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Kerfa®

system solutions for furnaces



Kerfa<sup>®</sup>, your partner for **industrial furnaces** and **appliances** with an extensive range of innovative **system solutions**.

Kerfa<sup>®</sup> produces efficient and long-lasting **electric resistive heating elements** as well as efficient **heating** and environmentally friendly **insulating systems**.

Innovative Kerfa<sup>®</sup> SAVAC<sup>®</sup> insulating systems contain **vacuum-formed, ceramic** or **biofibers** in varying compositions. They are produced to customer specification and offer significant **customer benefits** compared with conventional materials, such as fire bricks and lightweight refractory bricks.

Kerfa<sup>®</sup> SAVAC<sup>®</sup> **biofibers** are categorized pursuant to EC directives as noncarcinogenic and do not require classification as a dangerous substance.

Kerfa<sup>®</sup> heating elements are made of high-grade alloys to ensure high power densities.

#### Products

- · Vacuum-formed Kerfa® SAVAC® insulating systems for gas-fired furnaces
- · Vacuum-formed Kerfa® SAVAC® insulating systems for electrically heated furnaces
- Electric Kerfa<sup>®</sup> SAVAC<sup>®</sup> heating systems, embedded
- Electric Kerfa® SAVAC® heating systems, suspended
- Installation-ready Kerfa<sup>®</sup> heating elements
- Custom solutions
- · Extensive accessories
- Spare parts

#### Service

- · Complete customer-specific production
- · Feasibility studies
- · Technical consultation during furnace engineering
- Worldwide installation
- · Complete furnace linings
- · Modernization and relining of existing installations

#### **Fields of application**

- Industrial furnaces
- Laboratory furnaces
- · Melting and holding furnaces for non-ferrous metals
- · Thermal treatment facilities
- · Protective gas generators
- · Heating equipment and apparatus





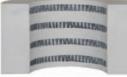


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### Product examples



Meander heating segment (steel hooks)



Heating half shell (embedded heating wires)



Meander heating segment (ceramic holder)



Heating tube (embedded heating wires)

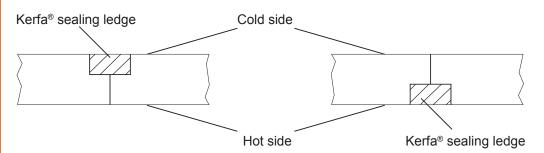


Insulating half shell

# Kerfa® special product: Sealing ledge

The Kerfa<sup>®</sup> sealing ledge prevents undetermined heat loss from taking place at the points at which two components (segments, plates, etc.) are in contact.

The Kerfa<sup>®</sup> sealing ledge can be placed either on the cold or the hot side of the vacuum molded component, whichever is preferred.



#### ⇒ Customer benefits:

Minimum heat loss ensuring maximum exploitation of energy in furnace process area:

- ⇒ Reduced operating costs
- Lower surface temperature on furnace shell:

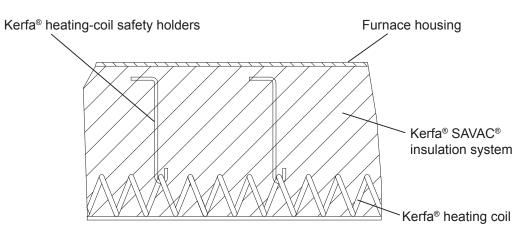
Reduced temperature in furnace installation room:

- ➡ Lower risk of injury
- ⇒ Reduced operating costs

# Kerfa® special product: Heating-coil safety holders

Kerfa<sup>®</sup> heating-coil safety holders are used to permanently fix heating coils in system applications in ceiling areas.

For process temperatures of over 1,000°C, Kerfa<sup>®</sup> also recommends using heatingcoil safety holders with side components.



