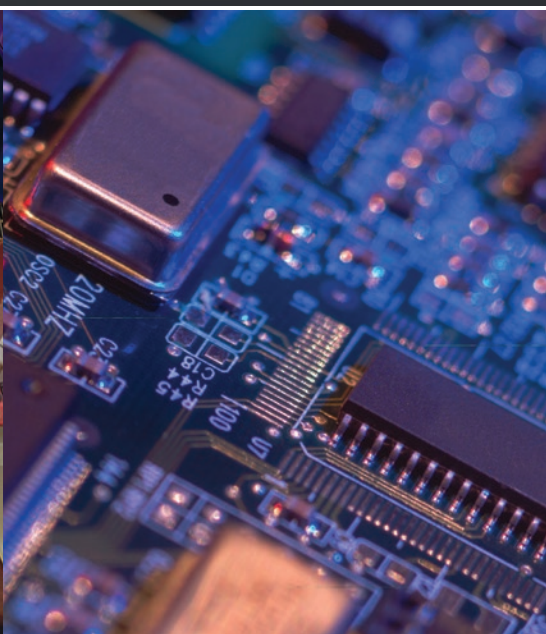
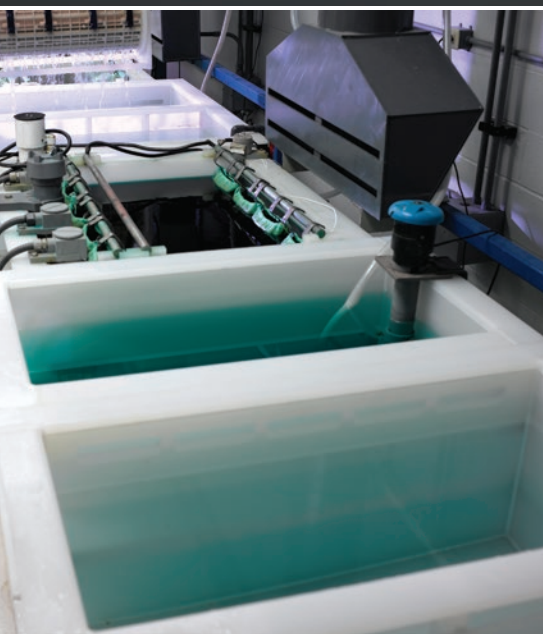




## A GUIDE TO OPTIMIZING IN-TANK AGITATION & MIXING USING EDUCTORS



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# ENSURE THOROUGH MIXING TO IMPROVE PRODUCT QUALITY & REDUCE MAINTENANCE TIME

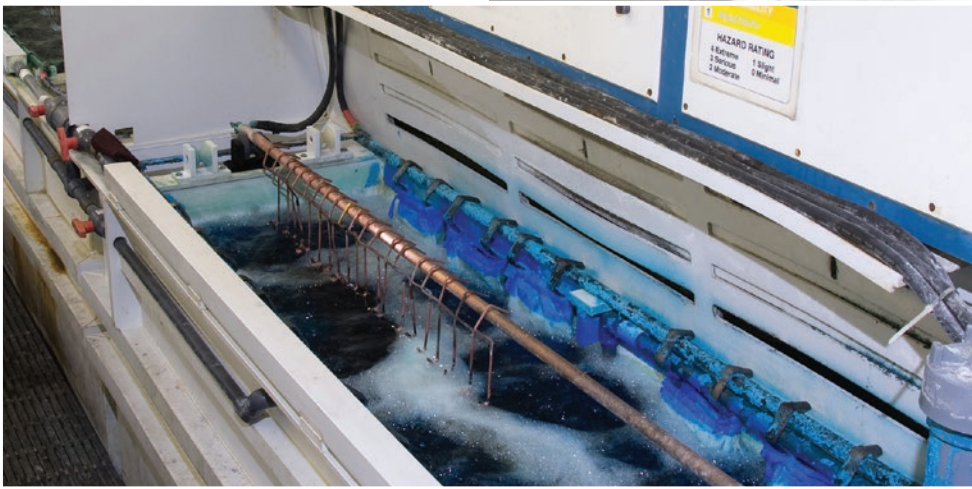
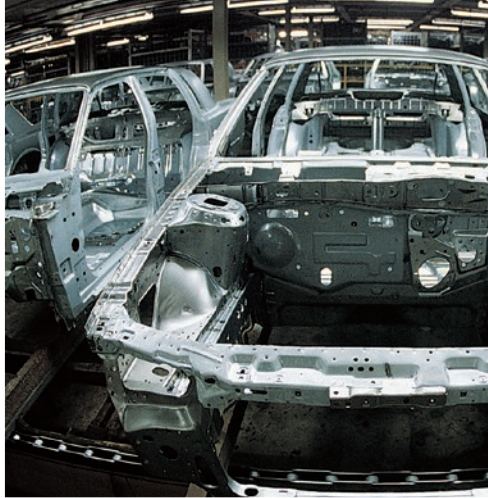
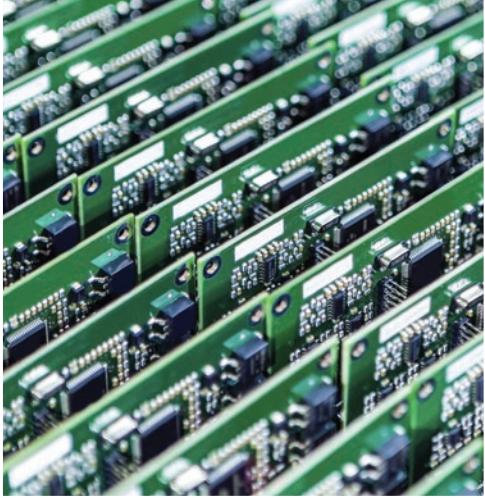
Tank mixing eductors are widely used in many applications to effectively and efficiently mix tank solutions. Offering many benefits over other approaches such as pipes with holes, liquid agitators and pumps, tank mixing eductors feature different operating principles and are available in many styles, sizes and materials. To ensure optimal mixing performance, it is important to understand these product differences and how to specify and install eductors. Our local spray experts are standing by and ready to provide assistance.

