

# ELEVATE YOUR OPERATION WITH A SMART BELT CLEANER



# FLEXCO ELEVATE® BELT CONVEYOR INTELLIGENCE

Flexco Elevate is a remote monitoring solution for belt cleaners and belt health that utilizes real-time data and machine learning insights to detect belt cleaner issues before they affect your operation.

#### A CHECK ENGINE LIGHT FOR YOUR BELT CONVEYOR SYSTEM

Similar to the check engine light in your car, Elevate alerts you when your belt cleaners need attention. It allows for the early detection and early resolution (EDER) of events related to the operation of your belt conveyor system.



Employee Safety & Time Management

Managing time on inspections



**Belt Health**Maintaining optimal
belt condition



**Product Wear**Changing parts
too soon or too late



Failure Modes
Inadequate
maintenance routine



**Carryback**Unnecessary
maintenance and
part damage

#### THE ULTIMATE SMART BELT CLEANER



## Cleaner Health and Maintenance

Flexco Elevate® takes the guesswork out of cleaner maintenance and blade health by highlighting predictive insights early to help align the work to your shutdown from day one.



#### Gain Insights on Your Cleaner and Belt

The i3 device and other smart components can be an additional tool to provide information to help you or any other key team members.



### Data Management and Best Practices

Service records, equipment lifecycle insights, and belting events are recorded to be shown in our dashboard or delivered to your plant systems.

#### TURN ANY FLEXCO BELT CLEANER INTO A SMART BELT CLEANER

The Flexco Elevate IoT system combines the i3 Device, i3 Mobile App, and i3 Dashboard that integrates with Flexco belt cleaners in a few easy steps. Once the i3 device is installed in conjunction with any Flexco belt cleaner, insights are immediately transferred to the Elevate dashboard. That information, combined with maintenance information that is logged by your team on the mobile app, provides predictive data-driven insights directly to your dashboard so you can remotely monitor belt cleaner productivity and be notified when your belt cleaners need attention.



#### i3 Device

A single self-contained unit comprised of sensors, communication, and power with no additional equipment



# **EQUALS**







#### i3 Mobile App

Create digital service records from the field



#### i3 Dashboard

Browser-based interface to access insights, service history, data, and notifications



#### **Notifications**

Alerts from the system on insights or status changes to inform you externally from the dashboard



#### **i3 DASHBOARD CAPABILITIES**







A key feature of the Elevate Dashboard is Flexco's traffic light system. Points are allocated based on the severity of each alert and tallied so that users can easily view the general health of their conveyor belt. The interactive dashboard tells operators:

- · Anomaly event notifications
- · Chatter alerts
- · Disengaged cleaner notifications
- Device orientation change notifications
- · Urethane and carbide blade wear
- Location of installed cleaners across your operation
- Belt conveyor system specifications: belt speed, material conveyed and belt width
- Belt cleaner engagement status
- · Belt and cleaner run times
- · Digital maintenance logs

#### **DIGITAL SERVICE RECORDS**

The i3 Mobile App enables service crews to input maintenance details during physical inspections. This creates a detailed digital service record. Checklist inputs include:

- · Cleaner inspected
- · Record remaining blade life
- · Tension adjusted
- · Battery changed
- · Manually disengaged cleaner





#### **EASY INSTALLATION & SERVICE**

From installation and activation, to the mobile app and dashboard, everything about Flexco Elevate is user-friendly and designed to make your job easier.

Each device is simply clamped to the pole end of a Flexco precleaner or secondary cleaner within minutes. It is not necessary to shut down the conveyor to install the device. Cleaner specifications are pre-entered into the Dashboard by Flexco before the installation, so once its installed and paired to the i3 Mobile App, it immediately begins to gather belt cleaner data and insights for remote access by plant personnel.

#### **INSIGHTS**

The Elevate platform works on both machine learning and statistical algorithms to provide insights into abnormal activities occurring on your conveyor system.

#### **Belt Running**

Reports whether the conveyor is operating. This is done by analysing several statistical features (inputs) over a single 1-second sample.

#### Cleaner Engaged

Reports whether a cleaner is contacting the belt. The model is trained to detect the difference between a disengaged and engaged cleaner; learned statistically over the last 120 samples. The model seeks to detect a net decrease in vibration power. This insight employs both Machine Learning and service event-based rules to predict the engaged state.

