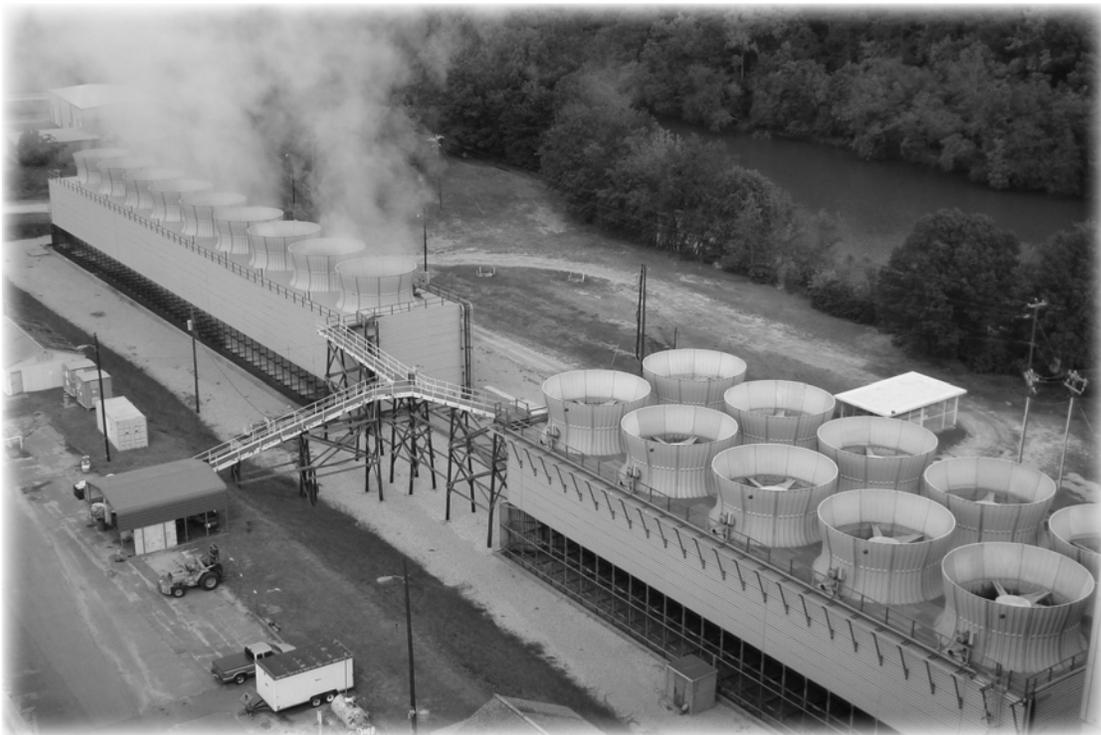


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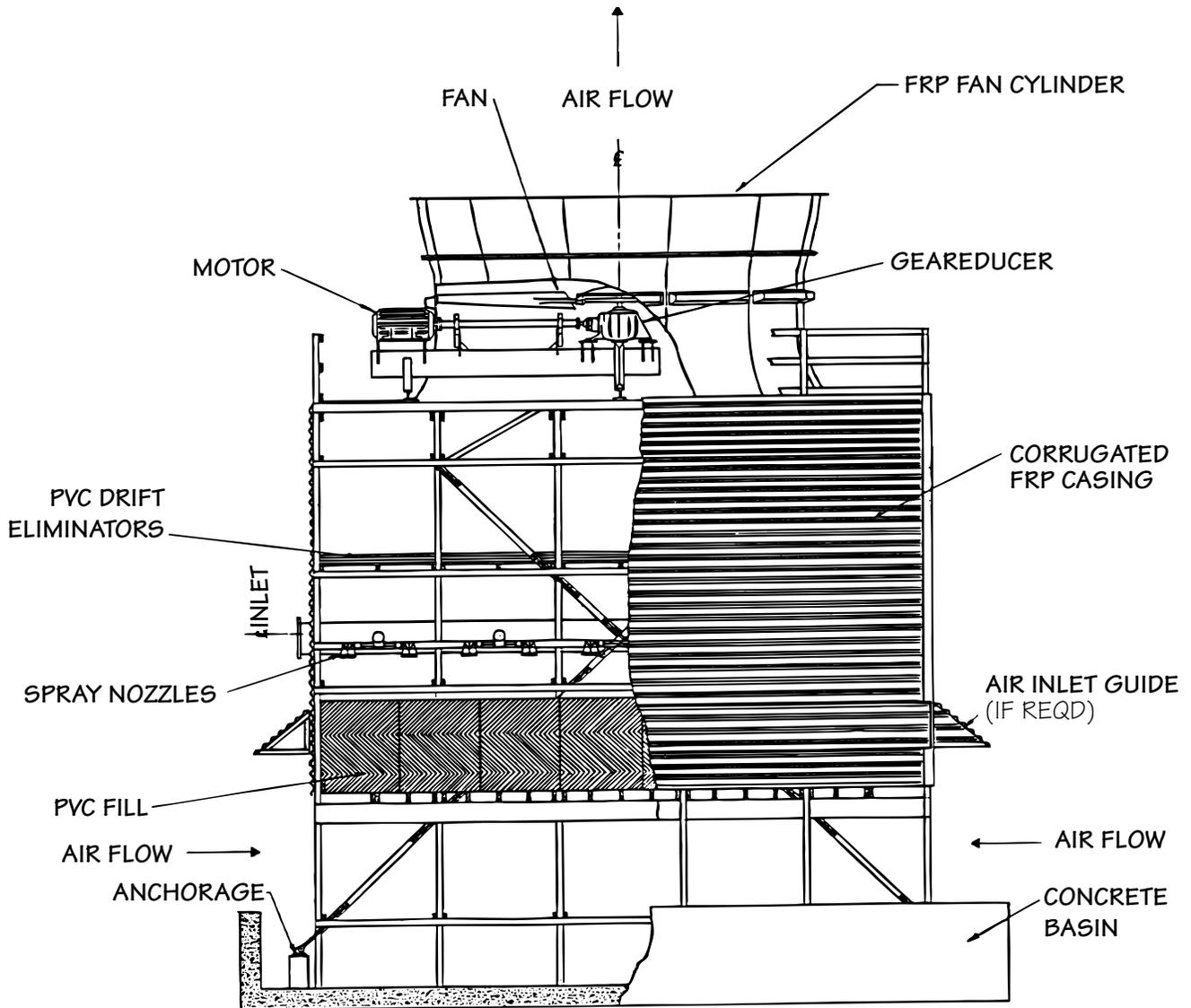
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The following defined terms are used throughout this manual to bring attention to the presence of hazards of various risk levels, or to important information concerning the life of the product.

