

The Cryogenic Hydrogen Compressor system



A low-cost way to meet your production requirements

Industrial producers requiring high-pressure hydrogen for chemical, refinery, and bioenergy manufacturing can now reduce costs and improve onstream time by using Air Products' Cryogenic Hydrogen Compressor (CHC) system. The proprietary technology is a liquid hydrogen supply system that provides complete operating flexibility for hydrogen flow rates up to 120,000 scfh under pressures up to 10,000 psig. Changing production needs can be matched instantly, reducing costs and minimizing downtime.



Multiple ways the CHC can help reduce costs

Lower capital expense

Air Products' CHC system typically costs less to install than alternative supply options, such as on-site hydrogen generation or low-pressure liquid hydrogen supply combined with gas compression. The efficiency of the CHC system requires less capital investment to achieve the desired flow and pressure requirements.

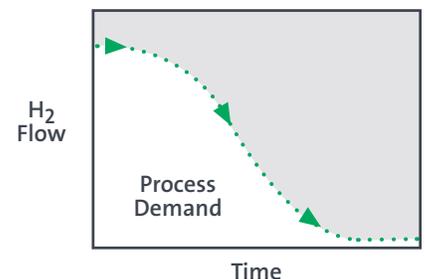
Reduced operating costs through minimized vent losses

The CHC system can help minimize vent losses from the supply system. While many high-pressure hydrogen technologies use a liquid-only pump system, Air Products has designed a two-phase flow process that can capture gas formed through normal heat leak vaporization and deploy that gas into the process, resulting in operating savings.

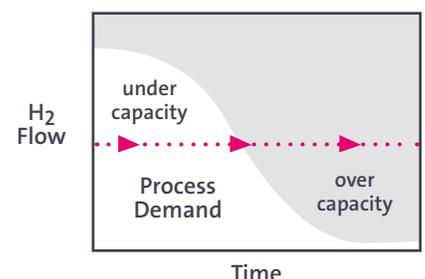
Increased efficiency through load-following

The unique CHC technology is load-following. In other words, its output can fluctuate and closely match changing demand requirements. While running continuously, the system supplies the flow rate needed by your process at any given time. This capability helps to minimize vent losses in the system, making Air Products' CHC technology more efficient than traditional liquid hydrogen pumps.

Load-Following Supply Improves Efficiency



The unique CHC system delivers flow that matches process demand.



Traditional compressors and pumps deliver constant hydrogen flow.

Easy to install

The CHC system consists of completely skidded modular components that can be installed easily and safely on your site. Equipment includes low-pressure product storage, our proprietary CHC pumping system, high-pressure vaporizers, high-pressure gas storage cylinders, and Air Products' world-class control systems.

Reliable supply

Reliable material supply is essential to excel in today's marketplace. Air Products recognizes this need. As the world's largest commercial liquid hydrogen producer, we have a network of distribution facilities located strategically throughout North America. Dedicated drivers and proprietary logistics software help us deliver our bulk gas products with a 99.95 percent on-time delivery record.

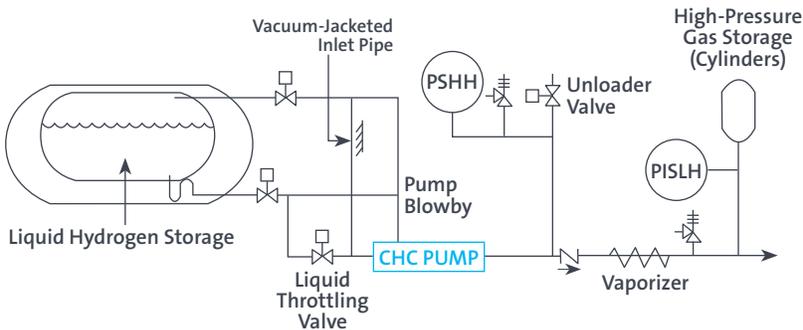
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How the system works

Simplified P&ID, Cryogenic Hydrogen Compressor System



Liquid hydrogen is directed from the storage tank through vacuum-insulated piping to the suction of the CHC compressor. Inlet conditions are adjusted with a pneumatically operated control valve on the liquid line. The CHC unit compresses the liquid hydrogen to the required pressure through two compression ends in parallel. Cryogenic discharge flow is routed to the vaporizers to be warmed to ambient temperature. Recycle gas is routed back to either the pump suction or storage tank.

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