COURSE OVERVIEW ME0616
Compressor Operation, Maintenance & Troubleshooting

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Course Reference
ME0616

Course Duration/Credits
Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

Course Date/Venue

Session(s)	Course Date	Venue
1	May 11-15, 2025	Safir Meeting Room, Divan Istanbul, Turkey
2	June 15-19, 2025	Boardroom 1, Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE
3	August 10-14, 2025	Meeting Plus 9, City Centre Rotana, Doha, Qatar
4	October 26-30, 2025	TBA Meeting Room, Four Seasons Hotels Cairo at Nile Plaza, Cairo, Egypt
5	November 24-28, 2025	Hampstead Meeting Room, London Marriott Hotel Regents Park, London, United Kingdom
6	January 18-22, 2026	Boardroom 1, Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE

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 good working knowledge on the operation, maintenance and troubleshooting of compressors. It covers the common types, ranges of application, limitation and functions of compressors; the principles of equipment failure patterns; the common factors of why equipment fails; the different aspects of machinery corrosion; and the correct selection of materials for a given application.

At the completion of the course, participants will be able to apply basic approaches to machinery troubleshooting; troubleshoot most possible faults and failures of pumps and compressor; carryout various approaches to be considered in applying corrective action; and employ the principles of dry gas, packing and mechanical seals.

The course will also cover the components and functions of compressors; the features of dry gas seal for centrifugal gas compressor; the troubleshooting of mechanical seal failure; the various maintenance and repair methods used; and the basic concept of bearing care, maintenance, bearing classification and lubrication management.

Course Objectives

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

- Apply systematic techniques in the operation, maintenance and troubleshooting of compressors
- Identify the common types of compressors and the ranges of application and limitation and have an overview of centrifugal compressors including its type and function
- Recognize the principles of equipment failure patterns including its type and review the common factors of why equipment fails
- Differentiate between the different aspects of machinery corrosion and to make the correct selection of material for a given application
- Determine the basic approaches to machinery troubleshooting and troubleshoot most possible faults and failures of pumps and compressors and discover the various approaches to be considered in applying corrective actions
- Employ the principles of dry gas, packing and mechanical seals and recognize their components and functions
- Explain the features of dry gas seal for centrifugal gas compressor
- Analyze and troubleshoot mechanical seal failure and identify the various maintenance and repair methods used
- Discuss the basic concept of bearing care and maintenance, bearing classification and lubrication management

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 covers systematic techniques and methodologies on the operation, maintenance and troubleshooting of compressors for those who work with mechanical and rotating equipment at industrial plants, petrochemical plants, process plants, utilities, production oil/gas field, or manufacturing facilities. General maintenance personnel, first line supervisors and engineers will find this course extremely useful. Attendees come from a wide variety of industries, skill-levels, company sizes, and job titles.

Accommodation

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

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: -

- 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.

- 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. Karl Thanasis (**Athanasios Karalis**), PEng, MSc, MBA, BSc, is a **Senior Process & Mechanical Engineer** with **45 years** of extensive industrial experience within the **Oil & Gas**, **Refinery** and **Petrochemical** industries. His wide expertise includes **Control Valve** Maintenance & Testing, Advanced **Operational Skills**, **Process Equipment** Design & Troubleshooting, **Process Plant** Optimization & Continuous Improvement, **Production Process** Optimization, **Operations Planning** Optimization, **Process Equipment** Design, **Process Plant** Performance & Efficiency, **Process** Integration & Optimization, Root Cause Analysis (**RCA**) Methods, **Root Cause Analysis**, **Process Equipment & Piping** System, **Rotating Equipment Reliability** Optimization & Continuous Improvement, **Material Cataloguing**, **Mechanical & Rotating Equipment** Troubleshooting & Maintenance, **Rotating Equipment** for Process Industry, **Rotating Machinery** Best Practices, **Centrifugal Pumps** Operation, **Positive Displacement Pumps** Repair, **Pump** Maintenance & Troubleshooting, **Pressure Vessels**, **Heat Exchanger** Maintenance & Repair, **Heat Exchanger** Inspection & Troubleshooting, **Fin-fan Coolers**, Fundamentals of **Engineering Drawings**, **Codes & Standards**, **P&ID Reading Interpretation & Developing**, **Boiler Design**, **Boiler** Inspection & Maintenance, **Boiler** Operation & Control, **Boiler** Troubleshooting & Inspection, **Boiler Instrumentation & Control**, **Steam Boiler** Maintenance, **Boiler & Steam Generation System**, **Boiler** Failure Analysis & Prevention, **Boiler** Burner Management, **Boiler** Water Treatment Technology, **Machinery Failure Analysis**, **Preventive & Predictive Maintenance**, **Condition Monitoring**, Root Cause Analysis (**RCA**), Root Cause Failure Analysis (**RCFA**), Reliability Centred Maintenance (**RCM**), Risk Base Inspection (**RBI**), **Metallurgical Failure Analysis**, **Corrosion Failure Analysis**, **Steam Generation**, **Steam Turbines**, **Power Generator Plants**, **Gas Turbines**, **Combined Cycle Plants**, **Boilers**, **Process Fired Heaters**, Air Preheaters, Induced Draft Fans, All Heaters Piping Work, Refractory Casting, Heater Fabrication, Thermal & Fired Heater Design, Heat Transfer, Coolers, **Pumps**, Turbo-Generator, Turbine **Shaft Alignment**, **Lubrication**, **Mechanical Seals**, **Packing**, **Blowers**, **Bearings**, **Couplings**, **Clutches** and **Gears**. Further, he is also versed in **Wastewater Treatment Technology**, **Networking System**, **Water Network Design**, **Industrial Water Treatment** in Refineries & Petrochemical Plants, **Piping System**, **Water Movement**, **Water Filtering**, **Mud Pumping**, **Sludge Treatment** and **Drying**, **Aerobic Process** of **Water Treatment** that includes **Aeration**, **Sedimentation** and **Chlorination Tanks**. His strong background also includes **Design** and **Sizing** of all **Waste Water Treatment Plant Associated Equipment** such as **Sludge Pumps**, **Filters**, **Metering Pumps**, **Aerators** and **Sludge Decanters**.

