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INTERVENTION HANDBOOK FOR TRAFFIC INCIDENTS WITH ANHYDROUS HYDROGEN FLUORIDE (AHF) AND HYDROFLUORIC ACID SOLUTIONS (HF)

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PREFACE

Anhydrous hydrogen fluoride/ hydrofluoric acid (AHF/HF) is essential in the chemical industry and there is a need for HF to be produced, transported, stored and used.

The AHF/HF industry has a very good safety record; nevertheless, the European AHF/HF producers, acting within Eurofluor (previously CTEF) have drawn up this document to promote continuous improvement in the standards of safety associated with AHF/HF handling.

This Recommendation is based on the various measures taken by member companies of Eurofluor.

Each company, based on its individual decision-making process, may decide to apply the present recommendation partly or in full.

It is in no way intended to be a substitute for various national or international regulations, which must be respected in an integral manner.

It results from the understanding and many years of experience of AHF/HF producers in their respective countries at the date of issue of this particular document.

Established in good faith, this recommendation should not be used as a standard or a comprehensive specification, but rather as a guide, which should, in each particular case, be adapted and utilised in consultation with an AHF/HF manufacturer, supplier or user, or other expert in the field.

It has been assumed in the preparation of this publication that the user will ensure that the contents are relevant to the application selected and are correctly applied by appropriately qualified and experienced people for whose guidance it has been prepared.

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AHF is an acronym for anhydrous hydrogen fluoride.

HF is an acronym for hydrofluoric acid solutions of any concentration below 100%.



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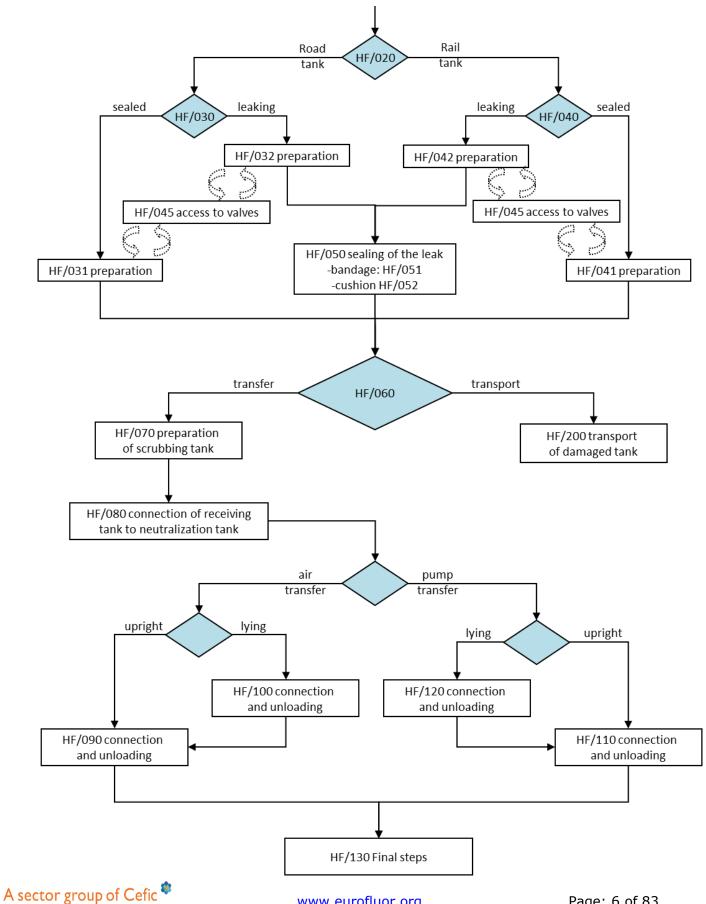
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Structure of AHF/HF intervention handbook



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TMD/HF/000 Recommendation

This guideline has been developed by the Storage, Transport and Safety Group of Eurofluor (CTEF). It is intended to offer recommendations in case of traffic incidents involving anhydrous hydrogen fluoride (AHF) and hydrofluoric acid solutions (HF) at ambient temperatures (from -20°C to +50°C), unless stated otherwise.

All materials of construction, which are mentioned in this document should be doublechecked and there should be a search for more information on materials, in our "Recommendation on materials of construction for Anhydrous Hydrogen Fluoride and Hydrofluoric Acid solutions" available from Eurofluor publication webpage www.eurofluor.org.

Whatever the accident scenario, decisions taken by local authorities should be based on discussions and the expertise that industry and authority experts can jointly contribute to ensuring the safest option for recovering the situation.

If the container used for the transport has been damaged, a risk assessment must be carried out to decide if the leak can be sealed at the scene or if the content must be transferred. Consider transporting the container to a plant equipped with suitable facilities for the operation proposed.

Before any action, a thorough risk assessment should be carried out in all circumstances and all valves should also be identified and labelled according to the sketches of this document:

1. Accident scenario with leak

If the leak is in the gaseous phase, it could be sealed by:

- setting a paste
- plugging the hole
- installing a sealing cushion

If the leak is in the liquid phase, and the risk assessment suggests it is safe to do so (taking account of all circumstances including the stability of the container), it may be possible to reposition the container such that any leak is the gaseous phase and therefore easier to deal with.

2. Transfer of the tank content

2.1. Intervention equipment

If the contained product must be transferred at the scene of the accident, it is compulsory that the suitable equipment should be available. In this handbook, an intervention equipment list is available according to the various types of accident scenarios.

2.2. Storage containers

The suitable transfer tank must be in steel or in stainless steel, and below 70%, must be lined with at least 6 mm of rubber (suitable for HF solutions). One will always use road tankers or rail tankers previously used for the same product. This road/rail receiving tanker should be authorized for AHF/HF transportation.



2.3. Transfer

Transfer of the product is a difficult and dangerous operation which can only proceed after thorough risk assessment. Appropriate precautionary measures must be implemented. If a transfer is to proceed, the necessary equipment for the transfer should be installed upwind, as close as possible to the damaged tank.

A mobile scrubbing system and/or vacuum system should be prepared to collect and neutralize HF fumes in case a leak appears during the transfer.

The transfer procedure would depend on the product contained in the tank. In the case of aqueous hydrofluoric acid (\leq 75 %), it would be generally possible (except at very high temperatures) to realize the transfer by pump.

It would be very difficult to transfer by pump the anhydrous HF (except at very low temperatures or if the damaged tank is under pressure). The transfer by pressure is the most comfortable method (Nitrogen or compressed air supplied by a compressor). The pressure should not exceed 1 bar.

2.4. Safety/ Environment

The use of water to knock down acid clouds and fumes (HF, etc...) is strongly recommended. It is important that the water should be provided in the form of a mist and not a jet, and one must make sure that water doesn't go inside or upon the container. One should also be aware of weak acid formed by absorption of HF gas.

In case of a liquid HF pool on the ground, see the document "AHF/HF Neutralization Table" on www.eurofluor.org.

Tests must be made to determine in which depth the acid has penetrated the ground. The easiest method is to use pH paper.





TMD/HF/010 Equipment list

a) Safety equipment

- Ensure that EVERYBODY on the scene and in the area is aware of the potential hazards of AHF/HF and wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Refer to document "PPE - Classification for uses" on www.eurofluor.org.
 - $\circ \alpha$ Level (emergency response)
 - o β Level (Operational Equipment for Increased Risks)
- People not involved should be excluded from the danger area
- Safety shower
- First Aid Kit (including calcium gluconate), refer to document "FIRST AID BROCHURE -Management of hydrofluoric acid injury", available in 6 languages on www.eurofluor.org.

b) Equipment to seal the leak might be

- inflatable cushions
- belts with belt idlers
- inflation kit of cushions
- air bottle for inflation
- wooden and polyethylene plugs of various diameters
- polyethylene tarpaulin
- calcium carbonate
- pH paper
- mastic
- tar
- plate of lead
- soft PTFE + PTFE cord
- metallic strapping rolls

c) Equipment necessary to the transfer

The list below is typical and must be adjusted according to the situation.

