For over fifty years, VOTATOR® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers have been raising productivity, lowering production costs, and delivering more uniform end-products for a wide range of processing industries.

With Votator® units, companies in the food, chemical, petroleum, pharmaceutical, and allied industries have reduced labor costs substantially, because their reliance on expensive artisan skills have been minimized or eliminated.

Votator® Scraped Surface Heat exchangers continue to replace many slow, inefficient batching operations with more uniform, controllable, and repeatable continuous processing. And, because of superior heat transfer performance and ability to handle a wide range of viscosities, they are still the clear choices over tubular or massive plate heat exchangers in viscous applications.

Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers can be employed in the continuous, closed processing of virtually any pumpable fluid or slurry involving:

Cooking
Slush Freezing
Cooling
Crystallizing
Mixing
Plasticizing
Gelling
Polymerizing
Heating
Aseptic processing
Votator’s high efficiency and productivity results from a simple concept, heat or cool continuously moving product by providing a large heat transfer surface for a small amount of product in a confined space.

Inside every Votator®, a mutator shaft rotates within a tube. The product passes through an annulus formed by the shaft and heat transfer tube (light yellow). Heating or cooling medium flows in a jacket (orange). The unit is insulated (pink) to minimize energy loss and protect personnel. A stainless steel cover protects the insulation.

In operation, the rotating shaft has blades which continuously scrape product film from the heat transfer tube wall, thereby enhancing heat transfer, and agitating the product to produce a homogenous mixture.

**Concentric**
For most applications the shaft is mounted in the center of the heat transfer tube, or **CONCENTRIC**.

**Eccentric**
An off centered shaft mount or **ECCENTRIC** design is recommended for viscous and sticky products. This shaft arrangement increases product mixing and reduces the mechanical heat load.

**Oval Tubes**
Oval tubes are used to process extremely viscous products. This design eliminates product channeling within the tube, it reduces mechanical heat by a double cam action of the scraper blades, and it balances the internal product force to prevent shaft deflection.
How Components Are Selected

Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchanger components are manufactured in a variety of configurations and materials so that each unit can be assembled to meet the specific processing requirement of each application.

All pressure elements are designed in accordance with the latest ASME code requirements.

**Jacket** – Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers can be jacketed for liquid, steam, or direct expansion refrigeration.

**Heat Transfer Tube** – Thermal conductivity and wall thickness are key design considerations in selecting heat transfer tubes. Tube wall thickness is precisely engineered to minimize heat transfer resistance while maximizing structural stability.

Pure nickel tubes provide high thermal conductivity. The inside of the tube is hard chrome plated, then honed and polished to a smooth finish for resistance to wear from scraper blades and abrasive products.

Stainless steel tubes specially designed for enhanced heat transfer are offered for acidic products and to provide flexibility in the use of cleaning agents for aseptic processing.

**Scraper Blades** – Votator® scraper blades are arranged on the shaft in staggered rows. The blades are held on the Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchanger shaft by strong, durable, specially designed “universal pins,” which are welded to the shaft. There are no threaded areas to cause product build-up and possible unsanitary conditions. These pins allow quick, easy blade removal and replacement.

A variety of blade materials are available.

**Seals** – Years of experience led to development of the Votator® rotary mechanical seals. Seals are designed for easy assembly and maintenance, and for clean operation.

Standard seal faces consist of hardened surfaces, such as tungsten carbide or chromium oxide running against a special graphite compound for good lubricity. Other seal faces, such as ceramic, are used when required by the application. Flexible seal parts are available in a variety of elastomers.

Votator® seals are designed with the capability to use steam or water seal flush, and Votator® II can be furnished with double mechanical seals and all are suitable for aseptic processing.

**Shaft** – The amount of time the product is within the heat exchanger for a given rate is controlled by the volume of the unit.

Small-shaft heat exchangers provide a large annulus for longer residence time, they handle lumpy products and those having large particles. Large-shaft heat exchangers provide a smaller annulus for high velocity and turbulence with high heat transfer rates and short product residence time in the unit.

