

# Grosskraftwerk Mannheim AG Insulation supports energy revolution

The team from Wrede & Niedecken (W&N) insulated the district heating storage module of the Grosskraftwerk Mannheim AG (GKM) power station – significantly increasing its energy efficiency.



#### Insulation

**Fire Protection** 

Noise Control

The GKM is one of Europe's most efficient coal-fired power stations. It uses the combined heat and power principle to generate safe and environmentally friendly electricity and district heating supplies. Unused heat does not escape into the environment. Moreover, district heating storage modules can be activated/deactivated quickly so the plant can respond flexibly to changes in energy demand. Wels (Austria)

**PROJECT** Insulation of the GKM district heating storage module

**PERIOD OF EXECUTION** 03/2013-09/2013

WALL AREA INSULATED 4,500 m<sup>2</sup>

**ROOF AREA INSULATED** 1,300 m<sup>2</sup>





As part of the project for the construction of the new district heating storage module in the "Dr. Hedbäck system" (named after the Swedish engineer Dr. Anders Hedbäck), the Maxdorf branch of W&N was commissioned to insulate the roof and walls of the storage module. During the installation of the tank, the technicians insulated the 40 m wide roof of the storage module with pressure resistant roof insulation panels and covered it with roofing quality plastic sheeting. W&N then insulated the walls of the storage

module with 500 mm rock wool mats. These contain formaldehyde-free binding agents based primarily on natural organic materials and reduce not only energy consumption but also noise emissions. The insulation was faced with trapezoidal and aluminum-zinc metal sheeting. Mounting platforms were used to install the insulation. This avoided the construction of complex scaffolding. The highly efficient thermal insulation system was installed successfully.





### TASK

- Insulation of a district heating storage module with high thickness insulating materials (total area: 5,800 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Installation using rope and scissor lift platforms
- Energy efficient, professional construction in accordance with DIN standards

# SOLUTION

- Pressure resistant roof insulation panels with sheeting cover
- 500 mm thick rock wool mats
- Faced using trapezoidal and aluminum-zinc metal sheeting
- Optimization of spacer design

## **ADVANTAGES**

- Efficient installation system using high thickness insulation
- Heat flux density <12 W/m<sup>2</sup>
- 80% reduction in heat loss compared to standard insulation
- 40% capital return with an amortization period of 2½ years



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