

Title (en)

PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE SEPARATION OF AIR AND THE PRODUCTION OF HIGHLY PURE OXYGEN

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Application

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Abstract (en)

[origin: JPH02233984A] PURPOSE: To produce ultra-pure oxygen inexpensively using a main double purification column comprising intermediate pressure purification column and low pressure purification column. CONSTITUTION: The majority of air cooled down to dew point having an intermediate pressure is introduced to the base section of intermediate pressure purification column 3 where it is condensed to produce oxygen rich liquid RL. It is partially expanded through an expansion valve 7 and introduced to an intermediate height of a low pressure purification column 4. 'Pure liquid' LL composed of nitrogen is taken out at the top of the column 3, expanded through an expansion valve 8 and introduced to the top of the column 4. An auxiliary purification column 12 is coupled to the bottom section of the column 4 and a top condenser 15 is fed with a part of rich liquid RL expanded through an expansion valve 16. The column 17 is fed with steam from the top of the column 12 and a vaporizer 19 at the column 17 is heated by intermediate pressure air passed through a pipeline 21 and a condense 20 is cooled by the remaining part of the rich liquid RL expanded through an expansion valve 22. Rich liquid vaporized by the condensers 15, 20 is returned back to the column 4.

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