

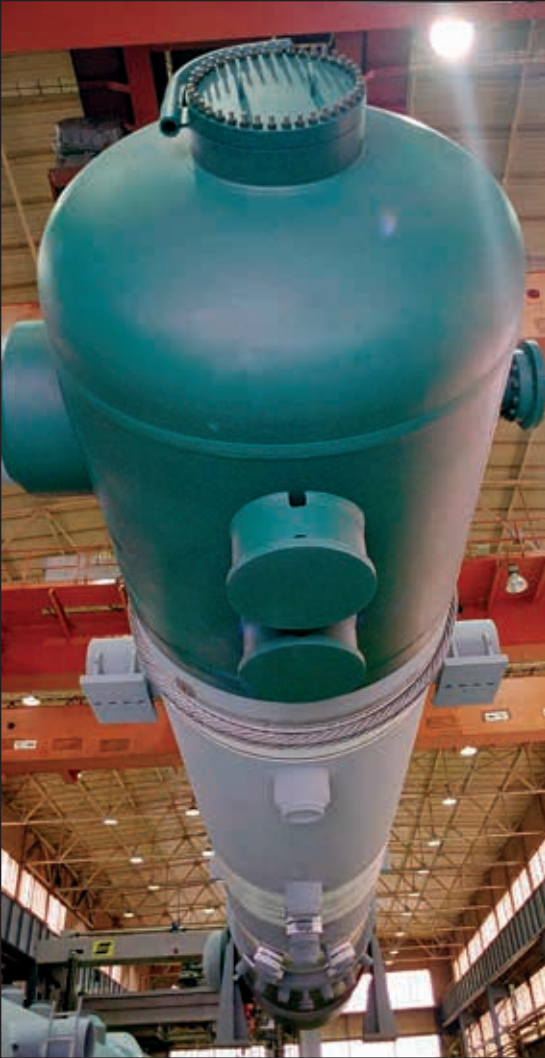
BORSIG

PROCESS HEAT EXCHANGER

PROCESS GAS WASTE HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEMS



BORSIG



Process Gas Waste Heat Boiler

The Company

BORSIG Process Heat Exchanger GmbH, a member of the BORSIG Group, is the international leading manufacturer of pressure vessels and heat exchangers for cooling gases at very high temperatures (up to 1,500 °C) and high pressure (up to 35,000 kPa) for the chemical and petrochemical industries. These pressure vessels and heat exchangers are used for process stages in plants for the production of basic chemicals where they are installed directly at the downstream end of the cracking furnaces and/or reactors. BORSIG technology is also used in innovative coal gasification processes.

Our comprehensive know-how is based on more than 175 years of company history. The resulting competence, the perfectly trained specialists and our awareness of quality are the basis for the reliability of our products. This symbiosis is the source of our innovative power which is reflected by our unique manufacturing program.

State-of-the-art technology, excellent employees and innovative engineering allow us to always offer our customers the perfect solution. Our products and our service have made and still make us a competent and reliable partner to numerous companies across the world.

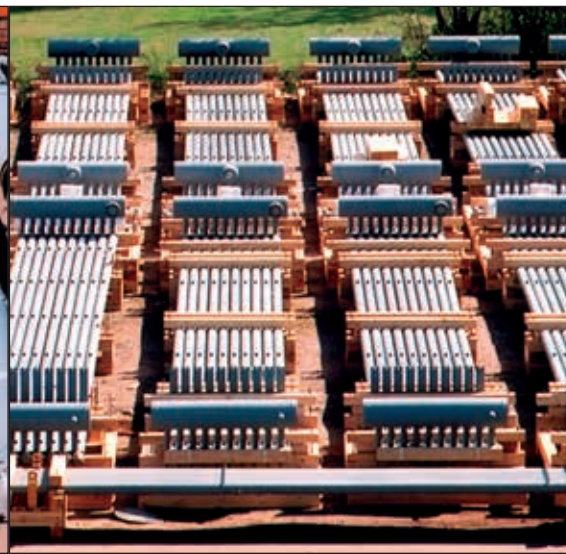
Our product range:

- Waste heat recovery systems (ammonia plants, methanol plants, hydrogen plants, coal gasification plants, gas-to-liquid plants, nitric acid plants, caprolactam plants, formaldehyde plants, partial oxidation of oil and gas)
- Transfer line exchangers in ethylene plants
- Scraped surface exchangers for lube oil plants and special applications

"Tunnelflow" Quench Coolers



Linear Quench Coolers



Scraped Surface Exchanger



Process Gas Waste Heat Recovery Systems

BORSIG has been supplying high temperature and pressure process gas waste heat recovery systems for the petrochemical industry for more than 50 years. Our satisfied customers all over the world and our wide range of experience and engineering know-how together with our unique design features have given BORSIG its reputation as leading and most competent manufacturer for process gas heat recovery systems in the world.

The process gas waste heat recovery systems are of own process layout and with our unique design features. These process gas waste heat recovery systems are manufactured for process gas pressures up to 35,000 kPa, gas inlet temperatures up to 1500 °C and steam pressures up to 16,000 kPa.

Applications for process gas waste heat recovery systems:

- Ammonia plants
- Methanol plants
- Hydrogen plants
- Coal gasification plants
- Gas-to-liquid plants
- Nitric acid, caprolactam and formaldehyde plants
- Partial oxidation of oil or natural gas
- and others

Combination of following equipment can be integrated in your individual process layout:

- Process gas waste heat boilers
- Steam superheaters (one or two stage)
- HT Shift waste heat boilers
- BFW Preheaters
- Gas/gas heat exchangers
- Steam drums
- Synloop waste heat boilers
- and others.

Ammonia plant with synloop WHB, reformed gas WHB, steam superheater and steam drum

