

## THIN FILM EVAPORATOR, SYSTEM ETF

**The Thin Film Evaporator system ETF is used for gentle partial evaporation of liquid mixtures, especially when requirements - e.g. high viscosities or very short residence times - exceed the possibilities of classical evaporators or of the falling film evaporator system EFF.**

The raw solution is fed from a feed batch tank or continuously into the evaporator. A wiper system distributes it evenly around the circumference as a thin film. The low boilers are then partially evaporated from the film flowing down and constantly redistributed on the evaporator surface by the wiper system, condense as distillate on the external condenser and flow off from there. Similarly, the concentrate exits the evaporator along the heated wall. The distillate and concentrate are either collected in a receiver tank or continuously discharged by a pump.

Vacuum pumps are used to set the desired process conditions such as pressure and temperature. Thermostats (laboratory and pilot scale) are used for heating, evaporation and condensation. On a production scale, classic energy sources such as steam, thermal oil respectively cooling water, brine and glycol are used. A cold trap is used to reduce the undesired entry of low boilers from the exhaust gas flow into the vacuum pump system.

- Evaporators with low hold-up and corresponding short residence time with narrow residence time distribution and gentle operating conditions for:
  - Laboratory and pilot systems made of stainless steel with borosilicate glass 3.3 in standardized design, optional process-specific adaptations
  - Production systems made of stainless steel in process- and customer-specific design
- Modular supplementary evaporator systems according to process requirements, e.g.:
  - Upstream and downstream evaporators, e.g. EFF-ETF system, or Flash-Box
  - Rectification column for concentration of the vapours, system ETR
- Process and customer-specific guidelines, e.g. ATEX, DGRL, FDA, GAMP, ASME, UL standards.
- Suitable for media with increased demands:
  - Viscous and highly viscous media
  - Foaming media
  - Heat-sensitive media
  - Solids-containing media
  - Higher-melting media
- Feasibility studies or existing expertise for typical applications :
  - Fatty acids and fatty acid derivatives
  - By-products from the production of edible oil
  - Special polymers or oligomers
  - Pharmaceutical and cosmetic products
  - Specialty chemicals
  - Fragrances and flavourings

## THIN FILM EVAPORATOR, SYSTEM ETF TEST DISTILLATION AND LABORATORY / PILOT EVAPORATOR SYSTEM

In addition to the composition of the distillate and/or residue or group of residues, product properties such as smell and colour are also relevant for many applications. Likewise, possible effects that may occur during evaporation, such as foaming or fouling on the heat transfer surface, must be taken into account. The latter cannot be determined or estimated theoretically, but require the possibility of a visual evaluation of the evaporation process. This can best be implemented in glass plants from COROSYS, which can be individually assembled on the basis of a modular system.



lated evaporation rates or applicatory number of stages as well as the achievable yields and qualities shall be determined. For this purpose, COROSYS has a standardized series of pilot plants made of stainless steel (optionally also special materials) in various sizes and designs to choose from.

For new evaporation or distillation tasks, COROSYS offers in-house services ranging from literature research, thermodynamic simulations and laboratory tests to piloting of single systems or combinations of falling film (EFF), thin film (ETF) and short path evaporators (ESF), if necessary also in combination with rectification (ERF).

The main objectives and possibilities of preliminary studies/test distillations as well as laboratory and pilot plants are summarized in the following table:

PRE-STUDIES / TEST DISTILLATIONS	LABORATORY SYSTEMS	PILOT SYSTEMS
Literature/Patent research, determination of substance data, thermodynamic modelling of evaporation/rectification	Feasibility check	Detailed process data determination based on feasibility study and preselected evaporator system
Stainless steel with borosilicate glass 3.3	Stainless steel with borosilicate glass 3.3, optionally other materials	Stainless steel, optionally other materials
Tests to determine feasibility / selectivity	Laboratory tests mostly with a pre-selected film evaporator system	Engineering of the production plant with dimensioning of apparatuses and media
Comparison of the different film evaporator systems and subsequent pre-selection	Determination of the straightening process parameters and achievable yields and qualities	Detailed determination of process parameters and achievable yields and qualities
Visual evaluation of system behaviour (colour, smell, foam, solids, deposits, ...)	Consideration and visual evaluation of the system behaviour (colour, odour, foam, solids, ...)	Consideration of the system behaviour (colour, odour, foam, solids, deposits, ...)
Coordination of the analytics	Sample quantities or very small production quantities	Larger sample quantities or small production quantities

