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Alfa Laval ACE Model C

An efficient and economical air cooled heat exchanger for small applications

Introduction

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

Applications

The Alfa Laval ACE Model C, given the vertical orientation of pressure vessels and fan, is perfectly suited for small to medium size cooling applications in the upstream and midstream industries, as well as downstream power applications.

Benefits

- Reduced plot space relative to conventional, horizontal bundle air cooled heat exchangers due to vertical orientation of the bundles.
- High reliability due to robust, ASME coded pressure vessels and proven fan assembly.
- Lower capex (separate motor control/VFD center) costs and lower opex (excess parasitic horsepower) costs possible due to available, self-contained fan VFD solution.
- Low transportation costs due to compact design. Can easily be designed to fit within standard shipping container for international or mobile power applications.

Working principle

The three primary components of the Alfa Laval ACE Model C are the bundles, fan/speed reducer sub-assembly and the structure. The vertical 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 behind the heat exchanger bundles and either forces or induces, pushes or pulls, 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

- Vertical bundles and fan with horizontal air intake and horizontal air ejection.
- Vertical bundles provide easy inspection access and a lowered 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.



HyperFin Slitted fin design maximizes heat transfer



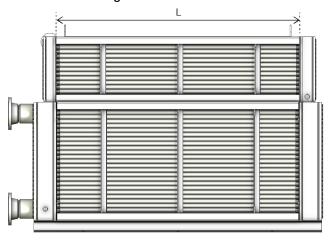
HybridCool
Combined wet and dry
bulb cooling for minimized
water consumption.

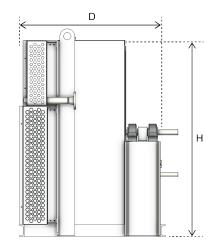


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Dimensional drawing





No. of Fans	Dimensions, feet (m)			
	Tube Length (L)	Depth (D)	Height (H)	
1 only*	2.5' - 16' (0.8 - 4.9)	As required	3' - 17' (0.9 – 5.2)	

^{*} Representative unit shown in dimensional drawing

Technical data

Tube bundles

Hail/bug screens

Louvers Access package

Pressure v	essel i	(hundle)	ontions

Code designs	Non-code, ASME VIII Div 1, NACE and PED available		
Llander entions	Tubing headers		
Header options	Plug box ASME code headers optional		
Header material options	Carbon steel		
neader material options	300 series stainless steel optional		
Tube options	0.625" to 1.5" tube OD available		
Tube material options	Carbon steel		
Tube material options	Stainless steel and high alloy optional		
	HyperFin L-footed		
Fin options	Smooth L-footed, embedded or extruded fins		
	optional		
Bundle accessories	Surge tanks per bundle optional		
Fan/mechanical options			
Fan	Diameters available from 1.5' to 12'		
	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			
	Welded and painted construction		
Metal	Bolted steel with hot-dipped galvanized		
	construction optional		
Air recirculation	Recirculation over front (bundle side) optional		

Metal or fabric screens optional

Automatic or manual louvers optional

Ladders, walkways, and platforms optional

Straight tube, crossflow or counterflow design

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