Works area in Berlin



Configurations

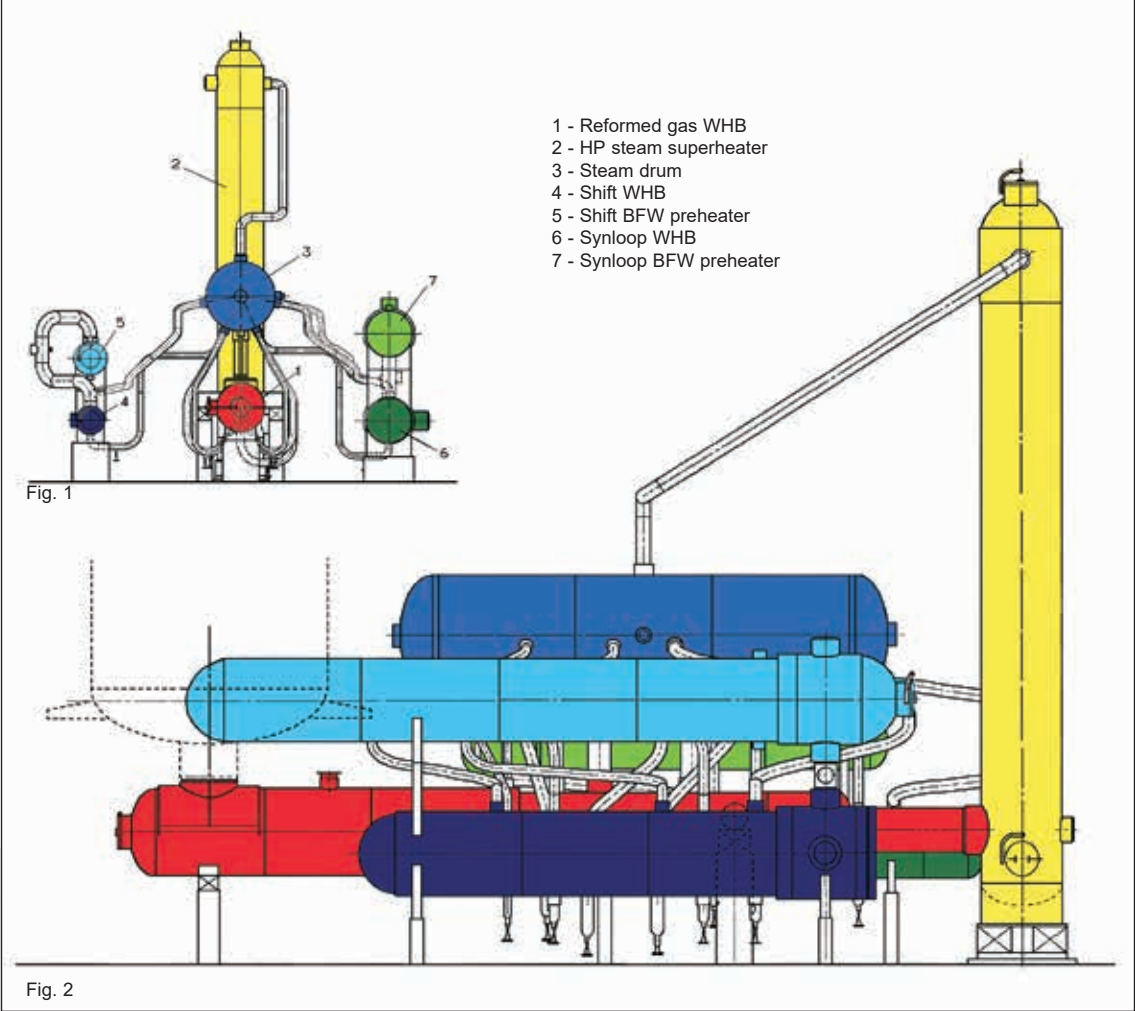
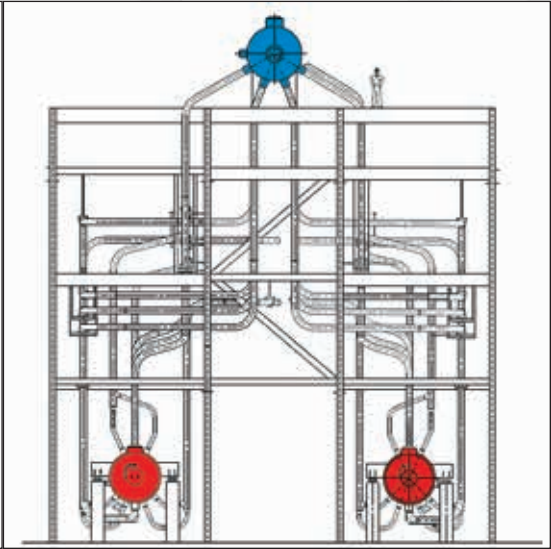
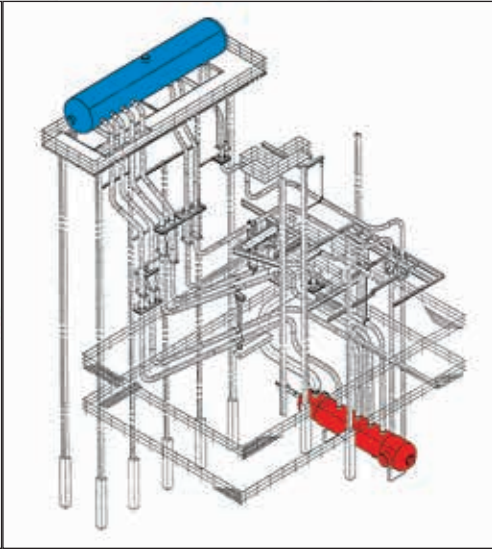
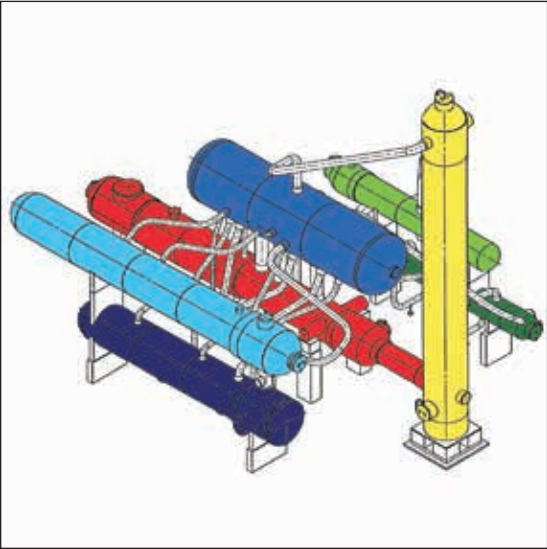


Fig. 1, 2, 3: Typical configuration of a combined reformed and synthesis gas heat recovery system

Fig. 3

Fig. 4: Arrangement of a waste heat boiler and steam drum in a hydrogen plant

Fig. 5: Two parallel arranged WHBs are operating on one common steam drum in the reformed gas section of a 2,500 MTPD methanol plant



Process Gas Waste Heat Boilers

Stiffened Tubesheet Design

The principle of this design is explained in schematic sketches hereafter.

The thin tubesheet with a thickness of 15-30 mm is reinforced by a stiffening system. The stiffener fingers are machined out from the reinforcement plates. These stiffener plates are welded to a forged ring which itself is welded to the tubesheet flange ring. All stiffener fingers are welded to the thin tubesheet.

The action/reaction forces through the stiffener system are shown in Fig. 8.

The pressure load on the thin tubesheet caused by the high steam side pressure is transferred from the thin tubesheet through the stiffener fingers into the reinforcement plates and via the forged ring and the tubesheet flange ring into the shell. This results in elongation of the shell which is close to the tube elongation by thermal expansion. Therefore the resulting stresses in the tube to tubesheet welds are low.

The stiffened tubesheet system is designed to absorb the maximum pressure on gas side or steam side with pressure on the other side being zero.

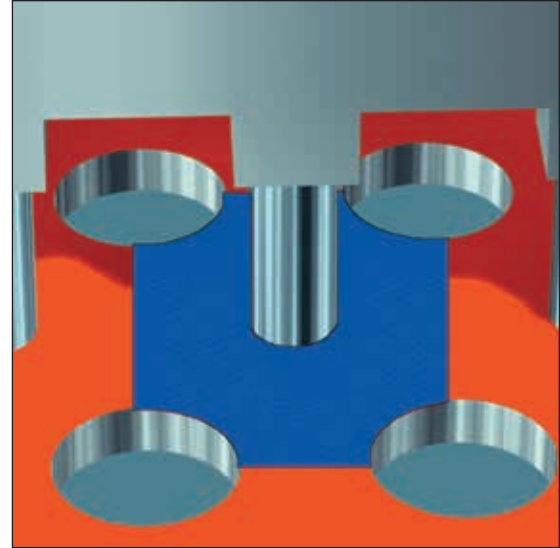


Fig. 6: Pressure area reinforced by one finger

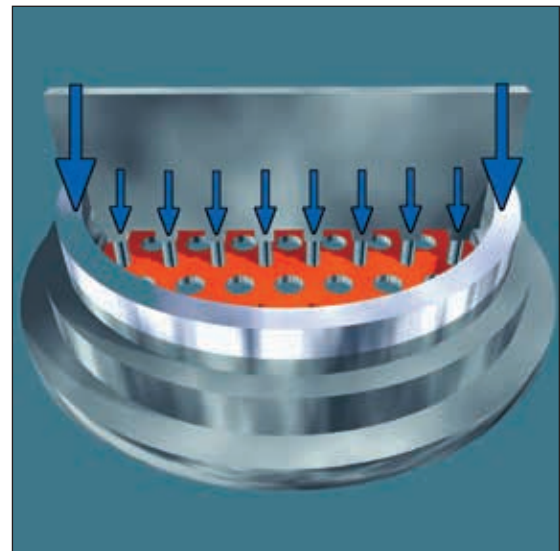


Fig. 7: 3-D computer graphic model of stiffened tubesheet system

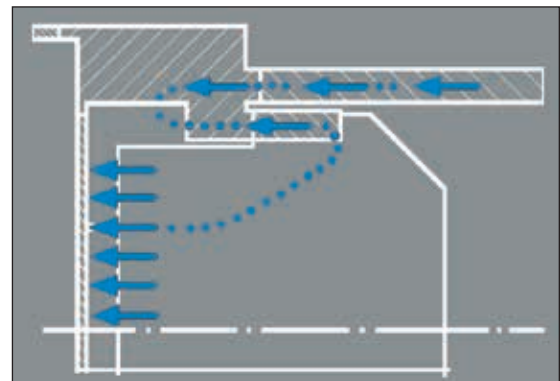
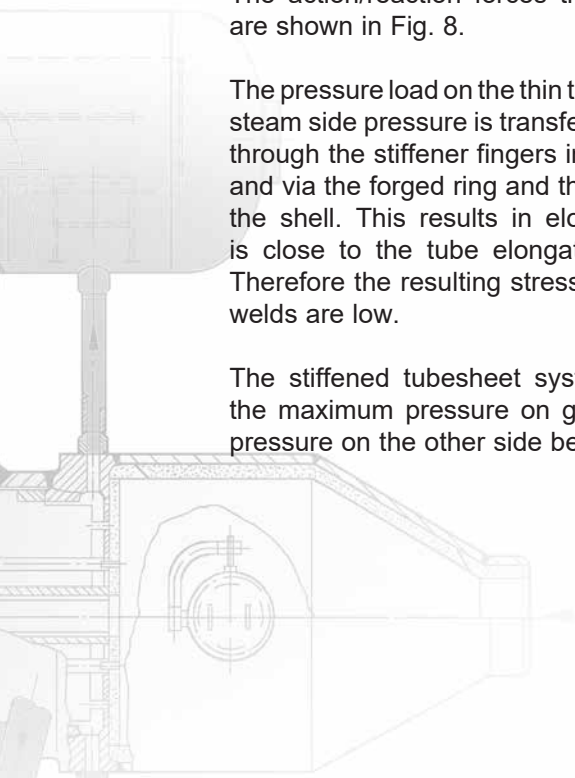


