

# NX™ cooling tower

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and specifications



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NX cooling towers are fiberglass with galvanized steel sub-structure, field-erected, crossflow cooling towers, designed to serve air conditioning and refrigeration systems as well as light to medium industrial process loads on clean water. The Marley NX Fiberglass cooling tower has been designed specifically for sound control and tonnage density and incorporates field-proven, industrial-quality components.

The specifications portion of this publication not only relates the language to use in describing an appropriate NX Fiberglass cooling tower—but also defines why certain items and features are important enough to specify and to insist upon compliance by all bidders. The left hand column of pages 13 thru 21 provides appropriate text for the various specification paragraphs, whereas the right hand column comments on the meaning of the subject matter and explains its value.

Pages 13 thru 18 indicate those paragraphs which will result in the purchase of a basic cooling tower—one that accomplishes the specified thermal performance, but which will lack many operation—and maintenance-enhancing accessories and features that are usually desired by those persons who are responsible for the operation of the system. It will also incorporate those standard materials which testing and experience has proven to provide acceptable longevity in normal operating conditions.

Pages 19 thru 21 provide paragraphs intended to add those features, components and materials that will customize the cooling tower to meet the user's requirements.

### THE NX-QUIET BY DESIGN

The NX is the result of extensive design studies focused on cooling tower sound control. These studies were complicated by the fact that the cooling tower market is typically driven by one of two powerful, yet often conflicting requirements. The most common is for a cooling tower that provides the required heat rejection capacity with a high level of reliability at low cost. Sound control, while important, is not the primary consideration for this application.

The other requirement, which is becoming ever more important in our crowded, fast-paced society, is driven by conditions that demand the lowest practical sound level. Energy efficiency, reliability, and ease of maintenance, while still extremely important, are not the highest priorities

In the first case, sound is important, while in the second case it is extremely important. To best satisfy these two competing market requirements we created choices through key mechanical equipment selections, to control sound.

The result is a line of towers capable of meeting all but the most restrictive noise limitations—and that will react favorably to natural attenuation. Where the tower has been sized to operate within an enclosure, the enclosure itself will have a damping effect on sound. Sound also declines with distance—by about 6 dBA each time the distance doubles.

All standard NX cooling towers are equipped with low sound fans. This in combination with zero-splash crossflow film-fill results in a line of towers capable of meeting most noise limitations.

### ENCLOSURES

Occasionally, cooling towers are located inside architectural enclosures for aesthetic reasons. Although NX towers adapt well to enclosures, the designer must realize the potential impact of a poorly arranged enclosure on the tower's performance and operation. The designer must take care to provide generous air inlet paths, and the tower's fan cylinder discharge height should not be lower than the elevation of the top of the enclosure. *Marley Technical Report #H-004 "External Influences on Cooling Tower Performance"* is available at [spxcooling.com](http://spxcooling.com) or from your Marley sales representative.

## SYSTEM CLEANLINESS

Cooling towers are very effective air washers. Atmospheric dust able to pass through the relatively small louver openings will enter the circulating water system. Increased concentrations can intensify system maintenance by clogging screens and strainers—and smaller particulates can coat system heat transfer surfaces. In areas of low flow velocity—such as the cold water basin—sedimentary deposits can provide a breeding ground for bacteria.

In areas prone to dust and sedimentation, you should consider installing some means for keeping the cold water basin clean. Typical devices include side stream filters and a variety of filtration media.

## WATER TREATMENT

To control the buildup of dissolved solids resulting from water evaporation, as well as airborne impurities and biological contaminants including Legionella, an effective consistent water treatment program is required. Simple blowdown may be adequate to control corrosion and scale, but biological contamination can only be controlled with biocides.

An acceptable water treatment program must be compatible with the variety of materials incorporated in a cooling tower—ideally the pH of the circulating water should fall between 6.5 and 8.0. Batch feeding of chemicals directly into the cooling tower is not a good practice since localized damage to the tower is possible. Specific startup instructions and additional water quality recommendations can be found in the **NX User Manual** which accompanies the tower and also is available from your local Marley sales representative. For complete water treatment recommendations, consult a competent, qualified water treatment supplier.

### ▲ CAUTION

The cooling tower must be located at such distance and direction to avoid the possibility of contaminated discharge air being drawn into building fresh air intake ducts. The purchaser should obtain the services of a Licensed Professional Engineer or Registered Architect to certify that the location of the cooling tower is in compliance with applicable air pollution, fire and clean air codes.

## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

The NX tower is an excellent choice for normal applications requiring cold water for the dissipation of heat. This includes condenser water cooling for air conditioning, refrigeration, and thermal storage systems, as well as their utilization for free-cooling in all of those systems. The NX can also be used in the cooling of jacket water for engines and air compressors, and are widely applied to dissipate waste heat in a variety of industrial, power and manufacturing processes.

## APPLICATIONS REQUIRING ALTERNATIVE COOLING TOWER SELECTIONS

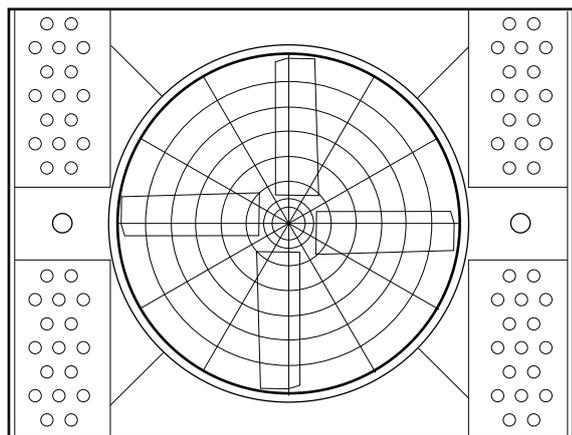
Certain types of applications are incompatible with any cooling tower with film fill—whether NX or a competitive tower of similar manufacture. Film fill is subject to distortion in high water temperatures, and the narrow passages are easily clogged by turbid or debris-laden water. Some of the applications, which call for alternative tower designs are:

- **Water temperatures exceeding 52°C**—adversely affects the service life and performance of normal PVC fill.
- **Ethylene glycol content**—can plug fill passages as slime and algae accumulate to feed on the available organic materials.
- **Fatty acid content**—found in processes such as soap and detergent manufacturing and some food processing—fatty acids pose a serious threat for plugging fill passages.
- **Particulate carry over**—often found in steel mills and cement plants—can both cause fill plugging, and can build up to potentially damaging levels on tower structure.
- **Pulp carry over**—typical of the paper industry and food processing where vacuum pumps or barometric condensers are used. Causes fill plugging which may be intensified by algae.

