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PREFACE

This course of study was prepared for the purpose of embodying in a single publication the fundamentals basic to the practice of air conditioning, heating, and ventilating inspection. It is essentially a summary of fundamental inspection procedures and techniques normally covered and obtained by researching several publications. Useful information was assembled to provide the basis for a course in inspection and to provide the inspector a reference to assist him in performing his duties. Hopefully, the material brings some degree of uniformity to a complex subject.

This publication is in draft form and will be refined after it has been used and evaluated by instructors, students and practitioners. Instructors may find that all this material cannot be covered in one semester. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Definitions

Boiler horsepower:
The equivalent evaporation of 34.5 lbs of water from and at 212°F, equal to 33,475 btu per hour.

Brake horsepower:
The actual horsepower required to drive a piece of machinery; or the actual horsepower delivered at the shaft of a prime mover.

Air, standard conditions:
Air with a density of 0.075 lb per cu ft. Equivalent to dry air at 70°F and 29.92" Hg, and 50% relative humidity.

Dew Point Temperature:
The temperature at which water vapor begins to condense when a constant mixture of air and water vapor is cooled.

Atmospheric pressure:
The pressure due to the weight of the atmosphere. A standard atmosphere is 14.696 psi or 29.92 in. of mercury at 32°F.

Dehumidification:
The reduction of moisture in a given volume of air.

Heat, latent:
The change of energy involved in a change of state; as steam condensing to water, or water freezing to ice.

Heat, sensible:
The change of energy involved in changing the temperature of a substance, as heating or cooling air or water, etc.
Psychrometer:
Basically, a device that consists of a dry bulb thermometer and a wet bulb thermometer for finding the humidity characteristics of air by means of a psychrometric chart.

Steam tables:
A tabulation of the physical and thermodynamic properties of water and steam at various pressures and temperatures.

Velocity pressure:
The impact pressure of a moving fluid upon a flat surface at 90° to the direction of flow, inches w.c.

Static pressure:
The pressure of a contained fluid upon the sides of the container, inches w.c.

Total pressure:
The sum of the impact and velocity pressure, inches w.c.

Air horsepower:
The horsepower needed to drive a fan.

\[
HP = \text{cfm} \times 0.0157 \times \text{total pressure, (inches w.c.)} \\
\times \% \text{ fan efficiency}
\]

Pump horsepower:
\[
\frac{(\text{gpm}) \times (8.33) \times \text{(head in feet)}}{(33000) \times \% \text{ pump eff.} \times 100)}
\]
Cold Spring:
An initial separation or spreading of the legs of an expansion U bend from the cold position such that the heated pipe will return the legs to the cold position and beyond. Cold spring generally equals $1/2$ the thermal expansion.

Ordinate:
Vertical, parallel to the $Y$ axis.

Abscissa:
The horizontal ordinate, $X$ axis.

Plenum:
An enclosed space in which the pressure is greater or less than atmospheric pressure.
**Abbreviations**

psia....lb per sq in. absolute + gage pressure; (14.7 - at sea level)

psig....lb per sq in. gage

btu....British thermal unit - the heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water at 62° F. one degree Fahrenheit.

cfm.....cubic feet per min

cfh.....cubic feet per hour

EDR.....equivalent direct radiation, 1 sq ft EDR = 240 Btu per hour

F.......degrees Fahrenheit

fpm.....feet per minute

fps.....feet per second

in. Hg..inches of mercury

in. wc..inch's water column

mbh.....1000 British thermal units per hour

od.....outside diameter

id.....inside diameter

ips.....iron pipe size

NPT.....National pipe thread

rpm.....revolutions per minute

bhp.....brake horsepower

Q........Quantity, cu ft per minute

v........velocity, fpm

a........area, sq ft or sq inch

gpm.....gallons per minute
PRESSURE RELATIONSHIPS
I. THE ROLE OF THE MECHANICAL INSPECTOR.

Responsibility

Like all other inspectors on construction projects, the mechanical inspector is a representative of the Architect and Engineer. The degree of his authority to make field decisions, approve change orders, etc., is controlled by the Architect and Engineer. The responsibility of seeing that the requirements of the contract plans and specifications are followed is the inspector's. He also has a responsibility to the contractor in maintaining a co-operative attitude by acting promptly in getting answers and solutions to everyday problems that arise, being on time to witness tests, and expedite approvals or similar paper work that will cause a delay.

At the start of the job the inspector should meet with the mechanical contractor's representative, (particularly the superintendent and foreman who will be in charge of the work) to review the drawings and specifications. This is the time to explain what will be required and to clear up any questions or discrepancies. Any matters that cannot be resolved at the field level should be referred to the Architect-Engineer by the inspector.

The mechanical work is usually subcontracted by the General Contractor so all directives intended for the mechanical subcontractor must be channeled through the General. Where the mechanical work is a prime contract, take care to keep other contractors advised of any developments that will affect their work.

Guidance Documents

1. Plans and Specifications.

Complete familiarity with all the construction drawings is axiomatic.

2. Approved Submittals.

Material and equipment data sheets should be carefully studied and filed for ready reference. Nameplate data on equipment, dimensions, etc., should be checked on arrival at the job. Check shop drawings of equipment for space requirements, connection locations, etc. Obtain an approval for each piece of equipment to be installed.

3. The manufacturer's installation instructions.

These should be obtained before the start of the job and referred to while the work is in progress.
4. Industry standards adopted by the Specification (such as SMACCNA).

5. Regulatory and Governmental Codes.

a. Uniform Mechanical Code (Volume II of the Uniform Building Code). Published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, 5032 Alhambra Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90032.

b. State of California Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 4, Office of Procurement, Document Section, P.O. Box 20191, Sacramento, California 95820

c. Code for Pressure Piping (Power) ANSI B31.1.0
   American Society of Mechanical Engineers,
   345 East 47th Street,
   New York, New York 10017

d. Boiler and Fired Pressure Vessel Safety Orders,
   State of California, Division of Industrial Safety,
   P.O. Box 20191,
   Sacramento, California 95920

e. Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels
   American Society of Mechanical Engineers
   (same address as (c))

f. National Fire Protection Association
   60 Batterymarch Street,
   Boston, Massachusetts 02110
   (see appendix for list of publications)
2. PIPING

Types of piping

The various kinds of piping materials are specified by the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM). The following grades of carbon-steel are most commonly used in air conditioning and heating work:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>ASTM</th>
<th>pipe sizes</th>
<th>service</th>
<th>type weld</th>
<th>tests required, psi</th>
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<tr>
<td>A53</td>
<td>1/8&quot; - 24&quot;</td>
<td>Ordinary (steam,</td>
<td>Seamless, butt welded, electric resistance welded.</td>
<td>2,500 to 3&quot;</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>water, gas, etc.)</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,300 over 3&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>A120</td>
<td>1/8&quot; - 24&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>4&quot; and under, s = 0.60 yield or electric strength weld.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Over 4&quot;, seamless or electric weld.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A134</td>
<td>16&quot; O.D. and</td>
<td>Ordinary Service</td>
<td>Electric fusion s = 0.60 yield or electric strength weld.</td>
<td>2,300 max.</td>
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<td>over, walls</td>
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<td>(are) welded</td>
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<td>to 3/4&quot; thk.</td>
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The following is an excerpt from Table A-1 (in the Appendix) which lists the dimensions and properties of steel pipe.

