



Heat Recovery Systems

For hot air and hot water applications

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Why choose heat recovery?

In fact, the question should be: Why not? Amazingly, almost 100% of the electrical energy supplied to a rotary screw compressor is converted into heat energy.

Up to 96% of this energy can be recovered and reused for heating purposes. This not only reduces primary energy consumption, but also significantly improves a company's overall energy balance.

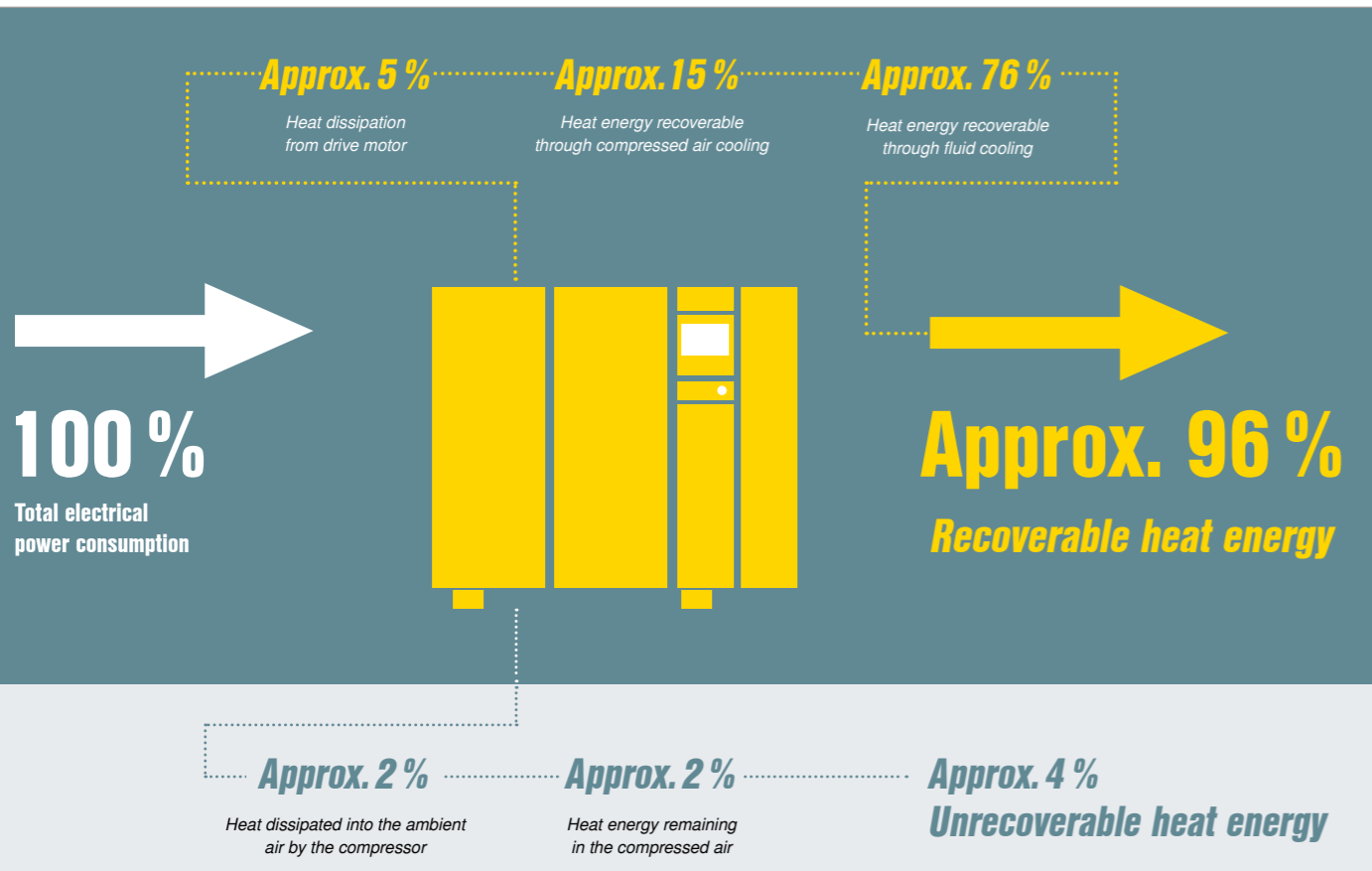
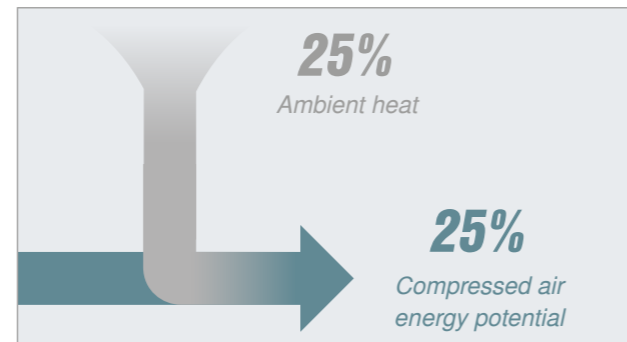
Compressor heat