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### STANDARD MODULES AND OPTIONS

Thin Film Evaporators for laboratory and pilot applications can be assembled from numerous modules and options listed in the table below. For a detailed characterization with process requirements, the questionnaire for evaporator processes is available as a supplement.

#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL EVAPORATORS

AREA	EVAPORATOR	EXCHANGE SURFACE [m <sup>2</sup> ]	DIAMETER [DN]	HEATED LENGTH [mm]	MATERIAL [mm]	FEED [kg/h]
Laboratory	ETF 0002-G	0,02 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 40	160	Stainless steel / borosilicate glass 3.3	0,03 - 0,6
Laboratory	ETF 0006-G	0,06 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 80	240	Stainless steel / borosilicate glass 3.3	0,2 - 1,5
Pilot	ETF 0006-S	0,06 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 80	240	Stainless steel	0,2 - 6,0
Pilot	ETF 0012-S	0,12 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 125	310	Stainless steel	1,0 - 12
Pilot	ETF 0030-S	0,3 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 200	480	Stainless steel	2,0 - 30
Pilot	ETF 0060-S	0,6 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 250	760	Stainless steel	2,5 - 60
Pilot	ETF 0120-S	1,2 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 300	1.270	Stainless steel	5 - 120

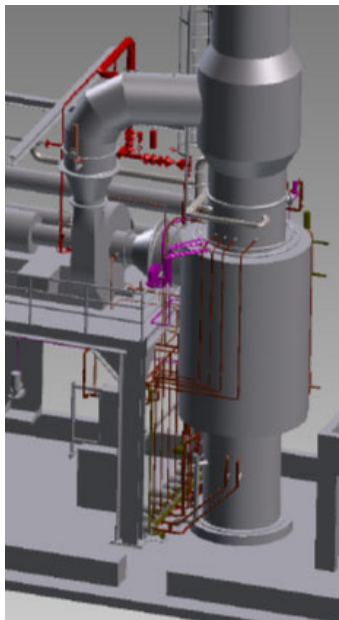
AREA	OPTION
Directives	<input type="checkbox"/> Permitted operating conditions (product) ..... barg & ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> ATEX-Directive 2014/34EU, EX-Zone ..... (inside/outside), II ....., T..... <input type="checkbox"/> GMP-Directive <input type="checkbox"/> Other directives: .....
Material	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Stainless steel (1.4571/1.4404) / Borosilicate glass 3.3 <input type="checkbox"/> S - Stainless steel (1.4571/1.4404) <input type="checkbox"/> X - Alternative material
Feed	<input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Dropping funnel <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Pump <input type="checkbox"/> F3 - Feed vessel for pump operation <input type="checkbox"/> F5 - Flash-Box for pump operation <input type="checkbox"/> FX - Other feed options: .....
Evaporator	<input type="checkbox"/> E1R - Single-pass evaporator <input type="checkbox"/> E1P - Wiper and distributor system, type profile <input type="checkbox"/> E2L - Shaft sealing ring <input type="checkbox"/> E2M - Magnetic coupling <input type="checkbox"/> E2X - Other shaft sealing system: ..... <input type="checkbox"/> E3G - Gravimetric discharge <input type="checkbox"/> E3S - Optional discharge via screw conveyor
Vacuum system	<input type="checkbox"/> V1 - Rotary vane pump, ca. 0,1 - 10 mbara <input type="checkbox"/> V2 - Membrane vacuum pump, ca. 10 - 1.000 mbara <input type="checkbox"/> VX - Combination of other vacuum pumps - desired volume: ..... Nm <sup>3</sup> /h and operation pressure : ..... mbara