COMMERCIAL WROUGHT STEEL PIPE DATA

Note 1: The letters "s", "x", and "xx" in the column of Schedule Numbers indicate Standard, Extra Strong and Double Extra Strong Pipe, respectively.

Note 2: The values shown in square feet for the Transverse Internal Area also represent the volume in cubic feet per foot of pipe length.
Pipe is designated by "schedule" numbers, as schedule 40, 80, or 160. Schedule 40 is also known as "standard" weight and schedule 80 as "extra strong". Double extra strong (not too common) generally does not have a schedule designation. Note that for a given nominal pipe size (also called "iron pipe size" or ips), the outside diameter of the pipe is the same for all weight schedules. That is, the thicker the pipe wall, the smaller the inside diameter.

The allowable working pressure of a piece of pipe may be found from the formula:

\[ P = \frac{2 \times t \times s \times E}{d} \]

where \( t \) = wall thickness, inches
\( s \) = allowable fiber stress of the metal, lb per sq. in.
\( d \) = outside diameter of the pipe, inches
\( E \) = joint efficiency

Allowable fiber stress of the metal can be found in the Code for Pressure Piping or ASME Boiler Code Section VIII. Steel pipe is rarely stressed to the allowable in heating and ventilating work.

Example: Find the stress in a 6" ips schedule 40 A-53 steel pipe filled with 125 psig steam.

\[ P = 125 \text{ psig} \quad E = 1.00 \]
\[ d = 6.625 \text{ inches} \]
\[ t = 0.280 \text{ inches} \]

\[ s_t = \frac{P \times d}{2 \times t} \]
\[ = \frac{(125)(6.625)(1)}{2(0.280)} \]
\[ = 1,480 \text{ lb per sq in., stress} \]

(The Code allows 5,000 lb per sq in.)

Copper Tubing

ASTM specification B-88 covers the material requirements for copper tubing used in heating and ventilating, types K, L, and M.

Table A-2 (appendix) shows the physical dimensions of types, K, L, and M copper tubing.

The allowable working stress for B-88 copper tubing is 5,000 psi (at 300°F), and the working pressure can be calculated from:

\[ P = \frac{2 \times s \times t}{d} \quad (s, t, \text{ and } d \text{ same as shown above}) \]
Example: Find the allowable working pressure of a piece of type K copper tubing with a wall thickness of 0.083", and an outside diameter of 2.125".

\[
P = \frac{(2)(0.083)(5,000)}{2.125}
\]

= 388 psi, working pressure

However, the working pressure of copper tubing systems using solder joints are governed by the strength of the joints, to be discussed later in this section.

Plastic Piping

Thermoplastic piping is used in chilled water systems and for miscellaneous services as drains, vents and cold water connections in the heating and ventilating plant. The most common type is polyvinyl chloride (PVC) which is available in ips sizes, schedule 40 and 80. Type I is designated as a "normal impact" grade and can be stressed to 2,000 lb per sq in. fiber stress. Type II, "high impact grade" has a design fiber stress of 1,000 to 1600 lb per sq in., depending on the grade. The Type II has a greater resistance to impact stresses, such as surges due to water hammer, but has a lower design fiber stress. Table 2-1 gives the dimensions of PVC pipe and Table 2-2 shows the allowable water (73° F) pressure for threaded PVC. Unthreaded pipe is rated at twice the pressures shown in Table 2-2.

Thermosetting plastic piping is a polyester or epoxy resin base material reinforced with glass or asbestos fibers for strength. Due to its resistance to many corrosive substances and high temperature and pressure rating it is used for steam condensate, which attacks ferrous pipe. This pipe utilizes glued slip-on flanges and couplings for joint make-up and must be done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Pipe Jointing and Fittings

Threaded joints are cut on a taper as shown in Table 2-3. The dimension L, called the thread engagement is important; if too short the joint will not develop full strength and may leak; if too long the pipe will protrude too far into the fitting preventing it from being tightened and may interfere with the flow. The dimensions of L, are shown for various pipe sizes and should be obtained when the pipe is screwed into a fitting hand tight. Threads should be inspected for smooth, clean, sharp cuts, and the inside of the pipe checked for removal of burrs. Some form of thread compound is used to insure a tight joint and provide lubrication when the joint is being made up.

The following compounds have been used with satisfactory results:

Refrigeration and Oil Piping - Litharge and glycerin or Expando, or equal.
### Table 2-2

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Nominal size, in.</th>
<th>Schedule</th>
<th>Wall thickness, <strong>in.</strong></th>
<th>OD, in.</th>
<th>ID, in.</th>
<th>Theoretical weight, °lb/ft°</th>
<th>Calculated min bursting pressure, psi</th>
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### Table 2-3

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<th>Nominal pipe size, in.</th>
<th>Dimension ratio</th>
<th>Pressure ratings° for PVC plastic pipe made from PVC1120 PVC11220, psi</th>
<th>PVC4116, psi</th>
<th>PVC2110, psi</th>
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<td>630</td>
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</table>

° Pressure ratings shown for threaded pipe are one-half those calculated in accordance with

\[
\frac{2S}{P} = \text{SDR} - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2S}{P} = \frac{\text{OD}}{t} - 1
\]

where

- \( S \) = design stress, psi
- \( P \) = pressure rating, psi
- \( \text{OD} \) = average outside diameter, in.
- \( t \) = minimum wall thickness, in.
- SDR = standard thermoplastic pipe dimension ratio (OD/t for PVC pipe)

Thus, pressure ratings for nonthreaded pipe in Class-T dimensions are twice those given in this table.

° NPR = not pressure-rated.

### Table 2-2

AMERICAN STANDARD TAPER PIPE THREADS

(NPT)

Incomplete Threads Due to Lead of Die

\[ E_1 = D - (0.050D + 1.1)L \]
\[ E_2 = E_1 + 0.0025 L \]
\[ L = (0.80D + 6.9)p \]

Also length of ring gauge, and length from gauging notch to small end of plug gauge.

- Pitch diameter at gauging notch.
- Depth of thread = 0.8p
- Total Taper 3/4-inch per Foot

Tolerance on product:
One turn large or small from notch on plug gauge or face of ring gauge.

Notch flush with face of fitting. If chamfered, notch flush with bottom of chamfer.

**Dimensions in Inches**

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†Also pitch diameter at gauging notch.
‡Also length of plug gauge.
§Also length of ring gauge, and length from notch to small end of plug gauge.