Rotary screw compressors, boosters and blowers convert almost 100% of the electrical drive energy supplied to them into heat. The heat flow diagram (below) shows how this energy is distributed within the compressor system and how much of it is reusable.

Approximately 96% of the energy input can be recovered for reuse, whilst 2% remains in the compressed air and another 2% is dissipated into the ambient surroundings. But where does the usable energy in compressed air come from?

The answer is actually quite simple and perhaps surprising: during the compression process, the compressor converts electrical drive energy into heat energy. At the same time, it charges the intake air with energy potential. This corresponds to approximately 25% of the compressor's electrical power consumption. However, this energy only becomes

usable when the compressed air expands again at its point of consumption and, in doing so, absorbs heat energy from the ambient surroundings. Of course, the amount of energy available for reuse depends on the pressure and leakage losses within the compressed air system.



Save money whilst conserving the environment

Savings

Gas heating
€ 756 to € 209,525/year
Oil heating
€ 912 to € 252,848/year

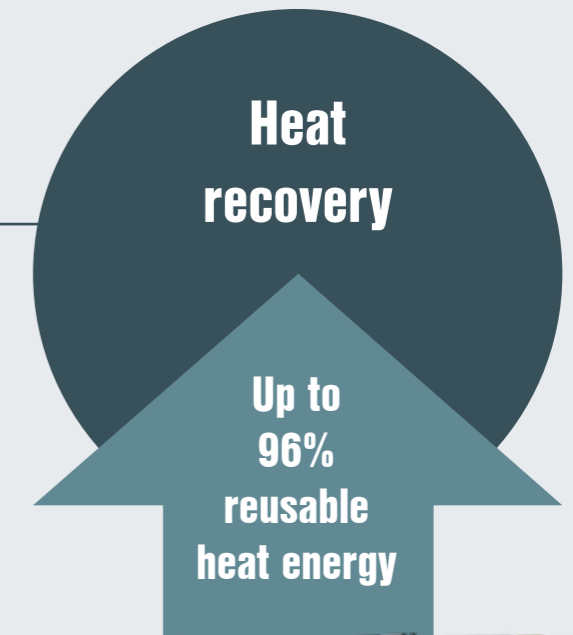


Plate-type heat exchanger systems	Compressor size		
	"Small"	"Medium"	"Large"
Compressor model	SM 16	BSD 83	FSD 475
Drive motor rated power	9 kW	45 kW	250 kW
Potential savings per year: Fuel oil	€ 2,570	€ 27,110	€ 136,565
	4,671 kg CO ₂	49,285 kg CO ₂	248,274 kg CO ₂



