



# HIGH COUNTRY FABRICATION

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# HICO HISTORY

**High Country Fabrication Inc. was founded in May of 1978 in Casper Wyoming by Ed Reed and Dennis Polk who were welders for Darenco, a well-known fabricator in Wyoming.**

In the beginning HICO operated out of a 3,000 square foot rented shop space and specialized in building air compression packages, vapor recovery systems, and repair work on pipelines and other general welding projects.



Late in 1978 HICO moved to a six acre yard, with offices and larger fabrication bays and by the end of 1980 net sales reached nearly 1.2 Million. HICO made the necessary investments in personnel, plant, equipment and marketing to earn a reputation and finding a niche as a high quality fabricator of custom pressure vessels. By the end of 1986 net sales exceeded 6.0 million.

In 1989 the company relocated to an even larger facility and by 1994 HICO had completed a major expansion and modernization of its production facility including installing a 54' long by 21' wide stress relieve oven, the addition of a 422' long by 78' wide heavy fabrication bay, a 150' long paint bay, and a 6" thick steel roller.

**Today, 46 years later, High Country Fabrication is owned by local shareholders, averages about 18-20 million in annual revenue and has fabricated projects for a host of energy sources and industries**





# HEADQUARTERS

- 12.5 total acres
- 98,000 ft<sup>2</sup> under hook, 78,000 ft<sup>2</sup> shop space
- 16'OD X 400'L X 240K Lbs. w/ 800,000 lbs.

Bay #1 80'W x 450'L = (2) 60 Ton & (2) 10 Ton Cranes

Bay #2 70'W x 250'L = (2) 10 T (2) 5 T, (3) 2T Cranes

Bay #3 30'W x 105' = (1) 10T Crane





# RAIL CAPABILITY

A ½ mile internal rail system connected to Burlington Northern Railway spur allows us to ship & receive material by rail.

Max loading approx. 14' X 46L X 550K LBS depending on route.





# HEAT EXCHANGERS

- TEMA Style Shell and Tube Heat Exchangers from 16" to 16'OD
- Welded Tube to Tube Sheet Joint
- Engineered for guaranteed performance

**HTRI**



14'-5" OD 195,000# 316 SS



# PROCESS TOWERS, REACTORS, VESSELS



120' L X 6'ID X 124,000 Lbs.



Fractionator, 14' OD, 277,000#, 146.5' Borger, TX



91' L X 6'ID X 94,000 Lbs.



Tower, 10.5' OD, 305,000#, 200' Long, Commerce City, CO



Reactor, 6'OD X 79'L X 95,000# Mandan



Separator, 11'OD X 79'L 458,000# Tioga



Nigeria 11' X 42' X 285,000 Lbs.

# INDUSTRIES SERVING MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION



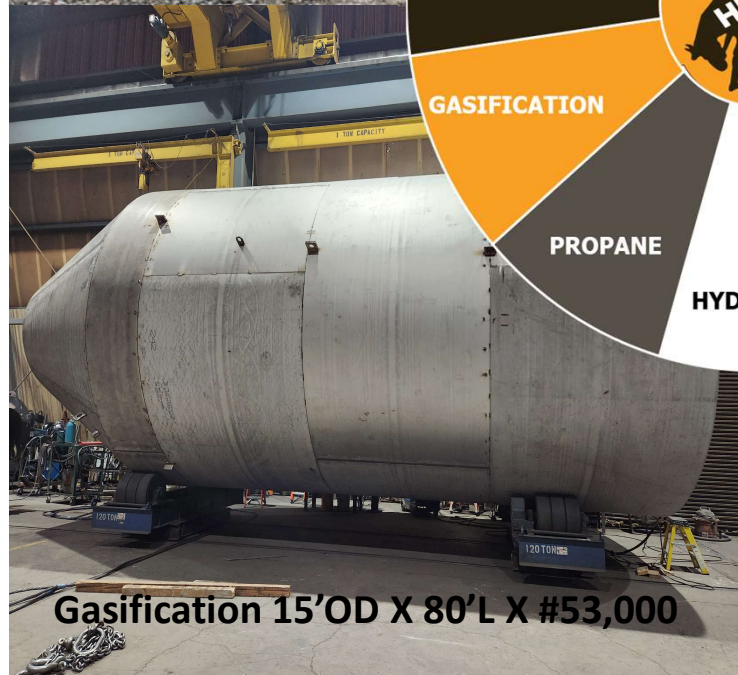
- P1 Carbon Steel
- P3 Low C/ Moly
- P4-5B Chrome
- P6-7 400 Stainless
- P8 Stainless
- P10H 2205 Duplex
- P41-49 Ni 200/400/600
- P43 C276 Hastelloy
- P45 Incoloy 825
- Explosion Bonded Material



