



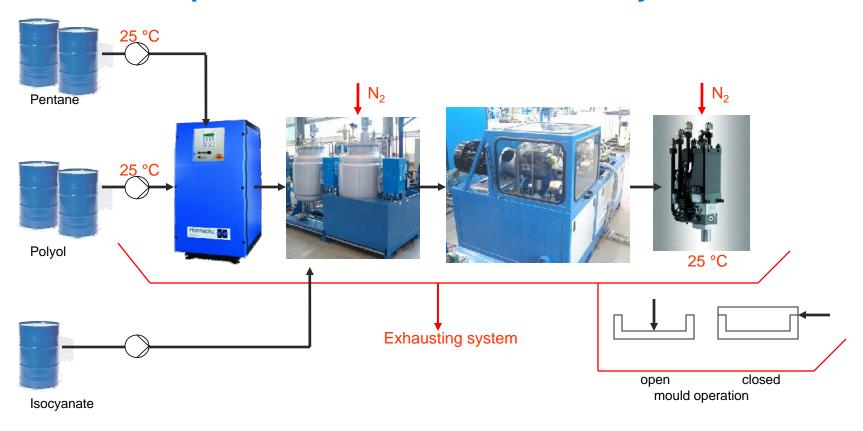
# **Experiences and potentials in replacing rigid foam manufacturing equipment in Article 5 countries**

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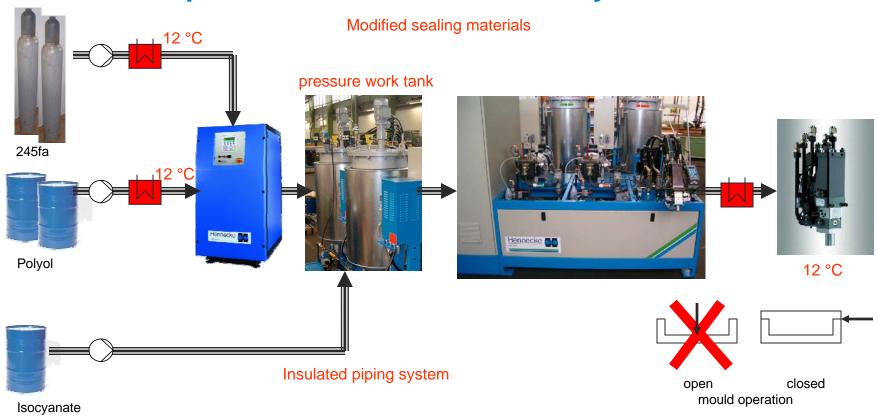
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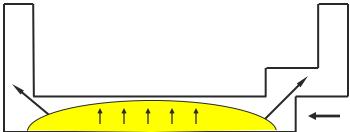


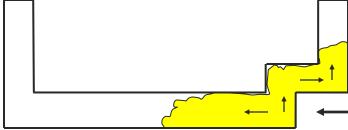
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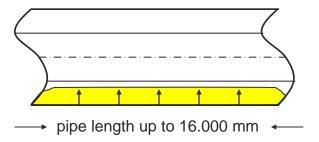


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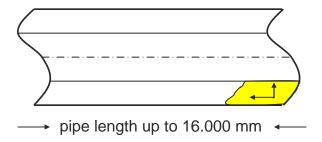


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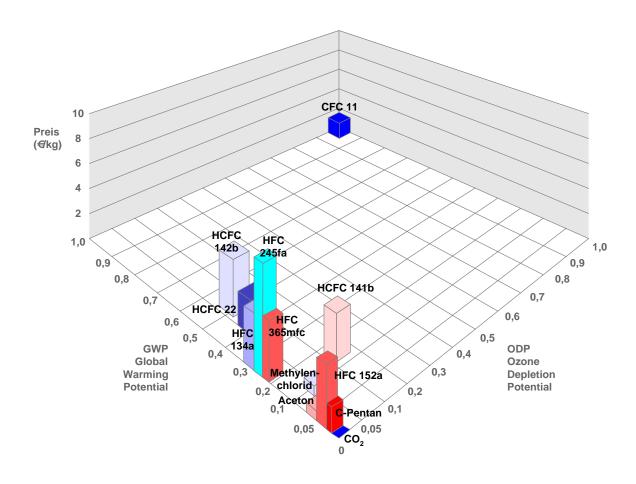