#### **Anomaly Event**

Reports when an event is deemed to be an outlier (or abnormal) in terms of previously recorded events. The severity measure is also reported (the degree to which the event was considered abnormal).

#### **Device Orientation Change**

Reports the i3 device orientation change from one wake period (check-in) to the next. Sensitive to >11deg change in pole angle rotation and >5deg change in tilt with respect to the pole.

#### Chatter

Reports whether the cleaner is skipping or bouncing across the belt. The algorithm places a threshold over the difference between a state learned statistically over the last 3 device check-ins and a state determined from the current check-in. The algorithm seeks to detect a net increase in vibration power.

#### **Blade Run Time**

Reports how long the conveyor has been running, in the context of a given blade. This is done by summing up the time intervals recorded between belt-running insight responses. Blade runtime is used when computing carbide blade life.

#### Blade life

Reports how much blade life is remaining (0%-100%) before the blade will need to be replaced. For urethane blades, this is done by accumulating the device rotational angle change over time as the blade wears.

For carbide tips, an initial manual input is needed. From there, the device will estimate the remaining blade life based on the previous runtimes of the belt cleaners.

#### Impact Event

Triggered if the magnitude of 3-axis accelerometer exceeds a configurable threshold at any time. The default threshold is 15.5g.



#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS | FLEXCO ELEVATE® Cleaner Mounted i3 Device

i3 Devices: 3 unique device types used by geography -US, Australia, and Global

**Dimensions:** 7.875" x 6.375" x 3.5" (200mm x 165mm x 90 mm)

#### **Compatible Pole Diameters:**

2.375" and 2.875" (60mm and 73mm)

**Compatible Cleaner Type:** Flexco Precleaners and Secondary Cleaners

Battery Type: Non-rechargeable, lithium-thionyl chloride

#### **Operating Temperature Range:**

-22°F to 149°F (-30°C to 65°C) -4°F to 104°F (-20°C to 40°C) in explosive environments

Regulatory: FCC (US); RCM (Australia); CE, ISED (Global)

Certifications, Standards: IP66. RoHS (US, Australia and Global)

#### **Explosive Environments:**

IECEx (Australia); MSHA and ATEX (contact Flexco regarding specific standards)

#### Security

- · End-to-End Security: Encryption layers in OS and in transit AWS hosted API endpoint end-to-end security
- · Wi-Fi Security: WEP, WPA, WPA2
- i3 Mobile App: Permission-based access (only pre-defined authorized users can access portals)
- · i3 Dashboard: Permission-based access (only pre-defined authorized users can access portals)
- · Data Ownership: All belt cleaner i3 data is wholly owned by the customer

#### **Wireless Communications**

- · Cellular Communication: LTE CAT-M1 on AT&T (US): LTE CAT-M1 on Telstra (Australia); 2G/3G on AT&T (Global)
- · Wi-Fi Communication: 802.11a/b/g/n/ac
- Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> Wireless Communication: Low energy up to 10m range

#### Insight Access

· i3 Mobile App: Android, iOS Compatible

· i3 Dashboard: Optimized for Google Chrome, but accessible via preferred browser



#### **UPGRADE YOUR FLEXCO BELT CLEANER TO A SMART BELT CLEANER**

Up until now, traditional methods of monitoring belt cleaners and maximising performance involved on-site monitoring. Manpower was monopolised performing manual inspections, valuable time and resources are lost to examine the belt and safety is compromised to inspect equipment.

Upgrading your existing or new belt cleaners to a Smart Cleaner to better evaluate belt conveyor health at anytime, anywhere, without dispatching a crew.

#### **Smart Cleaner Package**

Upgrade any new cleaner to a Flexco Smart Cleaner by adding the item code below to your order. Smart Cleaner Packaging includes the i3 device and platform subscription for the life of the device. Note: this does not include replacement batteries.

Ordering Information			
Description	Ordering Number	Item Code	Inclusions
Smart Cleaner Package	DVC-CLR1-AU	91602	Device and lifetime subscription for new cleaners only.

#### **Subscriptions**

Upgrade any new cleaner to a Flexco Smart Cleaner by adding the item code below to your order. The minimum subscription period is two years. The subscription fee includes the device.

Ordering Information				
Description	Ordering Number	Item Code	Inclusions	
New Cleaner Subscription	DVC-SUB-N-AU	109370	Device and minimum 2 year subscription	
Existing Cleaner Subscription	DVC-SUB-U-AU	103971	Device and minimum 2 year subscription	