**AMERICAN STANDARD STRAIGHT PIPE THREADS**

*Straight pipe threads in couplings with American Standard Taper Pipe Thread plug gauges, the notch (P.D. = L) to come flush at bottom of chamfer with gauging tolerance of one and one-half turns large or small. While this theoretically provides maximum and minimum pitch diameters as shown, the actual pitch diameters of the tapped hole will be slightly smaller than the values given.

†Mechanical joint straight pipe threads are gauged with straight thread gauges.

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**Table 2-3**

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Plastic Piping - Teflon pipe compound or sealing tape.

Other Services - Armitie Joint Seal Compound #250, Commercial "Thread-Seal", Baker Oil Tool Teflon "Bakerseal" or equal.

Compound should be smoothed on the male thread and not in the fittings.

**Threaded fittings** are available in the following materials and pressure ranges:

- **Cast iron** 125 and 250 lb, steam
- **Malleable iron** 150 and 300 lb, steam
- **Brass and copper** 150 and 250 lb, steam
- **Forged steel** 2,000, 3,000, and 6,000 lb, steam

Welded joints and fittings are used for steam, hot water and chilled water piping. The butt weld is used to join pipe ends, pipe to flange, and pipe to fittings. The pipe ends are beveled by grinding or oxygen-flame cut to an angle between 35° to 40°, Fig. 2-1, and to a compound bevel for thicker wall pipes, Fig. 2-2. Backing rings, or chill rings, are sometimes specified for butt welds, Fig. 2-3. These prevent icicles and slag from forming on the inside of the pipe. In the smaller sizes of welded piping the use of socket end welding fittings eliminates this problem. Butt weld fittings are forged steel and are classified by schedule number (20, 40, 60, 80 and 160) and have the same pressure and temperature ratings as seamless steel pipe of the same schedule. Socket weld fittings are available in sizes to 4", 3,000 and 6,000 psi ratings. Forged branch fittings welded directly to the side of a pipe, as the "Weldolet", etc, Fig. 2-5, are sufficiently reinforced to meet the ASME requirements of replacing the metal cut out for the branch opening.

**Inspection of welded joints** is accomplished visually, by radiographic methods, magnetic particle inspection, by use of dye penetrants, and ultrasonic testing. Some of the defects that can be observed are shown in Figs. 2-6 to 2-8.

**Visual Inspection of Welds**

The following procedures and visual inspection should be made of welds whether or not a radiographic inspection will be made.

**Before Welding**

1. **Welders qualifications.**
2. **Inspect base materials for seams, scale or delamination.**
   - Check material for proper thickness.
**Fig. 2-1**

PIPE END

\[ \frac{7}{8} \text{ M.I.W.} \]

\[ \frac{7}{8} \text{ M.I.W.} \]

**Fig. 2-2**

PIPE END

\[ \frac{7}{8} \text{ M.I.W.} \]

\[ \frac{7}{8} \text{ M.I.W.} \]

**Fig. 2-3**

BACKING RING

\[ \frac{3}{16} \text{ TO } \frac{3}{8} \]

**Fig. 2-4**

SOCKET END WELDING FITTING

**Fig. 2-5**

Weldolet; Sweepolet; Latrolet.

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3. After parts are assembled for welding, check:
   a. weld preparation for dimensions and finish.
   b. clearance dimensions of backing strips, rings or backing filler metal.
   c. alignment and fit up to the pieces being welded.
   d. clean metal surfaces.
   e. electrode specification and storage.

During welding, check:

1. Welding process (welding procedure specification if one exists).
2. Filler metal.
3. Cleaning of welds.
4. Penetration of successive passes.
5. Undercutting.
6. Surface uniformity.
7. Chipping, grinding or gouging.

After welding, check for:

1. Cracks (not acceptable).
2. Undercutting (not to exceed 1/32" in depth).
3. Weld reinforcement; not to exceed the following:

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<td>1/2 and under</td>
<td>1/8</td>
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<td>over 1/2 through 1</td>
<td>5/32</td>
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<td>over 1</td>
<td>3/16</td>
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Surface of the weld shall fair into the base metal with no overlap.

4. Fillet weld dimensions (see Fig. 2-11 for acceptable divergences).
5. Acceptability of weld regarding appearance (surface roughness, weld splatter, etc).

Radiographic methods employing X-ray or radioactive isotopes are used both in shop and the field. Butt welds may be examined by placing the radiation source on one side of the pipe. Some piping Codes require the use of a gage called a "penetrameter" which is placed near the weld being radiographed. The purpose of this gage is to produce a film sufficiently sensitive to show the various holes on the penetrameter, as shown in Fig. 2-9. Magnetic particles will show up surface and sub-surface discontinuities in the path of a magnetic flux in a magnetic field placed around ferro-magnetic metals. Dye penetrants are used to inspect pipe base materials and welds. The highly penetrating
DESIRED FILLET WELD PROFILES

CONVEXITY, C, NOT TO EXCEED VALUE SPECIFIED

ACCEPTABLE FILLET WELD PROFILE

EXCESSIVE

OVERLAP

INSUFFICIENT

INSUFFICIENT

CONVEXITY

UNDERCUT

LEG

THROAT

DEFECTIVE FILLET WELD PROFILES

REINFORCEMENT, R, NOT TO EXCEED VALUE SPECIFIED

ACCEPTABLE BUTT WELD PROFILE

EXCESSIVE

UNDERCUT

OVERLAP

DEFECTIVE BUTT WELD PROFILES
ROOT BEAD FUSED TO BOTH INSIDE SURFACES BUT CENTER OF ROOT PASS SLIGHTLY BELOW INSIDE SURFACE OF PIPE

INADEQUATE PENETRATION DUE TO INTERNAL CONCAVITY

NOTE ABSENCE OF BOND AND THAT DISCONTINUITY IS SURFACE CONNECTED

INCOMPLETE FUSION AT ROOT OF BEAD OR TOP OF THE JOINT

COLD LAP BETWEEN ADJACENT BEADS

COLD LAP BETWEEN WELD BEAD AND BASE METAL

NOTE: COLD LAP IS NOT SURFACE CONNECTED

INCOMPLETE FUSION DUE TO COLD LAP

Fig. 2-7

Figs. 2-7, 2-8, and 2-9 used by permission, Division of Transportation, American Petroleum Institute from API Std. 1104, STANDARD FOR WELDING PIPE LINES AND RELATED FACILITIES, 11th Edition.
NO HIGH-LOW AT ROOT

NOTE INCOMPLETE FILLING AT ROOT

INADEQUATE PENETRATION OF WELD GROOVE

NOTE HIGH-LOW AT ROOT

NOTE INCOMPLETE FILLING AT ROOT ON ONE SIDE ONLY

INADEQUATE PENETRATION DUE TO HIGH-LOW

Fig. 2-3
T = PENETRAMETER THICKNESS
A DIAMETER = 2T
B DIAMETER = 1T
C DIAMETER = 4T

EXCEPT THAT THE SMALLEST HOLE NEED NOT BE LESS THAN 1/16" IN DIAMETER.
Holes shall be round and drilled perpendicular to the surface.
Holes shall be free of burrs but edges shall not be chamfered.

Each penetrrometer shall carry a lead identification number.

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STANDARD PENETRAMETER

Fig. 2-9
liquid is applied to the metal surface and left for 15 to 30 minutes. The welded area is then wiped clean and sprayed with a fine white powder. Any dye which previously penetrated surface discontinuities will be absorbed by the dried powder and be visible to the eye. The ultrasonic method of inspection transmits mechanical vibrations at ultra-high frequencies through the test specimen with little or no loss of energy if the material is homogeneous throughout. The presence of a defect or flaw in the material will cause a reduction or reflection of this energy, thereby providing a means of detection.

The various piping Codes, ASME, ANSI, etc, allow specific amounts of imperfections, such as slag inclusions, incomplete penetration, and porosity. Fig. 2-10 shows allowable maximum distribution of gas pockets (porosity).

Certification of Welders

All welding of piping installed under the requirements of the Code for Pressure Piping, Power Piping, ANSI B31.1-0, and the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Section IX) require that welders be qualified under the requirements of these Codes. Each employer is responsible for the welding done by the personnel of his organization and shall conduct the required qualification test (or have it done by a certified testing laboratory). The Code for Pressure piping requirements are the same as the ASME Pressure Vessel Code except that under the former welders qualified by one employer may be accepted by another employer on piping using the same or equivalent procedure where the essential variables are within the limits of Section IX of the ASME Code. The new employer assumes responsibility for the welds. Under both Codes, welders are qualified as competent to weld in one or all of the positions designated as 1G, 2G, etc, all as described in the Section IX of the ASME Code as follows:

1G Pipe axis horizontal, weld groove horizontal
2G Pipe axis vertical, weld axis horizontal
5G Pipe axis horizontal, weld groove vertical

These positions are shown on page 127 of the Pressure Piping Code. Note that qualification for these positions on pipe also qualify for comparable positions for plate groove and fillet welds.

Coupons are cut from welded sections and subjected to tension and bending tests to determine the tensile strength and degree of soundness and ductility of the weld. The weld is also radiographed and sectionalized to prove soundness.

The report of the performance qualification test includes the ASTM specification of the material welded, or the F-Number, which various steels are classed in Section IX as follows:

F-1 Carbon Steels, 40,000 to 75,000 psi min tensile
F-3 Low alloy steels, not over 2% alloy
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FINE

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Fig. 2-10 (a)
### Porosity Charts

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**ASSORTED**

- Large: 125
- Medium: .034
- Fine: .024

TYPICAL NUMBER AND SIZE PERMITTED IN ANY SIX INCH LENGTH OF WELD
THREE QUARTER INCH WELD THICKNESS TOTAL PORE AREA PERMITTED IS .045 SQ. IN.

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Typical number and size permitted in any six inch length of weld one inch weld thickness. Total pore area permitted is .060 sq. in.

Fig. 2-10 (c)
USA STANDARD CODE FOR PRESSURE PIPING

Fig. 2-11
RECOMMENDED FORM Q-1 MANUFACTURER'S RECORD OF WELDING PROCEDURE QUALIFICATION TESTS

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<td>Describe Filler Metal if not included in Table Q-11.2 or QN-11.2</td>
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<td>For oxyacetylene welding—State if Filler Metal is silicon or aluminum killed.</td>
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WELDING PROCEDURE

| Single or Multiple Pass | |
| Position of Groove | (See Pars. & Figs. Q-2 & Q-3, or QN-2 & QN-3) |
| (Flat, horizontal, vertical, or overhead; if vertical, state whether upward or downward) | |

WELDING TECHNIQUES

| Trade Name | Joint Dimensions Accord with |
| Filler Wire—Diameter | amps volts inches per min. |
| Type of Backing | Current Polarity |
| Forehand or Backhand | |

REDUCED SECTION TENSILE TEST (Figs. Q-6 and QN-6)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specimen No.</th>
<th>Dimensions</th>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Ultimate Total Load, lb.</th>
<th>Ultimate Unit Stress, psi</th>
<th>Character of Failure and Location</th>
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<td>Width</td>
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GUIDED BEND TESTS (Figs. Q-7.1, Q-7.2, QN-7.1, QN-7.2, QN-7.3)

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Results of Filletweld Tests, Fig. Q-9(c) ________

Welder's Name ________ Clock No. ________ Stamp No. ________

Tho by virtue of these tests meets welder performance requirements.

Test Conducted by ________ Laboratory—Test No. ________

We certify that the statements in this record are correct and that the test welds were prepared, welded and tested in accordance with the requirements of Section IX of the ASME Code.

Signed ________ (Manufacturer)

Date ________ By ________

(Detail of record of tests are illustrative only and may be modified to conform to the type and number of tests required by the Code. Recommended Form Q-1 is available for purchase at ASME Headquarters.)

NOTE: Any essential variables in addition to those above shall be recorded.

Fig. 2-12

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127 WELDING

127.1 General
The following applies essentially to the welding of ferrous materials. The welding of aluminum, copper, etc., requires different preparations and procedures.

127.2 Material.

127.2.1 Filler Metal.
All filler metal shall comply with the requirements of Section IX, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. A new filler metal not yet incorporated in Section IX, and which is necessary for the development of the science of welding, may be used if a procedure qualification test is first successfully made.

127.2.2 Backing Rings.
When backing rings are used they shall be made from material of weldable quality compatible with the base metal or be of a removable type. Backing rings may be of the consumable insert type, removable ceramic type, or solid or split band type. A ferrous backing ring which becomes a permanent part of the weld shall not exceed 0.05 per cent sulphur.

If two abutting surfaces are to be welded to a third member used as a backing ring and one or two of the three members are ferritic and the other member or members are austenitic, the satisfactory use of such materials shall be determined by procedure qualification.

127.3 Preparation.

127.3.1 Butt Welds.
(a) End Preparation.

1. Oxygen or arc cutting is acceptable only if the cut is reasonably smooth and true, and all slag is cleaned from the flame cut surfaces. Discoloration which may remain on the flame cut surface is not considered to be detrimental oxidation.

2. Butt-welding end preparation dimensions contained in USAS B16.25 or any other end preparation which meets the procedure qualification are acceptable.

3. If piping component ends are bored such boring shall not result in the finished wall thickness after welding less than the minimum design thickness. Where necessary, weld metal of the appropriate analysis may be deposited on the inside of the piping component to provide sufficient material for machining to insure satisfactory fitting of rings.

(b) Cleaning.
Surfaces for welding shall be clean and shall be free from paint, oil, rust, scale, or other material which is detrimental to welding.