**Drives** – The drive for the Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchanger is selected to provide optimum performance in each individual application and thus assure that the product is vigorously agitated and continuously removed from the heat transfer wall. Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers are furnished with direct drive gear motors with horsepower selection for optimum performance for the specific application.

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**Heat Sensitive Products** – Delicate products which are adversely affected by prolonged exposure to heat are effectively processed in Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers. The scraper blades prevent product from remaining on the heat transfer surface by continuously removing and renewing the film. Because only a small amount of product is exposed to heat for just a short time, burn-on is minimized or eliminated.

**Viscous Products** – Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers process viscous products far more efficiently than conventional plate or tubular heat exchangers. Product film is continually scraped from the heat transfer wall to induce high heat transfer rates; constant agitation causes turbulent flow and more consistent heating or cooling; pressure drop is effectively controlled by the product annulus area; agitation eliminates stagnant areas and product build-up; and cleaning is easier.

**Particulate-Laden Products** – Products with particulates which tend to plug conventional heat exchangers are handled easily in Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers, and the particulates maintain maximum product identity.

**Crystallized Product** – Products which crystallize are ideal candidates for Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchanger processing. As product crystallizes on the heat transfer wall, the scraper blades remove it and keep the surface clean.

**Food and Meat Processing** – Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers can serve the food and meat industries in an extensive variety of applications. Whether it's cooling, heating, sterilizing, crystallizing, freeze concentration, or processing a difficult-to-handle product, the Votator® is able to meet the most exacting standards.

**Aseptic Processing** – Scraped surface heat exchangers from Waukesha Cherry-Burrell have many applications in aseptic processing, particularly those involving viscous and particulate-laden products.

Waukesha Cherry-Burrell has been a pioneer in the development of several types of aseptic processing systems. These systems sterilize food and other perishable products before they are sealed in pre-sterilized containers for distribution by non-refrigerated means.

**Chemical Processing** – the chemical, pharmaceutical, and petrochemical industries can employ Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers in many processes, which can be grouped in four general categories.

1. Heating and cooling
2. Crystallization
3. Reaction control
4. Any of the above with aeration or mixing
Votator® 4 x 120
Scraped Surface Heat Exchanger

The 4 x 120 is a unique concentric heat exchanger designed for heating and cooling moderately viscous products. The heat transfer cylinder is 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter by 120 inches (3048 mm) long.

FEATURES
- All 316 stainless steel construction
- High efficiency 0.083 stainless steel heat transfer tube
- Available with 9 ft² (0.84 m²) heat transfer area
- Horizontal units can be mounted side by side with up to 8 cylinders per frame or furnished loose for vertical mount
- All units suitable for steam or liquid media
- Mechanical seal with flush connection on drive end with sleeve bearing on non-driven end
- 3 and 5 horsepower (2.2 kW – 5.5 kW) gear drives with shaft speeds of 90 and 175 rpm
- Celcon or Ryton plastic scraper blades
- Product side pressure of 200 psig (14 bar) @ 365° F (185° C)
  Jacket pressure of 150 psig (10.5 bar) @ 365° F (185° C)
- 2.375 inch (60 mm) shaft diameter for particulates up to 0.75 inches (19 mm)
- 2 inch S-line product connections
  1-1/2 FPT media connections

Dimensional Data Model 4 x 120

Drive end mechanical seal (Ceramic or Graphitar)
Votator® II Scrapped Surface Heat Exchanger

The Votator® II is the newest design of scrapped surface heat exchangers. It is a combination of design features from the proven Votator family, Thermutator Heat Exchangers, and new innovations resulting in a rugged, economical, and hygienic heat exchanger that can be used for heating and cooling products of a wide range of viscosities, including extremely thick and sticking products that require the cam action of the eccentric design.

