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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 SCOPE

This DEP specifies requirements and gives recommendations for establishing fouling resistance values for new unfired heat transfer equipment. It may also be used as a common basis for comparison of measured fouling rates.

The fouling-resistance values given are based on average process conditions but shall be interpreted with judgement.

This DEP is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated April 1981; a *summary of the main changes is given in (1.5).*

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#### 1.3.1 General definitions

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The word **shall** indicates a requirement.

The word **should** indicates a recommendation.

### 1.3.2 Specific definitions

**Fouling resistance** a measure of the ultimate additional resistance to heat transfer caused by deposits on and corrosion of the heat transfer material surface. The fouling resistance depends on the type of fluid, the heat-transfer surface material, the temperature conditions, the flow velocities and the operating period between two successive cleaning actions.

**Fouling coefficient** the reciprocal of the fouling resistance.

NOTE: The use of the fouling coefficient has generally been abandoned, since it tends to be confusing that an increase in fouling results in a decrease in the fouling coefficient.

### 1.4 CROSS-REFERENCES

Where cross-references to other parts of this DEP are made, the referenced section number is shown in brackets. Other documents referenced in this DEP are listed in (5).

### 1.5 SUMMARY OF MAIN CHANGES

A summary of the main, non-editorial, changes since the last revision of this DEP are as follows:

Section	Description
2.3	Explains the types of heat exchangers for which the listed fouling resistances apply
3.	Recommended cooling water velocity now varies depending on tube material
5.	Values of fouling coefficient have been removed (explained in the definition in 1.3.2) Table 4 - amended for cracked residues Table 20 - more fluids included Table 21 - new table for LNG plants
Appendix 1	Frictional pressure drops included for cooling water

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND BASIS OF THE DATA

### 2.1 APPLICABILITY OF DATA

Fouling resistance values apply for shell and tube heat exchangers for both shell-side and tube-side fluids as well as for fluids flowing on tube side of air-cooled heat exchangers.

Other types of heat exchangers, non tubular, are not normally designed with these fouling resistance values.

### 2.2 BASIS OF DATA

The values given in (4) are the result of experience and common practice. Tables 1 to 21 are grouped by type of processing unit, since it is impossible to make a proper evaluation of all variables which affect fouling. Table 22 gives values for water and steam.

The values given are based on the assumption that flow velocities, temperature and fluid conditions are comparable in similar units.

The listed values generally do not take into account:

- a) the effect of shell-side or tube-side flow;
- b) the effect of flow velocities;
- c) temperature limitations.

- a) For products containing sediments, cracked products and other unstable materials containing for example polymers, tube-side flow is preferred. Fouling is more pronounced on the shell side of heat exchangers than on the tube-side flow because of dead corners and the effect of bundle bypassing. Therefore for these products the values given are for tube-side flows only, if not otherwise stated.
- b) \*Flow velocities of fluids should be chosen as high as compatible with process requirements and acceptable power consumption, having regard to the effect of erosion and corrosion caused by this velocity. This may be aggravated by the presence of sediments. For tube-side flow the velocity should be not less than 1.0 m/s; for shell-side flow the effective velocity (taking due account of bypass streams) should be not less than 0.5 m/s.

Shell-side velocities can often be improved by the installation of more shells in series.

For cooling water the preferred tube-side flow velocity depends on the tube material as shown in Appendix 1. The minimum allowed velocities are also given in Appendix 1.

- c) \*For cooling water, either from a cooling tower or a once-through system, the maximum water-side skin temperature in clean condition shall be not higher than 52 °C (in view of increased fouling tendency), unless otherwise specified.

\* For those exchangers where definite restrictions are applicable with regard to maximum or minimum skin temperature and minimum or maximum flow velocity, this shall to be specified in the applicable process specification and data/requisition sheets.

### 3. APPLICATION OF LOWER FOULING RESISTANCES

Lower fouling resistances may be appropriate if one or more of the circumstances described below apply. However, such lower values may be applied only where specifically approved by the Principal.

