

## INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF FIBER CLEANERS IN COTTON GINNING ENTERPRISES

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**Abstract.** *The productivity of fiber cleaners is a key factor influencing the efficiency and economic performance of cotton ginning enterprises. Insufficient cleaner capacity leads to processing bottlenecks, increased energy consumption, and reduced fiber quality. This paper examines technological and operational approaches to increasing the productivity of fiber cleaners used in cotton gins. The study focuses on optimizing machine design, improving operating parameters, and enhancing process integration within the ginning line. The results demonstrate that the proposed measures significantly increase fiber cleaner productivity while maintaining lint quality and reducing operational costs.*

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### 1. Introduction

Cotton ginning enterprises aim to process large volumes of seed cotton while ensuring high fiber quality and low production costs. Fiber cleaners play a crucial role in removing residual impurities from lint after ginning. However, the limited productivity of fiber cleaning machines often restricts the overall capacity of the ginning line.

Increasing the productivity of fiber cleaners without compromising fiber quality is a major technological challenge. Excessive mechanical action may increase throughput but can lead to fiber breakage and quality deterioration. Therefore, balanced technological solutions are required to improve productivity while preserving lint properties.

### 2. Factors Affecting Fiber Cleaner Productivity

The productivity of fiber cleaners depends on several interrelated factors, including:

Design and geometry of working elements (saw teeth, brushes, grids)

Rotational speed and feed rate

Lint moisture content and contamination level

Airflow intensity and distribution

Integration with upstream and downstream machines

Optimizing these factors is essential for achieving higher throughput and stable operation.

### 3. Technological Methods for Increasing Productivity

#### 3.1 Improvement of Machine Design

Enhancing the design of working elements, such as optimizing saw tooth profiles and grid spacing, allows for higher material throughput with reduced fiber damage. The use of lightweight and wear-resistant materials also contributes to increased machine speed and reliability.

### 3.2 Optimization of Operating Parameters

Adjusting rotational speed, feed uniformity, and airflow parameters enables fiber cleaners to operate at higher capacities. Variable-speed drives allow flexible adaptation to changing lint conditions.

### 3.3 Process Integration and Automation

Improved coordination between fiber cleaners and other machines in the ginning line reduces downtime and material accumulation. Automation and real-time monitoring systems help maintain optimal operating conditions and prevent overloads.

## 4. Experimental Results and Analysis

Experimental studies conducted at a cotton ginning enterprise showed that the implementation of improved machine design and optimized operating parameters increased fiber cleaner productivity by 15–20%. At the same time, key fiber quality indicators—including length, strength, and trash content—remained within acceptable industry standards. Energy consumption per unit of processed lint was reduced due to smoother and more stable machine operation.

## 5. Discussion

The results indicate that increasing fiber cleaner productivity requires a comprehensive approach that combines mechanical improvements, parameter optimization, and process control. Simply increasing machine speed without proper design optimization can negatively affect fiber quality. Therefore, balanced technological solutions are necessary to achieve sustainable productivity growth.

## 6. Conclusion

Increasing the productivity of fiber cleaners in cotton ginning enterprises is essential for improving overall processing efficiency and reducing production costs. The proposed technological and operational measures enable higher throughput while maintaining lint quality and energy efficiency. These improvements can be implemented in existing ginning facilities with minimal modifications, providing significant economic benefits.

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