



Alfa Laval ACE Model A

An air cooled heat exchanger proven throughout the natural gas industry

Introduction

The Alfa Laval ACE Model A is an engineered-to-order air cooled heat exchanger with compact footprint benefiting from the pressure vessels (bundles) being installed in a slanted orientation. This configuration essentially reduces the overall depth of an equivalent Alfa Laval ACE Model J air cooled exchanger, which ultimately saves substantial transportation and natural gas compression skid costs.

Applications

The Alfa Laval ACE Model A is perfectly suited for cooling all process fluids in upstream wellhead compression skid applications and in midstream natural gas gathering and pipeline compressor stations.

Benefits

- Engineered-to-order design flexibility allows configurations to meet the customer's exact process fluid cooling requirements.
- Reduced plot space relative to conventional, vertical bundle air cooled heat exchangers due to angled orientation of the bundles.
- High reliability due to robust, ASME coded pressure vessels and structures built to withstand the harsh and remote conditions of natural gas compression installations.
- Available ACE Vspeed substantially reduces parasitic horsepower on engine and liquid fallout from overcooled process fluids.
- Vertical discharge of waste heat eliminates excess heat load and stress on the engine and/or other equipment.
- Lower transportation costs due to compact design.

Working principle

The three primary components of the Alfa Laval ACE Model A are the bundles, fan/speed reducer sub-assembly and the structure. The angled bundles, which are the pressure vessels, direct the process liquid or vapor to flow through the inside the finned tubes. The finned tubes transfer heat from the process fluid to the air passing through and around the tube's fins. The fan used to move the air sits in front of the heat exchanger bundles and forces, or pushes, the air across the bundles. The structure directs the airflow between the bundles and fan and supports the weight of the entire, self-contained unit.



Design configuration

- Sloped bundles and vertical fan with horizontal air intake and vertical air ejection.
- Sloped bundles provide an optimized center of gravity for safer loading, transport and reduced costs.
- Structure available in bolted galvanized or welded painted construction.
- Optional ACE Vspeed explosion proof variable fan speed control to reduce parasitic horsepower consumption and liquid fallout from overcooled process fluids.
- Additional structure available, such as warm air recirculation, manual or automatic louvers, hail/bug screens, service platforms, walkways and ladders.
- Additional accessories available, such as surge tanks and low noise fans.
- Multiple or single process cooling.

Unique features



Vspeed
Automatic fan speed adjustment for minimal power consumption.



HybridCool
Combined wet and dry bulb cooling for minimized water consumption.



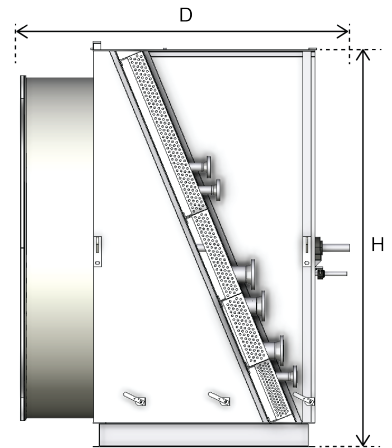
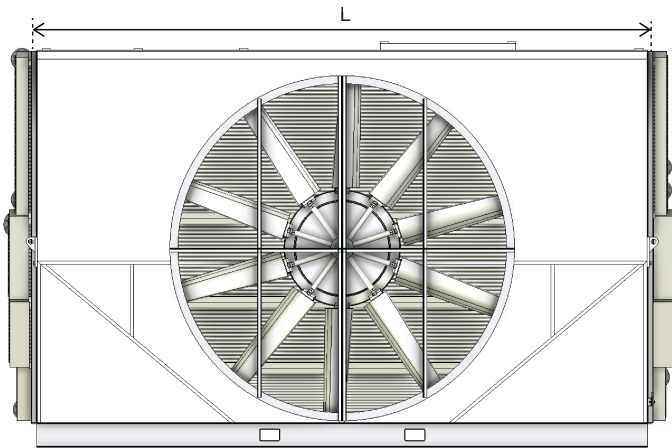
HyperFin
Slitted fin design maximizes heat transfer.



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Dimensional drawing



No. of Fans	Dimensions, feet (m)		
	Tube Length (L)	Depth (D)	Height (H)
1 only*	4' – 28' (1.2 – 8.5)	As required	4' – 17' (1.2 – 5.2)

* Representative unit shown in dimensional drawing

Technical data

Pressure vessel (bundle) options

Tube bundles	Straight tube, crossflow or counterflow design
Code designs	Non-code, ASME VIII Div 1, NACE and PED available
Header options	Tubing headers Plug box ASME code headers optional
Header material options	Carbon steel 300 series stainless steel optional
Tube options	0.625" to 1.5" tube OD available
Tube material options	Carbon steel Stainless steel and high alloy optional
Fin options	HyperFin L-footed Smooth L-footed, embedded or extruded fins optional
Bundle accessories	Surge tanks per bundle optional

Fan/mechanical options

Fan	Diameters available from 2' to 15' Fan driven by compression skid engine
Fan driver	Totally enclosed fan cooled (TEFC), explosion proof or IEC motor optional
Speed control	Alfa Laval ACE Vspeed optional

Structure options

Metal	Welded and painted construction Bolted steel with hot-dipped galvanized construction optional
Air recirculation	Recirculation over front (fan side) optional
Hail/bug screens	Metal or fabric screens optional
Louvers	Automatic or manual louvers optional
Access package	Ladders, walkways, and platforms optional

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