GEA Grasso V Series

Reciprocating compressors for industrial refrigeration
GEA Refrigeration Technologies, part of the internationally active GEA Group, provides cooling and freezing technology tailored to the requirements and wishes of its customers: cost-efficient, long-life, energy-efficient, sustainable and customized. After all, we know your business and your refrigeration needs from experience of more than 100 years. This is why we offer the best solutions together with top quality products. Solutions for your processes for greater efficiency and for enhanced climate protection.

In touch with your markets and processes

Cooling and freezing evolved from excellence

GEA Refrigeration Technologies is one of the leading manufacturers of reciprocating and screw compressors and packages for industrial refrigeration. The extensive range of high quality, reliable and modern refrigeration compressors can be applied in almost every industrial refrigeration process. Our products find their way to the end-user via contractors, distributors and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM). Our main markets for industrial refrigeration solutions are:

- Food processing
- Storage and distribution
- Industrial processes
- Sport and leisure

Since starting its operation, GEA Refrigeration Technologies has continuously extended its business to cover many different industries. For most industrial cooling and freezing applications our products offer optimal solutions with high reliability and low energy consumption.

Refrigeration technology is an inherent and essential part of the food processing industry. GEA supplies an excellent range of components which can be used throughout the whole value chain, beginning with the production itself and ending with the product ready for market. GEA Refrigeration Technologies supplies components for cold storage on fishing vessels, cooling and freezing solutions for meat, vegetables, beer and beverages – within the production process or for storage. For storage and distribution of food along the trade chain, cooling and freezing is a must.

Refrigeration from GEA is also responsible for entertainment and wellbeing in leisure time. Winter sports, like skating and skiing in a perfect cool winter atmospheres – independent of season or geographical region – are the result of the application of GEA components. GEA Refrigeration Technologies believes its customers should be allowed to focus 100% on their business.

The new GEA Grasso V series

Reciprocating compressors reduces your Total Cost of Ownership

Trendsetter

With the new GEA Grasso V series reciprocating compressors, GEA Refrigeration Technologies heralds the start of a complete new era for the industrial refrigeration market. GEA continues to invest in reciprocating technology with a clear vision for the future, and with good reason. The Total Cost of Ownership, where energy is the major part, has become an important issue, which is why the market is now demanding energy efficient solutions.

Innovation

During the development of the GEA Grasso V series, GEA continually put itself in the position of the end-user. Time and again, each component was assessed for the most important elements that contribute to a low Total Cost of Ownership:

- Energy efficiency
- Minimal maintenance costs
- Maximum reliability with minimal downtime

Besides having satisfied end users in terms of lower running costs and very long service life, contractors also benefit from this new development in terms of ease of installation and on time maintenance. GEA’s worldwide professional product support is a known fact inside the world of industrial refrigeration.

Sustainability

To get the maximum out of the GEA Grasso V series compressor design, we focus on natural refrigerants like NH3. Our customers can be sure that environmentally friendly NH3 is not subject to the global warming and ozone layer discussions. And when it comes down to efficiency, ammonia is definitely number one.

The new GEA Grasso V series is a 100% European quality product. More than 100 years of design experience has been combined with state-of-the-art research and technology. The result is not only the most efficient and reliable reciprocating compressor on the market but also a compressor with extended and flexible service intervals compared to previous standards. As a consequence of this intensive design the GEA Grasso V series achieves the highest possible reliability. With the V series, GEA sets a new standard for the future.
Energy
Reciprocating compressor technology is synonymous with highly efficient operation resulting in lower power consumption. This is the result of minimum internal leakages, automatic head pressure adjustment and increased efficiency at lower speeds especially in combination with a frequency inverter. This new design contributes to a further reduction of power consumption under all circumstances.

Minimum maintenance
The selection of the highest quality parts and construction methods enables GEA Refrigeration Technologies to reduce the downtime and maintenance frequency for this machine significantly when compared with the traditional compressor maintenance guidelines! Furthermore we believe that maintenance should only be carried out when it is necessary, this is in contradiction with the fixed maintenance schedules in general use today for refrigeration compressors. That is why each GEA Grasso V compressor is factory fitted with a so called ‘conditional maintenance monitor’, which indicates the right time for maintenance.

Unconditional reliability
GEA believes its customers should be able to focus 100% on their business. That is why we place so much emphasis on reliable and trustworthy systems. With the maintenance carried out in accordance with the maintenance intervals indicated by the GEA Grasso Maintenance Monitor, you can be sure of problem-free operation throughout the entire lifespan of the machine so you can concentrate on your business.

Lower investment
The optimized components of this new compressor series as well as the chosen running speed result in a lower price per kW cooling power. Due to the very low oil carry-over of the complete range of the GEA Grasso V series, packaging of these compressors without oil separator is an option.

An unequalled design
The design of the welded compressor crankcase housing is innovative from ‘top to bottom’. This is probably the most striking change in the history of GEA Grasso welded compressor construction. By using a revolutionary process of forming the steel sections creating the complete crankcase, the optimum shape and size can be made without compromise and retains all the advantages of a welded concept.

An unequalled performance
The optimized shape and size of the compressor crankcase made it possible to achieve the highest energy efficiency, minimum maintenance and maximum reliability. This construction also results in a much lower sound level of the compressor. The unique combination of a welded crankcase with integrated generously sized suction chamber and cast iron, externally positioned, cylinder heads creates an even better internal temperature separation between the suction side and the discharge side of the compressor compared with existing models. In practice this results in less internal superheat, more stable oil temperature and, as a consequence, a higher volumetric efficiency. Another effect is that the field of application for part load running has been extended.

An unequalled reduction of costs
The running cost or TCO (Total Cost of Ownership) becomes more and more an important factor in designing the total refrigerating system. Since the major costs are located in the engine room area the impact of a well-designed, cost effective, refrigeration compressor is huge.

Lowest Total Cost of Ownership
The end users choice!
Features of the GEA Grasso V series

The revolutionary design of the steel welded compressor housing in combination with the temperature isolated cylinder heads has a maximum contribution to the thermodynamic advantages of this new compressor. Together with the best proven parts this results in the most efficient GEA Grasso compressor GEA Refrigeration Technologies has ever made.

1. Safety first
Counter pressure independent overflow valve(s) between suction and discharge chamber to secure a safe operation.

2. Optimised suction gas entry
Oversized suction gas chamber and optimized filtering and distribution results in low pressure drop and increased resistance against liquid hammer.

3. Flexible and extended maintenance
To calculate and indicate upcoming maintenance intervals by means of measuring of actual running conditions.

4. Optimised temperature separation
The cold suction chamber is clearly separated from the hot discharge area by means of an isolating gasket and an air gap. In this way we have less internal heating up the suction gas resulting in lower discharge temperatures and more flexibility in part load operation.

5. Oilpump
Different sizes tuned to compressor model.

6. Oil filter
Large capacity ‘screw-on’ oil filter to cover long service intervals. Externally accessible.

7. Maximum lifetime
- Composite material for suction and discharge valves.
- Free flow discharge valve configuration with gas damping chambers.
- High volume and low gas velocity suction chamber.
- Oil pump size adapted to compressor size.

8. Reliability and ease of maintenance
- Axial roller bearing construction to withstand high crankcase pressures for maximum lifetime at high loads.
- Increased main bearing diameter for stable low speed inverter drive running.
- Large capacity externally mounted oil filter for long service intervals.
- Full oil pump flow over shaft seal for maximum cooling/life time extension.

9. O-ring sealing for maximum tightness
- Easy disassembly and assembly.
- Over 60% less fixing bolts contribute to reduced service times.

10. Minimised oil carryover to refrigeration system
The oversized common suction chamber, the position of the cylinder liners, as well as the increased distance between oil sump and crankshaft (and lower internal temperatures) results in an extremely low oil carry-over. The necessity of using an oil separator is subject to application and, in some cases, can be omitted.

11. Low noise level
The modular set up of the steel welded housing in combination with the rigid cast iron cylinder heads guarantees the lowest possible noise emission.
The GEA Grasso V series is a well-balanced family where the capacity steps between the individual models is chosen as close as possible. It is clear that this is also given by set up of the basic design of the V series and in this case increasing with steps of 2 cylinders each time. Two different bore and stroke ratios are integrated in the series to cover the required swept volume range, without capacity overlap for a clear choice of the right compressor model.

The right compressor from a complete product range

Single stage
The single stage series, having 7 models, starts with a 4 cylinder, small bore x stroke for accurate capacity control and ends with a 10 cylinder, big bore x stroke to cover a swept volume of 1592 m³/h. The modular construction and the intermediate plate for the larger compressors guarantee a smooth vibration free running and low noise emission.

Two stage
Two stage or ‘compound’ models benefit from the same characteristics as the single stage models. Internally they have separate suction chambers for low and intermediate pressure and, on the outside, 2 connections are added for the intermediate side. The range also comprises 7 models each with only one LP / HP cylinder ratio in order to simplify the selection procedure. For the two stage compressors several highly efficient and patented intermediate cooling systems are available.

Packaged reciprocating compressors

At least 60% of all GEA Grasso compressors produced at GEA Refrigeration Technologies are turned into packages before they leave the factory. The choice of components to fit on and around the compressor is huge and the fact that all required components are factory fitted gives the contractor the advantage that he can concentrate for 100% on the erection of the refrigeration plant.

Direct drive or V belt drive arrangements are available for all compressors. The introduction of high power inverters in combination with maintenance free couplings gives the customer the opportunity to positively influence his energy and maintenance costs.

The extremely low oil carry-over, related to the design of the compressor particularly on cooling applications is even less that 10 ppm and gives the customer the opportunity to execute a compressor package with or without an oil separator, depending on the system demands. The use of GEA Grasso’s high efficiency oil separator will further reduce the oil carry-over to an absolute minimum and oil contamination through to the installation.

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* Theoretical swept volume based on low stage cylinders
** Based on: 0K subcooling, 2K superheat (non usefull)
*** Cooling capacity based on open flash interstage cooler system (GEA Grasso system ‘C’)
The GEA Grasso V series compressor is equipped with the GEA Grasso Maintenance Monitor (GMM) as a standard execution.

The GEA Grasso Maintenance Monitor is a compact microprocessor based standalone unit monitoring on line the relevant data to determine the ‘on time’ maintenance intervals. The monitor automatically generates a message for an upcoming A, B or C level service. This message can be read directly from a small built in display, remote PC, or can if required, send out a message by email to the person/company responsible for the maintenance. When connected to a network even real time measured data are available as well as information about an upcoming service.

‘On time’ maintenance balances the life time of wearing components and the expected reliability. In other words: The end user benefits from longer service intervals without jeopardizing reliability. In industrial refrigeration this is quite a new approach. The traditional ‘fixed’ service intervals will slowly be taken over by the new system. Therefore GEA Refrigeration Technologies is happy to present this monitoring system to the market and is convinced that it, together with the new GEA Grasso V series compressors, contributes to the reduction of the Total Cost of Ownership.

Spare parts
A practical and fast working spare parts organization has been established to supply the required spare parts worldwide. To shorten delivery times further, distribution centers have been created at GEA offices throughout the world. GEA Refrigeration Technologies has an extensive stock of spare parts covering new as well as phased out GEA Grasso compressors.

Laboratory tests and field experience has proven that the use of genuine GEA Grasso parts keep compressor performance, reliability and a low Total Cost of Ownership to the optimum level. GEA has created distribution centers at the GEA offices worldwide, to be able to supply you directly and fast with the right parts. That is why the genuine GEA Grasso parts are the obvious choice.

With this in mind GEA takes care of its customers by offering the best possible after-sales service in terms of technical consultation, warrantee management field service and training courses. All supported by rapid spare parts supply all over the world.

Training courses
For GEA Refrigeration Technologies is it very important to ensure maximum possible support for the end users all over the world. This can only be achieved when the right training programs are available. Local representatives and contractors are able to attend these training courses. These courses, tuned for design and service engineers, are focused on the correct selection and application of GEA Grasso compressors as well as performing the correct service to maintain the highest level of reliability.

These courses take place at the GEA Refrigeration Technology manufacturing site for reciprocating compressors however can, on request, also be performed locally if this is more convenient for a larger audience. We strongly recommend attending them on a regular basis to offer the local market the best possible up to date support.

GEA Aftersales

GEA Refrigeration Technologies are proud of the quality and reliability of their products. Our objective is to ensure that GEA Grasso reciprocating compressors are well designed and properly installed and maintained. We know that correct preventive maintenance will ensure highest level of reliability and unexpected breakdowns can be minimized. At the same time the life time of compressors will increase.

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We live our values.
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