

## HEAT RECOVERY FROM AN INDUSTRIAL FURNACE

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#### **BENEFITS**

- / Reduced overall energy costs in the plant, by reusing it in other production processes.
- / Becoming independent of gas supplies for heating buildings and heating domestic hot water.
- / Reduction of CO₂ emissions.
- / Avoiding severe penalties related to this.
- / Building the image of a company which cares for the environment and reduces its carbon footprint.

The green trend in the economy is becoming increasingly visible, which is why our customers are successively looking for solutions allowing them to save utilities and thus show that they are using green technology. They will not replace the furnace due to the cost, so an economical solution may be to equip the hardening plant with an installation allowing the use of waste heat produced.

This process involves capturing the heat generated during heat treatment processes and using it to power other production processes, heating rooms and hot utility water. This not only helps reduce energy costs, become independent from gas supplies, but also brings benefits to the environment, e.g., reducing  $CO_2$  emissions. It also allows to avoid severe penalties and improve the company's image.







## RECOVERED HEAT APPLICATION

- / Heating buildings (halls, facilities).
- / Heating hot water.
- / Waste heat recovered in the heat treatment process can be used for other production processes conducted in the plant, e.g., in washing equipment.
- / Conversion of heat into cold for cooling rooms.



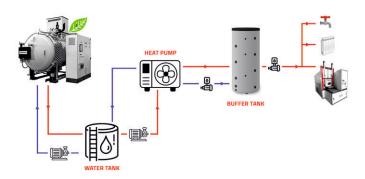
#### **PURPOSE**

Increasing the plants or hardening plant's entire production process energy efficiency.

Heat recovery from an industrial furnace involves recovering

and reusing energy generated during metal heat treatment.

Energy recovery from heat treatment processes is possible for most furnaces. Considering the SECO/WARWICK's activity profile, we are currently focusing on medium and small furnaces, and in particular vacuum furnaces. Until recently, these types of furnaces were not considered in terms of energy recovery possibility. Current trends in energy saving have forced us to find appropriate ecological solutions also for these units.



The process of implementing a heat recovery installation is like other technical tasks of this type. The implementation time depends on the designed installation's size and the system components' complexity.



#### **PROCESS STAGES**

- 1. Detailed technical assessment of the current state together with collecting the necessary data.
- 2. Development of a technical solution concept together with the potential benefits' and implementation costs' estimate.
- 3. Deciding on implementation order.
- 4. Completing the necessary installation elements, establishing a work schedule.
- 5. Installation at the plant, start-up, tests.





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