## ALTERNATIVE SELECTIONS

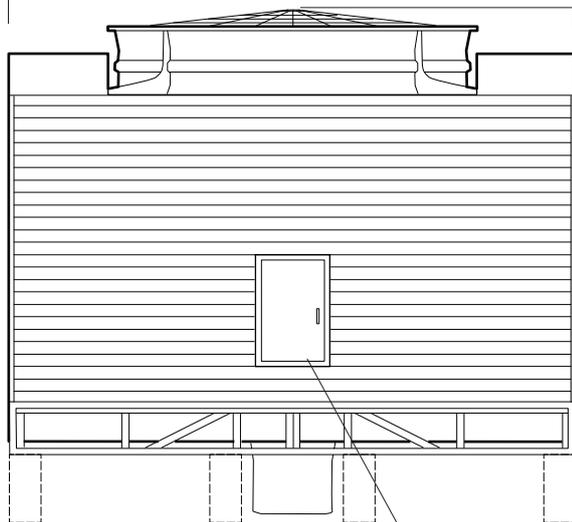
In addition to the NX, SPX Cooling Technologies offers a full scope of products in various designs and capacities to meet the special demands of specific applications.

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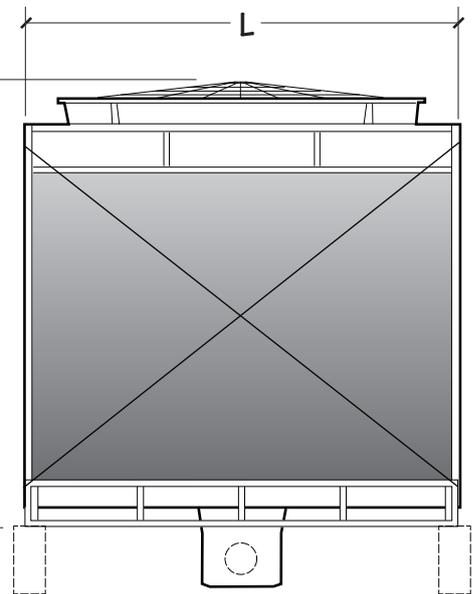


SIDE ELEVATION

HINGED ACCESS DOOR

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**UPDATE™** web-based selection software, available at [spcooling.com/update](http://spcooling.com/update) provides NX model recommendations based on customer's specific design requirements.



AIR INLET ELEVATION

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INSTALLED  
HEIGHT

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Model note 2	Nominal Capacity tons note 3	Motor kW		Design Operating Weight kg	Dimensions mm		
		nameplate	power		L	W	H
NX1010K-1	121	4	3.5	1995	1728	3244	3225
NX1010M-1	139	5.5	5.5	2115	1728	3244	3225
NX1010N-1	154	7.5	7.5	2100	1728	3244	3225
NX1010P-1	174	11	11	2271	1728	3244	3225
NX1015K-1	182	4	4	3153	2522	3860	3302
NX1015M-1	200	5.5	5.5	3099	2522	3860	3302
NX1015N-1	220	7.5	7.5	3221	2522	3860	3302
NX1015P-1	249	11	11	3275	2522	3860	3302
NX1020N1	243	7.5	7	3889	2808	4130	3528
NX1020P-1	286	11	11	3952	2808	4130	3528
NX1020Q-1	317	15	15	4093	2808	4130	3528
NX1025N-1	304	7.5	7.5	5014	3494	4504	3548
NX1025P-1	337	11	11	5062	3494	4504	3548
NX1025Q-1	372	15	15	5259	3494	4504	3548



**NOTE**

- 1 Use this bulletin for preliminary layouts only. Obtain current drawings from your Marley sales representative. All table data is per cell.
- 2 Last numeral of model number indicates number of cells. Change as appropriate for your selection.
- 3 Nominal cooling capacity based upon 35°C HW, 29.4°C CW, 25.5°C WB and .68 m<sup>3</sup>/hr per ton. The **UPDATE** web-based selection software provides NX model recommendations based on specific design requirements.
- 4 Standard overflow is a 4" dia. standpipe in the collection basin floor. The standpipe removes for flush-out and draining.
- 5 Outlet sizes vary according to flow and arrangement. See page 10 for sump outlet sizes and details.
- 6 Makeup water connection is 1", see page 8 for additional information.
- 7 A 1" quick makeup connection is also included in the collection to allow for quick fill of the tower.

Flanges are not required to make inlet connections. An appropriate sized opening with a sealing grommet is furnished on both inlet splash boxes. A single riser or dual riser may be used.

Every tower is equipped with an FRP outlet sump and that may be rotated 90° in order to line-up with customer's piping arrangement. The outlet is designed for a flanged connection that is field drilled to accommodate various universal piping standards. A drain connection is also located in the sump.

**MAKEUP**

The amount of water constantly evaporated from a cooling tower varies directly with the heat load applied. In addition to evaporation, water is normally lost to the blowdown (bleed-off) necessary to maintain dissolved solids concentration at an acceptable level in the circulating water system.

