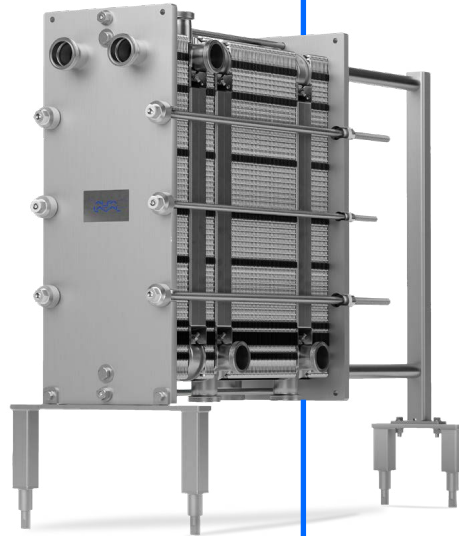


10 TOP TIPS

to keep your Alfa Laval hygienic gasketed plate heat exchanger in tip top condition



1

Make sure that the operating conditions (temperatures and flow rates) comply with the design specifications.

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At start-up and when switching between different media, make sure that valve opening - and closing times are long enough so that pressure surges or water hammers are not created.

3

Use upstream filters and strainers to remove particulate fouling and protect the heat exchanger.

4

Check for any changes in temperature, pressure and any signs of external leaks daily.

5

On a regular basis keep the tightening bolts clean and well-lubricated.

6

Use Alfa Laval Integrity Test (or other condition monitoring techniques) to avoid having to open the plate heat exchanger for inspection.

7

Use Cleaning-in-Place (CIP) to avoid the need to open the heat exchanger for cleaning.

8

Always keep stand-by units clean and dry. If a heat exchanger is taken out of service, flush with fresh water and drain it completely.

9

Protect the plate heat exchanger from water or product splash. Also avoid exposure to ultra violet rays and ozone (typically generated from electrical sources), since it can damage the gaskets.

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Only use Alfa Laval spare parts for guaranteed performance, reliability and equipment life. Maintain a stock of essential spare parts, and follow the storage instructions.

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