Mr. Thanasis has acquired his thorough and practical experience as the **Project Manager**, **Plant Manager**, **Area Manager**, **Maintenance Manager**, **Engineering Manager**, **Technical Consultant & Trainer**, **Head of Capital Projects**, **Refractory Specialist**, **Construction Superintendent**, **Maintenance Supervisor**, **Project Engineer**, **Maintenance Engineer** and **Thermal Design Engineer** of various companies worldwide in the **USA**, **Germany**, **England** and **Greece**.

Mr. Thanasis is a **Registered Professional Engineer** in the **USA** and **Greece** and has **Master's** and **Bachelor's** degree in **Mechanical Engineering** with **Honours** from the **Purdue University** and **Southern Illinois University** (**USA**) respectively as well as an **MBA** from the **University of Phoenix** (**USA**). Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, **Certified Internal Verifier/Trainer/Assessor** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management** (**ILM**), a member of the **American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers** and delivered various trainings, courses, seminars and workshops worldwide.

Course Fee

Turkey	**US$ 6,000** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day
Dubai	**US$ 5,500** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day
Doha	**US$ 6,000** per Delegate. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Cairo	**US$ 5,500** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day
London	**US$ 8,800** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day
Dubai	**US$ 5,500** per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day

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	***PRE-TEST***
0830 – 0930	***Introduction*** *Overview of Rotating Equipment ● Understanding How Equipment Works*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Compressor Types & Terminology*** *Centrifugal ● Axial ● Reciprocating ● Helical Screw ● Ranges of Application & Limitations*
1100– 1215	***Centrifugal Compressors Overview*** *Rotors ● Balancing Rotor Dynamics ● Impellers ● Casings*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1420	***Centrifugal Compressors Overview (cont'd)*** *Troubleshooting & Preventive Maintenance for Compressors ● Bearings ● Seals: Labyrinths, Oil Seals & Self-Acting Gas Seals ● Couplings ● Controls*
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day One*

Day 2

0730 – 0930	***Equipment Failure Patterns*** *Materials ● Types of Corrosion ● Bath-Tub Curve ● Actual Equipment Failure Patterns ● Actions to Minimize Failure Effect*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Basic Approaches to Machinery Troubleshooting*** *Examples from Recent Failure Incidents Attributed to Design Processing & Manufacturing Deficiencies*
1100 – 1215	***Troubleshooting Faults & Applying Corrective Action*** *Equipment Performance Monitoring ● Vibration Analysis ● Fast Fault Finding ● Acoustical Troubleshooting ● Infra-red Inspection ● Oil Analysis*
1215– 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1300	***Vibration Analysis DVDs***
1300 – 1420	***Case Studies***
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Two*

