Installation and maintenance manual

Evaporative condenser

Centrifugal type

Series CC
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1. GENERAL SAFETY RULES AND MACHINERY DESCRIPTION

1.1 General Safety use:
The content of this manual is to be considered as an integration to the general safety rules applied in your country, in the environment you are working in and also to the rules to be followed by law. In case of conflict with any of the previously mentioned rules in place, please contact our technical office for alternative procedures that will not create conflict.
Always remember that any operation with mechanical machinery could be dangerous and make sure all possible precautions are followed before and during assembly & maintenance. SAFETY FIRST!

1.2 General description
Evaporative condenser of the CC series are counter-flow forced draught coolers with the refrigerant to be condensed (primary circuit) circulating in a closed sealed loop.
The gas pass through a coil, externally sprayed continuously with water, pumped in an open circuit (secondary circuit) from the collection water basin. The evaporation of part of this water removes most of the heat from the fluid in the primary circuit.
Evaporation is achieved thanks to a high quantity of air moved, by the use of centrifugal fan(s) installed on the bottom of the unit, counter-flow against the water of the secondary circuit.
The evaporative condenser is composed by the following elements:

Primary circuit:
• Coil

Secondary circuit:
• Water pumping system
• Water distribution system

Other:
• Air system
• Casing, water collection basin, air intake
• Drift eliminator

1.3 Primary circuit (coil)
Coil is made by high quality carbon steel bended and welded. A further process of hot dip galvanization assures the necessary protection against external corrosion. Coil can be supplied on request in stainless steel both 304 and 316 grade.
During assembly the coil is tested in accordance to actual rules (PED). A further test is done before fitting the coil into the machine. Different test procedures or witnessed tests are possible with extra costs.

1.4 Secondary circuit
1.4.1 Water pumping system
The exchange coil is sprayed with water collected from the basin of the unit and pumped by the use a centrifugal pump inside a water distribution system. The motor of the pump is directly coupled on the bronze impeller and installed in a vertical position facilitating inspection and maintenance. The water is then collected in the basin of the unit and ready to be pumped again, after passing through a stainless steel filter/strainer installed in the bottom of the basin.

1.4.2 Water distribution system
Water is pumped in the top of the closed circuit cooler and distributed through a galvanised steel collector and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe network. It could also be supplied in Stainless Steel with extra cost.
Spray nozzles (made by static fibreglass reinforced polypropylene) are screwed into the PVC pipes and allow water to drop onto the coil. Nozzles have a wide water passage, with minimum possibilities of clogging, breaking down or blocking. The design of the nozzles is studied to allow the perfect water distribution (full cone) over the coil.
In case of clogging or breaking or just for simple maintenance, they can be dissembled from the PVC pipes and easy cleaned or replaced.
Make-up water, to replace depletion through evaporation or elimination to avoid scaling, is carried out automatically by means of an intake valve installed in the basin.

1.5 Air system
Air is supplied in counter-flow to the water and is provided by centrifugal fan(s) statically and dynamically balanced, installed at the bottom of the cooling tower (forced draught).
Fans have a low peripheral speed and, thanks to a perfect balancing, a low operation noise is ensured. An arrow indicates the fan direction to be used. In order to protect the fan from any external object and to prevent injuries a safe-guard grid is installed in the front of the diffuser.
The electric motor(s), totally sealed and self-ventilated, are provided standard with class F insulation, capable of withstanding a temperature of 155°C, if the average temperature is 40 °C. Electric motors are in accordance to the EU 690/2009 norm (if applicable). Special motors can be fitted on demand. Motor(s) are mounted on an easily operated tension adjustment base, which allows perfect alignment and tension of belts.
Lightweight pulley is fitted on the fan shaft and together with belts grants the transmission of the power from the water to the fans. At the top of the cooler, a layer of drift eliminator made by PVC is provided.
1.6 Casing and water collection basin
The body of the unit is manufactured in “Sendzimir” galvanised steel covered with 300 g/m² zinc layer. As a standard, a minimum 70µ complete paint of epoxy-polyester layer is applied on each side of the panels. The application is done by electrostatic process, completed by a further one hour stop in to the oven. This is giving a considerable resistance against water corrosion, ultraviolet rays and other atmospheric elements.
This painting procedure is internally named W-COAT® and is given as standard protection on all products manufactured W-Tech.