- In services where the surface requirements are significantly influenced by the degree of fouling, it may be advantageous to specify a lower resistance if a reduced period between two successive shutdowns is feasible. This can be achieved for instance by the installation of a spare exchanger in parallel with the one in operation, thus enabling cleaning at any time without plant shutdown. This is especially important where controllability/stability is influenced by fouling, e.g. in thermo-syphon reboilers.
- The maximum allowable pressure drop generally limits the fluid velocity. This means that for designs where low pressure drops have to be applied the fluid velocities will often become low. When the specified fouling resistance is high, resulting in the installation of considerable over-surface in clean condition, the maximum attainable velocity may reduce appreciably. This, in turn, will increase the tendency of fouling. By taking a lower fouling resistance, a smaller heat exchanger will be adequate, thus making it possible to apply a higher velocity and still stay within the limits of allowable pressure drop.

NOTE: The selection of lower fouling resistances should be done with due regard to the drive to longer periods between shutdowns.

**4. FOULING RESISTANCE TABLES**

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21	Liquefied natural gas plant
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**Table 1 DISTILLATION UNITS**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Crude distilling unit</i>	
Crude, waxy	$0.57 \times 10^{-3}$
Crude, non-waxy	$0.43 \times 10^{-3}$
Atmospheric Column overhead vapours	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Gasoline and lighter products	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Kerosine	$0.21 \times 10^{-3}$
Light gas oil	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Heavy gas oil	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Long residue	$0.57 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>High vacuum unit</i>	
Vacuum column overhead vapours	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Vacuum gas oil	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Spindle oil	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Light machine oil	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Medium machine oil	$0.29 \times 10^{-3}$
Cylinder oil	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Dirty wash oil	$0.86 \times 10^{-3}$
Short residue	$0.86 \times 10^{-3}$

**Table 2 LUBOIL PLANTS**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Propane deasphalting unit</i>	
Prediluted short residue	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
De-asphalted oil	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
De-asphalted oil/propane mixture	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Asphalt/propane mixture	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Asphalt	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Propane	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Furfural extraction unit</i>	
Charge oil	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Furfural	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pseudo-raffinate	0.51 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Extract/furfural mixture	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Wet furfural	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Extract	0.51 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Raffinate	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Raffinate/furfural mixture	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>MEK de-waxing unit</i>	
Solvent	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Propane or ammonia	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Waxy oil/solvent mixture	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
De-waxed oil/solvent mixture	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Slack wax/solvent mixture	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
De-waxed oil, above 110°C	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
De-waxed oil, below 110°C	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Slack wax	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Common facilities</i>	
Hot oil	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(MEK = methyl ethyl ketone)

**Table 3 HYDRO-PROCESSING UNITS**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Hydrodesulphurizer/Hydrotreater</i>	
Reactor feed	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor effluent	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stripper feed	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stripper overhead vapour	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Drier overhead vapour	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Platformer</i>	
Reactor charge	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor effluent	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stabilized platformate	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stabilizer feed	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stabilizer overhead vapour	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Hydrogen-rich gas	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 4 CONVERSION UNITS**

Fluid	Fouling resistance $\text{m}^2.\text{K}/\text{W}$
<i>Thermal cracking unit</i>	
Cracked gas oil	$0.43 \times 10^{-3}$
Circulating reflux	$0.57 \times 10^{-3}$
Cracked residues	$\leq 320 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
Cracked residues	$> 320 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
From short residue feed	$1.72 \times 10^{-3}$
Special bitumen or cracked residues ex DTC	$2.15 \times 10^{-3}$
Other cracked residue	$2.86 \times 10^{-3}$
	$1.72 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Catalytic cracking unit</i>	
Light cycle oil	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Heavy cycle oil	$0.29 \times 10^{-3}$
Slurry oil	$0.57 \times 10^{-3}$
Gasoline	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>HF alkylation unit</i>	
Feed	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
HF acid	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
HF acid/Feed mixture	$0.29 \times 10^{-3}$
Alkylate	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Depropanizer feed	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Bitumen blowing unit</i>	
Short residue	$0.86 \times 10^{-3}$
Bitumen	$0.86 \times 10^{-3}$
Blown distillate	$0.57 \times 10^{-3}$
Waste gas	$0.57 \times 10^{-3}$

(DTC = Deep Thermal Conversion)

(HF = hydrofluoric acid)

