Compressor Seals
Espey™
WKA250ND - 1100HP
Individual Sealing Systems

Espey Burgmann is one of the leading approved manufacturers of technically reliable and fully-developed carbon floating ring seals.

Espey Burgmann operates worldwide within the EagleBurgmann Group, a pioneering supplier for sealing systems.

The product portfolio of Espey Burgmann covers carbon floating ring seals for gases, dusts, vapours and water. The convincing attributes of Espey seals include economy and a high level of safety.

Besides sealing concepts Espey Burgmann offers full service from engineering through to after sales service with assembly, commissioning, on-site repairs, failure and damage analysis or maintenance, conversion and spare parts provision at the right time – all from a single source.

With qualified employees, a distinctive and established product program Espey Burgmann is your capable and reliable partner using state-of-the-art manufacturing technology.

Espey Burgmann GmbH

The company was founded 1888 in Berlin as Gustav Espey GmbH (factory for stuffing boxes) and moved 1927 to Duisburg Ruhr.

Since 1998 Espey Burgmann belongs to the EagleBurgmann Group and moved in 2005 to its new site in Moers with its ideal regional infrastructure and closeness to customers and suppliers.

Together with the EagleBurgmann Group Espey Burgmann belongs to the Freudenberg Group, a worldwide operating family-run concern with location in Weinheim.

Carbon floating ring seals of Espey Burgmann are used in following industries:

- Oil and gas industry
- Refining technology
- Chemical and petrochemical industry
- Power plant technology
- Mining industry
- Food processing industry
- Metal production and processing
- Machinery and plant building
- Water and waste water technology
- Waste incineration and removal industry
- Lime, cement and gypsum industry
- Shipbuilding

Key applications are:

- Compressors
- Turbines
- Fans and blowers
- Centrifuges
- Mixers, agitators, dryers
- Mills
- Shut-off valves
- Gears
- Bulkheads

Espeys’ strengths lie in technical competence, production flexibility and readiness to deliver high quality. Espey Burgmann is famous for its well-founded know-how in design and production, whether in the processing of carbon graphite, cast and special materials or the production of split housings.

Important note

All the technical specifications are based on extensive tests and our many years of experience. However, the diversity of possible applications means that they can serve as guide values only.

It should be noted that the maximum values of each operating parameter cannot be applied at the same time because of their interaction. Furthermore, the operating range of each specific product depends on the respective shaft diameter, materials used, mode of operation and on the medium to be sealed.

A guarantee can only be given in the individual case if the exact conditions of operation are known and these are confirmed in a special agreement. When critical conditions of operation are involved, we recommend consulting with our specialist engineers.

Subject to change.
Espey chamber seals are applied in several turbo machines: integral gear, screw and chiller compressors, steam turbines and shut-off valves for power plants. Main industries are oil and gas, refining, chemical and petrochemical industry, power plants and plants for iron and steel production. A further industry field with several references is carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS).

Espey chamber seals have a modular design, means the seals can be composed using standard parts to meet individual application requirements. Espey chamber seals work with a very small operation gap between shaft and seal ring – leading to very low leakage – are designed for dry-running and compensate radial and axial shaft deflections. Another advantage is that no sealing components which could generate additional shaft vibrations are actually fitted on the shaft. The seal rings are axially spring-loaded to prevent swinging up at pressure-less machine operation. Espey delivers chamber seals since several decades to worldwide notable compressor manufacturers.

**Application story**

Espey™ WKA 802 HD as sealing for a multi-stage integral-gear compressor in the fertiliser production.

**Issue**

Urea is the worldwide leading nitrogen fertiliser. Urea is produced in high pressure synthesis from liquid ammonia and a gas-water mixture with 88.7 % carbon dioxide under high pressure and elevated temperatures in a synthesis tower. Thereby synthetic ammonia carbamate is produced which is finally obtained as white granules under supply of acid and heat. The high process pressures are generated by multi-stage radial integrally geared compressors. The seal has to work as leakage protection of the high-compressed CO₂.