Image: DN 45 C booster with hot air heat recovery

Heat recovery systems – Hot air


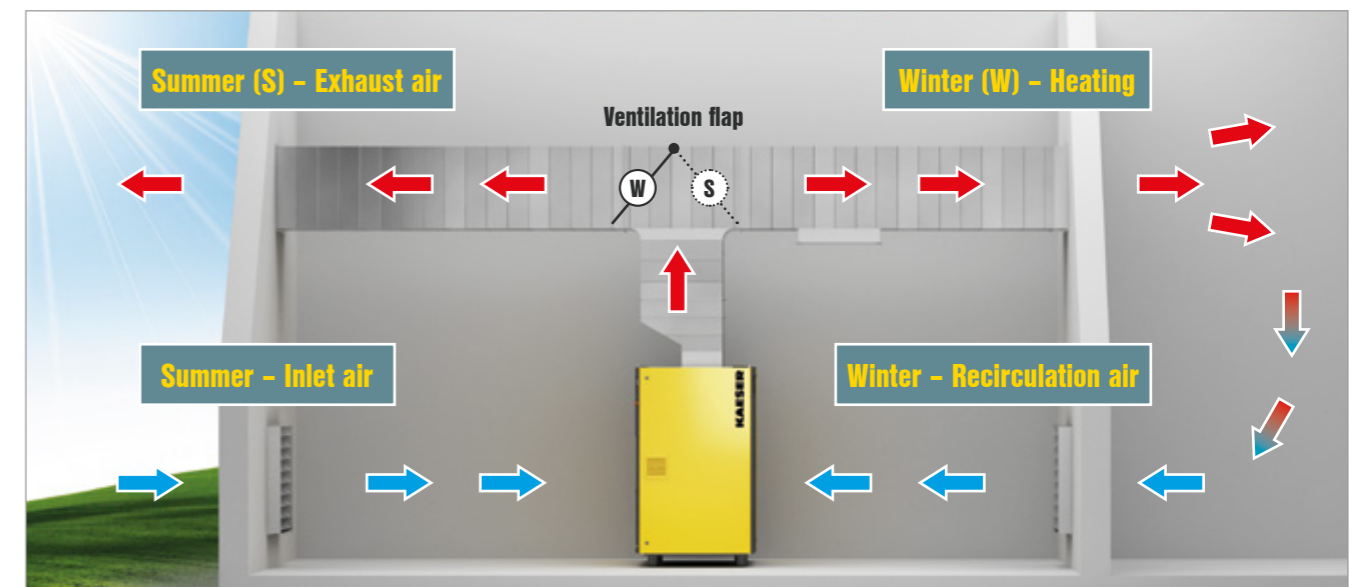
Minimise primary energy consumption for heating

As self-contained complete systems, modern rotary screw compressors, boosters and blowers are especially well suited to heat recovery systems.

In particular, direct use of the recoverable heat via an exhaust air ducting system enables up to 96% of the total energy input to be recovered and reused.

This is the case regardless of whether a fluid-injecting or a dry compression rotary screw compressor, a booster or a blower is involved.

Up to
96%
usable for heating

Heating with hot air

By using heated cooling air from the compressor, neighbouring spaces can be heated simply and effectively via exhaust air ducting. In this way, up to 96% of the electrical power supplied to a compressor can be reused – either for the purposes of space heating or for use as process heat. When using recovered compressor exhaust heat for space-heating purposes, exhaust air ducting simply feeds the heated cooling air to wherever it is needed, thereby allowing such spaces as storage areas or workshops to be heated free of charge. A ventilation flap allows the heated cooling air to be conveyed outside during summer operation (S) or to the areas that require heating during winter operation (W).

Minimise primary energy consumption for process, service and hot water heating



By reusing the exhaust heat from the compressor, heat exchanger systems can provide heating and service water on demand at temperatures up to +70°C, or even +85°C if required.

For standard applications using heat recovery systems for the production of hot water and service water, PTG plate-type heat exchangers are used.

Special, fail-safe heat exchangers are used in the case of operations without an interconnected water circuit, or for applications with the highest demands of purity for the heated water, such as with cleaning water in the food industry.