**Table 5      ETHYLENE PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Feed section</i>	
Gas oil feed	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Naphtha feed	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Quench oil	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Circulating quench media</i>	
Water	0.44 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Light oil	0.35 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Heavy oil	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Regeneration section</i>	
Regeneration gas (inlet)	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Regeneration gas (outlet)	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Cracked gas compressor section</i>	
Compressed cracked gas	0.35 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Fourth stage condensate	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Primary fractionator</i>	
Distillate stripper bottoms	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Fuel oil	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Utilities</i>	
Hot oil	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Warm distillation section</i>	
Gasoline rerun column bottoms	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Gasoline rerun column overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Depropanizer stripper overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Depropanizer rectifier bottoms	0.35 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Depropanizer rectifier overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Debutanizer feed	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Debutanizer bottoms	0.53 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Debutanizer overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Propane/propylene splitter bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Propane/propylene splitter overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**ETHYLENE PLANT (continued)**

<b>Fluid</b>	<b>Fouling resistance m<sup>2</sup>.K/W</b>
<i>Refrigeration section</i>	
Propylene (refrigerant)	0.09 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene (refrigerant)	0.09 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Cold distillation section</i>	
Acetylene (reactor outlet)	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Demethanizer bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Demethanizer overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Deethanizer bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Deethanizer overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>2</sub> splitter bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>2</sub> splitter overheads	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethane product	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene product	0.18 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 6      ETHYLENE OXIDE PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Reactor fluid</i>	
Feed gas to reactor	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor product	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Coolant separator overheads	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Ethylene oxide recovery section</i>	
CO <sub>2</sub> absorber overheads	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub> absorber feed gas	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub> stripper tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene oxide absorber feed	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Lean absorbent	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene oxide stripper feed	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene oxide stripper bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Quench bleed stripper bottoms	0.69 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Glycol bleed reboiler	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Ethylene oxide purification section</i>	
Ethylene oxide stripper tops	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Light ends column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene oxide dehydration column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Acetaldehyde column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene oxide (product)	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Ethylene oxide purification column tops	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Residual gas	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Glycol reaction and recovery section</i>	
Reactor feed	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor product	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Concentrator column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Dehydrator column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Dehydrator column tops	0.085 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**ETHYLENE OXIDE PLANT (continued)**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Glycol purification section</i>	
Glycol column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Glycol recycle column bottoms	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Glycol recycle column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DEG column bottoms	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DEG column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DEG recycle column bottoms	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DEG recycle column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
TEG column bottoms	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
TEG column tops	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Glycol bleed recovery section</i>	
Glycol bleed flasher reboiler	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Glycol bleed dehydration column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Glycol bleed dehydration column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Standard glycol purification column bottoms	0.52 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Standard glycol purification column tops	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

DEG = diethylene glycol

TEG = triethylene glycol

**Table 7 CUMENE PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Feed (73% benzene + 8.8% C <sub>3</sub> + 3.4% cumene + 5% propylene + 6% cyclohexane)	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture of recycle benzene and fresh PP (80% benzene + 8% cyclohexane + 8% PP + 4% cumene)	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Rectifier overheads (61% benzene + 12% iC <sub>4</sub> + 5% cyclohexane)	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Depropanizer bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Depropanizer tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Recycle column bottoms	0.26 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Recycle column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Cumene column bottoms (reboiler)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Cumene column bottoms (cooler)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Cumene column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(PP = propane/propylene)

**Table 8 PHENOL PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Reactor section</i>	
Air (compressor intercooler)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Chillers refrigerant (propylene)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Cleavage product coolers (30% DMK + 46% phenol + by-products)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Concentrator of peroxides up to 55% (evaporators)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Concentrator of peroxides above 55% (evaporators)	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Concentrator (condensers and chillers)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Cumene (99%)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Dimethyl ketone	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Off gas	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Oxidate	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Phenol distillation unit</i>	
Cleavage product preheaters	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Crude acetone column bottoms	0.54 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Crude phenol column bottoms	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pure phenol column bottoms	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pure phenol column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Cracker feed	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Dimethyl ketone distillation unit</i>	
DMK mixture (50% DMK + 25% cumene + 21% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Top product (72% DMK + 13% acetaldehyde)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pure DMK column bottoms (48% cumene + 41% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pure DMK column tops (99% DMK)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Cumene distillation unit</i>	
Any concentration of cumene and alpha methyl styrene	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(DMK = dimethyl ketone)

