

GRAPHITE HEAT EXCHANGER RESTORED WITH BELZONA

ID: 7987



PROBLEM

The tube sheet and some of the tubes have been severely damaged due to a combination of chemical and erosive attack. The loss of material causes a reduction in the thermal efficiency of the heat exchanger. Replacement is an expensive option.

APPLICATION SITUATION

At a facility producing sulfuric acid from copper production by products. A heat exchanger with a graphite tube sheet, operating at temperatures up to 75°C carrying dilute sulfuric acid, chlorides, and entrained solids.

APPLICATION METHOD

The surface was prepared using a mechanical grinder to remove contamination, getting back to clean & strong graphite, and achieving a rough surface. PVC tubes were inserted to form a mold around which the Belzona material can be poured, to restore the tube sheet back to its original surface. Belzona 1391T was poured into the damaged areas, restoring the surface dimensions, and used to coat the entire surface, protecting from further damage. The application was carried out in accordance with a modified version of Belzona System Leaflet HEX-01 and HEX-03.

BELZONA FACTS

As the substrate was graphite, welding techniques to restore the surface were not possible. Replacing the equipment also carries a long lead time and a high cost. Cold applied Belzona materials were perfectly suited to restore the substrate back to its original profile. Belzona 1391T has the high performance capabilities to resist the service conditions.

INDUSTRY

Fluid Flow

LOCATION

Huelva - Spain

APPLICATION DATE

June 2018

PRODUCTS

Belzona 1391T

SUBSTRATE

Graphite

PHOTOS

1. Damaged Heat Exchanger Tube Sheet
2. Surface Preparation with mechanical grinder
3. PVC pipes in place
4. Completed repair

For more examples of Belzona Know-How in Action, please visit khia.belzona.com

Belzona products are manufactured
under an ISO 9001 Registered
Quality Management System.

www.belzona.com


BELZONA

Copyright © 1952-2026 Belzona International Limited.