 Warning

Indicates presence of a hazard which can cause severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage if ignored.

 Caution

Indicates presence of a hazard which will or can cause personal injury or property damage if ignored.

Note

Indicates special instructions on installation, operation or maintenance which are important but not related to personal injury hazards.

 Caution

SAFETY—Temporary safety barricades should be placed around any exposed openings in the operating (or non-operating) tower, safety harnesses for fall protection should be worn and used by personnel where appropriate, and other safety precautions should be taken in compliance with appropriate OSHA regulations and standards.

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General

A cooling tower, like any heat exchanger, exchanges all heat imposed upon it from one fluid to another fluid. For a cooling tower, heat from the water is put into the air. The plant process replenishes the heat to the water, typically at another heat exchanger such as a condenser. A cooling tower differs from many heat exchangers in that heat is transferred in two forms – sensible and latent heat. As heat is transferred from the water, the air temperature increases (sensible) and the air's water content, or humidity, also increases (latent). As the heat load, inlet air wet-bulb temperature, or airflow on a cooling tower changes, the cooling tower will respond by finding a new equilibrium with the process. The cooling tower will still dissipate all the heat from the process, but at new water temperatures.

The cooling tower cold water temperature is the supply water temperature to the condenser, and changes in the cold water temperature usually affect efficiency of the plant output. Although the reduced cold water temperatures that result from maximum fan power utilization are usually beneficial to plant output, the amount of fan power affects the cost of running the cooling tower. As these variables interact on a cooling tower, the operator must find the proper trade-off between these opposing forces.

These instructions will assist in obtaining efficient, long life from Marley cooling equipment. Direct questions concerning tower operation and maintenance to your Marley sales office or representative. Always include your tower serial number when writing for information or ordering parts. Look for this number on the nameplate on the tower endwall access door.

Before Startup

Warning

Microorganisms including Legionella bacteria can exist in premise plumbing including cooling towers. The development of an effective water management plan (WMP) and implementation of maintenance procedures are essential to prevent the presence, dissemination and amplification of Legionella bacteria and other waterborne contaminants throughout premise plumbing. Before operating the cooling tower, the water management plan and maintenance procedures must be in place and regularly practiced.

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- 1–Consult a knowledgeable water treatment professional to clean and treat your new cooling tower prior to startup. Cooling towers must be cleaned and disinfected regularly in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 188 and Guideline 12.
- 2–Do NOT attempt any service unless the fan motor is locked out.
- 3–Remove any sediment from the cold water collection basin, sump, and screens. Use a water hose to flush cold water collection basins.

Note

Do not circulate water over the tower in freezing weather without a heat load. See Caution, page 6.

Initial Starting Procedure

- 1–Fill the cold water basin and circulating water system to a level 1/2" (13 mm) below the overflow.
- 2–Completely open all flow control valves in the circulating water system.
- 3–Prime and start the circulating water pumps one at a time. Increase the flow of circulating water gradually to design water rate to avoid surges or water hammer which could damage the distribution piping.
- 4–When flow has stabilized at or near the design rate, adjust water makeup to maintain the level that the water has pumped down to in the cold water basin. See **Cold Water Collecting Basin** on page 8. This should coincide reasonably with the recommended operating water level indicated on the Marley project drawings.
- 5–Start the fan. After 30 minutes operating time to permit Geareducer oil to come up to operating temperature, check motor load with watt meter, or take operating volt and ampere readings and calculate motor hp. Refer to Fan User Manual for instructions.

Caution

If it is necessary to pitch fans to pull correct contract horsepower, measure results when circulating design water rate at design hot water temperature. Horsepower will change with air density. Lock out all electrical service before entering fan area.

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Routine Starting Procedure

After periods of routine shutdown, the following restarting procedure should be followed:

1–Start the circulating water pump(s). Increase the flow of circulating water gradually to design water rate to avoid surges or water hammer which could damage the distribution piping.

Caution

Circulating cold water over a tower in freezing weather will cause ice to form – which may cause damage to the fill system. Water should be bypassed until the heat load causes its temperature to rise above 70°F (21°C), at which time it may be directed over the tower. Also, towers must not be operated with reduced water rate and/or no heat load during freezing weather. If a bypass is used, do not modulate. Bypass design must be reviewed by SPX.