## TANK MIXING EDUCTOR BENEFITS




- **Ensures homogeneous fluid mix throughout the tank**
  - More thorough mixing results in solution uniformity – temperature, pH level, solids/gas dispersion and chemical distribution – to help ensure product/process quality
  - Eliminates sludge build-up and reduces tank cleaning time
- **Enables the use of small pumps to circulate large volumes of tank solution**
  - Smaller pumps are less costly to purchase
  - Smaller pumps are less costly to operate
- **Simplifies operation and maintenance – no moving parts**
- **Eliminates the need for compressed or blower air and the resulting oil contamination and/or ventilation problems**







## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

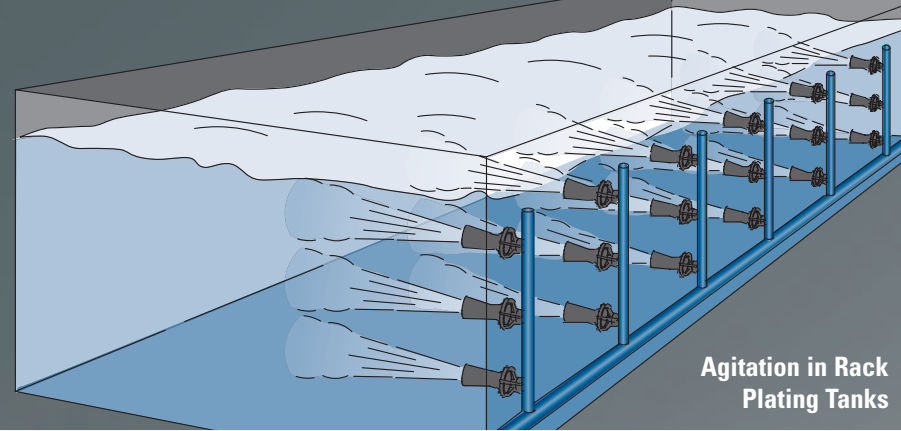
Model	Inlet Flow Rate Range* gpm (lpm)	Circulation Rate Range* gpm (lpm)	Effective Flow Field Range*** ft. (m)	Liquid Flow Rate/Air Flow Rate Range** gpm (lpm) and scfm (Nm/min)	Page
 <b>46550 Tank Mixing Eductor</b>	3.5 to 75 (11.3 to 308)	16.2 to 375 (53.3 to 1540)	3 to 46 (.91 to 14)	Not Applicable	6-7
 <b>46550-ME Mini Tank Mixing Eductor</b>	.31 to 2.9 (1 to 11.7)	1.9 to 10.7 (6.2 to 43.6)	3 to 24 (7.6 to 61)	Not Applicable	8-9
 <b>46550-AIE Air Induced Tank Mixing Eductor</b>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.82 to 3 (3 to 12.1) and 0.11 to 1.50 (3 to 48)	10-11

\*10 to 50 psi (.5 to 4 bar).

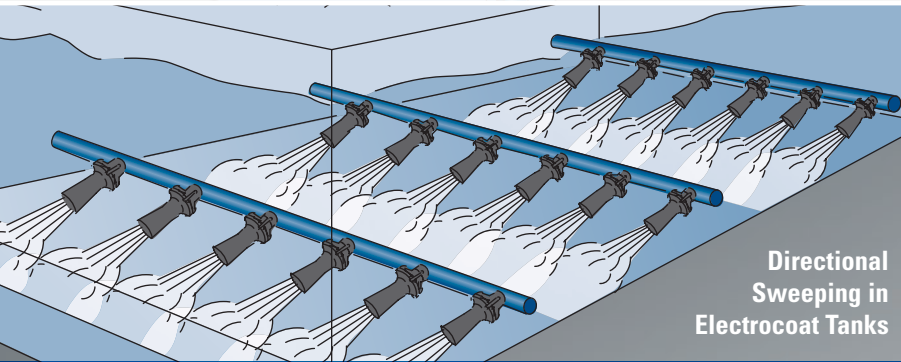
\*\*15 to 60 psi (1 to 5 bar).

