

# **Compact and Efficient Solutions with Enhanced Heat transfer Surfaces**

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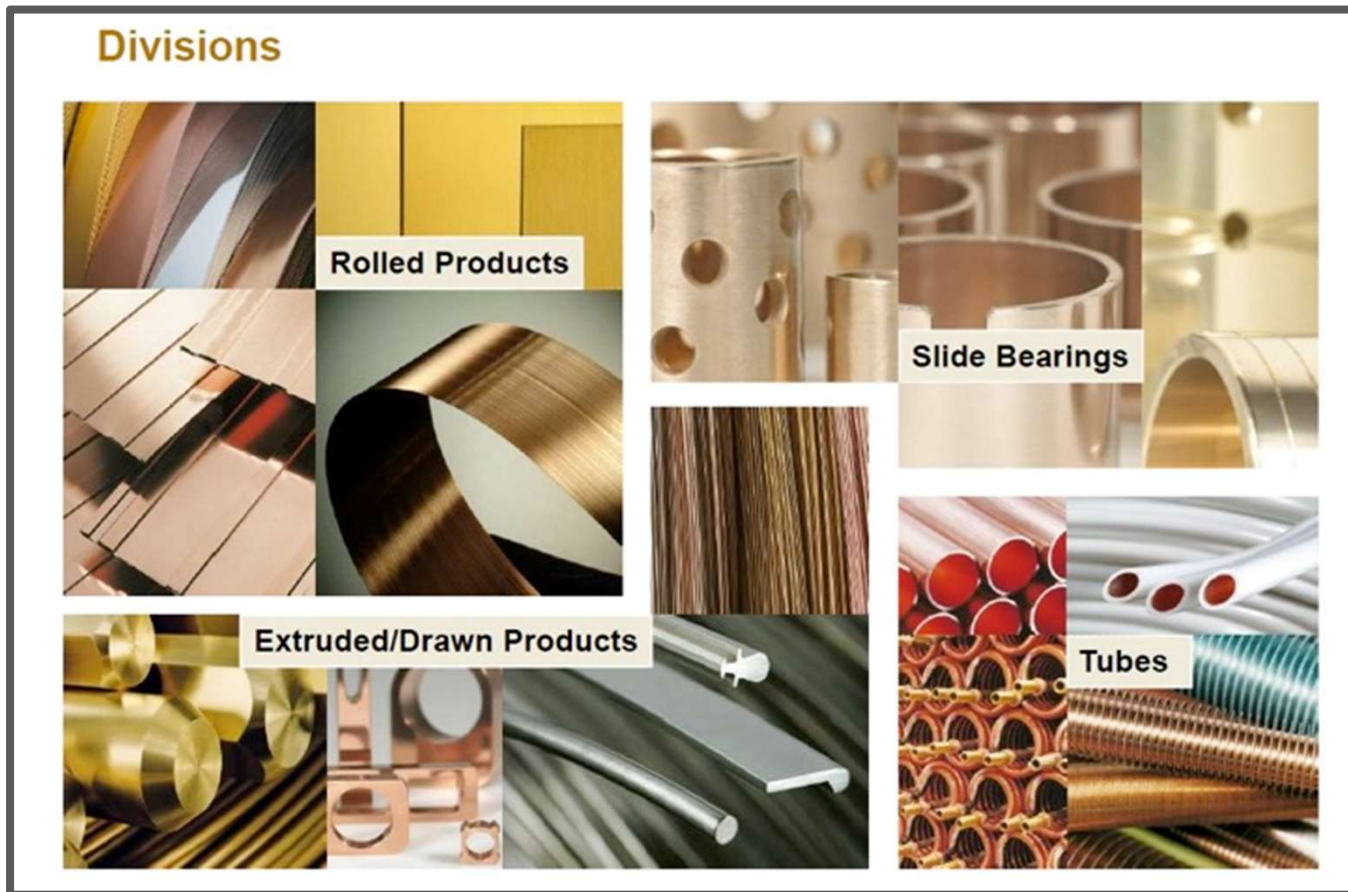
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## Short Overview of the Wieland Group



## A global leader in heat transfer and forming technologies ...

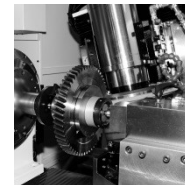
Heat transfer solutions  
for an energy-efficient world.



- Maximizing heat transfer
- while minimizing material and thermal input  
that's our goal
- when designing and producing
- enhanced surface tubes and heat exchangers.

## About us

- The World Market Leader for Technical Tubes for Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Process Technology Applications.
- A Leading Supplier of Enhanced Surface Tubes and Heat Exchangers for Heating Technology and Machinery & Plant Technology Applications.
- 487 People, 4 Manufacturing Locations (U.S., China, Germany, Portugal).
- 2 Research Centers (Ulm/Germany, Shanghai/China).
- State-of-the-Art Technology, Largest IP Portfolio in the Industry.