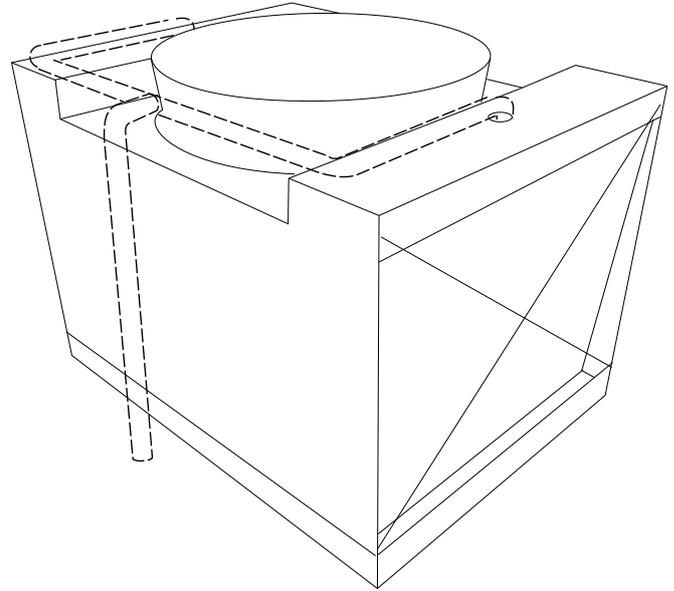
The NX is equipped with one or more float-operated, mechanical makeup valves to automatically replenish this lost water. The tables on this page, calculated for a concentration of 3 times normal, indicate the rate of water loss—and the size of valve(s) required. If your installation's cold water basin will drain by gravity to a remote storage tank—or if you plan a separate means of controlling makeup water—a price reduction is available for deleting the Marley valve(s).

An additional 1" quick makeup connection is provided to allow for quick fill of the tower. See **NX User Manual** for more information.

In most instances cooling towers will see the highest water usage at design heat load. Off design conditions (99% of the time) water usage will be less. For a better understanding of how much water your application will use throughout the year, consult our water usage calculator at:

[spxcooling.com/watercalc](http://spxcooling.com/watercalc)

If too much water is still being consumed consult your Marley sales representative for water saving alternatives.



Makeup Valve Flow Capacities – m³/hr	
Pressure at Valve Inlet while flowing—kPa	1" Diameter Valve
69	13
138	18
207	21
276	24
345	27

Tower m³/hr	Makeup Water Flow Required – m³/hr to Maintain Three (3) Concentrations					
	Cooling "Range" (hot water minus cold water)					
	3°C	6°C	8°C	12°C	17°C	24°C
45	.5	.7	.9	1	2	2
91	.7	1	2	2	3	5
136	.9	2	3	3	5	7
182	1	2	3	5	7	9
227	2	3	4	6	9	11
341	2	4	7	9	13	17
454	3	6	9	11	17	23

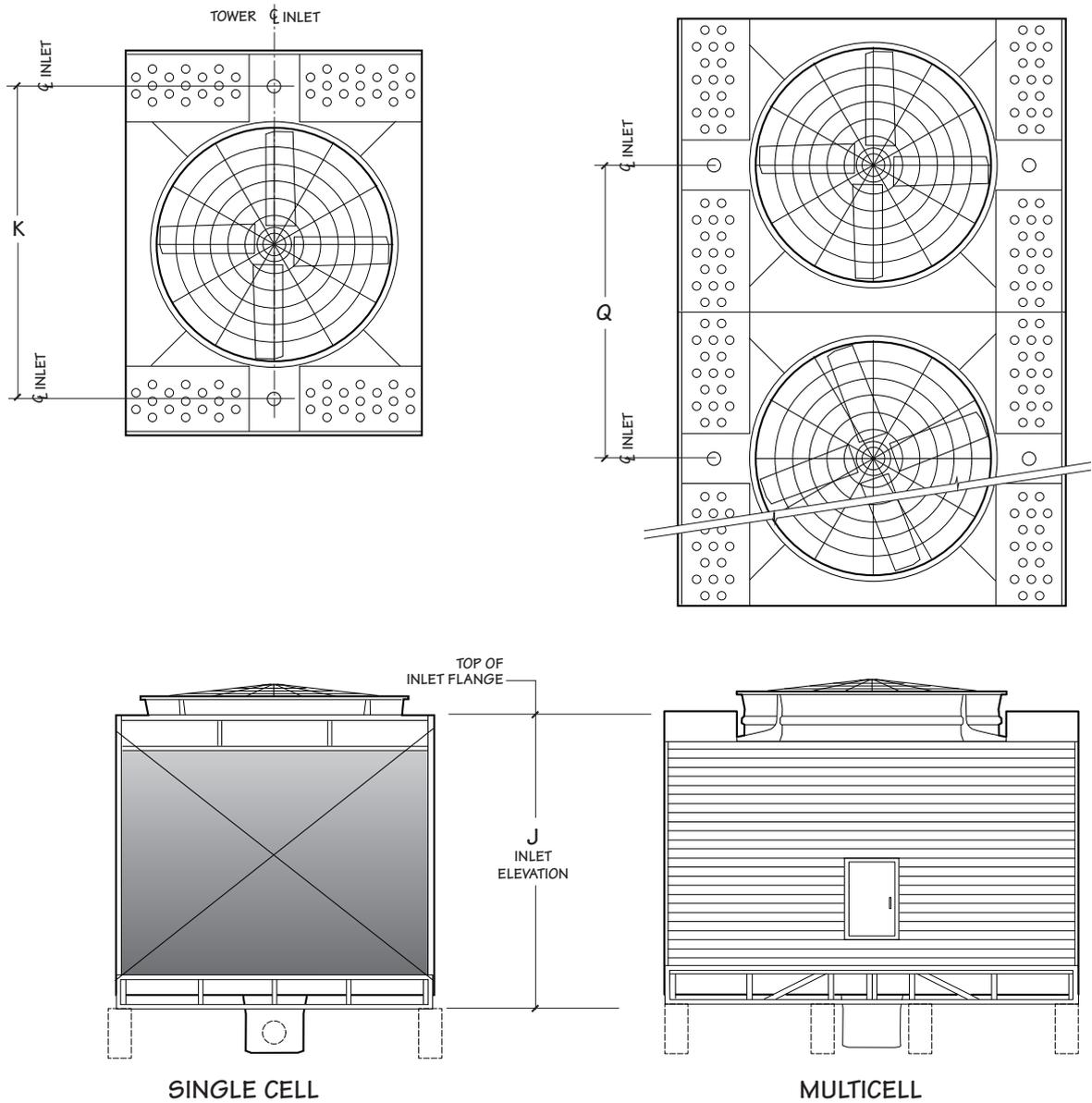
**NOTE**

If circulating water is to be maintained at 2 concentrations instead of 3, multiply table m³/hr values by 1.36 before sizing makeup valve.