\*\*\*Effective Flow Field is defined as 1' (30 cm) of flow/second.



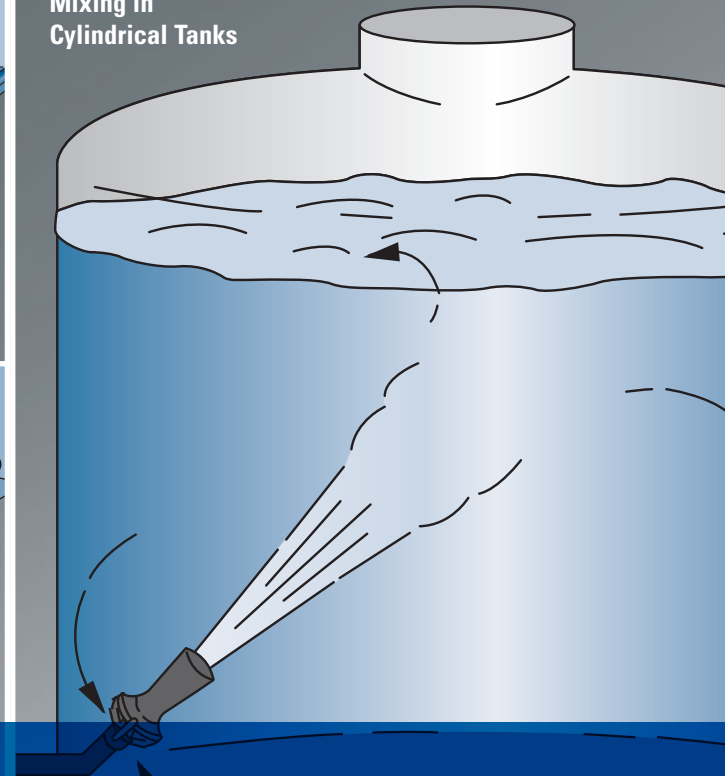


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# GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFYING TANK MIXING EDUCTORS

## 1. START BY DETERMINING THE NEEDED TURNOVER RATE

How many times per hour does the tank solution need to circulate through the eductors? The answer is application-dependent and based on solution viscosity and the number of particulates. A general rule of thumb is 20 turnovers per hour.

### Here are some typical guidelines:

- Plating and rinsing tanks: 10 to 20 turnovers per hour although some plating tanks may require more than 30 turnovers per hour
- Cleaning tanks: at least 10 turnovers per hour
- Heavily soiled tanks: up to 20 turnovers per hour
- Critical cleaning tanks: more than 20 turnovers per hour

## 2. THEN CALCULATE THE NEEDED FLOW RATE

**Multiply the appropriate turnover rate by the tank volume and then divide by 60**

### Example:

$$\begin{array}{c} 10 \times 800 (3028.3) = 8,000 \text{ gph (30,283 l/hr)} \\ \text{turnover} \quad \text{tank volume} \\ \text{rate} \quad \text{in gallons} \\ \text{per hour} \quad \text{(liters)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 8,000 \text{ gph} \div 60 = 133.3 \text{ gpm} \\ (30,283 \text{ l/hr}) \quad \quad (504.7 \text{ l/min}) \end{array}$$

## 3. DETERMINE THE NEEDED INLET FLOW RATE

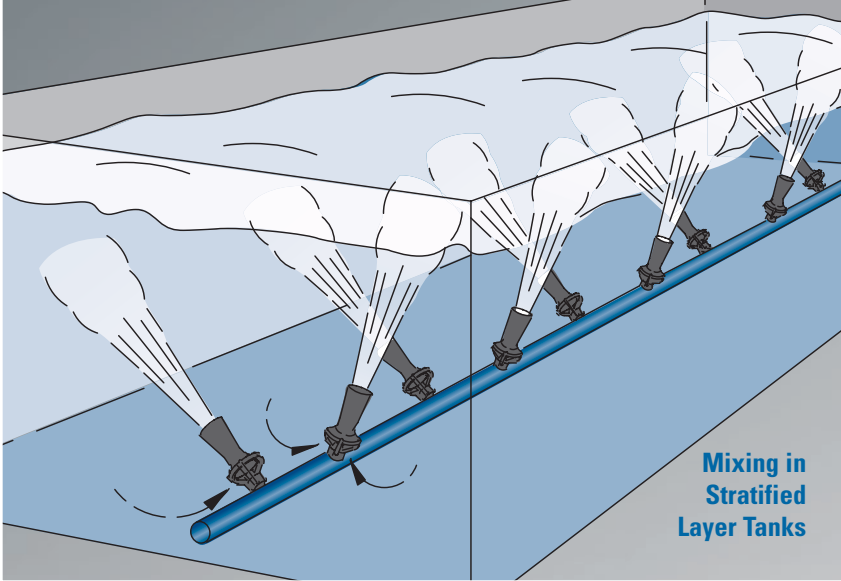
**Take the gallons (liters) per minute and divide by 5 since the eductors mix at a 5:1 ratio**