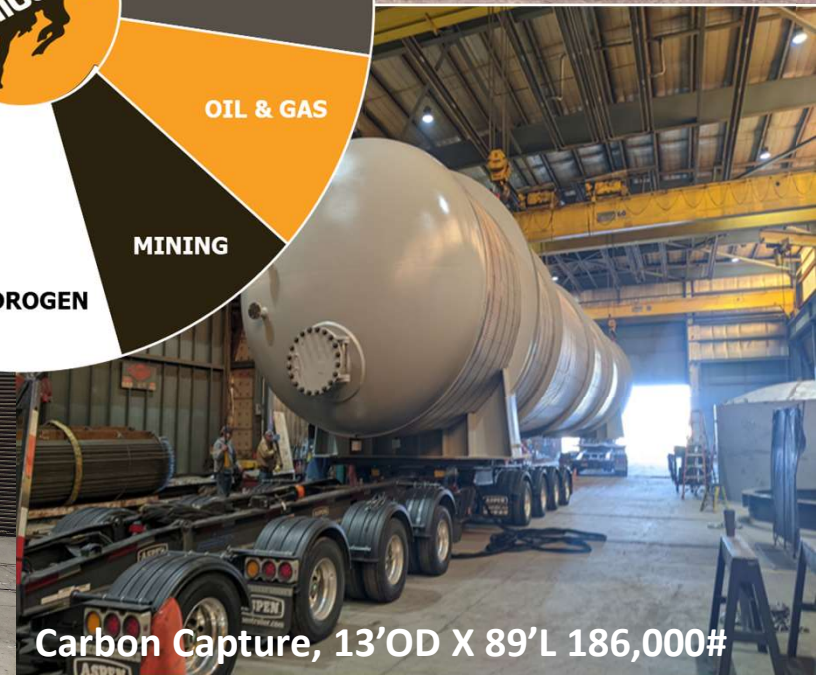
Mining, Acid Tower 16'-5" X 61' X 72,000 Lbs.



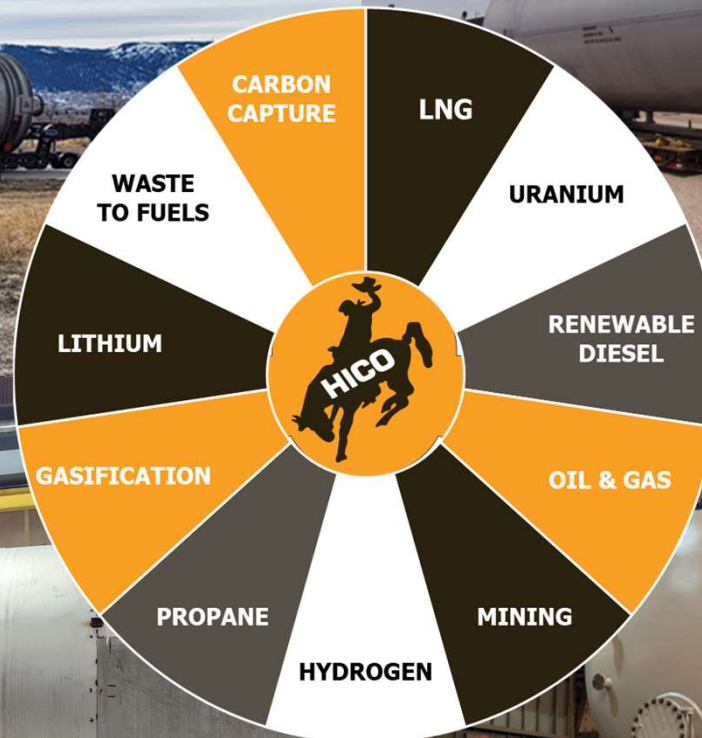
Solar Panel Silica, 11'OD X 45'L 96,730#



Gasification 15'OD X 80'L X #53,000



Carbon Capture, 13'OD X 89'L 186,000#



# STANDARDS, CERTIFICATES, & ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS



- ASME – Section VIII, Div.1
- National Board “U” and “R” Stamps
- CWB Div.2 CSA Standard W47.1 Certified
- HTRI – Heat Transfer Research, Inc.
- API – American Petroleum Institute Association, Inc.
- NACE – National Association of Corrosion Engineers
- ASNT – American Society for Non-Destructive Testing
- DDS – Solid Works Certified Professionals



