



Figure 1 - Bruce Power Generating Station Ontario, Canada

The Project

Spring and fall outages are an important event for power plants, involving months of careful planning to minimize downtime. As part of the planned outage at the Bruce Power Station in Ontario (figure 1) four shutdown coolers with internal tube bundles were originally scheduled for cleaning. However closer inspection revealed they required complete removal and refurbishing to restore peak efficiency. Bruce Power partnered with Wachs Canada to expedite the needed repairs and maintain their tight schedule.



Figure 2 - Wachs LCSF split frame end cap removal



Figure 3 - Shutdown cooler with exposed tube bundle

The Challenge

Removal of the shutdown coolers required cutting their feed connections. Due to the extremely tight clearances, special mounting legs were used to mount an LCSF split frame to the nozzle elbows prior to parting. After removal, accessing the internal tube bundles required sectioning of the reusable end cap (figure 2) from the shell and removal of a large flanged connection. Finally, the outer shell was sectioned axially to expose the tube bundles for servicing. Reassembly required a weld prep bevel on the end cap and outer shell, plus facing of the large diameter flange mating surfaces.

The Solution

E.H. Wachs experience in onsite machining allows us to keep our cool with challenging, time sensitive projects like Bruce. For removing the shutdown coolers we specified an LCSF 1420/3 with special legs to cut the 16" (DN400) short radius elbows. For removal of the end cap, an LCSF 4248/3 was used around the girth of the outer shell (figure 3). For this application's large diameter flange facing we utilized our HDSF 4860 (figure 4) for single pointing the flange mounting surfaces (figure 5). These precision split frame machines helped Bruce Power technicians to weld, reassemble and reinstall the shutdown coolers on time and on budget.



Figure 4 - Large diameter flange facing with HDSF split frame

The Technology

The split frames used to section the shutdown coolers for Bruce Power are one of many onsite machining products E.H. Wachs offers. They operate on the principal of a lathe, utilizing a rotating frame with fixed tooling to achieve highly precise and repeatable results. Lathe technology is ideal for 360 degree machining operations such as the cutting, beveling, and facing used here.

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Figure 5 - Machining flange to restore tolerances and finish

Executive Summary

During a recent planned outage Bruce Power planned to clean four shutdown coolers, but closer inspection revealed the need for a complete refurbishing that might have delayed their schedule. Partnering with Wachs Canada, Bruce Power used E.H. Wachs LCSF and HDSF split frames to help remove the coolers, open them for servicing and reface the flange mounting surfaces prior to reinstallation. Wachs equipment allowed precision machining of the coolers onsite, keeping the planned outage on schedule.



LCSF Split Frame on Shutdown Cooler

Bruce Power partners with E.H. Wachs, a manufacturer who is a single source for the portable machine tools required to keep their facility running smoothly. We have the engineering and manufacturing expertise combined with the global resources to meet and exceed the most demanding expectations.

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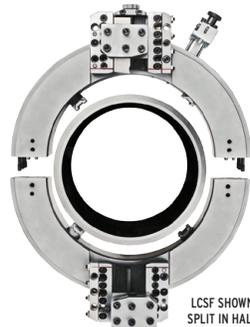
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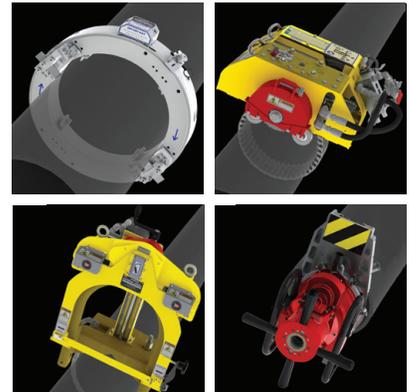
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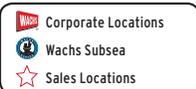


LCSF SHOWN SPLIT IN HALF



Clockwise:

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