2–Start the fan(s). On multicell towers, only as many fans should be started as are needed to produce the desired cold water temperature. If the tower is equipped with two-speed motors, fans may be progressively started at half speed, increasing to full speed as necessary to maintain the desired cold water temperature. See **Temperature Control and Energy Management** section.

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TOWER PERFORMANCE–Keep the tower clean and the water distribution uniform to obtain continued maximum cooling capacity. (See **Warning** note, page 18.) Do not allow excessive deposits of scale or algae to build up on the fill or eliminators. Keep the nozzles free of debris to assure correct distribution and cooling of water. Uniform water distribution over the entire fill plan area is vital to the efficient operation of a film-filled cooling tower.

The capacity of a tower to cool water to a given cold water temperature varies with the wet-bulb temperature and the heat load on the tower. As the wet-bulb temperature drops, the cold water temperature also drops. However, the cold water temperature does not drop as much as the wet-bulb temperature. Wet-bulb temperature is the temperature indicated by the wet-bulb thermometer of a psychrometer.

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A tower does not control the heat load. For a given heat load, the quantity of water circulated determines the cooling range. The hot and cold water temperatures increase with higher heat loads. Cooling range is the temperature difference between the hot water coming into the cooling tower and the cold water leaving the tower.

FAN DRIVE—Air is caused to move through the tower by the operation of electric motor-driven fans. At full speed, these fans are designed (and pitched) to move the amount of air required to accomplish the design thermal performance. Proper utilization of these fans provides the operator a means by which to adjust the level of thermal performance to suit the requirements of the load. See **Temperature Control and Energy Management** section.

 **Caution**

If two-speed motors are used, allow a time delay of a minimum of 20 seconds after de-energizing the high speed winding and before energizing the low speed winding. Tremendous stresses are placed on driven machinery and motor unless the motor is allowed to slow to low speed RPM or less before the low speed winding is energized.

HOT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM—Hot water from the process flows through an inlet to each cell, which supplies a distribution header and a system of branch arms and nozzles. Each distribution header pipe may be equipped with a vent standpipe to minimize water hammer, to maintain a slightly pressurized water distribution system, and to provide vacuum release at pump shutdown.

 **Caution**

If an Amertap condenser tube cleaning system is part of plant equipment, care should be taken during operation to backwash the strainer section only after the sponge rubber cleaning balls are removed from the system by trapping them in the collector. Balls that are allowed to enter the cooling tower supply piping may clog some of the nozzles, although the generous flow paths through the nozzles make this unlikely. However, balls escaping the nozzles will accumulate on top of the fill ultimately causing unequal water distribution that will affect thermal performance. The top of the fill should be frequently checked until such time as the operational sequence of the Amertap system assures that no balls enter the cooling tower distribution system.



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FILL—Water leaving the nozzles is distributed uniformly over the fill plan area. The water flows through the fill, coating each fill sheet to maximize water surface exposure to the air being moved by the fans.

DRIFT ELIMINATORS—Air leaving the fill passes through a level of drift eliminators covering the entire plan area of the tower. The purpose of these drift eliminators is to minimize the amount of water that is caused to exit the tower by the velocity of the moving airstream.

COLD WATER COLLECTING BASIN—Water leaving the fill falls into the cold water basin that forms the base of the tower. The normal water depth in wood, steel, or fiberglass basins is 5 to 8 inches (127 to 203 mm), while in a concrete basin, the normal water level is typically 12 inches (305 mm) below the curb. Adjust the makeup water supply to maintain this water level. Maintain sufficient water depth to prevent cavitation.

FREEZING WEATHER OPERATION—During periods of low temperature operation, 35° to 40°F (2°C to 4°C) or below, ice will form on the relatively dry parts of the tower that are in contact with the incoming air. Primarily, this includes the air inlet and adjacent structural framing.

Ice forming characteristics on any given tower will vary, depending on velocity and direction of wind, circulating water rate and heat load. Excessive ice formation may be controlled by regulating air and water flow through the tower by one or more of the following procedures:

- 1—Shut the fan down. This reduces the cooling rate to a minimum and increases the quantity of warm water at the air inlet to a maximum. However, normal "fan off" operation can cause reverse airflow due to the aspirating effect of the water distribution spray system. Although this reverse flow of air can be beneficial in deicing the inlet structure, it may contribute to water blowout and, therefore, must be carefully monitored. For automatic operation, a timer switch can be provided to shut the fan down for a few minutes each hour.
- 2—If the tower has two-speed motors, reduce the cooling rate by operating the fans at half speed forward.
- 3—With no heat load on the circulating water, icing cannot be controlled effectively by air control. Towers must not be operated with reduced water rate and/or no heat load during freezing weather. If a bypass directly into the cold water basin is used, all water must be bypassed so none is

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circulated over the tower. Design of a bypass arrangement must include consideration of water impact effect on tower components. Consult your Marley sales representative.

Caution

Reverse operation of fans is not recommended. See FAN DRIVE page 7 for fan speed change precautions.

Temperature Control and Energy Management

The wet bulb temperature of the ambient air varies significantly on a daily basis, and considerably from season to season. As the wet bulb temperature reduces, the tower becomes capable of producing colder and colder water – or it becomes capable of producing a given cold water temperature at reduced airflow through the tower. These characteristics are the “opposing forces” referred to under **General** section.