# ENGINEERING & DESIGN



## Engineering Department

- Four Mechanical Engineers
- Three Full Time Designers

## Engineering & Design Software

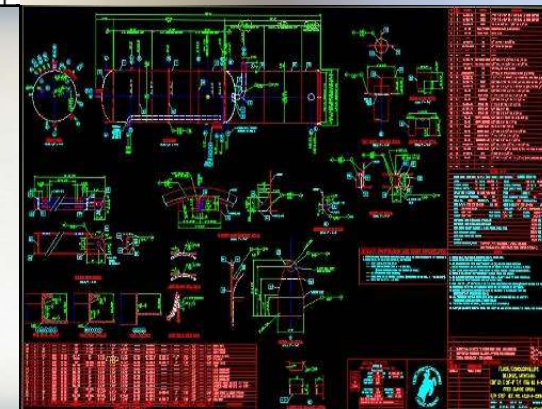
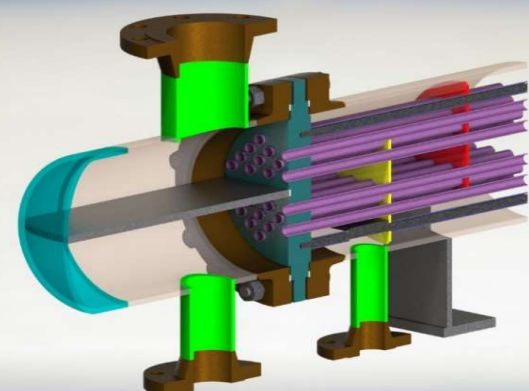
- Codeware – Mechanical
  - COMPRESS
  - Nozzle Pro (FEA Utility)
- HTRI – Exchanger Rating
- Xchanger Suite
- Xist – Shell and Tube
- Xvib – Vibration

## Solidworks 3D Modeling, Drafting, & Simulation

## AutoCAD – Drafting

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| HTRI  |  | Vibration Analysis |                       | Page 1       |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Released to the following HTRI Member Company:<br>HICO LLC, c/o High County Fabrication<br>Harold Bayly |  |                    |                       |              |
| Xist Ver. 6.00 12/21/2009 9:38 SN: 1500213589   |  | US Units           |                       |              |
| Shell 1   |  |                    |                       |              |
| Rating - Horizontal Multipass Flow TEMA BEU Shell With Single-Segmental Baffles                         |  |                    |                       |              |
| 1   | Shellside condition  | Sens. Liquid       | (Level 2.3)           |              |
| 2   | axial stress loading (1000 psi)  | 0.000              | Added mass factor     | 1.781        |
| 3   | Beta   | 4.000              |                       |              |
| Position in The Bundle  |  |                    |                       |              |
| 4   |  | Inlet              | Center                | Outlet       |
| 5   | Length for natural frequency (ft)  | 1.904              | 1.635                 | 2.342        |
| 6   | Length/TEMA maximum span (ft)  | 0.397              | 0.327                 | 0.488        |
| 7   | Number of spans  | 12                 | 12                    | 12           |
| 8   | Tube natural frequency (Hz)  | 165.3              | 184.4                 | 137.7        |
| 9   | Shell acoustic frequency (Hz)  |                    |                       |              |
| Flow Velocities   |  |                    |                       |              |
| 10  |  | Inlet              | Center                | Outlet       |
| 11  | Window parallel velocity (ft/sec)  | 1.69               | 1.60                  | 1.58         |
| 12  | Bundle crossflow velocity (ft/sec)   | 0.68               | 0.94                  | 0.48         |
| 13  | Bundle/shell velocity (ft/sec)   | 0.45               | 0.82                  | 0.32         |
| Fluidelastic Instability Check  |  |                    |                       |              |
| 14  |  | Inlet              | Center                | Outlet       |
| 15  | Log decrement (HTR)  | 0.038              | 0.038                 | 0.038        |
| 16  | Critical velocity (ft/sec)   | 24.31              | 35.08                 | 16.93        |
| 17  | Baffle tip cross velocity ratio  | 0.0304             | 0.0291                | 0.0309       |
| 18  | Average crossflow velocity ratio   | 0.0279             | 0.0287                | 0.0284       |
| Acoustic Vibration Check  |  |                    |                       |              |
| 19  |  | Inlet              | Center                | Outlet       |
| 20  | Vortex shedding ratio  |                    |                       |              |
| 21  | Chen number  |                    |                       |              |
| 22  | Turbulent buffering ratio  |                    |                       |              |
| Tube Vibration Check  |  |                    |                       |              |
| 23  |  | Inlet              | Center                | Outlet       |
| 24  | Vortex shedding ratio  | 0.014              | 0.020                 | 0.010        |
| 25  | Parallel flow amplitude (inch)   | 0.000              | 0.000                 | 0.000        |
| 26  | Crossflow amplitude (inch)   | 0.000              | 0.000                 | 0.000        |
| 27  | Tube gap (inch)  | 0.1875             | 0.1875                | 0.1875       |
| 28  | Crossflow RHQ-V-SQ (lb-ft-sec <sup>2</sup> )   | 13.94              | 28.08                 | 7.88         |
| Bundle Entrance/Exit (analysis at first tube row)   |  |                    |                       |              |
| 30  |  | Entrance           | Exit                  |              |
| 31  | Fluidelastic instability ratio   |                    | 0.082                 | 0.103        |
| 32  | Vortex shedding ratio  |                    | 0.035                 | 0.030        |
| 33  | Crossflow amplitude (inch)   |                    | 0.0010                | 0.0018       |
| 34  | Crossflow velocity (ft/sec)  |                    | 1.62                  | 1.42         |
| 35  | Tubehead to inlet/outlet support (inch)  |                    | None                  | None         |
| Shell Entrance/Exit Parameters  |  |                    |                       |              |
| 36  |  | Entrance           | Exit                  |              |
| 37  | Impingement plate  |                    | No                    |              |
| 38  | Flow area (ft <sup>2</sup> )   |                    | 0.121                 | 0.082        |
| 39  | Velocity (ft/sec)  |                    | 3.20                  | 4.37         |
| 40  | RHQ-V-SQ (lb-ft-sec <sup>2</sup> )   |                    | 311.22                | 828.71       |
| 41  | Shell type   | BEU                | Baffle type           | Single-Seg   |
| 42  | Tube type  | Plain              | Baffle layout         | Parallel     |
| 43  | Pitch ratio  | 1.2500             | Tube diameter, (inch) | 0.7500       |
| 44  | Layout angle   | 30                 | Tube material         | Carbon steel |
| 45  | Number U-Bend supports   |                    | Support/baffle space  |              |
| Program Messages  |  |                    |                       |              |
| 47  | * Frequency ratios are based upon lowest natural or acoustic frequency   |                    |                       |              |
| 48  | * Items with asterisk exceed a conservative lower limit for vibration-free design. Review your case using the procedure described in Online Help. You may find that a vibration problem is unlikely. |                    |                       |              |