### Example:

$$\begin{array}{c} 133.3 \div 5 = 26.7 \text{ gpm} \\ (504.7 \div 5 = 100.9 \text{ l/min}) \end{array}$$



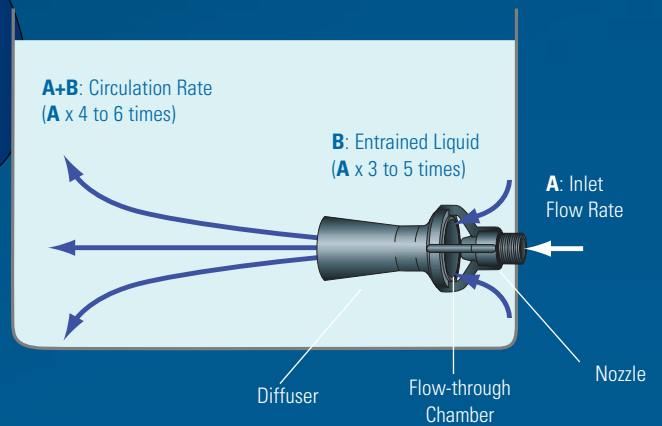
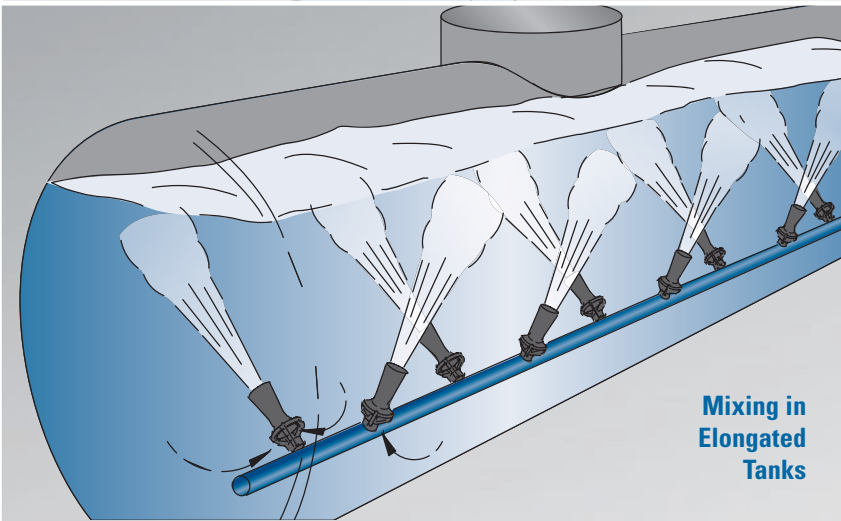




## TANK MIXING EDUCTOR OPERATING PRINCIPLE

Pressurized liquid is pumped into the eductor. As the liquid exits at high velocity, it draws surrounding solution through the eductor's flow-through chamber. This additional liquid flow mixes with the pumped solution and multiplies its volume.

Eductors can entrain up to five times the amount of pumped solution depending on the eductor size and design.



### 4. DETERMINE THE EDUCTOR SIZE NEEDED BY CONSULTING THE PERFORMANCE TABLE

**Example:** One 3/4" eductor will produce a flow rate of 27 gpm at 40 psi (106 l/min at 3 bar). If multiple eductors are to be used due to the configuration of the tank, take the needed inlet flow rate and divide by the flow rate of the eductors. In this case, using four, 1/4" eductors will provide a liquid flow rate of 28 gpm at 40 psi (121 l/min at 3 bar)