The lower body of the casing forms the cold water basin. A minimum 2% slope is granted, in order to naturally flow water out of it. On one side of the basin, a stainless steel anti cavitations suction filter is provided to protect the re-circulating pump that is installed outside the basin.

In the water basin, the following standard connections are provided:
- Make up water with float valve
- Overflow
- Drainage

Other connections could be provided in accordance to the additional option element are possible to fit. For a quick review and not limited to, we can mention:
- Electric heater (to avoid water freezing in the basin in winter time)
- Minimum water level switch for heaters (to protect electric heater to work uncovered by water)
- Minimum water level switch for pump (to protect re-circulating pump to work without the necessary water level)

Full list of options are listed in the technical sheet.
2. DELIVERY AND HANDLING

2.1 Delivery method

All models of this series are delivered with the maximum possible elements mounted in our factory. Depending on the height of parts, the unit will be divided in order to lower the transport costs. Generally the deliveries are carried out in two parts.

To facilitate the handling operation, the single parts are laid on a wooden pallet.

Connection elements to be used on site (gaskets, silicone, nuts and bolts) are supplied in a separate box.

2.1.1 Lower body

This is composed of the following elements:

• Cold water basin with all its elements
• Secondary circuit centrifugal pump (delivered loose in case motor power is over 5.5 kW)
• Secondary circuit external pipe (lower part – delivered loose)
• Air intake section
• Coil primary circuit (if not delivered separated)

2.1.3 Upper Body

This is composed of the following elements:

• Coil primary circuit
• Water distribution system, secondary circuit
• Drift eliminator

WOOD SUPPORTS AS WELL AS THE PLASTIC OR CARBOARD SHEETS HAVE TO BE REMOVED BEFORE INSTALLING THE COOLING TOWER IN ITS FINAL LOCATION. PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO CHECK WATER BASIN, WATER PIPES AND WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO BE FREE OF ANY PARTS WHICH CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS OR DAMAGES TO THE NORMAL FUNCTION OF THE COOLING TOWER.

ALL AUXILIARY MATERIAL NEEDED FOR ASSEMBLY ARE DELIVERED IN A BOX, INSIDE THE LOWER BODY.

2.2 Handling

To facilitate the handling of each single part, eyebolts are fitted, located at the top, so that lifting and handling, by crane, can be carried out easily. This can be observed in figures 1 & 2.

THE EYEBOLTS ARE ONLY FOR USE IN TRANSPORTING AND HANDLING THE BODY THAT THEY ARE ATTACHED TO. ALL EYEBOLTS MUST BE USED IN THESE OPERATIONS. THEY MUST NEVER BE USED FOR MOVING THE TOWER ONCE IT HAS BEEN ERECTED AND BOTH BODIES ARE ASSEMBLED.

The lower body handling will be carried out using all its eyebolts due to its weight, as indicated in fig. 1. To move the upper body, all eyebolts will be used as well, as indicated in fig. 2. NOTE: Don’t use other eyebolts for the lifting of the sections.
3. INSTALLATION

3.1 Tower foundation and anchoring

Our units have no needs of any special foundation. They can be placed directly onto a concrete slab or onto concrete coated ground, making sure in all cases that the anchoring is capable of resisting the operating load distributed by the tower bed-frame. They can be anchored on two or three steel beams, in the larger units, all along the basin. This anchoring can be observed in fig. 3 and will need some bolts and nuts to be fitted.

In any case, the surface has to be perfectly level before installing the tower. The tower must not be levelled using wedges or any other element between the beams and the basin, because it will not give adequate longitudinal support.

![Fig. 3](image)

3.2 Location conditions

The unit must never be located in an area that is enclosed on all four sides. Sufficient clearance must be provided all around the tower, so that the cold air may circulate at a speed lower than that of the hot air outlet stream. Therefore, this passage section must be equal in size or bigger than the base plan section of the tower. Any obstacle above the tower at a height lower than that of the tallest side of the tower shall be avoided.

