AMMONIA

Production, storage, distribution and conversion back to hydrogen

Overview

Ammonia is a global commodity that is produced at large scale in a relatively small number of plants. It is most commonly used as a chemical feedstock for nitrogen fertiliser and as a refrigerant, but in future may also see increased usage as a fuel for instance in maritime applications. Ammonia is a gas but readily condenses at relatively mild pressures or temperatures. At atmospheric pressures it liquefies at –33°C; at 20°C it condenses at 8.5 bar absolute pressure. This makes it easy to transport as a high density liquid and it is for this reason that it is an attractive candidate as a hydrogen carrier, avoiding many of the engineering challenges associated with compressing or liquefying and storing molecular hydrogen gas.

Large scale production of ammonia is typically through the Haber-Bosch process, which combines nitrogen gas from air and hydrogen at high temperature and pressure. Current ammonia production methods are highly energy intensive and generate significant emissions, 90% of which are associated with the hydrogen production which is often done through natural gas reforming without CCUS (grey hydrogen) or even coal gasification (brown hydrogen). If electrolytic (green) or low carbon (blue) hydrogen is used, the emissions associated with the ammonia production will drop considerably. This hydrogen is typically then combined with Nitrogen from the air in the Haber-Bosch reaction. Although other routes, such as electrochemical reactions, are under consideration.

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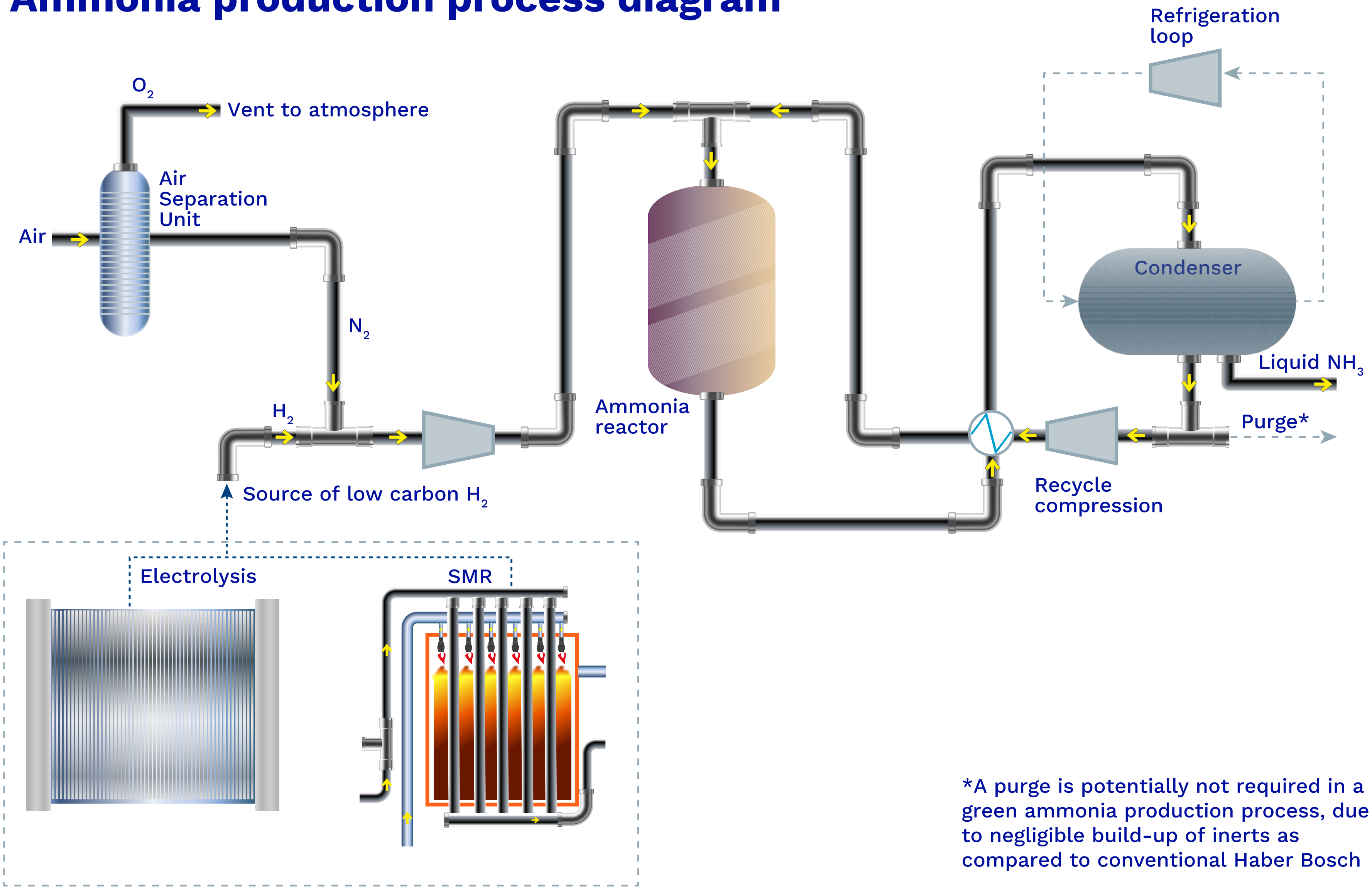
Ammonia production process diagram