MAXIMIZING TOWER PERFORMANCE—If your process is one which benefits from the coldest possible water; that is, if colder water allows you to produce more product – or allows you to operate your system at significantly lower cost, then continuous full speed operation of the fan(s) may be your best mode of operation.

In this mode of operation, concern for the cold water temperature level would be limited to the potential for the tower to form ice during freezing weather. See **Caution** page 6, and **FREEZING WEATHER OPERATION** page 8. Although the 70°F (21°C) cold water temperature indicated on page 6 is appropriate for cold weather start-up and operation, acceptable temperatures during full operation in spring, summer and fall may be appreciably lower, perhaps as low as 50°F (10°C) or less. **Refer to your performance curves for expected tower cold water temperatures at varying flow rates, ranges, and wet bulb temperatures.**

MINIMIZING TOWER ENERGY USE—Most processes gain no operating or production benefits from water temperatures below a certain level, and for many that level may be only 10°F to 15°F (5° to 8°C) below the design cold water temperature. When a reducing ambient wet bulb permits the tower to reach that target cold water temperature level, further reductions in the wet bulb temperature permit manipulation of fan speeds or operation to maintain that temperature level.



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Single speed fans can be cycled on and off for cold water temperature control, with the steps of control depending upon the number of fan cells in the tower. Two speed motors offer twice as many control steps – with the added bonus that half speed (which produces half of the normal airflow through the tower) requires less than 20% of the full speed power requirement. **If your tower is equipped with a Marley Motor Control Center please refer to the appropriate User Manuals.**

Caution

Excessive fan cycling may shorten the motor's expected service life. On fans 20 feet (6 meter) diameter and smaller allow for 4 to 5 starts per hour. On larger fans, 2 or 3 starts per hour may be the limit. On two speed motors each low speed start and each high speed start count as one start.

Variable frequency drives, of course, provide the ultimate in both temperature control and energy management and can be easily retrofitted to your system. Please discuss this with your Marley representative. **If your tower is equipped with a Marley VFD drive, please refer to the appropriate User Manual.**

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Always shut off electrical power to the tower fan motor prior to performing any inspections that may involve physical contact with the mechanical or electrical equipment in or on the tower. Lock out and tag out any electrical switches to prevent others from turning the power back on. Service personnel must wear proper personal protective clothing and equipment.

Well maintained equipment gives the best operating results and the least maintenance cost. A regular inspection schedule is recommended to insure effective, safe operation of the cooling tower. Use the schedule on page 21 to obtain continuously good performance with the least tower maintenance. See **Inspection Checklist** section in this manual. Keep a continuous lubrication and maintenance record for each cooling tower. Conduct regular inspection and repair of personnel safety items (items 19 and 20 in Table on page 21). Maintaining a record of this is especially important. For a supply of check list forms, contact your Marley sales office or representative.

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HOT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM—Keep the circulating water and distribution system (piping and nozzles) clean and free of sand, dirt, algae, and scale. Algae and scale may clog nozzles, eliminators, fill, and piping, and may collect on the equipment served thus reducing its performance

FILL—Clean, free-flowing, unobstructed fill is vital to the continued efficient operation and performance of a cooling tower. The owner/operator must keep the circulating water clean by treatment, screening, or filtering to avoid the possibility of fill clogging. Sea water, if used, will typically present increased clogging problems due to suspended solids and/or biological growth if the water is not properly filtered and treated. The dissolved ions do not present unusual clogging problems.

Contributors to the clogging of fill are trash and debris, algae, slime and scale – with the effects of scale often being worsened by the presence of suspended muds. All of these can be controlled with some combination of water treatment, screening, and filtration, and it is the owner's responsibility to institute a program of water treatment and maintenance that will minimize their impact. See **Water Quality and Blowdown** section.

TOWER FRAMEWORK—Keep framework bolts tight. Pay particular attention to bolts in the mechanical equipment supports. Do not pull washers into the wood.

DRIVESHAFT—Check driveshaft alignment and condition of couplings every six months. See the Driveshaft User Manual for correcting misalignment, balancing or replacing parts.

FAN MOTOR—Lubricate and maintain each electric motor in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If repair work is necessary, contact the nearest representative of the motor manufacturer. See Warranty Section of the Marley "**Fan Motor**" User Manual. Fan motors with sealed bearings do not require lubrication maintenance.



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FAN—Inspect fan blade surfaces every six months. For detailed maintenance information, refer to Fan User Manual.

GEAREDUCTER—Make weekly and monthly oil checks. Refer to the Geareducer User Manual for detailed maintenance instructions.

PAINTING—Periodically clean and, if necessary, recoat any chipped or damaged paint to prevent corrosion.

COLD WATER COLLECTING BASIN—Inspect collecting basin occasionally for cracks, leaks, and spalling and repair if necessary. Maintain a positive Langelier index in your circulating water. See **Water Quality and Blowdown** section. Minor leaks may appear in wood basins when starting with a dry basin but these generally disappear after the wood becomes soaked. Inspect steel basins for corrosion. Recoat as necessary. Keep cold water outlets clean and free of debris. Makeup and circulating water controls must operate freely and maintain the desired water quantity in the system.

COOLING TOWER WOOD DETERIORATION—Cooling tower wood is pressure treated to help prevent decay. However, after several years of service, some members may develop decay. Routine inspections should be made to assure that decay is discovered before it is heavily advanced.

