Enhanced boiling tube for the hydrocarbon industry

Applications
The GEWA-PB tube is a dual enhanced tube with a nucleate boiling structure on the shell side and a spiral fin structure on the tube side, which has been specially developed for shell-and-tube heat exchangers for the process industry:
- LNG C3 chillers
- Ethylene reboilers and condensers for C2 and C3 fractionation and splitting units
- Other C3 refrigeration systems

Benefits
- Best efficiency in class through optimized heat transfer coefficients and minimizing CO₂ emissions during operations
- Highest compactness of heat exchanger design
- Maximal savings in CAPEX and OPEX

Product Types
- Gas cooling in a gas processing unit or a feed gas stream in an LNG plant
- Liquid cooling, e.g. quenchwater as heating source
- Condensation of a mixed refrigerant or C2 resp. C3 overhead stream
- Other customized solutions, e.g. plain inside, upon request

Tube Material
Available carbon steel grades:
- CS (ASTM-A 179 | ASME-SA 179)
- LTCS (ASTM-A 334 Gr 1&6 | ASME-SA 334 Gr 1&6)
- LTCS 3.5 % Ni (ASTM-A 334 Gr 3 | ASME-SA334 Gr 3)

Codes/Quality and Testing/Certificates
- Bare tubes (ASTM-A 450 | ASME-SA 450 and ASTM-A 1016 | ASME-SA 1016)
- Finned tubes – NDT:
  - EC testing (mandatory)
  - Pressure testing in accordance to ASME BPVC Div. VIII Sect. 1 or related code (upon request)
- Other related codes upon request
- Certificates 3.1 | 3.2 according to DIN EN 10204

Engineering services
Wieland Thermal Solutions provides an engineering package for enhanced heat exchanger solutions with shell-and-tube heat exchangers. This covers thermal design, best practice design guidance as well as project management and documentation.
Case study LNG precooling refrigeration system

Heat Duty: 45 MW
Shell Design: NKN, 1-pass, bundle OD=1500mm, 3/4" GEWA-PB, tube count: 3745
Shell-side Fluid: Propane, $T_{sat} = -21.8 \, ^\circ C$
Tube-side Fluid: Mixed refrigerant, condensing, $T_{in/out} = -1.9 / -18.5 \, ^\circ C$

Design comparison for propane chiller with different tube types: plain, low finned and double enhanced GEWA-PB

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GEWA-PB tube specification

Plain tube dimensions
- outside diameter: 3/4", 5/8"
- wall thickness at plain end: 2.11 mm (nom.), 1.70 mm (nom.)

Finned tube dimensions
- tube length: 18.3 m (max.), 18.3 m (max.)
- wall thickness under the fins: 1.4 mm (nom.), 1.0 mm (nom.)

Tube code
- PB-8407.17140-49*
- PB-8407.17140-40**
- PB-8407.14100-49*

Material
- ASTM A / ASME SA 179, ASTM A / ASME SA 334 Gr. 1, 3 (3.5 % Ni), 6

U-bends
- U-bends based on individual bending schedule
- Annealing of U-bend section feasible
- Pressure testing of U-bend upon request

* gas cooling and condensation
** liquid cooling