Gasket Plate Heat Exchangers in Brewery Run Longer, Safer and Better with Alfa Laval

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Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to join us today as we will talk about "Run Longer, Safer and Better with Alfa Laval".

In this webinar You'll learn and understand:

- ✓ Planning & Monitoring of GPHE
- ✓ Prevention for fouling, scaling, or clogging
- ✓ Preventive Maintenance Service schedule
- ✓ Manage lifetime prediction (gaskets, plates and frame)
- ✓ Manage service efficiency (parts availability)
- ✓ Importance of using genuine gaskets or spare parts

And, to make sure were helping you as best as we can , we have a chatbox to source your questions. Feel free to drop questions on the topic or share your struggles and experiences. We will answer your questions by the end of the session

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Agenda

Introductions **Our total offering to Breweries Our Service and Sustainability focus** Working principles of a plate heat exchanger Heat transfer basics 0 **PHE start/stop** 0 **New Hygienic Range Break 10 mins** Integrity testing & VCA **PHE** in Brewery Go through the process 0 Key issues, typical pain points and 0 maintenance recommendations **Q** & A



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- Be an active participants, feel free to share your inputs or write your questions and suggestions in the chatbox, because this gives the speaker an idea of which sub-topics you are also interested in so that the speaker can include that in the discussion as well.
- Take down notes. Taking down notes will help you to remember key points from this webinar which you think will be beneficial to you.
 - At the end of the session we will have a short quiz, I will randomly pick a participant and ask a relative questions. Correct answer will receive an exciting gift from alfa laval.

- Alfa Laval in Brewery



Commercial brewing

Alfa Laval has a vast range of proven commercial brewing equipment and solutions to meet your efficiency, reliability and consistency requirements on an industrial scale. Our process expertise, along with our professional systems and technologies, new or retrofit, enable you to fine-tune delicate production balances in the commercial brewing process to boost yields, use less energy and water, reduce waste and produce remarkable beers that send out a strong message about your brand's uniqueness.

Commercial brewing solutions - Brewing on an industrial scale

- Professional brewing solutions for brewers, based on proven brewery techniques
- Proven track record of improved yield and reduced water and energy consumption

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Our commercial brewing solutions, from individual components and process modules to turnkey projects, are designed and manufactured to provide tight control over your brewing, while allowing you the flexibility to help brew remarkable beer.



Alfa Laval equipment in Brewery

***** GPHE

- Decanters
- ***** High Speed Separator
- Modules (pasteurisation, dearation, thermolyzation, blending and carbonation, deacholisation, propagation...etc
- Pumps
- * Valves
- * Tank cleaning equipment
- Tanks (storage etc)
- Boilers
- Filtration

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Sustainability

- Let us achieve our goals together





Two sides of sustainability



Alfa Laval's Business Principles, our Code of Conduct, describe the way we act within society whilst achieving our business goals. The four principles; Social, Business Integrity, Environment and Transparency include respecting the human rights of our employees and the communities in which we operate and our work to reduce environmental impact

Read about our Business Principles



Sustainable solutions

Our products and solutions are involved in treating water, improving energy efficiency, reducing carbon emissions and minimizing environmental pollution, as well as heating, cooling, separating and transporting food. In other words, sustainability is at the core of our business.

Read about our sustainable solutions



As sustainability champions, we hold ourselves accountable



Sustainability has always been an integral part of San Miguel Corporation's operations-long before it was ever a buzzword and a catalyzing force for positive change.

There is no better example in the Philippines of a circular economy practice-where almost zero waste is generated through the continuous recycling and reuse of materials-than San Miguel Brewery's returnable glass bottle system, which has been in place for most of our 130-year history. Interestingly enough, western economies are now adopting this practice, moving away from a throw-away business model towards reusable and recyclable packaging.

Beyond the immediate environmental aspects it addresses, the returnable bottle system has also helped prop up our informal economy, providing income for bottle collectors and washers nationwide, whose livelihood depends on this virtuous cycle.

