

High efficiency CH₄ (re)liquefaction





Liquid nitrogen (LN₂) is generally easily available and is used worldwide for cooling purposes. The RLD (re-)liquefaction system combines a proprietary liquid nitrogen/methane condenser with a counter-flow heat exchanger. By designing these compact high efficiency (re-)liquefaction units for natural gas, RLD reduced the (re-)liquefaction costs in an important manner. Compared with classic mechanical liquefaction units cost reduction can be as high as 90%! Moreover, installation and comissioning are fast, easy and economical. The unit requires little

electerical power (less than 500W) and can therefor be used in remote areas where the power grid has limitations.

RLD (re-)liquefaction unit typically uses approximately one liter LN_2 -or less- per liquefied liter of LNG (see tables below). Procured in larger volumes the price per liter of LN_2 will be extremely low (depending on monthly quantities and liquid gas suppliers). The liquefaction cost per liter of LNG will be accordingly low.

Methane feed gas specification:

- CH₄ > 90%
- C_xH_y (C₂ to C₄) < 10%
- $C_x H_y (C_{5+}) < 1 \text{ ppm}$
- CO₂ < 50 ppm @ atmospheric pressure
- H₂O < -70°C dew point
- H₂S < 3,3 ppm
- Oil content < 0,01 mg/m³
- Particles < 0,1 micron



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Over 40 years experience in designing and manufacturing key elements for major international projects guarantees high quality units optimized for their intended task. For additional information:

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Pressure CH ₄	LN_2 consumption @ 20 ⁰ C CH ₄ inlet temperature	
	Liters LN ₂ /kg CH ₄	Liters LN ₂ /Nm ³ CH ₄
0	3,09	2,21
3	2,84	2,03
6	2,69	1,92
10	2,55	1,82
20	2,27	1,62

Pressure	LN ₂ consumption for boil-off reliquefaction		
CH₄	Liters LN ₂ /kg CH ₄	Liters LN2/Nm ³ CH ₄	
0	3,41	2,43	
3	2,85	2,03	
6	2,55	1,82	
10	2,25	1,61	
20	1,73	1,24	
Overall dimensions:		Diameter 700 mm. Height 1500 mm	
Nominal capacity:		$300 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{hour } @ 3 \text{ barg}$ $375 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{hour } @ 20 \text{ barg}.$	