*A purge is potentially not required in a green ammonia production process, due to negligible build-up of inerts as compared to conventional Haber Bosch

Ammonia Production – Feedstock

Hydrogen supply

Green or low carbon ammonia must use a low carbon source of hydrogen. This can either be produced via electrolysis using renewables, or SMR with carbon capture. Hydrogen can either be produced onsite as part of the overall process, or externally supplied, although security of a continual supply is essential to optimally run the Haber Bosch process, so pipeline connection and buffer storage would be preferred. Onsite production offers the potential for extensive process integration, as is currently the case for conventional Haber-Bosch. A high purity hydrogen feed is required to avoid catalyst poisoning during the ammonia reaction.

Nitrogen supply – air separation

In many traditional Haber-Bosch processes nitrogen for the ammonia reaction is provided during the front-end process, that is, the hydrogen production step, in the form of air for the reforming reactions. In a green ammonia process however, pure nitrogen is preferably supplied through an Air Separation Unit. This is typically achieved through a cryogenic fractional distillation process, but could alternatively be achieved through pressure or vacuum pressure swing adsorption (PSA and VPSA) or membrane separation. Adsorption or membrane processes would be particularly well suited to small scale production plants, where the capital cost of cryogenic distillation would be prohibitive and assuming they can achieve the required nitrogen purity levels.

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Ammonia Production – Feedstock

Hydrogen Supply

Sub-Components	Material	Specifications
Hydrogen storage tanks		
Compressors		
High pressure pipework and fittings suitable for hydrogen	Stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L
Gauges and pressure control system		
Temperature control and sensing		
Actuatued shut off valves	Stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L
Non-return valves	Stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L
Isolation valves	Stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L
Quick release couplers or similar for external supply interfacing	Stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L
Flexible tubes for hydrogen transfer	Braided stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L

Nitrogen Supply - air separation

Sub-Components	Material	Specifications
Cryogenic distillation column		
Air compressors		
J-T expansion valves and expansion turbines		
Heat exchangers	Aluminium, copper, stainless steel	
Insulation, cryogenic vessels and cold box	Stainless steel	AISI 316L or 304L
(Vacuum) Pressure Swing Adsorption		
Adsorption columns	Stainless steel or carbon steel	
Adsorbents	for example zeolites	
Compressors		
Vacuum pumps		
Valves		
Membrane Separation		
Compressors		
Membrane materials	specialist polymers and ceramics	
Flanges for connecting pipework		
Balance of Plant		
Switchgear		
Pressure sensing and control systems		
Manifolding		
Temperature control and sensing		
Support structures for pipework - including overhead gantries, bracketing and foundations		To various standards including ASME B31.3

Haber-Bosch reactor

Ammonia reactor

This is the heart of the Haber-Bosch process, where nitrogen and hydrogen react at elevated temperature and pressure, typically 400 - 550°C and 150 - 300 bar to form ammonia. The process conditions cover a relatively large range and depend on reactor design and materials and choice of catalysts among other things. Due to the nature of the chemical reaction, it is limited by chemical equilibrium. High temperatures are required for favourable kinetics, but as this shifts the equilibrium towards the reactants, high pressures are required to shift the equilibrium back towards ammonia formation. Due to this trade-off, ammonia yield on a single pass is low and a recirculation loop is therefore employed to boost ammonia production. Reactor designs have also evolved, allowing multiple passes of the reaction mixture over multiple catalytic beds with intermediate heat exchange steps, heating the reactant gases whilst cooling the reaction product. Thermal management is key to keep temperatures from rising as this would negatively affect the equilibrium position of the reaction.

