Air Fin Coolers
Specialized dry cooling technology
Global Cooling Competencies

SPIG S.p.A. (B&W SPIG) operates globally supplying an extensive range of turnkey cooling systems. Since 1936, we have designed, engineered and installed many state-of-the-art projects for a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, petrochemical, power generation, cogeneration and combined cycle, and district heating and cooling, to name a few.

Our experience includes wet, dry and wet/dry hybrid cooling solutions as dictated by site specific requirements. We can supply both mechanical and natural draft systems and design for a wide range of project specifications such as high seismic loads, vibration control, corrosion, noise control, sub-freezing operation, and sea water use.

B&W SPIG Air Fin Cooler

As water preservation increasingly becomes a priority for plant owners and operators, dry cooling technologies offer a viable alternative to wet cooling systems in many applications. B&W SPIG is an expert in the supply of specialized direct dry cooling technology, or air fin coolers, for closed loop cooling applications.

Design and Engineering

Qualified thermal engineers use advanced technologies to provide cost-effective designs to meet the required thermal performances and mechanical design of pressure parts (per ASME Code), steel structure and noise management.

A modularized design concept is commonly used for small air fin coolers which can be scaled to larger units without changing the related thermo-hydraulic design criteria.

Our capabilities include complex 3D plant design, piping, controls, instrumentation, installation, commissioning and testing.

Quality and Safety

B&W SPIG has implemented and maintains a comprehensive quality control system regulated by a Quality Manual and internal procedures based on ISO 9001 standards. The air coolers are installed according to the provisions of the International Safety System and with EEC directives on safety standards for machinery. B&W SPIG has obtained the SCC safety certification (Safety Checklist Contractors) for the disassembly, construction, restoration and upgrading of cooling systems, maintenance and global service activities.

Finned Tubes

B&W SPIG provides a range of proven tube designs for a variety of applications.

G-Fin (embedded)  This high efficiency finned tube is designed for high thermal or mechanical stress, with an upper temperature limit of about 400°C (752°F). The fin material is aluminum and the tube material can be made from any readily machinable metal.
**L-Fin (wrapped)** This finned tube is designed for low temperature applications where protection from tube corrosion is required. The upper temperature limit is about 130°C (266°F). The fin material is aluminum and the tube material can be made from any readily machinable metal.

![L-Fin Diagram](image)

The standard offering is available in the following dimensions:

- Tube Diameter, mm (in.): 25.4 (1.0), 31.8 (1.25), 38.1 (1.5), 44.5 (1.75), 50.8 (2.0)
- Fin Pitch: 8, 9, 10, 11 fins per in.
- Fin Height: 15.88 mm (0.625 in.)

Other finned tube types such as galvanized fin tubes and extruded fin tubes are also available. Galvanized fin tubes (F-Fin), with a completely external galvanized surface, provide excellent protection against corrosion, good heat transfer rate, and the ability to simply clean using high pressure water.

Extruded fin tubes have fins that are extruded from an aluminum sleeve that covers the tube. These tubes are used under high operating temperature (250°C [482°F]) and provide full protection of the tube against atmospheric corrosion.

**Headers**

B&W SPIG offers the following types of headers based on project specifications and applications:

- Plug type headers
- Welded type headers
- Studded headers with cover
- Screw bolted headers with cover

**Expert Service**

To help avoid unscheduled downtime and achieve optimal plant performance, B&W SPIG offers a wide range of services for air fin coolers such as maintenance, inspections, structural and thermal repairs, upgrades, and spare or replacement parts supply.

In addition, our customized UNICO™ online continuous monitoring system is available to record, store and analyze critical operating performance data, helping to optimize cooling plant efficiency, reduce maintenance costs, and avoid unscheduled outages.

B&W SPIG provides flexible, customized technical solutions to satisfy any customer requirement.
About B&W SPIG

B&W SPIG, a subsidiary of The Babcock & Wilcox Company, is an Arona, Italy-based global provider of custom-engineered cooling systems and services. Established in 1936, B&W SPIG has project-related operations in nearly 50 countries and employs approximately 250 people in locations worldwide. We have been providing an increasingly extensive range of high quality cooling towers, air-cooled condensers and related services.

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