### 5. DETERMINE HOW MANY EDUCTORS YOU NEED

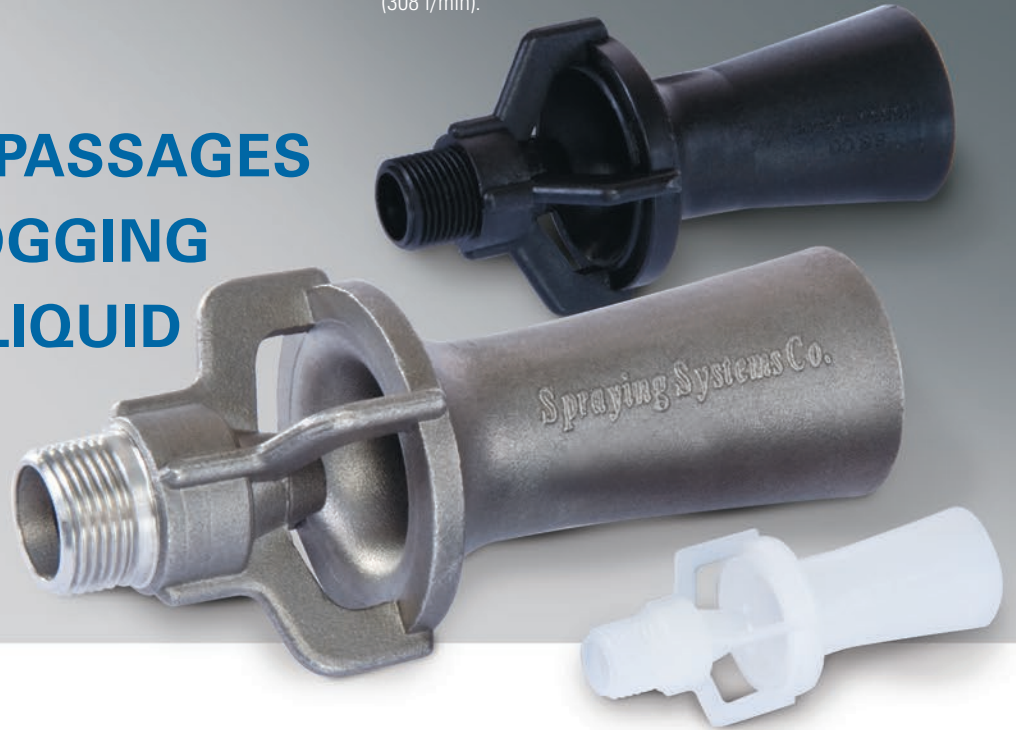
- You may need to use multiple eductors to obtain the needed flow rate
- You may want to use multiple eductors to prevent stagnation which is a common problem in square and rectangular tanks
- In general, using multiple eductors in larger tanks will provide more effective mixing than one centrally located eductor

### 6. DETERMINE EDUCTOR PLACEMENT

- Little agitation occurs below the level of the eductor, so eductors should be positioned as close as possible to the bottom of the tank for maximum liquid turnover
- If settling cannot be tolerated, install the eductors at 1' (.3 m) above the bottom of the tank
- In general, eductors should be placed so the flow field will reach the farthest and highest liquid level at the opposite side of the tank
- Typical eductor configurations for various types of tanks and applications are shown above. Mounting adapters are available to direct flow as needed. Be sure to consult with your nozzle manufacturer to ensure optimal placement
- Typically, eductors are placed 12" (.3 m) apart for even and uniform agitation

Model 46550 eductors are available in a wide range of sizes and materials with inlet flow rates up to 75 gpm (308 l/min).

## LARGE FLOW PASSAGES MINIMIZE CLOGGING & MAXIMIZE LIQUID CIRCULATION



### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Entrained four times more solution than pumped solution
- Large flow opening allows particulates to pass through with minimal clogging
- Flow chamber design eliminates internal material build-up
- Compact design minimizes interference with plating racks and other in-tank equipment
- Wide range of material options
- In-tank mounting design eliminates the need for above tank mounting devices
- Mounting accessories simplify installation and allow easy, precise adjustment of eductor flow (See page 12 for mounting accessories ordering information)
- Ideal for use in anodizing, cleaning, electroplating, mixing, paint booth, phosphating, plating, rinsing and stripping applications

### SPECIFICATIONS:

Materials: Kynar<sup>®</sup>, polypropylene<sup>\*\*</sup>, cast 316 stainless steel

Inlet Conn. (in.): 1/4, 3/8, 3/4 and 1-1/2 NPT or BSPT (M)

Effective Flow Field: 3' to 46' (.91 to 14 m)

Dimensions: 3" to 10" length (76 to 254 mm);  
1-1/4" to 4-1/2" (32 to 114 mm) outside diameter

\*Maximum operating temperature with water is 220°F (104°C) at 50 psi (3.5 bar).

\*\*Maximum operating temperature with water is 200°F (93°C) at 50 psi (3.5 bar).



PERFORMANCE DATA: 46550 EDUCTORS

Inlet Conn. (in.)	Flow Rate gpm (lpm)	Flow Rate Capacity gpm (lpm)					
		15 psi (1 bar)	20 psi (1.5 bar)	30 psi (2.0 bar)	35 psi (2.5 bar)	40 psi (3 bar)	50 psi (3.5 bar)
1/4	Inlet Flow Rate	4.3 (16.0)	5.0 (19.5)	6.1 (23)	6.6 (25)	7.0 (28)	7.8 (30)
	Circulation Rate	19.4 (75)	22.8 (91.5)	28.1 (107)	30.6 (118)	33 (130)	36.8 (140)
	Effective Flow Field* ft. (m)	5.0 (1.5)	7.0 (2.1)	10.0 (3.0)	12.0 (3.7)	14.0 (4.3)	17.0 (5.2)
3/8	Inlet Flow Rate	11.0 (42)	12.5 (51)	16.0 (59)	17.0 (65)	18.0 (70)	20 (77)
	Circulation Rate	55 (210)	62.5 (255)	80 (295)	85 (325)	90 (350)	100 (385)
	Effective Flow Field* ft. (m)	6.0 (1.8)	8.0 (2.4)	12.0 (3.7)	14.0 (4.3)	16.0 (4.9)	22 (6.7)
3/4	Inlet Flow Rate	17.0 (64)	19.0 (74)	23 (85)	25 (97)	27 (106)	30 (116)
	Circulation Rate	85 (320)	95 (370)	115 (425)	125 (485)	135 (530)	150 (580)
	Effective Flow Field* ft. (m)	8.0 (2.4)	11.0 (3.4)	17.0 (5.2)	20 (6.1)	24 (7.3)	33 (10.1)
1-1/2	Inlet Flow Rate	40 (151)	47 (184)	58 (215)	63 (243)	66 (259)	75 (288)
	Circulation Rate	200 (755)	235 (920)	290 (1075)	315 (1215)	330 (1295)	375 (1440)
	Effective Flow Field* ft. (m)	12.0 (3.7)	16.0 (4.9)	24 (7.3)	29 (8.6)	34 (10.4)	46 (14.0)