Decay is commonly of two very general types, soft rot and internal rot. Soft rot is easier to detect because it is almost always on the surface of wood members. It makes the surface soft and weak and, in its more advanced stages, the decayed wood can be easily removed. This type of rot occurs primarily in the flooded areas of the tower. Internal rot, as the name implies, occurs inside the wood members. For this reason it is more difficult to detect than is soft rot. Internal rot is most commonly found in the heavier members in the plenum areas of the tower. One of the best methods of inspection for internal rot is “sounding” with hammer blows. Members which have internal rot sound “dead” while non-rotted members have a “ring” or “live” sound. Areas which sound “dead” can be probed with a screwdriver or other pointed tool to verify the presence of internal rot. The strength of a member with soft rot is not seriously affected. However, if internal rot is discovered, the infected members should be replaced.

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SPX has personnel on its staff experienced in all aspects of wood deterioration and preservative treatment. In addition, several Marley publications are available which give detailed information on the subject of wood deterioration and treatment. Contact the nearest Marley sales office or representative for more information about wood inspection services and for copies of the publications.

Water Quality and Blowdown

BLOWDOWN—Blowdown, or bleed-off, is the continuous removal of a portion of the water from the circulating system. It is used to prevent dissolved solids from concentrating to the point where they will form scale. The amount of blowdown required depends upon the cooling range (design hot water temperature minus design cold water temperature) and the composition of the makeup water (water added to the system to compensate for losses by blowdown, evaporation and drift). The following table shows the minimum amount of blowdown (percent of flow) required to maintain different concentrations with various cooling ranges:

COOLING RANGE	Number of Concentrations						
	1.5X	2.0X	2.5X	3.0X	4.0X	5.0X	6.0X
5°F (2.78°C)	.78	.38	.25	.18	.11	.08	.06
10°F (5.56°C)	1.58	.78	.51	.38	.25	.18	.14
15°F (8.33°C)	2.38	1.18	.78	.58	.38	.28	.22
20°F (11.11°C)	3.18	1.58	1.05	.78	.51	.38	.30
25°F (13.89°C)	3.98	1.98	1.32	.98	.64	.48	.38

Multipliers are based on drift of 0.02% of the circulating water rate.

EXAMPLE: 7000 gpm (1590 m³/hr) circulating rate, 18°F (10°C) cooling range. To maintain 4 concentrations, the required blowdown is 0.458% or .00458 times 7000 gpm (1590 m³/hr) which is 32.1 gpm (7 m³/hr).

If tower is operated at 4 concentrations, circulating water will contain four times as much dissolved solid as the makeup water, assuming none of the solids form scale or are otherwise removed from the system.

Note

The use of corrosion and scale inhibitors is strongly recommended.



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CHEMICAL TREATMENT—In some cases chemical treatment of the circulating water is not required if adequate blowdown is maintained. In most cases, however, chemical treatment is required to prevent scale formation and corrosion. Sulfuric acid or one of the polyphosphates is most generally used to control calcium carbonate scale. Various proprietary materials containing phosphates or other compounds are available for corrosion control. When water treatment chemicals are required, the services of reliable water treating companies should be obtained.

PREFERRED COOLING TOWER WATER CONDITION LIMITS FOR STANDARD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	
pH	6.5 to 9.0
Maximum Water Temperature --	120°F (48.9°C)
Langelier Saturation Index.....	0.0 to 1.0
M-Alkalinity.....	100 to 500 ppm as CaCO ₃
Silica.....	150 ppm as SiO ₂
Iron.....	3 ppm
Manganese.....	0.1 ppm
Oil and Grease.....	10 ppm for splash-filled towers. None allowed for film-filled towers.
Sulfides.....	1 ppm
Ammonia.....	50 ppm if copper alloys are present.
Chlorine.....	1 ppm free residual intermittently (shock), or 0.4 ppm continuously.
Organic solvents.....	none allowed.
Total Dissolved Solids.....	over 5000 ppm can affect thermal performance and be detrimental to wood in certain areas of the tower.
Cations:	
Calcium.....	800 ppm as CaCO ₃
Magnesium.....	depends on pH and Silica level.
Sodium.....	no limit.
Anions:	
Chlorides.....	750 ppm as NaCl, 455 ppm as Cl ⁻
Sulfates.....	800 ppm as CaCO ₃
Nitrates.....	300 ppm (nutrient for bacteria).
Carbonates/Bicarbonates-	300 ppm as CaCO ₃ maximum for wood.
Biological/Bacteria	
Film-Type Fills:	
MC75.....	Less than 10,000 CFU/mL
MCR 12/16.....	Less than 1,000,000 CFU/mL when TSS <25 ppm and less than 100,000 CFU/mL when TSS >25 ppm.
Aerobic Bacteria Plate Count:	
Total Suspended Solids	
Film-Type Fill.....	Less than 25 ppm preferred; bacteria plate count is particularly important if TSS is above 25 ppm.
Splash-Type Fill.....	No specific limit.
Miscellaneous Solids.....	For film fill, avoid fibrous, greasy, fatty, or tarry contamination.
Other nutrients.....	For film fill, avoid fats, glycols, alcohols, sugars, and phosphates.
GENERAL RULE:	
Film-type fill should not be used for certain applications in steel plants, paper mills, or food processing operations.	

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Caution

When handling any hazardous materials, read the material safety data sheet for proper personal protective equipment and handling procedures.

