



On the cover: Multiport diverter valve is shown in a pneumatic conveying system at PPG Industries Chemicals handling Agilon, a precipitated silica material used to manufacture car tires. Diverter helped expand production capacity by four times and create an automated process to eliminate hose manifold stations. Diverter is one of two in the system that allow 38 different material flow sequences within the more than 6,560 feet (2 kilometers) of sophisticated conveying pipework. Collaborators were LeBlansch Bulk Handling Equipment BV and Engineer Jaap Schoonhoven, Stevens Engineering. Courtesy of Vortex, Salina, KS, 888-829-7821 (www.vortexglobal.com).

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