FEATURES
- Can be mounted vertically or horizontally
- Sanitary appearance
- Minimum overall length
- USDA, CFIA, 3A, and ASME design
- Tough 2.25 inch (57 mm) shaft spline
- Steam / water or gravity / pumped, liquid refrigerant jacket configurations
- Concentric or eccentric shaft mounting

PROCESS MATCHED
- Drives From 7-1/2 TO 20 HP
- Wide range of output speeds
- Chrome plated nickel heat transfer tubes or 316 stainless steel tubes specially designed for enhanced heat transfer
- Stainless steel or plastic scraper blades
- Mutator shaft diameter based on fluid properties, 2-1/2, 4, 4-1/2, and 5-1/4 inches (63, 102, 114, and 133 mm)
- Wide selection of single and double mechanical seals, seal materials, and elastomers

EASY TO MAINTAIN
- Stainless steel exterior and stainless steel painted drive
- Open stainless steel mounting frame
- Boltless V-Lock heads for quick disassembly
- Splined mutator shaft removes in minutes
- Unique boltless blade mounting pins
- Gear motor drive - no couplings, belts or sheaves
- Heat transfer tube separate from media jacket. It has a reliable double O-Ring seal on each end and can be removed from the jacket in minutes without disturbing the media piping.

Dimensional Data
Model 6 x 72

PRODUCT SIDE PRESSURE
600 psi (42 bar) @ 400° F (204° C)
800 psi (56 bar) @ 400° F (204° C)

JACKET PRESSURE
250 psi (17.5 bar) @ 400° F (204° C)

MODELS AVAILABLE HEAT TRANSFER AREA
6 x 36 4.2 ft² (0.39 m²)
6 x 48 6.0 ft² (0.56 m²)
6 x 72 9.0 ft² (0.84 m²)
Votator® II Easy to Maintain

1. After any servicing or inspection, the Votator® II reassembles quickly and easily: simply insert the self-aligning spline end of the mutator shaft into the hollow shaft in the gear motor drive. There is no complex shaft coupling, no sensitive stub shaft alignment, or vulnerable drive belts to service.

2. Boltless V-Lock heads let you remove the shaft for inspection or routine maintenance in minutes without any tools.

3. Scraper blades are secured to the mutator shaft by the Votator® II universal mounting pins, and are easily and quickly removed and replaced.

4. The mechanical seal does not require thermal heating for replacement. The unique design of the stainless steel body holds the rotating ring securely in place.

5. And the seal spring is out of the product zone on the Double Mechanical seal.

6. The heat transfer tube is bolted to the jacket assembly. The seal design for both ends features double O-Rings. The tube can be removed easily without disturbing or disconnecting the media piping.

7. Hydraulic lift mechanism guides the mutator shaft through its full range of travel.
The Votator® name carries with it the reputation of durability that is unequaled. The Extra Heavy Duty Votator® is capable of heating and cooling products with viscosities in the 1,000,000 centipoise range. The units have high torque 2.75 inch (70 mm) drive splines, can be equipped with direct drives with up to 40 horsepower, and are available with Concentric or Oval heat transfer tubes to provide optimum processing conditions for any product.

FEATURES and OPTIONS
• Large diameter drive shaft with high torque spline
• Bolted product heads
• Extra heavy duty mechanical seals with flush connection
• Product pressure designs to meet process requirements
• Oval heat transfer tubes to minimize power and mechanical heat when processing viscous products
• Chrome plated nickel and stainless steel heat transfer tubes
• Stainless steel and plastic scraper blades
• Shaft diameters of 4 inches (102 mm), 4-11/16 (119 mm), and 5-1/4 (133 mm) to provide optimum heat exchange and residence time
• 9.0 sq. ft. (0.84 m²) heat transfer surface
• Product side pressure of 600 psig (41 bar) @ 100°F or 400 psig (28 bar) @ 375°F (189°C)

Dimensional Data
Liquid / Steam Jacketing

When using a liquid heat transfer medium, it is necessary to maintain a high flow rate for optimum efficiency. This is accomplished by using a centrifugal pump to maintain a constant media flow. A controller monitors the product temperature out of the Votator® II heat exchanger and allows liquid media from the supply to be introduced into the loop as required.