Low carbon steels or alloys must be used as reactor material, as interstitial hydrogen at high pressure and temperature reacts with carbon to form gaseous species, such as methane, leading to decarburisation and causing steels to crack.

Recirculation loop and thermal integration

The reaction mixture from the ammonia reactor is cooled by heat exchanging with incoming reactants or by running through a steam turbine, generating electricity. After further cooling, the ammonia can partly be condensed from the reaction mixture, whereas the remaining gas is re-compressed and combined with fresh reactant gases to be sent back to the reactor. Continuous removal of ammonia from the recirculation loop is necessary to drive the conversion in the main reactor forward.

There are also opportunities to use the reaction heat in a high temperature electrolysis process to boost overall efficiency.

Ammonia production plant with storage tank. AI generated November 2025

Haber-Bosch reactor

Sub-Components	Material	Specifications
Ancilliary Components		
Specialist catalysts and support materials		
Catalyst	Iron (Fe) based, typically Iron Oxide (FeO or Fe_3O_4) promoted by additives such as Aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3) and Potassium oxide (K_2O)	
	Potentially Ruthenium (Ru)-based catalysts as a low temperature alternative but at a higher cost	
Reactor		
Axial-radial reactor designs widely used for low pressure drops	Pressure vessel wall - low alloy steel	For example 430 or similar, or preferably series 300 austenitic
Catalyst cartridges and internal heat exchange system	Austenitic stainless steels	For example AISI 304L for superior resistance to nitriding and hydrogen embrittlement
	Alternatives - Incoloy and Inconel super alloys for more demanding conditions	
Water-cooled heat exchange	Where employed Chromium-Molybdenum (Cr-Mo) steel such as 430 can be used	

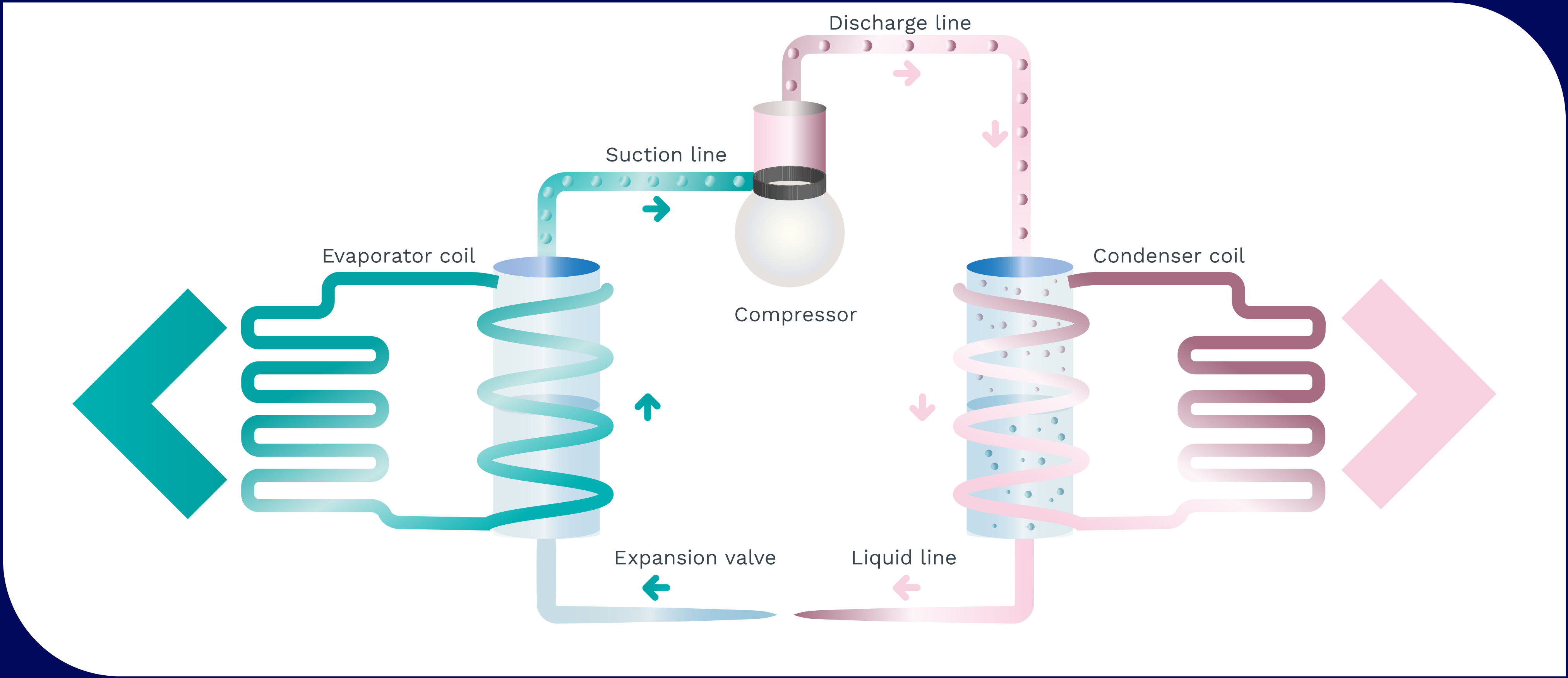
Ammonia separation, purification and liquefaction

