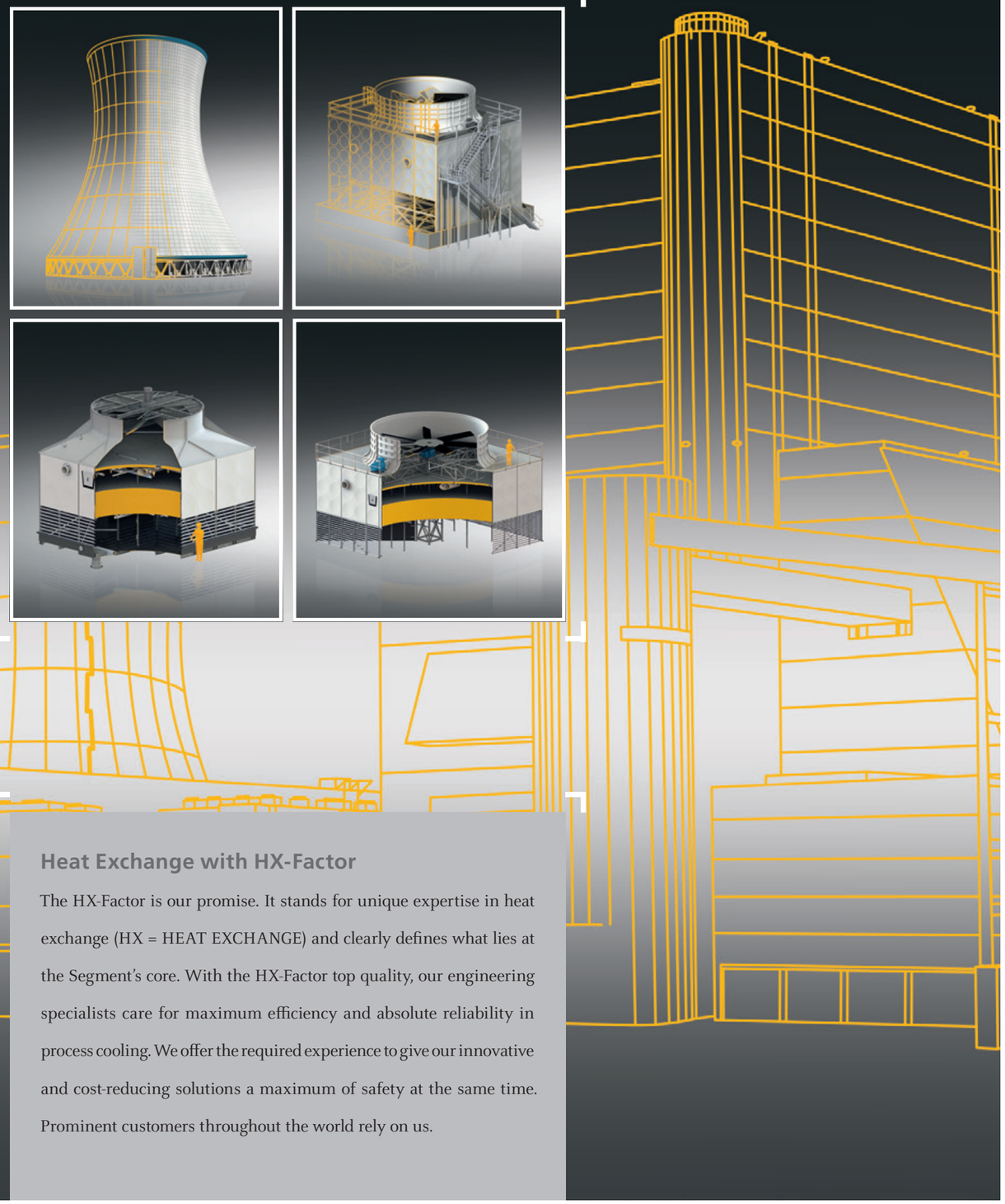


GEA Cooling Towers

Polacel CMC counterflow cooling towers



Heat Exchange with HX-Factor

The HX-Factor is our promise. It stands for unique expertise in heat exchange (HX = HEAT EXCHANGE) and clearly defines what lies at the Segment's core. With the HX-Factor top quality, our engineering specialists care for maximum efficiency and absolute reliability in process cooling. We offer the required experience to give our innovative and cost-reducing solutions a maximum of safety at the same time. Prominent customers throughout the world rely on us.