AREA	OPTION
Cold trap	<input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Cold trap, Boro 3.3, for dry ice or liquid nitrogen <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Cold trap, SS, for dry ice or liquid nitrogen <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Cold trap, SS/Boro 3.3, electric
Discharge concentrate & distillate	<input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Discharge in distilling receiver acc. to Bredt-type collector (triple) <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Discharge in glass bulb <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Discharge in measuring vessel <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Discharge via pump
Temperature control1)	<input type="checkbox"/> T1 - Feed Y = T, S, E ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> T2 - Evaporator Y = T, S ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> T3 - Condensator Y = C, CW ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> T4 - Cold trap Y = CW, E ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> T5 - Discharge distillate Y = C, CW ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> T6 - Discharge concentrate Y = C, CW ..... °C <input type="checkbox"/> TX - Other: ..... Y = ..... °C
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Stainless steel frame, wheeled, with drip tray, L, P without protective cladding <input type="checkbox"/> S1X - Desired variations: ..... <input type="checkbox"/> S2 - Manual operation, local display of temperature & pressure, L, P, Emergency stop <input type="checkbox"/> S2X - Desired variations: .....

1) T = Thermostat S= Steam E=Electrical C= Cooling Media CW=Cooling Water

## THIN FILM EVAPORATOR, SYSTEM ETF PRODUCTION-SCALE EVAPORATOR SYSTEMS

Production plants are usually designed for specific processes, usually on the basis of pilot tests. Typical evaporation capacities of industrial ETF evaporators start from a few kilograms up to several tons per hour. Depending on the product and task, different wiper systems are available.

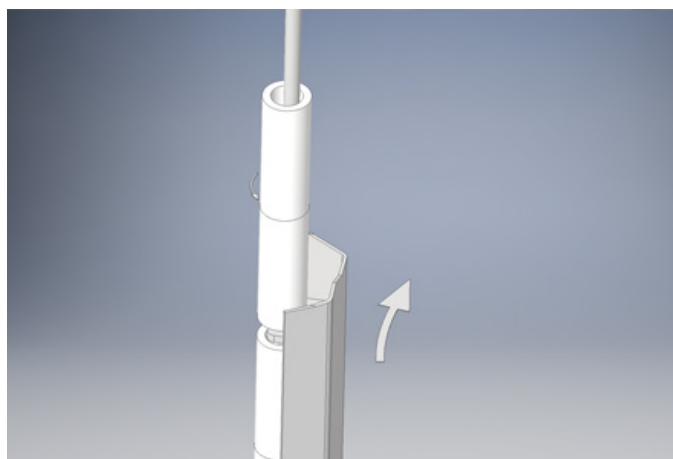


The wiper systems are overhung, optionally equipped with dynamic droplet separators as well as a double-acting mechanical seal to protect the wiper basket shaft from the atmosphere. In principle, fine machining of the surfaces in contact with product and the use of alternative materials are also possible.

The production plants are preferably designed as package units, which on the one hand reduces the customers' planning effort and on the other hand especially

the time required for installation and commissioning on site at the customer.

The construction of the production systems is carried out in compliance with the necessary directives such as DGRL 2014/68 EU or ASME, ATEX 2014/34 EU, UL



standards, GMP guidelines, TA-Luft and the machinery directive 2006/42/EG..

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION LABORATORY AND PILOT EVAPORATORS

AREA	EVAPORATOR	EXCHANGE SURFACE- [m <sup>2</sup> ]	DIAMETER [DN]	HEATED LENGTH [mm]	TOTAL LENGTH [mm]	MATERIAL
Industry	ETF 0120-S	1,2 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 300	1.270	2.800	Stainless steel
Industry	ETF 0200-S	2,0 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 400	1.590	3.385	Stainless steel
Industry	ETF 0400-S	4,0 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 700	1.820	4.130	Stainless steel
Industry	ETF 0600-S	6,0 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 700	2.730	5.040	Stainless steel
Industry	ETF 0900-S	9,0 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 1000	2.870	5.685	Stainless steel
Industry	ETF 1200-S	12,0 m <sup>2</sup>	DN 1000	3.820	6.640	Stainless steel

Larger evaporators are available on request.