# ⇒ Customer benefits:

Longer system service life:

No interruptions to the production process caused by detached heating coils and resultant repair:

Defined process temperature maintained in the furnace chamber:

⇒ Lower investment costs

- ➡ Reduced operating costs
- ➡ Process stability

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### **Product examples**



Heating muffles (embedded heating coil)



Insulation end disc



Insulation plate



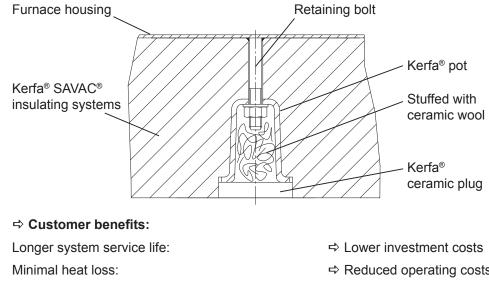
Insulation tube



Heating plate (embedded heating coil)

# Kerfa® special product: Heating and insulating system with ceramic pot

The Kerfa<sup>®</sup> ceramic pot is the ideal fixing system for ceiling or side-wall-mounted heating and insulating systems, and is optimized for energy efficiency.



High-stability mountings for heating and insulating systems:

Lower surface temperature on furnace shell:

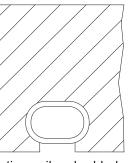
Lower maintenance requirements:

- ⇒ Reduced operating costs
- ⇒ Lower investment costs
- Shower risk of injury
- ⇒ Reduced operating costs

# Kerfa<sup>®</sup> special product: Heating coils embedded, hollow-molded, open at front

This special Kerfa<sup>®</sup> product is available for heating plates, segments or half-shells. The heating coil can be round or oval.

Hollow free of fibers



Heating coil embedded, hollow-molded, open at front

Hollow with fibers

This construction suitable only for furnace temperatures up to 800°C



Heating coil embedded, closed at front

The standard surface loading for Kerfa® heating coils is 16 kW/m<sup>2</sup>. Higher surface loadings are available on request.

# ⇒ Customer benefits:

Lower heat accumulation for longer service life: Higher energy efficiency:

Hollow with fibers

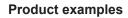
This construction suitable only for furnace temperatures up to 950°C



Heating coil embedded, open at front

- ⇒ Lower investment costs
- ⇒ Reduced operating costs

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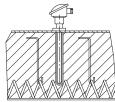




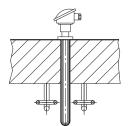
Individual custom solutions



Heating segment (embedded heating coil)



Thermal element (heating coil)

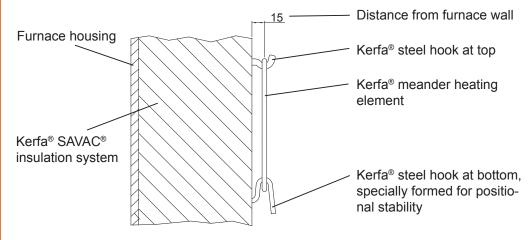


Thermal element (meander heating)



Ceramic pots

# Kerfa<sup>®</sup> special product: Meander heating system suspended at a distance from the furnace wall with high positional stability



The standard surface loading for Kerfa<sup>®</sup> meander heating systems is 40 kW/m<sup>2</sup>. Higher surface loadings are available on request.

# ⇒ Customer benefits:

Smaller furnace dimensions:	⇒ Lower investment costs
Positionally stable suspension:	Process stability
Lower maintenance requirements:	⇒ Reduced operating costs

# Further technical details and customer benefits

### Vacuum-molded components

- Kerfa®-specific construction for increased stability and service life even under vacuum
- Smaller heat capacity and lower thermal conductivity of Kerfa® SAVAC® fibers
- Minimal shrinkage and higher thermal shock resistance
- · Very high insulation values of Kerfa® SAVAC® insulating systems
- Good form stability at high temperatures
- · Vacuum-molded parts are easy to replace
- Rapid temperature adjustment

# Heating elements

- High power density of electric Kerfa® resistive heating elements
- High temperature precision for the process

# **Temperature Ranges**

Kerfa® SAVAC® insulating systems: Max. 1.600°C Kerfa® heating elements: Max. 1.400°C

Kerfa<sup>®</sup> – Made in Germany – used world wide



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