COURSE OVERVIEW ME0615
Fundamentals of Pump & Compressor Systems

Course Title
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Course Date/Venue
January 25-29, 2026/Tamra Meeting Room,
Al Bandar Rotana Creek, Dubai, UAE or Online
Virtual Taining

Course Reference
ME0615

Course Duration/Credits
Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs



Course Description



This practical and highly-interactive course includes various practical sessions and exercises. Practical sessions will be organized during the course using our state-of-the-art simulators and our cutting-edge Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) technologies to provide participants with a highly immersive and interactive learning experience.



Pumps and compressors are used extensively in the process industries. There are many types with widely varying configurations and applications. They represent a significant part of the capital and operating costs of most plants, and optimizing their selection, operation and maintenance are therefore, of major economic importance.



The course deals with efficiencies, operating characteristics, reliability, maintenance and troubleshooting implications of pumps and compressors.

The course will cover the operating principles of pumps and compressors, specifications, thermodynamics, effects of efficiency on operating costs, energy usage, and effect on plant costs, materials of construction, selection, troubleshooting and maintenance.

The course will also cover plant run-length extension surveys, organizing for successful turnarounds and on-going reliability improvement, and preventive vs. predictive maintenance strategy decisions.

The course will provide the participant with a basic as well as advanced pump and compressor technology knowledge, inventory required to successfully select, apply, operate, troubleshoot and maintain pumps and compressors.

At the end of this course, participants will have gained a thorough understanding of the various types of pumps and compressors available to most industrial users, including sizing and application criteria, maintainability, reliability, vulnerability and troubleshooting issues. Participants will learn simple techniques and short-cut methods of machinery sizing and selection. This replaces tedious hand or other methods of calculation and will serve as a fast way to arrive at sensitivity or influence of parameter changes on equipment performance.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to: -

- Apply systematic techniques in the operation, maintenance and troubleshooting of pumps and compressors
- Discuss the concepts of pump types and terminology and introduce the theory and operating characteristics of centrifugal pumps
- Identify the common types of compressors and the ranges of application and limitation and have an overview of centrifugal compressors including its type and function
- Recognize the principles of equipment failure patterns including its type and review the common factors of why equipment fails
- Differentiate between the different aspects of machinery corrosion and to make the correct selection of material for a given application
- Determine the basic approaches to machinery troubleshooting and troubleshoot most possible faults and failures of pumps and compressors and discover the various approaches to be considered in applying corrective actions
- Employ the principles of dry gas, packing and mechanical seals and recognize their components and functions
- Develop a good background on seal support systems including its selection strategies and other applications and explain the features of dry gas seal for centrifugal gas compressor
- Analyze and troubleshoot mechanical seal failure and identify the various maintenance & repair methods used
- Discuss the basic concept of bearing care & maintenance, bearing classification and lubrication management
- Identify the various types of couplings and recognize their purpose & function and list-down the different alignment methods used
- Recognize and implement the various preventive and predictive maintenance techniques and strategies used for pumps & compressors

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



*Participants of this course will receive the exclusive "Haward Smart Training Kit" (**H-STK®**). The **H-STK®** consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.*

Who Should Attend

This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of pumps and compressors for those who are involved in the operation, maintenance and troubleshooting of such equipment. This includes rotating equipment and machinery engineers, plant and maintenance engineers and other technical staff involved in turbomachinery management, operation and maintenance. Further, it is suitable for operations, process and process unit contact, mechanical and project engineers.

Virtual Training (If Applicable)

If this course is delivered online as a Virtual Training, the following limitations will be applicable:-

Certificates	Only soft copy certificates will be issued to participants through Haward's Portal. This includes Wallet Card Certificates if applicable
Training Materials	Only soft copy Training Materials (PDF format) will be issued to participant through the Virtual Training Platform
Training Methodology	80% of the program will be theory and 20% will be practical sessions, exercises, case studies, simulators or videos
Training Program	The training will be for 4 hours per day starting at 0930 and ending at 1330
H-STK Smart Training Kit	Not Applicable
Hands-on Practical Workshops	Not Applicable
Site Visit	Not Applicable
Simulators	Only software simulators will be used in the virtual courses. Hardware simulators are not applicable and will not be used in Virtual Training

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.

Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours

Certificate Accreditations

Haward's certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations:

- British Accreditation Council (BAC)

  Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. Haward's certificates are internationally recognized and accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

- The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

  Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

  Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units** (CEUs) in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

  Haward Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

Course Instructor(s)

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:



Mr. Andrew Ladwig is a **Senior Process & Mechanical Maintenance Engineer** with over **25 years** of extensive experience within the **Oil & Gas**, **Refinery**, **Petrochemical & Power** industries. His expertise widely covers in the areas of **Ammonia Manufacturing & Process Troubleshooting**, **Distillation Towers**, **Crude Oil Distillation**, **Ammonia Storage & Loading** Systems, **Operational Excellence** in **Ammonia Plants**, **Fertilizer Storage** Management (Ammonia & Urea), **Fertilizer Manufacturing** Process Technology, **Sulphur Recovery**, Phenol Recovery & Extraction, **Refining Process & Petroleum Products**, **Refinery Planning & Economics**, **Hydrotreating & Hydro-processing**, **Separators** in **Oil & Gas** Industry, **Gas Testing & Energy** Isolations, **Industrial Liquid Mixing**, **Extractors**, **Fractionation**, **Water Purification**, **Water Transport** & Distribution, **Environmental Emission Control**, **Process Plant** Troubleshooting & Engineering Problem Solving, **Process Plant Performance**, **Plant Startup & Shutdown**, **Process Troubleshooting** Techniques and Oil & Gas Operation/Surface Facilities. Further, he is also well-versed in **Rotating Machinery** (**BRM**), **Rotating Equipment** Operation & Troubleshooting, Root Cause Analysis (**RCA**), **Process Plant** Shutdown, Turnaround & Troubleshooting, Planning & Scheduling **Shutdowns & Turnarounds**, Optimizing **Equipment Maintenance** & Replacement Decisions, **Maintenance Planning & Scheduling**, **Material Cataloguing**, Maintenance, Reliability & Asset Management Best Practices, **Storage Tanks Operations** & Measurements, **Tank** Inspection & Maintenance, **Pressure Vessel** Operation, **Flare & Relief** System, **Flaring System** Operation, **PSV** Inspection & Maintenance, **Centrifugal & Reciprocating Compressor**, **Screw Compressor** Troubleshooting, **Heat Exchanger** Overhaul & Testing, **Pipe Stress** Analysis, **Control Valves & Actuators**, **Vent & Relief System**, **Centrifugal & Reciprocating Pump** Installation & Repair, **Heat Exchanger** Troubleshooting & Maintenance, **Steam Trapping & Control**, **Control & ESD** System and Detailed Engineering Drawings, Codes & Standards.

During his career life, Mr. Ladwig has gained his practical experience through his various significant positions and dedication as the **Mechanical Engineer**, **Project Engineer**, **Reliability & Maintenance Engineer**, **Maintenance Support Engineer**, **Process Engineer**, **HSE Supervisor**, **Warehouse Manager**, **Quality Manager**, **Business Analyst**, **Senior Process Controller**, **Process Controller**, **Safety Officer**, **Mechanical Technician**, **Senior Lecturer** and **Senior Consultant/Trainer** for various companies such as the Sasol Ltd., Sasol Wax, Sasol Synfuels, just to name a few.

Mr. Ladwig has a **Bachelor's** degree in **Chemical Engineering** and a **Diploma** in **Mechanical Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, a **Certified Internal Verifier/Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management** (**ILM**) and has delivered various trainings, workshops, seminars, courses and conferences internationally.

Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

30% Lectures
10% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
10% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos
30% VR/AR Hands-on Practical Application

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.

Course Fee

F2F Classroom: **US$ 5,500** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Online Virtual: **US$ 2,750** per Delegate + **VAT**.

Course Program

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1: ***Sunday, 25th of January 2026***

0730 – 0800	*Registration & Coffee*
0800 – 0815	*Welcome & Introduction*
0815 – 0830	***PRE-TEST***
0830 – 0930	***Introduction*** *Overview of Rotating Equipment ● Understanding How Equipment Works*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Pump Types and Terminology*** *Pump Basics ● Pump Terminology ● Nomenclature & Definitions*
1100 – 1215	***Centrifugal Pumps Overview*** *Centrifugal Pump Theory ● Operating Characteristics ● Centrifugal ● Pump Operation ● Cavitation & NPSH*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Centrifugal Pumps Overview (cont'd)*** *Minimum Continuous Safe Flow (MCSF) ● Types of Centrifugal Pumps ● Troubleshooting & Preventive Maintenance for Pumps*
1330 – 1420	***Compressor Types and Terminology*** *Centrifugal ● Axial ● Reciprocating ● Helical Screw ● Ranges of Application & Limitations*
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day One*

