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DESIGN OF CATALYTIC CRACKING PLANT  
FOR PINE ROOT OIL

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This plant was designed to produce 2,000 lit/day of aviation gasoline by catalytic cracking 10,000 lit/day of the heavy overhead cut from the simplified pine-root oil distillation and coking units.

The design was based on data from the catalytic cracking pilot plant in the research department of this depot. An effort has been made to make the process flow simpler, however, and especially to conserve on the use of special steels, the plant was designed to use carbon steels in the reactors and heating pipes.

Basic design calculations are given in Appendix I and the process flow diagram is given in Plate I(B)6.

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## APPENDIX I

1. Object of the Plant

This plant is designed to obtain aviation gasoline by the catalytic cracking for which pine oil is used as the crude oil.

2. Plant Capacity

New Charge ..... 10,000 lit/day

3. Property of Pine Heavy Oil (Crude)

Specific Gravity .....	0.896
I.B.P. ....	122.0°C
10% Point .....	160.5
20% Point .....	170.5
30% Point .....	180.0
40% Point .....	189.0
50% Point .....	200.0
60% Point .....	217.0
70% Point .....	241.0
80% Point .....	272.0
90% Point .....	348.0
E.P. ....	-

4. Crude Oil Feed Pump

10,000 lit/day = 10,000 x 0.896 = 8,960 kg/day  
 10,000 lit/day = 417 lit/hr = 6.95 lit/min

This pumping unit shall deliver a normal capacity of 6.95 lit/min at normal and shall be delivered against a discharge pressure of 10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> with atmospheric suction.

5. Recycle Oil Pump

Basis: Recycle Ratio = 3

6.95 lit/min x 3 = 20.85 lit/min = 1,250 lit/hr

Discharge Pressure ..... 10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Suction Temperature ..... 250°C

6. Cracking Oil (Combined Feed)

Recycle stock (10,000 x 3) x 0.832 = 24,950 kg/day

New Charge	8,960 kg/day
<u>Total cracking oil</u>	<u>33,910 kg/day</u>

Specific Gravity ..... 33,910 ÷ 4000 = 0.848  
 U.O.P. Characterization Factor ..... 11.4  
 Mean Molecular Weight ..... 170



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100% point 349°C (660°F)  $\frac{1}{2}$  350°C

~~Since, it must be the temperature of oil of the outlet.~~

9. Cracking Oil Heater.

If the condition is such that cracking oil does not pass through the exchanger, the heats required to be necessary to heat from 184°C to 350°C at liquid state, are as follows:

$$0.685 \times 1,413 \times (350 - 184) = 160,740 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

Where Mean specific heat = 0.685

Assuming the cracking oils which pass through the pipe still are entirely vaporized on the score of the non-vaporized oils remained in the flash chamber are only 3 percent of all by data.

$$75.1 \times (1,413 + 2,2046) = 234,043 \text{ B.T.U./hr} \\ = 59,283 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

Accordingly the total heat is,

$$160,740 + 59,283 = 220,023 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

Cracking oil (1667 lit/hr) .....	1413.6 kg/hr
Specific gravity .....	0.848
Mean M.W. ....	170
U.O.P. Characterization factor .....	11.4
Inlet temp. ....	184°C
Outlet temp. ....	350°C
Outlet pressure .....	5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
Heat required .....	220,023 Kcal/hr

In this case, the pressure drops of cracking oil throughout the pipe still and another are assumed 5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> by the data of the pilot plant of the naval laboratory. The furnace capacity is taken as the above purposely, considering the conditions at the start and the allowance but the oils can get the large quantities of heats from the exchanger when operation becomes on stream.

10. Flash Chamber

Temp. of inlet .....	350°C
Temp. of top of the chamber .....	300°C
Operating pressure .....	5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (gauge)
Feed quantities .....	1413.6 kg/hr

To calculate the volume of oil vapors in the chamber,

$$1413.6/170 \times 22.4 \times 1/6 \times (273 + 300)/273 \\ = 65.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$$

Assuming the above vapors remain 90 seconds in the chamber.

$$(65.5/60) \times 90/60 = 1.64 \text{ m}^3$$

11. Oil Vapor Heater

Temp. of inlet .....	300°C
Temp. of outlet .....	500°C

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Pressure of inlet .....	5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
Pressure of outlet .....	2 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
Mean specific heat .....	0.695

$$0.695 \times 1413.6 \times (500 - 300) = 197,000 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

With a 20 percent factor to allow more heating, the heat required is 235,000 Kcal/hr.