Hot water with temperatures up to +70°C can easily be produced using a heat exchanger system, with even higher temperatures available upon request.



Feed heat into your heating systems

Up to 76% of the electrical power originally supplied to a compressor can be recovered for use in hot-water heating systems and service water installations. This significantly reduces the amount of primary energy required for heating purposes.



PTG plate-type heat exchanger

High-quality, stainless steel plate-type heat exchangers are the first choice when it comes to using heat recovered from rotary screw compressors for heating process and service water, or for generating process heat.



Equipment for rotary screw compressors



Hot air heat recovery

All KAESER rotary screw compressors can be connected to user-provided exhaust air ducting, allowing the heated cooling air to be used for the purposes of space heating. Possible applications include drying processes, heating of halls and buildings, air curtain systems and the preheating of burner air.



PTG plate-type heat exchanger system

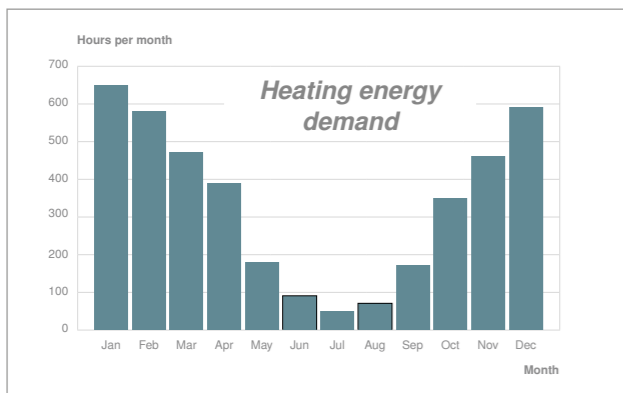
Rotary screw compressors from the SM series (from 5.5 kW) and upwards can be equipped with PTG systems. Depending on the size of the system, the PTG heat exchanger can either be integrated into the compressor or installed externally. Possible areas of application: Supplying heat for central heating systems, laundry facilities, electroplating, general process heat.

With special, fail-safe heat exchangers: Cleaning water in the food industry, swimming pool heating, hot water for shower and washroom facilities.



Shell and tube heat exchanger

For cases where the cooling water quality is inadequate (e.g. hard, contaminated cooling water or seawater with high salt content), special shell and tube heat exchangers are optionally available. Our compressed air specialists can advise you regarding the right design for your particular application.



Heating – not just needed in winter

It goes without saying that heating is necessary during the winter months. However, it is also required to a greater or lesser extent throughout the year, e.g. for supplying hot water. This means that the energy demand for heating is actually approximately 4000 hours per year.

