



## COURSE OVERVIEW ME1018 API-618: Reciprocating Compressors for Petroleum, Petrochemical & Gas Industries

### Course Title

API-618: Reciprocating Compressors for Petroleum,  
Petrochemical & Gas Industries

### Course Date/Venue

Session 1: April 19-23, 2026/Crowne Meeting  
Room, Crowne Plaza Al Khobar, KSA

Session 2: November 08-12, 2026/ Tamra  
Meeting Room, Al Bandar Rotana  
Creek, Dubai UAE



### Course Reference

ME1018



### Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

### Course Description



***This practical and highly-interactive course includes various practical sessions and exercises. Theory learnt will be applied using our state-of-the-art simulators.***



This course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of reciprocating compressors for petroleum, petrochemical and gas industries in accordance with the API 618 standards. It covers the types of compressors including the fundamentals and basic design of reciprocating compressors; the bolting and flanges; calculating cold runout; the allowable speeds, discharge temperature, rod and gas loads and critical speeds; the compressor cylinders, valves and unloaders; and the pistons, piston rods and piston rings.



During this interactive course, participants will learn the crankcases, crankshafts, connecting rods, bearings and crossheads; the distance pieces, packing cases and pressure packing; the lubrication, materials, nameplates and rotation arrows; the compressor drivers, couplings and guards; the reduction gears, belt drives, mounting plates and controls and instrumentation; the piping and appurtenances, intercoolers, aftercoolers and separators; the pulsation, vibration control and air intake filters; and the special tools and inspection and testing of reciprocating compressor.

### Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to:-

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on reciprocating compressors for petroleum, petrochemical and gas industries in accordance with API-618 standards
- Identify the types of compressors and discuss the fundamentals and basic design of reciprocating compressors
- Recognize bolting and flanges and calculate cold runout as well as discuss allowable speeds and discharge temperature
- Identify rod and gas loads, critical speeds, compressor cylinders, valves and unloaders
- Determine pistons, piston rods, and piston rings including crankcases, crankshafts, connecting rods, bearings and crossheads
- Discuss distance pieces, packing cases, pressure packing, lubrication, materials, nameplates and rotation arrows
- Identify compressor drivers, couplings and guards, reduction gears, belt drives, mounting plates and controls and instrumentation
- Recognize piping, appurtenances, intercoolers, aftercoolers, separators, pulsation, vibration control and air intake filters
- Identify special tools and apply proper inspection and testing of reciprocating compressor

### Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



Participants of this course will receive the exclusive “Haward Smart Training Kit” (H-STK®). The H-STK® consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.

### Who Should Attend

This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of reciprocating compressors for petroleum, petrochemical and gas industries in accordance with API 618 standards for mechanical, process and chemical engineers, product engineers and technologists, operation, technical service and maintenance professionals, engineers, consultants and sales professionals and technical professionals responsible for rotating equipment inspection and technical professionals responsible for interdisciplinary energy projects.

### Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.

### Course Fee

**US\$ 5,500** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

### Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours.

### Certificate Accreditations

Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

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British Accreditation Council (BAC)  
Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

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The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

Haward Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

### Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

- 30% Lectures
- 20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
- 30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
- 20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.



**Course Instructor(s)**

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:



**Mr. Den Bazley, PE, BSc, is a Senior Mechanical Engineer with over 30 years of industrial experience in Oil, Gas, Refinery, Petrochemical, Power and Utilities industries. His wide expertise includes Pumps & Compressors Maintenance & Troubleshooting, Centrifugal Pump Design, Hydraulic Turbines, Axial Flow Compressor, Centrifugal Pump Installation & Operation, Centrifugal Pump Maintenance & Troubleshooting, Centrifugal & Positive Displacement Pump Technology, Pumps & Valves Operation, Bearings, Seals & Couplings, Compressors & Turbines Maintenance & Troubleshooting, Gas Turbine Design & Maintenance, Gas Turbine**

