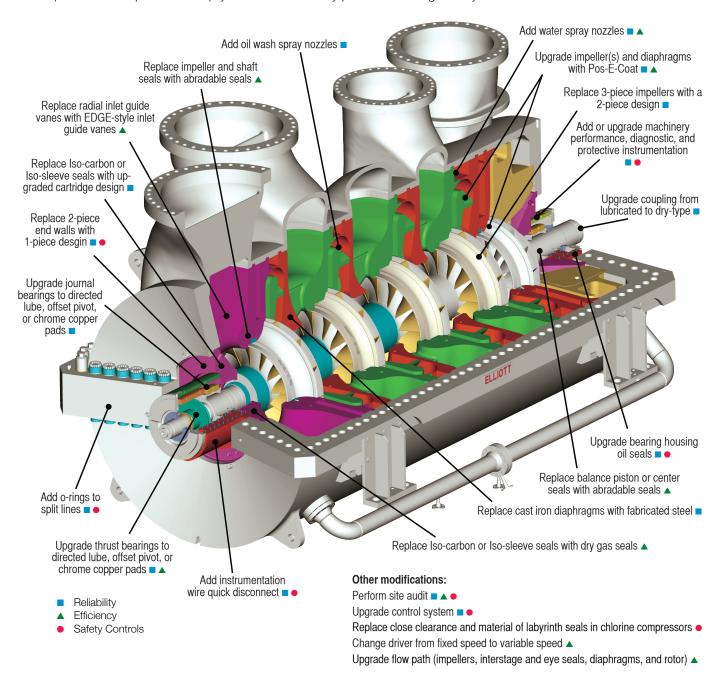


## Multi-stage Centrifugal Compressor Modifications and Rerates

Changing market conditions can result in operation changes in process plants that directly affect the performance of centrifugal compressors and other critical rotating equipment. Elliott Engineered Solutions modifies and rerates compressors and other turbomachinery to cost effectively meet changing production requirements. We regularly redesign aerodynamic flow paths to meet capacity or process changes within an existing casing, avoiding drastic modification of foundations and piping.

Efficiency and reliability can also decline as process plants and turbomachinery mature. Elliott Engineered Solutions is uniquely qualified to modify installed process equipment to improve efficiency, reliability and safety, lower operating costs, simplify maintenance, and reduce cycle time regardless of the original equipment manufacturer. An upgrade to abradable seals can improve efficiency. Advanced vibration and temperature-monitoring instrumentation improve reliability. Iso-carbon or Iso-sleeve cartridge seals simplify maintenance. Elliott Engineered Solutions' expertise and experience keep your turbomachinery performance high and your maintenance costs low.



## **Elliott Engineered Solutions**

Elliott Engineered Solutions has one focus – to help turbomachinery operators obtain the highest value from their critical rotating equipment. Elliott has more than 100 years of experience in engineering, manufacturing, repairing, and modifying all types of turbomachinery. Elliott Engineered Solutions specializes in the following areas:

- Modifications and rerates of turbomachinery to increase the operational life and value of your investment by optimizing performance and reducing downtime.
- Reverse engineering and comprehensive analytical studies such as lateral and torsional rotor analysis, root-cause failure analysis, mechanical evaluation analysis, finite element analysis (FEA), and aerodynamic analysis.
- Onsite audits to evaluate turbomachinery efficiency and determine potential reliability improvements to maximize your return on existing equipment.
- Reapplication of previously owned equipment for emergency installation or cost-effective replacement.
- Equipment configuration designs to precisely fit existing footprints.

Enhancement	Category	Benefit
Add instrumentation wire quick disconnect	Reliability. Safety	Reduce chance of oil leak; reduce maintenance time
Add oil wash spray nozzles	Reliability	Eliminate internal fouling by mechanical cleaning
Add or upgrade machinery performance, diagnostic, and protective instrumentation	Reliability. Safety	Improve machinery performance, health monitoring and protective instru- mentation
Add o-rings to split lines	Reliability. Safety	Improve sealing capability of split line
Add water spray nozzles	Reliability. Efficiency	Reduce/eliminate internal fouling; Decrease process gas temperature
Change driver from fixed speed to variable speed	Efficiency	Maintain optimal running speeds for peak efficiency; Eliminate suction throttling
Perform site audit	Reliability. Safety. Efficiency	Identify areas to upgrade for peak performance
Replace 2-piece end walls with 1-piece design	Reliability. Safety	Eliminate leak path between 2-piece end walls
Replace 3-piece impellers with a 2-piece design	Reliability	Greater reliability
Replace balance piston or center seals with abradable seals	Efficiency	Reduce seal leakage to improve efficiency
Replace cast iron diaphragms with fabricated steel	Reliability	Ability to weld repair; More robust design for longer life
Replace close clearance and material of labyrinth seals in chlorine compressors	Safety	Eliminate internal rubbing in order to prevent chance of auto ignition and fire
Replace impeller and shaft seals with abradable seals	Efficiency	Improve efficiency by reducing internal seal leakage
Replace Iso-carbon or Iso-sleeve seals with upgraded cartridge design	Reliability	Simplify seal replacement
Replace Iso-carbon or Iso-sleeve seals with dry gas seals	Efficiency	Save power loss by eliminating oil shear; Reduce oil consumption
Replace radial inlet guide vanes with EDGE-style inlet guide vanes	Efficiency	Reduce inlet losses between inlet flange and first impeller
Upgrade bearing housing oil seals	Reliability. Safety	Reduce oil leaks to atmosphere/Buffered design to eliminate leakage
Upgrade control system	Reliability. Safety	Keep compressor operating within a safe range
Upgrade coupling from lubricated to dry-type	Reliability	Eliminate oil requirements; Improve rotor dynamics
Upgrade flow path (impellers, interstage and eye seals, diaphragms, and rotor)	Efficiency	Increase performance or capacity
Upgrade Impeller(s) and diaphragms with Pos-E-Coat	Reliability. Efficiency	Reduce internal fouling and corrosion effects
Upgrade journal bearings to directed lube, offset pivot, or chrome copper pads	Reliability	Improve rotor stability at running speeds
Upgrade thrust bearings to directed lube, offset pivot, or chrome copper pads	Reliability. Efficiency	Reduce oil requirements, bearing temperature, and bearing heat loss



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