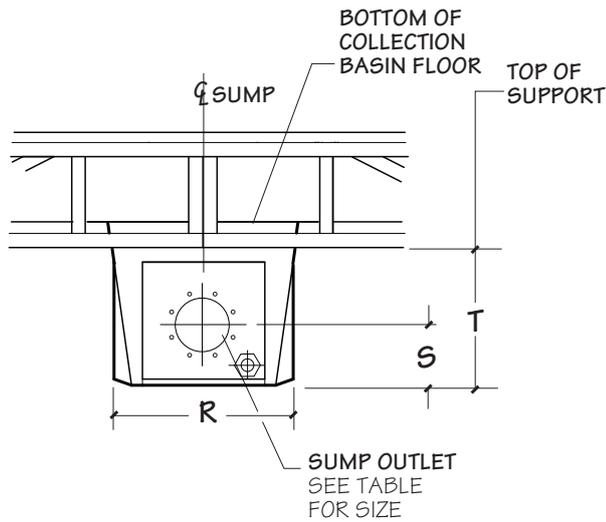
**NOTE**

- If makeup water pressure exceeds 345 kPa, use a pressure reducer ahead of valve.
- For flow requirements exceeding the above limitations, use multiples of the same size valve.

# NX Cooling Tower – Piping Connections



Model	Dimensions mm			Inlet Diameter size inches
	J	K	Q	
NX1010	2955	2454	1634	2 at 5"
NX1015	2975	3070	2428	2 at 5"
NX1020	3210	3340	2714	2 at 6"
NX1025	3230	3716	3390	2 at 6"



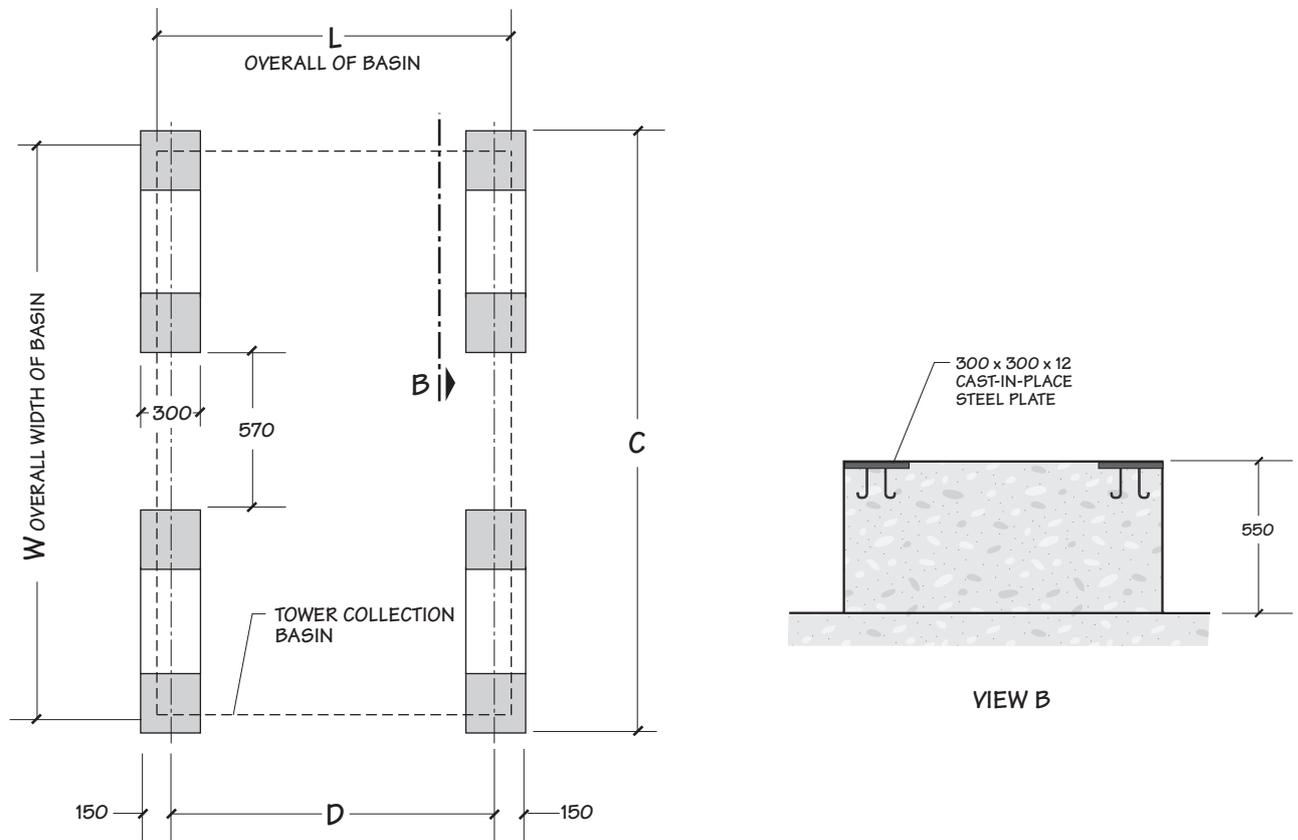
Model	Dimensions mm		
	R	S	T
NX1010	472	200	483
NX1015	472	200	463
NX1020	630	220	503
NX1025	630	220	483

**DEPRESSED SIDE-OUTLET  
SUMP CONNECTION**

Maximum Flow Per Outlet Diameter m <sup>3</sup> /hr				
Outlet Type	Flow Type	Model	Outlet Diameter	
			6"	8"
Sump	pump flow w/ anti-vortex plate	NX1010 – NX1015	218	NA
		NX1020 – NX1025	NA	316

**NOTE**

- Flow rate may be limited by the maximum flow for unit size.



