# **Solutions for a Sustainable Future**



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#### **AKG Green** Thermal Solutions

AKG – Efficient cooling systems contributing to a greener and sustainable world



AKG supports the decarbonization of the global economy with efficient cooling and Thermal Management Systems for alternative drive concepts and clean energy for customers in selected industries, such as wind energy, electronics and fuel cell cooling. It has always been our goal to improve thermal solutions, starting in 1919 with automotive cooling over the recent past with the cooling of combustion engines in different applications until today's AKG Green Thermal Solutions. We believe that we can help our customers all over the world to meet their "net-zero" emission targets. **AKG Green Thermal Solutions is our approach to help creating a sustainable future.** 

#### **Sustainable Mobility**

Our Thermal Management System (TMS) is an innovative solution that increases battery life by maintaining the optimum temperature needed for the battery. Heating and cooling modes ensure a complete thermal control for all of the temperature sensitive components built into the vehicle. The thermal management of the complete system includes the battery, E-motor, power electronics, transmission system, driver's cabin and much more. We are working closely with our customers and partners for prototypes, validation and global manufacturing. With our optimal cooling and heating solutions, we do not only increase the safety but also the range of electrified vehicles and thus contribute to a more sustainable future mobility.



## **AKG Solutions for a Sustainable Future**

- Thermal Management System
- Fuel Cell Cooling System
- Hybrid systems with Fuel Cell & Battery TMS
- Battery Cooling
- Electronics Cooling



#### **Thermal Management System for Electric Vehicles**

Maintaining the optimum temperature of the battery and further temperature sensitive components can be done either with our chiller or with our Thermal Management System. The chiller is using an air-cooled condenser and an optional high voltage heater. With our Thermal Management System and the intelligent controlling, we are able to reduce the energy consumption by 15-30% and thereby reduce battery size or significantly extend the driving range/working time especially in cold weather conditions.

#### **Cooling Solutions for Fuel Cell Vehicles**

AKG's lightweight and high performance heat exchangers deliver excellent cooling and heating performance for direct or indirect thermal management of fuel cell applications. To meet the conductivity requirements, our heat exchangers can be vacuum brazed and de-ionized. The special de-ionization process can also be used for further brazing options to meet the conductivity requirements.

#### Hybrid Cooling System

We see the hybrid system as a combination of a battery electric drivetrain together with either an internal combustion engine or a fuel cell system. The energy produced by the internal combustion engine or the fuel cell will be used for the drivetrain and/or for charging the battery, which enables the hybrid vehicle to have a higher range than a battery electric vehicle. Due to the various amount of cooling components, we are always looking for synergies of both systems and therefore the highest overall efficiency.

## **Battery Cooling**

The battery is the major component of an electric vehicle and keeping the right temperature is essential for its lifetime, performance and safety. To maintain the optimal temperature range, we have several different design approaches to cool or heat each cell individually. This can be either top- and bottom cooling, side cooling or extensive surround cooling. With our design flexibility, we are able to adjust performance and pressure drop to suit your requirements perfectly.

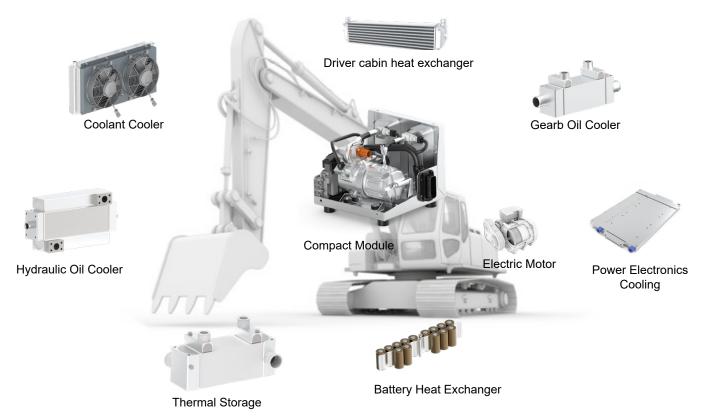
#### **Electronics Cooling**

Power electronics are inevitable in most modern systems, such as inverters and converters for renewable energies as well as electric drivetrains. Even though the efficiency is very high, there are still local heat loads, which need to be cooled to achieve a better performance and longer lifetime. With our product portfolio in electronics cooling and many years of proven and optimized design, we are able to achieve a high performance and homogenous low temperature for the sensitive power electronics.





#### **Thermal Management System for Electric Vehicles**



AKG's lightweight and robust coolers are a perfect fit for the electro mobility applications that demand high performance and less weight. With a diversified product portfolio, AKG is able to deliver solutions for the entire thermal demands of the vehicle and reaches highest efficiency through matching all the components to each other.

Our thermal management system connects LightWeight cooler (Tube fin cooler) for coolant cooling, compact cooler for thermal storage, hydraulic & transmission oil cooling and liquid cooled cold plates for various power electronic components as well as for batteries.

#### Applications —

- Agricultural equipment
- Automotive
- Commercial vehicles
- Construction equipment
- Forestry equipment
- Generator sets
- Municipal vehicles
- Rail vehicles

#### **Benefits** –

- Extended range
- Increased battery life
- Fast charging
- Full climate control
- Environmental friendly refrigerant





#### **Thermo Management System – Compact Module**

The AKG Thermal Management System for electric vehicles is designed to regulate and maintain optimal temperature conditions for batteries, ensuring their efficient operation, long lifetime and reliable power. Our system is designed for off-road and on-highway applications.

