

# Module de spécialisation machines tournantes : les compresseurs centrifuges [PC-5]

# Minimum number of participants: 6

# Objective:

- Define centrifugal compressor performance criteria.
- Understand the field of operation.
- Identify causes of deviating behavior.

# Target group:

- This course is aimed at operators, foremen, technicians or engineers in operations, maintenance or process departments.
- Prerequisites: Introduction to rotating machines or equivalent experience.
- Maximum 8 to 10 people per session.

## Contents:

09:00 - 10:30

## **OPERATION**

- Performance and operating limits :
  - o Minimum flow and compressor overload
  - o Maximum speed: overspeed
  - o Maximum discharge gas temperature

10:30 - 10:45

**Break** 

10:45 - 12:15

## **OPERATION**

- Centrifugal compressor start-up
  - o Making networks available: purging liquids
  - o Checking safety systems and alarms
- Operating point monitoring and operating limits:
  - o Suction and discharge temperature monitoring
  - o Seal leakage rate
  - o Minimum flow rate
- Protection and safety
  - o Anti-pumping valve and safety valves on each stage
  - o Protection against abnormal vibration and axial displacement
  - ? Safety principles and logic, acceptable limits.
  - o Lubrication circuit
  - o Non-return valve on discharge line

12:15 - 13:15

Lunch

13:15 - 15:15

### MALFUNCTION ANALYSIS

- Causes :
  - o Nature and quality of gas: deposits and fouling
  - o Abnormal pressure drops: suction filter
- Behavioral anomalies :
- o Abnormal rotor vibration
- o Abnormal axial displacement
- o Abnormal heating of bearings
- Failure analysis: cause tree and common failures

15:15 - 15:45

Break

15:45 - 17:00 INSTALLATION

- Pipe docking: principle and tolerances

### MAINTENANCE ELEMENTS

- Maintenance program: policy and strategy
- Rotor inspection: non-destructive, dimensional and geometric checks, balancing.

## Implementation / working method :

Interactive, one-day, face-to-face course. Powerpoint support will be shared at the start of the course in paper and digital formats.

A questionnaire will be sent to trainees before the course in order to adapt the course content to participants' expectations as far as possible.

A course evaluation questionnaire will be distributed to participants at the end of the course.

## Course language and materials:

French

# **Event Properties**

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September 2025

**Registration Start Date** Monday, 30 November -0001 **Cut off date** Monday, 30 November -0001

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