- chemical tank for AHF/HF transfer
- a suitable chemical tank for neutralization.
- (PTFE) self-priming pump
- air compressor with suitable connection kit or nitrogen supply
- spare valves
- manual lock control + remote locking cable
- acid-proof hoses (6 bars) (for air)
- internal stainless steel PTFE platted hoses
- quick connections (male and female) with gasket, PTFE tape
- Set of PTFE gaskets

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- blind flanges
- Loose flanges on reducers
- Elbow with loose flanges
- A set of bolts
- Diesel fuel for the compressor
- Appropriate tool chest





TMD/HF/020AHF/HF transport intervention handbook

INTERVENTION ON ROAD TANK: Move up to the stage TMD/HF/030

INTERVENTION ON RAIL TANK: Move up to the stage TMD/HF/040



TMD/HF/030Preparation before intervention (road tank)

If the tank is tight move up to the stage TMD/HF/031: Preparation before intervention (tight)

If the tank is leaking move up to the stage TMD/HF/032: Preparation before intervention (leaking)



TMD/HF/031PREPARATION BEFORE INTERVENTION (TIGHT ROAD TANK)

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Make sure that the area is closed	off and marked (danger area of at least 50m)		
Make sure that the traffic has been supported as been supported as the traffic has been supported as the	en stopped		
Prepare water curtain on standby	v in case of leak		
Ensure that EVERYBODY on the so document "PPE - Classification fo	cene and in the area is wearing appropriate PPE, refer to r uses" on www.eurofluor.org.		
 α – Level (emergency respons β – Level (Operational Equipment) 	•		
□ If the road tank is lying, see TMD/HF/045: Access to valves			
If the road tank is upright, see	If the road tank is upright, see TMD/HF/060: Decision transport/transfer		



TMD/HF/032 PREPARATION BEFORE INTERVENTION (LEAKING ROAD TANK)

		ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
	Close off and mark the area, emergency evacuation of the danger area		Local firemen	
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	Keep water away from the ar	ea of the damaged tank	Risk of growing leak	
→	If the leak is in vapour phas	e		
	Create a water curtain to kno damaged area of the tank	ck down the released HF gas without spaying water on the	Beware of diluted acid	
	Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak		
-	If the leak is in liquid phase			
	Create a water curtain to kno damaged area of the tank	ck down the released HF gas without spraying water on the	Beware of diluted acid	
	 Dyke or channel the released liquid HF acid with PAM (polyacrylamide absorbent) or any other suitable material 		The purpose is to limit the spreading	
	Cover or neutralize the release Neutralization Table" on www	sed liquid HF if possible (refer to document "AHF/HF v.eurofluor.org)		HF release



	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check whether that HF is flow	ing into lakes, rivers or sewers	Inform the relevant authorities	
-		Inform the Water Supply Company and the relevant authorities	
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak		



TMD/HF/040Preparation before intervention (rail tank)

If the rail tank is tight move up to the stage TMD/HF/041: Preparation before intervention (tight)

If the rail tank is leaking move up to the stage TMD/HF/042: Preparation before intervention (leaking)



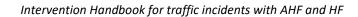
TMD/HF/041PREPARATION BEFORE INTERVENTION (TIGHT RAIL TANK)

ACTIONS		COMMENTS	DANGER
Ask for the emergency stop of railway traffic		Railway Company	
Ask for the consignment of catenar	ies with earthing of the power lines	Railway Company	
Close off and mark the area (dange	r area)	Local firemen	
	Ensure that EVERYBODY on the scene and in the area is wearing appropriate PPE, refer to document "PPE - Classification for uses" on www.eurofluor.org.		
 α – Level (emergency response) β – Level (Operational Equipment for Increased Risks) 			
Put blocking brakes on each side of	each rail tank wheel		
If the road tank is lying, see	☐ If the road tank is lying, see TMD/HF/045: Access to valves		
If the road tank is upright, see	TMD/HF/060: Decision transport/transfer		



TMD/HF/042PREPARATION BEFORE INTERVENTION (LEAKING RAIL TANK)

		ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
	Ask for the emergency stop of railway traffic		Railway Company	
	Ask for the consignment of	catenaries with earthing of the power lines	Railway Company	
	Close off and mark the area	, emergency evacuation of the danger area	Local firemen	
	Keep water away from the o	damaged area of the tank	Risk of growing leak	
		the scene and in the area is wearing appropriate PPE, refer to ion for uses" on www.eurofluor.org.		
	 α – Level (emergency response) β – Level (Operational Equipment for Increased Risks) 			
	Put blocking brakes on each	n side of each rail tank wheel		
)	If the leak is in vapour pha	ase		
	Create a water curtain to kn damaged area of the tank	nock down the released HF gas without spraying water on the	Beware of diluted acid	
	Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak		
-	➔ If the leak is in liquid phase			
	 Create a water curtain to knock down the released HF gas without spraying water on the damaged area of the tank 		Beware of diluted acid The purpose is to limit the spreading	

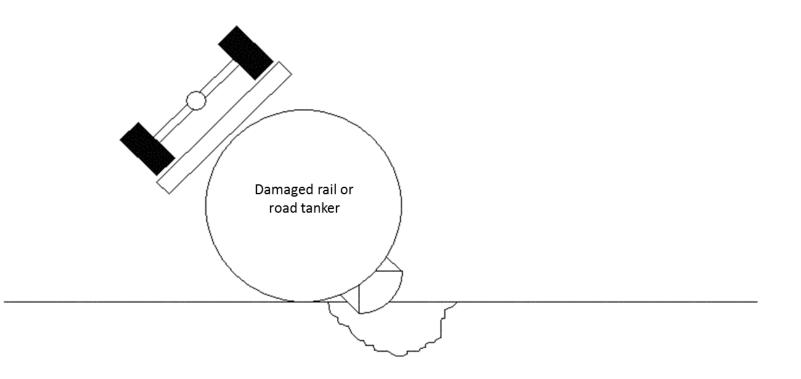




ACTIONS		COMMENTS	DANGER
 Cover or neutralize released liquid HF if possible (refer to document "AHF/HF Neutralization Table" on www.eurofluor.org) 			HF release
Check whether HF is flowing into lakes, rivers or sewers		Inform the relevant authorities	
Check whether the scene of the accident is situated in or close to a drinking water catchment area		Inform the Water Supply Company and the relevant authorities	
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak		



TMD/HF/045 Access to valves TMD/HF/045 Fig. 1: Access to valves





TMD/HF/045 Access to valves

AT ALL STAGES, APPROPRIATE PPE MUST BE WORN

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Stabilise the damaged tank with equipment available:		
> Jack		
Inflatable cushions		
ropes, cables		
➔ If the valve cover sticks in the ground:		
Dig a trench in the ground to get access and to make it easier to open the cover		
➔ If the valve cover has not been damaged during the accident		
Open the value cover	Caution is advised when opening	Leaking HF fumes or
Open the valve cover	the cover	liquid HF
➔ If the valve cover has been damaged during the accident and it cannot be opened manually :		
		Fire risk in case of HF
Cut off the valve cover with a grinder	grinder available by firemen	leak
		(release of H ₂)

After assessment of valves condition, go back to previous step (preparation before intervention).



TMD/HF/050 Sealing of the leak

AT ALL STAGES, APPROPRIATE PPE MUST BE WORN

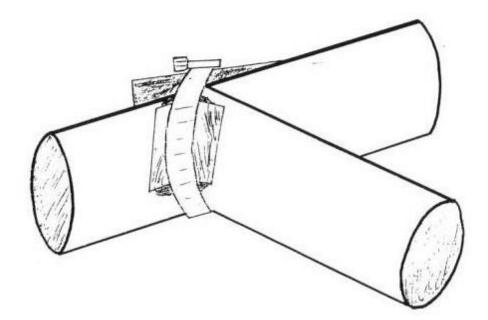
		ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
→	If possible, get access to the leak fr	om upwind		
→	• A leaking flange can possibly be sea	aled by:		
	Tightening the flange's bolts			
	Consider replacing the gasket if	possible		
	Capping the flange			
→	A leaking safety valve can possibly	be sealed by:		
	Capping the safety valve			
	Setting a bandage	See TMD/HF/051: Recommendation for setting a bandage		
→	A leak resulting from a puncture/ h	ole can possibly be sealed by:		
	Plugging the hole			
	Setting of bandage	See TMD/HF/051: Recommendation for setting a bandage		
	□ Setting of a sealing cushion	see TMD/HF/052: Setting of a sealing Cushion		
→	The sealing of the leak on the head	of the tank can be possible by:		
		s of a railcar a band with cushion may be impractical. Instead point welded to the head (on site) and thus allowing to apply high		