GEA Cooling Towers

Efficient technology for high-performance solutions



Our companies under the roof of GEA Wet Cooling Towers offer the whole portfolio of cooling towers – from smaller, ready-to-install towers to large, natural-draft cooling systems. Our Research and Development Team and our manufacturing base ensure that we deliver wet cooling towers at the highest quality level.

In Europe we have combined our activities for modular and large cooling towers. The experts of GEA Cooling Towers, together with their cooling tower colleagues at GEA Energietechnik (GET), make up one team with combined knowledge and expertise. Our customers greatly benefit from this important step.

GEA Cooling Towers has its roots in 1967, when the Dutch company CELBOUW was founded. GEA acquired 50 % of shares in Polacel in 1989, and the rest of its shares, in 1991. GEA Cooling Towers technology offers a complete portfolio for the design, manufacture, and service of cooling towers, with components from GEA 2H. Its spectrum includes small modular cooling towers (for smaller processes), mechanical-draft cooling towers (for chemical companies), and cooling towers for large air conditioning facilities (for all sizes of commercial complexes). In collaboration with GEA GET, GEA Cooling Towers now also offers field-erected cooling towers and natural-draft cooling towers for large industrial and power applications.

The history of GEA Energietechnik (GET) reaches back to the founding period of GEA, around 1920. In order to offer its customers the most cost-effective solutions for requirements in the area of re-cooling, the GET product portfolio was expanded in 1964 by adding wet-cooling technology. In 1965, GET built its first natural-draft wet cooling tower, for a 300-MW power plant in Niederaussem (Germany). Since then, GET has constructed a great number of facilities with both wet as well as dry cooling technology, to the full satisfaction of its customers.



GEA Wet Cooling is among the largest providers of technology on the cooling tower market. It is one of the very few companies to offer all sizes of towers, including modular cooling towers, field-erected mechanical-draft cooling towers, natural-draft cooling towers, fan-assisted natural-draft cooling towers, and closed-loop cooling towers.









Benefits

- One contact person for all solutions
- Globally active in more than 40 countries
- Native speakers speak your language
- Individual solutions
- Maximum availability, security of operation and system efficiency

GEA Polacel

GEA Polacel is a company of the GEA Group AG. The GEA Group, headquartered in Bochum, Germany, is a globally successful technology group with more than 250 companies in 50 countries.

The company now focuses on specialty mechanical engineering – especially process engineering and equipment. GEA Group technologies are applied in the food, chemical and petrochemical industries, the energy sector, air treatment and shipbuilding as well as the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. The GEA Group is one of the world`s market and technology leaders in 90 per cent of its businesses.
GEA is a solid foundation for the GEA Polacel activities and it provides us with greater scope. Good contacts with affiliated organizations that are leaders in our field provide an ongoing stimulus to our own development. This is what makes GEA Polacel a leader in the introduction of technological improvements.

The effect of counterflow

CMC cooling towers work on the principle of counterflow. This means that the water flows down while the air is pulled upwards by a fan. As the water flows further through the system, the air it encounters is fresher, in other words cooler and less saturated with moisture. Counterflow cooling towers can approach the wet bulb temperature better compared to crossflow cooling towers.

Polacel CMC cooling towers

GEA Polacel designs, manufactures and maintains cooling towers for process and climate cooling. Our energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly cooling water generators stand out because of the complete quality policy we employ. The GEA Polacel CMC systems combine a high cooling capacity with low energy consumption. The modules are supplied ready to use and they are easy to adjust to cooling requirements and the available space, whether they are used singly or in series. The cooling performance of these cooling towers is optimal and operation is problem free. With a 95%+ saving in water, the efficient CMC systems are the best choice for man and his environment



Cooling tower type CMC 2.9
Chemical Plant in France



Construction and startup
of a CMC Cooling tower



Cooling tower type CMC 9

[Maximum efficiency]

Cooling performance measured: the wet bulb

The wet bulb temperature is in fact the lowest temperature that can be achieved by air cooling in any particular set of circumstances.

This temperature can be measured by wrapping a glass thermometer in a piece of cotton that has been drenched in water and placing it in a stream of air. The water will evaporate and lose heat (sweating while taking exercise has the same function and makes a 'cooling tower' out of our skin). The wet bulb temperature is therefore lower than the ambient temperature.