Separation and purification

Ammonia separation typically happens in a tube-shell heat exchanger configuration, where the ammonia condenses under pressure and low temperatures, typically around –20°C. Further purification may be required, which is usually achieved through distillation.

Liquefaction

Ammonia readily liquefies at mild pressures, c. 8.5 at 20°C. Due to some adiabatic heating during compression, slightly higher pressures are normally required and ammonia is usually stored at c. 10 - 15 bar. Alternatively, refrigerating ammonia gas to –33°C allows it to condense and it can subsequently be stored in suitable pressure vessels, as upon warming up it will create its own vapour pressure.



Ammonia separation, purification and liquefaction

Sub-Components	Material	Specifications
Condenser vessel		
Tube-shell heat exchanger	Stainless steel or low carbon steels	For example AISI 316L or 304L
Regriferation components		
Refrigerant for cooling to -20°C		
(Multi-stage) compressor, expansion vessel and valves		
Heat exchangers - various designs including tube-shell and flat plate	Stainless steel or low carbon steels	Suitable for the refrigerant

Balance of Plant

The conventional Haber-Bosch process is a heavily integrated process. It is particularly well integrated with the front-end hydrogen production process, which can utilise heat generated by the ammonia conversion reaction. In a low carbon ammonia production plant, other integration is still possible and highly desirable to optimise process efficiency. Heat exchangers are critical for thermal integration, whereas high temperature steam could be utilised to drive centrifugal compressors. Where no high temperature steam is available, alternative, higher efficiency, compression technology may be preferable, such as reciprocating. As with any other chemical process, careful control is required for each process step to operate within acceptable process parameters and at optimum efficiency. Process pressure is controlled through several compression stages as well as pressure reduction stages and cooling, whereas pressure monitoring is exercised through pressure transducers. Gauges can also be used for visual inspection. Temperature monitoring is through a combination of thermal sensing equipment, such as thermistors and thermocouples, depending on process conditions. Temperature control is through a combination of electrical heating/cooling and heat exchangers. Overall reactant mass flow is also controlled through mass flow controllers. Process parameters are ultimately controlled through an automated logic-based system, keeping process conditions within target parameters. Process performance or efficiency can additionally be tracked by periodic or continuous sampling of the process feed chemical composition at different points in the overall process. Divergence from expected performance may indicate issues with catalysts and must be addressed.

Process safety

Process safety is integrated with process control. Pressure relief and shutdown valves are linked to pressure and temperature monitoring. Burst valves can be also installed in case of critical pressure increases, avoiding catastrophic damage to equipment or even explosions. Sudden drops in gas (differential) pressure may indicate a major leak from e.g. equipment failure, loose connections. Gas monitoring equipment allows for gas leak detection, and linked to process control system allows for process shutdown if this is the case.

Periodic maintenance and inspections, both invasive and non-invasive should be carried out to spot defects and replace process critical equipment.