Move to TMD/HF/060: Decision transport/transfer



TMD/HF/051 RECOMMENDATION FOR SETTING A BANDAGE

TMD/HF/051Fig. 2: Recommendation for setting a bandage





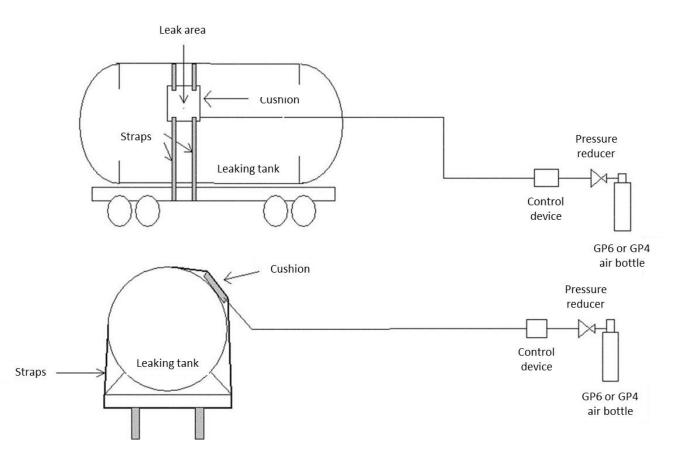
TMD/HF/051 Recommendation for setting a bandage

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
➔ Materials resistant to anhydro	ous HF:		
PTFE sheet (for liquid or gas	phase)		
Raw PTFE tape or cord form			
> Lead			
Viton			
Mastic (suitable depending)	of either liquid or gas phase)		
➔ Recommendations for setting	a PTFE sheet (or lead plate):		
Cut a piece of PTFE according to the hole size			
Apply mastic on the PTFE sheet			
□ Fix the sheet using either:	Fix the sheet using either:		
hose clamp			
metallic strapping roll			
inflatable cushion (see TMD/HF/052: Setting of a sealing cushion)			
Go back to the stage	TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak		



TMD/HF/052 SETTING OF A SEALING CUSHION

TMD/HF/052 Fig. 3: Setting of a sealing cushion





TMD/HF/052 Setting of a sealing cushion

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Install two straps on each side c	of the leak		
Position the cushion above the leakEnvironmental protectionImage: Description of the cushion above the leakImage: Description above the cushion above			Release of liquid or gaseous HF
Link the cushion to the straps by	y means of rings and spring hooks		
Place a piece of PTFE between the leak and the cushion	See Fig. 2 TMD/HF/051: Recommendation for setting a bandage		
Tighten the two straps with a ra	itchet tie-down		
Connect the pressure reducer device to the air cylinder (threaded coupling connection)			
Connect the control device to the pressure reducer (quick connection)			
Connect the cushion to the control device (quick connection)			
Inflate the cushion until the leak is sealed			
Go back to the stage	TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak		



TMD/HF/060 Decision transport/ transfer

AT ALL STAGES, APPROPRIATE PPE MUST BE WORN

The decision between transport and transfer will be taken together with the local authorities at the accident scene, taking into consideration several parameters, such as:

- Tank and trailer damage assessment
 - o crack, dent, score size, depth and distance to welds
 - o tightness
 - exposure to fire during the accident
 - o position after accident (upright, lying, upside down)
 - construction material & design, age
 - o condition of frame, drive, brakes, ...

o ...

- Location of the accident scene
 - o proximity of residential area
 - \circ proximity of river, lake, drinking water pumping station
 - $\circ~$ accessibility for crane or truck
 - nature of soil (clay, sand, rock, ...)
 - o ...
- Distance to the closest suitable industrial facility
- Availability of suitable receiving tank
- Others

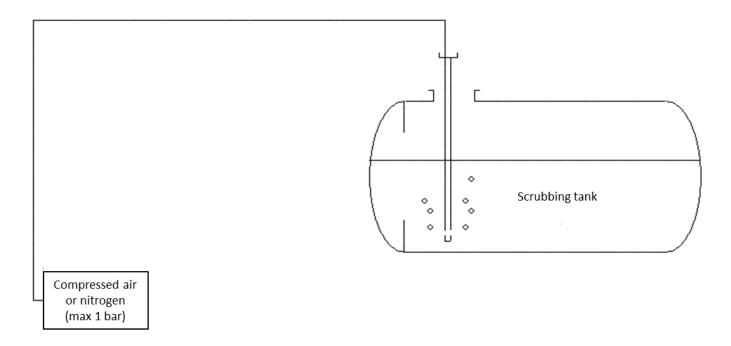
If the decision is to transfer the content of the tank, move up to the stage TMD/HF/070: Preparation of the scrubbing tank

If the decision is to transport the damaged tank, move up to the stage TMD/HF/200: Transport of the damaged tank



TMD/HF/070 Preparation of the scrubbing tank

TMD/HF/070 Fig. 4: Preparation of the scrubbing tank





TMD/HF/070 Preparation of the scrubbing tank

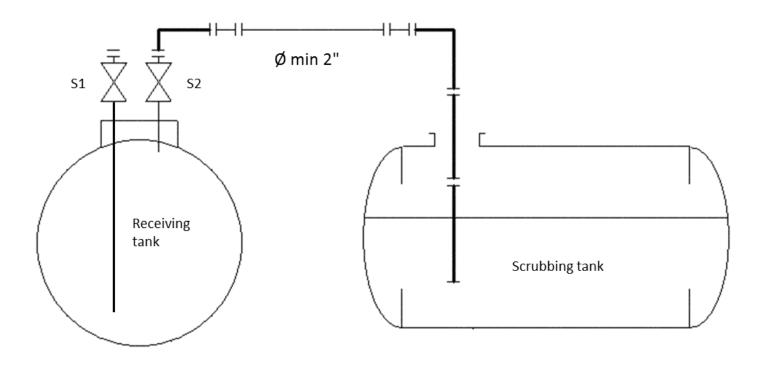
	ACTIONS	OBSERVATIONS	DANGER
Use a chemical tank, preferentially plastic or lined, manhole fitted with a dip pipe		If no dip pipe available, make one	
Observation : If it is impossible to obt could be used	ain a chemical tank, a plastic pool of at least 3,000 litters	Inflatable pool generally available by firemen	
Fill up the tank with water			
Create an air injection with the ta	nk's dip pipe		
Connect the air hose of the comp	ressed air or nitrogen to the dip pipe		
	ny other neutralizing agent (refer to document "AHF/HF rofluor.org) inside the tank, wearing gloves and goggles	As a guidance use 1,000 kg of CaCO3 for a 20 m3 tank	
Check the dip pipe is properly atta supply	ached to the tank and start the compressed air/nitrogen		
Let the carbonate dissolve in wate	er, stirring with the air/nitrogen injection		
Stop the air/nitrogen supply			
Disconnect the hose of the compr	ressed air/nitrogen supply from the dip pipe		
Prepare equipment to spray water on the scrubbing tank during the venting of AHF/HF		The purpose is to limit the temperature increase (exothermic absorption of AHF/HF)	
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/080: Venting of receiving tank		



TMD/HF/080 Venting of the receiving tank

TMD/HF/080 Fig. 5: Connecting and venting

AT ALL STAGES, APPROPRIATE PPE MUST BE WORN



S1 is a liquid phase valve and S2 a gas phase valve.