Reducing our impact on the environment and fostering social inclusion have been

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Local expertise – global network

Expert help close at hand

- Strong local presence
- Dedicated Heat Exchanger Field service engineers & specialists
- Distribution centres
- Heat Exchanger Service personnel in close to 100 countries
- 24/7 support through local presence and regional service centres around the world
- Years of Heat Exchanger experience at your disposal to find the right root causes



AllBrands of Gasket Heat exchangers covered

Alfa Laval Service Operation Infrastructure

A network of Service Centers in 71 locations

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Industry Trends

- Maintenance Culture development





Breakdown maintenance

Fix when it breaks – totally reactive

Preventative maintenance

Time based maintenance to a plan

Condition-based maintenance

Monitoring condition and identifying failures

Predictive maintenance

On-line monitoring with sensors and connecting data of process to trend potential failures

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Unlikely

Low adoption \bigcirc

Common



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- Life Cycle Services



Start-up services

Commissioning Commissioning supervision Installation Installation supervision

Maintenance services

Calibration

Preventive maintenance Reconditioning **Cleaning services** Repair Spare parts Service kits Service tools Exchange

Redesign

Training





PHE working principle

- GPHE
- Design
- MPHE
- Gasket lifetime
- Start & Stop

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Fundamentals of Heat Transfer

- Three basic natural laws of physics:



 Heat will always be transferred from a hot medium to a cold medium, until equilibrium is reached.



• There must be a temperature difference between the two media for heat transfer to take place.





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GPHE in operation

- One pass / one-stroke GPHE







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Design a GPHE

- The unique performance for a specific position in the process

- Flow rates
- Physical properties of the different media in the process
- Permitted pressure drops
- Temperature program specified by customer (Heat recovery)

Important to get the design working

- Important with proper flow for.....





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Important to get the design working

- Important with proper flow for.....

 Excellent Flow Distribution

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- Reduced Fouling
- Energy Saving
- Reduced
 Maintenance





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MPHE in operation

- Several heat exchanging processes in one frame









Alfa Laval multi section pasteurizer gasketed plate-and-frame heat exchanger





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Alfa Laval multi section pasteurizer gasketed plate-and-frame heat exchanger






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Gasket lifetime

- What decides the lifetime



- Gasket polymers chosen depending on the media
- Operating temperature the rubber deteriorates
- Operating pressure
- Operating media swelling or softening by absorption of chemicals in the fluids
- Ambient Hardening by attack of oxidising agents (e.g., oxygen in air)
- Opening frequency
- Cleaning liquids

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Gasket Ageing

- The time and the rubber relaxation process





PHE Start & Stop

- Be smooth



If several pumps are included in the system, make sure that you know which one to activate (start) or deactivate (stop) first

Note!

The flow rate should be adjusted slowly when opening the valves to avoid the risk of water hammer or

gasket blowouts.

Or under-pressure when closing the valve.

This can cause great damage to the equipment.







When NEW Gaskets in the GPHE

- Heat up slowly

Note!

Avoid rapid temperature changes in the PHE.

With media temperatures over 100°C, slowly increase the temperature preferably at least for one hour.

Insruction Manuals https://www.alfalaval.com/service-and-support/productservices/plate-heat-exchanger-services/foodandbeverage/









Alfa Laval Hygienic line – H4

Mats Forslund

- Gasketed plate heat exchangers with a purpose

New Alfa Laval hygenic series

- H4 first out

- The first model out in 2021
 - More models follow until 2025
- Hygienic improvements
- New features on plate and gasket
 - patent protected
 - Even more features on later and bigger models







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H4-P in Brewery

- Perfect fit in a Flexitherm











Take a Break **10 minutes**

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- Life Cycle Services



Run Safer, Run Smarter, Run Better.

Alfa Laval Integrity Testing



Alfa Laval Integrity Testing

Delivering safety, accuracy, sustainability and speed



The Maintenance Challenge

Gasketed plate heat exchangers are robust, long-lasting pieces of equipment but after prolonged use, plates can develop cracks and gaskets can wear out.

- * Unexpected shutdowns negate careful planning
 - Unpredictability can lead to unfulfilled orders, missed deadlines, lack of productivity.
- Disruptions are costly
 - Intrusive testing (eg. opening up plate packs) costs time and money.
- * Loss of product can be catastrophic
 - Entire batches of product can be lost via contamination or production delays.
- Employee safety may be jeopardised
 - ...if high temperatures or hazardous chemicals are involved

The Alfa Laval Integrity Test

- a preventive approach to product safety

- Identifies potential leakages
 before they occur
- Reveals plate condition without opening the pack and with minimal downtime
- Secures product quality and safety
- * Improves reliability and productivity



How the Alfa Laval Integrity Test works

 A fault detection method that's safe, accurate, sustainable and quick





Hygienic, inert mixture of nitrogen and hydrogen pumped through one side of the heat exchanger

The key advantages

Monitor and protect your gasketed plate heat exchangers with improved...



