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Preface

This manual provides information needed to install, operate and carry out maintenance of your gasketed plate-and-frame heat exchanger.

Safety considerations
The heat exchanger shall be used and maintained in accordance with Alfa Laval’s instructions in this manual. Incorrect handling of the heat exchanger may result in serious consequences with injuries to persons and/or property damage. Alfa Laval will not accept responsibility for any damage or injury resulting from not following the instructions in this manual.

Your heat exchanger should be used in accordance with the specified configuration of material, media types, temperatures and pressure for your specific heat exchanger.

The following models are covered in this manual:
• M3
• M6
• M10
• TS6
• T2
• T5
• T8
• TL3
• TL6

Prior knowledge
The heat exchanger shall be operated by persons who have studied the instructions in this manual and have knowledge of the process. This includes knowledge of precautions regarding media type, pressures, temperatures in the heat exchanger as well as specific precautions required by the process.

Maintenance and installation of the heat exchanger shall be done by persons who have knowledge and authorization according to local regulations. This may include actions such as piping, welding and other kind of maintenance.

For maintenance actions not described in this manual, contact your Alfa Laval representative for advice.

Definitions of expressions

⚠️ Warning!
Type of hazard
WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ Caution!
Type of hazard
CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

Note!
NOTE indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

PHE drawings
PHE (plate heat exchanger) drawings mentioned in the manual are the drawings included in the delivery of the heat exchanger.

Warranty conditions
The warranty conditions are usually included in the signed sales contract prior to the order of the delivered heat exchanger. Alternatively, the warranty conditions are included in the sales offer documentation or with a reference to the document specifying the valid conditions. If faults occur during the specified warranty period, always consult your local Alfa Laval representative for advice.

Report the date when the heat exchanger was put into operation to the local Alfa Laval representative.

Advice
Always consult your local Alfa Laval representative for advice on:
• New plate pack dimensions if you intend to change the number of plates
• Selection of gasket material if operating temperatures and pressures are permanently changed, or if another medium is to be processed in the heat exchanger

Storage of the heat exchanger
Alfa Laval delivers the heat exchanger ready to be put into service upon arrival, if nothing else has been agreed. Nevertheless, keep the heat exchanger in the packing box until installation.

If storing for longer periods of time, such as one month or longer, certain precautions should be made to avoid unnecessary damage to the heat exchanger. Refer to "Outdoor storage" and "Indoor storage" on page 5.

Note!
Alfa Laval and its representatives reserve the right to inspect the storage space and/or equipment whenever necessary until the expiration of the warranty period stipulated in the contract. Notification must be given 10 days prior to the date of inspection.

If there is any uncertainty about the storage of the heat exchanger, consult an Alfa Laval representative.
Storage in packing box
If storage of the heat exchanger after delivery is known in advance, inform Alfa Laval when ordering the heat exchanger to ensure that it will be properly prepared for storage before packing.

Indoor storage
- Store inside a room with the temperature between 15 and 20°C (60–70°F) and humidity up to 70%. For outdoor storage read “Outdoor storage” on this page.
- To prevent damage to the gaskets, there should not be any ozone-producing equipment in the room such as electric motors or welding equipment.
- To prevent damage to the gaskets, do not store organic solvents or acids in the room and avoid direct sunlight, intensive heat radiation or ultraviolet radiation.
- The tightening bolts should be well covered with a thin layer of grease. Refer to “Closing” on page 26.

Outdoor storage
If you need to store your heat exchanger outdoors, follow all the precautions in the “Indoor storage” section as well as the precautions listed below.

Environmental compliance
Alfa Laval endeavours to perform its own operations as cleanly and efficiently as possible, and to take environmental aspects into consideration when developing, designing, manufacturing, servicing and marketing its products.

Unpacking
Packing material consists of wood, plastics, cardboard boxes and, in some cases, metal straps.
- Wood and cardboard boxes can be reused, recycled or used for energy recovery.
- Plastics should be recycled or burnt at a licensed waste incineration plant.
- Metal straps should be sent for material recycling.

Maintenance
- All metal parts should be sent for material recycling.
- Oil and all non-metal wear parts must be taken care of in accordance with local regulations.

Scraping
At end of use, the equipment shall be recycled according to relevant, local regulations. Besides the equipment itself, any hazardous residues from the process liquid must be considered and dealt with in a proper manner. When in doubt, or in the absence of local regulations, please contact the local Alfa Laval sales company.
## Description

### Components

Main components

| No. | Component          | Description                                                                                                                                 |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------........................................................................................................|
| 1   | **Frame plate**    | Fixed plate with a various number of portholes for the connection of the piping system. The carrying and guiding bar are attached to the frame plate. |
| 2   | **Carrying bar**   | Carries the plate pack and the pressure plate.                                                                                      |
| 3   | **Plate pack**     | Heat is transferred from one media to the other through the plates. The plate pack consists of channel plates, end plates, gaskets and in some cases transition plates. The measurement of the plate pack is the A dimension, i.e the measurement between frame plate and pressure plate. Refer to the PHE drawing. |
| 4   | **Pressure plate** | Moveable plate that can contain a various number of portholes for the connection of the piping system.                               |
| 5   | **Guiding bar**    | Keeps the channel plates, connection plates and the pressure plate alligned at their lower end.                                        |
| 6   | **Support column** | Supports carrying and guiding bars. For some smaller heat exchanger models no support column is used.                                |
| 7   | **Tightening bolts** | Compress the plate pack between the frame plate and the pressure plate. There are usually four tightening bolts used, in some cases six, these are used to open and close the heat exchanger. Remaining bolts are used as locking bolts. |
| 8   | **Portholes**      | Portholes through the frame plate allow the media to enter into or exit from the heat exchanger. Different types of connections can be used to connect the piping system to the apparatus. The portholes may be protected against corrosion by metal or rubber linings. |
## Description

### Connections

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<th><strong>Pipe connections</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Stud bolts</strong></th>
<th>Threaded stud bolts around the portholes secure the flange connections to the apparatus.</th>
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<td><strong>Squared loose flange</strong></td>
<td>The squared loose flange is a special flange supplied by Alfa Laval to be used with the customers piping and is attached with four stud bolts.</td>
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### Optional components

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<th><strong>Foot</strong></th>
<th>Gives stability and is used to secure the heat exchanger with bolts to the foundation. Feet is an optional feature.</th>
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<td><strong>Protection sheets</strong></td>
<td>Cover the plate pack and protect against leakage of hot or aggressive fluids and the hot plate pack.</td>
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<td><strong>Bolt protection</strong></td>
<td>Plastic tubes that protect the threads of the tightening bolts.</td>
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<td><strong>Insulation</strong></td>
<td>For applications where the heat exchanger surface will be hot or cold, insulation can be used.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Earthing lug</strong></td>
<td>An earthing connection is used to eliminate the risk of static electricity building up in the equipment.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Nozzle cover</strong></td>
<td>Protection to avoid particles to enter into the heat exchanger during transportation.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Drip tray</strong></td>
<td>Depending on the type of fluid in the heat exchanger and the type of installation, a drip tray (drainage box) may be necessary to avoid injury to personnel and damage to equipment.</td>
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Name plate
The type of unit, manufacturing number and manufacturing year can be found on the name plate. Pressure vessel details in accordance with the applicable pressure vessel code are also given. The name plate is fixed to the frame plate, most commonly, or the pressure plate. The name plate can be a steel plate or a sticker label.

**Warning!**
The design pressures and temperatures for each unit are marked on the name plate. These must not be exceeded.

**Caution!**
Avoid aggressive chemicals for cleaning the heat exchanger when a sticker label is used.

The design pressure (11) and the design temperature (10), as given on the name plate, are the values against which the heat exchanger is approved according to the pressure vessel code in question. The design temperature (10) may exceed the maximum operating temperature (8) for which the gaskets have been selected for. If the operating temperatures as specified on the PHE drawing are to be changed the supplier should be consulted.

1. Space for logotype
2. Open space
3. Website for service
4. Drawing of possible locations of connections/Locatio of 3A tag for 3A units
5. Space for mark of approval
6. Warning, read manual
7. Date of pressure test
8. Maximum operating temperature
9. Manufacturer test pressure (PT)
10. Allowable temperatures Min/Max (TS)
11. Allowable pressures Min/Max (PS)
12. Decisive volume or volume for each fluid (V)
13. Locations of the connections for each fluid
14. Decisive fluid group
15. Year of manufacture
16. Serial number
17. Type
18. Manufacturer’s name

**Figure 1. Example of CE metallic name plate to the left and CE sticker label name plate to the right**
Description

Function
The heat exchanger consists of a pack of corrugated metal plates with portholes for the input and output of the two separate fluids. The heat transfer between the two fluids takes place through the plates.

The plate pack is assembled between a frame plate and a pressure plate and compressed by tightening bolts. The plates are fitted with a gasket which seals the channel and directs the fluids into alternate channels. The plate corrugation promotes fluid turbulence and supports the plates against differential pressure.

Figure 2. Example of a single-pass set up.
Multi-pass
Multi-pass sections can be created by using turning plates with 1, 2 or 3 unholed ports. The main purpose is to change the flow direction of one or both fluids.

For some units, a partition plate is required to support the unholed ports in the turning plates. A transition plate also needs to be added to the pack to prevent media from coming into contact with the partition plate or pressure plate.

An example of where multi-pass can be used is in processes that require longer heating periods if the media requires slower heating.

1. End plate I
2. End plate II
3. Channel plate
4. Transition plate
5. Turning plate

Figure 3. Example of a multi-pass set up

Identification of plate side
The A side of the plate is identified by a stamp with the letter A or the model name, in some cases both, at the top of the plate (refer to image below)
Installation

Before installation

To consider before installation

• Before connecting any piping, make sure all foreign objects have been flushed out of the piping system that should be connected to the heat exchanger.
• Before start-up, check that all the tightening bolts are firmly tightened and that the plate pack has the correct measurements. Refer to the PHE drawing.
• When connecting the piping system, make sure the pipes do not subject the heat exchanger to stress or strain.
• To avoid water hammer, do not use fast-closing valves.
• Make sure that no air remains inside the heat exchanger.
• Safety valves shall be installed according to current pressure vessel regulations.
• It is recommended that protection sheets are used to cover the plate pack. Protect against the leakage of hot or aggressive fluids and the hot plate pack.
• If the heat exchanger surface temperature is expected to be hot or cold, take protective actions, such as insulate the heat exchanger, to avoid risk for personnel injuries. Always ensure that required actions are according to local regulations.
• Design pressures and temperatures for each model are marked on the name plate. These shall not be exceeded.

Requirements

Space
Please refer to the delivered PHE drawing for actual measurements.

1. Free space is required for lifting plates in and out.
2. Free space is required under the lower tightening/locking bolt for maintenance. This space must be at least the length of the bolt.
3. Supports for the guiding bar may be needed.
4. Do not use fixed pipes or other fixed parts like feet, fasteners etc. inside the shaded area.

Foundation
Install on a flat foundation giving enough support to the frame.
Installation

Elbow
To make it easier to disconnect the heat exchanger, an elbow should be fitted to the connection in the pressure plate, directed upwards or sideways, and with another flange located just outside the contour of the heat exchanger.

Shut-off valve
To be able to open the heat exchanger, shut-off valves should be provided in all connections.

Connection
Different types of connections can be used to connect the piping system to the apparatus.

Flanged connections can be attached with either pin bolts or headed bolts.

Avoid excessive loads from the piping system.

Make sure the pipe connections are securely held when working on the pipings.

Caution!
Turning of the connections will damage the gaskets on the end plate and cause leakage.

Note!
Using headed bolts require careful measuring to ensure that the bolts get the correct engaged threaded length into the frame plate and the minimum engagement length (min) are stated in the PHE drawing. The maximum engagement threaded length (max) in the frame plate is limited, refer to the PHE drawing.

The engaged threaded length must be maintained within the limits for the tightened heat exchanger.

Caution!
Failing to achieve correct engaged threaded length for headed bolt may result in leakage, damage to the frame plate and injury to personnel.

Connections in the pressure plate
It is important that the plate pack has been tightened to the correct dimension A (check against the PHE drawing) before the piping system is connected.

When opening the heat exchanger, the pressure plate must be moved. Do not use fixed pipes or other parts like feet, fasteners etc. inside the shaded area.

Drip tray (optional)
Depending on the type of fluid in the heat exchanger and the type of installation, a drip tray (drainage box) may be necessary to avoid injury to personnel and damage to equipment.

Note!
Put the drip tray in place before positioning the heat exchanger.
Installation

Lifting
Straps should be used when lifting the heat exchanger. Place straps according to picture with a minimum angle of 45°.

![Figure 4. Lifting TS6](image)

**Warning!**
Never lift by the connections or the studs around them.

**Caution!**
The straps shall be long enough to be able to rotate the heat exchanger without obstruction. Consider especially the space for the support column.

Raising
This instruction is valid when raising the heat exchanger after delivery from Alfa Laval. Only use a strap approved for the weight of the heat exchanger. Follow the principle of the instruction below.

**Caution!**
The straps shall be long enough to be able to rotate the heat exchanger without obstruction. Consider especially the space for the support column.

**Step 1**
Place two timber beams on the floor.
**Installation**

**Step 2**
Lift the heat exchanger off the pallet using e.g. straps.

**Step 3**
Place the heat exchanger on the timber beams.

**Step 4**
Place straps around one bolt on each side.

**Step 5**
Lift the heat exchanger off the timber beams.

**Step 6**
Lower the heat exchanger into a horizontal position and place it on the floor.
Operation

Start-up
During the start-up, check that there are no visible leakages from the plate pack, valves or piping system.

Caution!
Before pressurizing the heat exchanger, it is important to ensure that the temperature of the heat exchanger is within the temperature range as stated in the PHE drawing.

Caution!
If the temperature of the heat exchanger is below the minimum temperature for the gaskets prior to the service, it is recommended to heat the heat exchanger above this limit to avoid cold leakage.

Note!
If several pumps are included in the system, make sure you know which one should be activated first.

Centrifugal pumps must be started with valves closed and the valves must be operated as smoothly as possible.

Do not run pumps temporarily empty on the suction side.

Note!
Adjustments of flow rates should be made slowly in order to avoid the risk of pressure surge (water hammer).

Water hammer is a short lasting pressure peak that can appear during the start-up or shut-down of a system, causing liquids to travel along a pipe as a wave at the speed of sound. This can cause considerable damage to the equipment.

Step 1
Before start-up, check that all the tightening bolts are firmly tightened and that the dimension A is correct. Refer to the PHE drawing.

Step 2
Check that the valve is closed between the pump and the unit controlling the system flow rate to avoid pressure surge.
Operation

Step 3
If there is a vent valve installed at the exit, make sure it is fully open.

Step 4
Increase the flow rate slowly.

Step 5
Open the air vent and start the pump.

Step 6
Open the valve slowly.

Note!
Avoid rapid temperature changes in the heat exchanger. With media temperatures over 100°C, slowly increase the temperature, preferably at least for one hour.

Step 7
When all the air is expelled, close the air vent.

Step 8
Repeat Step 3 to Step 7 for the second media.
Unit in operation
Adjustments of flow rates should be made slowly in order to protect the system against sudden
and extreme variations of temperature and pressure.

During operation, check that media temperatures and pressures are within the limits stated on
the name plate and the PHE drawing.

Warning!
In case of failures that endanger safety operation, turn off the flow to the heat exchanger
in order to decrease the pressure and stop heat transfer.

Shut-down

Note!
If several pumps are included in the system, make sure you know which one should be
stopped first.

Step 1
Slowly close the valve controlling the flow rate of the pump you
are about to stop.

Step 2
When the valve is closed, stop the pump.

Step 3
Repeat Step 1 and Step 2 for the other side for the second
media.

Step 4
If the heat exchanger is shut down for several days or longer, it
should be drained. Draining should also be done if the process
is shut down and the ambient temperature is below the freezing
temperature of the media. Depending on the media processed,
it is also recommended to rinse and dry the heat exchanger
plates and connections.

Note!
Avoid vacuum in the heat exchanger by opening the
vent valves.
Maintenance

To keep the heat exchanger in good condition, regular maintenance is required. It is recommended to record all maintenance of the heat exchanger.

The plates need to be cleaned on a regular basis. The frequency depends on several factors such as type of media and temperature. Different methods can be used for cleaning (refer to "Cleaning – Non-product side" on page 18) or reconditioning can be performed at an Alfa Laval service center.

After a long period of use, it can be required to regasket the heat exchanger. Refer to "Regasketing" on page 25.

Other maintenance that should be performed regularly:

- Keep the carrying bar and guiding bar clean and grease.
- Keep the tightening bolts cleaned and greased.
- Check that all the tightening bolts are firmly tightened and that the dimension A is correct. Refer to the PHE drawing.

Cleaning – Non-product side

The cleaning-in-place (CIP) equipment permits cleaning of the heat exchanger without opening it. The purpose of cleaning with CIP is as follows:

- Cleaning of fouling and descaling of lime deposits
- Passivation of cleaned surfaces to reduce susceptibility to corrosion
- Neutralization of cleaning liquids before draining

Follow the instructions of the CIP equipment.

Warning!
Use proper protective equipment, such as safety boots, safety gloves and eye protection, when using the cleaning agents.

Warning!
Corrosive cleaning liquids. Can cause serious injuries to skin and eyes!

CIP equipment

Contact an Alfa Laval sales representative for the size of CIP equipment.

Caution!
The residuals after a cleaning procedure shall be handled according to local environmental regulations. After neutralization most cleaning solutions may be drained into the waste water system under the condition that the fouling deposits do not contain heavy metals or other toxic or environmentally dangerous compounds. Prior to disposal, it is recommended to analyze the neutralized chemicals for any hazardous compounds that were removed from the system.
Maintenance

Cleaning liquids

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<td>AlfaCaus</td>
<td>A strong alkaline liquid, for removing paint, fat, oil and biological deposits.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AlfaPhos</td>
<td>An acid cleaning liquid for removing metallic oxides, rust, lime and other inorganic scale. Contains repassivation inhibitor</td>
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<tr>
<td>AlfaNeutra</td>
<td>A strong alkaline liquid for neutralization of AlfaPhos before drainage.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alfa P-Neutra</td>
<td>For neutralization of Alfa P-Scale.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alfa P-Scale</td>
<td>An acidic powder cleaner for the removal of primary carbonate scale but also other inorganic scale.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AlfaDescalent</td>
<td>A non-hazardous acidic cleaning agent for the removal of inorganic scale.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AlfaDegreaser</td>
<td>A non-hazardous cleaning agent for the removal of oil, grease or wax deposits. Also prevents foaming when using Alpacon Descaler.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AlfaAdd</td>
<td>AlfaAdd is a neutral cleaning strengthener designed to be used with AlfaPhos, AlfaCaus and Alfa P-Scale. 0.5–1 vol% is added to the total diluted cleaning solution to provide better cleaning results on oily and fatty surfaces and where biological growth occurs. AlfaAdd also reduces any foaming.</td>
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If CIP cannot be done, cleaning must be done manually. Refer to Manual cleaning of opened units on page 24.

Chlorine as a growth inhibitor

Chlorine, commonly used as a growth inhibitor in cooling water systems, reduces the corrosion resistance of stainless steels (including high alloys like Alloy 254).

Chlorine weakens the protection layer of these steels making them more susceptible to corrosion attacks than they otherwise would be. It is a matter of time of exposure and concentration.

In all cases where the chlorination of non-titanium equipment cannot be avoided, your local representative must be consulted.

Water of more than 330 ppm Cl ions may not be used in the preparation of cleaning solutions.

Caution!
Ensure that the handling of residuals after using chlorines follow local environmental regulations.
Maintenance

Opening
During manual cleaning, it is necessary to open the heat exchanger to clean the plates.

**Note!**
Before opening the heat exchanger, check the warranty conditions. If in any doubt, contact the Alfa Laval sales representative. Refer to "Warranty conditions" on page 4.

**Warning!**
If the heat exchanger is hot, wait until it has cooled down to about 40°C (104°F).

**Warning!**
If necessary, use proper protective equipment, such as safety boots, safety gloves and eye protection, depending on the type of media in the heat exchanger.

Bolt configuration
The bolt configuration of the heat exchanger varies between different models. The major force of the plate pack is held by the tightening bolts (TB). To distribute the force evenly over the frame plate and pressure plate, locking bolts (LB) are used as well. The locking bolts can be shorter and can have smaller dimensions. In the opening and closing procedure, it is important to identify the tightening bolts (TB) and the locking bolts (LB). Refer to the picture below.

![Bolt configuration diagram]

**Step 1**
Shut down the heat exchanger.

**Step 2**
Close the valves and isolate the heat exchanger from the rest of the system.
Step 3
Drain the heat exchanger.

Note!
Avoid vacuum in the heat exchanger by opening the vent valves.

Step 4
Remove the protection sheets, if any.

Step 5
Dismantle pipes from the pressure plate so that the pressure plate are free to move along the carrying bar.

Step 6
Inspect the sliding surfaces of the carrying bar and wipe clean and grease.

Step 7
Mark the plate assembly on the outside by a diagonal line.

Step 8
Measure and note the dimension A.
Step 9
Loosen and remove the locking bolts. Identify them according to “Bolt configuration” on page 20.

Note!
Brush the threads of the tightening bolts with a steel wire brush and then grease the threads before loosening the tightening bolts.

Step 10
Use the tightening bolts to open the heat exchanger. During the opening procedure keep the frame plate and pressure plate parallel. Skewing of the pressure plate during opening must not exceed 10 mm (2 turns per bolt) across the width and 25 mm (5 turns per bolt) vertically.

Loosen the four tightening bolts (1), (2), (3), (4) diagonally until the plate pack A measure is 1.05 making sure that the frame plate and pressure plate are parallel while opening. Continue alternating between each bolt until all reaction forces of the plate pack have disappeared. Then remove the bolts.
Step 11
Open the plate pack by letting the pressure plate glide on the carrying bar. Usually it is not necessary to remove the plates to clean them.

Caution!
To avoid hand injuries owing to sharp edges, protective gloves should always be worn when handling plates and protection sheets.

Caution!
When opening the plate pack of the models M3, T2 and TL3, be careful when moving the pressure plate. Make sure the pressure plate is positioned safely from the end of the carrying bar.
A starlock ring (spare part no. 33500045-45) can be attached to the end of the carrying bar to make sure the pressure plate will not pass the end of the carrying bar.

If plates are to be numbered, do this before removing the plates. Plates need not be removed if cleaning is done using only water, i.e. without a cleaning agent.

Warning!
The plate pack may still contain a small residual amount of liquid after draining. Depending on the type of product and type of installation, special arrangements, e.g. drainage box, may be necessary to avoid injury to personnel and damage to equipment.
Maintenance

Manual cleaning of opened units

**Caution!**
Never use hydrochloric acid with stainless steel plates. Water of more than 330 ppm Cl may not be used in the preparation of cleaning solutions. It is very important that aluminium carrying bars and support columns are protected against chemicals.

**Note!**
Be careful not to damage the gasket during manual cleaning.

**Warning!**
Use proper protective equipment, such as safety boots, safety gloves and eye protection, when using the cleaning agents.

**Warning!**
Corrosive cleaning liquids. Can cause serious injuries to skin and eyes!

Deposits removable with water and brush
Plates do not need to be removed from the heat exchanger during cleaning.

**Step 1**
Start cleaning when the heating surface is still wet and the plates are hanging in the frame.

**Step 2**
Remove deposits using a soft brush and running water.

**Step 3**
Rinse with water using a high pressure hose.
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Deposits not removable with water and brush
Plates must be removed from the heat exchanger during cleaning. For a choice of cleaning agents, refer to “Cleaning liquids” on page 13.

Step 1
Brush with cleaning agent.

Step 2
Rinse immediately with water.

**Note!**
Long exposure to the cleaning agents can damage the gasket glue.
Closing
Follow the instructions below to ensure that the heat exchanger will be properly closed.

For bolt identification, refer to “Bolt configuration” on page 20.

Step 1
Check that all the sealing surfaces are clean.