TMD/HF/080 Connecting and venting

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
 Use a receiving tank suitable for HF transport with a capacity at least equal to the damaged tank. In this checklist and associated drawings, S1 is a liquid phase valve and S2 a gas phase valve. However, the receiving tank will preferably be equipped with two gas phase valves: in that case S1 will also be a gas phase valve in order to avoid possible backflow of AHF/HF 		see Eurofluor's "Recommendation on transport, distribution and handling of AHF/HF" for suitable HF tank	
Open the valve cover of	f the receiving tank		
Check that valve S2 of	the receiving tank (vapour phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flang	e on valve S2		
Connect the valve S2 to	o the dip pipe of the scrubbing tank using hoses and/or PTFE-lined pipes	Ø minimum 2" Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
Open the valve S2		Vent in case of potential overpressure of the receiving tank	
→ If the pressurization of	of the damaged tank is possible		
Upright damaged tank	See TMD/HF/090: Unloading by pressure (upright)	Good condition of tank/ leak	
Lying damaged tank	See TMD/HF/100: Unloading by pressure (lying)	sealed	



		ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
➔ If the pressurization of the damaged tank is impossible		Badly damaged tank/ tank with leakage/ leak sealed with plugs and paste		
Close the valve S2				
Remove the connection between the valve S2 and the scrubbing tank				
	 Upright damaged tank Lying damaged tank 	See TMD/HF/110: Unloading by pumping (upright) See TMD/HF/120: Unloading by pumping (lying)		



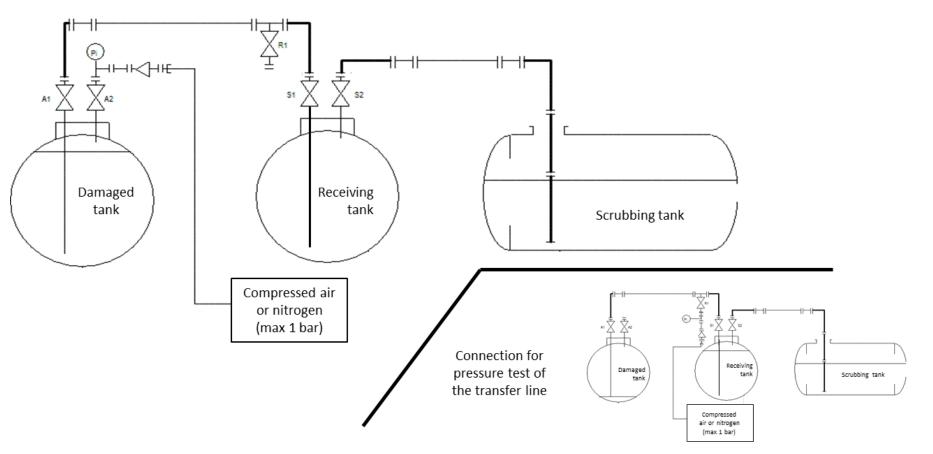
TMD/HF/090 Unloading of the damaged tank by pressure (upright tank)

- For Connecting: move up to stage TMD/HF/091
- For Unloading: move up to stage TMD/HF/092
- For Disconnecting: move up to stage **TMD/HF/093**



TMD/HF/091 CONNECTING

TMD/HF/091 Fig. 6: Connecting





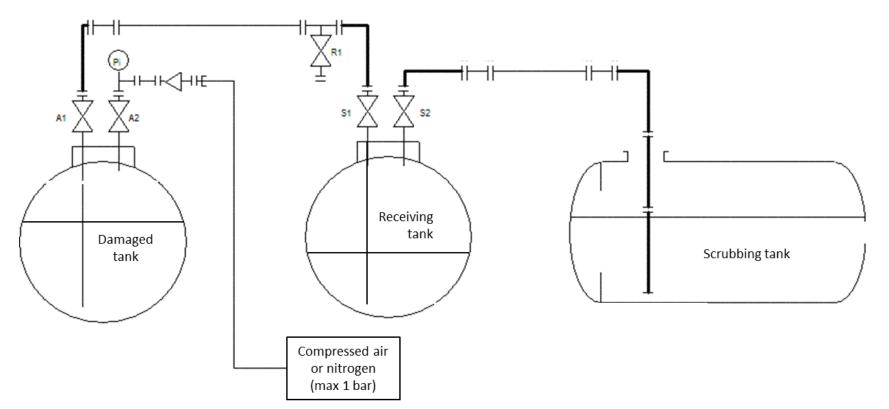
TMD/HF/091 Connecting

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check that valve S1 of the r	eceiving tank (liquid phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange va	lve S1		
Install a hose on the value S	51		
Open the valve cover of the	e damaged tank		
Check that valve A1 of the o	damaged tank (liquid phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange on	valve A1		
Install a hose on the value A	A1		
Make a connection betwee pressure test)	n these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T-piece and valve R1 (for	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
-	nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of air/nitrogen supply hose) e connection. If tight, disconnect the compressed air/nitrogen supply from R1.		
Check that valve A2 of the o	damaged tank (gas phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange on	valve A2		
Install the compressed air/i supply) on A2	nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen		
Check that valve R1 is close	d		
Check the presence of the blind flange on valve R1			
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/092: Unloading		



TMD/HF/092 UNLOADING

TMD/HF/092 Fig. 7: Unloading





TMD/HF/092 Unloading

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Start the compressed air/nitrogen supply and check that valve S2 is open		
Open the valve S1 of the receiving tank		
Open the valve A1 of the damaged tank		
Open the valve A2 of the damaged tank		
 HF TRANSFER BEGINS AND MAY LAST FOR A FEW HOURS Monitor the temperature in the scrubbing tank (heat of neutralization of H ➢ If the temperature increases too much, slow down the transfer. Also monitor the pH of the neutralizing solution (must remain alkaline): ➢ add calcium carbonate if necessary (as pH drops) 	lF fumes):	
Wait for the pressure drop on the manometer (end of the transfer) and continue blowing the lines for about 10 minutes		
Close valve S1		
Close valve A2		
Remove the blind flange on valve R1		
Open cautiously and close the valve R1 to check the end of the transfer	Only gas may be expected to escape from the valve	AHF/HF fumes or liquid AHF/HF

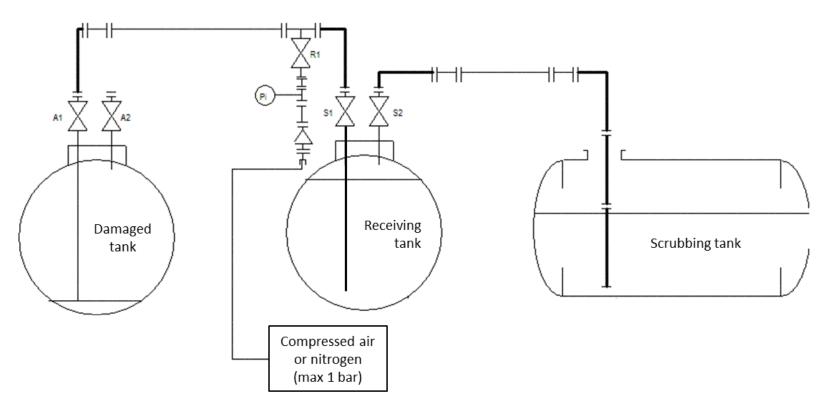


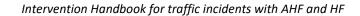
	A	CTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
	If no liquid drains from R1, stop	o the compressed air/nitrogen supply	Otherwise open valves A2 and S1 and go on blowing the lines	If S1 is a liquid phase valve with a dip pipe, beware of possible backflow of AHF/HF when the compressed air/nitrogen supply is off
	Close the valve A1		A slight pressure will remain in the damaged tank	
Release the pressure in the compressed air/nitrogen supply hose				
	Disconnect the compressed air/nitrogen supply from valve A2			
	Reinstall the blind flange on valve A2			
	Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/093: Disconnecting		



TMD/HF/093 DISCONNECTING

TMD/HF/093 Fig. 8: Disconnecting







TMD/HF/093 Disconnecting

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Open the valve R1 in order	r to depressurize the pipe	HF gas possible	
Close the valve R1			
Remove the connection be the receiving tank	etween the valve A1 of the damaged tank and the valve S1 of	HF gas possible	
Reinstall the blind flange c	on the valve A1		
Reinstall the blind flange c	on the valve S1		
Close the valve S2 of the re	eceiving tank		
Remove the connection be	etween the valve S2 and the scrubbing tank		
Reinstall the blind flange of	on the valve S2		
Close the manhole of the s	scrubbing tank		
Clean hoses, pipes and val at the plant site	ves in a container with carbonate solution and treat it correctly	If not available, flush with water and discharge in an appropriate waste water treatment facility	
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/130: Final Steps		



TMD/HF/100 Unloading of the damaged tank by pressure (lying tank)