\*Effective Flow Field is defined as 1' (30 cm) of flow/second.

DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Inlet Conn. (in.)	Orifice Dia. in. (mm)	L in. (mm)	Dia. in. (mm)	Weight oz. (kg)		
				KY	PP	316SS
1/4	3/16 (5)	3 (76)	1-1/4 (32)	.51 (.01)	.51 (.01)	—
3/8	5/16 (8)	4-1/16 (103)	1-11/16 (52)	—	1 (.03)	9.9 (.28)
3/4	3/8 (10)	6-3/8 (162)	3 (76)	—	2.8 (.08)	24.5 (.69)
1-1/2	9/16 (14)	10 (254)	4-1/2 (114)	—	10.2 (.29)	73.5 (2.1)

Materials codes: Kynar = KY; polypropylene = PP; stainless steel = 316SS

ORDERING INFORMATION

MODEL 46550 TANK MIXING EDUCTORS

Model No.	—	Inlet Conn.	—	Material Code	Example
					46550 — 3/8 — PP

BSPT connections require the addition of a "B". Example B46550 – 3/8 – PP.

## COMPACT DESIGN MAXIMIZES LIQUID CIRCULATION & AGITATION

Mini Eductors are available in four capacities with inlet flow rates up to 2.9 gpm (11.7 l/min).



### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- For use in applications with lower flow rates
- Entrain three to five times more solution than pumped solution as it passes through the eductor/diffuser
- Circulation is six times greater than using pipe holes or agitation with air
- Flow-through chamber minimizes clogging
- Compact design simplifies mounting and is ideal for small tanks
- Ideal for use in paint booth pre-treatment, etching and plating tanks
- Color-coded by flow size for quick identification (polypropylene only)

### SPECIFICATIONS:

Materials: Polypropylene\*. PVDF and other similar materials optional

Inlet Conn. (in.): 1/4 NPT or BSPT (M)

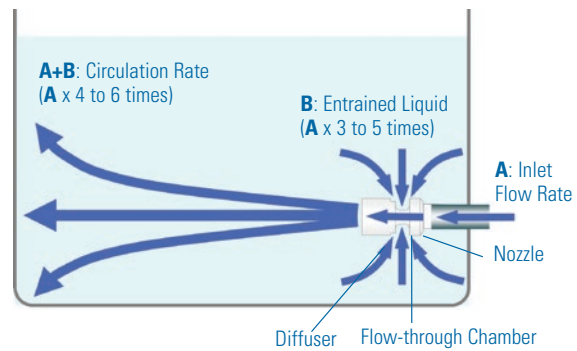
Effective Flow Field: 3" to 24" (7.6 to 61 cm)

Dimensions: 1-5/8" x 11/16" (length x outside dia.) (40 x 17 mm)

\*Maximum operating temperature with water is 200°F (93°C) at 50 psi (3.5 bar).

### HOW THE MINI TANK MIXING EDUCTOR WORKS:

Pressurized liquid is pumped through the eductor. As liquid exits the diffuser at high velocity, surrounding solution is entrained in the open flow-through chamber. The combination of pumped flow and pulled flow significantly increases circulation.





