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## 2005 Readers' Choice Awards winners

Powder and Bulk Engineering salutes the products readers deemed the best or most innovative for dry bulk material handling.

Last November, *Powder and Bulk Engineering* published the nominees for the magazine's third annual *PBE Readers' Choice Awards* for equipment that has the potential to make your job easier, safer, more efficient, and more profitable. Readers, suppliers, and editors nominated products in three categories (processing, handling, and laboratory equipment), and *PBE's* staff boiled these down to 15. We invited you to vote for the best. In this issue, we present you with the winners.

We heartily thank all of you who voted and ask you to keep your eyes open during the coming year. If you discover a product that makes a special contribution to the improvement of dry bulk solids processing or handling, *tell us about it*. Send your nominations for the next *PBE Readers' Choice Awards* to Editor, *Powder and Bulk Engineering*, 1155 Northland Drive, St. Paul, MN 55120; fax 651-287-5650 (toneill@csepub.com).



## OVERALL WINNER

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First place, Processing Equipment



### Bag Filters

Dura-Life bag filters last 2 to 3 times longer than polyester bags, reducing time and labor, bag replacement, and production downtime costs. Filters are engineered with a hydroentanglement process that provides a uniform material with smaller pore sizes and prevents dust from penetrating deep into the media.

**Introduced to market:** March 2004

**Customer says:** "This (Dura-Life) is definitely an improvement. Within 2 days of installation [of 12-oz. polyester felt] we would see 5-inches of pressure drop. With Dura-Life, it took 2 weeks before we saw 4.5-inches. We feel we've increased the size of this collector by going to these socks. It's as if we are running at [an air-to-cloth ratio of] 10:1 instead of 12:1. It just acts like a different collector."

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