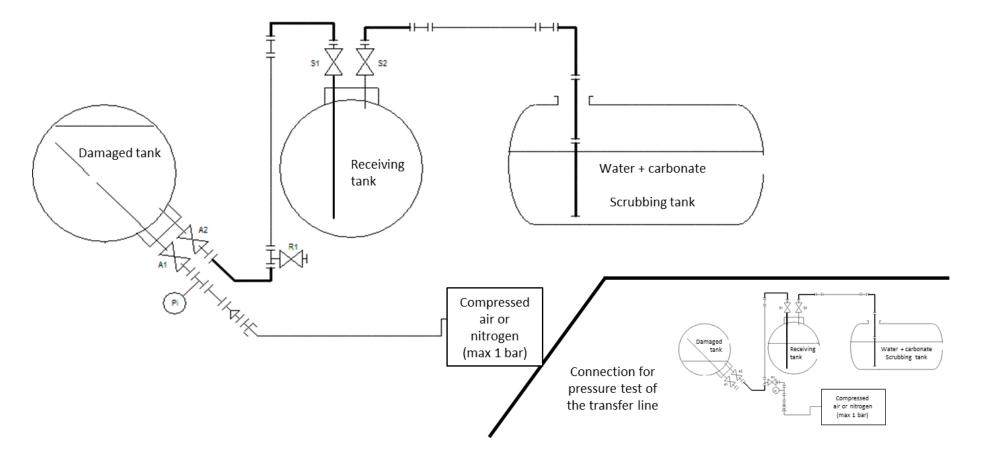
- If the tank is lying at 90°:
 - Transfer the maximum of acid according to the following procedure
 - Lift the tank with the help of a jack or a crane in order to empty out a maximum of liquid and then try to put the tank in the upright position

For Connecting:	move up to stage TMD/HF/101
For Unloading:	move up to stage TMD/HF/102
For Disconnecting:	move up to stage TMD/HF/103



TMD/HF/101 CONNECTING

TMD/HF/101 Fig. 9: Connecting





TMD/HF/101 Connecting

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check that valve S1 of the receiving tank (liquid phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange valve S1		
Install a hose on the valve S1		
Open the valve cover of the damaged tank		
Check that valve A2 of the damaged tank (gas phase) is closed	If the tank is upside down, its gas phase valve is actually in the liquid HF phase	
Remove the blind flange on valve A2		
Install a hose on the valve A2		
Make a connection between these hoses using steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T- piece and valve R1 (for pressure test)	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
 Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen supply) on R1 and pressure test the connection. If tight, disconnect the air/nitrogen supply from R1. 		
Check that valve A1 of the damaged tank (liquid phase) is closed	If the tank is upside down, the dip pipe of the liquid phase valve is actually in the AHF/HF vapour phase	
Remove the blind flange on valve A1		



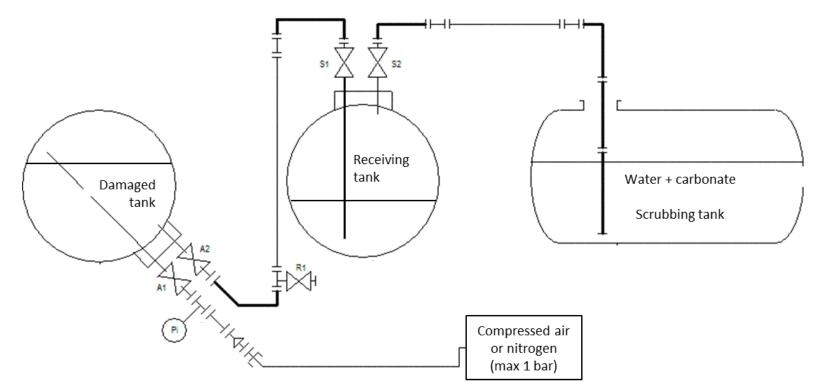
	ACTIONS		DANGER
Install the compressed air/nit compressed air/nitrogen sup	rogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of bly) on A1		
Check that valve R1 is closed			
Check the presence of the blind flange on valve R1			
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/102: Unloading		



TMD/HF/102 UNLOADING

TMD/HF/102 Fig. 10: Unloading







TMD/HF/102 Unloading

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER		
Check that valve S2 of the receiving tank is open				
Open the valve S1 of the receiving tank				
Open the valve A2 of the damaged tank				
Start compressed air/nitrogen supply				
Open the valve A1 of the damaged tank				
HF TRANSFER BEGINS AND MAY LAST FOR A FEW HOURS				
Monitor the temperature in the scrubbing tank (heat of neutralization of H	IF gas):			
If the temperature increases too much, slow down the transfer.				
Also monitor the pH of the neutralizing solution (must remain alkaline):	Also monitor the pH of the neutralizing solution (must remain alkaline):			
Add calcium carbonate if necessary (as pH drops).				
Wait for the pressure drop with the manometer (end of the transfer) and continue blowing the lines for about 10 minutes				
Close valve S1				
Close valve A1				
Remove the blind flange on valve R1				
Open cautiously and close the valve R1 to check the end of the transfer	Only gas may be expected to escape from the valve			



	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
If no liquid drains from R1, sto	on the compressed air/nitrogen supply	Otherwise open valves A1 and S1 and go on blowing the lines	If S1 is a liquid phase valve, beware of possible backflow of HF when the compressed air/nitrogen supply is off
Close the valve A2		A slight pressure will remain in the damaged tank	
□ Release the pressure in the hose of the compressed air/nitrogen supply			
Disconnect the compressed air/nitrogen supply from valve A1			
Reinstall the blind flange on valve A1			
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/103: Disconnecting		



TMD/HF/103 DISCONNECTING

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Open the valve R1 in order	to depressurize the pipe	HF gas possible	
Close the valve R1			
Remove the connection be of the receiving tank	tween the valve A2 of the damaged tank and the valve S1	HF gas possible	
Reinstall the blind flange or	n the valve A2		
Reinstall the blind flange or	n the valve S1		
Close the valve S2 of the re	ceiving tank		
Remove the connection be	tween the valve S2 and the scrubbing tank		
Reinstall the blind flange or	n the valve S2		
Close the manhole of the se	crubbing tank		
Clean hoses, pipes and valv correctly at the plant site	ves in a container with carbonate solution and treat it	If not available, flush with water and discharge in an appropriate waste water treatment facility	
Check that valves A1 and A	2 are correctly closed		
Check the presence of the	blind flange on valves A1 and A2		
Lift the tank with the help of	of jack or cranes to put it back in upright position		
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/090: Unloading by pressure (upright)	And continue unloading according to TMD/HF/090	



TMD/HF/110 Unloading of the damaged tank by pumping (upright tank)

For Connecting:	move up to stage TMD/HF/111
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For Unloading:

move up to stage TMD/HF/112

move up to stage TMD/HF/113

For Priming of the pump:

For Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid): move up to stage **TMD/HF/114**

For Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas): move up to stage TMD/HF/115

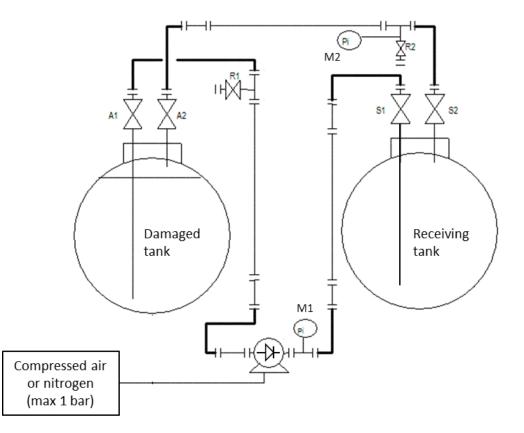
For Disconnecting:

move up to stage TMD/HF/116



TMD/HF/111 CONNECTING

TMD/HF/111 Fig. 11: Connecting





TMD/HF/111 Connecting

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check that valve S2 of the receiving tank (gas phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange valve and install a hose on the valve S2		
Open the valve cover of the damaged tank		
Check that valve A2 of the damaged tank is closed (gas phase valve)		
Remove the blind flange and install a hose on the valve A2 of the damaged tank		
Make a connection between these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T- piece, manometer M2 and valve R2 (for pressure test)	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
Check that valve S1 of the receiving tank (liquid phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange valve and install a hose on the valve S1		
Install a hose on the discharge flange of the pump		
Make a connection between these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T- piece and manometer M1	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
Check that valve A1 of the damaged tank (liquid phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange and install a hose on the valve A1 of the damaged tank		
Install a hose on the suction flange of the pump		
Make a connection between these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T- piece and valve R1 (for pressure test)	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	

