HRSG Off-line Cleaning



EPIC® - Extraction Pressure Impulse Cleaner

The EPIC Extraction Pressure Impulse Cleaner is revolutionizing HRSG Cleaning. This off-line cleaning technology uses safe, effective and directly targeted pressure-wave impulse cleaning energy to remove deposits deep within and throughout tube bundles. The patented cleaning procedure that is employed systematically concentrates its affect just to the fouled tube sections, with no omni-directional blasting impact to the surrounding area, nor mechanical fatigue to the tubes, expansion joints, SCR modules, or superstructure components.







Finned tubes after EPIC cleaning

How it Works

The EPIC Mobile Cleaning System precisely mixes and combusts a combination of ethylene gas (C $_2H_4$) and compressed air, which is all safely contained within a patented 2" high-pressure combustion tube, generating repetitive detonations at Mach 5 speed, delivering pulsating, penetrating high pressure shockwaves directly deep into the modules, ultimately from both accessible upstream and downstream sides. The system creates and closely focuses a sequential series of 120 (or more if needed, as determined by monitoring our cameras) separate but compounded distinct shockwave impulses at a rate of 2 per second at each captive, fixed position. The rapid succession of shockwaves effectively dislodges the 360-degree buildup and then further motivates the debris from the finned tubes to the lower header area as the equipment traverses the entire face of the tube bundles.

Benefits

- Significantly reduced CT back pressure
- Optimizes efficiency
- Reduced confined space entry
- Eliminates scaffolding
- On site assembly
- Targeted impulses create deep, penetrating + encompassing 360° cleaning
- No mechanical integrity damage to tubes, SCR, or other structure
- No mechanical tube stretching or spreading required
- Energy is directionally controlled through the tube bundle
- Typically reduced outage time compared to alternative methods
- Proven on-line cleaning technology for 15+ years supported by multiple US patents
- No need for regulatory permits or neighborhood prenotification of disrupted blast or bursting events

Track/trend backpressure Monitoring Screen

> "Even after removing over 18 tons of debris, there was only a brief "puff" out the stack upon startup"

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Improving HRSG Performance + Efficiency

Over time, finned tubes in HRSGs can become excessively fouled due to combustionside deposit formation, most commonly with rust caused by dew point, ABF or ammonia salts transporting downstream of the SCR as well as off-line condensation, especially at the LP economizer cold end. Fouled HRSG tubes penalize plant performance in several ways such as decreasing heat rate by reducing the heat transfer, increasing back pressure of the gas turbine and resultant fuel costs. Reduced heat transfer efficiency also reduces the net output of the steam turbine and increases exit stack temperature. This results in extra cost and lost revenue from restrictive MW output and/or reduction in steam generation. HRSG cleaning is an effective way to restore lost performance thereby increasing the net power output. However, extreme caution choosing the HRSG cleaning methodology should be employed to consider the potential long term secondary mechanical effects on the tube integrity, welds, superstructure and duct work impact of the method selected. The EPIC cleaning system, with safe, targeted, isolated and controlled cleaning pressure will not subject the HRSG to these secondary effects.





Borescope Inspection



Why EPIC® Over Other Methods

Safe for Your Entire Unit

EPIC's impulses are highly targeted through the tube bundle and do not cause any damage to the mechanical integrity of the tubes. Plus, there is no violent shock or omni-directional blast impact to the HRSG structure. In addition, the tubes will never be stretched or spread and the process has several fail-safe safety features.

Track/Trend Backpressure



No Pre-Cleaning Work

No scaffolding or tube spreading is required, or other modifications are necessary (or minimal if any) to gain access for cleaning. Exceptionally limited site support resources are needed.

IMPULSE cleaning equipment with real time video monitoring of the cleaning in action, results in reduced overall outage duration as well as confined space exposure compared

Vibrators Under **Headers**



Utilizing the advanced EPIC technology, with remote positioning and activation of the

HYDROBLAST

12K-40K PSI

excavation

VACUUM + BIG PUMP

Automated hydroblasting

High volume hydroblasting

Wet, dry, sludge vacuuming

Pneumatic + hydro-vacuum

(30x traditional volume)

Remote Control Station



Reduced Cleaning Time

Additional Services:

SOLUTIONS

Decommissioning

support

LIFECYCLE SERVICE

Construction phase cleaning

Pre-commissioning cleaning

Daily maintenance support

Outages/Shutdowns/TARs

to several other methods. The service can also complemented by the post-cleaning removal of the considerable dislodged debris by incorporating Thompson's own vacuuming equipment and personnel, rather than orchestrating additional arrangements with yet another contractor for the turnkey HRSG cleaning project.

- CHEMICAL CLEANING + FINFOAM®
- Custom-engineered chemical cleaning
- FINFOAM® air-cooled heat exchanger cleaning Automated Tank cleaning +
 - Vapor phase degassing/pipe cleaning



- Dry ice blasting
- Combustible dust remediation
- Industrial drone inspections
- Coatings + liner removal
- Sponge media abrasive blasting
- HRSGs with EPIC[™] technology