Fig. 8: Action/reaction forces in stiffener system



Presassembled stiffener system with integrated part of the bypass tube

Automatic welding of stiffener fingers to tubesheet with robot



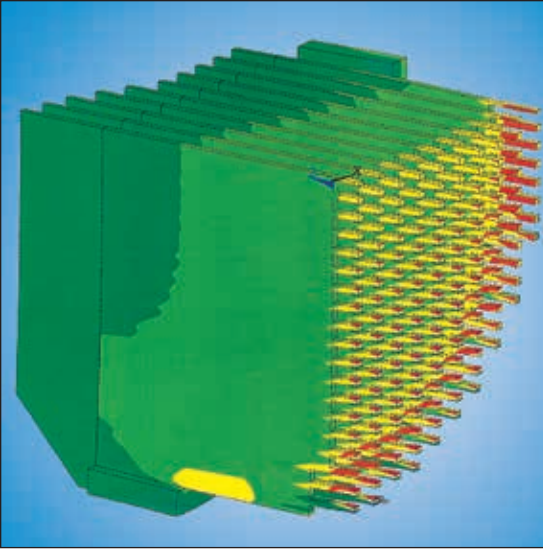


Fig. 9: Stress calculation of stiffener system by finite element analysis

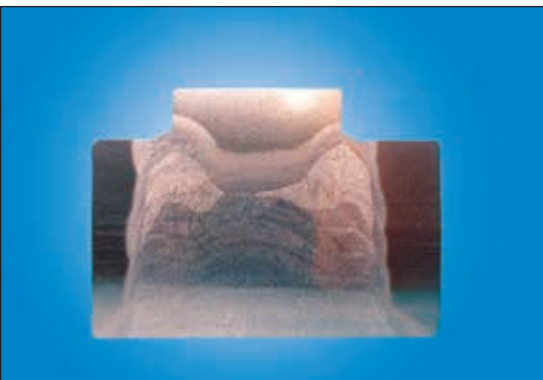


Fig. 10: Cross section of stiffener finger to tubesheet weld

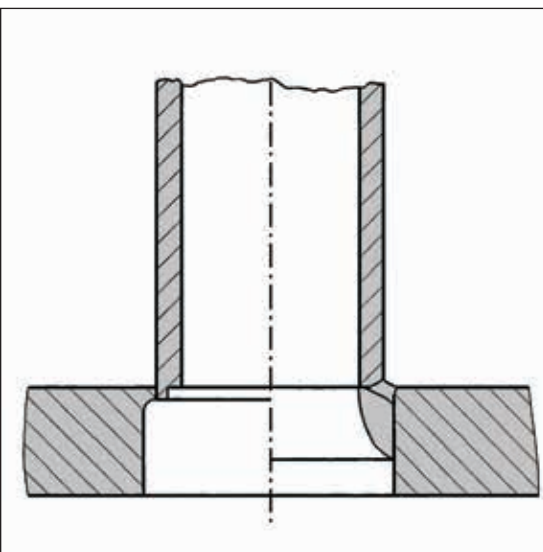


Fig. 11: Tube to tubesheet weld

Specimen of tube to tubesheet weld



Tube to Tubesheet Weld

The tubes are connected to the tubesheet by a full penetration weld by an automatic welding machine, computer controlled by orbital program. No crevice corrosion can occur as there is no gap between tube and tubesheet.

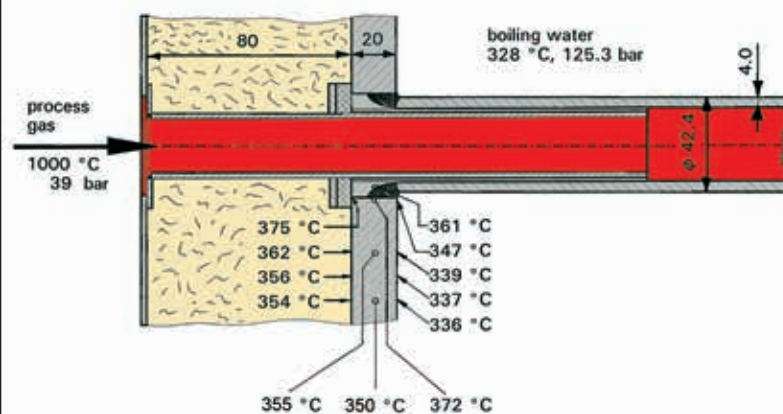
Root pass of tube to tubesheet weld is obtained by fusing edge of tube to edge of tubesheet with filler wire with shield gas to avoid any crevice on water side. Then multiweld layers are applied.

As the tube to tubesheet weld is located on the water side of the tubesheet, its temperature during operation of boiler is close to the boiling temperature on the water side.



Automatic full penetration tube to tubesheet welding

Fig. 12: Metal temperature distribution at gas inlet tubesheet of WHB in an ammonia plant



Gas Side Bypass Valve (BORSIG patented)

To maintain a constant gas outlet temperature with clean and fouled condition of heat exchange surface, as well as during start-up and shut-down operation with reduced gas flow, exact control of gas outlet temperature is essential.

The patented BORSIG bypass valve design - so called internal forced flow - allows exact control of the gas exit temperature with only one control operation by horizontal shaft movement. The valve changes simultaneously the flow through the bypass as well as through the tubes in the range from 0 to 100%.

Good mixing of bypass flow and flow from the tubes is obtained by the conical partition plate. The bypass system can be adjusted for bypassing of 100% flow which can be required for certain operating conditions, i.e. start-up.

We are supplying our bypass design for hot gas temperatures up to 1200 °C, for gas pressures up to 11,000 kPa.

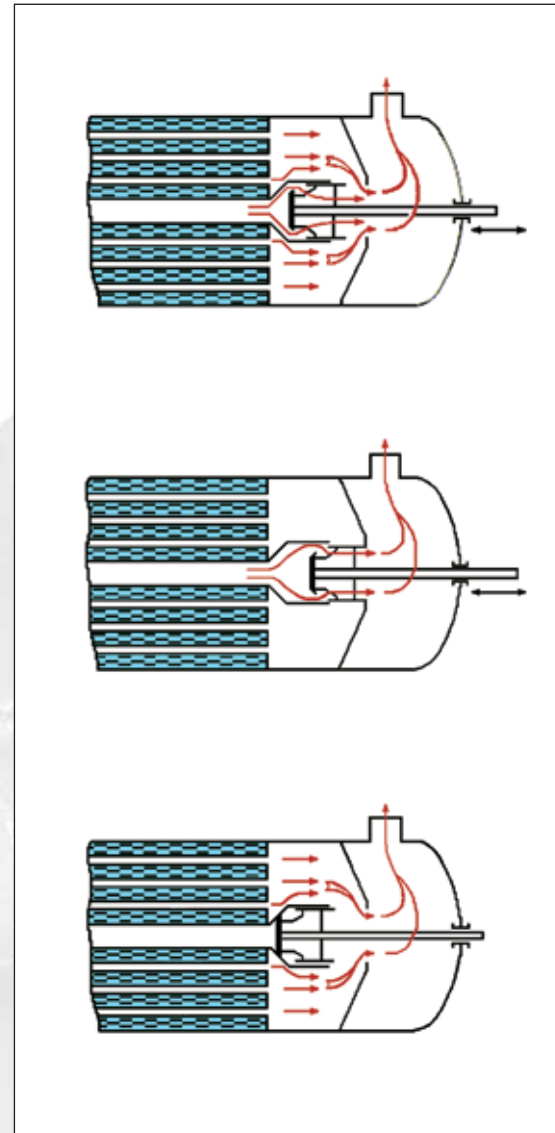
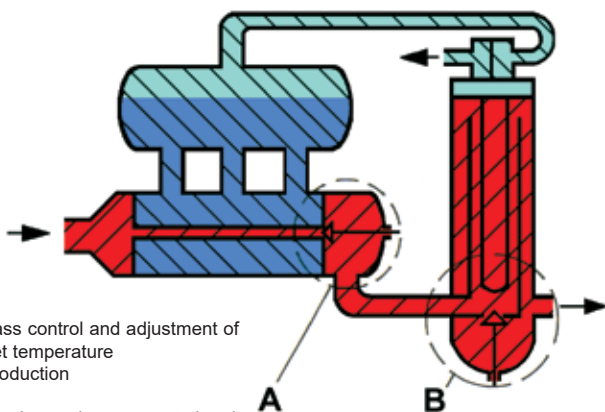


Fig. 14: Different operation modes of internal gas side bypass valve

Fig. 13: WHB and steam superheater with internal gas side bypass

Compact unit



- A** WHB bypass control and adjustment of
- gas outlet temperature
 - steam production
- B** Steam superheater bypass control and adjustment of
- gas outlet temperature
 - steam superheating temperature