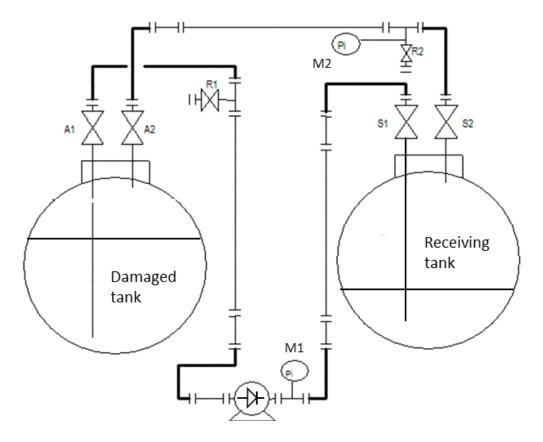


	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
-	<pre>hir/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of n supply) on R1 and pressure test the connection. If tight, gen supply from R1.</pre>		
Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen supply) on R2 and pressure test the connection. If tight, disconnect the air/nitrogen supply from R2.			
Connect the hose of the compressed air/nitrogen supply to the pump			
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/112: Unloading		



TMD/HF/112 UNLOADING

TMD/HF/112 Fig. 12: Unloading





TMD/HF/112 Unloading

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check that valve R1 is closed		
Check the presence of the blind flange on valve R1		
Check that valve R2 is closed and check the presence of its blind flange		
Open the valve A1 of the damaged tank		
Open the valve S1 of the receiving tank		
Open the valve S2 of the receiving tank		
Start the pump		
Check the correct operation of the pump	Listen to the sound of the pump	
If the pump doesn't prime: move up to TMD/HF/113: Priming of the Pump		
If the pump primes: open quickly the valve A2 of the damaged tank	Risk of further damage of the tank due to vacuum	
HF TRANSFER BEGINS AND MAY LAST FOR A FEW HOURS		
Control the manometer M2:		
If it shows an overpressure or a vacuum, stop the pump and check the correct operation of valves A2 and S2		
A pressure drop on the manometer M1 will indicate the end of the transfer	Listen to the sound of the pump	
Close the valve S1 about 10 minutes after the pressure drop		



ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Stop the pump		
Close the valve S2		
Close the valve A1		
Close the valve A2		
Move up to the stage TMD/HF/114: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid phase pipe)		



TMD/HF/113 PRIMING OF THE PUMP

AT ALL STAGES, APPROPRIATE PPE MUST BE WORN

The priming of the pump may need the pressurization (about 1 bar) of the damaged tank during a relatively short time.

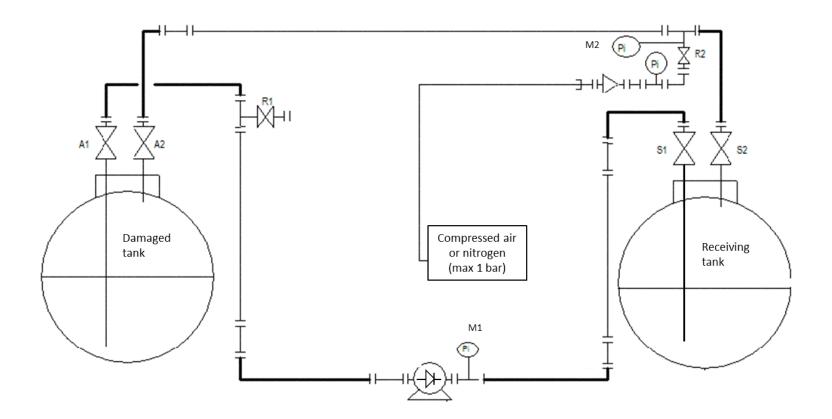
A mobile scrubbing system and/or vacuum system should be prepared to collect and neutralize HF gas in case a leak appears during the pressurization.

- If the leak has been sealed in a temporary way (plug, paste, etc...):
 - Prepare water curtains close to the tank in case of a failure of the sealing device during the priming phase.
- If the leak has not been sealed:
 - Prepare additional water curtains close to the leak (quickly increasing HF emissions) during the priming phase.



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TMD/HF/113 Fig. 13: Priming of the pump





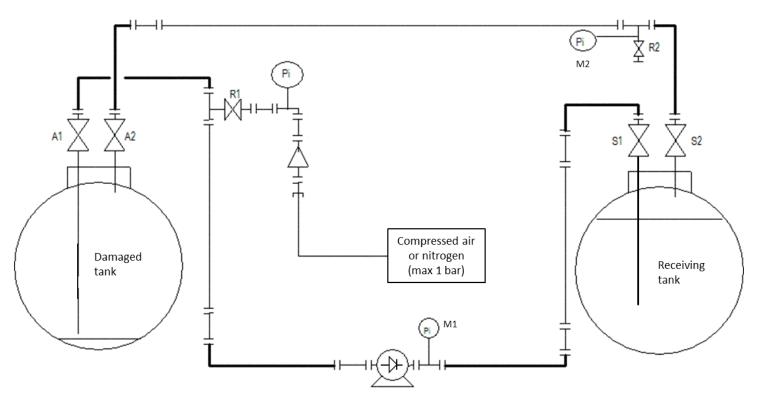
TMD/HF/113 Priming of the pump

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen) on R2		
Start the compressed air/nitrogen supply and open the valves in the hose connected to R2		
Close the valve S2 of the receiving tank		
Open the valve A2 of the damaged tank		
Open cautiously the valve R2 until the priming of the pump	The pressure in M2 must not exceed 1 bar	
Close the valve R2		
Open the valve S2		
Stop the compressed air/nitrogen supply		
Disconnect the compressed air/nitrogen supply from the valve R2		
 Move to the previous step at stage or TMD/HF/112: Unloading (upright) TMD/HF/122: Unloading (lying) 		



TMD/HF/114 SWEEPING UP AND CLEANING OF THE PIPES (LIQUID)

TMD/HF/114 Fig. 14: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid)





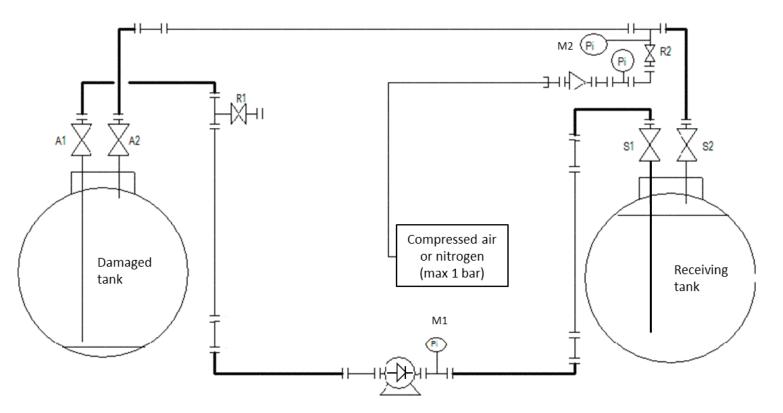
TMD/HF/114Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid)

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Remove the blind flange on valve R1		
Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen) on R1		
Open the valve S1 of the receiving tank		
Start the compressed air/nitrogen supply		
Open the valve R1		
Blow the pipe for a few minutes		
Close the valve S1		
Open the valve A1 of the damaged tank		
Blow the pipe for a few minutes		
Close the valve A1		
Close the valve R1		
Stop the compressed air/nitrogen supply		
Release the pressure in the hose of the compressed air/nitrogen supply		
Disconnect the compressed air/nitrogen supply from valve R1		
Open the valve R1 to depressurize the pipe		
Close the valve R1 and reinstall its blind flange		
□ Move up to the stage TMD/HF/115: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas)		



TMD/HF/115 SWEEPING UP AND CLEANING OF THE PIPES (GAS)

TMD/HF/115 Fig. 15: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas)





