

# How Armstrong Reduces Humidifier Maintenance Using Ionic Bed Technology

#### **Ionic Beds Stop Solids**

lonic beds consist of a fibrous medium that attracts solids from the water as its temperature rises, minimizing the buildup of solids on the heat exchanger and inner tank walls. Once the ionic beds have absorbed their capacity of solids, an indicator on the humidifier's control panel signals it's time to replace the ionic beds. Changing the beds takes only about 15 minutes. Use of the ionic beds:

- Reduces cleaning of the tank exchanger or heating elements
- Keeps the drain screen cleaner longer allowing effective tank blowdown
- Helps maintain humidifier output without building excessive heat exchanger surface temperatures
- Requires less frequent blowdown, conserving water and energy
- Eliminates the need for wasteful surface skimmers that must be checked weekly for possible plugging
- · Reduces downtime
- Has years of field-proven success in thousands of humidifier applications



#### **Better Here than in your Humidifiers**

These photos show how the ionic bed fibers (magnified 52.5x) collect solids throughout their service life. A new ionic bed weighs between 1/3 and 1/2 pound, depending on the humidifier type. When it reaches its capacity, an ionic bed may weigh more than 2-1/2 pounds.



New ionic bed





After 800 hours

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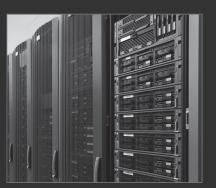


# **HUMIDIFICATION**

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#### **Adiabatic Humidification**

#### Pressure Fog®

Pressure Fog® is Armstrong's energy efficient high pressure humidification solution. It produces a rich fog to provide humidity and evaporative cooling without the need for and air compressor, keeping energy costs low.



Pressure Fog<sup>®</sup> is a system that is perfect for applications requiring high humidification output with minimal energy consumption.



#### Armstrong - Cool Fog® System

The Cool Fog® System offers an energy efficient, environmentally sound, and economical way of controlling the injection of compressed air and water into an air handling system to provide humidification and evaporative cooling. The use of compressed air produces the highest energy water particle which results in the highest evaporation efficiency. With optional "variable differential" control, turndown of over 100:1 can be achieved yielding unrivalled controllability.

#### EVAPACK® Series

#### Simple, natural and efficient process

The EVAPACK® Series efficiently converts ordinary tap water to water vapor using an adiabatic process. Dry air passes through a corrugated bank of wetted cells media made from non-organic wet fibers. EVAPACK® series uses the sensible air heat to evaporate the water to consume less energy and minimize pressure drop. The air is cooled and humidified.



#### **Electric Humidification**



#### HUMIDICLEAN Series HC-6000 Humidifier with Ionic Bed Technology

The HumidiClean electric humidifier includes disposable inserts made of a fibrous medium. Called ionic beds, these devices attract solids from the boiling water, preventing the solids from plating out on the heating elements or on the tank walls. Tank cleaning is minimized, and effective service life is extended.



#### Series EHU-800 Electric Steam Humidifier

No other electric humidifier does a better job of stabilizing and simplifying humidity control. Only Armstrong offers full modulation and a patented self-regulating maximum output feature. When you install an Armstrong Series EHU-800 you get accurate, automatically adjusted humidity control that's virtually hands-free.

#### **Gas Humidification**

#### Gas-Fired HumidiClean with Ionic Bed Technology

Operating costs are reduced with the GFH Series Gas-Fired HumidiClean™ humidifier from Armstrong. HumidiClean's innovative lonic Bed Technology reduces operating costs even more by reducing the labor and downtime associated with cleaning humidifiers. The GFH Series uses natural gas or propane for economical operation. And the HumidiClean™ is designed for ease of use; it's adaptable to various water qualities, and service life cycle and tank drainage are field-adjustable. The GFH Series is CSA-certified and CGA-approved.



#### **Steam Humidification**

#### Series 9000 Humidifier

The Series 9000 direct steam injection humidifier provides precisely controlled, trouble-free steam humidification. These units distribute steam and give you precise control to accurately maintain the required level of relative humidity. Available in a range of selections to meet various capacity requirements, Series 9000 units offer uniform vapor distribution and rapid, complete absorption. They maintain quiet operation and require minimal maintenance.



#### Series 1000 All Stainless Steel Humidifier

A steam separator type humidifier for use in sensitive environments where

pure, demineralized, deionized or distilled water is used to generate clean steam.

Designed for applications where



all steam and condensate piping is stainless steel, the Armstrong Series 1000 delivers precisely controlled, trouble-free steam humidification. Stainless steel construction prevents problems caused by corrosion and subsequent carry-over of corrosion by-products.



#### Steam-To-Steam Humidifier with Ionic Bed Technology

Steam-to-steam devices in the CS Series use boiler steam to produce chemical free steam from untreated water. Easy to install and simple to clean, Armstrong steam-to-steam humidifiers have all the benefits of steam humidification without the concern of boiler treatment carry-over. This device has all the benefits of Armstrong steam-to-steam humidifiers – plus the innovative lonic Bed Technology at the heart of all HumidiClean™ humidifiers.

### **Specialized Steam Dispersion Methods**

# EHF Fan Package

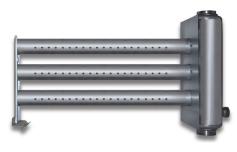
The EHF
Fan Package
is used
when the
atmospheric
steam can
not be
delivered in
to the duct



/ AHU. This unit is mounted in the space that is to be humidified and fed by one of Armstrong's many atmospheric steam generators.

#### HumidiPack®, HumidiPackPlus® & HumidiPack CF®

The HumidiPack® Family is a prefabricated steam humidifier system that comes ready for insertion into the duct or air handler when a short non-wetting distance is required. These panels accept steam, separate entrained moisture from it and admit it into



the airstream via tublets in the dispersion tube. The HumidiPack® has the ability to accept pressurized steam or atmospheric steam from the many generators that we manufacturer. The HumidiPack CF® combines the all welded SS construction and a unique tube within a tube design to give you a dry, uniform discharge of steam for nearly any application with a steam source from pressurized central supply.

# Humid-A-ware<sup>™</sup> Software & Armstrong University®

#### Humid-A-ware Software

information on customizing humidification schedules and calculating nonwetting distances and humidification loads, refer to Armstrong's Humid-A-ware humidification

For detailed



sizing and selection software. Visit our website to download the Humid-A-ware Software.

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