GEA HB Craft Cider Series

Multi-Functional Centrifuges for Small and Mid-sized Cideries
Centrifuges Developed Specially for Craft Cideries

Whether your operation is just getting started or on the way to expansion, you can benefit from the HB Craft Cider Series centrifuge skid from GEA. This versatile equipment has a variety of applications in the cidery. Each application benefits the cidery by improving the consistency of the product, minimizing product losses, accelerating production time and, ultimately, increasing profitability. In fact, the payback for this equipment has proven to quickly justify the investment.

A good example of the return that can be expected from this equipment is found in the amount of salable cider that can be recovered from tank or barrel bottoms. Tank bottom volumes, including yeast and lees, contains 50-80% recoverable cider. Use of the HB Craft Cider centrifuge provides the cidery with a flexible solution to process their volumes and increase yield. Further, because the yeast and lees are now concentrated, they can be sold. And wastewater disposal costs are also significantly reduced.
Create More Cider

A large volume of perfect cider is lost in the process when cellaring-off lees. It’s all money going down the drain. But with a GEA HB Craft Cider Series centrifuge, you can extract the maximum amount of cider every time.

Greater yield from the same resources
- 5 to 10% more cider from the same amount of raw ingredients (depending on recipe and process)
- Same amount of cider processed with decisively reduced effort (less energy and hours of work)
- Multi-purpose applications in the cidery take your business to the next level!

Separation is the secret
The g-force in a rotating centrifuge achieves all these benefits for you. It separates the solids from the valuable liquid product. The result: You create more cider.

The centrifuge does it
The mixture to be separated enters the rotating centrifuge bowl via a centrally positioned inlet pipe. A distributor guides the mixture into the separation area made up by a stack of conically arranged disks – with a combined surface equivalent to 80 soccer fields. Since solids are of a higher density they are forced towards the bottoms of the disk surface and on to the outer solids chamber, where they are discharged. The remaining liquid in the disk stack is caught by a centripetal pump and moved to the outlet pipe at the top of the centrifuge.
Cuts Down Production Time

It takes time to make a great cider. But you can optimize the process by using the HB Craft Cider Series centrifuge for all clarification steps. Centrifugation multiplies the clarifying power of natural gravity, thus saving production time and allowing a faster route to market. For this and many other reasons GEA centrifuges mean a fast return on investment!

Be faster on the market
GEA centrifuge skids for craft cideries optimize the production time by about one third without any loss of quality. Each batch moves through faster for better utilization of equipment. You are always ready for a new batch, so that you can roll out cider without having to wait.

No limits to your flexibility
Traditional settling processes in craft cideries are time consuming and lead to high losses. Depending on recipes and ingredients, this can take weeks. With a centrifuge you can shorten that time by about a third. No matter the size of your cidery, there’s no further limit to your flexibility and speed in marketing products.

With or without filtration
GEA HB Craft Cider Series centrifuge skids offer an ideal alternative to filtration. They achieve consistent clarity and taste of the cider, ensuring reproducible product quality from batch to batch. The disk stack in contact with the product is made of inert stainless steel, thus no unwanted filter media flavors are released into the product. The cider displays its full taste, with all the natural properties of high-quality ingredients left intact.
Benefit from Numerous Applications With One Installation

GEA’s special HB Craft Cider Series skids cover, among many applications, two central processes, with a minimum footprint and minor adjustment. For that reason they are the ideal solution for smaller and medium-sized cideries with great visions for the future. Each application and its benefits have been thoroughly tested in cooperation with leading craft cideries, for maximum convenience!

Cider Blend Clarification with added Flavors/Stabilizers

Cider Recovery from Tank Bottoms

The cider recovered from surplus yeast can be fed into the storage tank or to further process stations with minimum system adjustment effort.

Our specialists are ready to provide extensive advice regarding the efficient integration of your machine.
Sized for Your Cidery

GEA HB Cider Series centrifuge skids are available in different sizes. Each is equipped with state-of-the-art technology in every detail, based on 120 years of GEA centrifuge expertise and is ready for you to use when it is received. Centrifuge models are also available as un-skidded stand-alone units.

Superior technology

- Ready-to-start kits
- Minimized oxygen pick-up
- Gentle product handling
- Automatic Cleaning-in-Place (CIP)
- Fast and precise ejections

Superior efficiency

- More cider from every batch
- Faster processing / more batches in a timeline
- One skid – multiple applications

The GEA HB Craft Cider Series centrifuge skids are equipped with the patented hydry® ejection system.

The solids ejected with this system are concentrated to a maximum for more cider from each batch.

To prevent oxygen pick-up, all machines are equipped with maintenance-free hydrohermetic sealing.

GEA always ensures highly gentle handling of products with our hydrosoft feed system.

All skids come with a simple-to-operate control module.

Each fully automated, stand-alone GEA HB Craft Cider Series skid is ready for instant integration into your existing piping matrix.
HB0125 Craft Cider Skid
Ideal for small cideries with great vision and for test applications.

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HB025 Craft Cider Skid
Perfect for medium-sized creative cideries beginning to expand their market share.

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HB05 Craft Cider Skid
The right choice for growing medium-to-large-size creative cideries and established regional cider houses.

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Our GEA serv&care™ Service Commitment
As an EN ISO 9001 company we stand behind the quality of both our products and our service. Our continuing commitment is to provide customers with the support they need to maximize productivity and minimize downtime. You can count on us for round-the-clock assistance in all service areas.

- **Original manufacturer’s spare parts** – We house a large inventory of parts throughout our 6 office network. These are ready to be shipped out with a 24-hour turn-around. Only genuine GEA parts are manufactured under the same strict quality control and using the same specifications and materials as our original equipment.

- **Factory-Authorized Repairs** – We offer two full-service repair facilities, one on the West Coast (Patterson, CA) and one on the East Coast (Northvale, NJ). This helps to speed up repair times and keep transportation costs down. Both facilities are factory-certified and are staffed with experienced technicians who have undergone extensive training. If needed, we offer over 100 rental scrolls or bowl assemblies to keep customers up and running while repairs are underway.

- **Field Service** – We have an extensive field service team to perform routine and preventive maintenance and to handle any emergencies that may come up. Located throughout North America, these service technicians are strategically positioned in areas where their industry and process-specific knowledge is most valuable. Our service engineers are on call 24/7.
We live our values.
Excellence • Passion • Integrity • Responsibility • GEA-versity

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