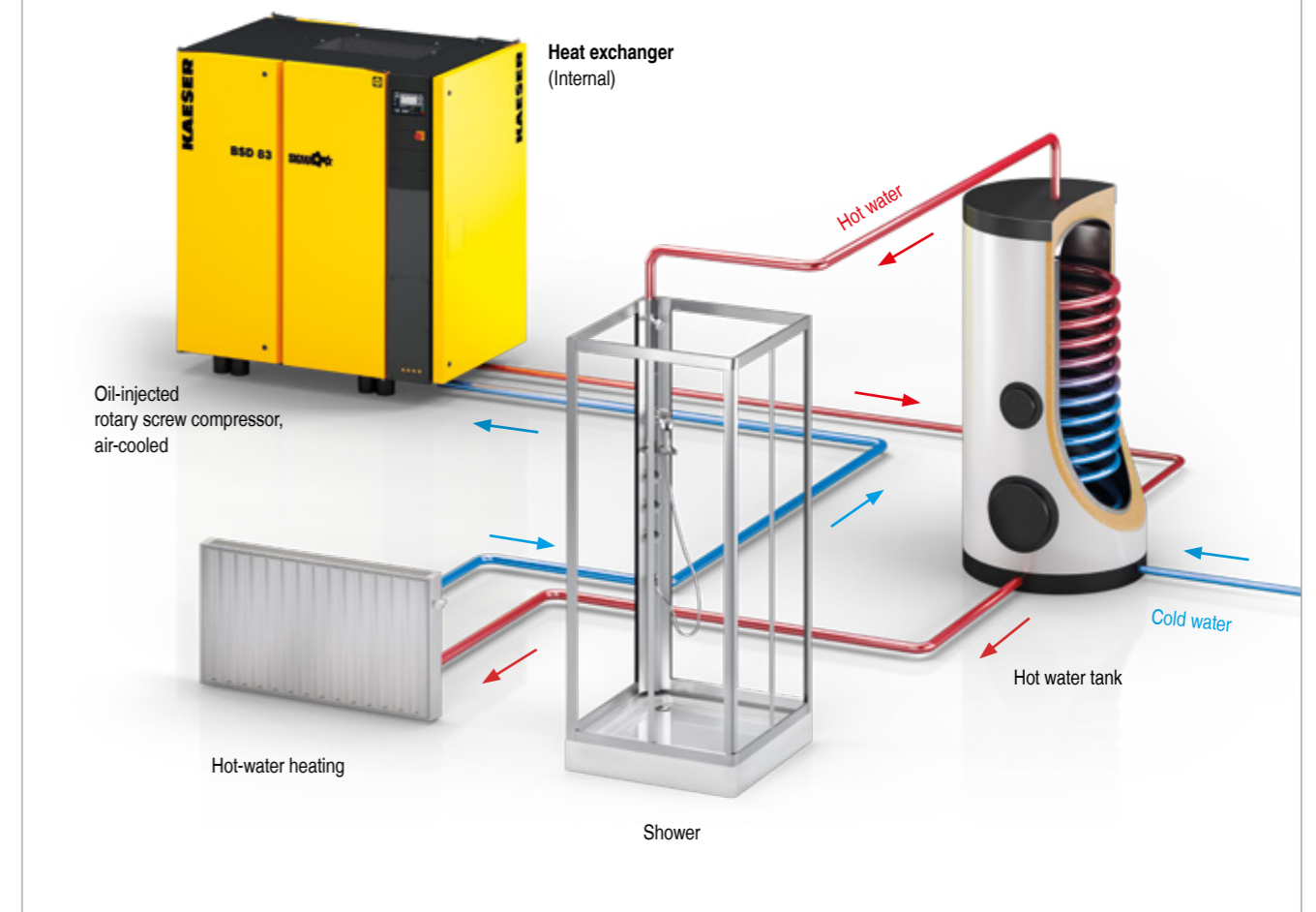


Image: Heat recovery process. Potable water applications only possible in conjunction with special, safety heat exchanger

