

Cooling tower

Today water qualities are deteriorating because of different kinds of pollution. This increases the risk of chiller shutdowns due to operation problems of the condenser. The condenser is subject to attacks from either chlorides that will cause corrosion or impurities or biological activities in the water that will cause fouling. As the expectations of trouble-free cooling operations have increased, it has become more and more interesting to look at alternative solutions where these problems can be avoided. One solution is an indirect system using a heat exchanger in combination with an open cooling tower. The advantages of this are:

- Low system cost: Cost calculations show that the payback period of the heat exchanger is very short.
- Material savings in the condenser: Less expensive materials can be used.
- With an intermediate heat exchanger, chillers as well as cooling towers can be run at an optimal temperature.
- An intermediate heat exchanger means that the use of water treatment chemicals, for example chromates used for the cooling tower water, can be minimized.
- Less maintenance of the condenser.