Day 3

0730 – 0830	***Introduction to Dry Gas Seals*** *Principle of Operation ● Materials of Construction ● Manufacturing & Verification Testing*
0830 – 0930	***Packing & Mechanical Seals*** *Compression Packing ● Molded (Automatic) Packing ● Basic Principles of Mechanical Seals ● Face Materials ● Secondary Seal Materials ● Single Mechanical Seals ● Single Mechanical Seal ● Flushing Plans*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1045	***Flowserve DVD***
1045 – 1215	***Case Studies***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Seal Support Systems*** *Dual Sealing Systems & Flushing Plans ● API 682 Reference Guide ● Gas Barrier Seal Technology for Pumps ● Support Systems for Dry Gas (Self Acting) Compressor Seals ● Mechanical Seal Selection Strategies*
1330 – 1420	***Dry Gas Seal for Centrifugal Gas Compressors***
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Three*

Day 4

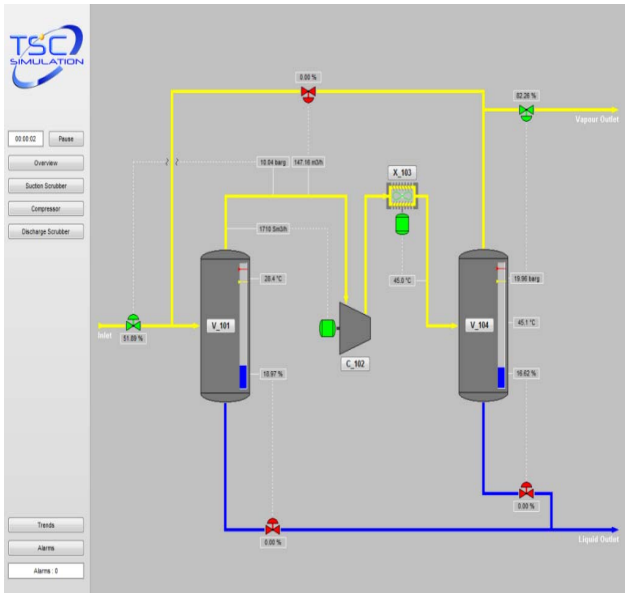
0730 – 0930	***Mechanical Seal Failure Analysis & Troubleshooting*** *Failure Analysis ● Mechanical Seal Troubleshooting ● Determining Leakage Rates ● Ascertaining Seal Stability*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Mechanical Seal Maintenance & Repair*** *Bellows Seal Repair ● Cartridge Seal Installation & Management ● Seal Face Care*
1100 – 1215	***Bearing Care & Maintenance*** *Basic Bearing Concepts ● Bearing Classifications ● Bearing Care & Maintenance ● Lubrication Management Break*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1315	***Flowserve DVD***
1315 – 1420	***Case Studies***
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Four*

Day 5

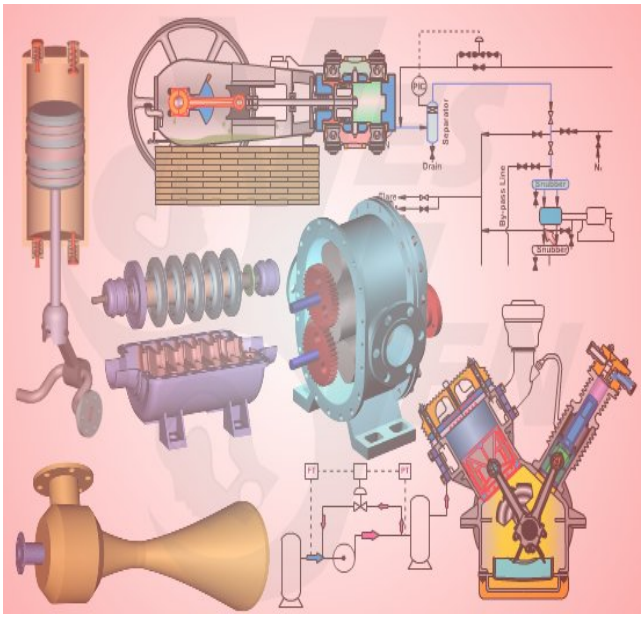
0730 – 0900	***Preventive Maintenance-Lubrication*** *Cost of Poor Lubrication ● Fundamentals-Oil & Grease ● Storage & Handling Methods*
0900 – 0930	***Flowserve DVD***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Preventive Maintenance-Lubrication (cont'd)*** *Comparative Viscosity ● Classifications*
1100 – 1215	***Lubrication DVD***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1345	***Preventive Maintenance*** *General Philosophy ● Equipment Sparing Factor & Maintenance Approach*
1345 – 1400	***Course Conclusion*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Course Topics that were Covered During the Course*
1400 – 1415	***POST-TEST***
1415 – 1430	*Presentation of Course Certificates*
1430	*Lunch & End of Course*

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



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