

PlanET BIOGAS Anaerobic Digestion for Agriculture

Nutrient Recovery & Energy for a Greener Tomorrow

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Leading RNG & Biogas Plant Design

& Manufacturing



biogas plants in operation worldwide, including 90⁺ AD to RNG plants.



years of experience, Established in 1998 and SERVING the **North American Market since 2006.**

Digestors create biogas and digestate...



Source: www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions

and PlanET's biogas plants historically have between

95%-99% Uptime

with **24/7** 6 Energy Production

supports local jobs and investment. Every dollar of investment in renewables creates three times more jobs than in the fossil fuel industry, leading to an overall increase in energy sector jobs which supports local jobs.

Source: www.un.org/en/climatechange/science/key-findings

The Potential for Biogas & RNG: Electricity, Heat & Fuel



PlanET STATERON RNG Upgrader

What is Anaerobic Digestion?

Anaerobic digestion is a process whereby bacteria break down organic matter in the absence of oxygen. Various feedstocks can be used including livestock manure, crop residues, organic food waste, grease trap residuals (Fats, Oils & Greases) and wastewater biosolids. An Anaerobic Digester is a system made up of airtight tanks that mix and heat organic material resulting in two useful products – biogas, and digestate. These products provide renewable sources of energy and nutrient recovery to the local community and farmers' fields.



Mono-digestion involves the anaerobic digestion of a single type of organic material, such as manure, agricultural crops or Source Separated Organics, to produce biogas. Co-digestion, on the other hand, combines multiple feedstocks, often with diverse organic wastes like manure, food scraps, and industrial residues, to enhance biogas production. Co-digestion enhances digestibility, provides better process stability, increases biogas production and yields a higher nutrient value for the remaining digestate.

What is Biogas?

Biogas, one of the by-products generated from Anaerobic Digestion, contains a mixture of methane, carbon dioxide, and other impurities. Biogas can be used to produce renewable heat and electricity. By removing the carbon dioxide and other impurities, biogas can also be upgraded to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), which has a lower carbon intensity compared to natural gas and can be injected into the natural gas grid. Natural Gas can be fed and stored in the local grid to be used when needed for transportation or residential, industrial, commercial and institutional heating.

What is Digestate?

Digestate, another by-product borne from Anaerobic Digestion, is a nutrient-rich slurry. It is a wet mixture that is usually separated into a solid and/or liquid and it is used as a fertilizer for crops to recycle nutrients back to the soil. Proper handling and management of digestate are crucial to ensure both environmental sustainability and effective utilization of the resources it contains.

Anaerobic digestion in the agricultural sector has several proven advantages. These include:

- 1. Diversified Farm Revenue
- 2. On-farm Cost Reduction
- 3. Conserving Agricultural & Farm Land
- 4. Energy Independence
- 5. Rural Economic Growth

PlanET's Steel Anaerobic Digesters

At PlanET we make two types of digesters steel and concrete. Our Anaerobic Digesters are reliable with a proven design based on 25+ years in the industry and hundreds of completed plants world-wide. Our innovative systems have made the widest array of feedstock delivery systems in the market work while providing best in class biogas quality combined with the lowest parasitic load, making us one of the most efficient and renowned technology providers in North America. It is our goal to ensure all designs are tailored to meet the needs of the operators while at the same time using standardized PlanET Digester configurations and designs to increase scalability, compress project timelines and reduce CAPEX.

Our steel CSTR (Continuous Stirred-Tank Reactor) digesters are constructed using high-quality stainless steel. They consist of a cylindrical tank with a dome-shaped roof. The tank is equipped with mixing and heating systems to maintain optimal conditions for the anaerobic digestion process. Steel CSTR digesters are suitable for both small-scale and large-scale operations and are known for their durability, corrosion resistance, and relatively faster construction. They are adaptable to various feedstocks and can handle both mono-digestion and co-digestion processes. Steel digesters ensure a long operational lifespan of over 20 years. The availability of four modular stainless steel design options ensure our digester designs can be scaled to meet any manure and agricultural residuals project requirements. Our engineers will collaborate with your project team to identify the optimal combination of tanks and digester components and ancillaries.