**Troubleshooting, Pressure Vessel Design, Fabrication & Testing, Tank & Tank Farms, Heat Exchangers Operation & Maintenance, Boilers & Steam System Management, Re-tubing & Tube Expanding Technology, Propylene Compressor & Turbine, Valve Installation & Repair, Safety Relief Valve Sizing & Troubleshooting, Dry Gas Seal Operation, Mechanical Seal Installation & Maintenance, Industrial Equipment & Turbomachinery, Pumps, Compressors, Turbines & Motors, Boiler & Steam System Management, Tune-Up, Heat Recovery & Optimization, Bearing & Lubrication, Installation & Failure Analysis, Boiler Operation & Maintenance, Process Control Valves, Steam Turbine Operation, Bearing Mounting/Dismounting, Valve Types, Troubleshooting & Repair Procedure, Pressure Vessels & Heat Exchangers, Corrosion Inspection, PSV Maintenance & Testing, Pump Maintenance, Machinery Troubleshooting, Valves, Safety Relief Valves, Strainers & Steam Traps, Pipeline Rules of Thumb, Analytical Prevention of Mechanical Failure, Gear Boxes Troubleshooting & Repair, Piping & Pipeline Design & Inspection, Pigging & Integrity Assessment, Process Piping Design, Pipeline Operation & Maintenance, Welding & Fabrication, Brazing, Fitness-for-Service (FFS), Process Plant Equipment, Pressure Vessels, Piping & Storage Facilities, Layout of Piping Systems & Process Equipment, Pipe Work Design & Fabrication, Mechanical Integrity & Reliability, Mechanical Rotating Equipment & Turbomachinery, Motors & Variable Speed Drives, Mechanical Engineering Design, Process Plant Shutdown, Turnaround & Troubleshooting, Mechanical Alignment, Laser & Dial-Indicator Techniques, Material Cataloguing, Condition Based Monitoring, Maintenance Management, Reliability Management, Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM), Total Plant Maintenance (TPM) and Reliability-Availability-Maintainability (RAM), Engineering Drawings, Codes & Standards, P&ID Reading, Interpretation & Developing, Maintenance & Reliability Best Practices, Maintenance Auditing, Benchmarking & Performance Improvement, Excellence in Maintenance & Reliability Management, Preventive & Predictive Maintenance & Machinery Failure Analysis (RCFA), Total Plant Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM), Rotating Equipment Reliability Optimization, Machinery Failure Analysis, Prevention & Troubleshooting, Maintenance Planning, Scheduling & Work Control and Maintenance Planning & Cost Estimation.**

During his career life, Mr. Bazley has gained his practical and field experience through his various significant positions and dedication as the **General Manager, Branch Manager, Refinery Chairman, Engineering Manager, Maintenance Engineer, Construction Engineer, Project Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Associate Engineer, Oil Process Engineer, Mechanical Services Superintendent, Quality Coordinator, Planning Coordinator, Consultant/Instructor, Lecturer/Trainer and Public Relations Officer** for numerous international companies like **ESSO, FFS Refinery, Dorbyl Heavy Engineering (VECOR), Vandenbergh Foods (Unilever), Engen Petroleum, Royle Trust and Pepsi-Cola.**

Mr. Bazley is a **Registered Professional Engineer** and has a **Bachelor** degree in **Mechanical Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Engineer** (Government Certificate of Competency GCC Mechanical Pretoria), a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, a **Certified Internal Verifier/Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM)**, an active member of the **Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)** and has delivered numerous trainings, courses, seminars and workshops internationally.





**Course Program**

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

**Day 1**

0730 - 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 - 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 - 0830	<b>PRE-TEST</b>
0830 - 0900	<b>Introduction to API-618</b>
0900 - 0930	<b>Types of Compressors</b>
0930 - 0945	Break
0945 - 1100	<b>Fundamentals of Reciprocating Compressors</b>
1100 - 1215	<b>Basic Design of Reciprocating Compressors</b>
1215 - 1230	Break
1230 - 1330	<b>Bolting &amp; Flanges</b>
1330 - 1420	<b>Calculating Cold Runout</b>
1420 - 1430	<b>Recap</b>
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

**Day 2**

0730 - 0830	<b>Allowable Speeds</b>
0830 - 0930	<b>Allowable Discharge Temperature</b>
0930 - 0945	Break
0945 - 1100	<b>Rod &amp; Gas Loads</b>
1100 - 1215	<b>Critical Speeds</b>
1215 - 1230	Break
1230 - 1330	<b>Compressor Cylinders</b>
1330 - 1420	<b>Valves &amp; Unloaders</b>
1420 - 1430	<b>Recap</b>
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

**Day 3**

0730 - 0830	<b>Pistons, Piston Rods, &amp; Piston Rings</b>
0830 - 0930	<b>Crankcases, Crankshafts, Connecting Rods, Bearings &amp; Crossheads</b>
0930 - 0945	Break
0945 - 1100	<b>Distance Pieces</b>
1100 - 1215	<b>Packing Cases &amp; Pressure Packing</b>
1215 - 1230	Break
1230 - 1330	<b>Lubrication</b>
1330 - 1420	<b>Materials, Nameplates &amp; Rotation Arrows</b>
1420 - 1430	<b>Recap</b>
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three