# IN-HOUSE QUALITY CONTROL & NDE



## ASME Codes and Standards

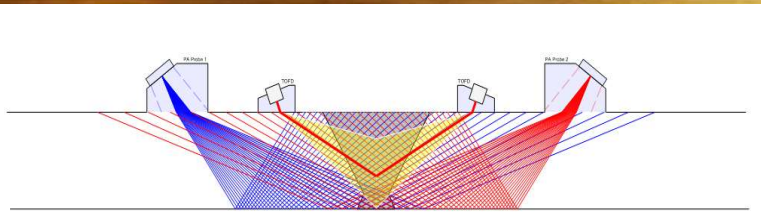
- Section II A – D Material Specifications
- Section V – Non-Destructive Examination
- Section VIII, Div 1 – Pressure Vessels
- Section IX – Standard for Welding Procedures



## In-House Capabilities and Qualified Technicians

- (AUT, UT) Ultrasonic, Automated & Manual – (1) Level III
- (RT) Radiographic Gamma Ray – (1) Level III, (2) Level II
- (WFMT, CCMT) Magnetic Particle – (1) Level III, (2) Level II
- (CCPT, FPT) Liquid Penetrant – (1) Level III, (2) Level II
- (VT) Visual – (3) Level II VT & (1) CWI
- (BHT) Hardness
- (PMI) Positive Material Identification – (4) Trained Operators
- Ferrite Content