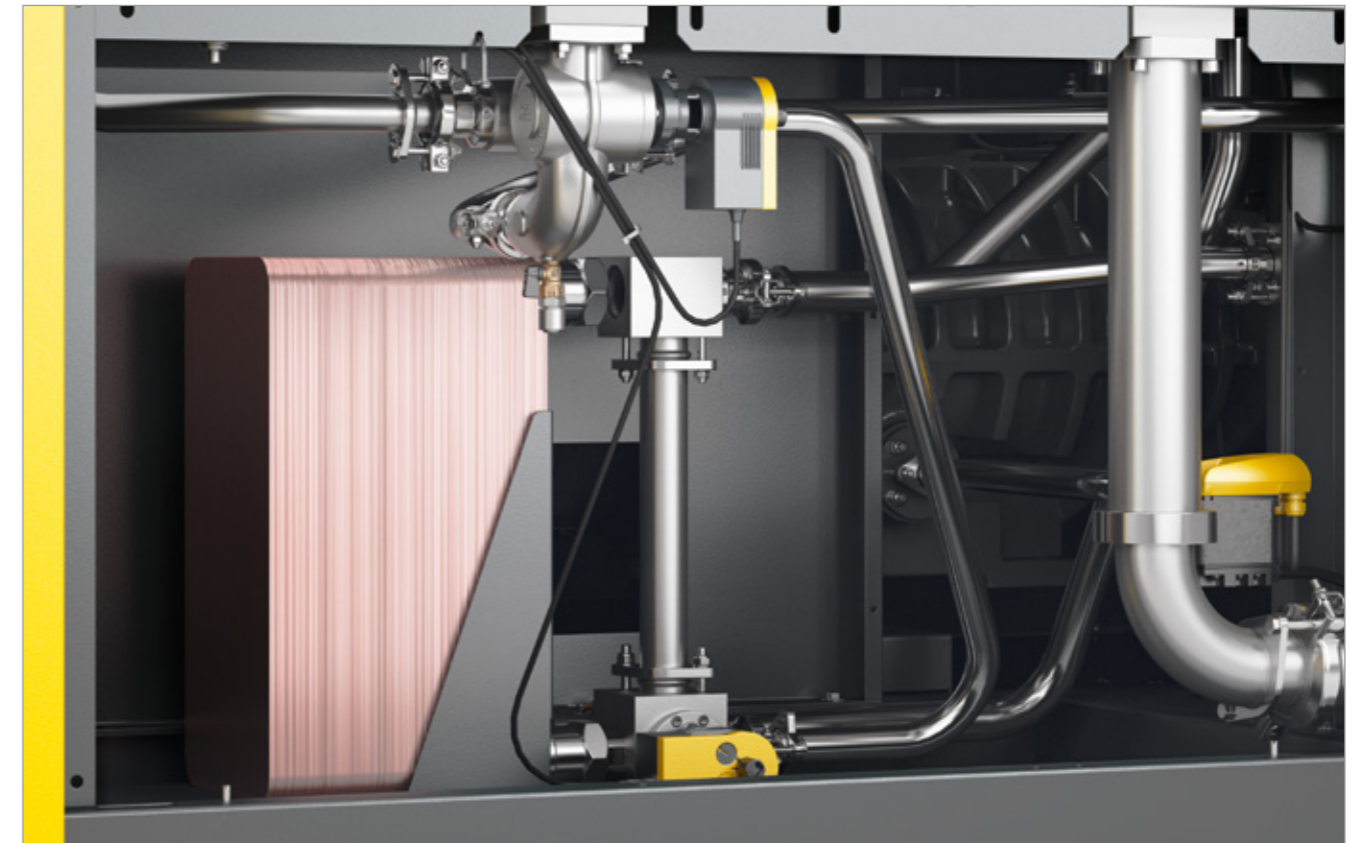


Image: Internal layout of a compressor – system comprising plate-type heat exchanger, thermostatic valve and complete piping

Heat recovery systems for...

...blowers

Hot air

The Air-Cooled Aftercooler (ACA) is an air/air heat exchanger. Process air is cooled in a cross-flow process, whereby ambient air is heated via a thermal energy exchange. In terms of a medium supply, only an electrical connection for the fan is needed. At an ambient temperature of +20°C, for example, the process air flowing into the cooler can be cooled down from +150°C to +30°C. The ACA offers particular advantages when it comes to the pneumatic conveying of temperature-sensitive bulk materials. Furthermore, should a production hall need to be heated during the winter, the ACA can do that as well. The exhaust air flow from the cooler contains up to 75% of the electrical power in the form of blower heat. To maximise the energy gain and ensure optimum cooling efficiency, the maximum pressure loss is no more than 35 mbar. An integrated thermostat monitors operation of the unit by detecting the process air discharge temperature and activates a floating contact by means of an adjustable trigger point.