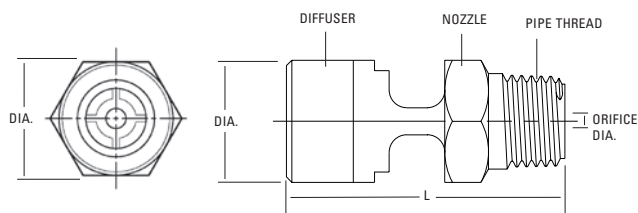
## PERFORMANCE DATA: 46550 EDUCTORS

Inlet Conn	Capacity	Color Code*	Flow Rate gpm (lpm)	Flow Rate Capacity gpm (lpm)					
				15 psi (1 bar)	20 psi (1.5 bar)	30 psi (2 bar)	35 psi (2.5 bar)	40 psi (3 bar)	50 psi (3.5 bar)
1/4	1.5	Orange	Inlet Flow Rate	.38 (1.4)	.43 (1.7)	.53 (2.0)	.57 (2.2)	.61 (2.4)	.68 (2.6)
			Circulation Rate	2.4 (8.8)	2.7 (10.8)	3.4 (12.5)	3.6 (14.1)	3.9 (15.5)	4.4 (16.7)
			Effective Flow Field** in. (cm)	4.0 (10.0)	5.0 (13.0)	7.0 (15.2)	7.5 (18.0)	9.0 (19.0)	12.0 (23)
1/4	2.0	Green	Inlet Flow Rate	.69 (2.6)	.79 (3.1)	.97 (3.6)	1.0 (4.0)	1.1 (4.3)	1.2 (4.6)
			Circulation Rate	3.3 (12.3)	3.8 (15.1)	4.7 (17.4)	5.0 (19.4)	5.4 (21.3)	6.0 (32)
			Effective Flow Field** in. (cm)	9.0 (22.9)	10.0 (25.4)	12.0 (27)	15.0 (31)	16.0 (38)	17.0 (41)
1/4	2.5	Blue	Inlet Flow Rate	1.1 (4.0)	1.2 (4.9)	1.5 (5.7)	1.7 (6.4)	1.8 (7.1)	2.0 (7.7)
			Circulation Rate	4.0 (12.8)	4.7 (18.6)	5.9 (21.9)	6.4 (24.7)	6.9 (27.4)	7.8 (29.8)
			Effective Flow Field** in. (cm)	10.0 (25)	11.0 (28)	15.0 (31)	16.0 (38)	17.0 (41)	21 (43)
1/4	3.0	White	Inlet Flow Rate	1.6 (5.9)	1.8 (7.2)	2.2 (8.3)	2.4 (9.3)	2.6 (10.1)	2.9 (10.9)
			Circulation Rate	5.8 (21.5)	6.7 (26.5)	8.2 (30.6)	8.9 (34.3)	9.5 (37.6)	10.7 (40.7)
			Effective Flow Field** in. (cm)	13.0 (33)	16.0 (41)	20 (43)	22 (51)	22 (56)	24 (56)

\* Color coding available for polypropylene material only.

\*\*Effective Flow Field is defined as 1' (30 cm) of flow/second.

## DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

	Inlet Conn. (in.)	Orifice Dia. in. (mm)	L in. (mm)	Dia. in. (mm)
		1/4	.059 (1.5)	1-5/8 (40)
	1/4	.079 (2.0)	1-5/8 (40)	11/16 (17)
	1/4	.098 (2.5)	1-5/8 (40)	11/16 (17)
	1/4	.118 (3.0)	1-5/8 (40)	11/16 (17)

## ORDERING INFORMATION

### MINI TANK MIXING EDUCTOR

Model No.	Inlet Conn.	Mini-Eductor Designation	Nozzle Size	Material Code
<p>Example: <b>46550</b> - <b>1/4</b> - <b>ME</b> - <b>1.5</b> - <b>PP</b></p>				

Other materials available upon request. BSPT connections require the addition of a "B". Example: B46550 - 1/4 ME - 1.5 - PP.



## POWERFUL BUBBLING ACTION IMPROVES CLEANING EFFICIENCY WITHOUT COMPRESSED AIR

Air induced tank mixing eductors are available in three capacities with liquid inlet flow rates up to 3.0 gpm (12.1 l/min) and standard or wall-mount installation.



### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Circulated liquid flow is combined with induced air to generate small air bubbles that improve operational efficiency
  - Air bubbles provide an added scrubbing action when used for plating, dip cleaning or parts cleaning
  - Air bubbles elevate tank particulate and encapsulate debris for easier filtration of tank solution when used for mixing and agitation
- Unique injector design creates a wide 30° to 50° angle for added coverage and capture of particulates
- Easily change flow rates using interchangeable orifice plates (stainless steel models only)
- Ideal for use in dip cleaning, metal particulate carry off and liquid agitation

### SPECIFICATIONS:

Liquid Flow Rate Range: 0.82 to 3 gpm (3 to 12.1 l/min)

Materials: PVC and stainless steel

Installation Types:

Standard hook-up or wall-mount

PVC models are for wall-mount installation only

Liquid Inlet Conn. (in.):

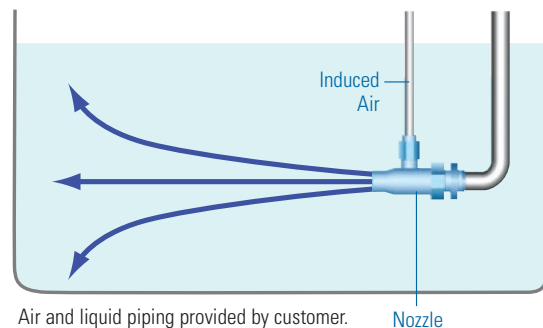
3/8 BSPT (F) for stainless steel models

1/2 BSPT (F) for PVC models

Air Inlet Conn. (in.): 1/4 BSPT (F) – All models

### HOW THE AIR INDUCED EDUCTOR WORKS

Liquid flow from two orifices combines with air drawn from outside the tank to produce a powerful flow.



Air and liquid piping provided by customer.