# AUTOMATED ULTRASONIC TESTING (AUT)



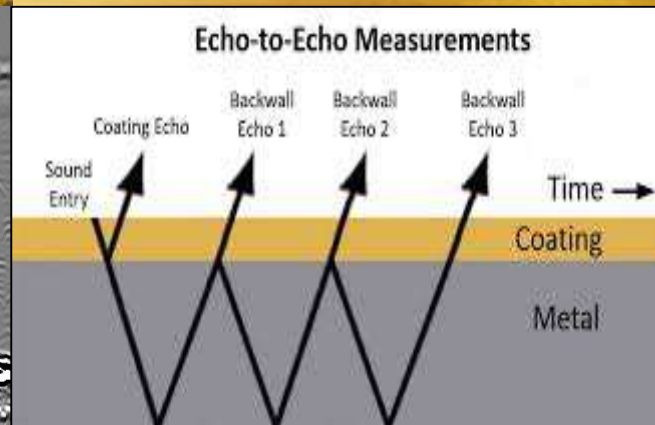
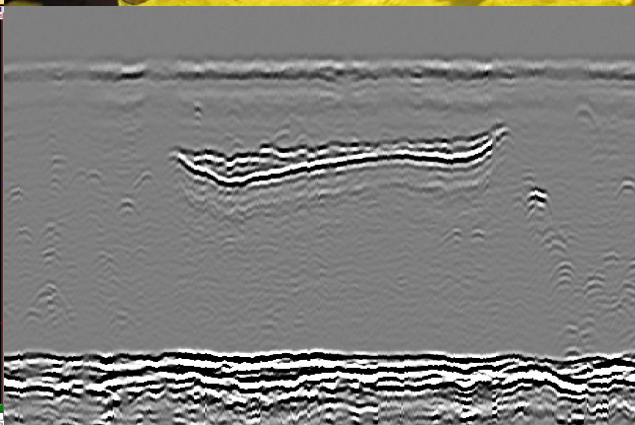
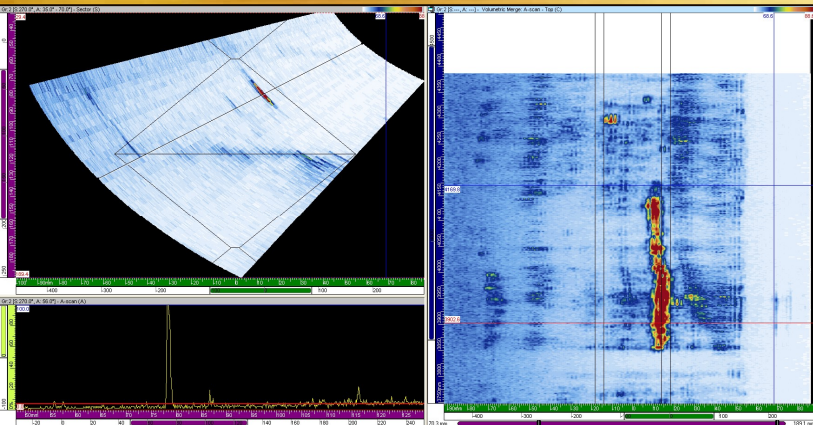
Eclipse Scientific ESBeamTool 3 -  
Used to determine probe placement  
for complete coverage of weld for  
any type of weld configuration



Olympus OmniScan MX3

Olympus Flex Scanner  
Phased Array and time-of-  
flight diffraction capabilities

Inspect material > 1" up to  
12" thick, carbon and  
stainless steel



- **Olympus TomoView Data Analysis Software**
- **Ability to easily detect and accurately measure flaws using both phased array and TOFD**
- **All data interpretation is verified by UT Level III technician**
- **(Same defect shown in both views above)**



# INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY (GAMMA RAY)



Survey Meter, Camera

- Two SPEC 150 Iridium-192 cameras with 150ci capacity for inspection of material up to 3" thick
- Licensed for Cobalt-60 source for inspection of material above 3" thick
- GE Industries Nova Automatic Processor for fast and consistent development



Dark Room, Chemical Mixers, Silver Recovery, Automatic Processor



# WELDING PROCESSES



## Welding Processes

SMAW – Stick

SAW – Submerged Arc

GMAW – MIG

GTAW – TIG

FCAW – Flux Core

ESW – Electro-slag

SW – Stud Welding



# MATERIAL PREP - MACHINING



## Drilling

- Quickmill – 8' X 15'
- American - 16' Dia. X 10" THK

## Vertical Boring Mills

- Bullard - 42"
- Schiess - 96"

## Horizontal Boring Mill

- Giddings & Lewis 72" X 60" X 36"

## Engine Lathe

- Lodge & Shipley - 28" X 14'