Unless unusual water conditions have been anticipated and compensated for by the use of premium materials in the construction of the tower, then it is the owner/operator's responsibility to maintain water conditions within the limits tabled above by the appropriate use of blowdown, chemical treatment, filtration, cleaning, etc.

Biofilm, a gelatinous bacteria growth, and algae, a green or brown plant growth, may grow in the cooling tower or heat exchangers. Their presence can interfere with cooling efficiencies. Proprietary compounds are available from water treating companies for the control of slime and/or algae; however, compounds which contain copper are not recommended.

Data For Rapid Calculation of Saturation Index Saturation Index = pH(actual) - (9.3 + A + B) + (C + D)							
A		B		C		D	
Total Solids ppm	Value to Apply	Water Temp °F	Value to Apply	Calcium Hardness ppm	Value to Apply	M.O. Alkalinity ppm	Value to Apply
50 - 300	0.1	32 - 34	2.6	10 - 11	0.6	10 - 11	1.0
400 - 1000	0.2	36 - 42	2.5	12 - 13	0.7	12 - 13	1.1
		44 - 48	2.4	14 - 17	0.8	14 - 17	1.2
		50 - 56	2.3	18 - 22	0.9	18 - 22	1.3
		58 - 62	2.2	23 - 27	1.0	23 - 27	1.4
		64 - 70	2.1	28 - 34	1.1	28 - 34	1.5
		72 - 80	2.0	35 - 43	1.2	35 - 43	1.6
		82 - 88	1.9	44 - 55	1.3	44 - 55	1.7
		90 - 98	1.8	56 - 69	1.4	56 - 69	1.8
		100 - 110	1.7	70 - 87	1.5	70 - 87	1.9
		112 - 122	1.6	88 - 110	1.6	88 - 110	2.0
		124 - 132	1.5	111 - 138	1.7	111 - 138	2.1
		134 - 146	1.4	139 - 174	1.8	139 - 174	2.2
		148 - 160	1.3	175 - 220	1.9	175 - 220	2.3
		162 - 178	1.2	230 - 270	2.0	230 - 270	2.4
						280 - 340	2.1
				350 - 430	2.2	350 - 430	2.6
				440 - 550	2.3	440 - 550	2.7
				560 - 690	2.4	560 - 690	2.8
				700 - 870	2.5	700 - 870	2.9
				880 - 1000	2.6	880 - 1000	3.0

Based on Langelier formulas, Larson-Buswell residue, temperature adjustments and arranged by Eskel Nordell.



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The Langelier index (calcium carbonate saturation index) has proven to be an effective tool in predicting the aggressiveness of cooling tower water toward concrete. The Langelier index relates the methyl orange alkalinity; the calcium hardness; the total solids; the pH value; and the temperature of the water. From these values it is possible to calculate the index and predict the corrosive tendencies of the tower water toward concrete. An explanation and method of calculating the Langelier index can be found in all books on water treatment. Maintaining a positive Langelier index provides excellent protection of concrete.

FOAMING—Heavy foaming sometimes occurs when a new tower is put into operation. This type of foaming generally subsides after a relatively short period of operation. Persistent foaming can be caused by the concentrations of certain combinations of dissolved solids or by contamination of the circulating water with foam-causing compounds. This type of foaming can sometimes be minimized by increasing the blowdown, but in some cases foam depressant chemicals must be added to the system. Foam depressants are available from a number of chemical companies.

WATER DISCOLORATION—Woods contain some water-soluble substances and these commonly discolor the circulating water on a new tower. This discoloration is not harmful to any of the components in the system and can be ignored. However, a combination of foaming and discolored water can result in staining of adjacent structures if foam is picked up by air being pulled through the tower and discharged out the fan cylinders. Avoid operation of fans until the foaming is controlled.

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MAINTENANCE OF FILL PERFORMANCE

Warning

Water must be kept clean by treatment, screening, or filtering to avoid the possibility of fill clogging and loss of thermal performance.

Potential Causes of Fill Clogging:

- Suspended materials—Debris, etc.
- Scale—Can be sulfates, silicates, carbonates, or oxides. Scaling effects can be accentuated by suspended solids.
- Algae and/or Biofilm—Consult a qualified water treatment professional..

Possible Sources of Scale:

- Calcium Sulfate—From make-up and sulfates produced by sulfuric acid for pH adjustment. Calcium sulfate should be kept below 1000 ppm expressed as CaCO_3 .
- Calcium Carbonate—Generally will not form scale in the cooling tower if carbonate scaling does not occur in the condenser.
- Exceptions: If make-up water contains surplus free carbon dioxide, scaling may be inhibited in the condenser, but may occur in the tower fill because of CO_2 stripping.
- Silicates and Oxides—Silica scale is virtually impossible to remove. Silica scale is unlikely if SiO_2 is held below 150 ppm. Oxides, such as iron oxide, can coat all parts of the system if soluble iron is present in concentrations above 0.5 ppm. Iron oxides do not usually develop into thick scales but can accentuate the development of other scales.

Caution

Do not walk directly on the fill. Place appropriate walking surface on fill to avoid crushing. Recommended walking surface would be a minimum of 1/2" thick plywood measuring at least 1'-0 x 2'-0.

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Cooling Tower Inspection and Maintenance:

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Microorganisms including Legionella bacteria can exist in premise plumbing including cooling towers. The development of an effective water management plan (WMP) and implementation of maintenance procedures are essential to prevent the presence, dissemination and amplification of Legionella bacteria and other waterborne contaminants throughout premise plumbing. Before operating the cooling tower, the water management plan and maintenance procedures must be in place and regularly practiced.