Four Standard Stainless Steel Tank Sizes

- ✓ 111.5' (34m) Ø x 29.5' (9m) H Gross Volume: 2.2 M Gal (8300 m³)
- ✓ 111.5' (34m) ø x 24.5' (7.5m) H Gross Volume: 1.8 M Gal (6920 m³)
- ✓ 98.5' (30m) Ø x 29.5' (9m) H
- Gross Volume: 1.7 M Gal (6360 m³) ✓ 98.5' (30m) ø x 24.5' (7.5m) H
- Gross Volume: 1.4 M Gal (5300 m³)

Our standard stainless steel tanks measure 29.5' (9m) or 24.5' (7.5m) in height and the panels are delivered and erected onsite. As depicted on our engineering and assembly drawings, each tank panel is assigned a location so it can be easily positioned during construction. Panels can be assembled in as little as two weeks and unlike concrete tanks, there is no curing required during construction except for the foundations which

can be planned to be poured during favorable site and weather conditions. In addition, the piping penetrations for substrates, gas and heating fluids are fully designed and pre-fabricated prior to construction.

Steel anaerobic digesters play a crucial role in sustainable waste management, nutrient recovery and renewable energy production. They are a leading technology of choose employed at numerous dairy manure and other on-farm digester projects in North America.

Advantages of PlanET Steel Digesters

- Robust and durable material to withstand harsh environmental conditions & corrosive substrates
- ✓ Long-lasting and reliable with high structural strength
- Four sizes of modular design allowing for easy customization and expansion for a variety of applications
- Consistent and efficient biogas production and storage
- Cost effective and relatively easy to maintain



PlanET's Concrete Anaerobic Digesters



Our concrete CSTR digesters are built using reinforced concrete. Similar to steel CSTR digesters, they feature a cylindrical shape with a conical or dome-shaped roof. Concrete digesters offer excellent insulation and are well-suited for large-scale biogas projects. Concrete CSTR digesters are known for their longevity and robustness, making them a preferred choice for long-term biogas operations. The average concrete digester has an operational lifespan of 20+ years.

Concrete digesters offer several advantages due to their design features. One notable advantage is their flexibility in sizing, allowing for customization based on the amount of manure or other substrates available. These digesters can also be partially buried, effectively reducing their overall height and visual impact. Concrete digesters allow for the versatile placement of mixers, which can be mounted either internally or externally based on preference and efficiency considerations. They are suitable for various feedstocks,



from manure and agricultural residues to food waste and can handle both mono-digestion and co-digestion processes.

Both steel and concrete CSTR digesters play a crucial role in the anaerobic digestion process by providing an environment for microorganisms to break down organic materials and produce biogas. The choice between steel and concrete depends on factors such as project scale, budget, feedstock characteristics, and local construction pricing and practices.

Our team is dedicated to providing expert guidance and support to ensure your success. Whether you're seeking advice, information, or solutions, we're committed to working with you every step of the way.

Standard PlanET Heating and Mixer Options

Anaerobic digesters can be customized with various add-ons and components to enhance their efficiency, safety, and overall performance. Through efficient in-tank heating and homogeneous mixing, our heaters and mixers play an integral role to allow for stable temperature and pH control within the digester.

Heating Options

PlanET offers in-tank stainless steel heating systems which can be used in both steel or concrete tanks. These heating loops or heating racks maintain and control the temperature within the digester, keeping energy efficiency top of mind. The microorganisms responsible for breaking down organic matter thrive within a specific temperature range, typically around 35-40°C (95-104°F) for mesophilic digestion.

Efficient in-tank heating and mixing ensures stable digester operation

Maintaining the appropriate temperature is essential for optimizing the activity of anaerobic microorganisms responsible for the breakdown of organic matter and the production of biogas promoting enhanced digestion and better quality of digestate even in colder climates or during seasonal temperature fluctuations. **PlanET Heating Loops** are circular heating pipes mounted either on a support or on the tank wall (if the tank is concrete). The heating loops maintain the digester's contents at the optimal temperature for these microorganisms to efficiently perform their digestion functions. They are a lower CAPEX option for digesters in warmer regions.

PlanET Heating Racks are made of stainless steel, and are installed inside the digester to hold and support heating pipes. These racks help position the heating elements optimally for efficient heat distribution within the digester contents and are pre-fabricated as "plug and play" to improve construction timelines and overall costs. Our patented design provides optimal heat transfer while minimizing flow resistance making them ideal for larger digesters.

Mixer Options

Mixers are crucial components in anaerobic digesters that play a vital role in maintaining optimal conditions for the anaerobic digestion process. Proper mixing helps distribute nutrients, maintain temperature uniformity, prevents stratification, and enhances the overall efficiency of the digestion process.

PlanET's diverse range of mixing solutions helps create tailor-made solutions that are efficient and purpose driven for a variety of substrates with varying total solids percentages. We offer both internal and external

PlanET MIXERS

mixer options and PlanET's team of experts will work with you to find the best solution for your project.

