UEA Series

In-line Unstable Detonation Flame Arresters



Protecting People, Property and our Planet

With Eccentric Body & Replaceable Element for Explosion Groups IIA & IIA1

The Elmac Technologies® UEA Series of In-line Unstable Detonation Flame Arresters is designed to prevent the propagation of gas or vapour explosions in pipelines under the most severe conditions of unstable detonation, stable detonation and deflagration. This type of flame arrester is specified for use in pipeline systems where the distance between the source of ignition and the flame arrester is significant and/or where detonations are possible.

Principles of Operation

The combination of our unique patented High Energy Dissipation System (HEDS™) and E-Flow™ technology attenuates the shock wave and extinguishes the flame, thus mitigating the effects of an explosion by preventing its propagation. The UEA Series of In-line Unstable Detonation Flame Arresters uses an optimised crimped ribbon element which allows gas or vapour to pass with minimal pressure loss. Designed to withstand the extreme pressures that travel at supersonic velocities in a detonation event, the UEA Series has been developed in line with Elmac's long-term strategy on the provision of protection for both plant and personnel whilst maintaining market leading flow vs pressure drop performance.

Explosion Groups

Elmac's UEA Series of In-line Unstable Detonation Flame Arresters is ATEX approved for gases in Explosion Groups IIA and IIA1.

Features and Benefits

- Suitable for all explosion scenarios including unstable and stable detonations and deflagrations
- \cdot No placement restrictions or need for additional protection
- High performance offers lower ongoing operating costs
- Eccentric design prevents condensate build-up
- Exceptional flow capacities with minimal pressure drop
- Short-time burn capability and bi-directional protection



Standards Compliance

Elmac's UEA Series of In-line Unstable Detonation Flame Arresters has been type-tested to EN ISO 16852 and approved according to ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU.



Elmac Expertise

Elmac has been manufacturing protection equipment since 1948 and brings enhanced levels of flame and explosion protection to a diverse range of applications.

Elmac offers considerable technical leadership and, utilising state-of-the-art in-house testing facilities along with Computational Fluid Dynamics software, employs a Research & Development team renowned for developing solutions for the most challenging of industrial applications.

- Lightweight for ease of installation and maintenance
- Easy-clean, replaceable, crimped-ribbon elements
- Sizes and materials to suit wide range of applications
- End connections include flanged or threaded options
- Vertical or horizontal installation

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Unstable Detonation Flame Arresters (with short-time burn option)

General Arrangement:



Sizes

	Max	Max	Connection Size DN (mm)									
Dimensions (mm)	Operating Pressure (bara)	Operating Temperature (°C)	25/40/50	65	80	100	150	200	250	300	350	400
A. Overell les ath	1.20	60	451	575	581	639	-	-	-	1035	-	-
A: Overall length	1.10	60	-	-	-	-	641	749	901		1355	1406
D: Ø Diameter		-	229	254	279	343	483	597	698	813	927	1060
B: Centre to top of temperature probe (short-time burn models)	-	-	315	325	355	390	455	510	585	665	715	810
C: Minimum clearance required	-	-	75	75	75	75	96	96	185	185	185	185
Approx Wt (kg)	-	-	25	43	54	82	152	273	435	634	966	1341

NB: Alternative flange configuration options available on request. Weights are given for standard units (short time burn, high temperature and high pressure variants may be different).

Variations

Feature	Standard Fitting	Options*
Arrester Housing Materials	Carbon Steel or Stainless Steel	Low Temperature Carbon Steel, Duplex Steel, Hastelloy
Element Material	316L Stainless Steel	Hastelloy
Connections	ANSI 150 Flange	PN16 Flange, Female BSP/NPT, Male BSP/NPT
Arrester Finish	Painted (Carbon Steel Arresters)	Offshore Paint, PTFE Coated, Others on Request
Sockets	None	Drain Plugs, Sensor Ports, Others on Request

*Depending on the Flame Arrester size

Lightweight element design

The element housing can be easily disassembled by removing the fasteners which hold the element between the internal flanges.

Labelled element banks*

To ensure correct realignment after cleaning, each element is clearly labelled to indicate its position in the housing.

Separate elements for complete access

Once the element housing is free, the central bolt (not pictured) can be removed to allow cleaning of individual element banks.

Provides protection against unstable and stable detonations and deflagrations.

The element banks have been optimised to minimise resistance to flow, reduce fouling/clogging and allow drainage of condensate.

* It is important that manufacturer's installation, operation and maintenance instructions (IOMs) are followed carefully when removing, cleaning and replacing element banks.

High Energy Dissipation System (HEDS™)

The patented HEDS[™] design works as both a shock-attenuation system and an energy baffle, extending the time over which the device can suppress an explosion and improving the efficiency of the arrester. The design also helps protect the element from debris, thus extending any required maintenance period.

Safer	Reduces risk by protecting against worst case explosion scenarios. Provides protection against unstable and stable detonations and deflagrations. Design facilitates easy drainage of condensate. Also available with the added protection against short-time burning events.
Unique	World's best flow and pressure drop performance; superior to stable detonation arresters. Best-in-class shock attenuation and heat dissipation characteristics.
Low Cost	Ultimate performance attributes facilitate lower lifetime costs with the reduced energy demand yielding significant and on-going operational cost savings.
Versatile	Optimised design means no placement restrictions or need for additional protection. Simplified maintenance via modular and removable, easy-clean elements.
Certified	Designed and manufactured according to EN ISO 16852. ATEX approved.

Also Available

Wide range of pressure protection equipment



FAB Valves[™]

The patented Flame Arrester Breather (FAB Valve™) Series integrates a RE-Flow™ Flame Arrester with a Pressure & Vacuum Relief Valve.

Designed to protect tanks and process equipment from excessive pressure/vacuum and also from atmospheric deflagrations, the FAB Valve[™] series conserves product and reduces pollution from evaporation losses. They are generally required by EPA and API regulations in venting applications.



Pressure Vacuum Relief Valves

Elmac's PVR Valves are lightweight and easy to handle and install. With optimised design, high performance and flow capacity, they feature superior air-cushioned sealing and low leakage that meets the requirements of API Std 2000 and EN ISO 23800. A quality, cost effective solution for minimum product loss, reduced maintenance and wide range of applications.



Emergency Relief Vents

ERVs are fitted to storage tanks to allow emergency flow due to the excessive venting requirement from a fire burning around a storage tank. This eliminates a costly tank rupture, providing emergency venting from abnormal internal pressure beyond the capability of the pressure relief vent.

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