With a compact and modular design, our Thermal Management System is easily integrated in many types of equipment. The battery is cooled using a closed refrigerant circuit and can optionally be heated with an electrical high voltage heater. An on-board controller manages the complete thermal system operation.

Our heat exchangers play a crucial role in transferring the absorbed heat through the cooling medium to the refrigerant and the surrounding environment. AKG's design and placement of the heat exchangers within the Thermal Management System are optimized to maximize cooling effectiveness while minimizing energy consumption.





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#### **Benefits**



#### 1. Modular design

Pre-assembled modules, no individual parts need to be integrated into the vehicle and flexible to customer requirements



**2. Closed-loop refrigerant circuit** Low maintenance; no additional refrigerant

lines to the vehicle needed



#### 3. Simulation

Simulations at the component and system level speed up the vehicle development on the customer's side



#### 4. Robustness

Same performance verified under different inclinations and robustness confirmed in vibration tests



**5. Global prodckt portfolio** AKG's diversified product portfolio offers all heat exchangers types needed for the vehicle



**6. AKG stacked shell cooler** Optimally designed for Thermal Management Systems with less weight and high performance



**7. AKG engineering service** Comprehensive engineering support regarding the integration of Thermal Management Systems into the vehicle architecture



#### 8. Environmental friendly

Low refrigerant volume means the use of natural refrigerant (propane/R290) is possible



#### **Cooling System for Fuel Cell Vehicles**



Next to low conductive coolant coolers, AKG has a wide range of heat exchangers for fuel cell cooling applications. These solutions include a LightWeight cooler (Tube fin cooler) for coolant cooling, liquid cooled cold plate for power electronics and liquid cooled compact coolers for hydrogen pre-heating & charge-air cooling. AKG's technical expertise in integrating different systems do not only offers a flexible design to our customers, but is also meeting all the demands of fuel cell applications.

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#### **Benefits** -

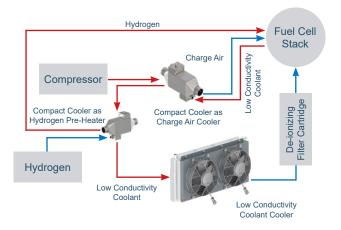
- Conductive particles are reduced as the circuit is smaller sized
- · Reduced volume of expensive low conductive coolant
- Less ionic emissions resulting in lower change interval for ion
  exchanger
- Components of the coolant circuit can be produced with less requirements complying with electrical conductivity





#### **Direct Fuel Cell Cooling**

In direct cooling, the fuel cell stack is cooled by a low conductivity cooling fluid that circulates through each of the heat exchangers in the system. The low conductivity coolant flows into the fuel cell stack, then through a charge air cooler and a hydrogen preheater. Finally, it is cooled by an ambient cooler and the cycle repeats.



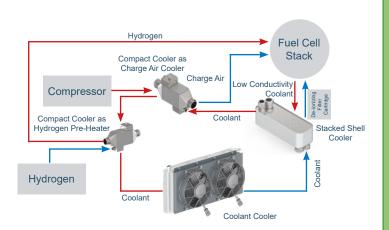
AKG Engineering brings extensive expertise and many years of experience in the development and manufacturing of cooling solutions for fuel cells.

Benefits of direct cooling compared to indirect cooling

- Simpler design with fewer components
- Cost savings due to reduced number of parts
- Higher efficiency through direct cooling

#### **Indirect Fuel Cell Cooling**

With indirect cooling, two separate coolant circuits are required, one with regular coolant and a second with low conductivity coolant. The low conductivity coolant circulates only between the fuel cell and a liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger (Stacked Shell Cooler). Here the low conductivity coolant is cooled by a regular coolant. The regular coolant circulates through this stacked shell cooler, followed by a charge air cooler and a hydrogen preheater. Finally, it is cooled by an ambient cooler and the cycle repeats.



With our comprehensive know-how and many years of experience, we design and manufacture your individual, indirect cooling solution for your fuel cell drive.

Benefits of indirect cooling compared to direct cooling

- Reduced volume of expensive, low conductive coolant
- Fewer emissions of ions in the smaller circuit resulting in longer replacement intervals of the deionizing filter cartridge
- Components of the regular coolant circuit can be selected with less requirements for low electrical conductivity

Through our technical expertise in integrating different systems, we not only offer our customers a flexible design, but also meet all of the requirements of fuel cell applications.





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# AKG GROUP – A STRONG GLOBAL COMPANY

AKG is a leading global supplier of high-performance coolers, heat exchangers and Thermal Management Systems, providing custom system solutions with the highest quality standards.

Around the world 3,000 employees work at 11 manufacturing facilities located in Germany, France, Latvia, Türkiye, the USA, Mexico, Brazil, China and India. Together with a number of sales offices in additional countries and regions, AKG's cooling experts are on duty around the clock.

Longstanding partnerships with global OEM customers from 24 lines of business – including construction equipment, compressed air systems, agricultural and forestry equipment, and many others – give fresh and innovative inspiration for AKG's line of pre-engineered cooling systems as well. AKG operates one of the world's largest research, development, measurement and validation centres for cooling solutions and customized applications.

**For over 100 years**, AKG's heat exchangers have stood for innovative solutions as well as the highest standard of engineering and manufacturing expertise.