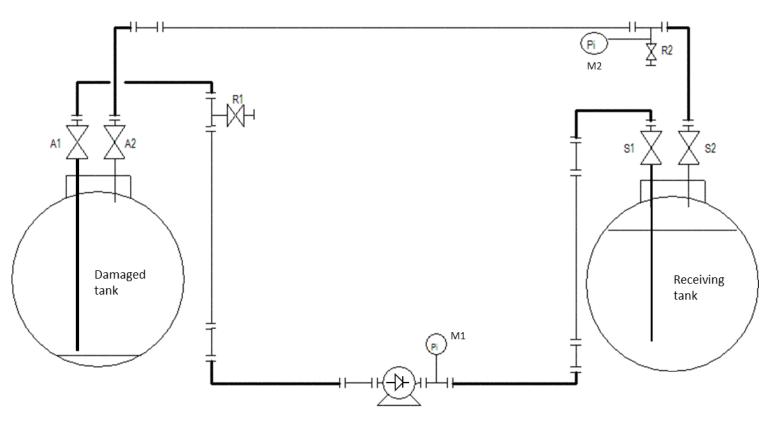
TMD/HF/115 Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas)

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Install the compressed air/nitr	Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve) on R2		
Open the valve A2 of the damaged tank			
Generation Start the compressed air/nitro	gen supply		
Open the valve R2			
Blow the pipe for a few minute	es		
Close the valve A2			
Open the valve S2 of the received	ving tank		
Blow the pipe for a few minute	es		
Close the valve S2			
Close the valve R2			
□ Stop the compressed air/nitro	gen supply		
Release the pressure in the ho	se of the compressed air/nitrogen supply		
Disconnect the compressed ai	r/nitrogen supply from valve R2		
Open the valve R2 to depressu	Open the valve R2 to depressurize the pipe		
Close again the valve S2	Close again the valve S2		
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/116: Disconnecting		



TMD/HF/116 DISCONNECTING

TMD/HF/116 Fig. 16: Disconnecting





TMD/HF/116 Disconnecting

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Remove the connection between the valve A2 of the damaged tank and the valve S2 of the receiving tank			
Reinstall the blind flange c	on valve A2		
Reinstall the blind flange c	on valve S2		
Remove the connection be suction of the pump	etween the valve A1 of the damaged tank and the		
Reinstall the blind flange c	on valve A1		
Remove the connection be discharge of the pump	etween the valve S1 of the receiving tank and the		
Reinstall the blind flange of	on valve S1		
Clean hoses, pipes and val it correctly at the plant site	ves in a container with carbonate solution and treat e	If not available, flush with water and discharge in appropriate waste water treatment facility	
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/130: Final Steps		



TMD/HF/120 Unloading of the damaged tank by pumping (lying tank)

- If the tank is lying at above 90°:
 - Transfer the maximum of acid according to the following procedure
 - Lift the tank with the help of jack or a crane in order to empty out the maximum of liquid and then try to put the tank in the upright position

For Connecting: move up to stage TMD/HF/121

For Unloading:

move up to stage TMD/HF/122

For Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid): move up to stage TMD/HF/123

For Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas): move up to stage TMD/HF/124

For Disconnecting:

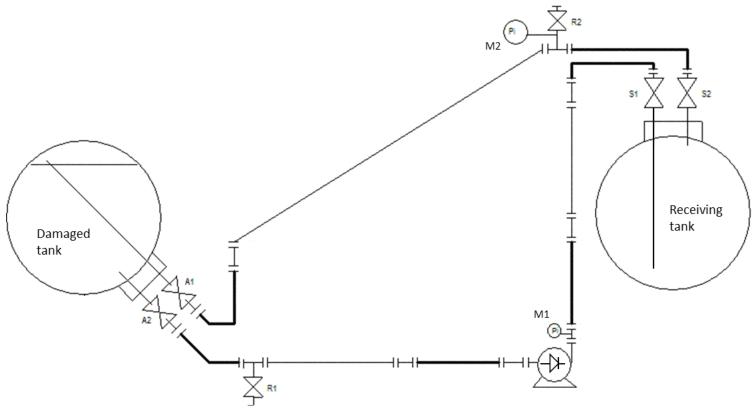
move up to stage TMD/HF/125



TMD/HF/121 CONNECTING

TMD/HF/121 Fig. 17: Connecting







TMD/HF/121 Connecting

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check that valve S2 of the receiving tank (gas phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange and install a hose on the valve S2		
Open the valve cover of the damaged tank		
Check that valve A1 of the damaged tank is closed (liquid phase valve)	If the tank is upside down, the dip pipe of its liquid phase valve is actually in the gas phase	
Remove the blind flange and install a hose on the valve A1		
 Make a connection between these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T-piece, manometer M2 and valve R2 (for pressure test) 	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
Check that valve S1 of the receiving tank (liquid phase) is closed		
Remove the blind flange and install a hose on the valve S1		
Install a hose on the discharge flange of the pump		
 Make a connection between these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T-piece and manometer M1 	Material suitable for AHF or aqueous HF	
Check that valve A2 of the damaged tank (gas phase) is closed	If the tank is upside down, its gas phase valve is actually in the liquid HF phase	
Remove the blind flange and install a hose on the valve A2		
Install a hose on the suction flange of the pump		





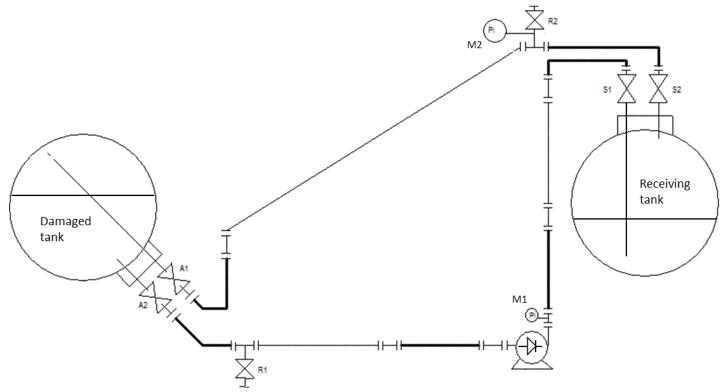
	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Make a connection between these hoses using a steel or PTFE-lined pipe, with a T-piece and valve R1 (for pressure test)			
Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen) on R1 and pressure test the connection. If tight, disconnect the compressed air/nitrogen supply from R1.			
Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve and hose of compressed air/nitrogen) on R2 and pressure test the connection. If tight, disconnect the air supply from R2.			
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/122: Unloading		



TMD/HF/122 UNLOADING

TMD/HF/122 Fig. 18: Unloading







TMD/HF/122 Unloading

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Check that valve R1 is closed		
Check the presence of the blind flange on valve R1		
Check that valve R2 is closed and check the presence of its blind flange		
Open the valve A2 of the damaged tank		
Open the valve S1 of the receiving tank		
Open the valve S2 of the receiving tank		
Start the pump		
Check the correct operation of the pump	Listen to the sound of the pump	
If the pump doesn't prime: move up to TMD/HF/113: Priming of the Pump		
If the pump primes: open quickly the valve A1 of the damaged tank	Risk of further damage of the tank due to vacuum	
HF TRANSFER BEGINS AND MAY LAST FOR A FEW HOURS		
Control the manometer M2:		
If it shows an overpressure or a vacuum, stop the pump and check the correlation	ect operation of valves A2 and S2	
A pressure drop on the manometer M1 will indicate the end of the transfer	Listen to the sound of the pump	
Close the valve S1 about 10 minutes after the pressure drop		

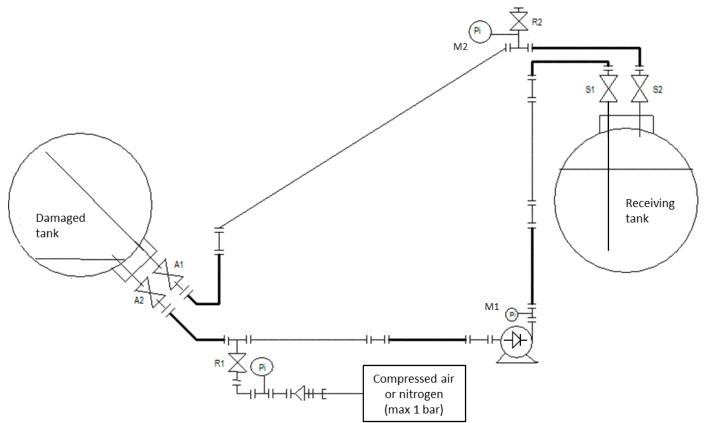


	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Stop the pump			
Close the valve S2			
Close the valve A2			
Close the valve A1			
Move up to the stage TMD/HF/123: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid)			



