The ALSHE STW spiral heat exchanger is intended for sludge/water applications. The heat exchanger offers unique abilities within sludge treatment applications such as:

- Heating of sewage sludge in digesters
- Heating stages in pasteurization systems
- Preheating of sludge for enhanced dewatering
- Cooling of industrial sludge and waste waters
- Heat recovery

The ALSHE STW range of spirals can fit most duties.

**Features**

- On the open sludge side the spiral normally is provided with a carbon steel hinged cover fastened to the spiral body with hook bolts.
- The cover is protected from the sludge media by a rubber gasket.
- The hinged cover has no connections. This provides easy opening for manual cleaning, if required. An inspection cover on the sludge inlet provides ready access in case of blockage.
- The spiral body has floor mounted supports with the centre line horizontal.

**Advantages**

- One single free-flow channel and high shear forces in the fluid provides a ‘self-cleaning effect’.
- Counter current flow gives the most efficient heat transfer and makes the unit compact.
- Compact, space saving design, reduces installation cost.
- Low maintenance cost because the ‘self cleaning effect’ extends the operation period.
- Single door gives easy access to the sludge channel for mechanical cleaning.
- Cleaning-in-place or back flushing also reduces maintenance down time.
- Unobstructed channels provide smooth flow through the unit with constant velocities.
- Low lifetime cost. This is due to high thermal efficiency, small space requirements and low maintenance needs.

**Standard & custom ALSHE STW ranges**

The ALSHE STW can be offered for any sludge/water duty, either as a pre-designed standard, or as a custom design. The ALSHE STW can also be offered without the door, i.e. as an ALSHE STW FW (Fully Welded). In this case the unit is not openable. The FW version offers the same advantages and features except that it is not possible to open the units for manual cleaning.

**Working principle**

The ALSHE STW consists of a spiral wound from two sheets of metal strips that form two concentric spiral flow passages. The media flows counter currently in the two channels. The flow is from the centre to the periphery and vice versa. The sludge channel is open on one side and closed on the other and the water channel is closed on both sides. Each channel has one connection in the centre and one on the periphery.
**Technical data**

**ALSHE STW**

Dimensions: See below

Area range: 7.2 – 27.7 m²/78 - 298 sq.ft.

Duty range: See above

Sludge channel spacing: 25 mm/1 inch

Material of construction for heat transfer surface: Carbon steel, 316L SST, 304L SST (not FW)

Pressure vessel code: PED according to 97/23 EC Article 3.3 (SEP) / ASME

Design pressure: 6 barg / 87 psig

Design temperature: Min. 0°C – Max. 100°C / 32° – 212°F

**ALSHE STW FW**

Dimensions: See below

Area range: 7 - 27 m² / 75 - 290 sq.ft

Duty range: See above

Sludge channel spacing: 25 mm/1 inch

Material of construction for heat transfer surface: Carbon steel, 316L SST, 304L SST (not FW)

Pressure vessel code: PED according to 97/23 EC Article 3.3 (SEP) / ASME

Design pressure: 5 barg / 72 psig

Design temperature: Min. 0°C – Max. 100°C / 32° – 212°F

**Options**

- hatch
- feet
- hinge

**Dimensions**

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Measurements in mm/inch

*Performance values shown are typical for sludge digester heating applications.*

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