(c) Alignment.
The ends of piping components to be joined shall be aligned as accurately as is practicable within existing commercial tolerances on diameters, wall thicknesses, and out-of-roundness. Alignment shall be preserved during welding. Where ends are to be joined and the internal misalignment exceeds 1/16 in., it is preferred that the component with the wall extending internally be internally trimmed (see Fig. 127.3.1) so that adjoining internal surfaces are approximately flush. However, this trimming shall not result in a piping component wall thickness less than the minimum design thickness and the change in contour shall not be so abrupt as to cause a stress concentration. Inert gas metal arc welding may require more accurate alignment than specified above.

(d) Spacing.
The root opening of the joint shall be as given in the procedure specifications.

![FIG. 127.3.1. BUTT WELDING OF PIPING COMPONENTS WITH INTERNAL MISALIGNMENT.](From ANSI B31.1.0²)
127.3.2 Fillet Welds.

Piping components which are to be joined in a manner which includes fillet welding shall be prepared in accordance with applicable provisions and requirements of Par. 127.3.1. For typical details see Fig. 127.4.4A, B and C.

127.4 Procedure.

127.4.1 General.

(a) Qualification of the welding procedures to be used, and of the performance of welders and operators, is required, and shall comply with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Section IX) except as modified by Par. 127.5.

(b) No welding shall be done if there is impingement of rain, snow, sleet or high wind on the weld area.

127.4.2 Girth Butt Welds.

(a) Girth butt welds may be made with a single vee, double vee, or other suitable type of groove, with or without backing rings or consumable inserts.

(b) Tack welds shall be made by a qualified welder. Tack welds made by an unqualified welder shall be removed. Tack welds which are not removed shall be made with an electrode which is the same as or equivalent to the electrode to be used for the first pass. Tack welds which have cracked shall be removed.

(c) When components of different outside diameters are welded together, there shall be a gradual transition in the weld between the two surfaces. If the difference in surfaces exceeds 1/4 in., the outside surface of the component having the larger diameter shall be tapered at an angle not to exceed thirty degrees with the axis of the pipe.

(d) The finished surface of the weld shall merge smoothly into the component surface at the weld toe. The thickness of weld reinforcement shall not exceed the following, considering the thickness of the thinner component being joined.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component Thickness</th>
<th>Reinforcement Thickness, Max</th>
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<tr>
<td>Up to 1/2 in.</td>
<td>1/16 in.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 1/2 to 1 in.</td>
<td>3/32 in.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Over 1 to 2 in.</td>
<td>1/8 in.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Over 2 in.</td>
<td>5/32 in.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This reinforcement need not be removed except in the case where a joint is to be radiographed; then excessive ridges which may interfere with proper interpretation of a radiograph shall be removed.

For double-welded joints, this limitation on reinforcement shall apply to each surface of the weld separately.

(e) Girth butt welds may be examined by any or all of the methods stated in Table 127.4.6. The types and extent of examination required are specified in Par. 136.5.

Sections of welds that are shown by radiography or other examination to have any of the following types of imperfections shall be judged unacceptable and shall be repaired as provided in Par. 127.4.7.

1. Any type of crack or zone of incomplete fusion or penetration.
2. Any slag inclusion or porosity greater in extent than those specified as acceptable by the radiographic methods of examination set forth in Par. 136.4.3(b) and (c).
3. Undercuts in the external surfaces of butt welds which are more than 1/32 in. deep.
4. Concavity on the root side of full penetration girth butt welds where the resulting weld thickness is less than the minimum pipe wall thickness required by this Code. Weld reinforcement up to a maximum of 1/32 in. thickness may be considered as pipe wall thickness in such cases.

127.4.3 Longitudinal Butt Welds.

Longitudinal butt welds in piping components not made in accordance with the standards and specifications listed in Table 126.1 may be examined by any or all of the methods stated in Table 127.4.6. Imperfections shall not exceed the limits established for girth butt welds except that no undercutting shall be permitted in longitudinal butt welds.

127.4.4 Fillet Welds.

Fillet welds may vary convex to concave. The size of a fillet weld is determined as shown in Fig. 127.4.4A. Typical minimum fillet weld details for slip-on flanges and socket-welding components are shown in Fig. 127.4.4B and 127.4.4C.

The limitations on cracks and undercutting set forth in Par. 127.4.2(e) for girth welds are also applicable to fillet welds.

127.4.5 Seal Welds.

Where seal welding of threaded joints is performed, threads shall be entirely covered by the seal weld. Seal welding shall be done by qualified welders.

The limitations on cracks and undercutting set forth in Par. 127.4.2(e) for girth welds are also applicable to seal welds.

127.4.7 Weld Defect Repairs.

All defects in welds requiring repair shall

(From ANSI B31.1.02)
Table 127.4.6.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Examination for</th>
<th>Magnetic</th>
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be removed by flame or arc gouging, grinding, chipping, or machining. Repair welds shall be made in accordance with the same procedure used for original welds, recognizing that the cavity to be repaired may differ in contour and dimensions from the original joint. The types, extent and method of examination and limits of imperfections of repair welds shall be the same as for the original weld.

Preheating may be required for flame-gouging or arc-gouging on certain alloy materials of the air hardening type in order to prevent surface checking or cracking adjacent to the flame or arc-gouged surface.

127.4.8 Welded Branch Connections.

(a) Fig. 127.4.8A, 127.4.8B and 127.4.8C show typical details of branch connections with and without added reinforcement. However, no attempt has been made to show all acceptable types of construction and the fact that a certain type of construction is illustrated does not indicate that it is recommended over other types not illustrated.

(b) Fig. 127.4.8D shows basic types of weld attachments used in the fabrication of branch connections. The location and minimum size of these attachment welds shall conform to the requirements of Part 127.4.8. Welds shall be calculated in accordance with Part 104.3.1 but shall not be less than the sizes shown in Fig. 127.4.8D.

The notations and symbols used in this paragraph and in Fig. 127.4.8D are as follows:

\[ t_e = \text{the smaller of 1/4 inch or 0.7 } t_n \]

\[ t_n = \text{nominal thickness of branch wall less corrosion allowance, inches.} \]

\[ t_{min} = \text{the smaller of } t_n \text{ or } t_e. \]

(c) Branch connections (including specially-made integrally reinforced branch connection fittings) which but the outside surface of the run wall, or which are inserted through an opening cut in the run wall, shall have opening and branch contour to provide a good fit and shall be attached by means of full penetration groove welds. The full penetration groove welds shall be finished with cover fillet welds having a minimum throat dimension not less than \( t_e \). The limitations as to imperfection of these groove welds shall be as set forth in Part 127.4.2(e) for girth welds.