Enhancing the efficiency of the digestion process

PlanET offers two kinds of Internal Submersible Mixers. These mixers are installed directly inside the digester and can be mounted on the digester floor.

Our PlanET eco[®] **prop**, (aka Banana Mixer) is a low speed, high torque mixer positioned within the tank that is excellent at generating mixing currents for increased mixer performance and assists in the reduction of settling.

Our PlanET eco[®] **mix** is a column mixer that can be adjusted to mix at different heights while in operation and is located near the internal tank wall. It effectively eliminates floating layers in the digester while ensuring proper mixing.

The PlanET eco[®] powermix is our external mounted shaft mixer option. External mixers are positioned outside the digester to agitate the contents through the walls of the digester. This external placement further facilitates effective maintenance procedures reducing digester downtime.





Solutions to Align with your Project's Requirements



In addition to heaters and mixers, there are numerous other components that improve the effectiveness and functionality of anaerobic digesters and are integral to our design.

Double Membrane Roof

One of the central technical components of demand-oriented electricity production is gas storage. In particular, flexible operations with one or more CHP reciprocating engines requires variable volume flow rates despite constant gas production.

The PlanET Flexstore XL is a double-walled, air-supported roof which provides gas-tight cover, to the highest safety standards for PlanET digesters and digestate storage tanks.

The PlanET eco® gas storage dome provides extra storage volume. The weather-protection membrane comes in dust-grey, as standard, to blend in well with the environment. Other colors are available on request.

Flexstore Roofs Advantages at a Glance

- → Up to 35% more storage volume than conventional cone-roof storage tanks
- \rightarrow Roof blower redundancy
- → Blower Fan unit is completely enclosed in Polyethylene (PE), protecting against corrosion and external influences, pressure is regulated via a throttle valve
- → Storm-resistant to hurricane force winds (12 on the Beaufort scale)
- → Highly durable weather protection membrane
- → 5 years warranty on weather protection membrane

Separators

Separators are suitable for system integration directly at the digester or alternatively at the host farm. Depending on the desired application, separation improves the substrate properties, reduces floating layers in the digester or reduces volumes for downstream handling.

PlanET supplied separators have a MultiDisc for sealing, which reliably prevents breakthrough. With the help of a pump connected to the filtrate side, the effluent can be pumped directly back into the digester for dilution. Optionally, the connection to a second container is possible. A self-sufficient control regulates the interaction between the pump and the separator, including any existing gate valves.

PlanET eco® cover

Thick synthetic mesh PlanET eco[®] cover desulphurizes biogas reliably inside the digester improving gas quality. This polyethylene (PE) fabric offers sufficient area to act as a surface for hydrogen sulphide removal and is more stable and maintenance friendly than comparable structures. PlanET eco[®] cover provides greater H₂S removal efficiency, targeted cost reduction and improved corrosion resistance.

AD Options Tailored to your Project's Needs

PlanET's Technical Container -PlanET's proprietary Technical Container is a pre-fabricated 40' container that contains the critical ancillary components of the anaerobic digester system. It helps provide a compact footprint and facilitates easy and cost effective onsite installation. Some of the components included in the container are:

Rotary Lobe Pump & Substrate Manifold - responsible for distributing digestate from reception pit to digester, digester to digester, digester to separator. The PlanET Rotary Lobe Pump situated in the PlanET Technical container is easy to maintain with access through the double container doors. Rotary lobes are widely used, and the preferred choice for manure & agricultural applications, The main advantages are maintenance-friendly access to the rotary piston via the mounting cover without disassembling the substrate manifold. And it's ideal for inspection or repair. The ability to change direction of flow in the manifold provides additional operational flexibiliy. Comparatively low cost, these pumps range is size from 30 to 90 m³/h.

Heating Manifold – controls the distribution of heating fluid. Based on temperature readings, it only supplies heat, when necessary, through flow monitoring and in-line pumps that provide precise flow to the digester in-tank heating rack or heating loops.

Water Manifold - supplies water for utility and cleaning purposes.

Oxygen Generator - Direct O₂ injection allows for desulfurization of the biogas while it is still inside the digester. Using only oxygen means that other impurities are not introduced into the gas stream while strict oxygen injection control ensures the biogas upgarding plant is meeting the most stringent RNG pipeline specifications.

Electrical Cabinets - provides power to the digester system and auxiliaries and houses the PlanET HMI.

