

Hydrogen solution for material handling vehicles



How does it work?

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1	Source of hydrogen
	Delivered in bundles, tube trailers or pipelines.
2	Compression phase
	Hydrogen is compressed at 50MPa.
3	Storage
	Hydrogen is stored in pressure vessels known as buffers.
4	Dispenser
	In just 3 minutes, hydrogen at 35MPa charges the forklift tank.
5	Control panel
	It enables to control and monitor the hydrogen charging process.
6	Hydrogen fuel cell
	It combines hydrogen with oxygen from the air to produce power.

Electricity is generated via an electrochemical process. The output from the process includes electricity, water and heat.



Energy to go further

The world faces a dual challenge that involves both the environment and energy.

A world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide seeks to facilitate access to this **clean energy**.

Hydrogen can be produced from a range of energy sources, in particular from **renewable energies**. For this reason, hydrogen shows great potential to provide clean energy and be an alternative to fossil fuels.

Air Liquide masters the entire industrial chain, from production and storage to distribution and uses for the end user.

The vehicles running on hydrogen emit **no** greenhouse gases, offer productivity gains and are highly flexible. Hydrogen offers users a source of power that is reliable and environmentally friendly.

These advantages have been highlighted in the North American market where more than 5,000 hydrogen-powered forklift trucks were deployed. The potential development of this market in **Europe** could be **around 10,000 units by 2020**.



Air Liquide has made a commitment to produce at least 50% of the hydrogen necessary to energy applications through carbon-free processes by 2020, by combining:

- ✓ biogas reforming,
- the use of renewable energies during water electrolysis,
- the use of technologies for the capture and upgrading of carbon emitted during the process of producing hydrogen from natural gas.

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