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Batch Heating/Cooling Calculations

This calculation procedure will assist in finding the necessary time and heat transfer surface area to perform your batch heating or cooling duties.

Applicable cases include:

Non-isothermal batch heating

Isothermal batch heating (steam)

Non-isothermal batch cooling

Both english and metric units of measure are available.

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Revision History :

Batch Heating/Cooling Calculations

Applicable to : Batch calculations for tanks that can be considered well mixed with submerged plate style coils or integral jackets.

Assumptions of Method:

- U-Value is considered constant
- Service side flow rates are considered constant
- Specific heats are considered constant
- Service side inlet temperature is considered constant
- Batch fluid temperature is considered uniform
- No batch side phase change occurs
- Heat losses must be compensated for through overdesign

References:

Process Heat Transfer, Kern, D.Q., McGraw-Hill, 1990.

Handbook of Chemical Engineering Calculations, Chopey, N.P., McGraw-Hill, 2nd Ed., 1994

Calculation Details:

Basis of calculation is derived from:

$$\frac{dQ'}{d\theta} = M c \frac{dT}{d\theta} = W C (T_1 - T_2) = U A \Delta t \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{dQ'}{dq} = -MC \frac{dT}{dq} = w c (t_2 - t_1) = U A \Delta t \quad (1b)$$

Substituting and integration yield the working equations:

$$\ln \frac{T_1 - t_1}{T_1 - t_2} = \frac{WC}{Mc} \frac{(K_1 - 1)}{K_1} \theta \quad (2a)$$

$$\text{where } K_1 = \exp(UA/WC)$$

For steam heating, Equation 1a simplifies to:

$$\ln \frac{T_1 - t_1}{T_1 - t_2} = \frac{(UA)}{(Mc)} \theta \quad (2a_2)$$

$$\ln \frac{T_1 - t_1}{T_2 - t_1} = \frac{wc}{MC} \frac{(K_2 - 1)}{K_2} \theta \quad (2b)$$

$$\text{where } K_2 = \exp(UA/wc)$$

Nomenclature

Q' = heat (btu)
 θ = time (h)
 M = weight of batch liquid (lbs)
 C = specific heat of hot fluid (Btu/lb °F)
 c = specific heat of cold fluid (Btu/lb °F)
 T₁ = initial temperature of hot fluid (°F)
 T₂ = final temperature of hot fluid (°F)
 t₁ = initial temperature of cold fluid (°F)
 t₂ = final temperature of cold fluid (°F)
 W = mass flow rate of hot fluid (lb/h)
 w = mass flow rate of cold fluid (lb/h)
 U = overall heat transfer coefficient (Btu/h ft² °F)
 A = heat transfer surface area (ft²)

Define Problem:

Select the batch heating/cooling scenario applicable to your process:

- Steam Heating Non-isothermal Heating Non-isothermal Cooling

then enter data at yellow cells

		Steam Table	Non-isothermal Heating	Non-isothermal Cooling
		Steam Heating		
Weight of Batch	(lb)		10000	
Initial Batch Temp.	(°F)		50	
Final Batch Temp.	(°F)		150	
Initial Service Side Temp.	(°F)		250	
Mass Flow Rate of Service Fluid	(lb/h)		30000	
Specific Heat of Batch Fluid	(Btu/lb °F)		1	
Specific Heat of Service Fluid	(Btu/lb °F)		0.65	
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient	(Btu/h ft ² °F)		80	
Look Up on Chart				
Heat Transfer Area (initial guess)	(ft ²)		200	

Results :

Non-Isothermal Heating

$$K_1 = \exp(UA/WC) = 2.272$$

$$\frac{K_1 - 1}{K_1} = 0.560$$

Time for Heating	=	0.63 hours 38 minutes
Heat Load	=	1600 kBtu/h
Service Side outlet temp @ startup	=	138 °F
Service Side outlet temp @ final batch temp.	=	194 °F

Be sure that the required area will fit inside the tank
Adjust area above to meet your time requirements
Consult manufacturer of coils for service side pressure drop calculations