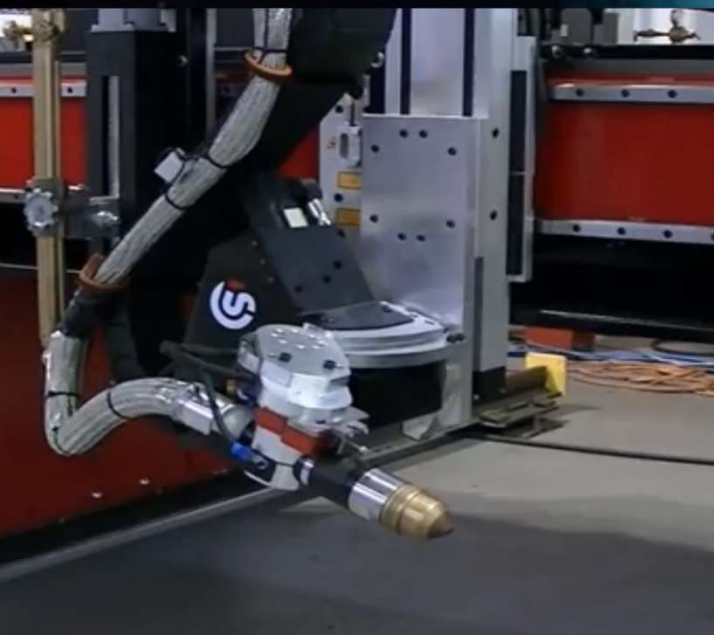
## Brake

- Pullmax 1" THK x 12' W 400 Ton





# CUTTING & BEVELING



**5 Axis CSI Kodiak HPR400XD  
Plasma Cutting System**

**3.2" Thick Plasma Cutting**

**8" Thick Oxy Fuel Cutting**

**12'-6" Wide x 46'-6" Long Cut  
Table**



# ROLLING & STACKING SHELLS



**Pullmax Roller**  
**1.75" Thick, 10' W, 17" to 15' OD**

**Hauseler Roller**  
**5.75" Thick, 10' W, 4' to 20'OD**



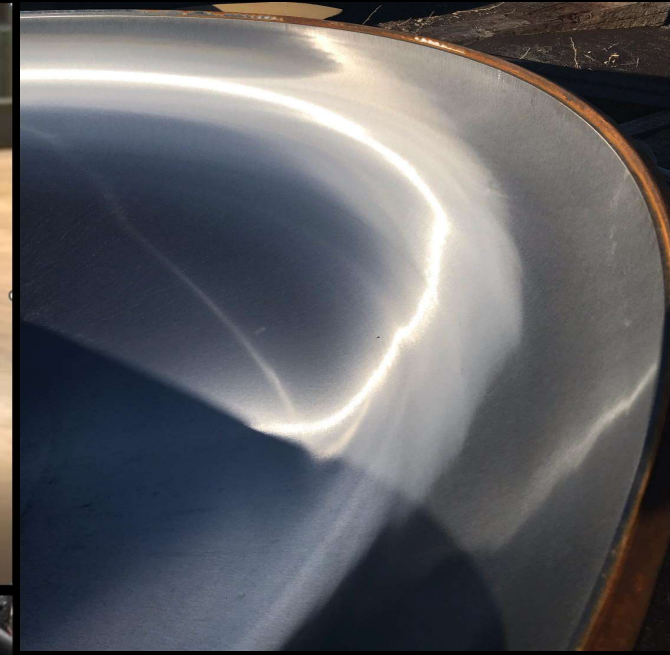
# INTERNAL/EXTERNAL INSTALLATION LADDERS & PLATFORMS



# CLADDED & WELD OVERLAY



**Explosion Bonded Metals – 300 Series Stainless, 625 Inconel, Monel 400**



# POST WELD HEAT TREAT OVEN & LOCALIZED HEAT TREAT



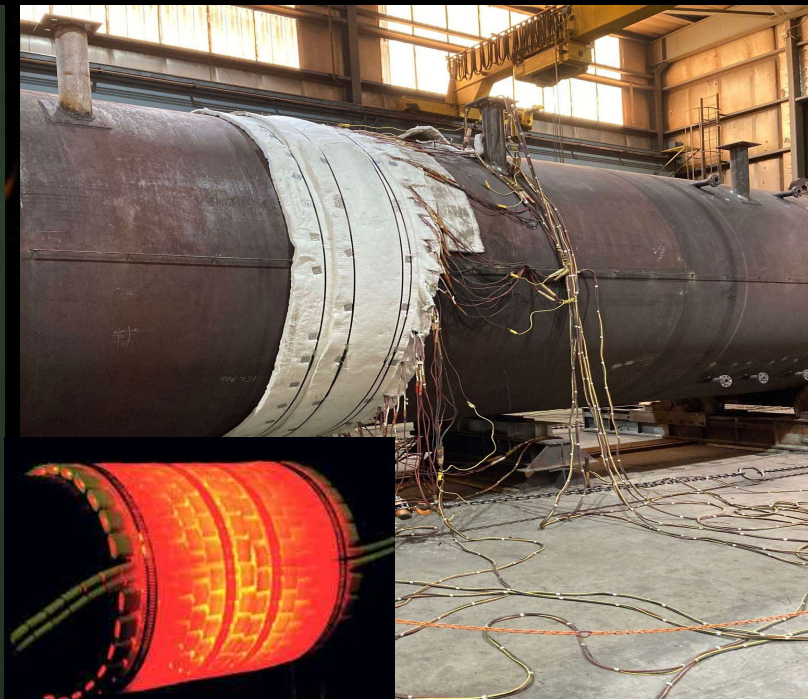
## Oven Specifications

- 54' L X 21' W X 15' H
- 110 Ton Car Capacity
- 2400 deg. F Max.
- Natural Gas -  
25,656,000 BTU/hour



## Localized Tiling

- 200 - 500 Amp Power Source
- 12 Zone control
- 24 point digital chart recording



