

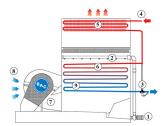
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Closed circuit cooling towers

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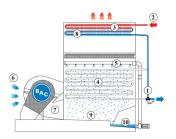
Dry operation

The spray water pump (1) and spray system (2) are turned off and the modulating flow control valve (3-way valve) (3) remains fully open. The warm process fluid (4) flows both through the finned discharge coil (5) and the prime surface coil (6). A fan (7) blows the ambient air (8) over the coil and cools the fluid (9) inside the coil. In this mode neither water consumption nor plume occurs.



Adiabatic operation

The flow control valve (3-way valve) (1) lets the warm process fluid (2) flow through the finned discharge coil (3), by-passing the wet prime surface coil (4). The prime surface coil is wetted by the spray water (5) but there is no water evaporation for heat rejection purposes. Some water will however evaporate, which will humidify the incoming ambient air (6) that is blown by a fan (7) over the coils. This saturated air has a better cooling capacity to cool down the process fluid (8) in the finned coil. The spray water drops into a plenum with sloping bottom (9) and drains into the separated wet sump (10). The pump recirculates the water to the spray system. Visible plume and water consumption are greatly reduced while the design fluid outlet temperature is kept.





Wet-dry operation

The warm process fluid (1) flows both through the finned discharge coil (2) and the prime surface coil (3). A fan (4) blows the air (5) over the coils. At the top where the warm fluid enters the tower, the discharge air is saturated and pre-cools already the fluid. Then a next heat transfer process occurs in the prime surface coil which is wetted by the spray system (6). The spray water drops into a plenum with sloping bottom (7) and drains into the separated wet sump (8). The pump recirculates the water to the spray system. When there is less heat load or the ambient temperature drops, the modulating valve (9) will control the flow through the prime surface coil in a way that the design fluid outlet temperature is kept. Plume is also minimized because there is less evaporated water and the discharge air is heated with the dry finned coil.