Step 2
Brush the threads of the bolts clean, using a steel wire brush or the Alfa Laval thread cleaner. Lubricate the threads with a thin layer of grease, e.g. Gleitmo 800 or its equivalent.

Step 3
Attach the gaskets to the plates or check that all gaskets are properly attached. Check that all gaskets are correctly positioned in the grooves.

Note!
If the gasket is wrongly positioned, it will show by the fact that it rises out of the gasket groove or that it is positioned outside the groove.

Step 4
If the plates have been removed, insert them in alternate directions and with the gaskets turned towards the frame plate or pressure plate as specified on the plate hanging list. Use the marked line that was made when the heat exchanger was opened, refer to Step 7 in “Opening” on page 20.

Step 5
If the plate pack has been marked on the outside, check this (see Step 7 in “Opening” on page 20). If the plates are correctly assembled (A/B/A/B etc.), the edges form a “honeycomb” pattern, see picture.
Step 6
Press the plate pack together. Position the four tightening bolts according to the figure. Tighten the four bolts (1), (2), (3), (4) until the plate pack measure A is 1.10 making sure the frame plate and pressure plate are parallel when closing.

Step 7
Tighten the four bolts (1), (2), (3), (4) evenly until dimension A has been reached.

**Note!**
For TL6: Add the middle bolts and continue to tighten 10 mm or less with bolt 5 and 6. Then tighten the remaining bolts with the same length. Repeat these steps until dimension A is achieved.

When a pneumatic tightening device is used, see table below for maximum torque. Measure dimension A during tightening.

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For manual tightening, the tightening torque has to be estimated. If dimension A cannot be reached:
- Check the number of plates and the dimension A.
- Check that all the nuts and bearing boxes are running freely. If not, clean and lubricate, or replace.

Step 8
Mount the remaining locking bolts and check measurement A on both sides, top and bottom.

**Note!**
For TL6: When using frame ASME standard! Heat exchangers with pressure vessel code ASME are equipped with top and bottom bolts. Tighten those bolts after the procedure above has been finished or slightly before the dimension A is reached.

Step 9
Mount protection sheets (if provided).

Step 10
Connect pipes.
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**Step 11**
If the heat exchanger does not seal when measurement A has been reached, it can be tightened further to A minus 1.0%.

**Pressure test after maintenance**
Before the start-up of production, whenever plates or gaskets have been removed, inserted or exchanged, it is strongly recommended to perform a pressure test to confirm the internal and external sealing function of the heat exchanger. In this test, one media side at a time must be tested with the other side open to the ambient pressure. When multi-pass set up, all sections of the same side must be tested simultaneously.

**Caution!**
The pressure testing shall be performed at a pressure equal to the operating pressure of the actual unit but never above the design pressure as stated on the name plate.

The recommended test time is 10 minutes for each media.

Consult your local Alfa Laval representative for advice on the pressure testing procedure.
Regasketing
The procedures below concern field gaskets, ring gaskets and end gaskets.

**Note!**
Before removing the old gaskets, check how they are attached.

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**Step 1**
Open the heat exchanger, refer to “Opening” on page 20, and remove the plate that is to have a new gasket.

**Note!**
Before opening the heat exchanger, check the warranty conditions. If in any doubt, contact the Alfa Laval sales representative. Refer to “Warranty conditions” on page 4.

**Step 2**
Remove the old gasket.

**Step 3**
Make sure that all sealing surfaces are dry, clean and free of foreign matter such as fat, grease or similar.

**Step 4**
Check the gasket and remove rubber residual before attaching it.

**Note!**
Especially the end plate gasket!

**Step 5**
Attach the gasket to the plate. Slip the gasket tabs under the edge of the plate.

**Note!**
Make sure the two gasket prongs are in the correct position.

**Step 6**
Repeat the procedure until all plates that are needed to be regasketed are done. Close the heat exchanger according to “Closing” on page 26.
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Glued gaskets
Use glue recommended by Alfa Laval. Separate gluing instructions will be delivered together with the glue.

Caution!
Other glues than those recommended can contain chlorides that can damage the plates.

Warning!
Do not use sharp tools when removing the glued gasket to avoid damage to the plates.