Ammonia storage cylinder. AI generated November 2025

Balance of Plant Components

Heat exchangers	Process control systems
Compressors	Eletrical supplies
Blowers	Electrical heating elements
Liquid/water pumps	Electrical signalling - control systems and sensors
Pressure gauges	Electrical switchboard and electronics cabinet
Pressure transducers (Multiple pressure range including vacuum for (Vacuum) Pressure Swing Adsorption)	Electrical safety and interlocks
Back pressure regulators	Shipping containers
Temperature monitoring e.g thermocouples/thermistors	Acoustic shielding
Mass flow controllers (e.g. Corilois, Ultrasonic or Thermal Conductivity-based)	Carbon steel construction frames
Control valves - Solenoid (actuated)	Carbon steel stairways, handrails and safety barriers
Multidriectional valves and no-return valves	Concrete foundations and plinths
Ball valves	Earthing and drainage
Pressure relief valves	Carbon steel skids
Burst valves	Gas detection
Stainless steel Pipework (e.g. AISI 316L or 304L)	Warning signs (Illuminated, traffic light, yellow flashing lights)
Compression fittings (or orbital welding)	General signage

Ammonia storage and distribution

Overview

Currently, there are three main ways to store ammonia at scale: in pressurised vessels at ambient temperature, refrigerated at atmospheric pressure or a combination of the previous two, called semi-refrigerated. Solid state storage is a fourth method but is still mostly in a research and development stage. The choice of storage method depends largely on context and scale. Pressurised vessels are mostly utilised for small scale storage and during transportation by road or rail, whereas refrigerated storage is better suited towards large scale and stationary storage. It is also commonly used for bulk transportation such as shipping.

Ambient temperature, pressurised ammonia

For storing relatively small quantities, that is less than 150 tonnes, ammonia can be stored in cylindrical, mostly horizontal, pressurised vessels. Larger quantities, up to 1,500 tonnes can be stored pressurised, but this usually involves spherical tanks. Due to very similar storage conditions (pressure and temperature), storage vessels are very similar to those used to store Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG); indeed, infrastructure for the two commodities is often used interchangeably. Pressure vessel design, construction, maintenance and inspection is governed by standards such as the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. A particular concern for storing ammonia is its corrosive nature, which can result in stress induced corrosion cracking, the exact mechanism of which is still poorly understood. Whilst carbon steels can be susceptible, austenitic stainless steels appear to have good resistance to this phenomenon and are thus preferred. A small moisture content of typically 0.2% in ammonia is also known to alleviate this problem. Cylindrical tanks usually have design pressures up to 25 barg.

Spherical tanks are preferred for storing larger quantities of pressurised ammonia, up to 1,500 tonnes. These are mounted onto pillars and are typically built with a design pressure of 16 barg. To avoid risk of excessive pressures during periods of high ambient temperatures (i.e. hot weather) they are typically insulated and comprise a cooling circuit for the gaseous ammonia phase.

- Tank design and materials governed by CGA G-2.1-2023
- ASME boiler and pressure vessel code

Refrigerated, near atmospheric (non-pressurised) ammonia

Bulk storage is often performed in a (semi)-refrigerated state, that is –33°C or below. This allows storing the ammonia at (near) atmospheric pressures thereby reducing tank design and build requirements, in particular wall material and thickness, reducing cost. Wall materials however do need to be suitable for use in cryogenic conditions. Evidently this method of storage does require refrigeration equipment. This type of storage is typically used for large scale stationary storage, up to 50,000 tonnes, but also for bulk transportation, e.g. shipping.

Tanks are typically of a vertical cylindrical design and can be either single or double walled with insulation in the annulus. Single walled tanks require additional bunding to contain tank contents in the event of wall failure. Best practice recommends building tanks on top of piles or ventilated concrete platforms, however older tanks are often built directly onto ground, which requires a heating system for the foundation to protect it from cryogenic conditions.

Semi-refrigerated storage is typically at 0°C and pressures of 3 – 4 bar. Normally spherical in design, with storage capacity up to 3,000 tonnes.

Distribution of ammonia

Distribution general
Ammonia benefits from a mature distribution supply chain, with c. 25 – 30 million tonnes being transported annually across the globe. Distribution can be via pipeline, shipping, rail or road. Due to their similarities, ammonia can use facilities and equipment for LPG storage and distribution interchangeably

Shipping
Ammonia distribution by shipping uses mature infrastructure with 18 - 20 million tonnes shipped annually and many ports globally capable of handling liquid ammonia. Maritime tankers usually have capacity of 20,000 - 40,000 tonnes, whereas barges usually hold up to 3,000 tonnes. Tanker materials are the same as discussed in the storage section, with material suitable for cold conditions, i.e. quenched or tempered carbon steels or austenitic stainless steel.