Sufficient space must be provided around the tower to allow access to all parts requiring maintenance. See fig 4.

![Fig. 4](image)
3.3 Assembly of the bodies

Before beginning the assembly on site, check that all elements delivered inside the basin have been removed. To access the basin, the bolts used to fix the porthole must be eased. See fig. 6a.

Once the lower body has been installed, the entire perimeter of the assembly flanges must be cleaned. Then, a rubber sealing gasket (supplied) will be installed in order to avoid any damp and/or dirt, just in the centre line of the holes of the flange. If the cooling tower has a flange without holes, then a double line of superimposed gaskets will be installed, as shown in fig. 7, in order to protect these bodies more thoroughly.

Once the gasket has been installed, it is recommended to introduce a pointer in the holes, in order to remove any traces of the gaskets that might be left there.

WHEN ASSEMBLING BOTH BODIES, CHECK THAT BOTH PARTS OF THE EXTERNAL PIPE ARE PLACED ON THE SAME SIDE, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION.
The assembly could be helped by means of pointers, which will be inserted in the holes in the lower body just before the upper one is allowed to rest on it. Please see fig. 7.

![Fig. 7](image)

3.3.1 Pump support installation and recirculation water distribution system

In order to reduce the length of the unit and allow the transport of multiple parts and/or more units in reduced spaces, it is necessary to ship the basin section and the circulation pump apart. It comes delivered on pallet within the basin together with the distribution system which is also disassembled.

It is therefore necessary to build the water distribution system before assembling the various sections. To do this, it is necessary to access the basin and extract the pump unit components. Then apply on the contact surface between the pump support and the basin, hot strips of butyl mastic in order to cover the holes for the fixing pins and with the help of an awl remove the mastic to free the holes (Fig. 8), then attach the pump support to the panel with bolts.

![Fig. 8](image)

Once the set has been realized place the pump on the support and adjust the position so as to align the holes of the pump to those of the support. Done this simply take the suction pipe, already assembled in the factory, and join with a suitable glue the pipe to the sleeve fixed to the threaded tip and then connect the PVC flange to the pump. **Do not forget to insert the sealing gasket between the PVC flanges and pump body before tightening the flanges.**

At the end glue the delivery pipe to the upper flange and secure it to the frame of the unit through the collar and the threaded rod as in figure 9. Bolts, mastic, PVC glue and gaskets for water are provided in kit as per our standard.

![Fig. 9](image)
3.3.2 Drift eliminators positioning

After the assembly of the sections, it is necessary to reposition the drift eliminators sent separately or within the basin in order to facilitate the lifting of the units during the phases of loading and unloading and avoid breakage of the same. To reposition the drift eliminators you have to remove the material from the basin, as explained in the previous section, and place it in way as to cover the entire surface above the water distribution system.

The drift eliminators are prepared at the factory, cut and arranged on the frame to make sure there is the correct number of pieces; only later they are dismantled to be stowed within the basin or on the neck apart.

First step is to distinguish the components for width and length so as to prepare them for the provision on the frame pre-assembled in the factory (Fig. 10) which will make simple and intuitive the installation. Once the drift eliminators are distinguished by size, on a larger unit, the drift eliminators should be placed head to head on the shorter side (Fig. 11).

Once all the drift eliminators are positioned it is possible to apply the metal bands that will make sure they stay on their place (fig. 12).

Now you have complete the assembly of the unit, you can proceed with electrical connection.

3.4 Electrical connection

Our units are normally supplied with the electrical motors already cabled and the wires are available outside of the unit minimizing the labour on site. In case of particular motor versions or if the electrician is willing to re-wire all, please find below the procedure to follow. To connect the motor of the fans, it is necessary to go inside the lowest body, through its inspection manholes, or removing the engine cover casing. Introduce the connection cable till the terminal box, through the holes available in the casing. See fig. 13.
To make the connection of the motors (and also of the fans and the electrical pump) the following measures have to be considered:

- Before connecting the motor terminals to the mains, make sure that the terminal voltage shown on the motor plate is the same as the mains voltage.
- Make sure that motor terminals are tightened securely and that all stripped wires are carefully insulated in order to carry out the connection.
- Check that the rotation direction of the fan is the same as the direction of the arrows available on the diffuser.
- We recommend that the mains supply line to the motor should be protected with well calibrated thermal relays and fuses. Please remember that in across-the-line starting, a squirrel cage motor needs an intensity 6 to 7 times higher than the nominal one.
- Make sure the local electrical safety regulations in force have been respected.