TMD/HF/123 SWEEPING UP AND CLEANING OF THE PIPES (LIQUID)

TMD/HF/123 Fig. 19: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid)





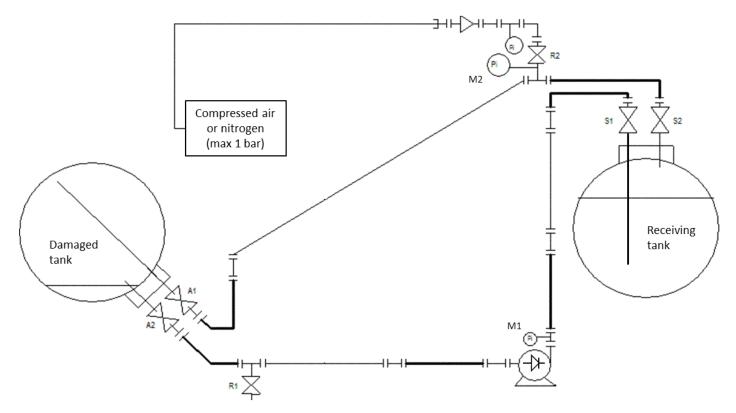
TMD/HF/123 Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (liquid)

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Remove the blind flange on valve R1			
Install the compressed air/nitrogen supply (manometer, check-valve) on R1			
Open the valve S1 of the re	eceiving tank		
Start the compressed air/n	itrogen supply		
Open the valve R1			
Blow the pipe for a few mir	nutes		
Close the valve S1			
Open the valve A2 of the data	amaged tank		
Blow the pipe for a few mir	nutes		
Close the valve A2			
Close the valve R1			
Stop the compressed air/ni	itrogen supply		
Disconnect the compressed	d air/nitrogen supply from valve R1		
Open the valve R1 to depressurize the pipe			
Close the valve R1 and rein	stall its blind flange		
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/124: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas)		



TMD/HF/124 SWEEPING UP AND CLEANING OF THE PIPES (GAS)

TMD/HF/124 Fig. 20: Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas)





TMD/HF/124 Sweeping up and cleaning of the pipes (gas)

	ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Install the compressed air/nitr	ogen supply (manometer, check-valve) on R2		
Open the valve A1 of the dam.	aged tank		
General Start the compressed air/nitro	gen supply		
Open the valve R2			
Blow the pipe for a few minut	es		
Close the valve A1			
Open the valve S2 of the recei	ving tank		
Blow the pipe for a few minut	es		
Close the valve S2			
Close the valve R2			
□ Stop the compressed air/nitro	gen supply		
Disconnect the compressed ai	r/nitrogen supply from valve R2		
Open the valve R2 to depressurize the pipe			
Close again the valve R2 and re-install its blind flange			
Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/125: Disconnecting		



TMD/HF/125 DISCONNECTING

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
Open the valve R1 in order to depressurize the pipe	HF gas possible	
Close the valve R1		
Remove the connection between the valve A2 of the damaged tank and the suction sid the pump	de of HF gas possible	
Reinstall the blind flange on the valve A2		
Remove the connection between the valve S1 of the receiving tank and the discharge s of the pump	HF gas possible	
Reinstall the blind flange on the valve S1		
Close the valve S2 of the receiving tank		
Remove the connection between the valve S2 and the valve A1 of the damaged tank		
Reinstall the blind flange on the valves A1 and S2		
Clean hoses, pipes and valves in a container with carbonate solution and treat it correc the plant site	ctly at If not available, flush with water and discharge in an appropriate water treatment facility	
Check that valves A1 and A2 are correctly closed		
Check the presence of the blind flange on valves A1 and A2		
Lift the tank with the help of jack or cranes to put it back in upright position		



Move up to the stage	TMD/HF/110: Unloading of the damaged tank by pumping	And continue unloading	
	(upright tank)	according to TMD/HF/110	



TMD/HF/130 Final steps

ACTIONS	COMMENTS	DANGER
In case of potential soil contamination, in agreement with authorities, consider any remediation of the ground		
Neutralize and clean equipment and protective suits		
Repatriate all tanks and the equipment		



TMD/HF/200Transport of the full damaged tank (not
transloaded)

AT ALL STAGES, APPROPRIATE PPE MUST BE WORN

The damaged tank will be transported to the closest suitable industrial facility, preferentially in upright position (valves in gas phase). Local authorities will organize security during transportation.

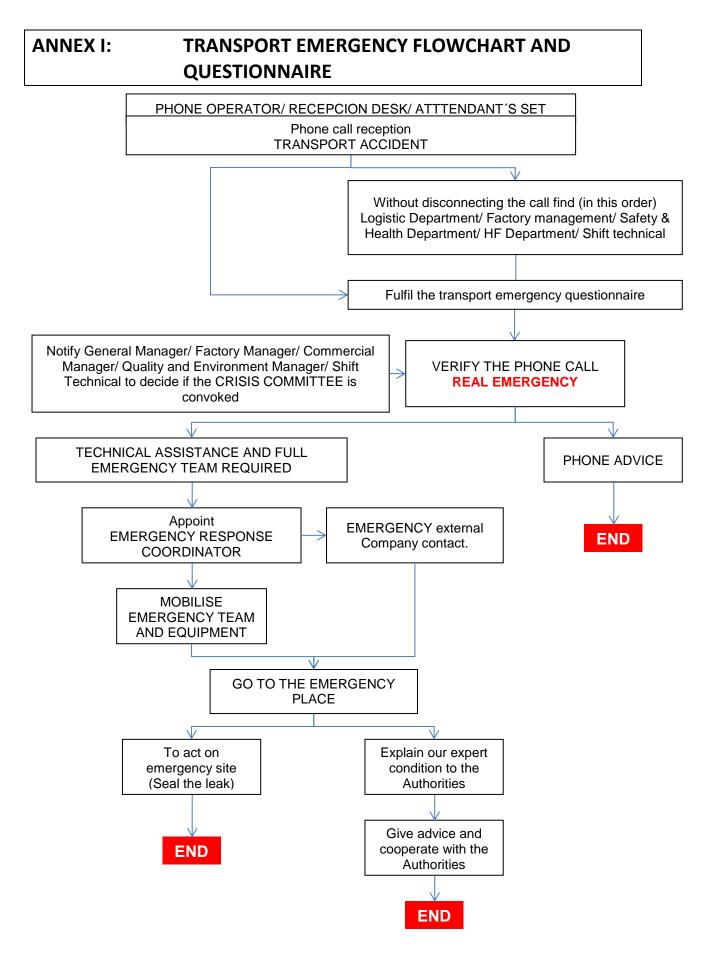
It is strongly recommended to escort the damaged tank during transportation. In case a leak occurs during transportation, all the necessary equipment has to be prepared to face the situation:

- suitable PPE
- neutralization agent
- equipment to seal the leak
- equipment to transfer the product

If a leak occurs during transportation, move up to the stage

TMD/HF/050: Sealing of the leak







1. WHO IS CALLING?

Name and Surname

Address

Phone number where the caller can be located

Job title, company, Official Agency

Who has been informed of the accident (press/ local administration...?)

Date and hour

2. ACCIDENT LOCATION

Date and hour

In which road? Kilometre point? Direction of the traffic?

Town, nearest town, province

Train kilometre point

Nearest Train station

Accessibility

3. ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT

Driver Health Status (conscious/ unconscious, injured...)

Is there any people injured?

Which kind of injures?



Do you know which product is?

Can you see the UN number? What is the UN number? UN1790 (Aqueous HF), UN 1052 (AHF)

And the Labels?

Kind of vessel? (tank, tank container, drum, jerrican...)

Is there any leak?

Do you see fumes? Do you see Liquid?

What kind of accident was it? (Truck breakdown/ dump truck/ output road/ loss of load...)

Is there any fire in the surroundings?

Situation of the truck (road/ shoulder/ landfill etc...)

Weather conditions (rain, snow, fog, wind)

The area has been sealed off?

Is there the Traffic Police on the scene?

Are there the Firemen on the scene?

Others:

