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# Low Pressure LNG Tank and Bunker Storage Solutions



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  - energy technology













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Type A independent tanks	<ul> <li>primarily designed using classical ship-structural analysis procedures</li> <li>primarily constructed of plane surfaces</li> <li>design vapour pressure shall be less than 0.07 MPa</li> <li>complete secondary barrier shall be required for cargo temperature below -10°C</li> </ul>
Type B independent tanks	<ul> <li>designed using model tests, analytical tools and analysis methods to determine structural characteristics</li> <li>primarily constructed of plane surfaces → design vapour pressure &lt; 0.07 MPa</li> <li>complete secondary barrier for cargo temperature below -10°C</li> </ul>
Type C independent tanks	<ul> <li>design is based on pressure vessel criteria modified to include fracture mechanics and crack propagation criteria</li> <li>design vapour pressure acc. to rules and regulations of Classification Society</li> <li>no second barrier required</li> </ul>





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# State of the Art Tank Designs II

membrane tanks	<ul> <li>design basis is the evidence that thermal and other expansions are compensated without any risk for the tightness of the membrane</li> <li>systematic approach based on analyses and testing</li> <li>for cargo below -10°C a complete secondary barrier is required</li> <li>max. vapour pressure 0.025 MPa, exception up to 0.07 MPa possible</li> </ul>
integral tanks	<ul> <li>tanks form a structual part of the vessel's hull</li> <li>vapour pressure not to exceed 0.025 MPa normally, exception: 0.07 MPa</li> <li>tanks may be used for cargo with boiling point not below -10°C</li> <li>exception possible for lower temperature; additional analysis, second barrier</li> </ul>
semi-membrane tanks	<ul> <li>non self supporting tanks in loaded condition, supported through thermal insulation by the adjacent hull structure</li> <li>vapour pressure max. 0.025 MPa with exception up to 0.07 MPa</li> </ul>

Tank Types acc. to LR: Rules and Regulations for the Construction and Classification of Ships for the Carriage of liquified Gases in Bulk Cargo Containment Chapter 4, January 2016





#### The Novel Design

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pending patent application

The Principle • prismatic Low Pressure Tank (LPT) vacuum insulated box-in box principle high variance in tank shape • max. utilisation of given space for LNG-storage The Vacuum Insulation • evacuated, rigid nanoporoes insulation boards insulation boards maintain the distance between outer and inner shell structural capabilities induced by the vacuum level ٠





#### **Insulation Principle**



- required vacuum level 1 mbar
- heat conductivity of evacuated insulation 0.004 w/mK
- inner and outer shell of stainless steel
  - inner shell: 1.3912
  - outer shell: 1.4301
- · wall thickness of outer and inner shell abt. 1 mm
- insulation boards withstand the external pressure of abt. 10  $^{t}\!/m_{2}\!,$  caused by the evacuation
- · inner and outer shells are to be welded heliumtight
- material of outer and inner shell are to be suitable for low temperatures





- low temperature suitability
- cold toughness
- low coefficient of linear expansion
- high tensile elongation
- vacuum tightness
- low permeation coefficient
- easy processability with established procedures
  - weldability by all common methods
  - bending
- approved material by classification society for marine applications

















#### Permeation















## **Processability**



- austenitic steel is good weldable
  - weldable with filler metall
    - $\circ$  approved filler metalls
  - weldable without filler metall
    - o plasma welding and TIG welding as established processes
    - $\circ$  laser welding
- welding processes are approved by classification societies
  - process audit
  - audited welders
  - quality assurance system
  - material certificates
    - o certificate of conformity



The aim of the LPT-S project is an AIP.





# Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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