3.5 Other details for the installation

- Check and remove any material or element which has been part of the packing, and could be still joined to or inside the tower.
- Connect both external parts of the pipe.
- Check drift eliminator positioning in order to have air flow on the opposite side of the air intake.

4. OPERATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE THE START UP

4.1 Cleaning

- Make sure that the distribution system is clean and that the distribution nozzles are correctly positioned and free of any kind of blockage.
- Check if the water basin is completely clean, if not, clean it using water under pressure.

4.2 Inspection and checking

- Check the anchoring of the tower, the fans and motors and make sure they are correctly and securely tightened.
- Inspect the motors by sight, checking that they have been correctly installed.
- Check the connections of the terminal boxes of the motors.
- Make the fan turn for an instant, making sure that it turns easily and in the correct direction, without any unusual noise or friction.
- Check that the drive belts are tense. With a finger tension, in the central area of the belt, the sag should be 0.5 cm when the distance between shafts is between 0.5 and 1 m; 1.5 cm when this distance is between 1 and 2 m and 2 cm when the distance is higher than 2 m. If the tension is not the correct one, proceed to tighten the belt by means of the tensing base, till the sag is correct.
- Check that the drift eliminator is properly installed.

5. START UP

5.1 Secondary circuit

1. Fill the cold water basin through the make-up water pipe or, better still, by means of flexible hose inserted provisionally into the basin.
2. Adjust the float arm of the make-up valve to ensure the level is maintained around 25 mm below the overflow level.
3. Switch on the electric pump, checking its consumption. _NEVER RUN THE PUMP WITHOUT WATER IN THE BASIN !!!_
4. The level of water inside the basin, with the electric pump working, has to be always above the suction level of the electric pump and grid, in order to avoid cavitations. This level can be checked from the manhole door, with the electric pump working and the fan(s) completely stopped.
5. Once this regulation has been achieved, the fan(s) motor can begin to work and the evaporative condenser is prepared to start up.

5.2 Primary circuit

Once the operations of starting up on the secondary circuit have been performed, the primary circuit pump will be switched on, checking its consumption.

**VERY IMPORTANT !! THE TOWER MUST NEVER OPERATE WITHOUT HAVING THE FAN GUARD AND THE ACCESS DOOR CORRECTLY FITTED. THE FAN MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE THE OPERATIONS OF REMOVING AND REPLACING THESE ELEMENTS ARE CARRIED OUT.**
6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Tower Performance

In order to obtain the appropriate performance from the evaporative condenser, care must be taken that the flow of both fluids are the design ones, the secondary circuit water distribution is correct, and the different items in the distribution system must be clean and clear.

If a change in the secondary circuit water flow is required, it might be necessary to replace the nozzles, depending on the difference between the design flow and the new required flow. Please consult W-TECH.

It is essential to keep the coil clean, as otherwise the cooling tower performance will be reduced. It is advisable to visually inspect the coil periodically. In the same way, it must be considered that the tower does not govern heat load and, therefore, the fact that the thermal range (difference between fluid in the primary circuit inlet and outlet temperature) is higher or lower than the design data, is irrelevant.

6.2 Control of water quality in the circuits

Controlling the quality of the recirculating fluids is essential, not only for the cooling tower itself but also for all the elements that make up the cooling circuits. We recommend that companies specialised in fluid conditioning and treatment should be consulted about the fluids for each circuit. However, some general rules and instructions to be followed for correct circuit control are given below:

This control must be aimed at preventing the elements in the circuits from:

1. Fouling and blocking.
2. Corrosion.

6.2.1 Fouling and blocking

This is caused by:

6.2.1.1 Salt precipitation (scaling), by their solubility product being exceeded.

The most common salts are:

- Calcium Carbonate.
- Calcium Sulphate.
- Silicates.