**Table 9 DI-PHENYLOL PROPANE PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Reactor feed (96% phenol + 4% DMK)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor product	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Dehydration column bottoms (96% phenol + 4% DPP + traces of HCl)	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
1st and 2nd stage flasher bottoms	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
1st and 2nd stage phenol flasher tops	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Brine (10% NaCl + 5% phenol + 85% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DIPE column bottoms	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DIPE column tops (85% DIPE + 15% CH <sub>3</sub> SH)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pure phenol flash column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Flashed phenol evaporators	0.22 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pure DIPE	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
HCl stripper bottoms (22% HCl + 78% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
HCl stripper tops (60% HCl + 40% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(DMK = dimethyl ketone)

(DPP = diphenyol propane)

(DIPE = di-isopropyl ether)

**Table 10 EPIKOTE PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
LIQUID EPIKOTE	
<i>Reactor section</i>	
Reactor overheads	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Epichlorohydrin	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Solvent removal section</i>	
Resins solution	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
MIBK condenser	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
MIBK aftercondenser	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
SOLID EPIKOTE	
<i>Washing section</i>	
Clarified solution	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Evaporator feed (preheater)	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Evaporator overhead condenser	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
MIBK (preheater)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor vent condenser	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
MIBK stripper condenser	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(MIBK = methyl isobutyl ketone)

**Table 11 C<sub>3</sub>= SOLVENT PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Crude/PA unit</i>	
Reactor feed (81% C <sub>3</sub> = +12% H <sub>2</sub> O + 7% IPA)	0.21 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor product (77% C <sub>3</sub> = + 10% H <sub>2</sub> O + 13% IPA)	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>IPA recovery unit</i>	
Pure IPA	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture (20% IPA + 10% H <sub>2</sub> O + 70% benzene)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixtures of water and IPA at any %	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Water (recirculation)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>DMK conversion unit</i>	
Feed (87.5% IPA + 12.5% H <sub>2</sub> O) preheaters	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Product (47% DMK + 21% IPA + H <sub>2</sub> O) coolers	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>DMK recovery unit</i>	
Pure DMK	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(IPA = isopropyl alcohol)

(DMK = dimethyl ketone)

**Table 12 C<sub>4</sub>= SOLVENT PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Crude SBA unit</i>	
Mixture butane/butylene (80% C <sub>4</sub> -0 + 20% C <sub>4</sub> =-2)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Bottom product (38% C <sub>4</sub> -0 + 50% SBE + 12% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	0.57 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reactor coolers (66% C <sub>4</sub> (total) + 34% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Debutanizer tops (59% C <sub>4</sub> = + 41% C <sub>4</sub> -0 + traces of H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> and polymers)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Debutanizer bottoms (55% SBA + 37% H <sub>2</sub> O + 8% SBE)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Caustic evaporator (58% H <sub>2</sub> O + 42% caustic)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> concentration unit</i>	
Acid coolers (72% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + 28% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>SBA recovery unit</i>	
Any mixture of SBA and water	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture (60% SBA + 40% polymers)	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>MEK conversion unit</i>	
Feed (pure SBA)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Product (71% MEK + 26% SBA)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>MEK recovery unit</i>	
Light ends column tops (42% IPE + 55% MEK)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Finishing column bottoms (93% SBA + 5% polymers)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Finishing column tops (pure MEK)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(SBA = secondary butyl alcohol)

(SBE = secondary butyl ether)

(IPE = isopropyl ether)

(MEK = methyl ethyl ketone)

Table 13 BUTADIENE PLANT

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Pure butadiene	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Butane/butylene	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture of butane/butylene/butadiene (condensing)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture of butane/butylene/butadiene (boiling)	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture of butadiene and solvent (ACN)	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture of ACN and water	0.68 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Heavy ends (12% butadiene + 30% VAC + 17% C <sub>4</sub> = + 15% iC <sub>4</sub> =)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Fractionation bottom product	0.86 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(ACN = acetonitrile)

(VAC = vinyl acetylene)

Table 14 SULFOLANE PLANT

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Stripper bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stripper tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Recovery column bottoms	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Recovery column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Raffinate	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Lean solvent (Sulfolane)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Fat solvent (Sulfolane + hydrocarbons)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Extract (aromatics)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Mixture of Sulfolane and water (water evaporator)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Sulfolane regenerator reboiler*	2.46 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Water stripper reboiler	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

NOTE\*: Steam injection into the regenerator can reduce fouling resistance.