(d) In branch connections having reinforcement pads or saddles, the reinforcement shall be attached by welds at the outer edge and at the branch periphery as follows:

1. If the weld joining the added reinforcement to the branch is a full penetration groove weld, it shall be finished with a cover fillet weld having a minimum throat dimension not less than \( t_e \); the weld at the outer edge, joining the added reinforcement to the run, shall be a fillet weld with a minimum throat dimension of 0.5 \( t_e \).

2. If the weld joining the added reinforcement to the branch is a fillet weld, the throat dimension shall not be less than 0.7 \( t_{min} \). The weld at the outer edge joining the outer reinforcement to the run shall also be a fillet weld with a minimum throat dimension of 0.5 \( t_e \).

(e) When rings or saddles are used, a vent hole shall be provided (at the side and not at the crotch) in the ring or saddle to reveal leakage in the weld between branch and main run and to provide venting during welding and heat treating operations. Rings or saddles may be made in more than one piece if the joints between the pieces have strength equivalent to ring or saddle parent metal and if each piece is provided with a vent hole. A good fit shall be provided between reinforcing rings or saddles and the parts to which they are attached.

127.4.9 Heat Treatment.

Heat treatment for welds shall be in accordance with Part 131.

127.5 Qualification.

127.5.1 General.

Qualification of the welding procedures to be used, and of the performance of welders and welding operators, is required, and shall comply with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and

(From ANSI B31.1.0)
127.5.2 Welding Responsibility.

Each employer is responsible for the welding done by personnel of his organization, and shall conduct the required qualification tests to qualify the welding procedures, and the welders or welding operators.

127.5.3 Qualification by Others.

To avoid duplication of qualification tests of welders or welding operators, the welders or welding operators qualified as required above by one employer may be accepted by another employer (subject to the approval of the owner) on piping using the same or an equivalent procedure wherein the essential variables are within the limits established in Section IX, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. An employer accepting such qualification tests by another employer shall obtain a copy (from the previous employer) of the performance qualification test record, showing the name of the employer by whom the welders or welding operators were qualified, the dates of such qualification, and the date the welder last welded pressure piping components under such qualification. The employer shall then prepare and sign the record required in Par. 127.6, accepting responsibility for the ability of the welder or welding operator.

127.5.4 Test Joint.

(a) Test joints for both procedure qualification and performance qualification shall be made as groove welds in pipe in one or more of the specified basic qualification test positions.

(b) Both procedure and performance qualification on groove welds in pipe in a given position shall also qualify for groove welds in plate and fillet welds in pipe or plate, for equivalent welding positions as shown in Section IX, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, and Fig. 127.5.4.

(c) Qualification in Position 1G qualifies for welds in that position only. Qualification in either Position 2G or 5G qualifies for welds in those respective positions; and also for welds covered by Position 1G. Qualification in both Positions 2G and 5G qualifies for welds to be made in any position regardless of the orientation of the weld or of the pipe axis, and regardless of whether the pipe is rolled.

127.5.6 Performance Requalification.

Renewal of performance qualification is required under either of the following conditions:

(1) A welder has not used the specific process within the essential variables given in Section IX, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, to weld either ferrous or nonferrous pressure piping materials for a period of three months, or

(2) If there is reason to question his ability to make welds that meet the performance qualification requirements.

Renewal of qualification under condition (1) need be made in only a single pipe wall thickness and may be made by either a test weld or a production weld checked on the basis of acceptable radiography.

127.6 Qualification Records.

The employer shall maintain a record, certified by him, and available to the purchaser or his agent and the inspector, of the procedures used and the welders or welding operators employed by him, showing the date and results of procedure and performance qualifications, and the identification symbol assigned to each performance qualification. The identification symbol shall be used to identify the work performed by the welder or welding operator, and after completing a welded joint, he shall identify it as his work by applying his assigned symbol for permanent record in a manner specified by his employer.

128 BRAZING

128.1 Materials.

128.1.1 Filler Metal.

The filler metal used in brazing shall be a nonferrous metal or alloy having a melting point above 800 F and below that of the metal being joined. The filler metal shall melt and flow freely within the desired temperature range and, in conjunction with a suitable flux or controlled atmosphere, shall wet and adhere to the surfaces to be joined.

128.1.2 Flux.

Fluxes that are fluid and chemically active at the brazing temperature shall be used when necessary to prevent oxidation of the filler metal and the surfaces to be joined and to promote free flowing of the filler metal.

128.2 Preparation and Procedure.

128.2.1 Surface Preparation.

The surfaces to be brazed shall be clean and free from grease, oxides, paint, scale, and dirt of any kind. Any suitable chemical or mechanical cleaning method may be used to provide a clean wettable surface for brazing.

128.2.2 Joint Clearance.

The clearance between surfaces to be joined shall be no larger than is necessary to insure complete capillary distribution of the filler metal.

(From ANSI B31.1.0²)
128.2.3 Heating.

The joint shall be brought to brazing temperature in as short a time as possible to minimize oxidation.

128.2.4 Brazing Qualification.

The qualification of the brazing procedure, and of the performance of brazers and brazing operators, shall be in accordance with the requirements of Part C, Section IX, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

129 BENDING AND FORMING

129.1 Bending.

Pipe may be bent by any hot or cold method and to any radius which will result in a bend surface free of cracks, as determined by a method of inspection specified in the design, and substantially free of buckles. Such bends shall meet the design requirements of Par. 102.4.5 and Par. 104.2.1. This shall not prohibit the use of bends designed as creased or corrugated.

129.2 Forming.

Piping components may be formed, (swedging, lapping, or upsetting of pipe ends, extrusion of necks, etc.), by any suitable hot or cold working method, provided such processes result in formed surfaces which are uniform and free of cracks or other defects, as determined by methods of inspection specified in the design.

129.3 Heat Treatment of Bends and Formed Components.

129.3.1 Carbon steel piping which has been heated to 1650 °F or higher for bending or other forming operations shall require no subsequent heat treatment.

129.3.2 Ferritic alloy steel piping which has been heated for bending or other forming operations shall receive a stress relieving treatment, a full anneal, or a normalize and temper treatment, as specified by the design.

129.3.3 Cold bending and forming of carbon steel having a wall thickness of \( \frac{3}{8} \) in. and heavier, and all ferritic alloy pipe in nominal pipe sizes of 4 in. and larger, or \( \frac{1}{2} \) in. wall thickness or heavier, shall require a stress relieving treatment.

129.3.4 Cold bending of carbon and ferritic alloy steel pipe in sizes and wall thicknesses less than specified in Par. 129.3.3 may be used without a postheat treatment.

(From ANSI B31.1.0²)
P-4 Alloy steels, not over 2 3/4% alloy
P-5 to P-8 alloy steels (not pertinent to this text)

The grouping of materials in this Section of the Code as to "P" numbers is made on the basis of hardenability characteristics to reduce the number of welding procedure qualifications required.

