Hitachi Zosen INOVA

HZI Catalytic Methanation – for Green Methane Production



Large Scale Hydrogen and Carbon Dioxide Conversion with Catalytic Methanation

Hitachi Zosen Inova's catalytic methanation is designed to convert hydrogen and carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide into synthetic methane and water. Methane as an advanced and CO₂ neutral gaseous energy carrier, can be readily stored and transported in existing natural gas infrastructures. By its direct use in technology proven end-devices, synthetic methane is essential to decarbonise a wide range of applications in mobility, energy and industry.

Leveraging our experience as system integrator, our unique and patented methanation solutions are provided in modular configurations and are fully integrated in customer's infrastructures as a turnkey plant.

Our overall proposal for methanation plants also encompasses upstream gas and downstream and polishing to allow compliance with grid specifications.

We are a partner of choice throughout the project life cycle, from feasibility study and permitting support to engineering, execution, commissioning, supervision, and O&M service of complex methanation plants. This broad spectrum coverage allows us to offer a unique and cost-competitive solution to optimise levelized cost of synthetic methane.

The HZI-catalytic methanation technology is available in standardised, modular configurations and offers optimised energy conversion efficiency, versatility and scalability. Our patented and unique plate reactor technology allows us to offer the most robust, compact and efficient catalytic methanation plants available today.

Our patented fixed bed plate-type reactor allows a high Gas Hour Space Velocity leading to consistent methane production with very low power consumption.

The HZI-catalytic methanation can handle a broad variety of CO₂-feed-gas sources and supplies pure and dry methane at about 7 bar – ideal for further liquefaction, compression, or direct use.

Your Benefits:

- > Optimised production of high-quality gas
- > High conversion efficiency
- > High operational availability
- High-pressure steam of demineralised water as valuable by-products
- Carbon monoxide conversion by internal water gas shift reaction
- > Wide range of H₂/CO₂ ratios accepted
- Long-term availability of the Ni catalyst
- Simple reactor control by natural draft water / steam circulation cooling

- Dynamic operation possible / providing flexibility and balancing energy
- > Compact footprint
- > Advanced control and automation systems
- > High safety standards
- > Environmental friendliness
- > Low power consumption
- Low operation and maintenance cost
- Modularised prefabricated design to optimise delivery time schedule
- > Europe-wide service network in cooperation with local partners



Pythia6000 – HZI catalytic methanation reactor series for 6000 Nm³/h feedgas

The internal reactor cooling and control also, produces a high-pressure steam of demineralised water that can be made available for further use.

HZI catalytic methanation is available in fully modular containerized units with a feed gas throughput of 2,000 Nm³/h and 6,000 Nm³/h, ready for outdoor installation. The plants are qualified for full dynamic as well as continuous operation modes. They can operate as stand-alone or as a cluster to

meet required volumes of synthetic methane in large scale.

The HZI catalytic methanation scope consists of power supply, reactor with steam system, relevant auxiliary aggregates, and downstream gas polishing. As option feed gas compression and polishing can be offered as add on.

		Pythia2000	Pythia6000
General Product Data			
Туре		catalytic methanation	catalytic methanation
Reactor type		proprietary fixed bed plate-type reactor	proprietary fixed bed plate-type reactor
Pressure (CH₄ Output)	barg	up to 7	up to 7
Output			
Product gas flow at 100% load	Nm³/h	400	1200
Demineralised water at 100% load	kg/h	700	2100
High pressure stream at 100%	t/h	1.3 @230°C @ 25-34 barg	3.9 @230°C @ 25-34 barg
Gas Purity			
Methane at 100% load	%	up to 96	up to 96
Hydrogen at 100% load	%	up to 3.5	up to 3.5
Dew point	°C	up to -30	up to -30
Input			
Feed hydrogen flow at 100% load	Nm³/h	1600	4800
Feed carbon dioxide flow at 100% load	Nm³/h	400	1200
Scope of Supply / Features			
Load range	%	50-100	50–100
Grid connection	V AC	3 x 400	3 x 400
Power consumption at 100% load BOL	kWh/Nm³ SNG	≤0.3 (does not include feedgas compressor)	≤ 0.3 (does not include feedgas compressor)
Total footprint area	m²	20 x 25 (depending on required SNG quality)	20 x 25 (depending on required SNG quality)
Temperature range (outdoor)	°C	-20 up to +40	-20 up to +40
Housing		1 x reactor with rack 1 x 40' container (LV distribution and DCS), 1 x 40' container (gas upgrading)	3 x reactors with rack 1 x 40' container (LV distribution and DCS), 1 x 40' container (gas upgrading)
Design standard		CE certificate	CE certificate