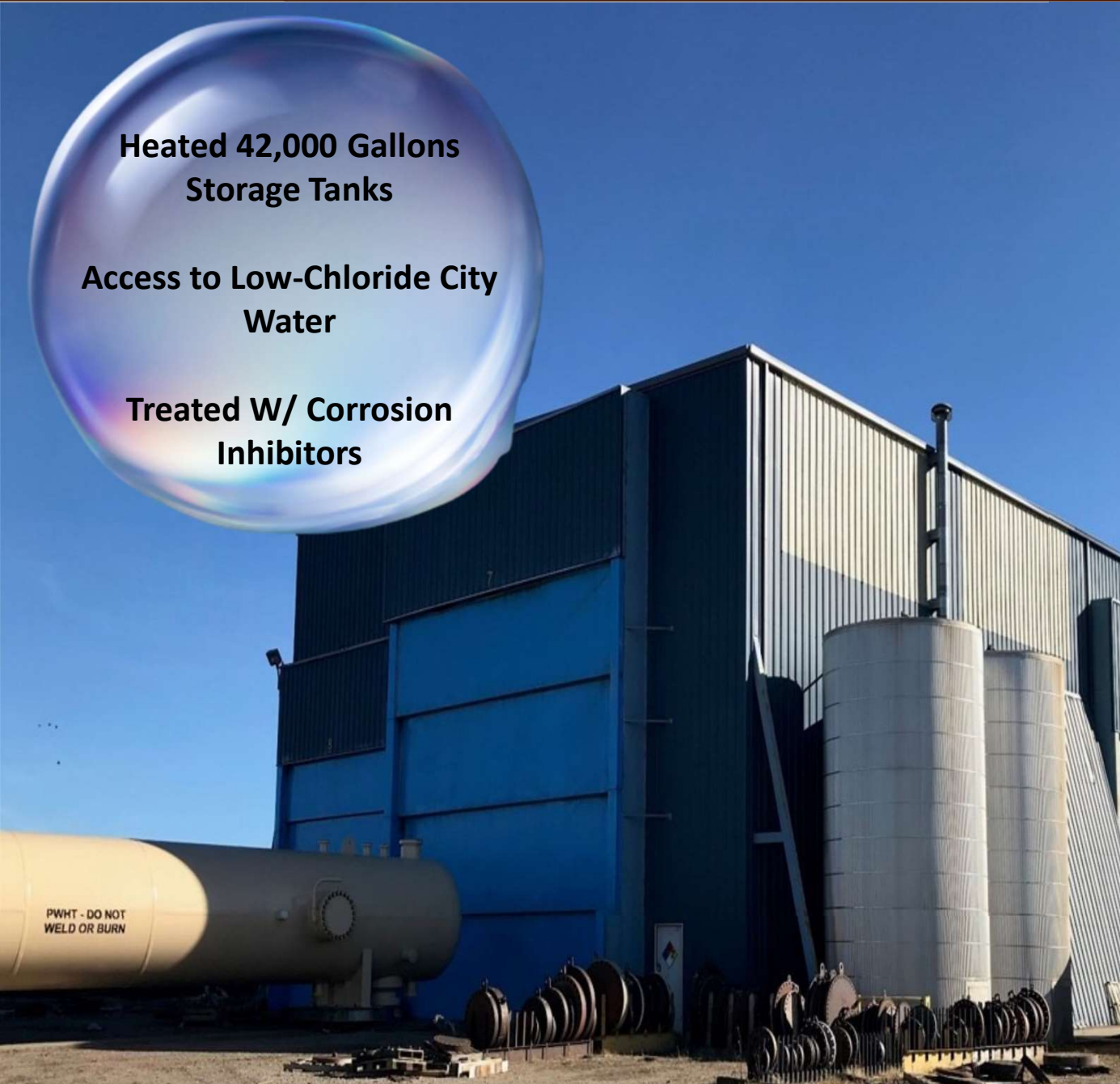
# HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE TESTING