CONCRETE PIER SUPPORT  
SINGLE CELL

Model	Dimensions mm				Design Operating Weight/Cell kg
	L	W	C	D	
NX1010	1674	3244	3504	1634	2271
NX1015	2468	3860	4120	2428	3275
NX1020	2754	4130	4390	2714	4093
NX1025	3440	4504	4754	3390	5259

**NOTE**

- 1 Use this bulletin for preliminary layouts only. Obtain current drawings from your Marley sales representative for final design.
- 2 Piers should be level. Adequate clearance for piping and maintenance must be provided.
- 3 See page 21 for optional steel foundation piers.
- 4 Design operating weight occurs with collection basin full to overflow level. Actual operating weight varies with flow and piping scheme.
- 5 Obtain current drawings from your Marley sales representative for final dimensions.

When the ambient air temperature falls below 0°C, the water in a cooling tower can freeze. *Marley Technical Report #H-003 “Operating Cooling Towers in Freezing Weather”* describes how to prevent freezing during operation. Available at [spxcooling.com](http://spxcooling.com) or ask your Marley sales representative for a copy.

During shutdown, water collects in the cold water basin and may freeze solid. You can prevent freezing by adding heat to the water left in the tower—or, you can drain the tower and all exposed pipework at shutdown.

**INDOOR STORAGE TANK**

With this type of system, water flows from an indoor tank, through the load system, and back to the tower, where it is cooled. The cooled water flows by gravity from the tower to the tank located in a heated space. At shutdown, all exposed water drains into the tank, where it is safe from freezing.

The table lists typical drain-down capacities for all NX tower models. Although we do not produce tanks, many of our representatives offer tanks supplied by reputable manufacturers.

The amount of water needed to successfully operate the system depends on the tower size and flow and on the volume of water contained in the piping system to and from the tower. You must select a tank large enough to contain those combined volumes—plus a level sufficient to maintain a flooded suction on your pump. Control makeup water according to the level where the tank stabilizes during operation.

NX Drain-Down Capacity					
Model	Range of Tower Design m <sup>3</sup> /hr	Drain Down Maximum Liters	Model	Range of Tower Design m <sup>3</sup> /hr	Drain Down Maximum Liters
NX1010	14-39	980	NX1020	26-71	2282
	41-66	1077		72-116	2416
	68-93	1188		118-164	2509
	96-121	1252		166-211	2721
	123-145	1275		241-253	2755
NX1015	23-62	1840	NX1025	32-87	3049
	64-100	1940		89-143	3227
	102-141	2097		145-202	3471
	143-180	2275		204-259	3597
	182-218	2222		261-316	3672

**NOTE**

Volumes shown are maximums for the flow ranges indicated. Actual volumes will usually be less. Contact your Marley sales representative for more specific information.

Specifications	Specification Value
<p><b>1.0 Base:</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b> Provide an induced draft, crossflow type, field erected, film fill, industrial duty, fiber-glass and hot dip galvanized steel cooling tower situated as shown on the plans. The limiting overall dimensions of the tower shall be _____ wide, _____ long, and _____ high. Total operating kW of all fans shall not exceed _____ kW, consisting of _____ @ _____ kW motor(s). Tower shall be similar and equal in all respects to Marley Model _____.</p> <p><b>2.0 Thermal Performance and Efficiency:</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b> The tower shall be capable of cooling _____ m<sup>3</sup>/hr of water from _____ °C to _____ °C at a design entering air wet-bulb temperature of _____ °C, and its thermal rating shall be Certified by the Cooling Technology Institute.</p> <p><b>2.2</b> The tower shall be capable of a minimum _____ m<sup>3</sup>/hr per kW efficiency per ASHRAE Standard 90.1.</p> <p><b>3.0 Performance Warranty:</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> CTI Certification notwithstanding, the cooling tower manufacturer shall guarantee that the tower supplied will meet the specified performance conditions when the tower is installed according to plan. If, because of a suspected thermal performance deficiency, the owner chooses to conduct an on-site thermal performance test under the supervision of a qualified, disinterested third party in accordance with CTI or ASME standards during the first year of operation; and if the tower fails to perform within the limits of test tolerance; then the cooling tower manufacturer will pay for the cost of the test and will make such corrections as are appropriate and agreeable to the owner to compensate for the performance deficiency.</p>	<p>■ Your specification base establishes the type, configuration, base material and physical limitations of the cooling tower to be quoted. During the planning and layout stages of your project, you will have focused your attention on a cooling tower selection that fits your space allotment, and whose power usage is acceptable. Limitations on physical size and total operating kilowatts avoid the introduction of unforeseen operational and site-related influences. Specifying the number of cells and the maximum fan kW/cell will work to your advantage.</p> <p>The benefit of crossflow towers is that they are inherently easy to operate, access and maintain. Compared to counterflow towers, crossflow towers have a spacious plenum between banks of fill for easy access to all of the tower's internal components, plus the water distribution system is adjacent to the fan deck and can be maintained during operation.</p> <p>■ CTI Certification means that the tower has been tested under operating conditions and found to perform as rated by the manufacturer under those circumstances. It assures the buyer that the tower is not intentionally or inadvertently undersized by the manufacturer.</p> <p>■ The minimum efficiency per ASHRAE Standard 90.1 for induced draft open cooling towers applied to comfort cooling is 8.68 m<sup>3</sup>/hr per kW @ 35/29.5/23.9. There are no efficiency requirements for non-comfort cooling applications. If you want greater efficiency you can require it by specifying a higher ASHRAE Standard 90.1 m<sup>3</sup>/hr per kW.</p> <p><i><b>Each model's ASHRAE Standard 90.1 rating can be viewed in our online sizing and selection software at <a href="http://spxcooling.com/update">spxcooling.com/update</a>.</b></i></p> <p>■ Certification alone is not sufficient to assure you that the tower will perform satisfactorily in your situation. Certification is established under relatively controlled conditions, and towers seldom operate under such ideal circumstances. They are affected by nearby structures, machinery, enclosures, effluent from other towers, etc. Responsible and knowledgeable bidders will take such site-specific effects into consideration in selecting the tower—but the specifier must insist by the written specification that the designer/manufacturer guarantee this “real world” performance. Any reluctance on the part of the bidder should cause you some concern.</p>