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Protects against destructive leaks by anticipating them







Heat exchanger plates and gaskets degenerate over time

Corrosion, erosion, gasket fatigue, and microscopic cracks develop

Leakages occur causing contamination and loss of product

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Prioritizing operational safety



- * Safe and Reliable Mix of Hydrogen and Nitrogen
 - 5-10% Hydrogen, *q.s.* Nitrogen the ideal tracer gas mix
 - Effectively inert no possibility of reaction with media inside heat exchanger
 - **Non-toxic** (approved by food industry E949)
 - **Non-flammable** (ISO 10156 classified)
 - Non-corrosive and stress free

The precision method of assessing plates and gaskets

- Use of hydrogen as a tracer gas allows for accurate analysis
- Can detect faults which liquid can not
- Highly sensitive hydrogen 'sniffer' identifies potential leakages
- Hydrogen has very low background concentration, so there is no risk of false positives (0.5 ppm)
- The system is fully automated to avoid operator error
- Alfa Laval provide written documentation and certification confirming the condition of the heat exchanger plates
- So accurate, it can identify the **type** of plate or gasket flaw



Identifying the type of fault





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The precision method of assessing plates and gaskets

- How Alfa Laval Integrity Testing compares to other testing methods

How the Alfa Laval method compares with other field tests	Inspection	n range / fai	lures			
Methods – field testing	Plate cracks	Micro cracks >30 µm	Micro cracks <30 µm	Corrosion	Fatigue	External gasket leakage
Water pressure test	\checkmark	×	×	\times	\times	×
Conductivity test	\checkmark	×	×	\times	\times	\times
Tracer fluid test	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\times	\times	\times
Field dye test*	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times	\times	×
Field Helium test**	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times	\times	\times
Alfa Laval Integrity Test	 ✓ 	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

*Introducing substance that require cleaning afterwards.

**Require vacuum & risk for background contamination.

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Minimal disruption, minimal downtime



- * A primary benefit of the Alfa Laval Integrity Test is the avoidance of unplanned shutdowns
 - Awareness of the condition of your gasketed plate heat exchangers lets you plan production more effectively
 - A proactive approach lets you arrange testing and maintenance to suit your production schedule
 - Avoids lost production through unscheduled or unexpected downtime

Minimal disruption, minimal downtime



- * The Alfa Laval Integrity Test offers quick, convenient, and non-intrusive testing
 - Suitable for units in **difficult to access** locations
 - Units **do not require** disassembly, reassembly or cleaning
 - No need to clean heat exchangers after testing hydrogen dissipates quickly without residue
 - Doesn't require unit to be **drained** completely
 - **No waiting time** required between tests
 - Only 15 minutes to test each section
 - Immediate test results

Minimal disruption, minimal downtime



- Unlike alternative methods, the Alfa Laval Integrity Test does not necessitate
 - Vacuum to remove tracer gas
 - Waiting period between tests to allow for tracer gas dispersion
- Necessary for Helium-based method

- Disassembly of plate packs
- Cleaning after test procedure

Necessary for dye-penetrant method

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- Life Cycle Services



Alfa Laval Visual Condition Assessment

Madal	16 805
Model	Alfa Laval
Plate Type	TI6.B
Serial Number	100
Plate Amount	82 according to drawing, not counted
'A' Dimension	189mm according to drawing, not measured
Tag	7-3604.A
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Analysis: Unit is leaking, Maldistribution Plates are a mi pack. This shou White rubbers is Unit needs to probably be be	Difficult to get to seal properly. seen on thermal picture. Taken from the heavily leaking side. x of high and low theta plates. Plates are randomly placed in the plat be corrected. heat is mounted on the frame plate. This should not be necessary. heat is mounted on the frame plate. Since it is quite old a replacement wou st solution.
Why - Visual Condition Assessment