Stiffened Tubesheet Design (BORSIG patented)

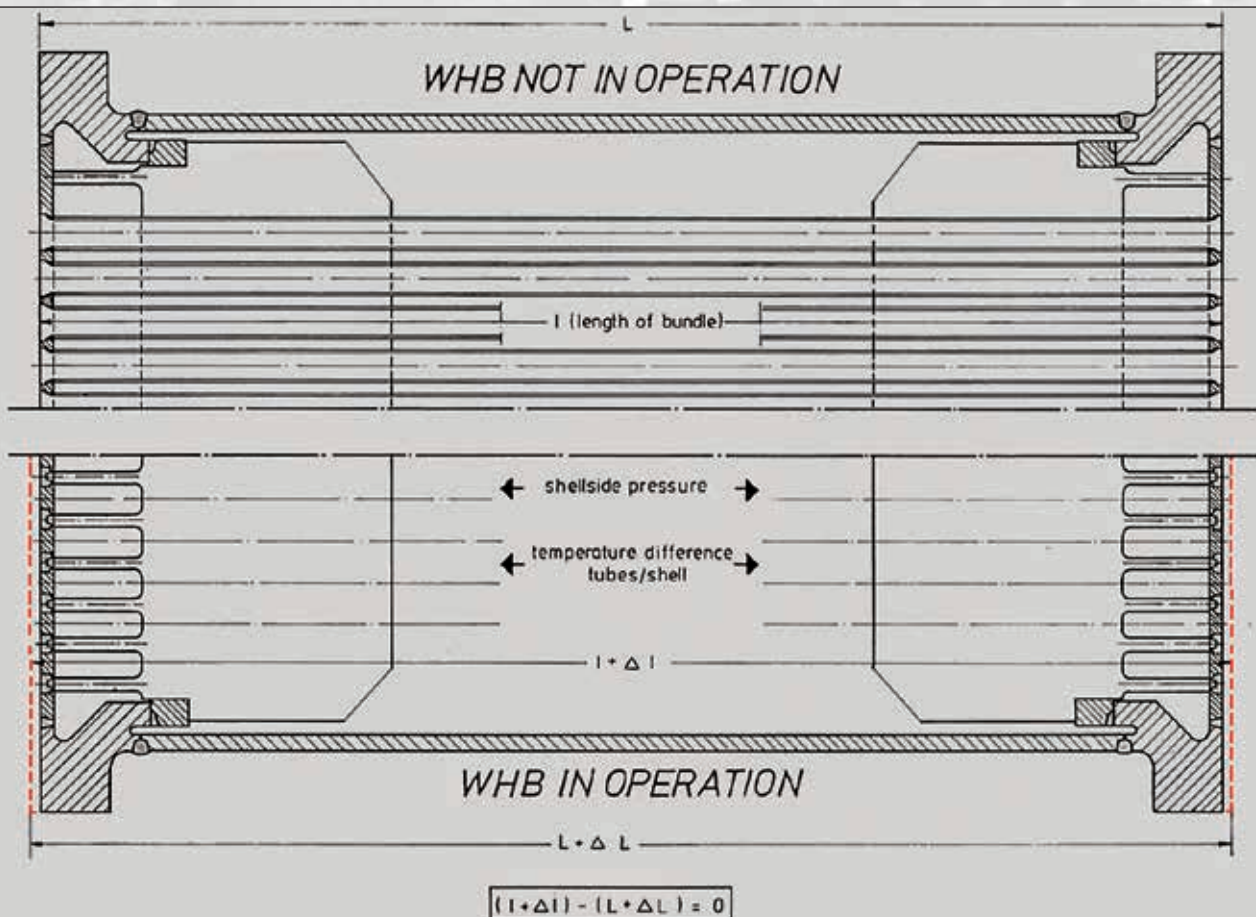
Reinforced stiffened thin tubesheets (Fig. 15)

In this unique design the pressure load on the thin tubesheet caused by the high steam side pressure is transferred via the stiffener system into the shell. The tubesheets do not bend and remain flat in all operating conditions. Since the tubesheet is thin, very efficient cooling and low metal temperature is obtained.

Advantages of stiffened tubesheet design compared with flexible design

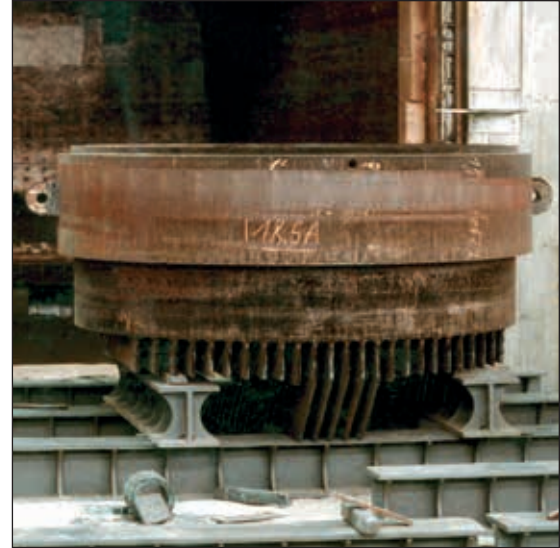
- 1) The tubes do not act as anchors therefore the stresses in the tube to tubesheet weld are very low. The differential thermal elongation between the tubes and shell is partly compensated by elongation of the shell due to water side pressure forces transferred by the stiffener system.
- 2) Since the tubesheet remains flat for all conditions, there is no stress concentration in the circumferential area between tube bundle and shell. Therefore, no life time limitation due to operation or fatigue cycles exists.
- 3) No limitation on tube length due to temperature difference and differential elongation between tubes and shell.
- 4) Horizontal and vertical arrangements are feasible.
- 5) Plugging of tubes causes no stresses to adjacent tubes, because there is no deflection of the thin tubesheet around the plugged tube induced by temperature difference between plugged and unplugged tube. Therefore each tube is independent from the other tubes.
- 6) Since the tubesheets are stiffened and the bypass tube is mechanically integrated into the stiffener system, no mechanical stresses are imposed by the central internal bypass on the tubes and tubesheet area around the bypass.
- 7) Dry operation of boilers caused damage to tubes at several customers, but the stiffened tubesheets remained flat and undamaged and therefore saved the clients from disastrous tubesheet deformation and lengthy repair, thus allowing in situ repair or retubing. Plant down time is minimized.

Fig. 15: Loads on WHB with BORSIG's stiffened tubesheets



Thin flexible tubesheets (Fig. 16)

In conventionally designed WHBs with flexible tubesheets, the tubes act as stays between the tubesheets and elongate due to the pressure load on the tubesheets and due to the temperature difference between tubes and shell. As this load is not mainly transferred into the shell, the tubesheets bend in the circumferential area between tube bundle and shell. The bending causes fatigue in this area.

