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#### not just another

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These 42" diameter 304 stainless steel spheres are for the storage of monomer chemicals, with an operating temperature of minus 58°F. and a pressure of 500 psig. The welding of the 12 spherical segments to form each tank was performed in compliance with Paragraphs U-69 and U-140 of the A.S.M.E. Code.



A vertical flash evaporator body—12' in height, 54" and 24" in diameter, built of  $\frac{5}{16}$ " thick type 316 extra low-carbon stainless steel. Use of expansion joint simplified a difficult space problem on the circulating pump piping.

distillation

extraction

evaporation

processes and equipment



A horizontal esterification kettle — 34' in length by 10' 9''in diameter, built of  $\frac{3}{6}''$  thick deoxidized copper, using the silver brazing process. The vessel was tested at 10 psig. and the steam chest at 250 psig. Total weight was 36,000 lbs. Present-day equipment design of chemical process vessels frequently requires something more than just another tank. Vulcan handles many such design and fabrication problems and is providing numerous special purpose vessels to process users. Three recent examples are illustrated.

tems such as flash coolers, reactors, decanters, percolators and separators are constructed. Often storage drums and tanks require special features. Complete evaporation units, single or multiple effect, natural or forced circulation, are built. The individual items bodies, calandrias, heat belts — also are available. Comparison on cost can be made between any of the metals — solid, clad or lined — through Vulcan's wide range of experience in alloy as well as copper and steel fabrication. Acetic acid, ethylene glycol, isopropanol, fatty acids and pharmaceuticals are typical products being handled in Vulcan-built equipment.

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