

Demand new standards
Semi-welded plate heat exchangers in high
pressure applications

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Higher pressures demand a higher standard

Applications with great potential for going semi-welded

Low charge ammonia chillers using CO₂ as secondary fluid

Ammonia heat pumps

to recover low temperature waste heat delivering hot water





Alfa Laval semi-welded plate heat exchangers

Used successfully in NH₃ refrigeration installations since 40 years

The new generation delivers!



Increased gasket lifetime at higher and at lower temperatures



Increased high pressure resistance







10 years troublefree operation of NH3/CO2

Coffee factory, Netherlands. Installer: ENGIE

Case

- 10 years of trouble-free operation after installation
- First planned maintenance in May 2018

Finding:

Plates and gaskets looking fresh and functional

Result:

Heat exchanger in as-good-as-new state after cleaning and re-gasketing

Alfa Laval semi-welded heat exchanger duty

Side 1

Media Ammonia NH₃

Evap. temp. -12°C

Design pressure 20 Bar

Side 2

Media Carbondioxide CO₂

Temp in/cond. temp. 15°C / -8°C

Design pressure 40 Bar





Semi-welded plate heat exchangers

A safe technology for NH₃/CO₂ systems

- Gaskets act as safety absorbers of metal plate or frame movements.
 Eliminating risk of cracks due to fatigue.
 - → Unlimited fatigue cycle lifetime of a semi-welded heat exchanger
- Important for applications with fluctuations in pressure and temperature.
- This feature is much appreciated in low charge ammonia NH₃ chillers with CO₂ as secondary media in cascade or as pumped fluid. More then 300 such plants are running with Alfa Laval SWPHE:s.
- If a sealing failure would occur all the sealing's and welds are facing the external atmosphere eliminating risk of media intermixing. Such mixing we know would be devastating.

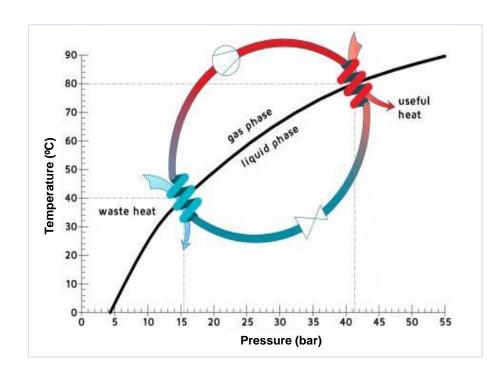




Alfa Laval semi-welded heat exchanger

63 bar resistance with an efficient close temperature approach

- Can be designed with an efficient 0 K or even negative approach
- Advantageous in heat pump applications where all is about energy efficiency and COP.
- The new generation Alfa Laval semi-welded heat exchangers are available as ammonia condensers with up to 63 bar design pressure supplying up to 90°C outlet water temperature.





Heat recovery from factory

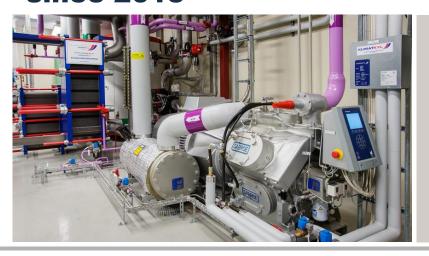
Highly efficient installation of ammonia heat pump

Alfa Laval factory heating the facility when cooling the hydralic plate presses

Installer: KlimatKyl, In operation since 2013



- Designed with 2 K approach each side for high efficiency
- Absorbed electrical power 100 kW
- Low Charge Ammonia of totally 40 kg
- Pay back less then 2 years



Evaporator 700kW, COP=7

Side 1

Media Ammonia NH₃

Evap. temp. 28°C Design pressure 30 Bar

Side 2

Media Water

Temp in/out 35°C / 30°C

Condensor 800 kW, COP=8

Side 1

Media Ammonia NH₃

Condensing temp. 67°C

Design pressure 40 Bar

Side 2

Media Water

Temp in/out 55°C / 65°C



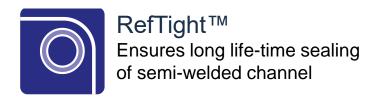


Always looking towards the future

Alfa Laval semi-welded plate heat exchangers

Well proven technology for efficient chiller and heat pump applications

- Reducing ammonia charge
- Eliminating severe fatigue failures
- Reducing life time cost or pay back time by increasing COP
- And with Alfa Laval's constant development of sealing function limiting the maintenance cost







Overview of gasket life time

Recommended gasket replacement interval*

10 years

 Heat pump ammonia condenser, with full ReftightTM applied, up to a design pressure of 63 Bar



18 years

- Flooded ammonia evaporator
- Standard condenser
- NH₃/CO₂ cascade heat exchanger

*Refers to an operation where opening for other reason (ie.cleaning) not is required