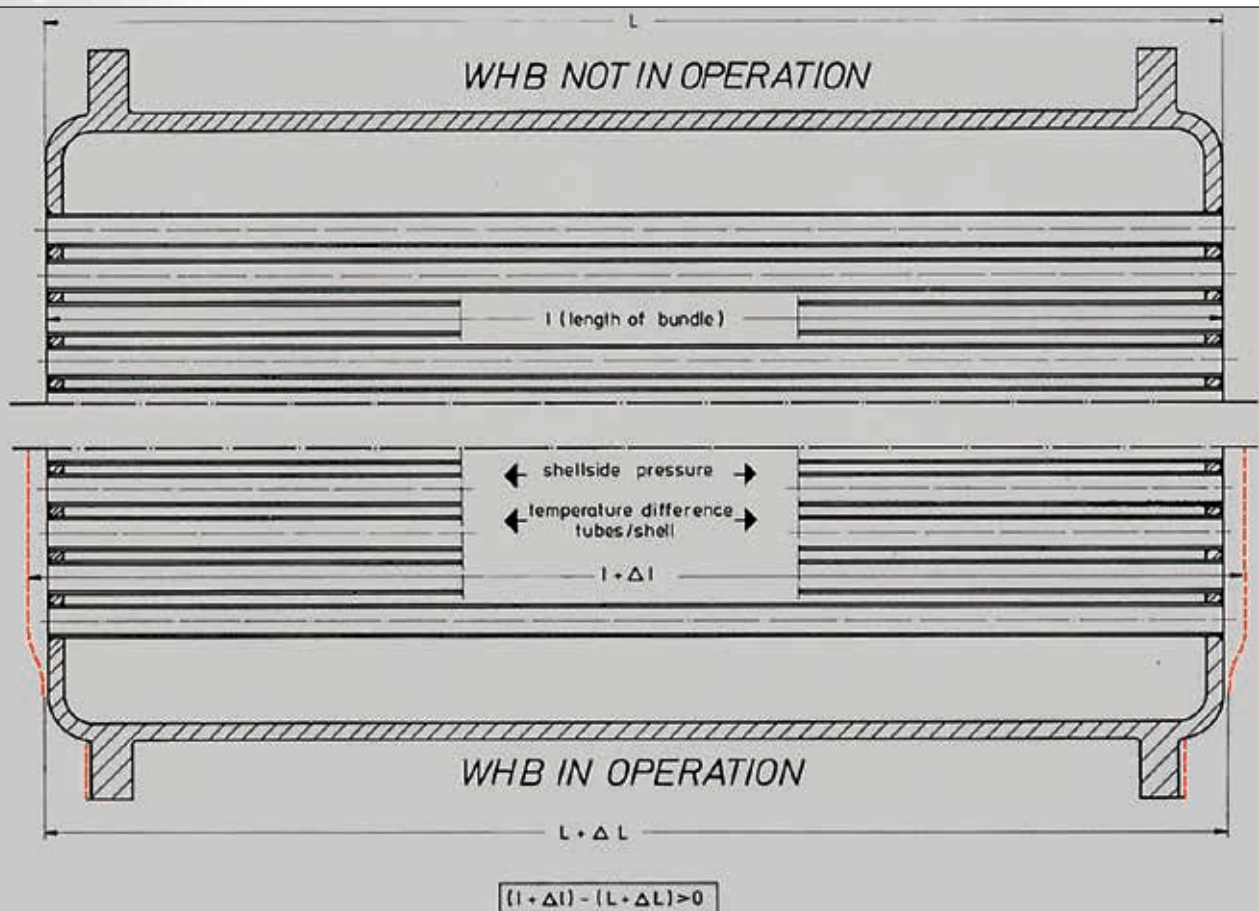


Heat treatment furnace

Disadvantages of flexible type design compared with stiffened tubesheet design

- 1) The tubes act as anchors, therefore the stresses in the tube to tubesheet weld are much higher. The differential elongation between tubes and shell is of different magnitude.
- 2) The tubesheets deflect in the transition area between bundle and shell. This results in high bending and peak stresses. Therefore the tubesheets are subject to rigorous stress analysis and low cycle fatigue calculations.
- 3) Tube length is limited to approx. 6 meters due to differential elongation between tubes and shell. Double compartment WHB is therefore necessary in case of large cooling range. Adventurous material combinations will not overcome the tube length limitation, they are not a sound, reliable technical solution.
- 4) Vertical arrangement is critical due to danger of steam blanketing of top tubesheet.
- 5) Plugging of tubes causes additional stresses to adjacent tubes, because the tubes act as anchors.
- 6) Because the tubesheets are not stiffened, additional mechanical bending and peak stresses are imposed by the central internal bypass on the tubes and tubesheet area around the bypass.
- 7) Flexible tubesheets will not withstand dry operation. Lengthy repair and plant down time results as a consequence.

Fig. 16: Loads on WHB with flexible tubesheets



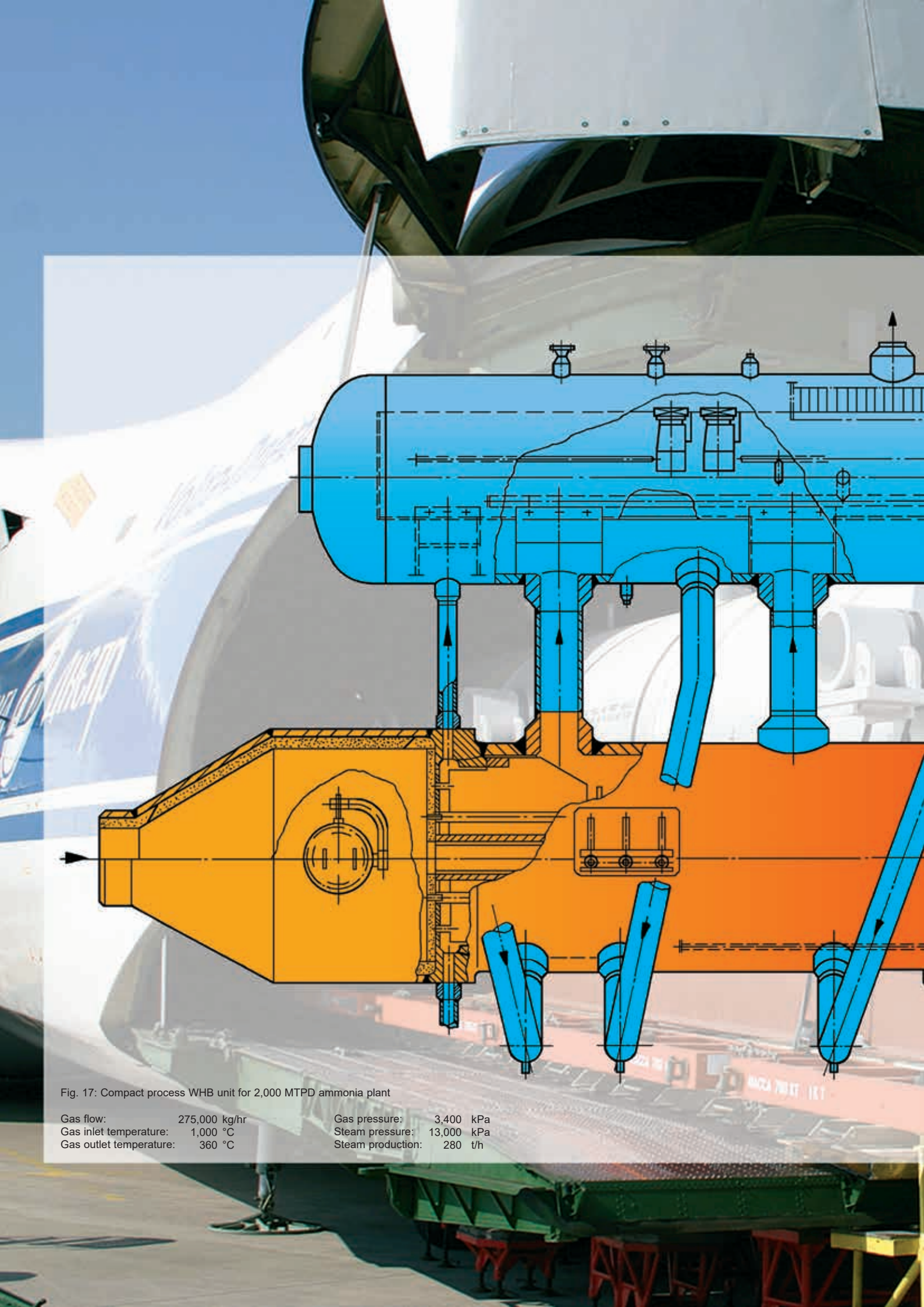
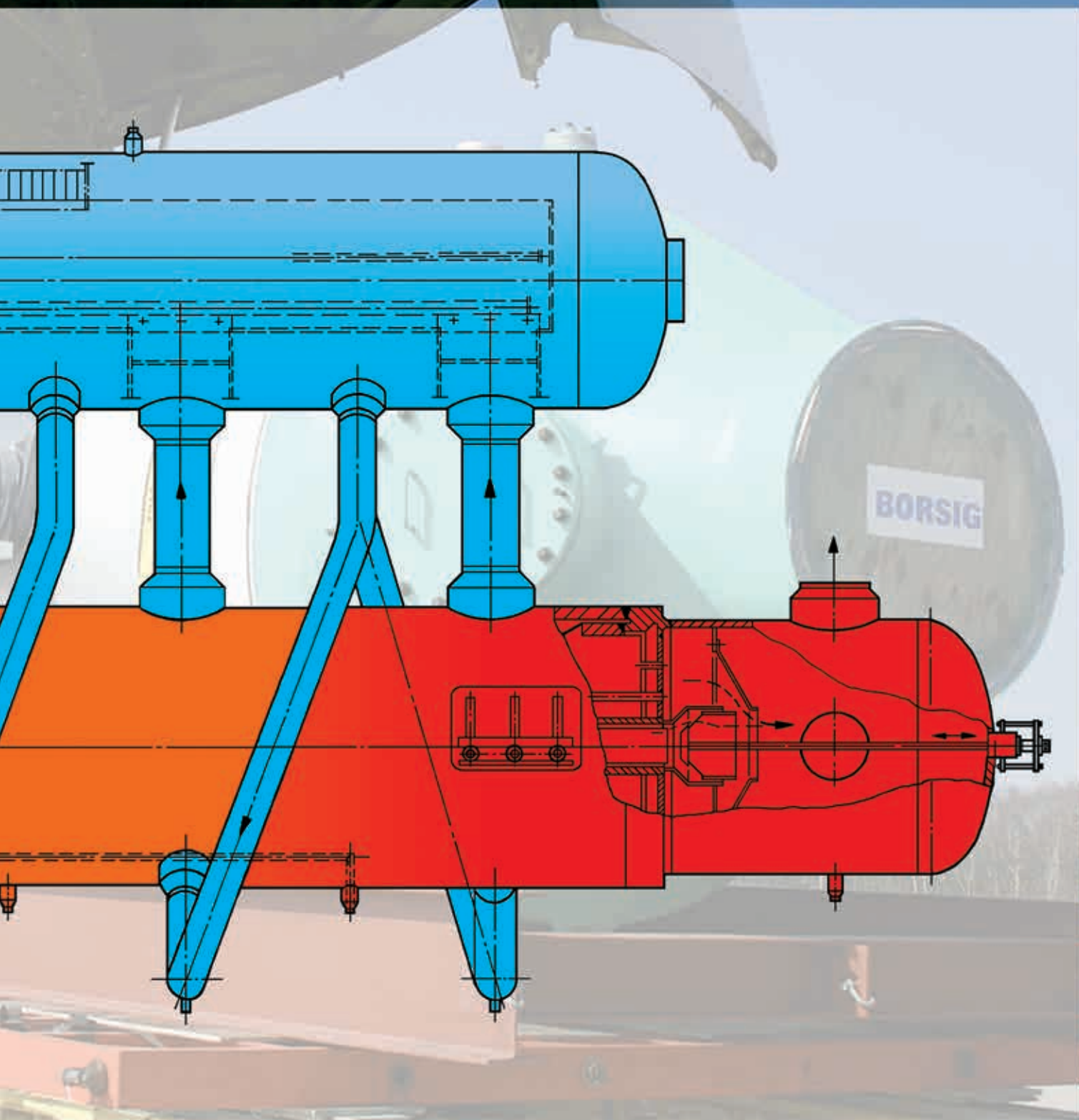


