Coal Chemical Industry Overview

Coal is an abundant, reliable, and inexpensive source of energy, but it does have some technical limitations. Coal is not suitable for use in some applications such as transportation and it produces a range of environmental pollutants when burned. In recent years, several clean coal technologies have been developed to help reduce the environmental pollution caused by burning coal and make coal more energy-efficient. Among these, coal gasification and coal liquefaction are the most popular technologies to date.

Common Clean Coal Technologies

**Coal gasification** is considered one of the most versatile and cleanest ways to convert coal into an alternative and cleaner form of energy. In gasification, coal is broken down to its basic chemical constituents rather than directly burned. The resulting syngas (a gas mixture made up of carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and other gaseous compounds) can be used as a fuel source or as an intermediate for the production of other chemicals.

**Coal liquefaction** converts solid coal to synthetic oil to supplement natural sources of petroleum. This well-developed technology requires coal to be in contact with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst at high temperatures. Coal liquefaction can either be direct as described previously or indirect. Indirect coal liquefaction consists of two stages: gasification to produce coal gas and subsequent conversion of the gas to liquid via the Fischer-Tropsch process.

Products derived from coal through these clean coal technologies can be used as fuel for transportation vehicles and electricity generation, and as raw materials to other valuable products. These recent developments in the coal chemical industry can also help ease the burden of oil production and import.

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- Multiple End Connections Available
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- Easy Maintenance

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- Available in Differential Pressure Control, High Temperature, and High Pressure Optional Constructions
- Easy Maintenance

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