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# **Current physical blowing agents**





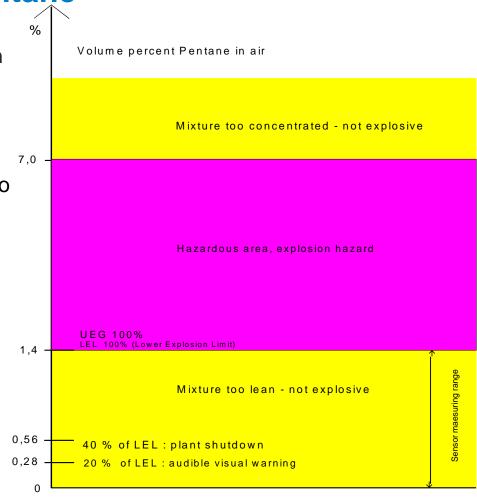


# Important when using pentage

- Pentane will form, together with air, an explosive mixture (Between 1,7 to 7 Vol-% pentane in the air)
- Poly- Pentane mixture is a liquid categorized as an A1 hazard (similar to petrol)
- Safety measures have to be taken when processing pentane

### **Basic principle:**

Avoiding the formation of a flammable, explosive mixture of pentane and air







# Primary Explosion Proofing is achieved by

- monitored air changing
- gas warning system
- neutralization of daytanks and moulds with inert nitrogen
- equipotential bonding (earthing)

Primary Explosion Proofing is essential!

# Secondary Explosion Proofing is achieved by

- Avoidance of ignition sources
- Use of explosion proofed parts with certification according to ATEX





# Design of a pentane metering plant

# A plant for processing pentane as a blowing agent for PUR-systems consists of the following components:

- Pentane storage
- Polyol storage
- Premixing unit for the mixing of polyol and pentane
- Metering unit for the high-pressure metering and mixing of the polyol-pentane blend and isocyanate (assuming LP machines will not be used for pentane)
- Working and foaming area





# Pentane supplies via hazardous Goods Container

- Interchangeable vessels (100 1000 I)
- Refilling from standard 200l Pentane drums
- Expansion tank with level control
- Storage outside of the plant
- System approved by German TÜV and used since more than 10 years











# **Premixing station for metering** pentane into polyol

- Enclosure incl. doors, leakage pan and ventilation duct
- Metering units, consisting of high pressure pumps for polyol and pentane
- Static mixer







# Realized Projects: Technical aspects defining costs

- Part information
- PU-System data
- Information of the plant location
- Information dry and wet side
- Information foaming stations
- Raw material supply
- Requirements human resources, civil work
- Minimum scope of supply machine manufactures





### **Example: New Line for District Heating Pipes in Latvia, 2005**

KraussMaffei's delivery: 260.000 €

- Pentane Tapping System
- Premixing Unit 40 I/min
- Metering Machine 300 kg/min
- Safety Equipment incl. Nitrogen Inerting
- Installation/Commissioning/ **Training**

### **Customers delivery:**

Exhaust System: 20.000€

Grounding: 3.000 €

Civil Construction: 0 €



No Housing of plant necessary





# Example: Retrofit of Line for District Heating Pipes in Romania, 2007

KraussMaffei's delivery: 150.000 €

- Pentane Tapping System
- Premixing Unit 40 I/min
- Retrofit of Metering Machine 150 kg/min, consisting of:
  - Stirrer for day tank with Magnetic Coupling
  - Magnetic Coupling for Metering Pump
  - Ex-Proof pressure switches
- Safety Equipment incl. Nitrogen Inertisation
- Installation/Commissioning/Training