12. Reaction Chamber.

Charging quantities = 1,667 lit/hr = 1,413.6 kg/hr  
Space velocity = 3

Therefore Catalyst volume =  $1,667 \div 3 = 555 \text{ lit.}$

The reduction of catalyzer by means of the reactivation and high temperature is assumed about 15 percent by the data of the pilot plant of the naval laboratory.

$$555 \text{ lit} \times 1.15 = 638 \text{ lit} \div 640 \text{ lit}$$

Specific gravity of catalyzer ..... 0.75

$$\text{Weight of catalyzer} = 0.75 \times 640 = 480 \text{ kg per tower}$$

Operating pressure .....	2 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
Design pressure .....	5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
Operating temp. ....	450 to 500°C
Design temp. ....	550°C

Materials

Flanges .....	Cast steel
Shell .....	Class SB J.E.S.
Bolts and nuts .....	4-6% Cr. steel

Note: It is really dangerous to use carbon steel plates at the high temperature such as 500°C, but daringly used carbon steel plates on account of the difficulties of getting special steel plates recently such as, Ni-Cr or Cr-Mo. Accordingly, the allowable working stresses must be taken not over 2 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>, considering the creep stresses.

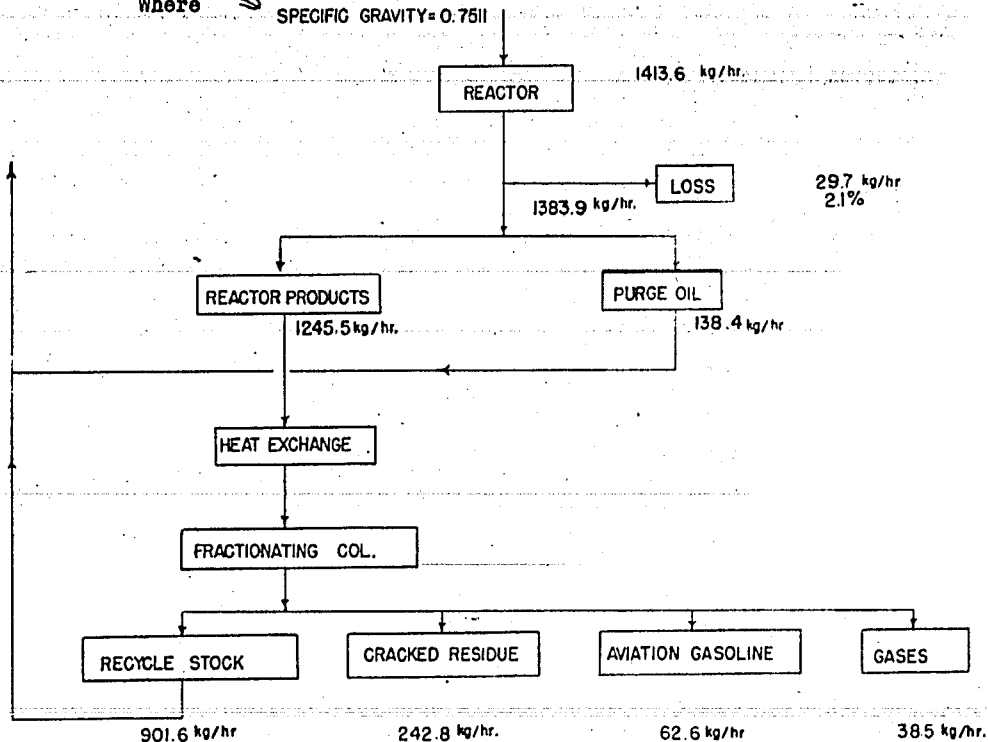
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13. Material Balance in and around the Fractionating Column.

