# IN AMACS Fractionation Trays



## A full line of fractionation trays

AMACS has been designing and manufacturing fractionation trays and other column internals for over 25 years. In supplying new designs and replacement trays, the AMACS engineering department combines data from FRI and our own proprietary research and development. Extensive experience in the rening and process industries enables AMACS to replace most existing trays, regardless of original manufacturer.



Sieve trays are the most widely used mass transfer device due to their simplicity, versatility, capacity, and cost-e ectiveness. AMACS incorporates the latest sieve technology in accordance with industry practices and FRI tests. Our designs utilize features such as sweptback weirs, sloped downcomers, and multi-pass and dual- ow arrangements to accommodate customer requirements.



Valve trays designed and built by AMACS include anti-spin devices, twisted leg construction to resist dislodging, and crimped edges to prevent adherence to the tray deck. Options include contoured hole edges for lower pressure drop and multiple valve weights for uniform operation over wide ow ranges. Rectangular, caged, and xed valves can also be supplied.



**Bubble-cap trays** have numerous applications in reneries and gas plants due to electiveness over a broad range of ow conditions and low susceptibility to fouling by particulates and residues. AMACS provides standard and custom designs in numerous materials, gauges, and styles to meet the most stringent process and turndown requirements.



**Specialty Dual Flow Trays,** with over 200 applications worldwide in distillation, absorption, stripping, and heat transfer, dual ow trays are a proven mass transfer device capable of debottlenecking existing operations or downsizing new tower designs.

#### AMACS Tray Design Standards

#### **Process Standards**

- 1. Vapor and liquid design loads  $\leq 80\%$  of ood
- 2. Foam derating factor for capacity and area: No foaming expected .....1.0 Moderate foaming expected ......0.85 Severe foaming expected .....0.70
- 3. Valves fully open at 100% of design load

#### **Mechanical Standards**

- 1. Valve edge crimped to prevent adherence to deck
- 2. Perforations or valves on triangular (staggered) pitch
- 3. All structures sectionalized to pass easily through tower access ports 36" in diameter
- 4. De ection of tray deck  $\leq 1/4$ " under design load
- 5. Maximum allowable uplift pressure: 20 to 140 psf
- 6. Manways on installed trays are vertically aligned.
- 7. Manways are removable by one person above or below.
- 8. Width of trav support rings:

Diameters up to	2' 6"	ring width	1.5"
Larger diameters up to	5' 6"	ring width	2.0"
Larger diameters up to	12' 6"	ring width	2.5"
Larger diameters up to	19' 6"	ring width	3.0"
Larger diameters up to	24' 6"	ring width	3.5"
Diameters larger than	24' 6"	ring width	4.5"

- 9. Minimum 3/4" overlap of tray and support ring
- 10. Spacing between bolt holes around tray edge: 4" to 7"
- 11. Minimum 2" calming zone at outlet weir
- 12. Trays can be installed and removed from above or below.
- 13. Available metal thicknesses: 14 gauge up to 3/8" plate
- 14. Available metals: all types of carbon steel and stainless steel; high-alloy; exotics
- 15. Trays are designed to support total dead load plus 300 pounds concentrated load.

#### **Fabrication Standards**

- 1. Holes punched from top side of deck
- 2. Gasketing (listing tape on bubble-cap and chimney trays and between dissimilar metals): berglass, 1/16" thick.
- 3. Fasteners provided include 5% spares.
- Edges of deck sections are free of burrs. 4.
- All parts die-stamped with part numbers to aid assembly. 5.
- Dimensional tolerances: 6

Outside diameter of tray:
Diameters 8' or less±1/4"
Diameters over 8'±1/2"
Height of inlet and outlet weirs±1/16"
Departure from level of outlet weirs
Perforation diameter±1/64"
Distance between perforations±1/16"
Departure from mean of any
tray supporting memberCamber ±1/16"
Clearance, downcomer to tray oor±1/8"
Tray oor total departure from level in any direction:
Diameters 2' 6" to 4'±1/8"
Larger diameters up to 7'±3/16"
Diameters larger than 7'±1/4"

#### **Available Tray Features**

- · Vapor capacity enhancements for valve and sieve trays: anti-blowing ba es, anti-jump ba es, vapor tunnels
- Alternative weirs: picket-fence, sawtooth
- Dual valve weights to minimize weepage at turndown

Tray hardware

· Low-pressure-drop holes for valve and sieve trays: Contoured top (downstream) Contoured bottom (upstream) as well as top



Other internals provided by AMACS for traved and packed columns include chimney trays of several types for feed blending and side draws, often with provisions for ashing feed and other design challenges.

#### Partial List of AMACS Tray Applications

Amine stripper Ammonia scrubber C3 Splitter C4 Splitter Caustic quench tower FCC main fractionator Naphtha/water wash Caustic tower Coker fractionator Crude tower Debutanizer Deethanizer

Diesel hydrotreater Diesel stripper Ethanol plant Ether column Furfural plant Gas scrubber HVGO tower Hydrodesulfurization absorber

Hydrocracker plant Hydrogen absorber Methanol extractor Methanol fractionator Naphtha splitter Raffinate stripper Resin plant towers Vacuum flash Washing drum Water wash tower

AMACS fabricates hardware suitable for most trays. We stock various metals and sizes for 24-hour shipment. Our consignment contracts are especially convenient: use what you need out of a shipment and return the rest.

### Advanced methods for better quality, service and value

#### **Process Engineering**

AMACS Process Tower Internals Engineering department utilizes its extensive experience in the oil, gas, re ning, and chemical industries to provide a complete line of fractionation trays and tower internals. Our longstanding commitment to research and development has kept AMACS in a leading position in the eld of mass transfer and separations technology.

#### **Design and Manufacturing**

Designers and manufacturing engineers at AMACS meet the challenges of demanding process applications by using the latest computer-aided engineering and drafting tools. These systems are integrated with computer-controlled manufacturing equipment to produce the highest quality products. High levels of automation reduce set-up time and streamline production, allowing quick response and short delivery times. AMACS quality assurance engineers ensure that work is completed in strict accordance with customers' speci cations.



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