

## **Expanding Capabilities**

 Continually building upon yesterday's success to serve customers' needs today and in the future



Advanced Technology

**Products** 



**New Motors** 



**Drives and Controls** 



Service and Repair

1950 1970

1990

2010

2015

**Future** 

FLANDERS

# Why Upgrade to AC?

- Increased productivity with a 33% higher top speed
- Elimination of maintenance associated with DC motors
- Improved on-board diagnostics
- Enhanced safety with traction control
- Extend the life of the DC truck with robust mechanical components



#### **DC Truck Baseline**

- DC truck available for conversion
- One of the first 830E's ever built
- Review performance data and formulate upgrade specifications
- Truck was moved to KY for closer proximity to Flanders HQ
  - New power unit





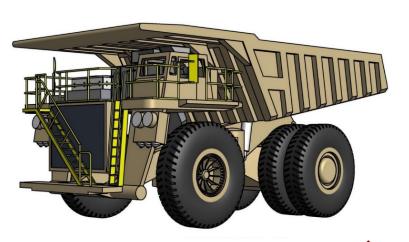
# DC Controller is Replaced with AC Controller

- Open architecture design
- Liquid cooled drive provides for dust free sealed power components
- Separation of power and control reducing arc flash exposure
- Retain the same DC system alternator
  - -New alternator voltage regulator
- New enclosures



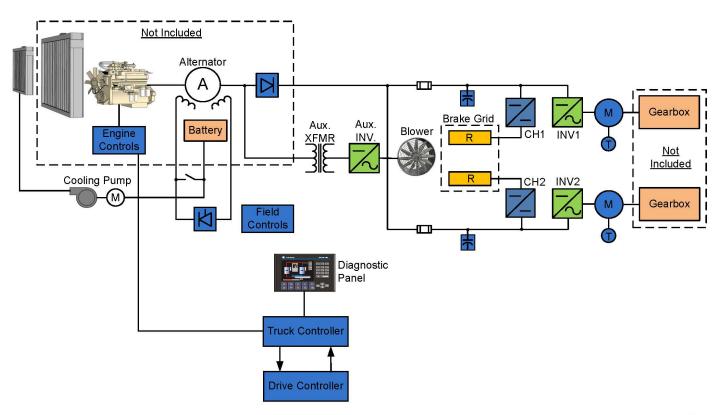
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- Front wheel speed sensors
- Limited slip traction control
- Independent torque control of motors
- Shop mode





# **System Component Overview**



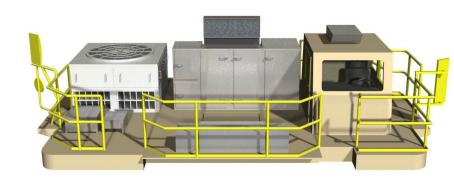


#### **FLANDERS Upgrade Components**

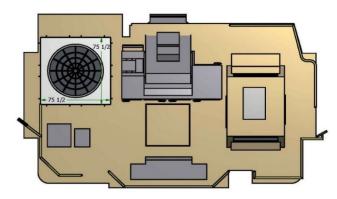
- DC wheel motors are replaced with FLANDERS designed AC wheel motors; the gearboxes are re-used
- DC controller is replaced with AC controller
- Digital displays
- New wiring harness



DC DECK PLAN VIEW



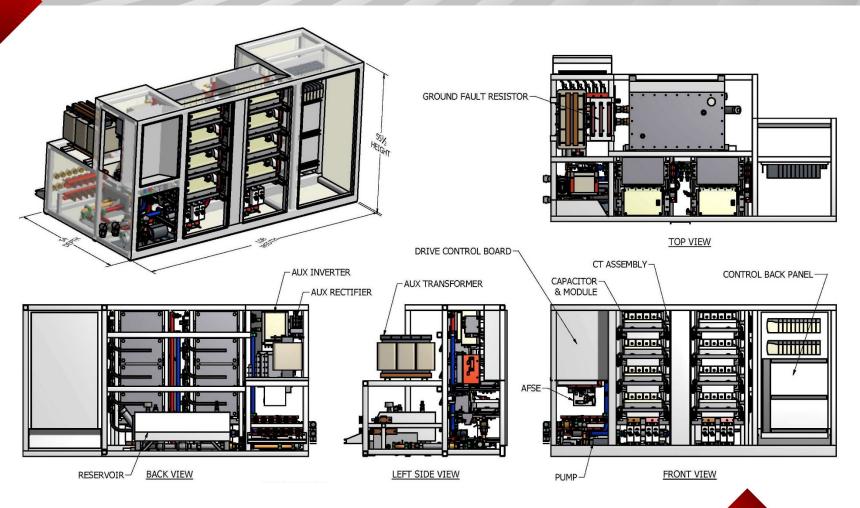
#### **Deck Layout**



**AC DECK PLAN VIEW** 



#### **Control Enclosure**





#### **FLANDERS AC Control Enclosure**

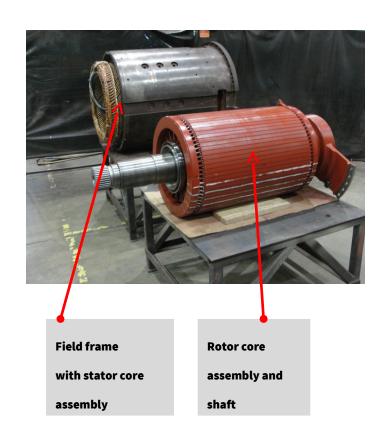




# DC Wheel Motor Replaced with FLANDERS Designed AC Wheel Motor

- Reduced maintenance
- Commutation issues eliminated
- 30% higher speeds
- High efficiency motors
- Equipped with RTDs on windings and bearings
- Equipped with vibration sensors on bearings







