

LiBr-H₂O Vapor Absorption Refrigeration Cycle

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Abstract:

Refrigeration is the most important process in different Industries as it helps remove unwanted heat from substances, so the choice of good and economical refrigerant should be considered. LiBr-H₂O is one of the choices as it shows easy separation and can be recycled. In this flowsheet, feed (S-1) is pressured and then preheated using the excess heat of S-4 and then during generation/desorption water is separated from the mixture as S-7. S-7 is then condensed, expanded, and then fed to an evaporator after evaporation and is mixed with depressurized recycle of the mixture(S-6). The mixed stream (S-10&6) is fed to the absorber and then recycled back to the S-1.

Property Package: CoolProp (Incompressible Mixture)

Results:

| Object | S-9 | S-8 | S-7 | S-6 | S-5 | S-4 | S-3 | S-2 | S-1A | S-10&6 | S-10 | S-1 | Unit |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|
| Temperature | 0.61 | 39.92 | 63.85 | 45.41 | 53.30 | 63.85 | 63.80 | 32.70 | 32.70 | 41.67 | 0.78 | 32.70 | °C |
| Pressure | 0.67 | 7.46 | 7.46 | 0.67 | 7.46 | 7.46 | 7.46 | 7.46 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | kPa |
| Mass Flow | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.08 | 1.00 | kg/s |
| Molar Fraction (Vapor) | 0.07 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.16 | 1.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Mass Fraction (Mixture)/LiBr | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.00 | 0.57 | - |

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