requirements from processes, issues warning defective material, Throughput is optimized.

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