Rail
Pressurised storage in rail cars, with capacity typically 70-72 tonnes per vehicle. Maximum loading of 85% to avoid issues with thermal expansion and tanks usually pressurised up to 16 bar. The componentry required is equivalent to that of pressurised, ambient temperature storage.

Road
Pressurised storage in road tankers trucks, with capacity typically 10-30 tonnes. Maximum loading of 85% to avoid issues with thermal expansion and tanks usually pressurised up to 30 bar. The componentry required is equivalent to that of pressurised, ambient temperature storage Onboard storage is often in modular portable ISO containers, which can be mounted and dismounted from a trailer in their entirety and used as temporary storage units at location of use. ISO containers typically hold 12 - 16 tonnes of liquid ammonia. Liquefied non-refrigerated (pressurised) anhydrous ammonia requires ISO tanks to be specified to the T50 portable tank instruction code. This code also applies to rail car mounted tanks and specifies such things as maximum operating and test pressure, temperatures and fill rate.

Pipelines
Pipelines can be, and are already being used for liquid ammonia distribution, but only few long routes (> 1,000 km) exist to date. Ammonia is normally pressurised and kept above 2°C to prevent pipeline brittle fracture due to cold conditions. These conditions typically require some heat exchange and refrigeration technology at the injection and receiving sides for warming and cooling down to –33°C, respectively. Due to higher density of liquid ammonia vs. natural gas, pipelines need to be suitably supported to avoid buckling, taking into account time dependent creep. Pipeline standards exist for anhydrous ammonia, which includes 0.2% water for corrosion inhibition.

Ammonia storage Pressurised (ambient temperatures)

Typical conditions	
T (°C)	5 - 30°C
P (bar)	10 - 15 bar

Storage componentry	Material	Specification	Other comments
Horizontal cylindrical tank	High strength carbon steels	e.g. ASME SA612, SA516 or series 300 stainless	
Drain and filling valves	Stainless steel	series 300 stainless	
Pressure relief valves	Stainless steel	series 300 stainless	
Pressure gauge and transducers	Stainless steel	series 300 stainless	
Liquid level gauge			
Thermometer			
Sunshield			
Earthing connections		BS 7430:2011	
Pipework and manifolding for transfer	Stainless steel	series 300 stainless	
Suitable seals	e.g. EPDM, or other synthetic rubbers		
Coatings	E.g. Zinc		External corrosion protection in the form of coatings or anodic passivation may be required in particularly corrosive environments, e.g. offshore or coastal storage (e.g. port terminals and shipping)

Ammonia storage Refrigerated (ambient pressure)

Typical conditions	**Refrigerated**	**Semi-refrigerated**
T (°C)	< −33°C	0°C
P (bar)	1 atm	3-4 bar

Storage componentry	**Material**	**Specification**	**Other comments**
Single or double walled vertical cylindrical tank	Certified carbon manganese steels 300 series stainless steels	E.g. ASME SA516-70 E.g. 304, 316, 320"	Charpy impact tested at −40°C
Tank annulus insulation (double walled only)	Perlite		
External insulation for single walled tank	E.g. Polyurethane, rock wool, foam glass within aluminium jacket		
Foundations and/or piling	Concrete		
Foundation heating to protect against cold conditions if built directly on ground			
Containment bunding			
Refrigeration equipment, see previous pages			
Two-stage ammonia compressor for atmospheric storage with evaporative ammonia cooling			
Singe stage compressor with water cooling (semi-refrigerated)			
Also, components listed in pressurised storage			

Ammonia distribution Refrigerated and pressurised

Typical conditions	Refrigerated	Pressurised
T (°C)	< −33°C	5 - 30°C
P (bar)	1 atm	10 - 15 bar

Transport components	Material	Specification	Other comments
ISO tanks	High strength carbon steels or series 300 stainless	T50 portable tank instruction code Carbon steel grades ASME SA612, SA516 or SS grades ASME 304 ,316 or 320"	T50 is not a code specifically for gas tanks; in fact, it will cover liquefied vapours too
Transport frame	Carbon steel		
Affixing componentry for portable tanks			
High capacity liquid transfer pumps	Series 300 stainless steel		

Pipeline components	Material	Specification	Other comments
See also the factsheet Compression, storage and distribution of gaseous hydrogen			
Pipeline sections	high strength (corrosion resistant) carbon steels or series 300 stainless	ASME SA612, SA516 or series 300 stainless	
Centrifugal pumps			
Valves various, e.g. bi-directional, non-return, shut off			
Heat exchangers	Steel, aluminium (alloy)		
Refrigeration equipment - see previous pages			

