

# Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger Study Guide

Exam Prep for Users



## Who can take this certification?

The certification is a must-have for any user new to Aspen Exchanger Design & Rating who has taken Design and Rate a Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger (EHX101).



### Step 1: Take Class: Design and Rate a Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger (EHX101) – 2 Days

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### Step 2: Review Scope and Objectives

This guide contains 100% coverage of all objectives for the Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger certification exam. You can use as both a study tool and an on-the job reference.

### Step 3: Take Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger certification exam

The total time for the certification exam is four hours.

## Exam Scope for Design and Rate a Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger (EHX101)

- Calculation Models
- Physical Properties
- Geometry
- Results
- Documentation

## Grading

Grade	Weight
Multiple choice questions	40%
Lab task	60%
Total	100%

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SCOPE	TECHNICAL CONTENT	COMPETENCY OBJECTIVE
Calculation Modes	General Options	<b>Identify</b> the available calculation modes
		<b>Identify</b> where in the UI to select/change the calculation mode
	Design mode	<b>Identify</b> required inputs and expected outputs
		<b>Identify</b> the two options for optimization (area or cost)
		<b>Define</b> area ratio
		<b>Identify</b> key variables considered in the design algorithm (area ratio, pressure ratio, TEMA limits for rho-V2 and unsupported length, vibration)
		<b>Identify</b> how to enter process and/or geometry limits
	Rating Mode	<b>Identify</b> required inputs and expected outputs
		<b>Interpret</b> area ratio results
	Simulation Mode	<b>Identify</b> required inputs and expected outputs
		<b>Interpret</b> area ratio results
Find Fouling	<b>Identify</b> required inputs and expected outputs	
	<b>Interpret</b> area ratio results	
Overall	<b>Identify</b> , for a given problem statement, the applicable calculation mode, and the required input	
Physical Properties	Physical Property Packages	<b>Identify</b> the different physical property packages options (B-JAC, COMThermo, Aspen Properties, User Specified)
	Property Methods	<b>Identify</b> categories of property methods (Ideal, EOS, Activity models) and general application for each

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Physical Properties	Overall	<b>Explain</b> the importance of the temperature range/# of points and pressure levels in physical properties calculation
		<b>Identify</b> , for a given problem statement, the applicable physical property package, and the appropriate property method
Geometry	Basic configuration	<b>Identify</b> key options that are always selected by the user (not changed by EDR): TEMA type, hot fluid location, exchanger orientation, baffle type, etc.
		<b>Identify</b> applications for different shell types
		<b>Identify</b> arguments to be considered during hot fluid location selection (high pressure, hazardous fluid, fouling)
	Geometry	<b>Recognize</b> key geometry (tube ID/OD, shell ID/OD, # of tubes, # passes, tube pitch, pattern, tube length, baffle type)
		<b>Recognize</b> the types of tube layout available
		<b>Identify</b> EDR standards for geometry (TEMA, ASME, most common commercial dimensions)
		<b>Identify</b> Non-TEMA configurations (double pipe, hairpin)
Construction Specifications	Design Specifications	<b>Recognize</b> the Design codes available
Results	Warning/Messages	<b>Identify</b> the types of messages displayed by EDR and its importance (errors, warnings, advisories, notes)
		<b>Interpret</b> , given a particular file, the error/warning messages
		<b>Develop</b> , given your previous interpretation, some modifications that could potentially help fixing the error/warning messages
	TEMA sheet	<b>Recognize</b> , from a list of outputs, which could be found in the TEMA sheet
		<b>Explain</b> how to export TEMA sheet to Excel
Thermal	<b>Interpret</b> , for a given simulation, area ratio value, heat transfer area of the unit	



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Results	Thermal	<b>State</b> , for a given simulation, the effective mean temperature difference
		<b>State</b> , for a given simulation, the tube side and shell side overall film coefficients
		<b>Interpret</b> , given a simulation, which side represents the greater contribution to the overall HTC
		<b>State</b> , for a given simulation, the tube side and shell side resistance distribution
		<b>Interpret</b> , given a simulation, how much the fouling resistances from both sides contributing to the heat transfer resistance
Results	Hydraulic	<b>Identify</b> the three contributions to the overall pressure drop (frictional, momentum change, gravitational)
		<b>State</b> , given a simulation, pressure drop on each side
		<b>Identify</b> , given the same file, which pressure drop mechanism has the greater contribution on each side
		<b>Identify</b> , given the same file, which part of the exchanger represents the greater contribution to pressure on each side
		<b>Identify</b> on which part of the exchanger the highest velocity is achieved on each side
		<b>Identify</b> , given a simulation, if there are Rho-V2 TEMA limits violations
		Mechanical
	<b>Identify</b> , within a provided list, which factors or mechanisms can influence the vibration assessment	
	<b>Analyze</b> , the vibration assessment in a given simulation and develop a plan to fix such vibration issues	

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Results	Mechanical	<b>Identify</b> , within the tube layout of a given simulation, the tubes analyzed for the vibration assessment
		<b>Identify</b> , given a simulation, a geometry parameter calculated by the program (instead of being specified)
		<b>State</b> , given a simulation, the total cost of the unit (all shells)
Documentation	Help Guide	<b>State</b> the definition of a given concept by searching it in the Help Guide