- You will get an overview of the current condition of your plate heat exchangers
- We will provide a report of our observations and findings
 - Plate heat exchanger data
 - Pictures of problem areas
 - Thermal image
 - Our findings and recommendations
- You will get short term and long term maintenance recommendations
- With our recommendations you can plan your maintenance
- We will give safety advice on the spot
- Visual Condition Assessment is executed swiftly

How - Visual Condition Assessment

- We will make a visual inspection, photos and thermal images
- We have conversation with you during the inspection
 - Here we get information about each plate heat exchanger (running conditions, reoccurring problems etc.)
- We know plate heat exchangers
 - To what can different operating conditions lead
 - What causes problems
 - Heat exchanger experts are available when necessary
 - Material experts in our lab in Sweden are also available to consult
 - Metal, rubber, chemicals
- Plate heat exchangers from other manufacturers are also included
 - Detail level depends on manufacturer



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The brewing process









Is this a brewery?











Is this a brewery?









Unit No	Position
13	Flexitherm (beer flash pasteurization)
14	BHE (brazed unit) inside the Flexitherm module

Is this a brewery?







Unit No	Position	
15	Aldox (water deaerator)	
16	CIP heater	

Maintenance strategy

Breakdown	Fix when it breaksTotally reactive	
Preventative	 Planned service Time / calendar based 	
Condition- based	 Monitoring condition and identifying failures 	
Predictive	•On-line monitoring, connected with sensors	



Specific maintenance plans based on criticality and risk

Cost for downtime



Spare parts availability

Unit criticality





Maintenance when Heating & Cooling a process

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- Cooling a process

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- How shall a heat exchanger be maintained ?
- Ammonia heat exchangers
- Can we recover the heat?

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Cooling processes

- Different cooling solutions





Any risk? - Open to the ambient ?

Biofouling

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- Seaweed
- Barnacles, Sea shells
- Debris
- Sand
- Solids
- Dust
- Heat exchangers must be cleaned on regular basis
- Do not open though it reduces gasket lifetime.
- Cleaning In Place (CIP) circulation of cleaning agents

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Cooling processes

- What can decrease performance



- Deposits on plate fouling
- Create resistance to transfer heat
- Create increased pressure drop







To deal with the debris and fouling

- Different solutions

Depending on the set up of the system around the utility heat exchangers and the cooling there are different solutions

- Filter the incoming with
 - ALF filter
 - Sarco Strainers
 - Backflushing valve
- Cleaning In Place (CIP)
- Redesign of the heat exchanger







Chillers

Ammonia chiller systems

In these systems there is a compressor.

- Oil is present to make it seal and perform.

Oil is devastating for the Semi welded heat exchanger

- 15 μm oil film reduces performance by 30%
- The oil makes the ring gaskets swell and reduces lifetime

Monitor the temperature differences between in and out to understand when to maintain.

Maintenance: Service compressor, have oil traps, perform CIP





Heat exchangers

- General maintenance (1)

Keep records of your maintenance and observations on Every heat exchanger!

Control the A-measure

- Every tightening and locking bolt
- Verify towards drawing

Keep the tightening bolts clean and well lubricated with an extreme pressure grease.

- Every bolt, the hole bolt.
- Use bolt protections

Inspect the gaskets from the outside, look for UV- or ozon cracks





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Heat exchangers

- General maintenance (2)

Look for external leakages



Spray from the side is often caused by Pressure surge



Look for plates shifted sideways or snacking of the plate pack







Heat exchangers

- General maintenance (3)

Secure that all manometer & gauges (pressure and temperature) are working and calibrated.

Check wrong position of valve OR damaged pump on regular basis

Avoid splash of media containing chlorides, even stainless-steel can corrode. The stainless-steel cladding (frame, pressure plate and connection plates) is satin polished. Clean with cloth wetted by paraffin oil. Yearly or when needed.







Opportunities





- Recover the heat
- Heat recovery from process waste heat
 - Low charge NH3 solutions for secondary systems incl U-turn option
 - Heat pumps

Heat to be used in:

- Other production processes
- Space heating
- Tap water

The U-turn refrigeration solution we at Alfa Laval can offer has compared to other technical solutions:

- 30% less equipment footprint
- 30% less refrigeration charge



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