Catalytic cracking

Hydrogen production through ammonia decomposition

Catalytic cracking process overview
Ammonia (catalytic) cracking is the process of decomposing ammonia into hydrogen and nitrogen and is therefore the reverse reaction of ammonia synthesis. It is an endothermic process, which favours high temperature and low pressures. Catalysts are employed to reduce reaction temperature and improve reaction kinetics, whilst advanced reactor design can be used to drive the equilibrium reaction towards the complete decomposition of ammonia. To function as an effective hydrogen carrier, ammonia cracking ideally produces hydrogen gas with high purity, as required by some hydrogen technologies such as PEM fuel cells. Additional purification may be required to achieve those purities.

Whereas ammonia production is a mature process with numerous plants globally producing several hundred million metric tons annually, ammonia cracking has largely been confined to niche industries, due to limited demand for hydrogen produced this way. It naturally follows that catalytic cracking is still undergoing a large degree of R&D to optimise hydrogen yield and purity whilst reducing cost and energy of the process.

Cracking reaction

Process conditions
Ammonia formation and its decomposition is an equilibrium reaction, as detailed previously. The decomposition of ammonia is favoured by high temperatures, due to the endothermic nature of the reaction, and low pressures. From an industrial point of view however, operating at increased pressure is desirable to reduce equipment footprint and improve utilisation, but higher pressures require higher temperatures for the cracking reaction to achieve sufficiently high conversion rates and a balance must therefore be sought. Typically, crackers operate anywhere between 400°C and 700°C and intermediate pressures of 20 - 40 bar. As is the case for ammonia production, efficient heat transfer to the reactor is essential to reduce energy consumption and integrating heat exchange and reactor is an ongoing area of research and development

Cracking reactors
The two main reactor configurations that are used industrially, albeit at small scale, are multi-tubular reactors and membrane reactors. The multi-tubular reactor configuration is very similar to the main reformer in Steam Methane Reforming; in ammonia cracking heat can either be supplied in a furnace by burners or electrically. In the combustion scenario, either ammonia or a fraction of the produced hydrogen could be used as fuel, although NOx production is a key concern and emissions must be controlled (e.g. through Selective Catalytic Reduction post combustion). Electrical heating is a good alternative that does not produce NOx and can be turned on/off fast and flexibly, utilising renewable electricity.

In an alternative configuration, dense membranes can be used to separate the hydrogen from the reaction mixture. This has the benefit of driving the decomposition reaction forward by removing one of the reaction products. Palladium metal, supported on an inert material is usually used, due to its good permeability for hydrogen, although costs are an issue. There are stability issues too. Alternative materials are under development, such as dense ceramics, e.g. perovskite type materials.

Catalytic cracking

Sub-Components	Material	Specifications
Catalysts	Transition metal based - for example iron (Fe), nickel (Ni), cobalt (Co) or iron-cobalt (Fe-Co) alloys; both bulk catalysts or supported on - for example Aluminium oxide (Al_2o_3), or spinels like Monocalcium aluminate ($CaAl_2O_4$) or magnesium aluminate spinel ($MgAl_2O_4$)	
	Ruthenium (Ru) based supported on various metal oxides for example Aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3)	
	Amide/imide type catalysts	
	Other nitrogen (N) containing mateirals - for example oxynitrides	
Multi-tubular reactor	Alloys resistant to high temperature corrosion in ammonia for example Alloy-20, or Molybdenum (Mo), Chromium (Cr) or Niobium (Nb) containing austenitic steels	
Additonal components	Stainless steel	AISI 316L and 304L, or Alloy-20 (reduced stress corrosion)
	Aluminium can be used in heat exchange	
Membrane	Palladium coating	
	Dense ceramics - for example perovskites	
	Porous inert support - for example alumina or Aluminum Nitride (AlN)	

Ammonia final considerations

Ammonia as a hydrogen carrier
Ammonia is seen as an attractive hydrogen carrier, due its high gravimetric density and hydrogen content of c. 108 kg H_2/m^3, at relatively mild storage conditions, in particular when compared to liquid hydrogen, which has density of c. 71 kg/m^3 at 20 K. It also benefits from a very mature supply chain. Like liquid hydrogen, however, using ammonia as a hydrogen carrier entails an 'energy penalty' due to various conversion steps. With current technology, green ammonia production and cracking, including heat and compression losses, is expected to add c. 11 – 16 kWh/kg H_2 to the energy cost of hydrogen, similar to LH2, although this is expected to come down significantly with improvements in process integration and efficiency. Due to the milder storage conditions for ammonia, boil-off is much reduced, making it potentially more attractive for long term storage than LH_2.