~~Assuming the aviation gasoline to be 20 percent (vol) of the new charge oil,~~

$$417 \text{ lit/hr} \times 0.20 = 83.4 \text{ lit/hr} = 62.6 \text{ kg/hr}$$

Where  $\approx$  SPECIFIC GRAVITY = 0.7511



Next, assuming the cracked residue is 70 percent (vol) of the new charge oil,

$$417 \text{ lit/hr} \times 0.70 = 291.9 \text{ lit/hr} = 242.8 \text{ kg/hr}$$

Where Specific gravity ..... 0.832  
Cracked gases and losses ..... 38.5 kg/hr

14. Fractionating Column.

Operating pressure ..... 1 kg/cm  
Operating temp. .... @Top 120°C  
Operating temp. .... @Bottom 250°C  
Reflux ratio ..... 5  
M.W. of oil vapor at the top ..... 120  
M.W. of gases at the top ..... 29

Therefore, distillates of Top

Gases .....  $38.5 \div 29 = 1.33 \text{ Kgmol/hr}$   
Vapors ..  $62.6 \times (5/1) \div 120 = 3.13 \text{ Kgmol/hr}$



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However	$PV = ZnRT$
Where	$P = 2 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \text{ (absolute)}$
	$n_1 = 1.33 \text{ (gases)}$
	$n_2 = 3.13 \text{ (vapor)}$
	$R = 0.094786$
	$T = 120 + 273 = 393^\circ\text{K}$
	$Z_1 = 0.99 \text{ (gas)}$
	$Z_2 = 0.95 \text{ (vapor)}$
	$T_0 = 610^\circ\text{F} (321^\circ\text{C}) \quad (321 + 273)^\circ$
Vapor:	$TR = 393/594 = 0.662$
	$P_0 = 24 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \text{ (absolute)}$
	$Z_2 = 0.95$
Gas:	$T_0 = 305^\circ\text{K}$
	$TR = 393/305 = 1.29$
	$P_0 = 48 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \text{ (absolute)}$
	$FR = 2/48 = 0.0417$
	$Z_2 = 0.99$

Therefore,

$$\text{Oil Vapor} = \frac{0.95 \times 3.13 \times 0.094786 \times 393}{2} = 55.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$$

$$\text{Gases} = \frac{0.99 \times 1.33 \times 0.094786 \times 393}{2} = 24.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$$

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$$\text{Total} = 79.7$$

The velocity of the vapors through the column are assumed 0.3 meters per second.

$$D^2 \times 3.1416/4 \times (0.3 \times 3600) = 79.7$$

$$D^2 \times 0.785 \times 1080 = 79.7$$

$$847D^2 = 79.7$$

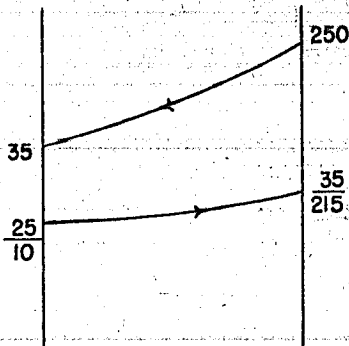
$$D = 0.31$$

The actual tower diameter that is used for these conditions is taken 450mm as a packed column.



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$$0.572 \times 242.8 \times (250 - 37) = 29,581 \text{ Kcal/hr} \\ \doteq 30,000$$



$$\Delta T_m = \frac{215 - 10}{2.3 \log 215/10} = 67^\circ\text{C}$$

$$K = 60 \text{ Kcal/m}^2, \text{ hr, } ^\circ\text{C}$$

Therefore,  $A = 30,000 / (67 \times 60) \doteq 7.5 \text{ m}^2$

The actual cooling surface is taken  $10 \text{ m}^2$ .

Cooling water:  $W = 30,000 / (35 - 25) = 3,000 \text{ kg/hr @normal}$

#### 17. Reflux Oil Accumulator.

Vapor condensed,  $375.6 \div 0.7511 = 500 \text{ lit/hr}$

Gases,  $\frac{0.99 \times 1.327 \times 0.094786 \times 310}{2} = 19.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$

Assuming the accumulator keeps reflux oil during 10 minutes in  $\frac{1}{2}$  volume of it.

$$500/60 \times 10 \times 2 = 167 \text{ lit}$$

Then the volume of the accumulator is necessary to occupy 167 lit or over.

#### 18. Reflux Oil Pump.

This pumping unit shall deliver a normal capacity of 8.34 lit/min that volume at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  and shall be delivered against a discharge pressure of  $5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  suction.