Fig. 2-12 is the recommended form (Q-1) for the manufacturer's record of a welding qualification test. It will be noted that the specification of the metal is to be reported and also the weld position, 1G, 2G or 5G. Similar forms of certifications should contain the same information; namely, weld position, material welded, date certified, etc.

Pages 21 to 25 are from the Code for Pressure Piping regarding welder qualification and should be studied closely.

Flanged Joints

Flanges used in heating and ventilating piping systems are mostly cast iron and forged steel. They are preferred over screwed joints in sizes above 2" ips. They are made in the following pressure standards:

<table>
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<th>Cast iron</th>
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<td>125 lb</td>
<td>150, 300, 400, 600</td>
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<tr>
<td>250 lb</td>
<td>900, 1500, 2500 lb</td>
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Cast iron flanges are tapped for standard pipe threads (when used for steel pipe), and steel flanges are produced for screwed or welded connections. Steel welding flanges are furnished for slip-on and fillet welded, or with a welding neck which is butt welded. The 125 lb cast iron flange has a flat machined face, all others have raised faces. A flat face should never be bolted to a raised face for fear of breaking the former. The outside diameters, bolt circle, number of bolts, etc., for a given pipe size conform to the ANSI Flange Standards, but reducing flanges can be obtained that permit a size reduction from one line to another. Attention should be paid to the bolt and nuts specification. Bolts with higher tensile strength than commercial steel have distinctive markings on the head, as do nuts.

Solder Fittings and Joints

The different styles of solder fittings are shown in Fig. 2-13. Some are soldered at all connections while others have male or female National Pipe thread outlets. The tubing end(s) of fittings go by the O.D. size of copper tubing, not by nominal size. Thus, the nominal size may be 1", but the fitting (and tubing) is designated as 1 1/3" O.D. In Fig. 2-13 the threaded ends are designated "I" for internal and "E" for external. The bore of the soldered end is held to a small clearance between it.
Table 14. Pressure Ratings of Solder Joints (ASA B16.18-1963)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Solder used in joints</th>
<th>Working temperatures, F</th>
<th>1 1/2-1 in., incl.</th>
<th>1 1/2-2 in., incl.</th>
<th>2 1/2-4 in., incl.</th>
<th>5-8 in., incl.</th>
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<td>50-50, tin-lead*</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>775</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>95-5, tin-antimony</td>
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<td>500</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>250</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>135</td>
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<tr>
<td>Solders melting at or above 1100 F</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>270</td>
<td>190</td>
<td>155</td>
<td>140</td>
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</table>

* Standard water tube sizes.

Table 2-5

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and the tubing so that the melted solder is drawn into the socket by capillary action. Some fittings have a pre-inserted ring of silver solder which is melted and flows around the tubing.

Table 2-5 gives the allowable maximum working pressures at different temperatures for various pipe sizes for 50-50 solder, 95-5 and silver solder.

Soldering is a joining process where tube and fitting are bonded together by suitable heating (below 800°F) with a non-ferrous filler metal having a melting temperature below those of the base metals. The steps of the soldering process are shown in Fig. 2-14 for solder with low melting points.

Tin-lead and tin-antimony solders are used for piping systems in heating work. Tin-lead solders come in a variety of tin-to-lead proportions but 50% tin and 50% lead is suitable for joining copper tubing. It is a solid at 361°F and a liquid at 421°F. Tin-lead solder is unsatisfactory for use under sustained loads above 300°F. Tin (95%) - antimony (5%), known as "95-5", has higher strength at moderately higher temperatures. This material is a solid at 452°F and liquid at 464°F. Silver solder, or brazing alloys have the following composition:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>% Silver</th>
<th>Copper</th>
<th>Zinc</th>
<th>Other</th>
<th>Melting Point</th>
<th>Flow Point</th>
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<tr>
<td>Easy-Flow 45</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>24 Cadmium</td>
<td>1125°F</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sil-Fos</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5 Phosphorus</td>
<td>1185°F</td>
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Fig. 2-15 shows the procedures for silver soldering fittings with pre-inserted solder, and hand fed solder. Care must be taken to prevent overheating of the pipe, fittings and valves.

Soldering flux is used to remove and exclude oxides and other impurities from the joint. An efficient flux removes tarnish films and oxides and prevents reoxidation of the surfaces when heated.

Grooved Pipe Connections (victaulic, and similar)

This joint type is used for steel and cast iron pipe in which grooves are cut in the pipe ends (see Fig. 2-16) and held together with a clamp-type coupling that fits into the grooves. A U-shaped gasket prevents leakage. The clearances used permit some angular displacement and movement due to the expansion and contraction. In the case of thin walled pipe, the groove is
COPPER WATER TUBE
Making a Joint with Solder Type Fittings

1. Remove burrs with file or scraper.

2. Clean pipe well with steel wool. Be sure that all traces of oxidation are removed. Parts should be bright copper color.

3. Apply a thin, even coat of any good non-corrosive soldering paste to pipe.

4. Clean fitting with steel wool to remove all traces of oxidation.

5. Apply a thin, even coat of non-corrosive soldering paste to fitting.

6. Slip pipe into fitting until it is tightly seated against stop.

7. Apply heat. When flux boils, touch edge of fitting with solder. Feed until solder drips from fitting.

8. Wipe joint with rag. Remove discoloration by rubbing with steel wool.
CLEARANCE AREA IS FILLED WITH FLUX (HANDY FLUX)

HEAT PIPE AT "A" TO SWELL IT UP AND BRING SURFACE IN CONTACT WITH INSIDE SURFACE OF FITTING. CLEARANCE AREA CLOSES.

TWO INCH SECTION OF FITTING IS HEATED BY WIPING FLAME FROM "B" TO "A." SECTION STRETCHES, ALLOY AND REMAINING FLUX FLOW OUT.

HOLD TORCH OFF THE WORK ALLOWING FITTING TO UNESTRETCH AND FORCE ALLOY TO EDGE OF FITTING. (IF NO ALLOY SHOWS AT EDGE OF FITTING, REPEAT PROCEDURE.)

FITTING HEATED FROM "B" TO "C," CLEARANCE AREA OPENS UP AND ALLOY APPLIED AT EDGE AS FLUX FLOWS OUT.

HEATING CONTINUED AT "B," CAUSES ALLOY TO FLOW IN.

ENTIRE JOINT HEATED AT "A"-"B"-"C" TO COMPLETE BOND BETWEEN PIPE AND FITTING, MAKING SMOOTH FILLET AT THE EDGE.

Alloy method of silver brazing.

Fig. 2-15
INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRAZING FITTINGS TO PIPE AND TUBING
WITH HANDY & HARMAN BRAZING ALLOYS

For strong, long-lasting, leak-tight, corrosion-resistant, vibration-proof joints on similar and dissimilar metals such as copper, brass, steel, stainless steel, etc.

BRAZE SAFELY!