Specifications	Specification Value
<p><b>4.0 Design Loading:</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b> The tower structure, anchorage and all its components shall be designed by licensed structural engineers per the International Building Code to withstand a wind load of 49 kg/m<sup>2</sup> psf. The fan deck and hot water basin covers shall be designed for 2.4kPa live load or a 91kg concentrated load. Guardrails, where specified, shall be capable of withstanding a 450N concentrated live load in any direction. Conforms to ISO 14122 Aprt 3 standards 45 kgf.</p> <p><b>5.0 Construction:</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> Except where otherwise specified, all components of the cooling tower shall be fabricated of fiberglass and heavy-gauge steel, protected against corrosion by hot dip galvanizing. The tower shall be capable of withstanding water having a pH of 6.5 to 8.0; a chloride content (NaCl) up to 300 mg/L; a sulfate content (SO<sub>4</sub>) up to 250 mg/L; a calcium content (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) up to 500 mg/L; silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) up to 150 mg/L; and design hot water temperatures up to 52°C. The circulating water shall contain no oil, grease, fatty acids or organic solvents.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> The specifications, as written, are intended to indicate those materials that will be capable of withstanding the above water quality in continuing service, as well as the loads described in paragraph 4.1. They are to be regarded as minimum requirements. Where component materials peculiar to individual tower designs are not specified, the manufacturers shall take the above water quality and load carrying capabilities into account in the selection of their materials of manufacture.</p>	<p>■ It is important to understand the distinction between <b>structure</b> and <b>anchorage</b>. Specifying that only the <b>anchorage</b> meet these requirements means the tower can become non-functional, even fall down, yet remain attached to the foundation. Specifying <b>structure</b> will require the tower to remain operational. The indicated design values are the minimums allowed under accepted design standards. They give you assurance that the tower can be operated in a normal cooling tower environment. Most NX models will withstand significantly higher wind and seismic loads. If your geographic location dictates higher wind load or seismic load values, please make the appropriate changes, after discussion with your Marley sales representative.</p> <p><b>49 kg/m<sup>2</sup> windload</b>—applicable for most applications but consult the local code official for actual requirements.  <b>2.4kPa live load, 450N concentrated load</b>—ensures the tower can be safely accessed for routine maintenance when a guardrail is installed as well ensuring the end user complies with government safety laws.</p> <p>■ In the history of cooling towers, no other coating for carbon steel has exhibited the success and longevity of galvanization in exposure to the normal cooling tower water quality defined at left. No paints, electrostatically-applied coatings or rubberized compounds, however exotic they may be, can approach galvanization's history of success.</p> <p>Except for those unusual operating situations where the circulating water may be so laden with suspended solids, algae, fatty acids, product fibers, active organisms reflected in BOD, and the like that plugging of the fill is a probability, reasonable attention to the construction materials and/or their coatings is all that is normally required.</p>

**Specifications**

**Specification Value**

**6.0 Mechanical Equipment:**

6.1 Fan(s) shall be propeller-type, incorporating aluminum alloy blades and galvanized hubs. Blades shall be individually adjustable. Maximum fan tip speed shall be 66m/s. Fan(s) shall be driven through V-type belts, pulleys and fan shaft with tapered roller bearings with a minimum service factor of 1.0 based on full motor kW.

6.2 Motor(s) shall be \_\_\_\_ kW maximum, TEAO, 1.0 service and specially insulated for cooling tower duty. Speed and electrical characteristics shall be \_\_\_\_ RPM, single-winding, \_\_\_\_ phase, \_\_\_\_ hertz, \_\_\_\_ volts. Motor shall operate in the shaft-vertical position, and nameplate kW shall not be exceeded at design operation.

6.3 The complete mechanical equipment assembly for each cell shall be supported by a rigid steel structural support that resists misalignment between the motor and sheaves. The mechanical equipment assembly shall be warranted against any failure caused by defects in materials and workmanship for no less than twelve (18) months following the date of tower shipment. This warranty is limited to the fan, fan shaft, bearings, sheaves and the mechanical equipment support. The electric motor, motor components and belt(s) are warranted by their manufacturer.

■ Propeller-type fans require only half the operating kW of blower-type fans. However, they should be readily adjustable to permit compensation for jobsite conditions.



Specifications	Specification Value
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**70 Fill, Louvers and Drift Eliminators:**

**71** Fill shall be film type, thermoformed PVC, with louvers and eliminators formed as part of each fill sheet. Fill shall be suspended from hot dip galvanized structural tubing supported from the tower structure, and shall be elevated above the floor of the cold water basin to facilitate cleaning. Air inlet faces of the tower shall be free of water splash-out.