**Day 4**

0730 - 0830	<b>Compressor Drivers</b>
0830 - 0930	<b>Couplings &amp; Guards</b>
0930 - 0945	<i>Break</i>
0945 - 1100	<b>Reduction Gears</b>
1100 - 1215	<b>Belt Drives</b>
1215 - 1230	<i>Break</i>
1230 - 1330	<b>Mounting Plates</b>
1330 - 1420	<b>Controls &amp; Instrumentation</b>
1420 - 1430	<b>Recap</b>
1430	<i>Lunch &amp; End of Day Four</i>

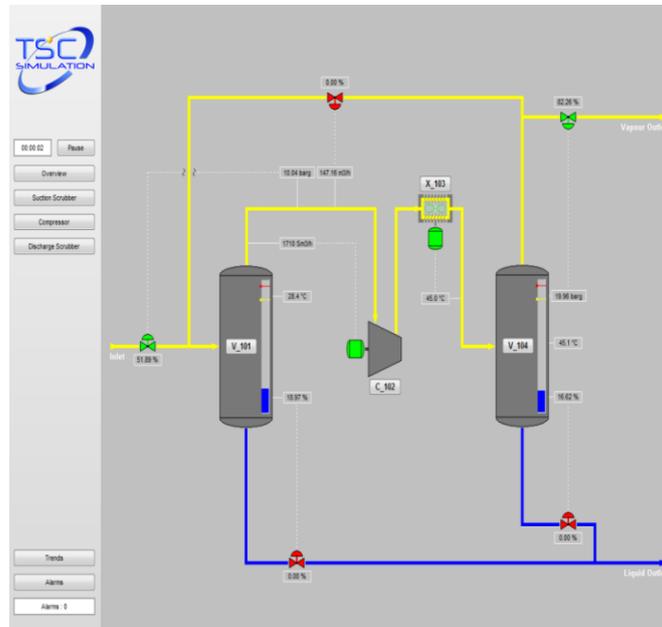
**Day 5**

0730 - 0830	<b>Piping &amp; Appurtenances</b>
0830 - 0930	<b>Intercoolers, Aftercoolers &amp; Separators</b>
0930 - 0945	<i>Break</i>
0945 - 1100	<b>Pulsation &amp; Vibration Control</b>
1100 - 1215	<b>Air Intake Filters</b>
1215 - 1230	<i>Break</i>
1230 - 1330	<b>Special Tools</b>
1330 - 1345	<b>Inspection &amp; Testing of Reciprocating Compressor</b>
1345 - 1400	<b>Course Conclusion</b>
1400 - 1415	<b>POST-TEST</b>
1415 - 1430	<i>Presentation of Course Certificates</i>
1430	<i>Lunch &amp; End of Course</i>

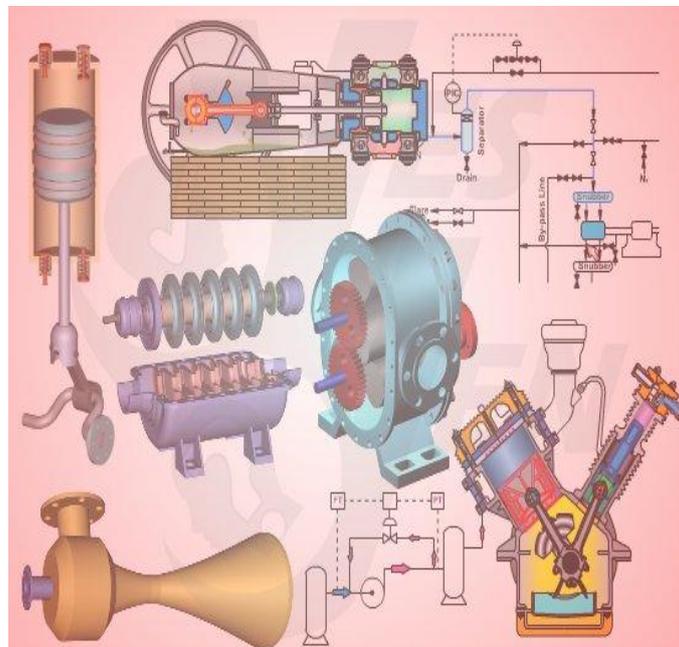


**Simulator (Hands-on Practical Sessions)**

Practical sessions will be organized during the course for delegates to practice the theory learnt. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to carryout various exercises using our state-of-the-art simulators “SIM 3300 Centrifugal Compressor” and “CBT on Compressors”.



**SIM 3300 Centrifugal Compressor Simulator**



**CBT on Compressors**

**Course Coordinator**

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