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# Advanced Overfire Air Systems for Corner-Fired Boilers Economically Reduce NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions

As the holder of the first patent for an overfire air (OFA) system – a patent issued four decades ago – The Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W) has successfully installed low  $NO_x$  combustion systems on more than 108,000 MW of new and retrofit coal-, oil- and gas-fired boilers. Most recently, B&W has applied this experience and proven capability to retrofit corner-fired boilers burning coal, gas or oil.

Our cost-effective systems are in operation achieving significant levels of  $NO_x$  reduction while maintaining boiler thermal performance.

#### B&W's staged combustion system for corner-fired boilers offers these benefits:

- Proven NO<sub>x</sub> reduction
- Proven design approach with unit-by-unit customization
- Maintains boiler thermal performance
- Design simplicity for ease of construction and maintenance
- Minimal modifications to structural members, sootblower arrangement and platforms
- Superior mechanical reliability and operation
- Operational flexibility
- Rugged design and fabrication for reduced maintenance

 $B \in W$  provides a simple and flexible design to reduce  $NO_x$  levels in corner-fired boilers. Our proven overfire air solutions cost less than modifications that are limited to the corners.



#### B&W's Design Features a Simple and Flexible Arrangement

B&W has developed its innovative overfire air system for corner-fired boilers using proprietary computational fluid dynamic (CFD) modeling and experience gained from full-scale commercial applications. B&W's advanced systems are customized on a unit-by-unit basis to reflect site specific parameters and  $\mathrm{NO}_{\mathrm{x}}$  reduction requirements.

A full range of boiler and OFA equipment options are available and tailored to meet customer requirements for additions and modifications to existing combustion equipment.



Equipment or Boiler Components	Functions/Benefits
1. Overfire Air (OFA) Ports	Arranged on furnace walls or in furnace corners to maximize $NO_x$ reduction while minimizing any increase in combustible losses (unburned carbon and carbon monoxide)
2. Connecting Ducts	Designed for minimum pressure loss and optimal access
3. Welded Bent Tube Waterwall Openings	Less complex tube openings minimize modifications to existing furnace pressure parts, reduce field welding and eliminate refractory maintenance
4. Burner Windbox Modifications	Total windbox replacement, tilt upgrade and/or simple auxiliary air nozzle/damper modifications to maintain proper secondary air flow
5. Coal Nozzles/Tips	New stationary nozzles or adjustable tips for superior operation
6. Scanner Upgrades (not shown)	Provides reliable flame detection while minimizing maintenance and field calibration

7. FPS Gas or Oil Ignitor Upgrade (not shown) Optimizes ignition reliability, combustion, flame stability and flame monitoring

## Excellent NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction Based Upon Proven Technology

The use of overfire air (OFA) in corner-fired units results in significant decreases in  $NO_x$  emissions and is by far the most cost-effective technique for reducing  $NO_x$  emissions from these units. Reductions with this technique range from 20 percent to more than 60 percent depending on a unit's initial  $NO_x$  levels, fuel combustion equipment design and fuel type. Additionally, B&W takes great care in refining its system design to optimize  $NO_x$  reduction while minimizing any increases of unburned carbon and carbon monoxide.

Depending on the unit configuration, B&W's overfire air ports can be located on the furnace walls, above and separate from the main windbox in an interlaced arrangement, or on or near the furnace corners. This variety of configurations can provide the following advantages and benefits:

- More economical (fewer tube bends)
- Greater design flexibility
- Sizing of air ports is not limited by fixed corner width
- Location of air ports is not limited to the vertical obstructions of burners and other ports
- Minimal or no modifications to structural members

*B&W's full range of boiler and OFA equipment options are designed to meet customer requirements for additions and modifications to existing combustion equipment.* 



Separated overfire air ports



Utilizing proprietary computational fluid dynamic (CFD) modeling, B&W can run multiple case simulations to determine the optimum burner and air port arrangement for maximum  $NO_x$  reduction.





FPS replacement oil or gas "born" ignitor



Coal and auxiliary air nozzles

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## Full-Scope Supply

As part of a complete retrofit package, B&W also provides state-of-the-art ignition and scanner equipment for cornerfired boilers. The Fossil Power System Inc. (FPS) gas and oil horn ignitors are a result of a careful integration of electrical and mechanical components optimizing ignition reliability, combustion performance, flame stability and flame monitoring.

B&W has the design capability and manufacturing experience to meet your corner-fired boiler  $NO_x$  reduction requirements. We provide complete installation, startup, commissioning, equipment training, replacement parts and technical service support.

When you need a proven  $NO_x$  reduction solution for your corner-fired boiler, contact B&W.



**B&W FPS gas ignitor** 



B&W can provide new control systems or retrofit existing systems to enbance overall combustion management capabilities.

 The FPS oil and gas ignitors are designed for simple installation and maintenance.



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