Fig. 17: Compact process WHB unit for 2,000 MTPD ammonia plant

Gas flow: 275,000 kg/hr
Gas inlet temperature: 1,000 °C
Gas outlet temperature: 360 °C

Gas pressure: 3,400 kPa
Steam pressure: 13,000 kPa
Steam production: 280 t/h



Steam Superheaters (BORSIG Patented Design)

BORSIG supplies steam superheaters for the steam reforming process. The steam superheaters are arranged direct in line after the waste heat boilers which are connected to the secondary reformer or reformer - depending on the process.

The steam superheater can be provided as two stage or one stage, horizontally or vertically arranged. The final design arrangement is determined by the process requirements. We have delivered steam superheaters for superheating saturated steam at a pressure stage of 12,500 kPa from 328°C to 531°C by cooling down process gas from 723°C to 355°C. Selection of suitable materials due to high temperatures and resistance against metal dusting corrosion will be done by us based on indepth experience in supplying steam superheaters.

The process steam superheater is usually vertically arranged with U-tubes and a combined steam inlet/outlet chamber. The reformed gas flows on the shell side in a guiding jacket in counterflow to the steam on tube side. The gas outlet temperature requires no refractory lining of the shell. Refractory lining is only provided in the lower bypass area for safety reasons.

The tubesheet is provided with an insulation and an additional heat shield on gas side and is cooled by the steam flow. The guiding jacket is provided with an internal insulation, therefore heat transfer is excluded between cooled down and hot gas. The U-tubes are arranged in such way that the cold shanks for the cold inflowing steam are in the outer section of the tubesheet. The hot shanks are arranged in the center of the tube-sheet and are connected to the internal chamber for the hot outflowing steam. This tube arrangement ensures a radial temperature distribution across the thick tubesheet which results in low thermal primary and secondary stresses. The superheater is provided with a pneumatic bypass actuator for controlling the gas outlet temperature as well as the steam superheating temperature.

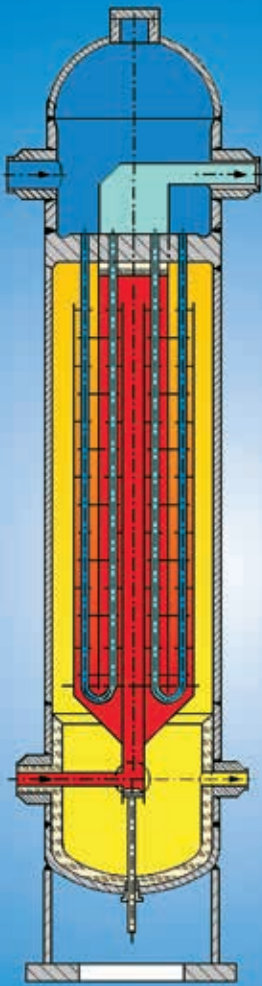


Fig. 18: Cross section of steam superheater with internal gas side bypass valve

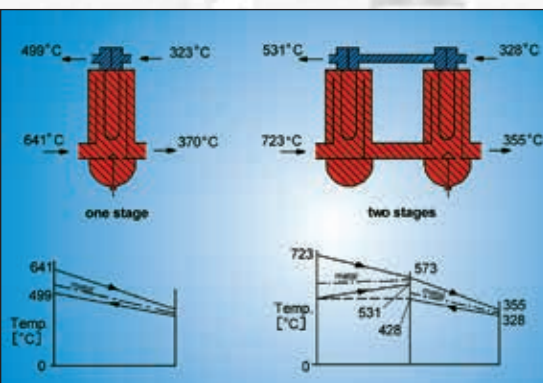
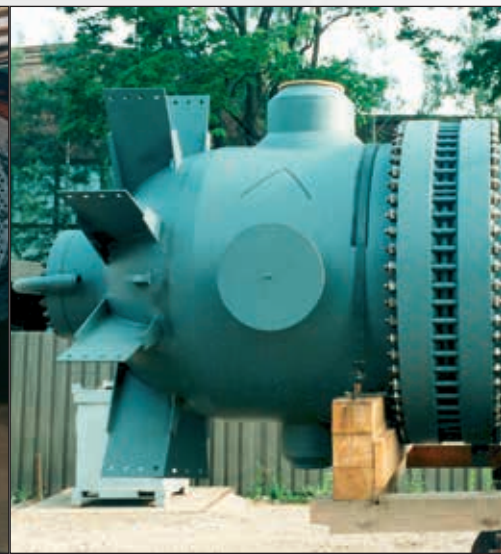