The following conditions must be maintained in order to eliminate them:

- **Ryznar index** = 2 pHs - pHc between 6 and 7. Where pHs is the pH of saturation and pHc is the true level measured in the circuit.
- The product of sulphates and calcium concentration in the circuit water, (both expressed in mg/l Co3 Ca), should be less than 500.000.
- Silica content should be lower than 150 mg/l.

6.2.1.2 Suspended solids

These can be brought into the secondary circuit of the cooling tower by the make-up water, by the air or by contamination during the process.

In the secondary circuit of the evaporative condenser, 100 to 150 p.p.m. of suspended solids can be admitted.

6.2.1.3 Biological growth

The ambient conditions existing in a cooling tower favour biological growth.

It is usually necessary to periodically treat circuits with chlorine and/or other biocides in order to prevent these growths.

Treatment of this kind is particularly necessary when the circuit might suffer casual (accidental) pollution caused by process fluids, as happens in refineries, sugar refineries, etc...

6.2.2 Corrosion

Besides keeping the Ryznar index in the stable or slightly corrosive zone, corrosion inhibitors must be added to the secondary circuit. Several varieties are commercially available and the most suitable should be selected in consultation with specialized firms.

The above leads to a limitation on the maximum number of concentrations acceptable in the secondary circuit. The number of concentrations is called "Concentration Cycles" and is represented by the letter N.

If we call:

- **E**, evaporated water flow in the tower as a percentage of nominal water flow and
- **P**, total blow down (drift in tower plus losses in circuit plus the concentration blow down) as a percentage of nominal water flow.

The following ratios are obtained:

Average make-up water flow as a percentage of circulating water flow:

$$\frac{NxE}{N - 1}$$

Total blow down needed in the circuit as a percentage of circulating water flow:

$$P = \frac{E}{N - 1}$$

Which are used to control the number of concentrations, usually determined by dividing the concentration of chlorides in the circuit by the chlorides in the make-up water.

N values (Concentration Cycles) higher than 5 (five) are not usually practical, even when the make-up water quality is good.
ALWAYS MAKE SURE THAT ANY PRODUCT USED FOR WATER TREATMENT AND CLEANING IS COMPATIBLE, AND IN THE PROPER CONCENTRATION, WITH THE MATERIALS OF THE UNIT (GALVANISED STEEL, PP, STAINLESS STEEL, ETC) AND WILL NOT DAMAGE THE COMPONENTS OF THE UNIT IT SELF.

6.3 Electrical locking
To ensure this, we recommend that a key-operated stop switch should be fitted, making it impossible to operate when the key is not in the lock.

VERY IMPORTANT! BEFORE REMOVING THE FANGUARD OR THE ACCESS DOOR TO THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS, ALWAYS MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE FAN IS STOPPED AND THAT IT CAN NOT BE RESTARTED UNTIL THESE OPERATIONS HAVE FINISHED.

6.4 Cold weather operation
Cooling tower operation at temperatures below 0°C might give rise to the formation of layers of ice at the air intakes.

Ice formation can be reduced, and even prevented, by taking the following measures:
- Install heating resistances and a level sensor
- Use the materials (air intake grilles, droplet separators, etc.) suitable for temperatures below 0 °C.

7. GENERAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Due to the quality of these units, maintenance requirements are minimal. Nevertheless, they will be inspected fully on a monthly basis. In the same way, the entire circuit should be cleaned every year.

It is advisable to carry out certain actions regularly in order to ensure that you achieve the service life and performance that these units have been designed for.

There are two basic areas to cover:

1. Water recirculation system
2. Air blowing system

7.1 In the water recirculation system

Due to the fact that the systems in which these products are based are related to evaporation, some salty concentrations, as well as suspended solids are produced.

Therefore, some secondary water flow has to be removed, in order to prevent the concentrations in the coils. The drainage connection will be used to do this.

