



CASE STUDY

Scroll Tip Seals

Avalon® 57 Delivers Industry-Leading Performance for Dry Scroll Pumps

Customer

Industrial Vacuum Equipment Supplier

Application

Dry Scroll Pumps (Life Sciences)

Product

Greene Tweed Avalon® 57 Scroll Tip Seals

Problem

Our client first came to Greene Tweed with a sealing quality issue in their Scroll Vacuum Pump; customers complained that the original seals didn't last long enough and created large amounts of dust when in use, risking contamination and making it difficult to clean when fitting a new tip seal. In some cases, the life of the seal failed to meet its warranty target – an expensive and time-consuming problem for both the client and their customers.

Greene Tweed developed a sealing solution that would meet and exceed the demands of dry scroll pump applications. Read on to see how a patented Greene Tweed sealing solution helped the client become the market leader in leader for Dry Scroll Pumps in scientific, laboratory, and pharmaceutical manufacturing markets.





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Solution

Greene Tweed proposed Avalon® 57, a fluoropolymer thermoplastic with exceptional friction and wear properties, as an alternative material for the client's scroll tip seals. A combination of PTFE and polyimide, Avalon® 57 did not shed the carbon/graphite dust that the original material did. After extensive testing, the client adopted Avalon® 57 as the standard material for its tip seals.

Results

The following test results shows how Greene Tweed Avalon® 57 Scroll Tip Seals outperformed the original sealing solution as well as those of competing brands:

- Greene Tweed tip seals bed-in and seal in 1/3 the time of the previous design
- Time in operation greater than one year
- Return to production time reduced
- No heavy cleaning required on change out
- No hang-up or sticking in groove
- Generated ultimate vacuum levels never seen with the previous design

As a result, Greene Tweed Avalon® 57 Scroll Tip Seals remain the standard sealing solution for the client's Dry Scroll Pumps.

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