**Espey solution**

Espey developed the compact chamber seal Espey™ WKA 802 HD with barrier gas and leakage port and up to 8 seal rings for this radial integrally geared compressor designed by MAN Diesel & Turbo SE. The operation pressure of 140 bar (2031 PSI), the temperature of 225 °C (437 °F) and revolutions up to 40,000 min⁻¹ were the main design parameters. Each of the 8 stages was equipped with an individual Espey™ WKA 802 HD with different installation lengths, seal and outer diameters. The one-piece seal rings with titanium bandage were designed axially spring-loaded to avoid vibrations during start and spin-out phase. The seal solution has a high reliability and operates maintenance-free.
Features
- Chamber seal (modular design), optional with housing and lid
- Multi-part seal rings, radially cut
- Very small operation gap – low leakage
- Dry running
- Self-adjusting seal rings
- Compensation of radial and axial shaft deflections
- No sealing components mounted on the shaft and hence no additional shaft vibrations
- Seal rings running contact-free – sliding faces and machine consume no additional power
- Balanced seal ring inside chamber

Advantages
- High reliability
- Maintainability
- Segmented seal rings for easy replacement
- Maintenance-free

Operating range (see note on page: The Company)
- Shaft diameter: d = 20 ... 340 mm (0.79″ ... 13.39″)
- Operating pressure: p = vacuum ... 15 bar (217 PSI) abs.
- Operating temperature: t = –120 °C ... +500 °C (–184 °F ... +932 °F) for carbon,
  max. 225 °C (437 °F) for PTFE compound
- Sliding velocity: v = max. 240 m/s (787 ft/s) for carbon, max. 40 m/s (131 ft/s) for PTFE compound
- Radial play: ±2.0 mm (±0.08″)
- Axial movement: theoretically unlimited
- Recommended wear guard: > 58 HRC

Materials
- Seal ring: Carbon, PTFE compound
- Chamber and housing parts: 1.4021, 1.4571, Hastelloy®, Titanium, Inconel®, others
- Tension spring: 1.4571, Hastelloy®, Titanium, Inconel®, others
- Secondary seal (elastomer): Fluorocarbon rubber (Viton®), Nitrile-butadiene-rubber (Perbunan®), Perfluorocarbon rubber (Kalrez®)
- Secondary seal (gasket): Statotherm®-HT/HD, KSIL C 4400

Standards and approvals
- Material approvals: FDA

Recommended applications
- Gases
- Fumes and exhaust, solids containing, flammable (ATEX), acid containing and toxic gases
- (Solids containing) steams/liquid mist
- Oil mist/penetrating oil
- Water
- Oil and gas industry
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- Pulp and paper industry
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Shaft Seal Espey™ WKA400HD

Features
- Chamber seal (modular design), optional with housing and lid
- Multi-part seal rings, radially cut
- Very small operation gap – low leakage
- Dry running
- Self-adjusting seal rings
- Compensation of radial and axial shaft deflections
- No sealing components mounted on the shaft and hence no additional shaft vibrations
- Seal rings running contact-free – sliding faces and machine consume no additional power
- Balanced seal ring inside chamber

Advantages
- High reliability
- Maintainability
- Segmented seal rings for easy replacement
- Maintenance-free

Operating range (see note on page: The Company)
- Shaft diameter: d = 20 ... 340 mm (0.79" ... 13.39")
- Operating pressure: p = vacuum ... 75 bar (1,087 PSI) abs.
- Operating temperature: t = –120 °C ... +500 °C (–184 °F ... +932 °F)
- Sliding velocity: v = max. 240 m/s (787 ft/s)
- Radial play: ±1.0 ... 2.0 mm (±0.04" ... 0.08")
- Axial movement: theoretically unlimited
- Recommended wear guard: > 58 HRC