**Table 15 AROMATICS PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Benzene	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Toluene	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Xylenes	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Heavier aromatics	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Any mixture of benzene/toluene/ xylenes/heavier aromatics	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 16 XYLENES PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Orthoxylene distillation unit</i>	
Feed (20% EB + 16% PX + 32% MX + 11% OX + C <sub>9</sub> )	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Xylenes splitter bottoms (13% PX + 66% OX + C <sub>9</sub> aromatics)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Xylenes splitter tops (20% EB + 24% PX + 53% MX + 1.4% OX)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
OX recovery column bottoms (6% OX + C <sub>9</sub> )	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
OX recovery column tops (97% OX)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Crystallization unit</i>	
Paraxylene	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Any mixture of MX, PX and EB	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reboilers of strippers	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Isomerization unit</i>	
Any mixture of OX, MX, PX and EB	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Reboilers of strippers	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(EB = ethyl benzene)

(PX = paraxylene)

(MX = metaxylene)

(OX = orthoxylene)

**Table 17      UREA WAX PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Reactor vapour (98.5% DCM + 1.5% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stripper overheads (72% DCM + 28% H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Drier overheads	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Decomposer vapour	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Concentrator vapour (90% H <sub>2</sub> O + 9% DCM + traces of NH <sub>3</sub> + CO <sub>2</sub> + air)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Vent gas (96% DCM + CO <sub>2</sub> + NH <sub>3</sub> + air + H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Decomposer circulation (91% wax + 3% oil + 6% DCM)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Paraffin stripper feed (91% wax + 3% oil + 6% DMK)	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Drier column feed (25% DCM + 75% oil)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
High pressure column preheaters	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Low, medium and high pressure columns evaporators	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Oil stripper feed (10% DCM + 90% oil)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(DCM = dichloromethane)

(DMK = dimethyl ketone)

**Table 18 WAX CRACKING UNIT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
Wax cracker residue	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Fractionator overhead vapour	0.43 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stabilizer feed	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stabilizer bottom product	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Stabilizer top product	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>6</sub> /C <sub>8</sub> column bottoms	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>6</sub> /C <sub>8</sub> column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>8</sub> /C <sub>10</sub> column bottoms	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>8</sub> /C <sub>10</sub> column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>10</sub> column bottoms	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>10</sub> column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>11</sub> /C <sub>12</sub> column bottoms	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>11</sub> /C <sub>12</sub> column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>13</sub> /C <sub>14</sub> column bottoms	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>13</sub> /C <sub>14</sub> column tops	0.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>15</sub> /C <sub>18</sub> bottoms (reboiler)	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
C <sub>15</sub> /C <sub>18</sub> product (cooler)	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Slops C <sub>6</sub> /C <sub>18</sub>	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 19 LUBOIL HYDROCRACKING UNIT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Shell side</i>	
Charge/effluent heat exchangers and combined effluent air cooler. Feedstock:	
WD-60	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-90	0.21 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-95	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-130	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-160	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DAO	0.34 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
<i>Tube side</i>	
Charge/effluent heat exchangers and combined effluent air cooler. Feedstock:	
WD-60	0.21 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-90	0.21 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-95	0.21 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-130	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
WD-160	0.25 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DAO	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Heat exchanger equipment for fresh gas and/or recycle gas	0.19 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Hot recycle gas air cooler	0.29 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

(WD = waxy distillate)

(DAO = de-asphalting oil)