Human Machine Interface (HMI) -

enables interaction with the system. This HMI panel houses the Safety and sensor equipment which are critical components in anaerobic digesters to ensure the well-being of personnel, prevent accidents, and monitor the digester's performance. These systems help operators maintain optimal digester conditions, respond to anomalies, and protect the environment. Key safety equipment components include Gas Detectors, Emergency Shutdown Systems, Pressure Relief Valves, Flame Arrestors, PPE, appropriate Signage and Ventilation Systems are all vital components to a safe site and work in synergy to create a comprehensive safety framework for anaerobic digestion facilities. PlanET encourages clients to adhere to safety regulations and best practices through training and ongoing maintenance.

In addition to safety equipment, there are several types of sensors that monitor the digesters to keep them working optimally. Temperature Sensors, Gas Sensors, Pressure Sensors, Level Sensors, Flow Sensors and Liquid Level and Gas Pressure Transmitters all aid in operational monitoring and control.

These safety and sensor systems work together to create a comprehensive monitoring and control network for anaerobic digesters. Regular maintenance and calibration of these systems which PlanET can offer for our digester systems are essential to ensure their accuracy and reliability.



PlanET Vario Dry Feeder

PlanET's Vario Dry Feeder

PlanET's Vario Dry Feeder introduces solid substrates into the digester. Dry feeders play a crucial role in supplying the digester with a consistent and controlled feedstock to optimize the biogas production process while requiring minimal energy. They convey a wide range of feedstock, including challenging, long-fibre substrates. The feeder is distinguished by its modularity and patented conveyor rails that ensure even discharge of the material so it can be sized to suit the application



PlanET STATERON RNG upgrader technology



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PlanET STATERON is our RNG Upgrader technology that boasts a modular, pre-fabricated turnkey solution for our customers unique RNG project requirements, ensuring optimal efficiency and operational uptime. We use one of two carefully selected types of RNG upgrader technology.

PlanET STATERON M-Series

Our STATERON M-Series is a packaged 3-Stage membrane system that uses the principle of selective permeability through the membrane surface. The STATERON M-Series has a best in class methane recovery (up to 99.6%) simple process control & high RNG plant availability.

PlanET STATERON P-Series

Our STATERON P-Series uses Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) technology, a widely used process in the gas industry. Our containerized systems are designed for ease of onsite installation and operation for large (>1000 scfm / >1660 Nm3/hr biogas inlet) RNG plants.

About PlanET



25⁺ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE I 15⁺ YEARS IN NORTH AMERICA

100% DEDICATED TO ANAEROBIC DIGESTION, BIOC UTILIZATION & RNG TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIO



PlanET Biogas Global

Founded in 1998, PlanET Biogas is a innovative international company with offices in Germany, France, United States, Canada, Italy, and Brazil. We have extensive experience and knowledge of the global market for biogas technologies and specialize in the design, construction, and servicing of anaerobic digestion and biogas utilization systems including RNG plants.

PlanET Biogas in North America

PlanET's North American companies are subsidiaries of PlanET Biogas Group, headquartered in Germany. With offices in Colorado, New York and Ontario, PlanET's localized presence is well positioned to support your project anywhere in North America.

With a specific emphasis on the agriculture, slaughterhouse, food, and organic waste sectors, PlanET Biogas has solidified our position as key providers of AD & RNG technology solutions. Our expertise and experience enable us to address the unique challenges and requirements of these sectors, providing tailored solutions to meet the needs of our clients.





PlanET Biogas Group New Headquarters

2022 marked the opening of PlanET Biogas Group's headquarters in Gescher, Germany. This state-of-the-art facility showcases our commitment to sustainability by integrating a renewable energy concept that combines RNG-fueled CHP, geothermal technology, and solar power. With a focus on meeting our energy needs and reducing peak loads, we efficiently generate electricity and heat while minimizing our carbon footprint. Our geothermal system provides heating and cooling, and solar panels contribute clean



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energy. Additionally, we have installed 18 charging stations to support electric vehicles.



Research & Development

We actively engage in research and development, collaborating on scientific projects dedicated to organics resource recycling, upcycling, and diversion, as well as the beneficial use of biogas. This commitment directly benefits our customers by ensuring that our products and technology incorporate the latest scientific findings. We gain valuable insights into emerging technologies and best practices, enabling us to continually enhance the performance of our biogas plants. By staying at the forefront of research and innovation, PlanET provides our customers with state-of-the-art engineering design and technology solutions that improve energy production, organic waste management, and environmental sustainability.

Our Clients

We serve a diverse customer base, including gas & electric utilities, fuel suppliers & distributors, agricultural businesses (including farms & slaughterhouses), the food &





beverage industry, organic waste diversion companies (involved in processing pre- & post-consumer food waste & source-separated organics), municipalities, and other industries seeking sustainable energy solutions.

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