Fig. 19: Tube temperature profile

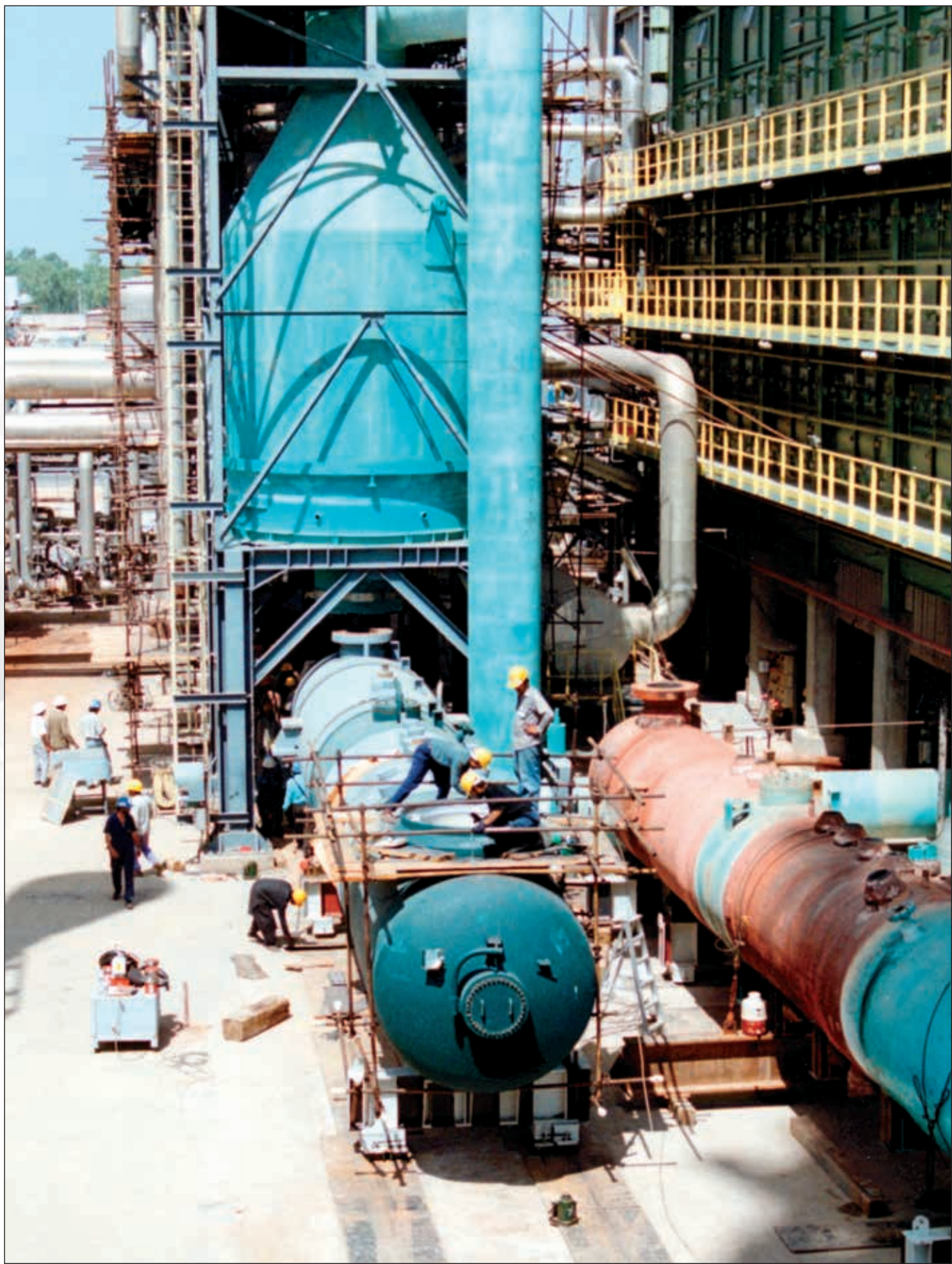
BORSIG steam superheater

Works construction of a steam superheater

Combined steam inlet/outlet chamber of a steam superheater



Replacement of waste heat boiler under BORSIG supervision



heater



HT Shift Waste Heat Boilers

BORSIG supplies HT Shift waste heat boilers which are arranged behind HT Shift reactors to recover heat from process gas.

The HT Shift waste heat boiler is fitted with seamless straight tubes. The tube ends are hydraulically expanded. The tube bundle is provided with support plates and tie rods. Due to low gas temperatures thick tube-sheets are provided. This unit functions on the principle of natural circulation.

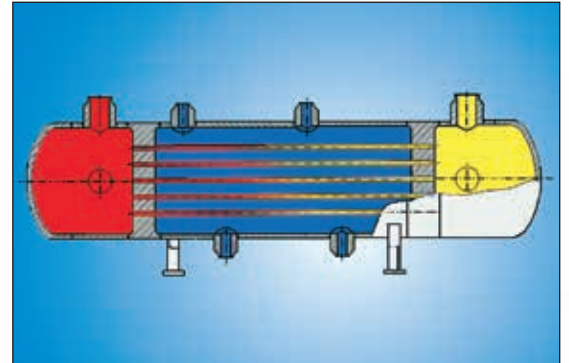


Fig. 20: HT Shift waste heat boiler

Feed Water Preheaters

BORSIG supplies feed water preheaters for a wide range of applications in the petrochemical industry.

The feed water preheater can be equipped with straight tubes as well as with U-tubes. The boiler itself has thick tubesheets due to the low gas inlet and gas outlet temperatures. The tube ends are hydraulically expanded over the tubesheet thickness. The tube bundle is provided with tie rods and baffle plates.

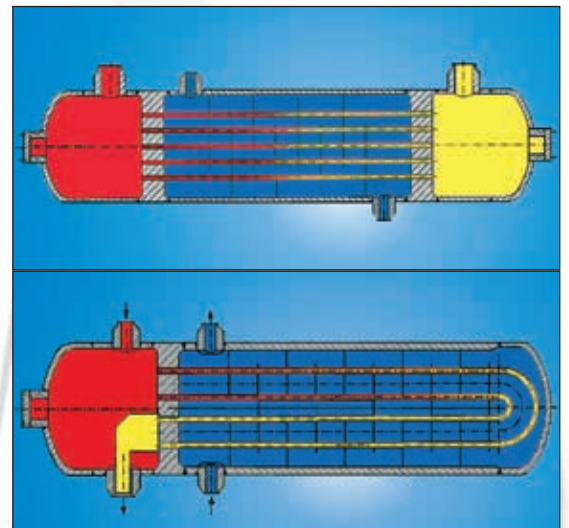


Fig. 21: Feed water preheaters designed with straight tubes and U-tubes

Gas/Gas Heat Exchangers

BORSIG supplies gas/gas heat exchangers for petrochemical plants. The gas/gas heat exchanger is fitted with seamless straight tubes. The tube bundle is provided with baffle plates and tie rods. To compensate the high temperature difference between tube and shell the exchanger is provided with floating head to compensate resulting compression and expansion stresses.

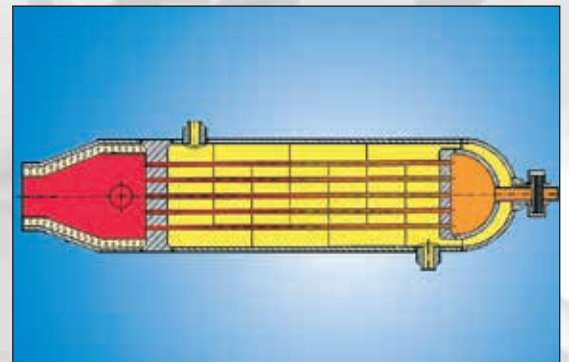


Fig. 22: Gas/gas heat exchanger

Steam Drums

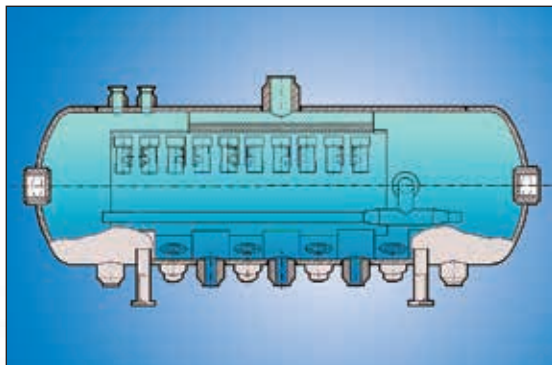


Fig. 23: Steam drum

BORSIG supplies steam drums for high steam pressures up to 16,500 kPa and steam flow rates up to 500 tons/hr. Steam drums are provided with demisters for steam purification. Cyclones can be provided. All drums are furnished with separation chambers for defined internal flows, with vortex breakers, thermosleeve nozzle for BFW inlet, BFW distribution pipe system, chemical dosing device, continuous blow down pipe, instrumentation nozzles and oval manholes with self-tightening pressure sealing covers.

We can deliver the steam drum with complete instrumentation.

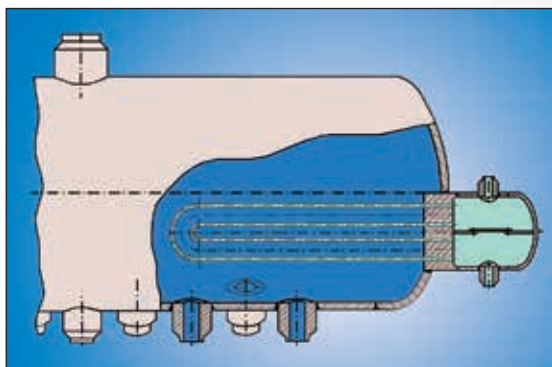


Fig. 24: Steam attemperator integrated into steam drum

BORSIG supplies steam attemperators for controlling the superheated steam temperature. Steam attemperators can be integrated into the steam drums or designed as separate unit connected to the steam drum by downcomer and riser piping and function on the principle of natural circulation like a single waste heat recovery boiler. Steam temperature can be controlled by an internal bypass valve.