**Table 20 TREATING UNITS**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<b>GAS</b>	
<i>SULFINOL process</i>	
Fat sulfinol : tube side	$0.26 \times 10^{-3}$
Lean sulfinol : shell or tube side	$0.26 \times 10^{-3}$
Overhead vapours (mainly steam condensation) shell or tube side	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Reclaimer vapours (steam + sulfinol): shell or tube side	$0.26 \times 10^{-3}$
Solvent in PFHE	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>ADIP/SCOT process</i>	
Fat ADIP : tube side	$0.36 \times 10^{-3}$
Lean ADIP : shell or tube side	$0.36 \times 10^{-3}$
Overhead vapour (mainly steam condensation)	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Process gas cooler (tube side)	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>CLAUS process</i>	
Process gas (WHB, tube side)	$0.52 \times 10^{-3}$
Process gas (S-cond., tube side)	$0.52 \times 10^{-3}$
Acid gas feed (preheater, tube side)	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Sour Water Stripper offgas (preheater, tube side)	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Liquid sulphur (steam coils)	$0.52 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>LIQUID</b>	
<i>Sour water stripper</i>	
Sour water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Stripped water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Desalter</i>	
Stripped sour water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$

(ADIP = aqueous solution of DIPA)

(DIPA = di-isopropanol amine)

**Table 21 LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS PLANT**

Fluid	Fouling resistance m <sup>2</sup> .K/W
<i>Natural Gas Circuit</i>	
Wet Natural Gas	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Dehydrated Natural Gas	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Mixed Refrigerant Circuit</i>	
Mixed Refrigerant	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Propane Circuit</i>	
Propane	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Fractionation unit</i>	
Hydrocarbon liquids	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Heat Transfer Fluid	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Hot water	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Fuel gas	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>Sulfinol process</i>	
Fat sulfinol : tube side	$0.26 \times 10^{-3}$
Lean sulfinol : shell or tube side	$0.26 \times 10^{-3}$
Overhead vapours (mainly steam): shell or tube side	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Reclaimer vapours (steam + sulfinol): shell or tube side	$0.26 \times 10^{-3}$
Solvent in PFHE	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$

**Table 22     VALUES FOR WATER AND STEAM**

Fluid	Fouling resistance $\text{m}^2.\text{K/W}$
Clear sea water	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Dirty sea water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Brackish water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Dirty brackish water	$0.52 \times 10^{-3}$
Fresh treated water	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Non-treated fresh water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Stripped water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Sour water	$0.34 \times 10^{-3}$
Closed recirculating cooling water system	$0.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Open recirculating cooling water system	$0.29 \times 10^{-3}$
Steam + (sour) condensate	$0.17 \times 10^{-3}$
Steam	$0.085 \times 10^{-3}$

## 5. REFERENCES

In this DEP, reference is made to the following publications:

NOTE: Unless specifically designated by date, the latest edition of each publication shall be used, together with any amendments, supplements or revisions thereto.

### **SHELL STANDARDS**

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## APPENDIX 1 COOLING WATER DATA

Table 1-1 COOLING WATER VELOCITIES (TUBE SIDE)

Tube material*	Preferred velocity for design m/s	Velocity	
		Minimum	Maximum
1. Aluminium brass, B111-C68700	1.5	1.0	2.2
2. Copper nickel (90 Cu-10 Ni), B111-C70600	1.8	1.0	2.5
3. Copper nickel (70 Cu-30Ni), B111-C71640	2.1	1.0	3.0
4. Carbon steel	1.5	1.0	2.2
5. Stainless steel	2.5	2.0	4.5
6. Titanium	3.5	2.5	5.0

NOTE\*: Materials selection shall be done in consultation with the materials and corrosion engineer

Table 1-2 COOLING WATER FRICTIONAL PRESSURE DROP (TUBE SIDE)

Tube material	FRICTIONAL PRESSURE DROP (Pa/m)		
	For preferred velocity	For minimum velocity	For maximum velocity
1. Aluminium brass, B111-C68700	1 800	900	3 600
2. Copper nickel (90 Cu-10 Ni), B111-C70600	2 500	900	4 500
3. Copper nickel (70 Cu-30Ni), B111-C71640	3 300	900	6 100
4. Carbon steel	1 940	960	3 800
5. Stainless steel	4 430	3 000	12 400
6. Titanium	7 200	4 000	13 400

Pressure drop is calculated for a tube OD of 19.05 mm with wall thickness in accordance with DEP 31.21.01.30-Gen. Wall thickness of titanium tubes = 0.914 mm (SWG 20).

The frictional pressure drop on tube side can be estimated by using the above table. This pressure drop still needs correcting for inlet, contraction, turnaround, expansion and outlet losses.