UOP Amine Guard™ FS Technology for Acid Gas Removal
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Overview of the Amine Guard FS Process

- Licensed amine technology
- Removal of CO₂ & H₂S to low levels or
- Selective H₂S Removal
  - Low H₂S spec, with as much as 75% CO₂ slip
- UCARSOL Formulated Solvent from Dow
- Several flow scheme options available
- UOP MD™ Trays or Raschig Super Rings to maximize performance
# Amine Guard FS Process

## Do’s and Don’ts

### Do’s
- Remove CO\(_2\) & H\(_2\)S
- Selective H\(_2\)S removal
- Natural Gas to pipeline specs
- Natural Gas to LNG specs
- Downstream of a membrane for CO\(_2\)/H\(_2\)S polishing
- Treat Synthesis gas for H\(_2\), NH\(_3\) or other applications

### Don'ts
- Mercaptan Removal
Markets served include:

- Synthesis gas treating for CO$_2$ removal in synthesis gas plants, such as direct iron ore reduction
- Synthesis gas treating for selective H$_2$S removal in integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) plants
- Natural gas treating for selective removal of H$_2$S and partial removal of CO$_2$ for pipeline specifications
- High CO$_2$ partial pressure service for reduced energy consumption compared with conventional amines, such as steam reformed ammonia plants
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UCARSOL Solvent Characteristics

UCARSOL AP-800 Series Solvent Features:

- State of the art amine technology
- MDEA based solvent with low concentrations of activator
  - Activator accelerates slow overall kinetics of CO$_2$ reaction with MDEA
  - Solvent formulation is chosen to provide the desired amount of CO$_2$ slip
  - AP-814 used for LNG applications to achieve very low residual H$_2$S & CO$_2$ content of product gas
  - Activator significantly reduces packed heights of towers
UCARSOL AP-800 Series Solvent Features (cont’d):

- High thermal and chemical stability
- Non-corrosive (no corrosion inhibitors needed)
- No solvent reclaiming or purging for typical applications
- Non – foaming
- Inventory stored in worldwide locations
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Amine Guard FS Flow Scheme Options

- Feed CO₂ & H₂S partial pressures vs. product specs
- Higher PP allows exploitation of flash regeneration
- Low level H₂S product specifications require some thermal regeneration
- Each application will have its own optimal flow scheme solution
Four Main Amine Guard FS Flow Schemes

- Flash only
- Conventional (absorber + thermal regeneration)
- 1-Stage (absorber + flash column + thermal regeneration)
- 2-Stage (1-stage system that also includes semi-lean solvent stream)
Flash-Only Flow Scheme - Application

- Simple flowscheme and therefore relatively inexpensive
- Low energy requirements
- Ideal for bulk removal of CO2
- Partial removal of H2S
• Can achieve CO$_2$ levels below 50 ppm for LNG specifications
• Lower solvent requirements than flash-only system
• Thermal regeneration for higher level of removal
Amine Guard FS Process

2-Stage

Amine Absorber

Sweet Gas

Make-Up Water

Lean Solution Pump

Lean Solution Cooler

Acid Gas

Acid Gas KO Drum

Filtration System

Amine Stripper

Amine Reboiler

Rich Flash Column

Rich Flash Drum

Rich Solution Pump

Semi-Lean Solution Pump

Lean/Rich Exchanger

Lean Solution Booster Pump

Make-Up Water

Flash Gas to Fuel Header

Acid Gas Cooler

Reflux Pump

Make-Up Water

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2-Stage Flow Scheme - Application

Advantages

- Much lower duty requirements than single-stage system
- Flexibility to trade-off solvent flow rate for thermal regenerator duty or vice-versa

Disadvantages

- Solvent requirements always higher than those for single-stage system, resulting in higher capital costs (absorber, pumps, and piping)
Flow Scheme Comparison

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**Conventional and 1-stage Flowschemes**
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**2-stage Flowscheme**
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### Flow Scheme Comparison - Reboiler Duty