Safety considerations
Apart from being a flammable substance, ammonia is also toxic and corrosive, so requiring careful handling. As is the case with many dangerous substances, ventilation is usual key, and storage indoors or in confined spaces should be kept to a minimum. Liquid ammonia is a cryogenic liquid and can cause burns. Detectors can be used to used to indicate ammonia leaks.

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Codes and regulations

Organisation	Standard	Details	Date of Publication
Standards for Storage Vessels			
Compressed Gas Association	G 2.1 - Requirements for the storage and handling of anhydrous ammonia	This standard is intended to apply to the design, construction, repair, alteration, location, installation, maintenance, and operation of anhydrous ammonia systems including refrigerated ammonia storage systems.	Published January 2023
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPVC)	Provides technical data used in the manufacturing, construction and operation of boilers and pressure vessels	Current version: 2023
American Petroleum Institute	Standard 620: Design and construction of large, welded, low-pressure storage tanks	This standard covers the design and construction of large field-assembled, welded, low-pressure carbon steel above ground storage tanks (including flat-bottom tanks) that have a single vertical axis of revolution, that contain petroleum intermediates (gases or vapors) and finished products, as well as other liquid products commonly handled and stored by the various branches of the industry	Published April 2018
American Petroleum Institute	Standard 625: Tank systems for refrigerated liquefied gas storage	This standard covers low pressure, aboveground, vertical, and cylindrical tank systems storing liquefied gases requiring refrigeration. This standard provides general requirements on responsibilities, selection of storage concept, performance criteria, accessories/appurtenances, quality assurance, insulation, and commissioning of tank systems. Included are tank systems having a storage capacity of 800 cubic meters (5000 bbls) and larger.	Published August 2010

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Organisation	Standard	Details	Date of Publication
Standards for Pipelines			
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	B31.3 - Process piping	Contains requirements for piping typically found in petroleum refineries; chemical, pharmaceutical, textile, paper, semiconductor, and cryogenic plants; and related processing plants and terminals. It covers materials and components, design, fabrication, assembly, erection, examination, inspection, and testing of piping.	Published 2022
International Organisation of Standardisation	ISO 13623:2017 - Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems	Specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the design, materials, construction, testing, operation, maintenance and abandonment of pipeline systems used for transportation in the petroleum and natural gas industries.It applies to pipeline systems on-land and offshore, connecting wells, production plants, process plants, refineries and storage facilities, including any section of a pipeline constructed within the boundaries of such facilities for the purpose of its connection.	Edition 3 published 2017

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Organisation	Standard	Details	Date of Publication
Relevant Regulations			
Health and Safety Executive	Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR)	Require employers to control the risks to safety from fire, explosions and substances corrosive to metal	Published 2002
European Union	Pressure Equipment Directive - 2014/68/EU	Sets out the standards for the design and fabrication of pressure equipment (including steam boilers, pressure vessels, piping, safety valves and other components and assemblies subject to pressure loading) greater than one litre in volume and having a maximum pressure more than 0.5 bar gauge.	Published May 2014
European Parliament	Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive (TPED) - 2010/35/EU	Addresses the safety requirements and the conformity assessment procedure for transportable pressure equipment used exclusively for the transport of dangerous goods (Class 2) within the EU.	Published 2010
Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations	ADR 2023 - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road	Aims to regulate the international transport of dangerous good by road between the UNECE Member States and other states that apply ADR (ADR contracting parties)	Applicable from January 2023

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Codes and regulations

Organisation	Standard	Details	Date of Publication
Relevant Regulations (continued)			
Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail	RID - Regulation for the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)	Forms Appendix C of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) and governs the safe transport of hazardous materials across international rail networks	Effective January 2025
International Maritime Organisation	The International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code	The Code sets out in detail the requirements applicable to each individual substance, material or article, covering matters such as packing, container traffic and stowage, with particular reference to the segregation of incompatible substances.	Effective January 2004

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