Application examples

- Cooling of process air from blowers, e.g. for bulk materials conveying
- Space heating for production halls



Image: DC 236 C with ACA compressed air aftercooler

Hot water

The water-cooled WRN aftercooler is a shell and tube heat exchanger. With this system, the process air passes through multiple cooling pipes, around which water flows. The water serves as both a cooling and a heat-transfer medium. This type of heat exchanger is individually customised for each project, in order to ensure that the drop in process air temperature and the increase in water temperature match the operator's requirements precisely. To minimise pressure loss resulting from the additional power consumption of the blower and achieve maximum heat transfer, a variety of cooling pipe geometries are used. Furthermore, several different materials can be used for the cooling pipes, depending on the quality of the water supply. The cooler shrouding is enamel coated. The maximum achievable water temperature for the return flow is approx. 5K below the process air inlet temperature inside the heat exchanger.



Application examples

- Integration into heating circuits to raise return air temperature
- Integration into heat pump circuits
- Floor heating
- Sludge drying



Image: FBS 660 S SFC with shell and tube heat exchanger



Technical specifications: Heat recovery systems...

Hot air

Model	Max. process air flow rate m³/min at STP	Max. pressure loss mbar	Max. fan flow rate ¹⁾ m³/h	Fan power supply (400V) A	Fan power ¹⁾ W	Total weight kg	Dimensions W x D x H mm	Connection nominal width DN
ACA 53	5	15	1700	0.24	110	58	980 x 650 x 610	50
ACA 88	7	25	1700	0.24	110	58	980 x 650 x 610	65
ACA 130	12	25	3100	0.43	210	97	980 x 650 x 610	80
ACA 165	14	30	3100	0.43	210	97	980 x 650 x 610	100
ACA 235	22	30	6200	0.43 (2x)	210	193	1900 x 850 x 1200	100
ACA 350	30	35	6200	0.43 (2x)	210	199	1900 x 850 x 1280	150

¹⁾ At max. thrust

...for blowers

Hot water

Model	Connection nominal width DN	Max. flow rate, blower air m³/min at STP	Max. flow rate, hot water m³/h	Connection dimensions		Dimensions		Weight kg
				Air	Water	Ø Shrouding	Length ¹⁾	
WRN 50 smooth	125	15	1	DN 125, PN 16	1 ¼	168	1410	71
WRN 90 smooth	200	30	1.5	DN 200, PN 16	1 ¼	245	1430	145
WRN 130 smooth	250	42	2	DN 250, PN 10	1 ½	273	1441	225
WRN 170 smooth	300	57	2.5	DN 300, PN 10	2	324	1441	280
WRN 250 smooth	350	75	3	DN 350, PN 10	DN 65, PN 16	375	1641	400
WRN 350 smooth	450	108	3.5	DN 450, PN 10	DN 80, PN 16	450	1649	590
WRN 450 smooth	500	145	4.5	DN 500, PN 10	DN 100, PN 16	519	1655	690

¹⁾ With welded counterflange (included in scope of delivery)

Savings calculation example for ACA 350 (production hall heating)

Blower (37 kW)		ACA 350	
Flow rate:	30 m³/min	Heat output:	25 kW
Pressure differential:	600 mbar	Air heating capacity:	2200 m³/h from 0 to +35°C
Inlet temperature:	0°C	Process air pressure loss:	35 mbar = 2.2 kW
Discharge temperature:	+52°C		

Cost savings approx. € 16,900 per year*

* Calculation as per rotary screw compressors for fuel oil heating

Savings calculation example for WRN 170 (supplementary heating)

Blower (37 kW)		WRN 170	
Flow rate:	30 m³/min	Heat output:	14 kW
Pressure differential:	600 mbar	Hot water generation:	600 l/h water from +25°C to +45°C
Inlet temperature:	0°C	Process air pressure loss:	20 mbar = 2 kW (approx. 1.2 kW more at blower)
Discharge temperature:	+52°C		

Cost savings approx. € 9,460 per year*

* Calculation as per rotary screw compressors for fuel oil heating

More compressed air for less energy

The world is our home

As one of the world's largest manufacturers of compressors, blowers and compressed air systems, KAESER KOMPRESSOREN is represented throughout the world by a comprehensive network of wholly owned subsidiaries and authorised distribution partners in over 140 countries.

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