Cooling … chievable minimum temperatur… fficiently as possible. The GEA P… doing this and combines maximum efficiency with low power consumption, and therefore minimal costs.

[Modular system]

Modules to size

The cooling water temperatures (inlet and outlet), the wet bulb temperature, noise and the water load are the four most important factors in the selection of a cooling tower.

GEA Polacel makes an inventory of the requirements together with the client and uses this inventory as the basis of the design for a suitable solution. The modular CMC system can be extended, and there are standard solutions available for different capacity needs. GEA Polacel engineers make customized changes to meet special requirements.

GEA Polacel modular CMC system.
Flexible for individual solutions.







[Silentness]

Noise reduction

As a rule cooling towers are outdoors, and usually on a roof or at the edge of the site. The noise produced by the cooling tower caused by, among other things, the fan, falling water, the electrical motor or geared motor, can therefore present a problem.

GEA Polacel has put a number of developments into practice that reduce the noise nuisance. Larger fans (lower speed, less noise and higher efficiency), floating silencers to reduce the noise of splashing and other noise reducing measures combat the different sources of noise.

GEA Polacel provides a detailed picture of the nature and level of the noise produced by means of detailed calculations. GEA Polacel can also make calculations for all cooling towers beforehand in relation to the requirements laid down in environmental permits.

Structural featues

The advanced design engineering has also resulted in a number of special structural advantages:

- Only a minimum number of support points are necessary as a result of the self-supporting foundations and the high internal stiffness
- Completely transportable, ready to be installed
- The GEA Polacel frost-proof water tank can withstand sub-zero temperatures
- The GEA Polacel CMC system can also be installed on existing water basins
- The extendable modular system has virtually no limitations in terms of form and capacity
- All structural design premises are analyzed and tested by means of dynamic calculations and computer studies beforehand



GEA Polacel engineering

The CMC design has a number of other special and exclusive features:

- The design of the fan section and the large fans ensure lower energy consumption and a substantial reduction in noise
- The GEA Polacel CMC modules are supplied with a direct-drive or indirect-drive fan
- The water distribution system, the spray nozzles and the cooling modules can be geared to the water used and guarantee maximum contact with the air being drawn in
- The air inlet louvres optimize the air inflow and minimize water losses through splashing
- Floating silencers minimize noise caused by falling water
- The designs take into account the desired variations in capacity, appropriate measures during maintenance and other user wishes

Cooling tower type CMC 16
Food factory in Germany

[High standards]

The security of quality

GEA Polacel designs and manufacturers cooling towers with long lifetimes and minimal maintenance needs.

This is achieved through the materials used - stainless steel combined with glass fibre and plastic - the sound design and the experience of our engineers. 'Cheap and cheerful' solutions, such as a fan with a V-belt drive or painted panels, are avoided.

The result is a cooling tower that is low maintenance, energy efficient and able to supply constant excellent problem-free performance.





[All around support service]

Advice and service

GEA Polacel builds cooling modules that meet precise specifications. Our sales engineers give advice, analyze your wishes and take personal responsibility for delivery so that your order is completely in line with your instructions.

GEA Polacel's own service organization specializes in cooling tower maintenance. Irrespective of brand or version, the maintenance specialists know all the ins and outs of the whole technical area and are involved in the latest developments. GEA Polacel has broad experience in cooling tower maintenance. We work in accordance with the requirements described by ISO, VCA, VDMA, CTI and Eurovent. The technicians can carry out the maintenance needed in virtually every location and in practically any time frame.



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By concentrating various performance fields into a single, one-stop solution, GEA Heat Exchangers especially enables more effective control of the complex processes in heat transfer. It also speeds up order execution and simplifies preventive and remedial maintenance of heat transfer facilities. In this way, GEA creates clear and personally addressable responsibility for the entire process of project implementation. In a global, tightly meshed network, our highly qualified staff provides all key processes in industrial production and air treatment. GEA has set a new standard for efficiency, reliability, and availability in heat exchange. With production and service locations around the world, GEA Heat Exchangers offers a unique industrial network to provide excellence in engineering and expertise in local services and comprehensive support of our customers in a wide range of dedicated applications.

Excellence Passion Integrity Responsibility GEA-versity

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