# Eliminating Gas Preheat in Pressure Reduction

**Universal Vortex, Inc. (UVI)** offers patented and proprietary products and technologies that provide the natural gas, CNG, LNG, and industrial gas industries with non-freeze high pressure reduction solutions. These innovative solutions secure energy savings and eliminate greenhouse gas emissions; they also improve the reliability of gas supply.

The technique is based on the use of the vortex phenomenon taking place in the patented Self-Heating Dual and Single Flow Vortex Tubes.

#### Self-Heating Pressure Reducers

### The Vortex Tube



#### The Single Flow Vortex Tube



The vortex tube (VT) generates cooling and heating duty as a result of routine pressure reductions in expanding gas. In UVI's patented VT design, a portion of the generated hot gas internally applied to warm the VT inlet nozzle (*non freeze provision!*). This makes the VT a *self-heating pressure reducer*.

The self- heating design allows for using the VT to serve as a primary non-freeze pressure reducer, **thus eliminating the need for upstream gas preheat**; Additional benefit is the availability of **free cooling and heating load to be utilized for technical needs**.

#### **UVI's Primary Product Applications:**

#### **Gas Production and Gathering:**

 Vortex Wellhead Choke- Wellhead gas thermal conditioning to prevent hydrocarbon vapor condensation in gas gathering lines.

#### **Gas Processing:**

Vortex Hydrocarbons Recovery- Replaces JT valve at JT Plants.
Yields up to 8% increase in NGLs, decreases size and cost of installation and operation.

#### **Power Generation:**

- Vortex Turbine Fuel Gas Thermal Conditioning technology to eliminate the need for conventional fuel gas preheat in pressure regulation.
- Vortex Pressure to Power/Turbo-Expansion.

#### **Gas Transmission & Distribution:**

- Vortex Pressure Regulation Station- Eliminate upstream gas preheat.
- Vortex Pilot Gas Heater- Reliable and thermally efficient alternative to catalytic heaters.

#### CNG:

- Vortex Pressure Reduction Station- Eliminate gas/electric boilers from pressure letdown station.
- Vortex Cooling System- Replace chillers or support chillers in gas cooling during compression/filling process.

#### Liquid Industrial gases, LPG/LNG:

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 Vortex Vaporization- Reduce energy consumption in liquefied gas vaporization.



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## **CNG** Decompression



- Completely eliminate gas preheat boilers
- No CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or gas consumption
- No limitation on flow rate
- Increased reliability and safety

## **Vortex Pilot Gas Heaters**



- Eliminates catalytic heaters
- No moving parts, no energy consumption
- No maintenance, ever!

# Vortex Cooling System for CNG Compression



- Eliminates or supplements chillers
- Up to 67°C colder than compressor outlet
- No moving parts!

AND MUCH MORE! See reverse side for more info!

Over 4,500 Installations Worldwide!

**Vortex Pilot Gas Heaters at High Volume PRS** 



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