## Production Sites

**487** dedicated EMPLOYEES



**4** PRODUCTION SITES:

Ulm | Germany • Esposende | Portugal • Wheeling | USA • Shanghai | China



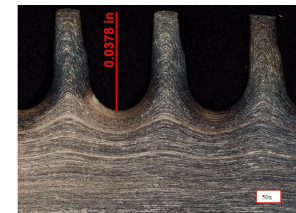
## R & D

- Two research centers: Ulm/Germany, Shanghai/China
- Development of enhanced tubular surfaces
- Test rigs for safety refrigerants and hydrocarbons
- Single tube testing
- Bundle simulations
- CFD, Data collection / reduction / correlations
- Software for Heat Transfer Applications



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DEVELOPMENT CENTERS:  
Ulm, Germany · Shanghai, China



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IN THE BEGINNING, IT'S AN IDEA  
IN THE HEADS OF OUR ENGINEERS.

IN THE END, IT'S A COMPETITIVE  
ADVANTAGE IN YOUR PRODUCT.



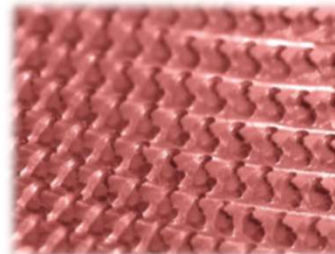
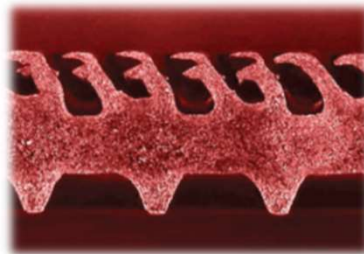
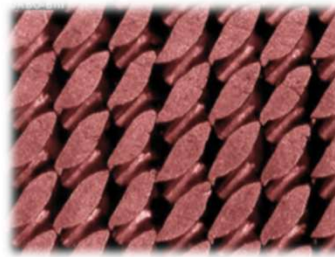
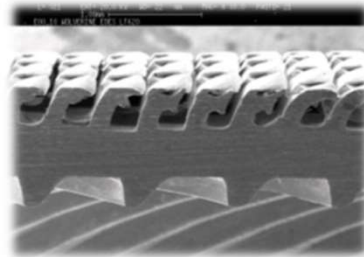


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## Expertise: Proprietary Heat Transfer Technology for Enhanced Performance

### Tube Surface Geometries

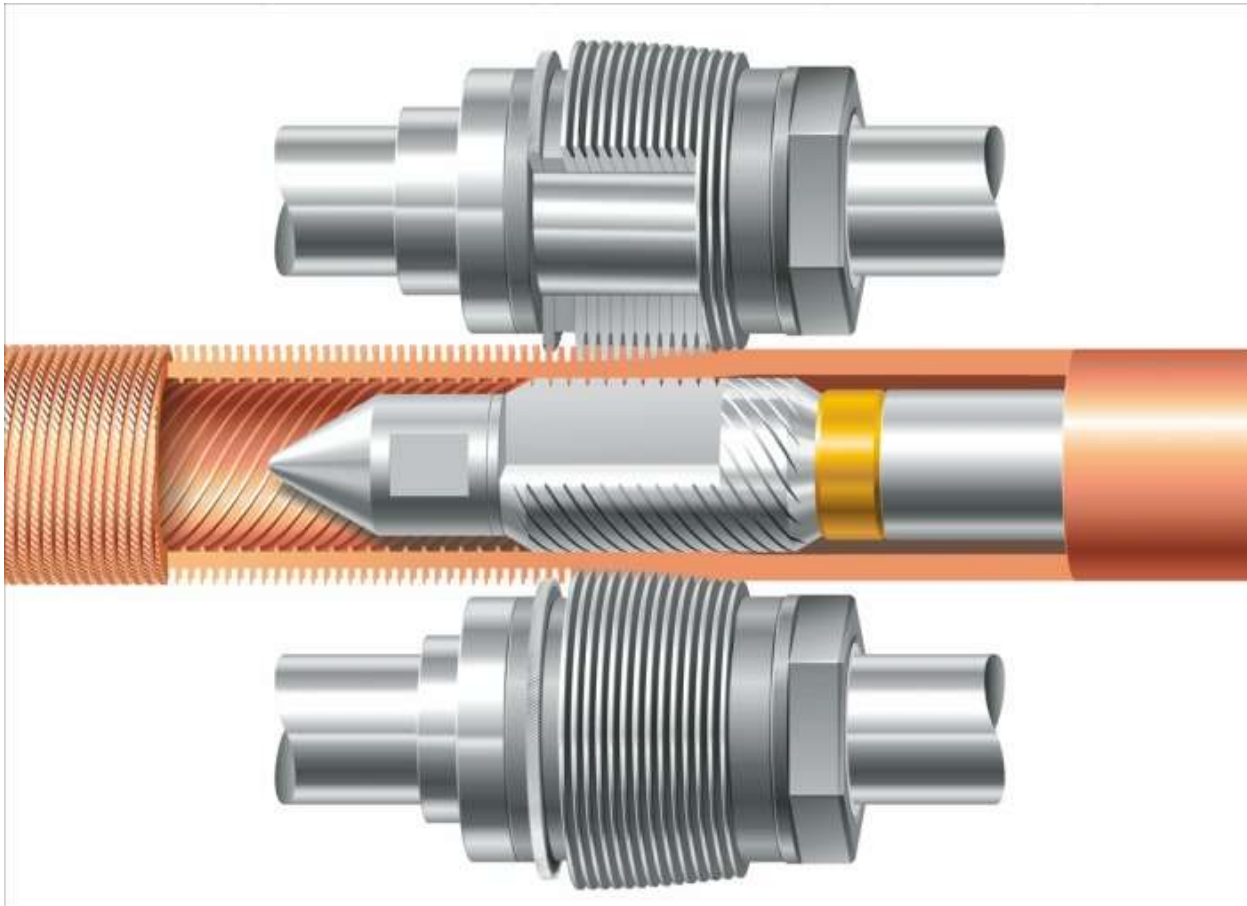


## Thermal Innovation

- Global leader in the development and manufacture of integral finned tubes
- The tubes are mechanically deformed to obtain integrals fins on the outside and integral ridges on the inside, significantly improving heat transfer between the two fluids
- Improvement is from a combination of extended surfaces areas (up to 3 times) and proprietary technology to promote nucleate boiling or condensing



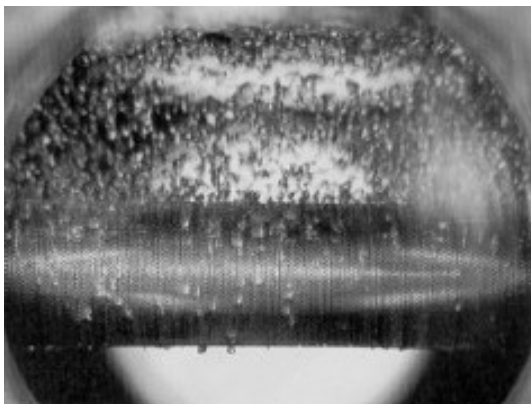
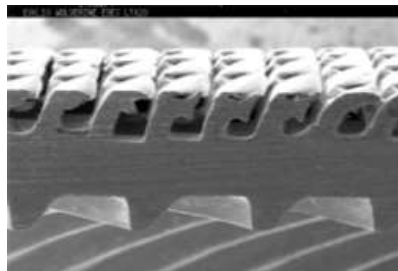
## Finning Process



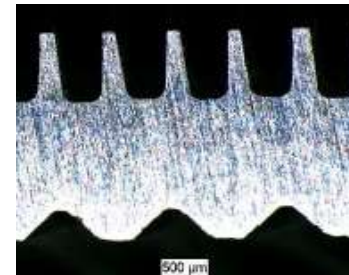
## Boiling and Condensing Processes

Highly complex designs to optimize heat flux, pressure drop and  $\Delta T$

Boiling

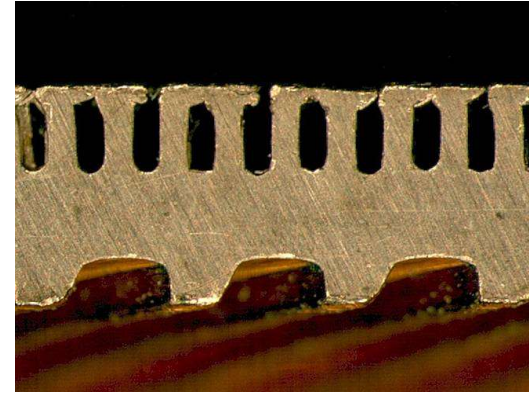
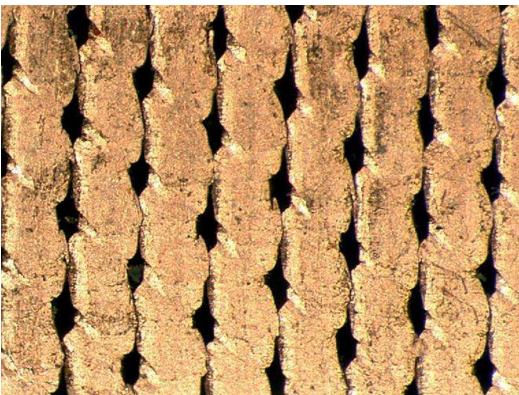
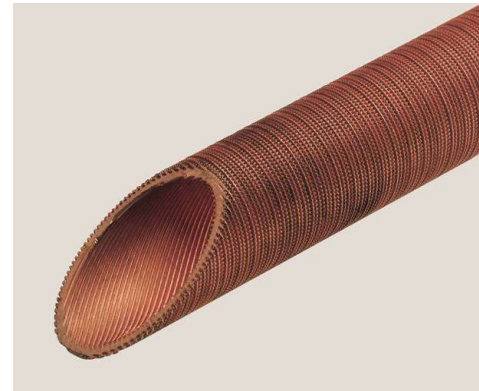
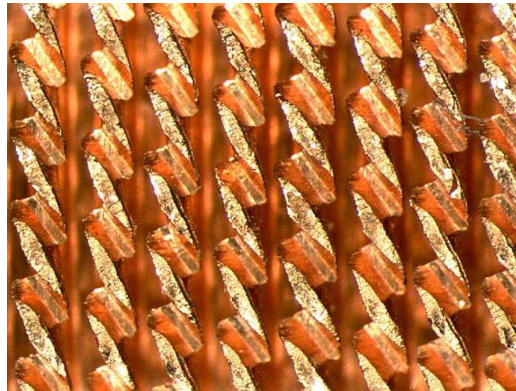
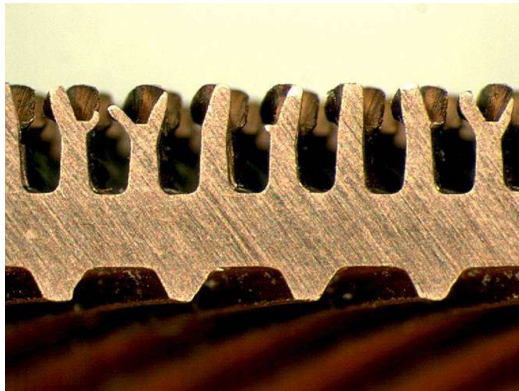


Condensation





## High Performance Boiling and Condensing Surfaces



## **Benefits of Double Enhanced Tubes**

- Broad heat transfer knowledge in evaporating and condensing fluids
- Maximum performance in any application
- Uses in low, medium, high and temperature sources
- Largest global supplier of high-performance finned tube for commercial chillers
- Co-development of application specific solutions with each customer



## Considering Dual Enhanced Tubes

- Smaller Investment/Reduce capital cost as less tubing required for the same duty
- Reduced foot print and weight which results into a more compact design
- Structural savings because of the more compact design. Less shells, heads, nozzles, piping, connections and supports
- Debottlenecking. Performances of an existing equipment can be increased without changing the original design

## **Materials**

- Carbon Steel
- Stainless Steel
- Duplex Stainless Steel
- Titanium
- Copper
- Copper Nickel Alloy (90/10 & 70/30)

## Mature Technology

### Markets

- Air conditioning & refrigeration
- Petrochemical / Chemical Process
- Power Generation
- Oil & Gas production and processing
- Hydrocarbon processing:  
Polypropylene, ethylene and LNG plants

### Applications

- Refrigerant condensers & evaporators
- Compressor intercoolers
- Oil coolers
- Pre-heaters
- Overhead condensers
- Reboilers
- ...and more

## **S/T Trufin / GEWA K**

S/T Trufin / GEWA K – OD enhancement

Integral helical fins on the outside of the tube  
provide increase in the outside surface area  
Designed for boiling and condensing of  
hydrocarbons or other liquids



## **S/T Turbo-Chil / GEWA KS**

S/T Turbo-Chil – OD & ID enhancement

Integral finned with an internal surface enhancement of internal ridging. Heat transfer process is added by turbulation of the tube-side fluid. Designed for boiling and condensing of hydrocarbons or other liquids



## Enhanced Tubes



## **Manufacturing Capabilities**

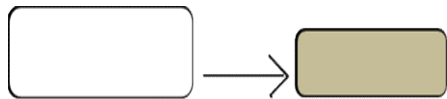
- Tube Diameter – 1/2" to 1" OD
- Internal & External fin enhancement
- Fins per inch (FPI) – from 11 to 60
- Max Tube Length – up to 21 m long
- U-Bent capabilities
- Non Destructive Test (NDT) Equipment –  
Eddy current, pneumatic pressure testing and air-underwater  
pressure testing
- ISO 9001 & ISO 14001 plants



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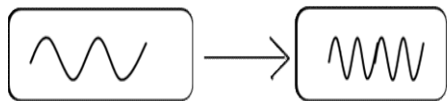
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## Levels of Optimization with Enhanced Tubes



- **Reduce size of heat exchanger**

- 30 to 100 % or more
- Applied in case of critical unit sizes



- **Increase capacity**

- Quick and simple
- Low cost option
- Often only choice due to limited plot space and piping alternatives



- **Minimise the number of shells per unit**

- Cost and operation optimisation (e.g. for large units)



- **Optimize the process**

- Operation cost optimisation
- Maximisation of production capacity

## **Selected Case Studies**

- Case 1 – Maximizing heat transfer rate

Cooling Water Systems/Electrical Power Station

Water/Water Heat Exchangers

- Case 2 – Enhancement for improved boiling

Geothermal Power Plant based on ORC – Cycle

Butane/Brine Evaporator

## Case 1

### WATER/WATER HEAT EXCHANGER

#### Cooling Water System / Electrical PowerStation

Duty: 6.82 MW

Shell: TEMA BEM, 1 pass

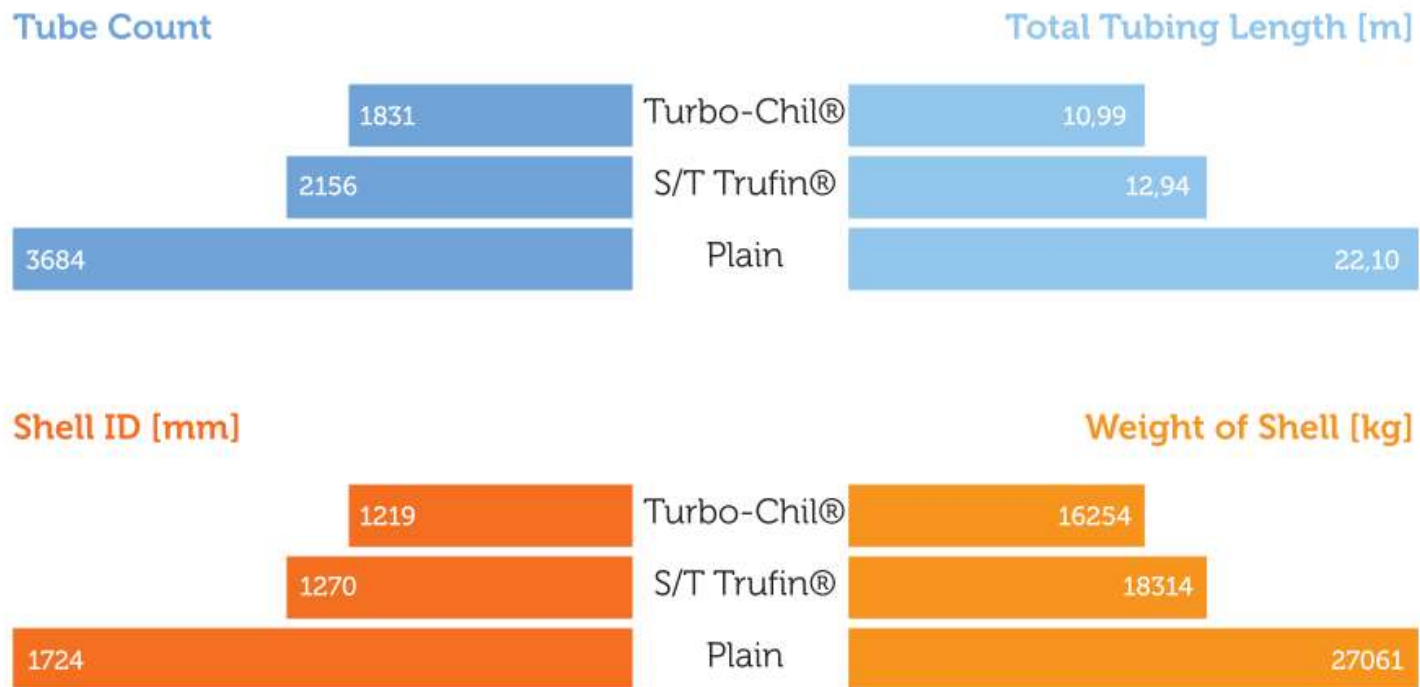
Tubes: Carbon Steel, 3/4", Length= 6 m

Shell Side Fluid: Demin Water,  $T_{in}/T_{out} = 40/29.5$  °C

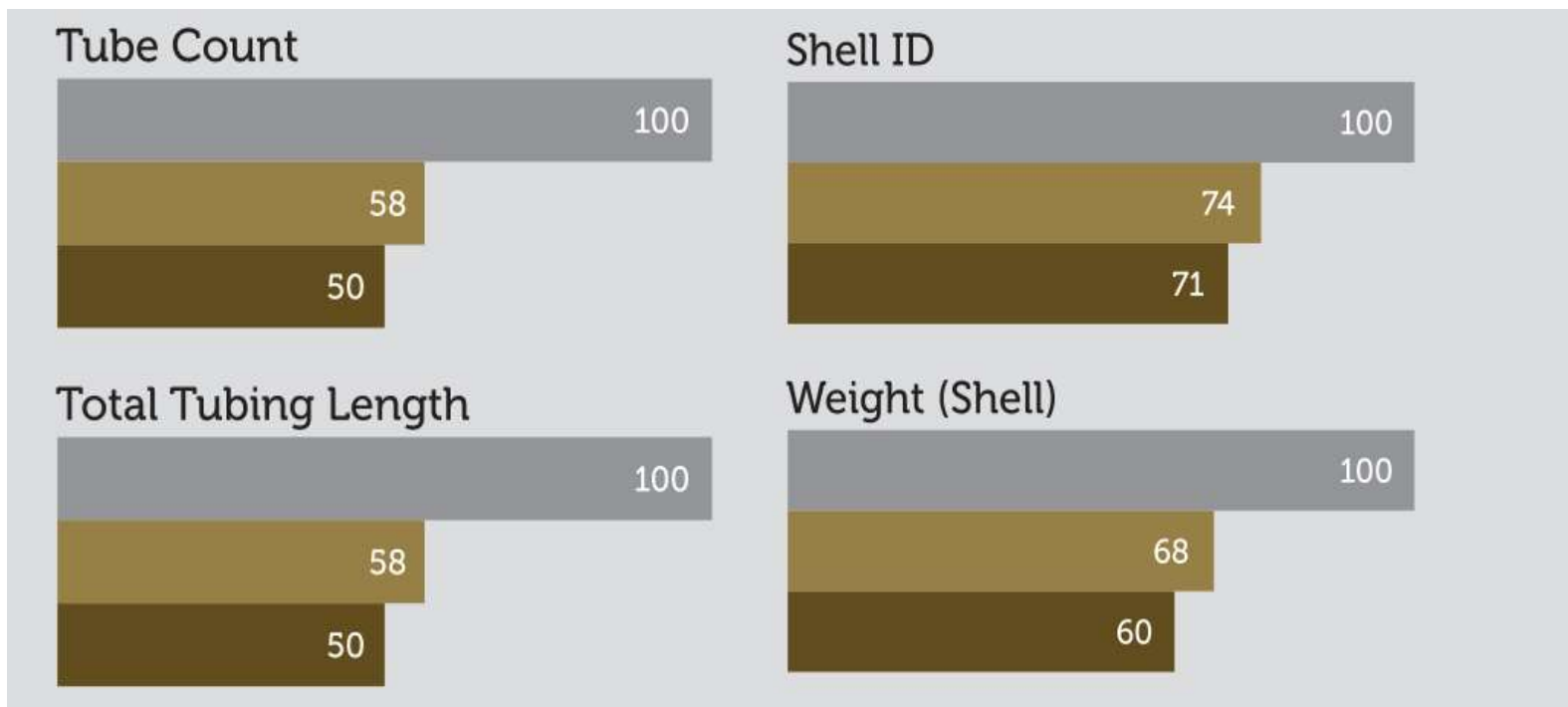
Tube Side Fluid: Cooling Water,  $T_{in}/T_{out} = 22/32.5$  °C

Design constrain: Max equipment length 6 m

## Case 1 – Thermal Simulations



## Case 1 – Relative Reductions



## Case 2

### BUTANE/BRINE EVAPORATOR

#### Butane Evaporator / Geothermal Power Plant based on ORC-Cycle

Duty: 55.33 MW  
Shell: TEMA NKN, 1 pass  
Tubes: Carbon Steel, 3/4"

Shell Side Fluid: Butane,  $T_{in}/T_{out} = 124.80/127.10$  °C

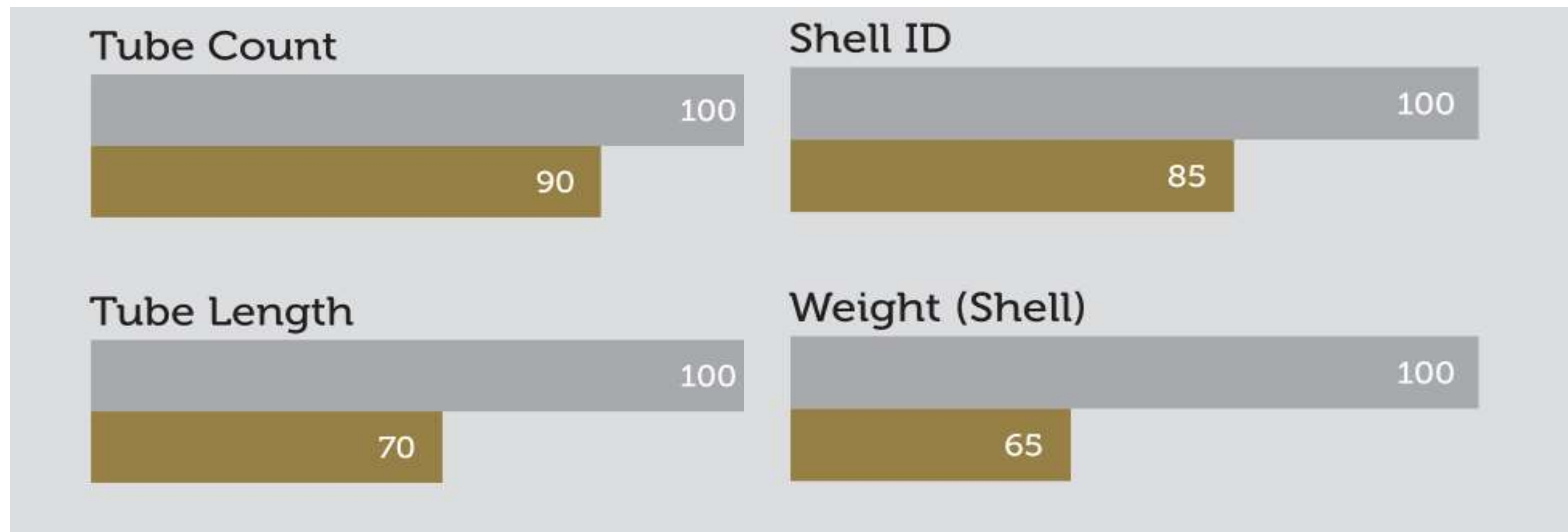
Tube Side Fluid: Brine,  $T_{in}/T_{out} = 161.70/130.96$  °C



## Case 2 – Thermal Simulations

Tube Count		TUBE Length [m]	
1970	S/T Trufin®	10,97	
2154	Plain	16,05	
Shell ID [mm]		Weight of Shell [kg]	
1320,81	S/T Trufin®	53824	
1550,15	Plain	82636	

## Case 2 – Relative Reductions



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## Chemical Analysis

Product : Longitudinally welded stainless steel tubes

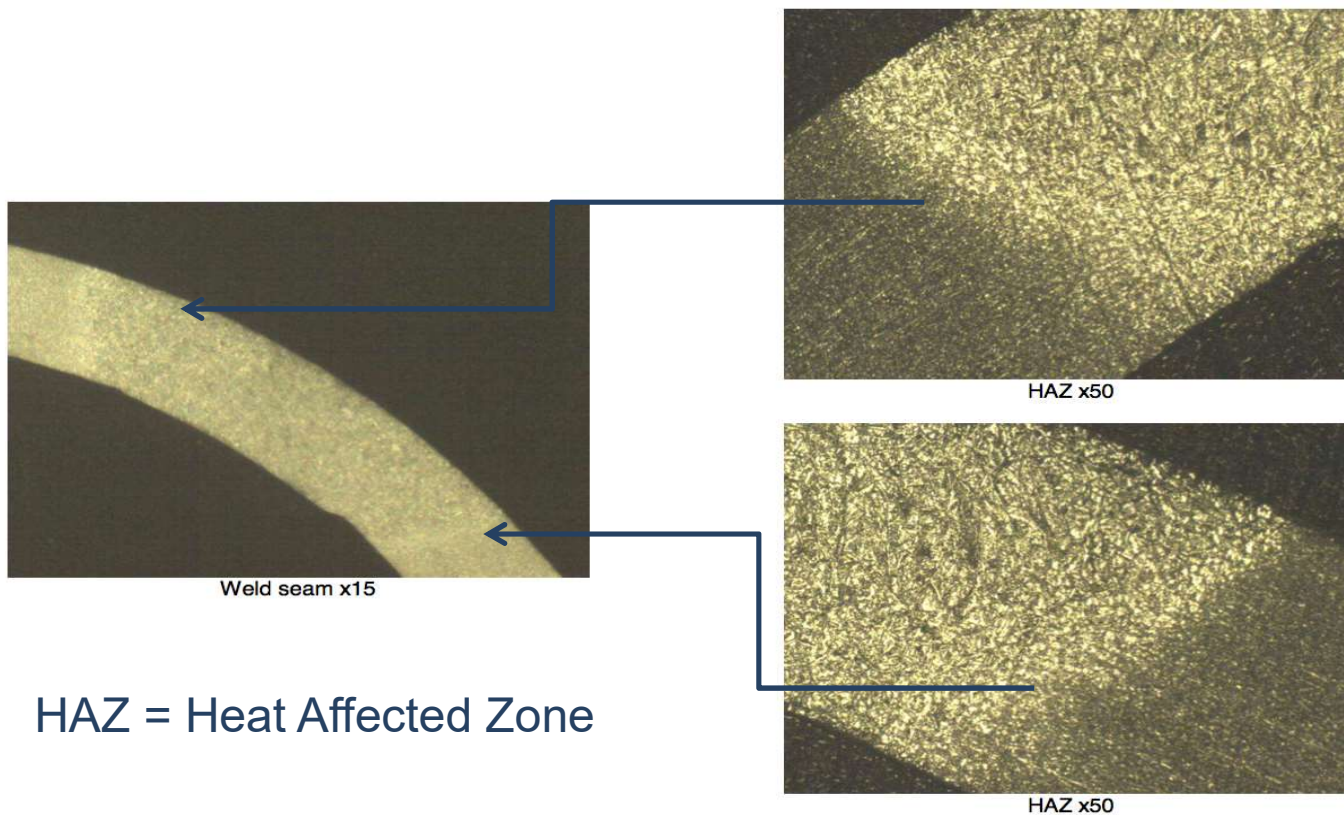
Dimensions : Ø25.4 x 1.65 mm

Standard : ASTM A789M

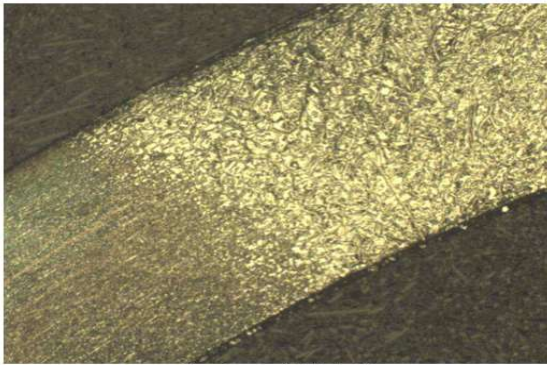
Grade : UNS S31803 - Duplex 2205

Heat N°		C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Mo	Ni
504121	Original	0.022	0.34	1.62	0.020	0.001	22.75	3.11	5.63
	Product	0.028	0.30	1.55	0.014	0.002	22.60	3.30	5.66

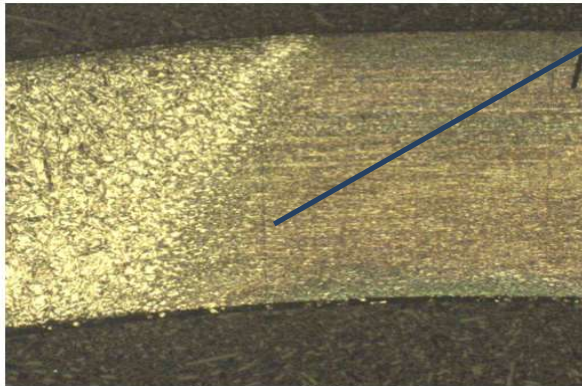
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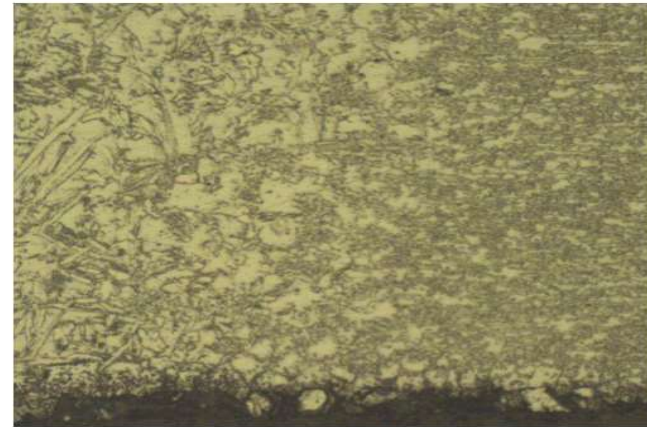
## Macrographic/Micrographic - Finned



Structure of HAZ x50



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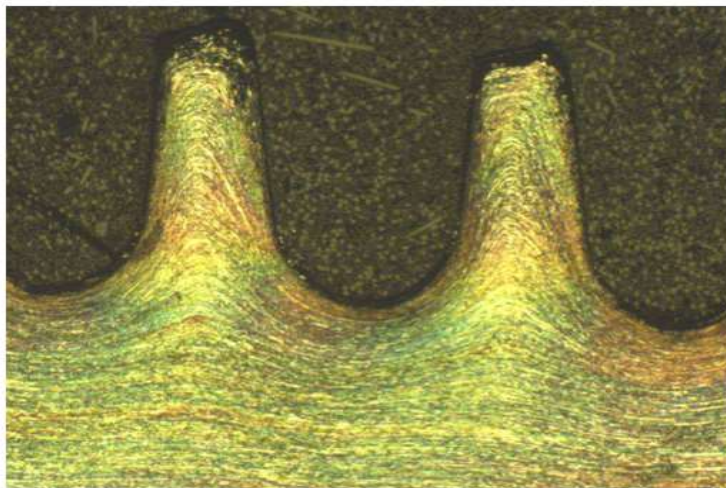
Structure of HAZ x200

HAZ = Heat Affected Zone

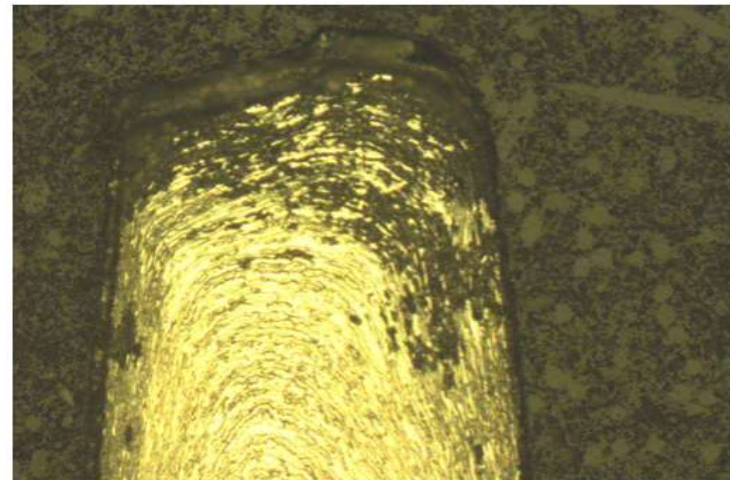


## Corrosion Test

Corrosion test according to G48 method A on the finned part  
(performed in  $\text{FeCl}_3$  solution during 24h at  $25^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ )



Finned x50

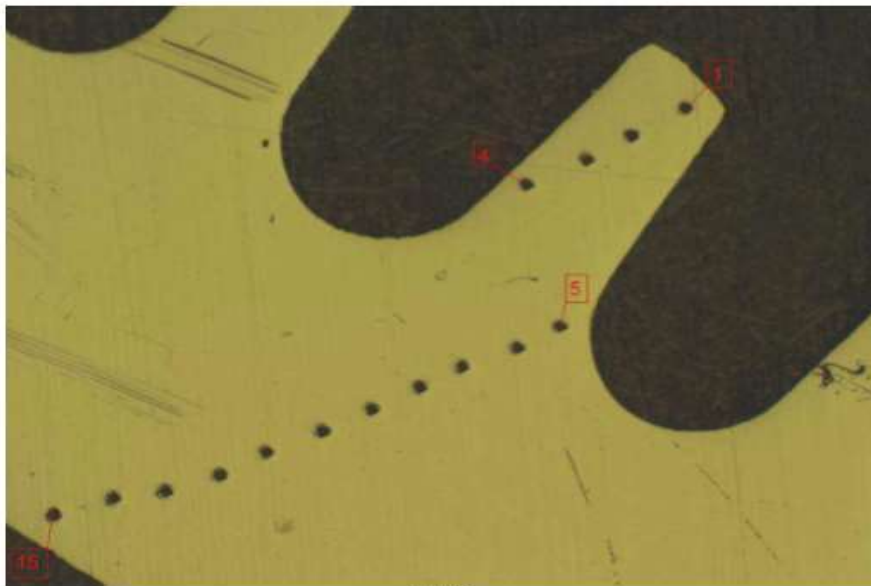


Finned x200

	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Weight (g)	Weight loss (g)	Corrosion rate (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Finned tube	76.73	40.733	0.015	0.195



## Hardness Measurements HV0.25



X50

	Hardness HV0.25
Plain tube	305

	Hardness HV0.25														
Point	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Finned tube	378	378	378	358	425	400	378	378	339	339	339	321	321	321	305

## Conclusions

- **No grooves or cracks has been observed**
- **The microstructure of the HAZ and base material shows no evidence of intermetallic phases**
- **Expected hardness variation has been observed as a consequence of the cold deformation/finning process**
- **Sample analyzed passed the corrosion test**  
(Corrosion has been observed on micrographic pictures of the longitudinal cut on the edge of the finned tube although corrosion rate  $< 1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ )

**Thank you !**