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CONTIROD® FOR COPPER WIRE ROD PRODUCTION

Integrated melting, casting and rolling plant

With more than five decades of experience, the CONTIROD® process is used for high-end applications, meeting the quality requirements of copper rod producers. Continuous development has improved product quality and minimized energy consumption. The modular concept of CONTIROD® provides the possibility of tailor-made solutions that meet customers' specific demands. It is an integrated process for manufacturing copper rod from copper cathodes and clean copper scrap.

Wire rod produced in CONTIROD® plants is used for a wide range of final applications. High-end processing on high-speed multi-strand drawing machines, enameled wire, and multi-fine wire is produced using CONTIROD®. High efficiency combined with high-quality copper rod production is key to your competitiveness. Low OPEX and the best possible results in quality are the major drivers for your business.

PRODUCTION STEPS

- › Charging of cathodes and clean scraps into the shaft melting furnace
- › Pre-heating and melting of the charged material in the vertical arranged furnace vessel
- › The melt is guided via launders and holding furnace for dosing into the casting machine
- › The twin-belt casting machine forms the liquid copper into a rectangular cast strand
- › The cast strand is guided through a bar preparation zone before it enters the rolling mill
- › In the rolling mill the rectangular cast bar is formed to a round rod with diameter 8 mm, other diameters are possible on demand
- › Deoxidation, cooling and coiling is creating the finished product.
- › Rod coil handling facilities for packing and covering are in the down-stream of the plant rectangular cast strand



KEY ADVANTAGES AT A GLANCE

HIGH-EFFICIENCY COPPER MELTING

- › **High-volume Shaft Furnace:** Continuous melting with automatic lambda combustion control
- › **Green-Ready:** Future-proof production with high-efficiency, hydrogen-ready gas burners.
- › **High Thermal Efficiency:** Optimized furnace geometry and charging to reduce fuel consumption and thermal loss.
- › **Smart Control:** Process transparency via intelligent sensors and camera monitoring.

ADVANCED ROLLING MILL PRECISION

- › **Superior Quality:** Individual AC drives for each stand ensure a flawless surface and homogeneous structure.
- › **Maximum Flexibility:** Versatile mill configuration for a wide range of precise round and flat dimensions.
- › **Low Operating Costs:** Robust, frequency-controlled motors cut energy use and minimize ring wear for peak plant availability.

FINISHING & PACKAGING

- › **Advanced Cooling:** Two-stage alcohol deoxidation ensures an oxide-free surface, followed by precise water cooling and laser diameter control.
- › **Automated Handling:** Integrated coil station with automated strapping for high-speed output.
- › **Protective Packaging:** Foil and wax coating prevent oxidation during transport and storage.

AUTOMATION, DIGITALIZATION & SERVICE

- › **Smart Automation:** Advanced control ensures reproducible quality and maximum safety while reducing energy use.
- › **Digital Intelligence:** Real-time analytics provide full production transparency to optimize plant performance.
- › **Lifecycle Support:** Our global service, maintenance, modernization, and training ensure long-term plant availability.



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