Materials
- Seal ring: Carbon
- Chamber and housing parts: 1.4021, 1.4571, Hastelloy®, Titanium, Inconel®, others
- Tension spring: 1.4571, Hastelloy®, Titanium, Inconel®
- Secondary seal (elastomer): Fluorocarbon rubber (Viton®), Nitrile-butadiene-rubber (Perbunan®), Perfluorocarbon rubber (Kalrez®)
- Secondary seal (gasket): Statotherm®-HT/HD, KSIL C 4400

Standards and approvals
- Material approvals: FDA

Recommended applications
- Gases
- Fumes and exhaust, solids containing, flammable (ATEX), acid containing and toxic gases
- (Solids containing) steams/liquid mist
- Oil mist/penetrating oil
- Water
- Oil and gas industry
- Refining technology
- Petrochemical industry
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**Shaft Seal Espey™ WKA802HD**

**Features**
- Chamber seal (modular design), optional with housing and lid
- Very small operation gap – low leakage
- Dry running
- Compensation of radial and axial shaft deflections
- No sealing components mounted on the shaft and hence no additional shaft vibrations
- Seal rings running contact-free – sliding faces and machine consume no additional power
- One-piece seal ring with titanium bandage
- Balanced seal ring inside chamber
- Seal ring axially spring-loaded – no swinging up at pressure-less machine operation

**Advantages**
- High reliability
- Maintainability
- Maintenance-free

**Operating range** (see note on page: The Company)

- Shaft diameter: \( d = 20 \ldots 200 \text{ mm (0.79" \ldots 7.87")} \)
- Operating pressure: \( p = \text{ vacuum ... 140 bar (2,030 PSI) abs.} \)
- Operating temperature: \( t = -120 \, ^\circ\text{C} \ldots +225 \, ^\circ\text{C} \) \((-184 \, ^\circ\text{F} \ldots +437 \, ^\circ\text{F})\)
- Sliding velocity: \( \nu = \text{max. 240 m/s (787 ft/s)} \)
- Axial movement: theoretically unlimited
- Recommended wear guard: > 58 HRC

**Materials**
- Seal ring: Carbon with titanium bandage
- Chamber and housing parts: 1.4021, 1.4571, Hastelloy®, Titanium, Inconel®, others
- Secondary seal (elastomer): Fluorocarbon rubber (Viton®), Nitrile-butadiene-rubber (Perbunan®), Perfluorocarbon rubber (Kalrez®)
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- Pulp and paper industry
- Metal production and processing
- Power plant technology
- Integral-gear compressors (one or multi-stage)
- Screw and chiller compressors
- Steam turbines
- Regulating devices
**Shaft Seal Espey™ WKA1100HP**

**Features**
- Chamber seal (modular design), optional with housing and lid
- Very small operation gap – low leakage
- Dry running
- Compensation of radial and axial shaft deflections
- No sealing components mounted on the shaft and hence no additional shaft vibrations
- Seal rings running contact-free – sliding faces and machine consume no additional power
- One-piece seal ring with titanium bandage
- Both side balanced seal ring inside chamber for short-term backpressure operation
- Seal ring axially spring-loaded – no swinging up at pressure-less machine operation

**Advantages**
- High reliability
- Maintainability
- Maintenance-free

**Operating range** *(see note on page: The Company)*
- Shaft diameter: \( d = 20 \ldots 200 \text{ mm (0.79" \ldots 7.87")} \)
- Operating pressure: \( p = \text{vacuum} \ldots 250 \text{ bar (3,625 PSI) abs.} \)
- Operating temperature: \( t = -120 \degree \text{C} \ldots +225 \degree \text{C} \)
- Sliding velocity: \( v_s = \text{max.} 240 \text{ m/s (787 ft/s)} \)
- Axial movement: theoretically unlimited
- Recommended wear guard: > 58 HRC

**Materials**
- Seal ring: Carbon with titanium bandage
- Chamber and housing parts: 1.4021, 1.4571, Hastelloy®, Titanium, Inconel®, others
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