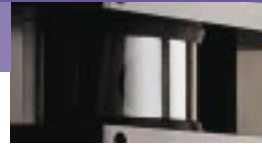
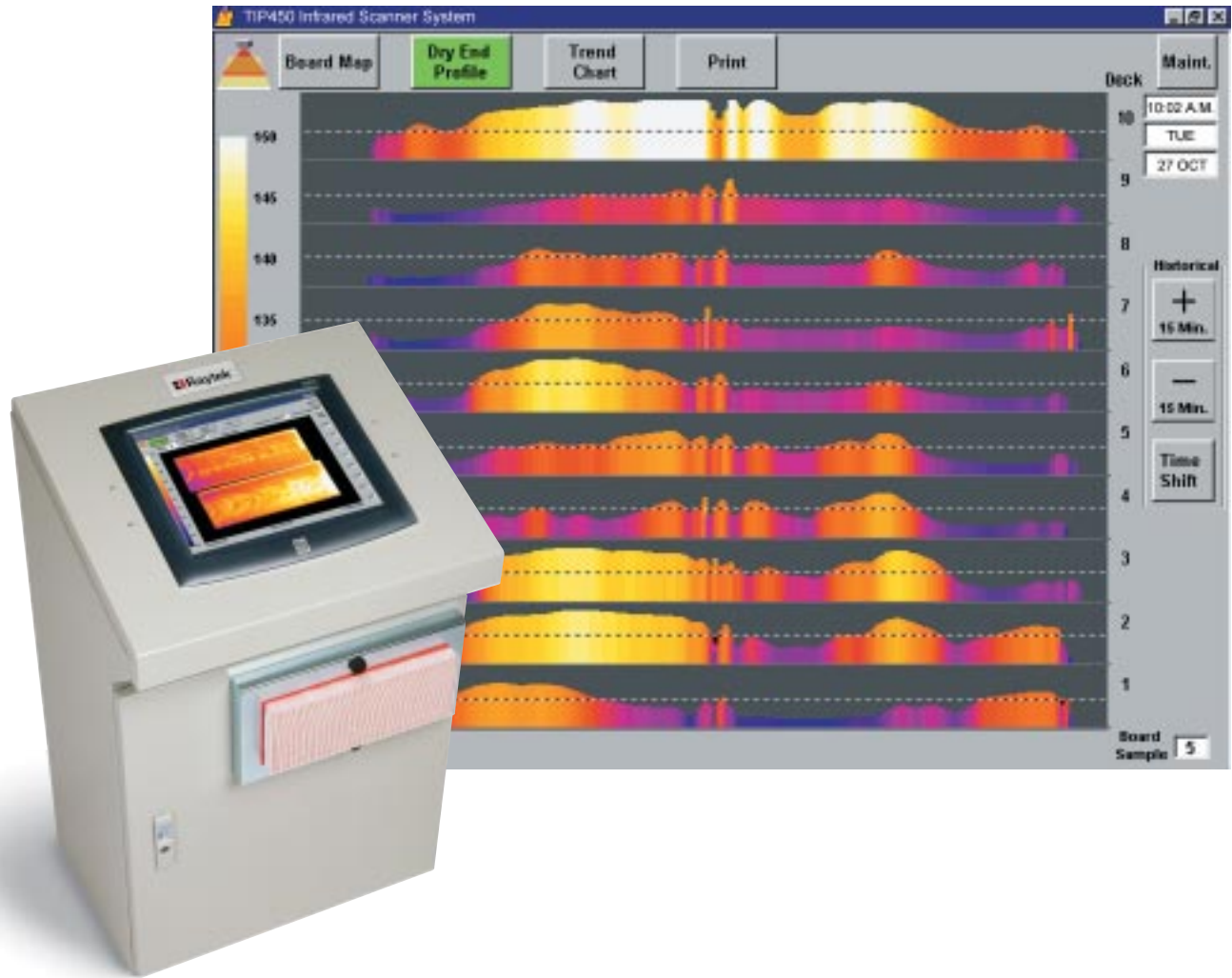