## PERFORMANCE DATA: 46550 EDUCTORS

Inlet Conn. (in.)	Capacity Size	Flow Rate gpm (lpm)	Flow Rate Capacity gpm (lpm)				
			15 psi (1 bar)	30 psi (2 bar)	40 psi (3 bar)	50 psi (4 bar)	70 psi (5 bar)
3/8" 1/2"	5	Liquid Flow Rate	.79 (3.0)	1.11 (4.2)	1.32 (5.0)	1.48 (5.6)	1.64 (6.2)
		Induced Air Flow Rate scfm (NI/min)	.11 (3.0)	.25 (7.0)	.32 (9.0)	.53 (15.0)	.71 (20.0)
3/8" 1/2"	7	Liquid Flow Rate	1.08 (4.1)	1.51 (5.7)	1.85 (7.0)	2.06 (7.8)	2.27 (8.6)
		Induced Air Flow Rate scfm (NI/min)	.14 (4.0)	.25 (7.0)	.35 (10.0)	.57 (16.0)	.78 (22.0)
3/8" 1/2"	10	Liquid Flow Rate	1.66 (6.3)	2.27 (8.6)	2.64 (10.0)	2.93 (11.1)	3.20 (12.1)
		Induced Air Flow Rate scfm (NI/min)	.21 (6.0)	.60 (17.0)	1.13 (32.0)	1.48 (42.0)	1.70 (48.0)

The flow rate table is based on the following specifications: Depth of eductor from water surface: 8" (220 mm). Induced Air Side: 5/16" (8 mm) I.D. tubing. Max. Length = 20" (500 mm).

\*Stainless steel (SS) – in-tank or wall mount.

\*\* Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) – wall mount.

## DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

	Nozzle No.	Air Inlet Conn. (in.) BSPT (F)	Nozzle Dia. in. (mm)	L in. (mm)	W in. (mm)
	3/8 In-Tank (SS)	1/4	1-1/16 (27)	2-3/16 (55)	1-3/64 (26.5)
	3/8 Wall-Mount (SS)	1/4	1-1/16 (27)	2-3/16 (55)	1-3/64 (26.5)
	1/2 Wall-Mount (PVC)	1/4	1-1/16 (27)	1-31/32 (50)	1-3/16 (30)

## ORDERING INFORMATION

### AIR INDUCED TANK MIXING EDUCTORS

Model No.	Inlet Conn.	Eductor Type	Installation Type	Capacity	Material Code	Example
						<b>B46550</b> – <b>3/8</b> <b>AIE</b> <b>T</b> – <b>10</b> – <b>SS</b>

Other materials available upon request. BSPT connections require the addition of a "B". Example B46550 – 3/8 AIE T – 10 – SS. "T" indicates wall-mount connection.

No code required for in-tank type eductor.



## SPECIFICATIONS

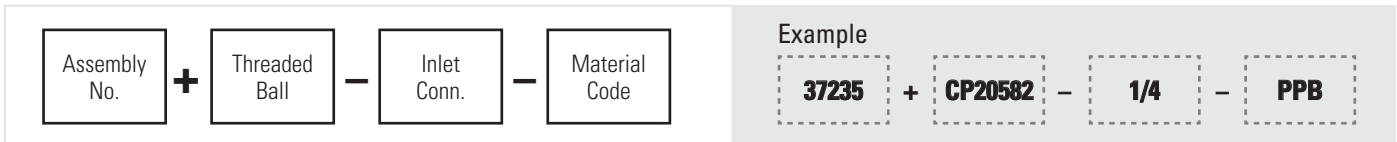
Accessory	Inlet Conn. (in.)	Pipe size (in.)	Materials	CP20582 Threaded Ball	Eductor
 <p><b>37235 Adjustable Ball-Type Assembly</b></p>	1/4, 3/8, 1/2	NA	Polypropylene (PP)	Required Accepts 1/4" and 3/8" (M)	Model 46550* 1/4" and 3/8" sizes only
 <p><b>38625 Hinged Split-Eyelet</b></p>	NA	1-1/4, 1-1/2	Polypropylene (PP)	Required Accepts 1/4" and 3/8" (M)	Model 46550* 1/4" and 3/8" sizes only

\*See pages 6 and 7 for eductor ordering information.

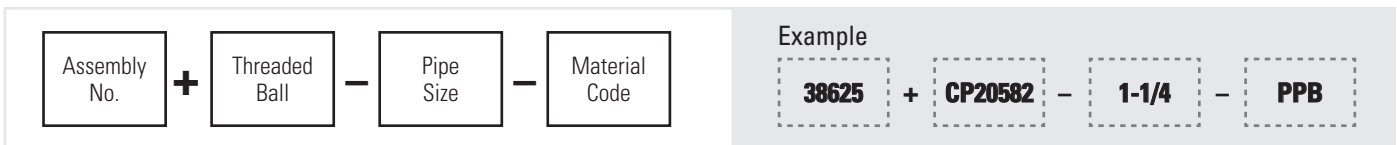
See data sheets **37235-2** and **38625** for more information.

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### 37235 ADJUSTABLE BALL-TYPE ASSEMBLY



### 38625 HINGED SPLIT-EYELET



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