**1000’s BTU/lbmol CO₂ Removed**

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*Higher feed CO₂ PP yields lower duty*
### Flow Scheme Comparison – Example 1

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Equipment Features

- Raschig Super-Rings packing or MD Trays for absorber, flash, and thermal regenerator internals to minimize tower diameter and pressure drop

- Welded plate and frame heat exchangers for Lean/Rich exchanger typically specified
  - Conventional design is Shell and Tube exchangers
  - P&F is lower cost, smaller plot space
  - P&F also tighter approach temperature, for additional heat integration

- Power Recovery Turbines

- UOP specialists assess the optimal equipment for each application
Exchangers – recent example

• S&T design required 8 shells
  – TIC - $6MM

• P&F, with tighter approach, 2 in parallel plus 1 warehouse spare
  – TIC - $1.4 MM (with spare)
  – Also, 10% reduction in reboiler duty
    • $1.3MM/yr in steam savings
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**Power Recovery Turbines**

- Large Natural Gas Applications may be able to justify Power Recovery on Amine pressure let down from high pressure absorber to low pressure regenerator
- Recovered mechanical power can justify investment through power consumption savings
- Recent example – 2200 kW savings
  - $700,000/yr electrical savings
  - PRT equipment cost - $400,000
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Engineering With YOU Every Step of the Way

Experience IS the Difference

Project Time Line 20+ Years

Planning
Licensor Selection
Basic Design
Training
Detailed Design
Construction
Inspection
Catalyst Loading
Startup
Test Run
Operation

Process Estimates, Plant Visits
Schedule A
Consultation and Review
Startup Services
Ongoing Services
Engineering With YOU Every Step of the Way

Experience IS the Difference
The Schedule A Package

• First step in comprehensive transfer of technology
• Design data to YOUR preferred contractor
• Ensures your unit is:
  – Bid accurately
  – Constructed as designed
  – Reliable

*Experience IS the Difference*
UOP Schedule A Package

**Equipment Specifications**
- Columns, Vessels, and Reactors
- Fired Heaters
- Exchangers
- Pumps and Compressors
- Instruments
- Piping
- Hydraulics
- Operating manual

**Drawings**
- Process Flow Diagrams
- Piping and Instrument Diagrams
- Material Selection Diagram
- Mechanical Equipment
- Typical Plot Plan

**Standard Specifications**
- Additional design information
- Design basis
- Stream and heat transfer data
- Hydraulics
- Operating manual
UOP Engineering Experience

- Schedule A Designs: 150 - 200 per year
- Process Studies: 50 - 75 per year
- Revamps: 100 - 150 per year
Superior Technology Delivery

- Several Study & Design package options as starting points for customizing to best evaluate options & meet project objectives
- Work with EVERY major contractor worldwide
- Gas Processing Operations Experts
- Secure Private On line Transfer Server (SPOTS) enables IMMEDIATE secure transfer of project design data via the web
- UOP leading the industry to the next generation of design systems optimization (ZyCad) $\Rightarrow$ fastest and lowest cost projects
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### Commercial Experience

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Technical Service

Guaranteed Performance

Before
- Design Checks
- Training
- HAZOP

During
- Unit Checkout
- On-Site Training
- Test Run

After
- Continuing Services
- Data Link Access to Process Experts
  - Remote Process Monitoring
  - Analytical Support
- Symposia
- Process Training
- Turnaround Service
- Inspection
Amine Guard FS Process Summary

- UOP has extensive commercial experience and technology expertise for acid gas removal
- Amine Guard FS utilizes state of the art UCARSOL Formulated Solvent
- Applicable to a wide variety of applications including natural gas and synthesis gas
- The Amine Guard FS process is a proven licensed technology
- Licensed approach provides ongoing technical service
- UOP Schedule A is an efficient and proven technology transfer system
- UOP can assist you in optimizing and maximizing the value of your project