Gravity System

In the gravity refrigeration system, liquid refrigerant flows from a receiver in the compressor plant to a surge drum installed above the Votator® II or the Votator® Extra Heavy Duty. A modulating thermostatically controlled expansion valve automatically maintains the correct refrigerant level in this vessel. Gravity forces the refrigerant into the cooling jacket, where product heat vaporizes a portion of the liquid and reduces the bulk density of the remainder. The flow of vapor and this density difference combine to create the classic “thermosyphon effect,” which forces liquid refrigerant to circulate from the surge drum to the cooler. A regulating valve controls the pressure in the surge drum and, consequently, the temperature of the refrigerant in the cooling cylinder. Make-up liquid enters through the level control and the entire cycle continues. Individual surge drums can be provided for each cooling cylinder or a single drum can be used for as many as three cylinders.

The gravity system protects against freeze-up through an instantaneous current relay system. Optional hot gas controls also can be provided for freeze-up protection and to assist in removing refrigerant for pump down.

Liquid Overfeed Refrigeration System

Liquid Overfeed (LOF) is available on the Votator® II and the Votator® Extra Heavy Duty. It is a proven direct expansion concept in which only 25-35% of the liquid refrigerant flowing to the heat exchanger is actually vaporized. A large low pressure receiver replaces individual surge drums. This receiver, normally located in the compressor plant, is designed to separate the vapor from the circulated liquid. Waukesha Cherry-Burrell has designed many scraped surface heat exchangers for operating with Liquid Overfeed refrigeration. Overload protection against freeze-up is included and hot gas systems can be provided.
Votator® Shortening & Margarine Systems

Votator® technology pioneered continuous, controlled shortening and margarine production more than 65 years ago. All systems rely on the unique efficiency of Votator® Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers in achieving quick, consistent production of crystal nuclei. The super cooled product is then plasticized for the desired crystal structure through controlled agitation and working in a Votator® agitated holding unit or it is held in a static rest unit to develop a more rigid structure.

Votator® systems can be furnished for various capacity requirements for bulk or bakery shortening, lard, and margarine formulations for stick, tub, and spreads, and high pressure Votator® equipment is available for the production of Puff Pastry formulations. All systems are easy to install and can be furnished as a pre-piped skid or as individual components.

Why do you think they call it “VOTATING”? 

FEATURES

- Includes Votator II SSHE
- All stainless steel construction
- Pre-piped assembly factory-tested before shipment
- Eductor permits injection of low pressure air or nitrogen
- High pressure feed pump has no mechanical seal
- Individual gear motor drives — no belts or sheaves
- Open mounting frames for easier cleaning
- Rotary joints for mutator shafts are standard
- Votator® extrusion valve assures correct product texture
- Reliable and efficient refrigeration controls

OPTIONS

- High pressure design (1500 psig /102 bar)
- Manual or automatic control panels
- Shaft diameters for controlled residence time
- Bakery shortening systems
- Tempered-shortening systems for shaft rotary joints
- Process-matched refrigeration compressor systems
- Bulk-filling scale stations for accurate fill into cartons
- Eccentric Votator® II shortening post coolers

SHORTENING MODELS | Lbs/Hr | Kg/Hr
--- | --- | ---
SLS61 | 3000 | 1300
SLS91 | 5000 | 2200
SLS182 | 10000 | 4500
SLS273 | 15000 | 6800
SLS364 | 20000 | 9000
SLS546 | 30000 | 13600
SLS728 | 40000 | 18000

MARGARINE MODELS | Lbs/Hr | Kg/Hr
--- | --- | ---
1M48 | 2300 | 1000
1M72 | 3500 | 1600
2M48 | 4600 | 2100
2M72 | 7000 | 3200
3M72 | 10500 | 4700
4M72 | 14000 | 6400
5M72 | 17500 | 7900
6M72 | 21000 | 9500
8M72 | 28000 | 12700

The Votator® Agitated Holding Unit consists of a tube, in which a motorized shaft with agitating pins revolves at a fixed speed; the unit prevents margarine from “setting,” so it can deliver the soft product to tubs or bulk containers.
Votator®
Scraped Surface Heat Exchangers

Votator® II
4 x 120

Vertical Votator® II

Liquid or Steam Votator® II

Liquid Overfeed Refrigeration Votator® II

Votator® Process Systems

Votator® Extra Heavy Duty

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