Heated 42,000 Gallons  
Storage Tanks

Access to Low-Chloride City  
Water

Treated W/ Corrosion  
Inhibitors



# SURFACE PREPARATION & ABRASIVE BLASTING



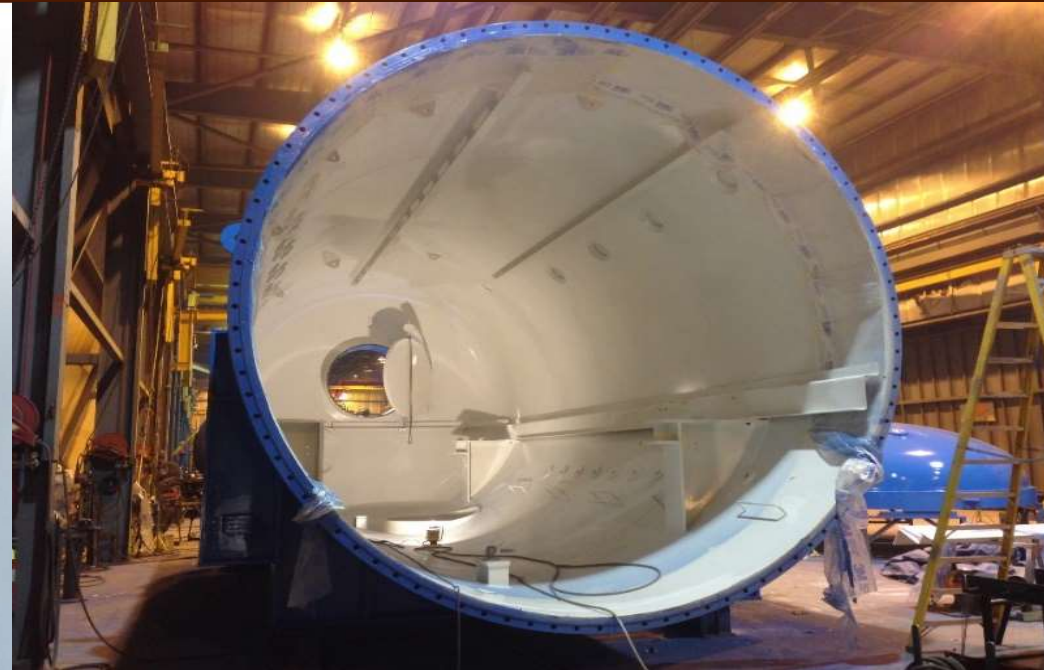
- SSPC – Society for Protective Coatings
- SP-5 White Metal,
- SP-6 Commercial
- SP-7 Brush
- SP-10 Near White
- Silica Free Blast Media
- 3 Stations, 3/8" – 3/4" Nozzle, 90 psi
- Surface Contaminant Testing Capability

# INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COATING



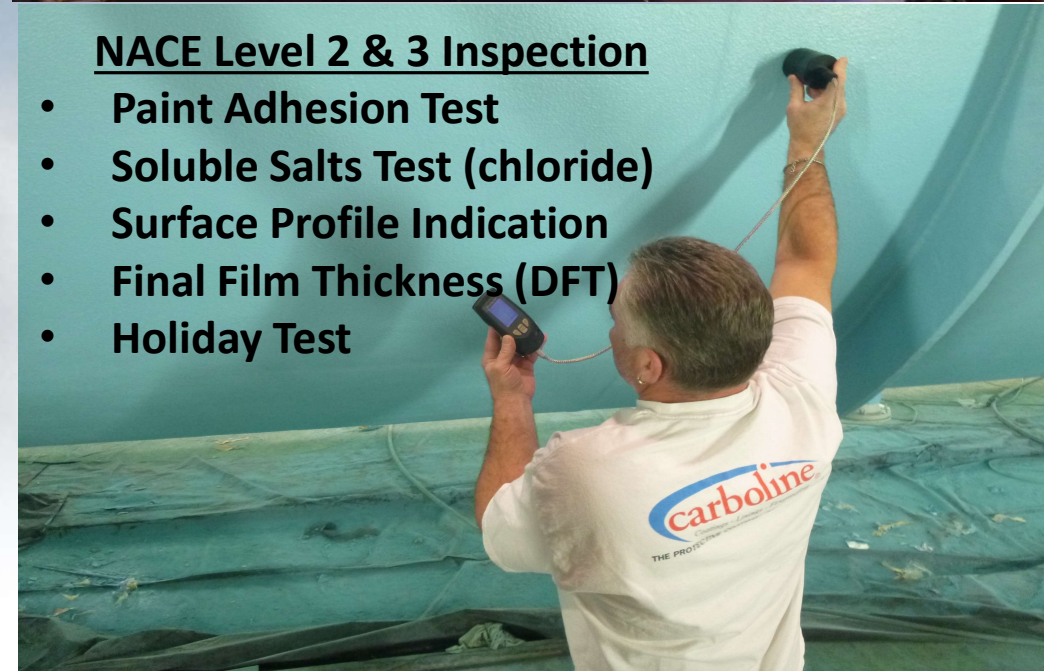
## High Performance Coatings

- High Temp Coatings to 1200°F
- Acid Indicating
- Epoxy Mastics, Phenolic, &
- Novolacs
- Urethanes
- Silicone Alkyd
- Zinc



## NACE Level 2 & 3 Inspection

- Paint Adhesion Test
- Soluble Salts Test (chloride)
- Surface Profile Indication
- Final Film Thickness (DFT)
- Holiday Test



# INSULATION, FIREPROOFING, HEAT TRACE





**Reactor, 12' OD, 560,000#,  
108.75' Long, Cheyenne, WY**



**H2S Stripper, 12'OD, 121'L,  
132,000# Laurel MT**



**Styrene Cond.  
14'4" OD, 510,000#, Canada**



**LP Separator 15'OD X 84'L X 270,000#  
Dickinson ND**



**Heat Exchanger, 14'-5" X 59'L X 195,000  
Lbs. 304 & 316 SS**



**Acid Gas Exchanger, 16.5' OD, 310,000#, 65.5' Long, Pocatello**