The water conditions will be controlled continuously and automatically, by purging of dirty water and replacement with clean, addition of bio dispersant agents and biocides, inhibitors to prevent lime scale from building up or the corrosion of the metallic parts of the circuit. Several varieties are commercially available and the most suitable should be selected in consultation with specialised firms, who have the knowledge of the water in the installations and the area. Be careful if any acid product is being used, due to the fact that is not recommended the PH to be lower than 6.5. Another aspect to take into consideration is the fact that the products being used have to be compatible with the kind of materials composing the cooling towers.

These units will be disinfected twice a year, at the beginning of spring and of autumn, as well as in the following circumstances:

- Before putting into operation.
- If they have been stopped for a long period of time.
- When repairs have been carried out.
- When routine inspection so indicates.
- When the Sanitary Authorities so determines.

Disinfection will be carried out using authorised disinfectants. If chlorine is used, inject 5 p.p.m. of chlorine plus bio dispersants into the basin and set the pumps running for five hours. The fans will be stopped.

In case of use of chlorine only, inject a quantity comprised between 5 and 15 p.p.m., with the fans stopped. The pumps will be allowed to run for 5 hours (check the chlorine level every hour).

Following this, all the water will be drained from the circuit and it will be cleaned thoroughly, adding water until the drain water appears clean.

The water conditions will be controlled continuously and automatically, by purging of dirty water and replacement with clean, addition of bio dispersant agents and biocides, inhibitors to prevent lime scale from building up or the corrosion of the metallic parts of the circuit.

The water will be drained out of the basin when the unit is not in use.

The maintenance functions to be carried out for the different elements are listed below.

7.1.1 Grid
This has to be cleaned monthly, or as frequently as the sediment presence requires.

7.1.2 Basin
This has to be cleaned and drained monthly, or as frequently as the sediment presence requires.

7.1.3 Water make-up
Float valve will be check monthly, as well as the water level in the basin, it always has to work above the grid and suction level of the electric pump.
7.1.4 Electric pump

No special maintenance is needed. After around 10,000 working hours, bearings have to be checked, as well as the mechanical locking. If the tower is being stopped for a while, the removal of all water inside the pump is recommended, by means of the drainage connection at the bottom.

**VERY IMPORTANT!! WHEN RUNNING THE PUMP AFTER BEING STOPPED, ALWAYS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE PUMP MUST BE CHARGED.**

7.1.5 Water distribution system

This has to be checked monthly. To do so, some eliminator blocks have to be removed in order to inspect the inside part. The fans have to be stopped and the electric pump will be switched on.

The nozzles, which are wide passage, with minimum possibilities of breaking down or blocking, allowing perfect water distribution (full cone) over the coil. If by any chance they become clogged, they can be disassembled very easily.

Therefore, the grid will be cleaned, the nozzles will be removed if necessary to do so, and the pump will be switched on, in order to clean the pipes. If the nozzles have to be removed, when reinstalling in their place, be careful to put them in the correct position, as shown in fig. 14.

![Distribution system pipe](image)

Fig. 14

7.1.6 Coil

The coil has to be observed regularly. It has to be considered that this is a key element in the performance of the tower. Therefore, due to the possibilities of scaling, a monthly check is recommended and a daily purge of part of the spraying water.

7.2 In the air flow system

The airflow system does not require any special attention, due to its strength. Nevertheless, like any other moving element it has to be regularly checked, following the instructions below.

7.2.1 Motors

Motor maintenance is essentially limited to keeping winding and cooling ducts clean, as well as attending bearings. If the motor has grease-lubricated bearings, also perform this lubrication.

The casing temperature that can reached approximately to 90 or 100°C, a temperature that the hand cannot resist might lead one to think that the motor is not operating correctly. It is not necessary, as was the custom in the past, to take the casing temperature as the only indicator to determine correct motor operation.

7.2.2 Fans

A monthly inspection has to be carried out, in order to remove any paper, leaves or any other elements which could enter the impellers.

7.2.3 Belts

After eight days operation the belts will stretch. Their tension must be checked and tightened. The tension screws have to be bolted similarly, in order to produce a correct alignment between belts and pulleys. The tension of the belt has to be checked monthly, according to what has been said in point 4.2. The pulleys and belts must be prevented from any contact with grease, oil or any other substances that might deteriorate them, thus reducing their average life.