In addition, the following steps are recommended:

Do NOT attempt any service unless the fan motor is locked out.

- Consult a knowledgeable water treatment professional to clean and treat your cooling tower prior to startup. See **Before Startup** section of this manual.
- Cooling towers must be cleaned and disinfected regularly in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 188 and Guideline 12.
- Workers performing decontamination procedures must wear personal protective equipment (PPE) as directed by their facility safety officer.
- Cooling towers must be visually inspected regularly to assess signs of bacterial growth, appearance of debris and scale on drift eliminators and general operating conditions. Refer to ASHRAE Standard 188 and Guideline 12 for specific frequency recommendations.
- Replace worn or damaged components.

To minimize the presence of waterborne microorganisms, including Legionella, follow the water management plan for your facility, perform regularly scheduled cooling tower inspections and maintenance, and enlist the services of water treatment professionals.

For additional technical support, contact your Marley sales representative. For help identifying the sales representative in your area, visit spxcooling.com/relocator.

References:

ashrae.org. Search “ASHRAE Standard 188” and “ASHRAE Guideline 12.”
cdc.gov. Search “Water Management Program.”

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Seasonal Shutdown Instructions

Tower—Drain all tower piping.

During shutdown, follow recommendations in the **Cooling Tower Inspection and Maintenance** section of this manual before attempting repairs. Apply protective coating as required to all metal parts. Particular attention should be given to mechanical equipment supports, drive shaft and drive shaft guards. Visually inspect for concrete deterioration.

Mechanical Equipment

Geareducer – Downtime for 3 months or less.

Each month, drain water condensate from the lowest point of the Geareducer and its oil system. Check oil level and add oil if necessary. Operate Geareducer to coat all interior surfaces with oil. Before start-up, drain water condensate and check oil level. Add oil if necessary.

Refer to the Geareducer User Manual for maintenance and lubrication instructions.

Geareducer – Downtime for 3 months or more.

If the fan motors have space heaters, operate mechanical equipment one hour each month. Space heaters should be energized anytime the motor is not operating. If the motors do not have space heaters, operate mechanical equipment one hour each week. At start-up, operate mechanical equipment one hour or until oil is warm, then shut the equipment down. Drain the oil and refill. Refer to the Geareducer User Manual for instruction on changing oil. Refer to the **“Downtime Instructions”** User Manual for downtime of 6 months or longer.



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Fan Motors

At start of downtime, clean all air passages and lubricate bearings. See the motor manufacturer's instructions. Motors with sealed bearings do not require lubrication maintenance. Refer to the **"Fan Motor"** User Manual for additional information.

 **Caution**

Do not start motor without determining that there will be no interference with free rotation of the fan drive. Refer to Fan Motor User Manual.

If shutdown period is longer than seasonal, contact your Marley sales office or representative for additional information.

Spare Parts

SPX Cooling Technologies manufactures and inventories cooling tower replacement parts. Typical lead time is 10 working days. Contact your Marley representative for emergency service.

Owners should consider maintaining an inventory of critical mechanical components, such as a fan assembly, gear drive and driveshaft to avoid emergency shutdown of cooling tower operations. Be sure to furnish the cooling tower serial number when ordering parts.

inspection and maintenance schedule

General Recommendations

More frequent inspection and maintenance may be desirable.

	Fan	Motor	Drive Shaft and Guards	Gearreducer	Drift Eliminators	Fill	Cold Water Basin	Distribution System and Nozzles	Float Valve	Suction Screen	Structural Members	Casing and Louvers	Fan Cylinder	Stairs, Ladders, Walkway, Doors, Handrails	Davits, Derricks, Hoists
1. Inspect for clogging					M	M		W		W					
2. Check for unusual noise or vibration	D	D	D	D											
3. Inspect keys, keyways and set screws	S	S	S	S											
4. Make sure vents are open				S				S							
5. Lubricate (grease)		R													
6. Check oil seals				M											
7. Check operating oil level				D											
8. Check static oil level				M											
9. Check oil for water and sludge				M											
10. Change oil				S											
11. Check fan blade tip clearance	S														
12. Check water level							D								
13. Check for leakage				W			S	S	S						
14. Inspect general condition	S	S	S	S	Y	S	Y	S	Y	S	S	Y	S	S	S
15. Tighten loose bolts	S	S	S	S							Y	R	S		
16. Clean	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R					
17. Repaint	R	R	R	R											
18. Rebalance	R		R												
19. Inspect/repair for safe use	Y		Y											S	
20. Inspect and repair before each use															R

