

Scale & Rust Problem
System was very dirty with scale formation and rust and shutting down after 20 minutes of operation.
Approach Temp or
Approach temperature difference was > 5°C



Opening Condenser for inspection on 2 March, 2012.



Clean Condenser Tubes Free of scale and rust since installing Kiko cartridges in June 2011

2012 Canton Tower

Canton Tower Case Study
A successful implementation of a non-chemical solution for scale and rust removal and prevention in a water-cooled HVAC system Author: Rex S. Chan, Director, KProject Solutions

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Customer Case Study





OPERATING PARAMETERS				
HVAC System	YORK			
Chillers	4			
Cooling Tower	4			
Chemicals Used	Only biocide			
Start Operation	May 2010			

INSPECTION SCHEDULE				
1st Condenser Inspection	July 2011			
Observation upon inspection	Scale & Rust			
Acid Cleaning	July 2011			
2nd Condenser inspection	March 2012			
Observation upon inspection	No scale No rust			

KIKO INSTALLATION SCHEDULE					
Installed	1 June 2011				
Installed Location	- Water make-up tank - Chiller strainer				
Cartridges used	16 in Cooling Tower 16 in Chiller strainer				

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Before installing Kiko System

HVAC system performed within specification tolerance from August to November 2010. It was not operated during the winter months and upon starting up in May 2011, the system auto-shutdown after 20 minutes and Approach Temp/Approach Temperature Difference exceeded 5°C, which indicates severe reduction in heat exchange efficiency.

Upon opening condenser for inspection in July 2011, severe scaling and rust was discovered on tube surfaces and was identified as the cause of the shut down. Acid cleaning was undertaken immediately and system performance as measured by the Approach Temp fell back closer to specification tolerance but still not at optimal performance level (at least 2°C or lower).

KIKO INSTALLATION SUMMARY

Kiko cartridges was installed on 1 June, 2011

A total of 32 Kiko cartridges was installed in the Canton Tower HVAC water system. The purpose of the Kiko system was to keep the condenser free of scale and rust. In a dirty system, scale and rust will be removed in 2 to 4 months however, as the system was acid cleaned in July, there was little scale or rust to be removed from the tube surface. Thus, Kiko system simply continued to remove as well as prevented scale and rust from further forming on the condenser tube surface.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

After installing Kiko System

Since Kiko cartridges was installed in June and acid cleaning was performed in July, the condenser tubes have remained free of scale and rust - as observed when the condenser was opened for inspection on 2 March 2012. Additionally, the heat exchange efficiency as measured by the Approach Temp or Approach Temperature Difference was maintained at close to 1°C as compared to > 5°C difference before installation. It should be noted that a reduction of the Approach Temp/ Approach temperature difference by 4°C (5°C minus 1°C) is a potential 4-5% reduction in electricity consumption.













DATA SUMMARY

- HVAC System by YORK
- 4 Chiller
- 4 Cooling water tower
- Began operation in August 2010
- Kiko cartridges installed on 1 June 2011
- Condenser opened for inspection in July 2011 and observed significant scale and rust build-up on tubes
- Acid cleaning was carried out after inspection
- Biocides used for bacterial and microbiological control
- Chemicals is not used for scale inhibition

Observation Before Kiko Installation

For Chiller #1 on 17-May-2011

- Median Approach Temp on Evaporator was 1.7°C
- Median Approach Temp on Condenser was 5.05°C

For Chiller #1 on 17-Oct-2011

- Median Approach Temp on Evaporator was 2.1°C
- Median Approach Temp on Condenser was 2.8°C

Observation After Kiko Installation

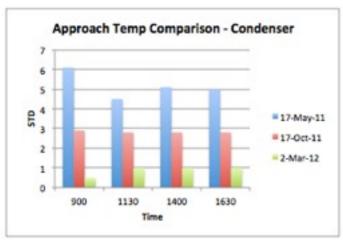
For Chiller #1 on 2-Mar-2012

- Median Approach Temp on Evaporator was 1.4°C
- Median Approach Temp on Condenser was 1.0°C

Upon opening Chiller #1, the tubes was found to be clean and scale-free, however, rust was noticed to have accumulated on the end plate of the condenser vessel. It is surmised that this accumulation is due to two factors:

- Slower water flow at end section of the condenser
- the lack of anti-rust coating on the plate





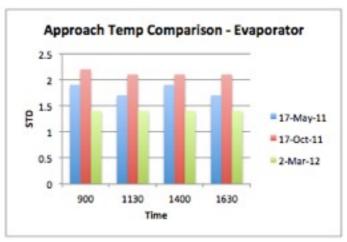
Evaporator	81			N2		
17-May-11	CWO	SAT	STD	CWO	SAT	STD
900	7.2	5.3	1.9	7	5.3	1.7
1130	7.2	5.5	1.7	7.6	5.9	1.7
1400	7.1	5.2	1.9	7.7	6	1.7
1630	7.2	5.5	1.7	7.4	6.1	1.3
1900	7.1	5.4	1.7	7.5	5.9	1.6
2130	7.3	5.6	1.7	7.2	5.8	1.4
Median STD	7.2	5.45	1.7	7.45	5.9	1.65
Ciko Cartridge ins	tailed on June 1,	2011	7777			
17-0ct-11 C	wo s	AT	STD CWO		LAT	STD
900	7.5	5.3	2.2	7.5	5.4	2.1
1130	7.5	5.4	2.1	7.5	5.5	2
1400	7.5	5.4	2.1	7.5	5.3	2.2
1630	7.5	5.4	2.1	7.5	5.3	2.2
1900 2110			NO DATA			
Meidan STD	7.5	5.4	2.1	7.5	5.35	2.15
Only Chiller #1 w	as in operation					
2-Mar-12 C	WD S	AT	STD CWO		SAT 3	roach Te
900	7.2	5.8	1.4			0
1130	7.2	5.8	1.4			0
1400	7.2	5.8	1.4			0
1630	7.2	5.8	1.4			0
1900 2130			NO DATA			
Median STD	7.2	5.8	1.4			

Condenser	#1			N2		
17-May-11	Leaving Temp	SAT	STD	Leaving Temp	SAT	STD
900	29.2	35.3	6.1	29	32.8	3.8
1130	31.3	35.8	4.5	31.1	36	4.5
1400	31.8	36.9	5.1	31.8	36.7	4.5
1630	31.7	36.7	5	31.8	36.2	4.4
1900	32	36.4	4.4	31.7	36.5	4.8
2130	30.2	35.7	5.5	30.2	35.6	5.4
Median STD	31.5	36.1	5.05	31.4	36.1	4.85

17-Oct-11	Leaving Temp	SAT	STD	Leaving Temp	SAT	STD
900	34.1	37	2.9	33.2	37	3.8
1130	34.2	37	2.8	33.1	37	3.9
1400	34.2	37	2.8	33.2	37	3.8
1630	34.2	37	2.8	33.2	37	3.8
1900 2130			NO DA	NTA .		
Median STD	34.2	37	2.8	33.2	37	3.8

Kito Cartridge installed on June 1, 2011

Only Chiller #1	was in operation			1111		
2-Mar-23	Leaving Temp	SAT	STD	Leaving Temp	SAT	STD
900	32.2	32.7	0.5			
1130	32	33	1.0	NO.	DATA	
1400	32	33	1.0	MU	UMIR	
1630	32	33	1.0			
1900						
2130	La constant					
Median STD	32	33	1.0			



Approach Temp Difference > 2.0°C indicates poor heat exchange and imply scale and/or rust formation on the heat exchange surfaces. 1.0°C Approach Temp imply a very clean