TIP450



Thermal Imaging and Profiling System for Wallboard Applications



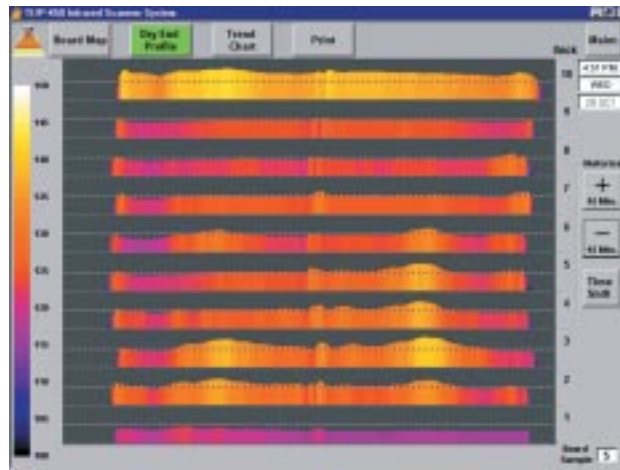


Accurate, Reliable Kiln Balance Surveys

- Fuel Savings
- Quality Improvements
- Increased Production
- Fast Dryer Setup
- Labor Reduction



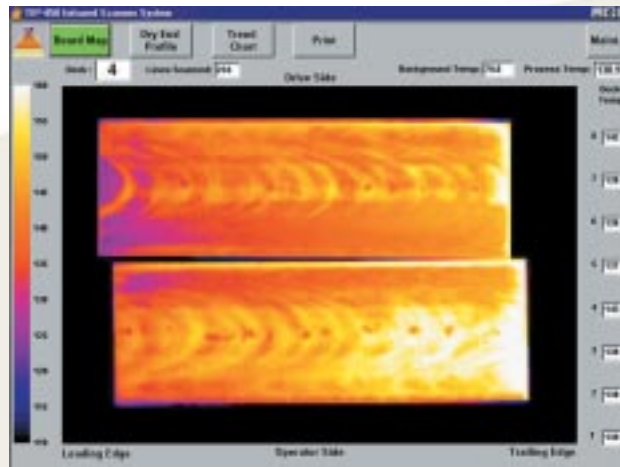
BEFORE: An actual *dryer profile image* running 1/2" (12mm) board before the dryer was balanced with the TIP450. This screen clearly shows the top deck is burned (lighter), while wet streaks (darker) occur on other decks.



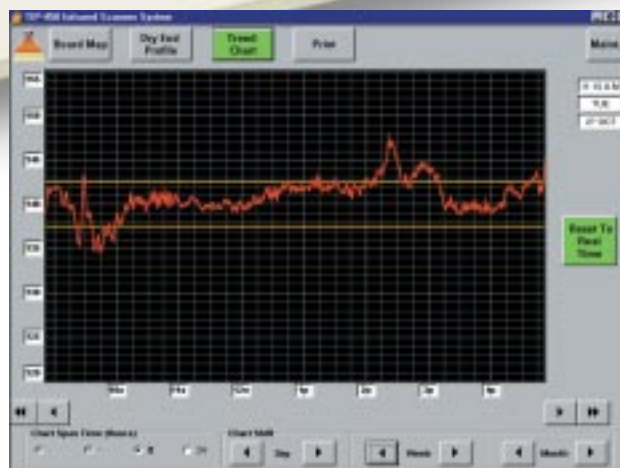
AFTER: The same dryer running the same product after adjustments to the decks using TIP450 data. This optimization saved 5% on fuel usage and gained 6% on line speed.

Detailed, Continuous Board Quality Monitoring

- Real-time Board Quality Monitoring
- Defect Detection
- Reject Board Detection
- Simplified Dryer Process Monitoring and Control
- Quick Dryer Operator Training



Real-time board map displays a thermal image of each board as it leaves the dryer, providing comprehensive board quality information.



Real-time and historical trend charts offer a precise view of the board dryness over time.

The TIP450 System

The TIP450 system is comprised of 4 main components:

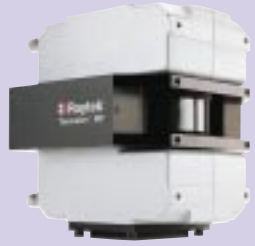
- A** Main console cabinet
- B** MP50 infrared process imager
- C** Remote I/O assembly
- D** Fixed infrared sensor assembly

The main console cabinet houses the software, PC, touch-screen monitor, power supply, data acquisition electronics, and field wiring terminals. This console should be located where the dryer operator can easily view it and make dryer process changes.

