HAFFMANS
ETHANOL RECOVERY
BREAKING THE ETHANOL LOOP
OPTIMIZING ETHANOL CONTENT IN SCRUBBER BOTTOM

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Bioethanol production sites that wish to expand to meet market demand and/or run more cost-effectively may need to meet revised venting norms, ideally without impacting the water balance. Unless a change is made to the gas scrubbing process the plant will continue to operate with higher water consumption, which negatively impacts revenue. The Pentair Haffmans’ Ethanol Recovery System removes the heat, ethanol and water vapor in the fermentation gas for more complete recovery and a positive effect on revenue.

Pentair Haffmans’ Ethanol Recovery System is a cost-effective, proven method that uses a counter flow water wash system to remove ethanol from vented fermentation gas. The application of structured stainless steel packing provides maximal gas-water contact time and a minimal pressure drop. By recirculating chilled scrubber water over the packing, ethanol concentrations of more than 12 percent vol/vol can be achieved, with reduced water consumption. This ethanol can be pumped directly to either the beer well or distillation column instead of being recycled back to the fermenters or further upstream.

Benefits

- Low ROI < 1 year achieved
- Water savings
- High ethanol content > 12 v/v% in scrubber bottom
- Free up capacity
- Retrofittable – Easy integration
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DEDICATED & SMART
Pentair Haffmans provides and executes smart solutions tailored to your specific needs. As a project and solution driven company with more than 60 years’ experience, we effectively implement these solutions in partnership with engineering firms or the end customer.

Our in-house project management and on-site engineers work in close cooperation with your team to ensure that your project runs smoothly and is successfully implemented.

**Standard Systems**

Pentair Haffmans’ provides standardized, compact and ready-to-run installations. Standard systems come in fixed operating ranges and offer very cost efficient CAPEX and OPEX. The standard dimensions and deliverables make planning small scale installations easier. Specifications such as gas inlet data including gas composition, flow, temperature and pressure EtOH concentration, and temperature in the beer well are available from your sales representative.

**Custom Solutions**

Pentair Haffmans’ tailor-made installations are individually designed to meet a plant’s specific needs. Our experienced project managers supervise each project from order placement through the Site Acceptance Test (SAT). As a project-driven organization, Pentair Haffmans has extensive experience with project management.

**Lifecycle Management**

In addition we offer Lifecycle Management through our global professional service network. With a detailed service plans we gather insight about the operation of your installation that allows us to react fast.
TALK TO THE EXPERTS
Through comprehensive lifecycle management, we ensure that your system continues to meet your expectations. We offer custom-made service plans that range from maintenance contracts to full Service Level Agreements. An experienced service team works with you to create the service program that is right for you.

**Remote service**
At our control center a data connection line instantly puts Pentair Haffmans’ experts online with your system. This service maximizes your plant’s uptime.

**Certified global service teams**
Pentair Haffmans has a presence in more than 150 countries. No matter where your plant is located, our global network of professional service engineers with extensive know-how and experience ensures maximum system performance.

**Plant audits/maintenance**
On-site inspection and preventive maintenance of your system is an efficient way to maximize your plant’s performance. All visits include a detailed report on the status and performance of your plant.

**24/7 technical support**
Pentair Haffmans offers unparalleled customer service and technical support. To help you achieve maximum plant efficiency, product specialists are available 24/7 by phone, email, Skype™ or remote service.