Day 2: Monday, 26th of January 2026

0730 – 0930	***Centrifugal Compressors Overview*** *Rotors ● Balancing ● Rotor Dynamics ● Impellers ● Casings ● Troubleshooting & Preventive Maintenance for Compressors ● Bearings ● Seals: Labyrinths, Oil Seals & Self-Acting Gas Seals ● Couplings ● Controls*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Equipment Failure Patterns*** *Materials Selection ● Types of Corrosion ● Bath-Tub Curve ● Actual Equipment Failure Patterns ● Actions to Minimize Failure Effect*
1100 – 1215	***Basic Approaches to Machinery Troubleshooting*** *Examples from Recent Failure Incidents Attributed to Design Defects ● Processing & Manufacturing Deficiencies*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1245	***Case Studies***
1245 – 1400	***Troubleshooting Faults and Applying Corrective Action*** *Equipment Performance Monitoring ● Vibration Analysis ● Fast Fault Finding*
1400 – 1415	***Vibration Analysis DVD's***
1415 – 1420	***Case Studies***
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Two*

Day 3: Tuesday,27th of January 2026

0730 – 0930	***Troubleshooting Faults and Applying Corrective Action (cont'd)*** *Acoustical Troubleshooting ● Infra-red Inspection ● Oil Analysis*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Introduction to Dry Gas Seals*** *Principle of Operation ● Materials of Construction ● Manufacturing & Verification Testing*
1100 – 1215	***Packing and Mechanical Seals*** *Compression Packing ● Molded (Automatic) Packing ● Basic Principles of Mechanical Seals ● Face Materials ● Secondary Seal Materials ● Single Mechanical Seals ● Single Mechanical Seal ● Flushing Plans*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1300	***Flowserve DVD***
1300 – 1330	***Case Studies***
1330 – 1400	***Seal Support Systems*** *Dual Sealing Systems & Flushing Plans ● API 682 Reference Guide ● Gas Barrier Seal Technology for Pumps ● Support Systems for Dry Gas (Self Acting) Compressor Seals ● Mechanical Seal Selection Strategies*
1400 – 1420	***Dry Gas Seal for Centrifugal Gas Compressors***
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Three*

Day 4: Wednesday, 28th of January 2026

0730 – 0930	***Mechanical Seal Failure Analysis and Troubleshooting*** *Failure Analysis ● Mechanical Seal Troubleshooting ● Determining Leakage Rates ● Ascertaining Seal Stability*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945-1100	***Mechanical Seal Maintenance and Repair*** *Bellows Seal Repair ● Cartridge Seal Installation & Management ● Seal Face Care*
1100 – 1215	***Bearing Care and Maintenance*** *Basic Bearing Concepts ● Bearing Classifications ● Bearing Care & Maintenance ● Lubrication Management Break*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1400	***Couplings and Alignment*** *Purpose of Couplings ● Types of Couplings ● Alignment Methods ● Foundation & Grouting Guidelines*
1400 – 1415	***Flowserve DVD***
1415 – 1420	***Case Studies***
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Four*

Day 5: Thursday, 29th of July 2026

0730 – 0915	***Preventive Maintenance-Lubrication*** *Cost of Poor Lubrication ● Fundamentals-Oil & Grease ● Storage & Handling Methods*
0915 – 0930	***Flowserve DVD***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1200	***Preventive Maintenance-Lubrication (cont'd)*** *Comparative Viscosity ● Classifications*
1200 – 1215	***Lubrication DVD***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1345	***Preventive Maintenance*** *General Philosophy ● Equipment Sparing Factor & Maintenance Approach*
1345 – 1400	***Course Conclusion*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Course Topics that were Covered During the Course*
1400 – 1415	***POST-TEST***
1415 – 1430	*Presentation of Course Certificates*
1430	*Lunch & End of Course*

Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) Practical Sessions

Practical sessions will be organized during the course using cutting-edge Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) technologies to provide participants with a highly immersive and interactive learning experience. Through VR headsets and AR-enabled devices, delegates will be able to simulate real-world scenarios in a safe and controlled virtual environment, allowing them to practice the theories and techniques learned in class. Participants will engage in realistic, hands-on exercises such as operating equipment, performing inspections, troubleshooting systems and responding to simulated incidents that closely replicate actual field conditions. This advanced training approach enhances understanding, improves decision-making skills and builds confidence by bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application.









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