## **FLANDERS AC Wheel Motor**







## **Improved Dynamic Braking**

- Grid resistor bank and blower replacement
- AC blower motor with independent inverter control
- Dynamic braking to zero speed
- Independent grid matched to each motor







# **Dynamic Braking Grid**



Operator feedback indicated that grid is quieter than OEM design



# **Operator Interface Before**





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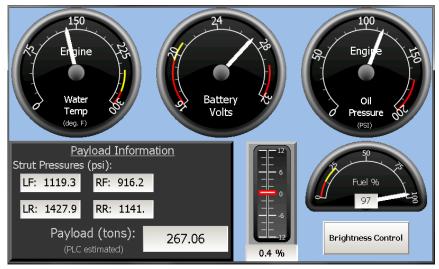


#### **Glass Dash**





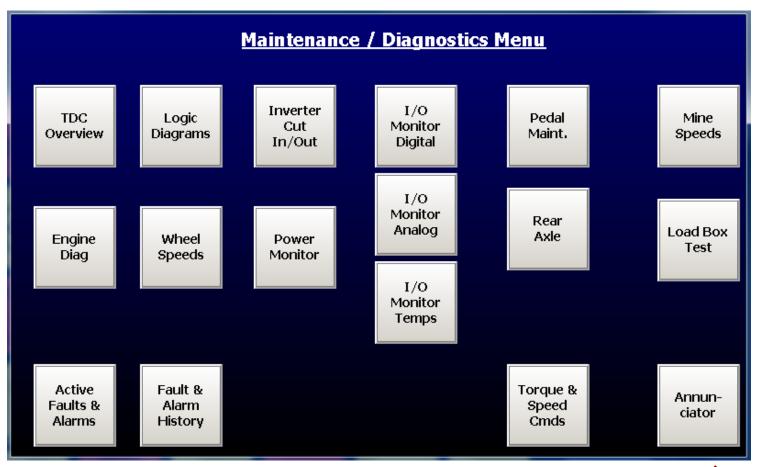
# **Operator Interface Digital Displays**







# **In Cab Diagnostics**



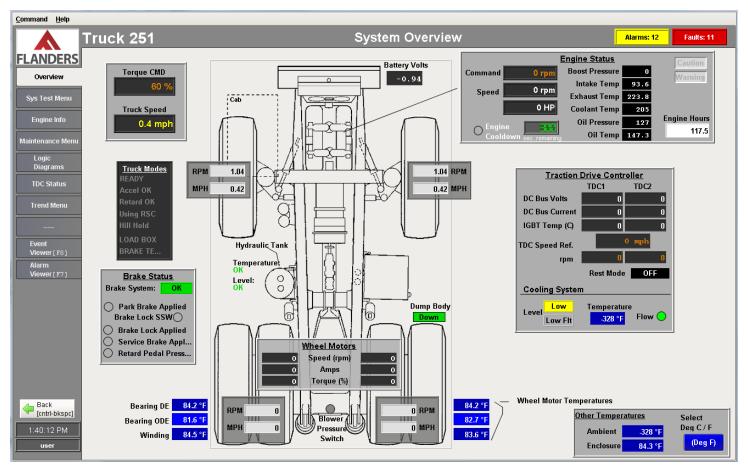


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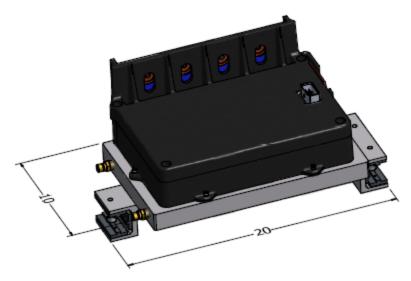


### **AC System Validation**

- •ISO 3450 service brake test
  - -10% grade, fully loaded
- Motor heat run
  - -220°C motor insulation rating
  - -Shop test and empirical truck testing
- Thermal verification of drive system
  - -Testing in the shop
  - Testing on the truck in hot and cold environments

## **AC System Validation**

- Temperature sensors on each power module heat sink
  - Thermal model
    within the drive to
    protect from high
    power transient
    overloads



APPROX, WEIGHT = 42 lbf



### **AC System Validation**

- Tested against an OEM AC Truck
  - -FLANDERS met or exceeded the current AC truck performance
- •List of tests completed:
  - -Acceleration up 8% grade
  - Deceleration down 8% grade
  - -0-40-0mph loaded and unloaded runs
  - -Max retard speed control capability
  - -Gearbox vibration



#### Conclusion

- FLANDERS system upgrade met all performance requirements
- System is now available for delivery, including a FLANDERS flexible commercial innovation package
- ROI is optimal for mines running a mixed fleet of AC and DC trucks
- Minimal downtime for conversion dependent on truck condition



**Questions?** 