D – daily; W – weekly; M – monthly; Q – quarterly; S – semi-annually; Y – yearly; R – as required

troubleshooting

Trouble	Cause	Remedy
Motor will not start		Check power at starter. Correct any bad connections between the control apparatus and the motor.
	Power not available at motor terminals	Check starter contacts and control circuit. Reset overloads, close contacts, reset tripped switches or replace failed control switches.
		If power is not on all leads at starter, make sure overload and short circuit devices are in proper condition.
	Wrong connections	Check motor and control connections against wiring diagrams.
	Low voltage	Check nameplate voltage against power supply. Check voltage at motor terminals.
	Open circuit in motor winding	Check stator windings for open circuits.
Fan drive stuck		Disconnect motor from load and check motor and Geareducer for cause of problem.
	Rotor defective	Look for broken bars or rings.
Unusual motor noise	Motor running single-phase	Stop motor and attempt to start it. Motor will not start if single phased. Check wiring, controls and motor.
	Motor leads connected incorrectly	Check motor connections against wiring diagram on motor.
	Bad bearings	Check lubrication. Replace bad bearings.
	Electrical unbalance	Check voltages and currents of all three lines. Correct if required.
	Air gap not uniform	Check and correct bracket fits or bearing.
	Rotor unbalance	Rebalance.
	Cooling fan hitting end bell-guard	Reinstall or replace fan
Motor runs hot	Wrong voltage or unbalanced voltage	Check voltage and current of all three lines against nameplate values.
	Overload	Check fan blade pitch. See Fan User Manual. Check for drag in fan drivetrain as from damaged bearings.
	Wrong motor RPM	Check nameplate against power supply. Check RPM of motor and gear ratio.
	Bearings over greased	Remove grease reliefs. Run motor up to speed to purge excessive grease. Does not apply to motors with sealed bearings.
	Wrong lubrication in bearings	Change to proper lubricant. See motor manufacturer's instructions.
	One phase open	Stop motor and attempt to start it. Motor will not start if single phased. Check wiring controls and motor
	Poor ventilation	Clean motor and check ventilation openings. Allow ample ventilation around motor.
	Winding fault	Check with Ohmmeter.
	Bent motor shaft	Straighten or replace shaft.
	Insufficient grease	Remove plugs and regrease bearings. Does not apply to motors with sealed bearings.
Too frequent starting or speed changes		Limit cumulative acceleration time to a total of 30 seconds per hour. Set on/off or speed change set-points farther apart. Consider installing a Marley VFD for fine temperature control.
	Deterioration of grease or foreign material in grease	Flush bearings and relubricate. Does not apply to motors with sealed bearings.
	Bearings damaged	Replace bearings.

troubleshooting

Trouble	Cause	Remedy
Motor does not come up to speed	Voltage too low at motor terminals because of line drop	Check transformer and setting of taps. Use higher voltage on transformer terminals or reduce loads. Increase wire size or reduce inertia.
	Broken rotor bars	Look for cracks near the rings. A new rotor may be required. Have motor service person check motor.
Wrong motor rotation	Wrong sequence of phases	Switch any two of the three motor leads.
Geareducer noise	Geareducer bearings	If new, see if noise disappears after one week of operation. Drain, flush and refill Geareducer oil. See Geareducer User Manual. If still noisy, replace.
	Gears	Correct tooth engagement. Replace badly worn gears. Replace gears with broken or damaged teeth
Unusual fan drive vibration	Loose bolts and cap screws	Tighten all bolts and cap screws on all mechanical equipment and supports.
	Unbalanced driveshaft or worn couplings	Make sure motor and Geareducer shafts are in proper alignment and "match marks" properly matched. Repair or replace worn couplings. Rebalance driveshaft by adding or removing weights from balancing cap screws. See Driveshaft User Manual.
	Fan	Make certain all blades are as far from center of fan as safety devices permit. All blades must be pitched the same. See Fan User Manual. Clean off deposit build-up on blades
	Worn Geareducer bearings	Check fan and pinion shaft endplay. Replace bearings as necessary.
	Unbalanced motor	Disconnect load and operate motor. If motor still vibrates, rebalance motor.
Fan noise	Bent Geareducer shaft	Check fan and pinion shaft with dial indicator. Replace if necessary.
	Blade rubbing inside of fan cylinder	Adjust cylinder to provide blade tip clearance.
	Loose bolts in blade clamps	Check and tighten if necessary

Safety

The tower has been designed to provide a safe working environment while either operating or shut down. The ultimate responsibility for safety rests with the Operator and Owner. When flow to the tower is shut off or when portions of the tower require maintenance, temporary safety barricades may be required around openings. Other safety precautions such as safety harnesses, lockout/tagout, and confined space entry etc. should be utilized where appropriate for compliance with OSHA regulations and standards and good safety practices. See **Warning**, page 12.

Routine periodic maintenance must be performed on all personnel access and material handling accessories in accordance with the following schedule:

	Ladders, Stairways, Walkways, Handrails, Covers, Decks, and Access Doors	Davits, Derricks, and Hoists
Inspect for General Condition	Semi-annually	Semi-annually
Repair for Safe Use	As Required	As Required

inspection checklist

Date Inspected _____ Inspected By _____
 Owner _____ Location _____
 Owner's Tower Designation _____
 Tower Manufacturer _____ Model No. _____ Serial No. _____
 Process Served by Tower _____ Operation: Continuous Intermittent Seasonal
 Design Conditions gpm _____ HW _____ °F CW _____ °F WB _____ °F
 Number of Fan Cells _____

Condition: 1–Good 2–Keep an eye on it 3–Needs immediate attention

	1	2	3	Comments
Structure				
Casing Material _____				
Structural Material _____				
Fan Deck Material _____				
Stairway? _____ Material _____				
Ladder? _____ Material _____				
Handrails? _____ Material _____				
Interior Walkway? _____ Material _____				
Cold Water Basin Material _____				

Water System				
Distribution System _____				
Header Material _____				
Manifold Material _____				
Branch Arms _____				
Nozzles – Orifice Diameter _____ "				

Heat Transfer System				
Fill _____				
Eliminators _____				
Inlet Face of Fill _____				

Use this space to list specific items needing attention: _____

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