#### 19. Heat Exchanger.

Heat Balance

a. Heat contents of the vapors leaving the reactor system.

Basis:  $100^\circ\text{F}$

Liquid:  $0.61 \times 1,245.5 \times (300 - 100) = 152,000 \text{ Kcal/hr}$

Vapor:  $0.695 \times 1,245.5 \times (500 - 300) = 173,000 \text{ Kcal/hr}$

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Latent heat:

$$\begin{aligned} 75 \times 1,245.5 \times 2,2046 &= 205,500 \text{ B.T.U./hr} \\ &= 51,800 \text{ Kcal/hr (+)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total} = 376,800 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

b. Heats to be removed.

Top vapors and gases .....	46,500 Kcal/hr
Bottom cracked residues .....	30,000 Kcal/hr
Bottom recycle oils .....	111,000 Kcal/hr
Heat losses .....	56,500 Kcal/hr

$$\text{Total} = 244,400 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

Heat loss is assumed about 15 percent of the total heat.

$$376,800 \times 0.15 = 56,500 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

Heat to be exchanged

$$376,800 - 244,400 = 132,400 \text{ Kcal/hr}$$

a. Cold Fluid: (New charge and recycle oil)

$$1,413.6 \text{ kg/hr} = 1,667 \text{ lit/hr}$$

Specific gravity	0.848	35.5 A.P.I.
M.W.		170
Inlet temp.		180°C

If the outlet temperature is assumed nearly 300°C and not to be vaporized,

$$0.68 \times 1,413.6 \times (t_1 - 180) = 132,400$$

$$\text{then } t_1 = 318^\circ\text{C}$$

In this case, taken 300°C

b. Hot Fluid: (Cracked oil and vapor)

If the outlet temperature assumed nearly 300°C and not to be condensed.

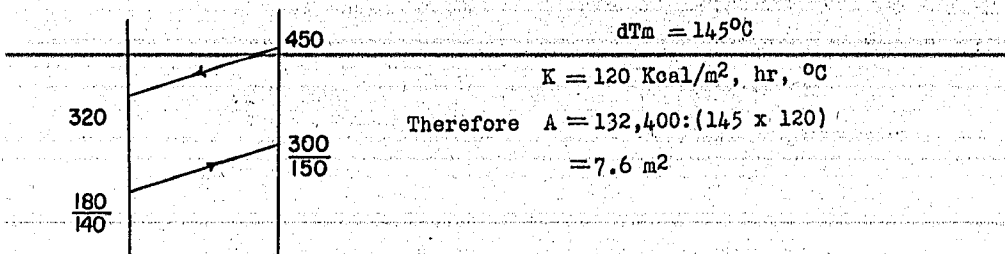
$$0.695 \times 1,245 \times (500 - t_2) = 132,000$$

$$\text{then } t_2 = 345^\circ\text{C}$$

In this case, taken 320°C.

So that, the temperature of feed oil to the fractionating column is about 320°C, but the temperature drops throughout the piping and other heat losses are obscure. However, it is assumed as follows, and taken a larger heating surface and should be regulated the feed temperature by adjusting the by-path valves.

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With a safety factor, the surface is  $15 \text{ m}^2$ .

20. Reactivations of Catalyzer.

a. Carbon deposits are assumed 8 percent (wt) to the new charge oil depend upon the data of the naval laboratory.

$$6960/24 \times 0.08 = 29.9 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\doteq 2.49 \text{ kgmol/hr}$$

Oxygen is necessary 1 mol per mol of carbon theoretically, therefore necessary air amounts are as follows:

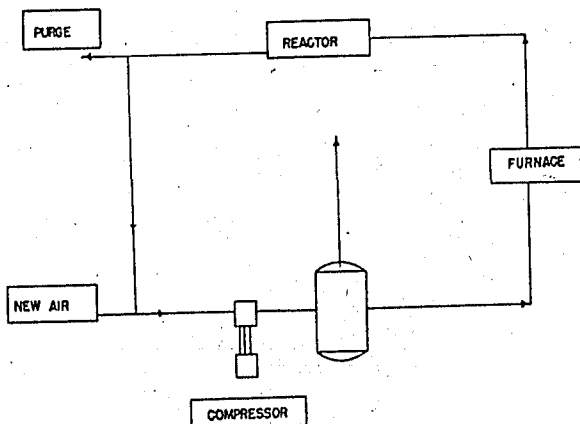
$$2.49/0.21 \times 22.4 = 265 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$$