The infrared process imager is mounted into a small enclosure with a scan port in the bottom. The enclosure is located over the conveyor section just past the outfeed cascade rolls.

The remote I/O assembly is used to monitor the drop gate signals at the dryer outfeed section. This small DIN rail mounted assembly is designed to be located inside the existing drop gate I/O cabinet.

The fixed infrared sensor assembly is used to monitor the board temperatures right at the dryer exit. This information is used in the software to compensate for ambient air temperature variations. The infrared sensor is mounted inside a heavy duty telescoping mechanical arm.

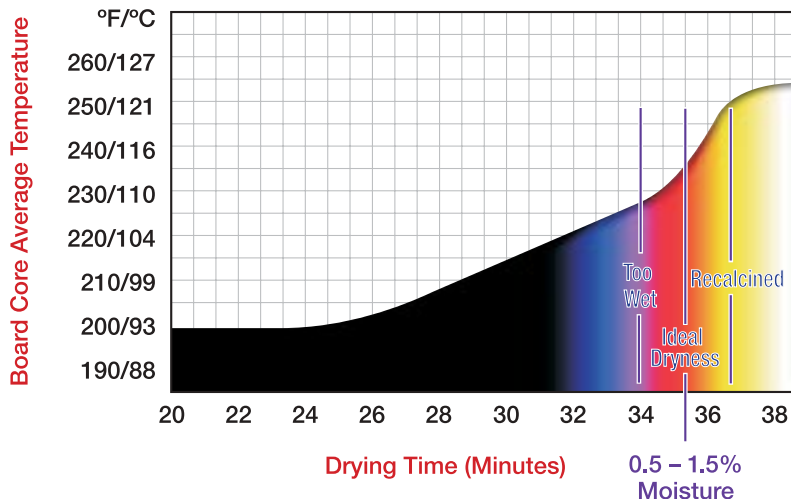


Infrared Process Imager

The highly accurate MP50™ infrared process imager monitors the smallest changes to the board making and drying processes.

The imager scans the boards 48 times a second with 256 individual temperatures taken on each scan. This results in 12,288 temperature points measured every second.

This data is used to create board thermal maps, dryer profile images, and historical trend charts.



The temperature of the board changes as the drying progresses. Scanning the board temperature with the TIP450 has proven to be the most accurate means of indicating the dryness of the board.

System Electrical Specifications

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| Power Input | 120VAC/60Hz or 240VAC/50Hz |
| Power Consumption | 5A @ 120VAC or 2.5A @ 240VAC |
| Signal Inputs at RIO from Drop Gates | 120VAC, 240VAC, or 24VDC (sourced) |
| Signal Input from Outfeed Conveyor | 120VAC, 240VAC, or 24VDC (sourced) |
| Signal Outputs for Alarms | 120VAC, 240VAC, or 24VDC |

Infrared Process Imager Spec.

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| Scan Speed | 48 Hz |
| Scanning Resolution | 256 temperature points per scan |
| Temperature Range | 20 to 350° C (68 to 662° F) |
| IR Spectral Response | 3 to 5 microns |
| Scan Angle/Field of View | 90 degrees |
| Accuracy | +/- 2% of measured value or +/- 2° C (4° F) whichever is greater |
| Repeatability | +/- 1% of measured value or +/- 1° C (2° F) |
| Focus | 1.52 m (60 in) |
| Emissivity | 0.1 to 1.0 digitally adjusted |
| Optical Resolution | 100:1 @ 90% energy or 300:1 @ 50% energy |
| Input Voltage | 24VDC (provided from power supply in main console) |
| Environmental Housing | Installed in ported Rittal® enclosure with fan and filter |
| Scan Motor MTBF | 40,000 hours |

Main Console Specifications

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| Enclosure | Rittal operator console with 30 degree slanted top (30 in x 38 in x 24 in) (72 cm x 91.2 cm x 57.6 cm) |
| Environmental Rating | NEMA-12 (IP55) |
| PC | Dell® Pentium III®, 128MB RAM, 10GB HDD, CD ROM |
| Operating System | Windows 2000® |
| Monitor | Industrial 15 in monitor LCD with acoustic wave touchscreen and 1/4 in (0.64 cm) plate glass. Flush mounted in lid of console. |
| Cooling/Ventilation | Fan and filter |



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