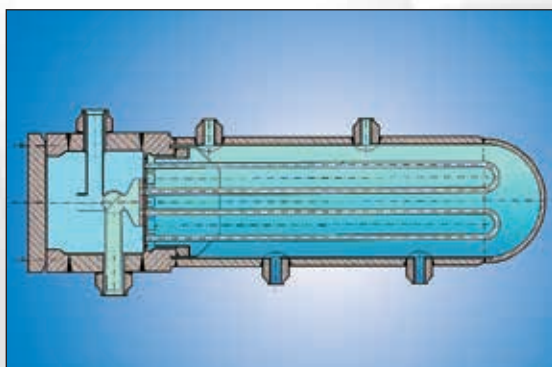
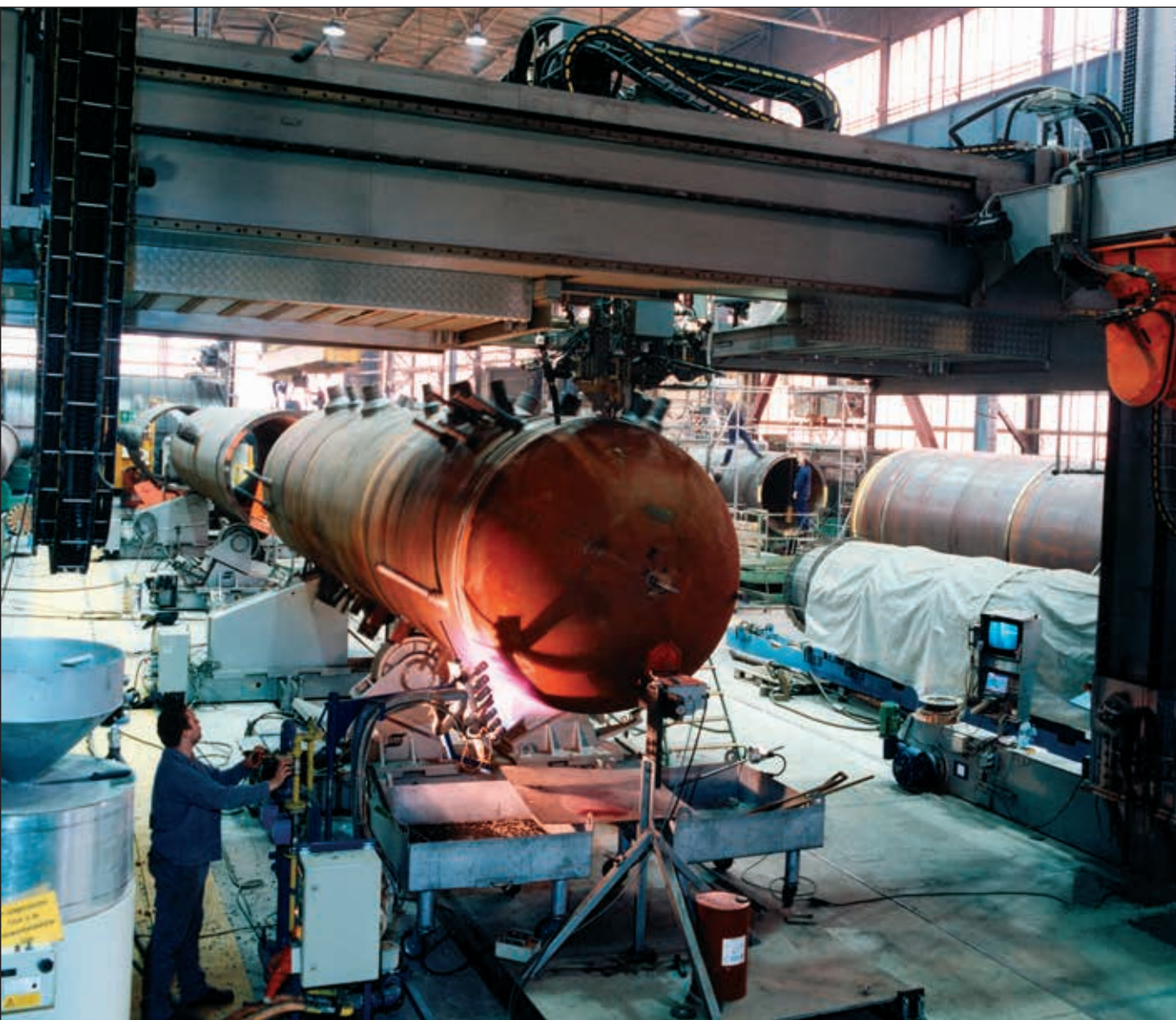


Fig. 25: Steam attemperator designed as separate unit

Steam Attemperators

Workshop

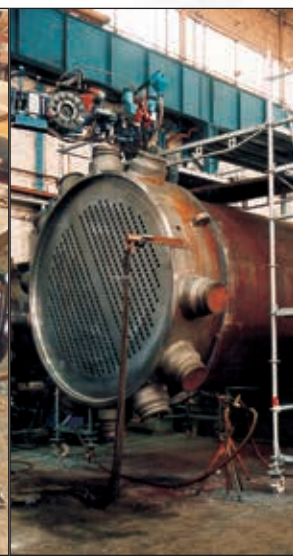


Multi-functional welding gantry for the fully automatic, laser-supported submerged arc welding and robot flame-cutting of vessels and large components with thick walls (up to 3,500 mm diameter)

Machining of stiffened tubesheet system

NDT testing of stiffened tubesheet system

Welding of stiffened tubesheet





Assembled compact unit for 1,500 MTPD ammonia plant

system to shell

Waste heat boiler ready for shipment

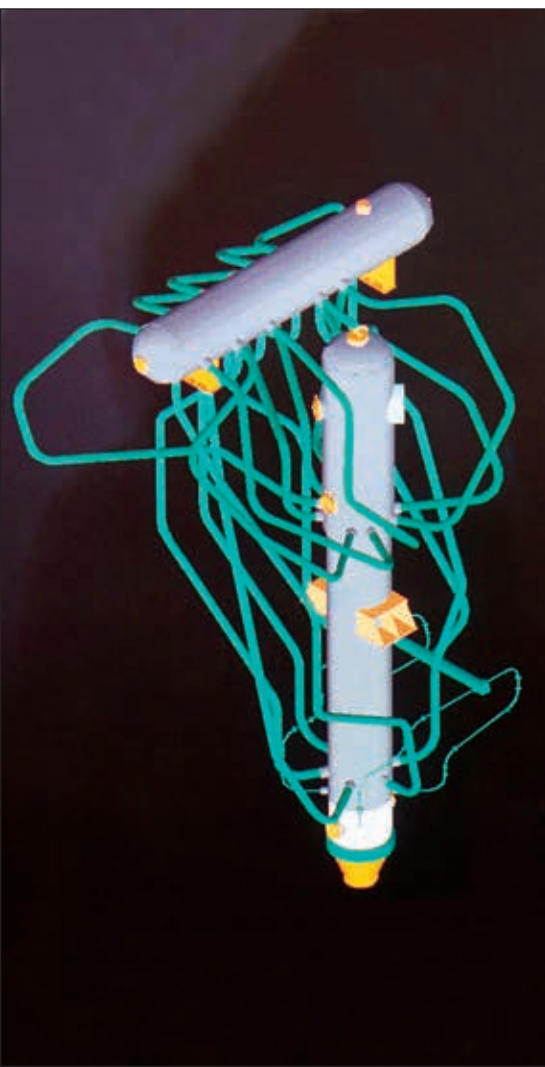
Loading of a 250 t waste heat boiler





Fig. 26: Temperature distribution of tube inlet section by finite element analysis

Fig. 27: CAD model of waste heat recovery system



Engineering and Replacement

BORSIG Process Heat Exchanger GmbH has complete in-house engineering facilities. Thermal layout of heat exchangers and special heat transfer calculations are performed and checked with computer programs developed in-house. For highly complex tasks, the gas flow and heat transfer are calculated by means of three-dimensional CFD models (computational fluid dynamics).

The pressure vessels and heat exchangers are calculated according to all national and international calculation regulations:

AD-2000 Merkblätter Code, TRD - Power station code, EN standards, ASME CODE I, VIII Div.1 and Div.2, ASME B31.1 and B31.3, PD 5500, CODAP, Stoomweezen, IBR, JIS, Australian Standards, China SQL.

In the case of critical parts, Finite Element Analysis are carried out.

The flexibility of the tube systems, the resulting support loads and forces are calculated by a special software.

BORSIG supplies also the service of complete replacement jobs of waste heat boilers in ammonia, methanol, hydrogen, ethylen and all other steam reforming plants. BORSIG supervisors are specialized on replacement performances covering the detailed engineering, elaborating the shortest time frame, determining the logistic replacement sequence, mobilization of local personnel and complete supervision from shut down to start-up of plant.



Manufacturing and Quality Assurance

BORSIG Process Heat Exchanger GmbH in Berlin owns more than 16,700 m² of indoor workshop facilities and is equipped with a 250 t crane capacity. High-tech welding technology is our core competence, such as the laser controlled welding seam guidance system for submerged narrow-gap welding, the use of robot welding systems for the GMAW welding process in the high pressure vessel manufacture, GMAW narrow gap robot systems with integrated 3D cutter systems plasma and autogenous, TIG hot wire welding, RES and SAW strip weld cladding, the automatic tube to tubesheet welding incl. inbore welding of up to 500 mm as well as qualified machining of all steel and nickel-based alloys.

The company has a direct water connection since 2008, the Borsig-Harbor, so that pressure vessels and heat exchangers of any overall size can be transported easily on the water way.

Quality assurance and control activities are independent of the manufacturing process or product lines and guarantee that machined and handled materials, components, assemblies, products and service operations are executed in accordance with all specified requirements.

Quality assurance surveils adherence to national and international specifications, statutory and contract provisions as well as the directives, standards and regulations stipulated by BORSIG.

BORSIG Process Heat Exchanger certification comprise

- Quality Management DIN EN ISO 9001
- Environmental Management System DIN EN ISO 14001
- Occupational Safety SCC**
- ASME U, U2, R and S
- SQL licence for PR China (Pressure Vessels A1, A2)
- AD 2000 - Directives HP 0, TRD 201 and DIN EN ISO 3834-2 and DIN 18800-7, etc.

In 2003 BORSIG Process Heat Exchanger GmbH has introduced the Integrally Management System (IMS) comprising of quality, works safety and environmental management systems.

Replacement of a waste heat boiler under BORSIG supervision with mobilization of local personnel.





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