7.2.4 Fan bearings

They have to be greased every 6 months, using the following or similar grease, based on lithium:

- Keystone-87HX Light
- Humble Oil-Beacon 325
- Shell Oil-Aero Grease 7A

Grease will be applied smoothly, in order to avoid damage to the bearings. After being stopped for long periods, new grease is recommended.
7.3 Casing and water collection basin maintenance
The condenser has to be checked and cleaned twice at year at least. The basin needs cleaning periodically, since otherwise the drain outlets, overflows, valves and circulation pumps would become blocked.
We recommend draining and cleaning each month, or as often as necessary, in accordance with the legislation in force, so as to prevent the build-up of sediment.
At least twice a year the casing will be checked, as well as cleaning the tower external and internally.
If any corrosion is appreciated, proceed in the following way:
1. Clean the affected zone by means of a steel brush.
2. A zinc layer has to be applied
3. Apply an Aluminium layer over the zinc layer.

7.4 Drift eliminator
A general cleaning should be carried out twice a year at least, proceeding to its substitution if necessary.
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D = Every Day
M = Every Month
S = Every six Months
N = When Needed
## Troubleshooting Chart

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<th>Defect</th>
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<td>Motor rotates in opposite direction</td>
<td>Error in connection.</td>
<td>Change two phases in the power supply to the motor.</td>
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<td>Abnormal vibration in mechanical equipment</td>
<td>Fan / fan motor.</td>
<td>Check state of blades and that they are correctly secured. Clean deposits from blades, eventually verify ice formation in winter. Check motor bolts and eventually tight.</td>
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<td>Bad hot water distribution</td>
<td>Nozzles are blocked, broken or lost.</td>
<td>Remove the nozzles and clean them. Eventually replace it.</td>
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<td>Bad thermal efficiency of the tower</td>
<td>Drift eliminator is blocked.</td>
<td>Remove the drift eliminator, clean and eventually replace it. Remove the nozzles and clean them. Eventually replace it. Check recirculation pump (wiring, rotation, flow). Contact water treatment specialist for an appropriate clean. Clean. Eventually replace. Inspect and clean.</td>
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<td>The motor does not start, starts with difficulty or does not reach its rated speed and overheats.</td>
<td>Bad switch connection.</td>
<td>Connect the motor correctly. Find and eliminate the interruption. Find and eliminate the short circuit in the windings (rewind the motor). Find and eliminate the mechanical defects. Find and eliminate the short circuit between the turns or the short circuit to the casing. Extend the duration of stops in motor operation or reduce the number of starts.</td>
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<td>Asymmetry of the current strength in the supply wires</td>
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<td>Temperature relay cuts off current when motor is connected or during operation</td>
<td>Excessive number of motor starts.</td>
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<td>Bearings overheat</td>
<td>Excessive number of motors starts.</td>
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<td>The motor rattles</td>
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<td>BEARING OVERHEATS</td>
<td>Incorrect motor position. Excess of grease in the bearing. Foreign bodies in</td>
<td>Correct anchoring, correct motor position. Eliminate the excess grease. Check</td>
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<td>the bearing. Lack of grease in the bearing. Drive belts are overtight.</td>
<td>the bearings and replace them if necessary. Lubricate them.</td>
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<td>Loosen them.</td>
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<td>BEARING RATTLES WHISTLES AND/OR IS JAMMED</td>
<td>Foreign bodies or irregularities in the ball race of the bearing. Excessive play in the bearing, and perhaps their are not correctly mounted. Bearing is incorrectly assembled.</td>
<td>Check the bearings and replace them if necessary. Check the bearings and replace them if necessary. Replace them.</td>
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<td>PUMP MAKES NOISE</td>
<td>Particles or elements inside pipes. The pump and/or pipe are not well assembled/fixed.</td>
<td>Inspect basin, filter and pipes. Clean and remove. Fix the pipes and/or electric pump correctly.</td>
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## 10. RECOMMENDED WATER CHARACTERISTICS

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<th>Property</th>
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<th>AISI 304 Stainless Steel</th>
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