Various types of vessels are supported by HISAKA plate heat exchangers with high levels of safety and reliability.

Ever since developing the first plate heat exchanger in Japan in 1953, HISAKA WORKS, LTD. has received high levels of praise from all manufacturing fields. HISAKA plate heat exchangers are used on a wide variety of ships including tankers and LNG ships, as well as container ships, automobile carriers and even luxury cruise ships. All of our products have an important role onboard the ship such as the "Lubricating Oil Cooler" for the main engine, the "Fresh Water Cooler" for generator, and the "Central Cooler" for the main engine and auxiliary equipment. Hisaka plate heat exchanger is used all over the marine world by high quality and reliability of product.

Various types of shipping activities support worldwide industry and economic activities.
Construction
The heat transfer plated are thin sheets of corrosion resistant metal such as stainless steel or titanium that are press-formed with a concavo-convex corrugated pattern on their surfaces and have their peripheries sealed with molded synthetic rubber gaskets. Such plates are suspended from guide bars in a successive, aligned formation and secured by tightening bolts and nuts between a fixed and a movable frame. The exchanger will have as many of these plates as is necessary for requested heat duty. The plate are fixed with a gasket which seals the flow channel and directs the fluids into alternate channels.

Features
- High performance
  The plates’ press-formed patterns yield a high heat transfer coefficient.
- Less weight and compact
  The thin heat transfer plates, the small holding volume in the heat exchanger, and the small heat transfer area means less weight and compact size. These features give cost savings and make installation work simple.
- Quick startup
  Since the holding volume in the heat exchanger is very small, quick startup of the plant can be possible.
- Easy maintenance
  The plate heat exchanger can be easily opened for inspection and maintenance by loosening the tightening bolts and nuts. Assembly and opening of the unit are also easily performed.
Basic construction of plate heat exchange

† Heat transfer A and B-plates are of identical pattern — one is simply turned upside-down vertically relative to the other so as to obtain a different flow channel of its gaskets. Further, the final plate (E-Plate) does not have the porthole in any of its four corners and hence the construction is such that the fluids do not directly contact the E-frame.

† The counter-current arrows indicate each flow direction of the hot and cold fluid.
The following considerations are made regarding the plate heat exchanger for ships.

- **Glued Gaskets**
  The plate gaskets are glued-fixed to shut out any leaking by preventing dust particles from entering between the back of the gasket and the plate, even during disassembly and cleaning. Replacement of the gasket is easy and can be performed on board the ship (slit-in type available, if needed).

- **Option**
  An extensive array of optional parts are adoptable for the specific use conditions of the ship.

- **Instrument Ring**
  The Instrument Ring can hold thermometers, air vents, drains, and differential manometers.

- **Inner strainer**
  The 2-3 mm diameter, perforated strainer is inserted into the seawater inlet port of the plate heat exchanger to prevent clogging.

- **Installation Stability**
  The base plate of the heat exchanger is firmly fixed, and vibration of whole equipment is prevented by fixing the eye plates. In addition, double nuts for tightening bolts prevent loosening the screw by vibration.

- **Cleaning equipment**
  This simple seawater cleaning unit with casters is designed to clean plate heat exchangers, removing fouling deposit.
MGO COOLER with Pressure Buffer Device
- **Free from plate cracking trouble**
  The Pressure Buffer Device protects the PHE from severe pulsation.
- **Select optimal thickness of PHE for the operating conditions**
  HISAKA can give excellent PHE solutions based on our durability test data.
- **Optimal sizing of Pressure Buffer Device**
  HISAKA can also give optimal solutions for Pressure Buffer Device based on our durability test data.

**Reassuring Pressure Buffer Mechanism**
When a PHE is used as an MGO COOLER, fracturing of the plates due to engine pulsation can be anticipated. If plate fracturing resulted in mixing of the two fluids, the ship might become unable to sail. One method to counter this is the duplex structure (double walls) for the plates, which averts mixture of the two fluids. However, there is still the risk of plate fracturing due to engine pulsation with this method. Accordingly, HISAKA has developed the MGO COOLER, which is equipped with a re assurance buffer mechanism to maintain safety. Our PHE with a Pressure Buffer Device for protection against plate fracturing is optimal for use as an MGO COOLER.