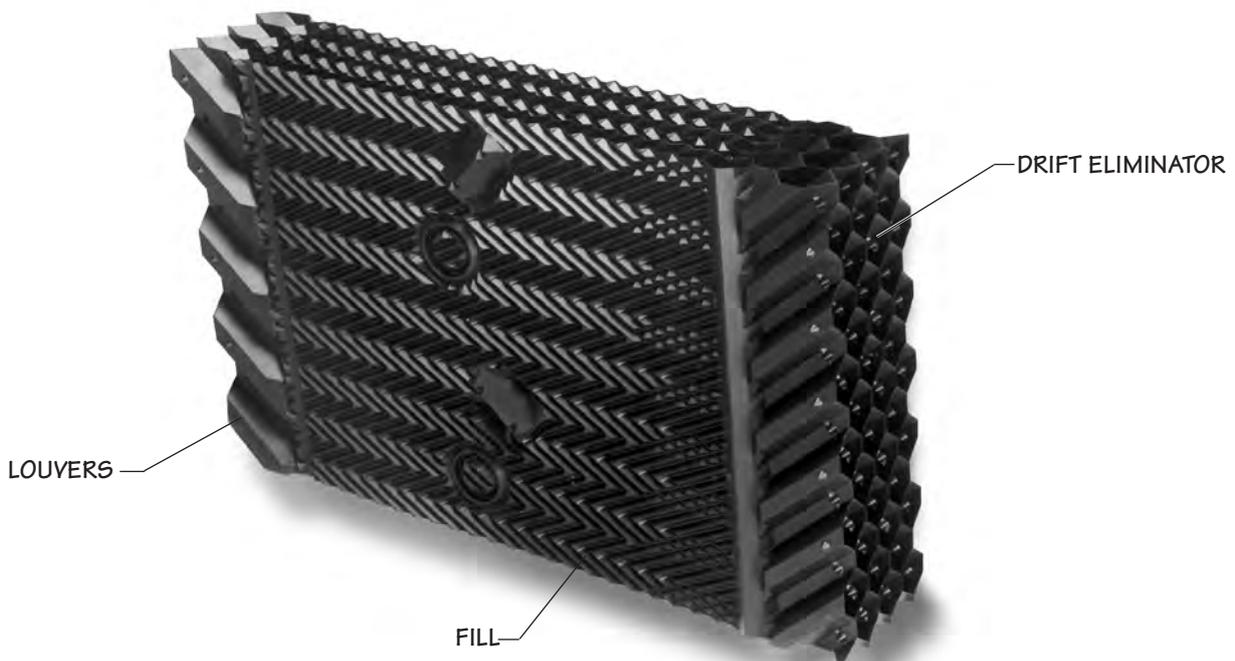
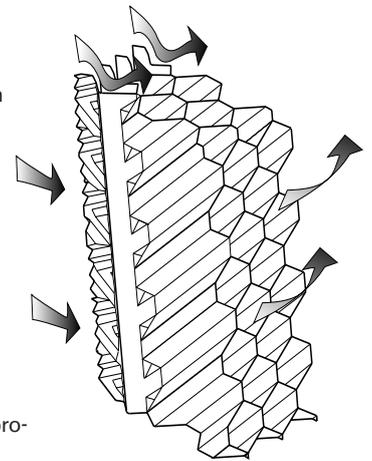
**72** Drift eliminators formed as part of each fill sheet shall be PVC, triple-pass, and shall limit drift losses to 0.005% or less of the design water flow rate.

■ Louvers integral with the fill keep the flowing water within the confines of the fill. The separate external louvers used by others permit water to escape the fill and form ice or produce an unsightly situation adjacent to the tower and waste water. If you plan to use your tower in the wintertime, particularly for free cooling, integral louvers will put your operating concerns to rest. Integral louvers offer the best available technology for winter operation and water conservation.

■ Drift rate varies with design water loading and air rate, as well as drift eliminator depth and number of directional changes. A drift rate of 0.001% is readily available on many standard models. If a lower rate is required, please discuss with your Marley sales representative.

Keep in mind...

- Drift for towers with three-pass high efficiency eliminators constitute a small percentage of water usage.
- Unlike thermal performance, drift rates are not certified and field drift tests are cost prohibitive for most applications.
- Drift rates below 0.001 are difficult to measure in the field.
- Certain water treatment chemicals can impact the drift rate.



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<p><b>8.0 Hot Water Distribution System:</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> Two open basins (one above each bank of fill) shall receive hot water piped to each cell of the tower. The water distribution system shall be accessible and maintainable during tower fan and water operation.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Removable, interchangeable polypropylene nozzles installed in the floor of these basins shall provide full coverage of the fill by gravity flow.</p> <p><b>9.0 Casing, Fan Deck and Fan Guard:</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b> The casing and fan deck shall be FRP with steel sub-structure, and shall be capable of withstanding the loads described in paragraph 4.1. The top of the fan cylinder shall be equipped with a conical, non-sagging, removable fan guard and hot dip galvanized after fabrication. Fan cylinders 1.5m in height and over shall not be required to have a fan guard.</p> <p><b>10.0 Access:</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b> A large fiberglass, rectangular access door shall be located on the cased faces for entry into the cold water basin. Doors shall provide access to the fan plenum area to facilitate inspection and allow maintenance to the fan drive system.</p>	<p>■ Gravity-flow distribution basins are a feature of crossflow type towers, resulting in operating pump heads of 3 to 6 meters less than that encountered in counterflow towers with pressurized spray systems. Also, these basins are located where they can be easily inspected—even maintained—while the tower is in operation. Some manufacturers require shutting down the tower to clean the distribution system. Can you afford to do that?</p>  <p>■ The access doors are 70cm wide by 115cm high. Small access doors are prohibitive and discourage maintenance, which in turn can impact your operation. Specifying the size of the door will cause some bidders to take exception, alerting you to a potential maintenance headache.</p> 

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**11.0 Cold Water Collection Basin:**

**11.1** The collection basin shall be fiberglass supported by a hot dip galvanized structure and shall include the number and type of outlet connections required to accommodate the out-flow piping system shown on the plans. Outlet connections shall be equipped with debris screens. A factory installed, float operated, mechanical make-up valve shall be included. Additionally a quick-fill makeup connection shall also be supplied to initially fill the tower. An overflow and drain connection shall be provided in each cell of the cooling tower. The basin floor shall slope toward the drain to allow complete flush out of debris and silt which may accumulate. Towers of more than one cell shall include flumes for flow and equalization between cells. The basin shall be accessible and maintainable while water is circulating. A factory-installed, steel walkway extending from one endwall access door to the other endwall shall be provided. The top of the walkway shall be at or above the cold water overflow level.