### **Customers delivery:**

Exhaust System: 10.000 €

Grounding: 5.000 €

• Civil Construction: 5.000 € **No Housing of plant necessary** 





# **Example: New Foaming Line for Production of Refrigerator Cabinets and Doors in Vietnam, 2007**

### KraussMaffei's delivery: 650.000 €

- Pentane Tapping System
- Premixing Unit 40 I/min incl. 2 x 1.000 ltr. Buffer tanks
- 2 Metering Machines 40 kg/min for foaming of cabinets
- 1 Metering Machine 30 kg/min for foaming of doors
- Safety Equipment incl. Nitrogen Inertisation
- Exhaust System (excluding ducts)
- Installation/Commissioning/Training

### **Customers delivery:**

Exhaust System: 30.000 €

• Grounding: 8.000 €

Civil Construction: 0 € Installation in existing building





### **Example: Retrofit of Refrigerator Line in Chile, 2007**

### KraussMaffei's delivery: 320.000 €

- Pentane Underground Storage System
- Premixing Unit 40 I/min
- Retrofit of Metering Machine 80 kg/min with 6 Mixing Heads
- Safety Equipment incl. Nitrogen Inertisation
- Installation/Commissioning/Training
- Exhaust System

### **Customers delivery:**

• Civil Construction: 20.000 €





# In Total more than 100 Pentane References of KraussMaffei all over the world





#### New line for the production of household doors, **Example:** Iran, dd. 2005

#### Hennecke's delivery: 260.000 €

- Pentane storage system (400 l)
- Premixing unit Pentamat 30
- Metering machine 1300 g/s
- Pentane safety system
- Exhausting fans

### **Customers delivery:**

Exhausting ducts: 15.000 €

Piping works: 3.000 €

Grounding, interface to PPT-safety system:

Nitrogen (gas cylinder)

No Housing of plant necessary

**No Electricity Backup necessary** 







### New line for pipe fittings (insulation), **Example:** Germany, dd. 2006

Hennecke's delivery: 230.000 €

- Premixing unit Pentamat 30
- Metering machine 1300 g/s
- Safety system incl. Pentane sensors and monitoring
- Exhausting fans
- Inertisation system

### **Customers delivery:**

Storage (container): 20.000€

Grounding, interface

to PPT-safety system: 15.000 €

Exhausting ducts: 12.000 €

Nitrogen generator: 22.000 €

No Housing of plant necessary **No Electricity Backup necessary** 







# Example: Pentane conversion of a production line for pipe insulation, Ukraine, dd. 2007

Hennecke's delivery: 400.000 €

- Retrofitting of 2 metering machines, each 300 kg/h, with totally 8 foaming stations
- Premixing unit Pentamat 30
- Pentane safety system incl.
   Pentane sensors and monitoring
- Pentane supply by drums

### **Customers delivery:**

• Exhausting system: 15.000 €

Grounding, interface

to PPT-safety system: 15.000 €

• Nitrogen generator: 22.000 €

No Housing of plant necessary

No Electricity Backup necessary







# In Total more than 250 Pentane References of Hennecke all over the world





### Resumee

- 245fa harmful to the climate (according to Swiss "Federal Office for the Environment FOEN" 800 1000 more harmful than CO<sub>2</sub>)
- 245fa already forbidden in countries like Sweden
- Combustion of 245fa creates toxicological substances
- Handling of 245fa not as easy as oftenly assumed
- λ-value of 245fa almost similar with Pentane
- 245fa much more expensive
- Out of NAFTA region 245fa only used at customers with very small consumption
- Simple Pentane Storage Equipment available and proven
- Oftenly (depending on the design of the exhausting system) no housing necessary
- Pentane technology accepted and implemented worldwide since 1993
- Retrofit of Low Pressure machines to Pentane not efficient
- Costs for retrofit of High Pressure machines depending on local situation





# Thank you for listening.