**PN Curves**

By dint of repeated tests to find the limit values for plate fracturing due to pulsation, and analysis of the resulting data, HISAKA developed an optimal buffer device. This device has now been added to a PHE to bring you a cooler strongly resistant to pulsation fracturing – the MGO COOLER. The optimal specifications for the buffer device will vary with the required plate type, heat transfer surface area and so on, so please consult us when selecting.
The plate heat exchanger is high performance and trouble-free, but fouling on the plate surface, and deterioration of the gasket may occur over long-term operation. Hisaka assists our customers to obtain optimum efficiency through our rapid supply of spare parts, on-board maintenance work and consultation of maintenance services. For example, the “Comprehensive parts stock program” which make speed response of parts exchange, the “On-board maintenance work” for on-site maintenance, and “Plate Rotation” to replace a whole set of plate elements of the plate heat exchanger all at once aboard ship during short layovers. The above programs offer our customers several options to select the required service depending on their requirements and circumstances.

**a comprehensive maintenance program for PHE “Full Service Package”**

“Full Service Package” offers a comprehensive maintenance program to restore the original performance at HISAKA authorized service facilities. We can offer the maintenance program to match various operating conditions, enabling operation to be sustained in many processes.

1. **Disassembly**
   After visual inspection of the PHE, the unit is disassembled; this is followed by the cleaning process of the plates while the frames are given an overhaul.

2. **Disassembly**
   The overhaul of frame is an important to secure the plates firmly, inspecting the connection parts and replacing the stud bolts nut, etc., if they are damaged.

3. **Soaking in degreasing tank**
   The old gaskets and adhesive residue on the gasket groove are removed after soaking the plates in the degreasing tank.

4. **Cleaning**
   The plates are soaked in a cleaning chemical tank to remove the scale, sediment and dirt on the plate surface and finally washed away with water jet.

5. **Gluing the gaskets**
   After cleaning the plates, new gaskets are glued to the plates. At the same time, we ensure the new gaskets are firmly adhering to the groove in the collect position.

6. **Assembly and Tightening the plates**
   Now that the maintenance is completed the plates are mounted onto the frames, which have been overhauled separately. Using a specially designed tightening device for PHE, the plate pack is tightened to the collect dimension. The dedicated tightening device can handle large number of plates in a short time.
Plate replacement in a short time

“Plate Rotation contract service program”

In this convenient “Plate rotation contract service program”, the currently used plates of the customer are exchanged with plates of the customer held in our warehouse. The removed plates are then taken to our service center to be cleaned and regasketed and then checked to confirm there is nothing wrong with the plates. After which these plates are held in stock until the next maintenance time of the plate heat exchanger.

This program saves gasketing as well as cleaning time for the plates, therefore the turn around time is short and the plate heat exchanger can be put back into the operation quickly. It is most suitable for ships in port for relatively short time.

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### Final Inspection

Upon completion of all the above maintenance processes, the assembled unit is pressure tested hydraulically to ensure no leakage. After the final inspection, a certified sticker is fixed on the unit.

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### Table: Duty and Guideline for regasketing

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We recommend regasketing for the plates every 5 years.

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### Diagram

- **Entering Port**: Dirty plates are replaced with clean plates right onboard the ship.

- **Storage**: Plates are stored until the next maintenance time, and then the plates are sent to the port for scheduled replacement.

- **Plate maintenance**: The plates are cleaned and inspected and the gaskets are replaced in the service center.

- **Leaving Port**: Plates are returned to the service center for maintenance.
HISAKA PHEs support safe voyaging in ships of all kinds, from LNG tankers to luxury liners. This widespread use is itself proof of the trust we enjoy and of our performance results. We will be continuing as before to support with all our capability the global business expansion of our customer companies.
Under the slogan of “Challenge for innovation — HISAKA disseminates the latest plate technology across the world”, the Heat Exchanger Division of HISAKA WORKS, LTD. has put in place a total quality control and service system that extends from development through production and marketing to after-delivery follow-up. Via that system, we strive to provide satisfaction for our customers all over the world.

We have established a global network and created the structures to respond to the confidence that is placed in our products.