**12.0 Scope of Work:**

**12.1** The cooling tower manufacturer shall be responsible for the design, fabrication, and delivery of materials to the project site. Unless otherwise specified, all supply and return piping, pumps, controls and electrical wiring will be outside the cooling tower manufacturer's scope of work.



■ Please be clear in your specifications and inquiry documents regarding the full scope of work expected. That will help assure that your bid comparisons will be made on as equal a basis as possible—and will help to avoid any misunderstandings during the execution and implementation of the contracts.

Specifications	Specification Value
<p><b>Convenience and Safety Options</b></p>	
<p><b>Guardrail and Ladder:</b></p>	
<p>10.2 <b>Add the following paragraph in the Access section:</b> The top of the tower shall be equipped with a sturdy guardrail, complete with kneerail and toeboard, designed according to ISO 14122 Part 3 standards. Posts, top rails and kneerails shall be 40mm x 25mm rectangular tubing. The guardrail assembly shall be hot dipped galvanized and capable of withstanding a 45 kgf concentrated live load in any direction. Posts shall be spaced on centers of 150cm or less. A 52cm wide HDG ladder shall be permanently attached to the end wall casing of the tower, rising from the base of the tower to the top of the guardrail.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The NX cooling tower has been designed to minimize the need for maintenance personnel to get on top of the tower to perform maintenance and inspections.</li>   <li>■ Many towers are installed such that the base of the tower is 61 cm or more above the roof or grade level. This makes it difficult to get up to the foot of the attached ladder. The ladder extension alleviates this problem. Marley ladder extensions are available in standard 1.5m and 3.3m lengths.</li>   <li>■ To meet ISO guidelines, towers whose fan decks are 6m or more above roof or grade, and which are equipped with ladders, should have safety cages surrounding the ladders, but with approximately 2m clear headroom.</li> </ul>
<p>10.2 <b>Add the following to the end of the above paragraph:</b> Provide a ladder extension for connection to the foot of the ladder attached to the tower casing. This extension shall be long enough to rise from the roof /grade level to the base of the tower. The installing contractor shall be responsible for cutting the ladder to length; attaching it to the foot of the tower ladder; and anchoring it at its base.</p>	
<p><b>Ladder Extension:</b></p>	
<p>10.3 <b>Add the following paragraph in the Access section:</b> A heavy gauge galvanized steel safety cage shall surround the ladder, extending from a point approximately 2.6m above the foot of the ladder to the top of the handrail.</p>	
<p><b>Ladder Safety Cage:</b></p>	

**Specifications** **Specification Value**

**Access Door Ladder**

10.2 **Add the following paragraph in the Access section:** A 38cm wide HDG ladder shall be permanently attached from the access door to the base of the tower.

**Ladder Safety Gate:**

10.2 **Add the following paragraph in the Access section:** A welded galvanized steel, self-closing gate shall be provided at the guardrail level of the ladder.

**Miscellaneous Options**

**Sound Control**

1.2 **Add the following paragraph under Base:** The cooling tower shall be quiet operation, and shall produce an overall level of sound not higher than \_\_\_\_\_ dB(A) measured at \_\_\_\_\_ m from the locations in the table below.

Location	63	125	250	500	1000
Discharge					
Air Inlet					
Cased Face					

Location	2000	4000	8000	Overall dB(A)
Discharge				
Air Inlet				
Cased Face				

■ A galvanized self-closing gate located at the guardrail level of the fan deck.



■ Sound produced by a standard NX Cooling Tower operating in an unobstructed environment will meet all but the most restrictive noise limitations—and will react favorably to natural attenuation. Where the cooling tower has been sized to operate within an enclosure, the enclosure itself will have a damping effect on sound. Sound also declines with distance—by about 5 or 6 dB(A) each time the distance doubles.

- Where only a slight reduction in noise will satisfy—and the source of concern is in a particular direction—merely turning the cooling tower may be the answer. Less sound emanates from the cased face of the cooling tower than does from the air intake face.

■ Tip Speed—unlike thermal performance, no certification program exists for sound. While Marley conducts actual sound tests on all its configurations there are only a few ways for the client to ensure they get a quiet tower.

- One is to conduct a field sound test after installation. On-site testing after installation can however be inaccurate depending on the environment.
- Specifying fan blade tip speed is one way to physically force the tower selection to be quiet. Tip speed is easily checked by multiplying the fan rpm by the fan circumference at the blade tip ( $\pi$  fan dia). Over 61m/s is considered high by most people. 51-61 is considered typical and expected. 41-51 would be considered low noise. Below 41 is difficult to hear above the water noise.

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<p><b>Hot Water Distribution Basin Covers:</b></p> <p><u>81</u> <i>Add the following paragraph in the Hot Water Distribution System section:</i> Each Basin shall be equipped with removable, fiberglass covers capable of withstanding the loads described in paragraph 4.1.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hot water basin covers keep most air borne debris out of the circulating water which can clog distribution nozzles. They also minimize algae growth in the basin.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Steel Foundation Piers:</b></p> <p><u>111</u> <i>Add the following paragraph in the Cold Water Collection Basin section:</i> Welded hot dip galvanized support piers shall be provided to support the cooling tower to adequately clear the bottom outlet sump.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Eliminates the need for cast in place support piers. See photo on adjacent page.</li> </ul>





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