With a 33 percent to allow the efficiency of combustion the necessary air amounts are  $800 \text{ m}^3$  per hour:

b. The minimum air quantities to be necessary to keep uniformly the distribution of the temperature in the reactors is required about  $600 \text{ m}^3$  per 1,000 kg of cracking stocks,

then  $600 \times 33.910/24 \doteq 850 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$

Having in mind (1) and (2), the capacity of the air compressor is determined  $15 \text{ m}^3$  per minute.



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Note: The reactors should be used three interchangeably.

21. Reactivating Gas Heater

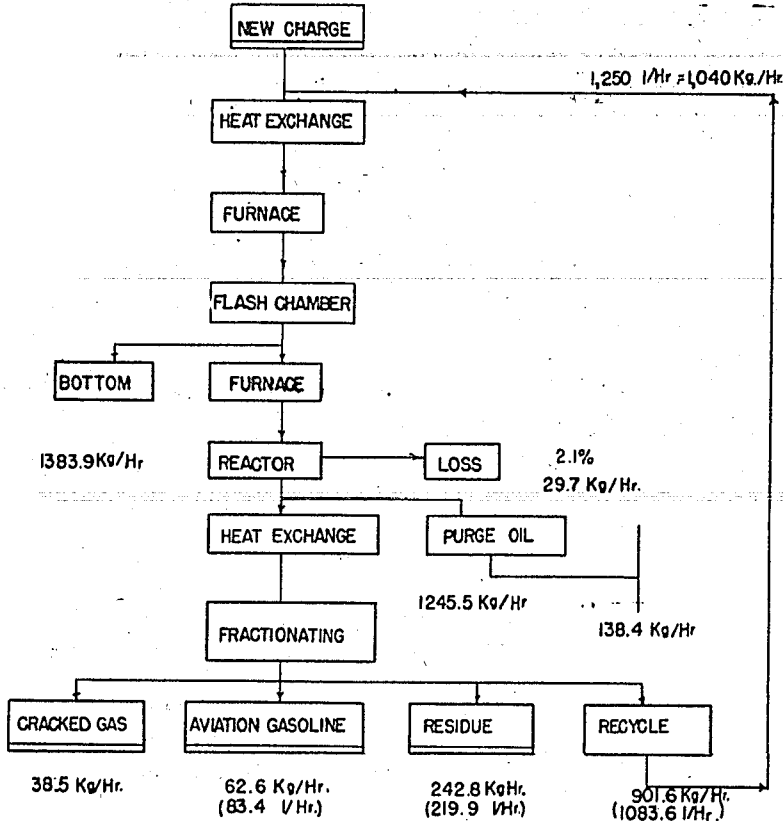
Quantities 850 m<sup>3</sup>/hr  
 Operating pressure 5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> to 2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Inlet temp. 25 °C  
 Outlet temp. 500°C

Heat required:

$0.33 \times 850 (500 - 25) = 133,000 \text{ Kcal/hr} \approx 150,000 \text{ Kcal/hr}$

Normal Operating Capacity 10,000 lit/day

$417 \text{ l/Hr} = 373.6 \text{ l/Hr}$



=10%

=16.8%

Products	% to new charge
Aviation gas	20
Cracked gas	10
Residue	70

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FLOW DIAGRAM OF  
CATALYTIC CRACKING PLANT

(1)	LOCAL MOUNTING
(2)	POSTED ON INSTRUMENT BOARD
(3)	INDICATOR
(4)	INDICATING PRESSURE GAUGE
(5)	INDICATING TEMPERATURE
(6)	INDICATING FLOW RATE
(7)	REGULATING PRESSURE CONTROLLER
(8)	LEVEL GAUGE
(9)	REGULATING FLOW CONTROLLER
(10)	INDICATING PRESSURE CONTROLLER
(11)	REDUCING VALVE
(12)	CHECK VALVE
(13)	SAFETY VALVE
(14)	HAND CONTROL VALVE