A USE ADEQUATE VENTILATION

B DON'T OVERHEAT

C AVOID HOT SPOTS

VENTILATING FAN  EXHAUST HOOD  AIR SUPPLIED RESPIRATOR

A) Welding and brazing fumes may cause sickness and, in some cases, could prove fatal, if not handled properly. Particular care should be exercised with materials containing cadmium (cadmium plating should be removed), beryllium, tellurium, lead, mercury, antimony, arsenic, bismuth and their compounds, and fluorides. Vapors from cleaning compounds containing chlorinated hydrocarbons should not be allowed in the brazing area. (See USA Standard Z49.1 Safety in Welding and Cutting published by the American Welding Society, 347 E. 47th St., New York, N.Y.). B) Overheating increases the amount of toxic fumes, particularly from cadmium. Use HANDY FLUX as temperature indicator (see “HEATING” below). C) Localized overheating increases mixing and interferes with good brazing. Apply more heat to the better conducting and the heavier of the sections being joined.

SIX STEPS TO EFFICIENT BRAZING

1. CUTTING AND FITTING
   a. Cut pipe or tubing to length. Make sure ends are cut square. Use of a square-end sawing vise or cutter is recommended, Fig. 1.
   b. Remove burrs with a reamer or half-round file.
   c. Try pipe or tubing end in the fitting to be sure it has the proper close fit. Clearance should not be more than .005", Fig. 2, except on large piping where greater clearances are necessary for ease of assembly.
   d. Clearance should be uniform all around. Where necessary, round out pipe or tubing with a sizing tool.
   e. On large piping, scribe a line on pipe at a distance from the cut end equal to the depth of fitting socket plus 1". This line serves as a check to make sure pipe is inserted full depth when assembled in the fitting, Fig. 3.

2. CLEANING
   Surfaces to be joined must be free of oil, grease, rust or oxides. Clean them as follows:
   a. Practically all fittings have a coating of oil or grease. The liberal application of an effective solvent with a brush or by dipping of fittings and pipe ends can be used.
   b. Subsequently, clean socket of fitting and end of pipe thoroughly with emery cloth to remove rust and oxides, Figs. 4 and 5, and remove residue. Grey cast iron fittings require special treatment to remove free surface graphite and sand inclusions.
   c. Do not handle surfaces after cleaning.
3. FLUXING
a. Immediately after cleaning, apply Handy Flux evenly with a brush to each joint surface, Figs. 6 and 7. When using Sil-Fos on copper-to-copper joints, Handy Flux can be omitted, but brass and bronze must have flux. If flux leaves bare spots, metal is dirty and will not join properly.
b. Avoid leaving flux inside of pipe or fitting. In the case of refrigeration joints, do not flux the inside of the fitting. Just flux the pipe back from the end and push into the fitting. On 5/8" and smaller tubing, flux applied only to the outside of the joint is often adequate Fig. 8.

   Flux inclusions can be minimized by placing a brazing alloy ring at the bottom of the joint, Fig. 2, so that it will flow outward, pushing the flux out ahead of it. This also insures that a sound joint has been made if the alloy appears uniformly at the socket edge.

c. Assemble pipe into fitting immediately after fluxing.
d. Where possible, revolve fitting once or twice on pipe to spread flux uniformly.
e. Make scribe line check, Fig. 3, to see that pipe is inserted full depth in socket.
f. Brush flux back over entire end of fitting all around Fig. 8. This prevents oxidation of the end.

4. SUPPORTING THE ASSEMBLY
a. Before brazing, assembly should be carefully aligned and adequately supported, Figs. 9 and 10.
b. Arrange supports so that expansion and contraction will not be restricted.
c. See that no strain is placed on the joints during brazing and cooling.

5. HEATING AND FLOWING THE ALLOY
Whenever possible, the entire joint should be brazed at once. Use of multiflame heating tips, Fig. 11, and multiple-tipped torches, Fig. 12, help in fast, even heating, particularly with preplaced alloy rings, Fig. 13. Do not heat brazing alloy directly. Watch the Handy Flux: when it turns clear, the parts are 1100°F.

a. Use a low velocity bulbous flame of sufficient size to permit rapid and even heating. The flame should be soft enough to wrap itself around the small diameter pipe or fitting, except on ETP copper where a neutral or slightly oxidizing flame should be used.
b. Adjust torch for a slightly reducing flame, Fig. 14.
c. If possible torch should be fitted with a soft copper extension tube about 10" long, so tip can be bent to direct flame where desired when working in tight quarters.
d. Start heating pipe or tube about \( \frac{1}{2}'' \) to 1'' away from end of fitting, Fig. 15. Heat evenly all around to get uniform expansion of pipe and to carry the heat uniformly to the end inside the fitting.

e. When flux on pipe adjacent to joint has melted to a milky liquid, transfer heat to fitting, Fig. 16.

f. Sweep flame steadily back and forth from fitting to pipe, keeping it pointed toward pipe, Fig. 16. The object is to bring fitting and pipe up to an equal heat together for application of the silver brazing alloy. Avoid holding the flame at one location on the fitting as this can cause localized overheating.

g. When flux is a clear, fluid liquid on both fitting and pipe, pull flame back a little and apply alloy firmly against pipe at junction between pipe and fitting, Fig. 16. With proper heating, alloy will flow freely into the joint. One final pass with the torch at the base of the joint and, when possible, rotating the fitting while the alloy is molten will help expel entrapped gases and flux.

Making Vertical Down Joints

a. In joining fittings to \( \frac{3}{4}'' \) pipe or smaller, the entire joint can be brazed in one simultaneous heating operation as described in the preceding section.

b. When pipe and fittings are larger than \( \frac{3}{4}'' \), sectional heating is necessary. This is done as follows:

1. Always start with a preliminary heating of pipe and fitting according to section 5d above. Bring pipe and fitting to a black heat only.

2. After preliminary heating, select a 2'' segment and bring pipe and fitting to brazing temperature by wiping flame from back of bead of fitting toward pipe, Fig. 17. When segment is up to temperature, as indicated by clear, very fluid state of flux, apply silver brazing alloy and sweat it in.

3. Then do an adjacent segment and proceed around the pipe, being sure to overlap the braze from segment to segment.

Making Vertical Up Joints

a. Start with preliminary heating of pipe as before. When flux is liquid and milky, transfer heat to fitting and sweep back and forth from fitting to pipe, Fig. 18. Do this all around. Be careful not to overheat pipe below fitting as this will cause alloy to run down pipe and out of the joint.

b. When brazing temperature is reached, as indicated by flux, touch alloy to joint with heat aimed on wall of fitting to pull alloy up into the entire joint area.

Making Horizontal Joints

If the entire joint can be made in one operation, apply the alloy at the top of the joint, so it can run down each side of the tube by capillarity and gravity. Apply the torch to the bottom of the fitting to pull the alloy into the joint. Make sure there is alloy showing
around the fitting; if the top is void, add more alloy. The excess will collect at the bottom.

If the joint is too large to be brazed at one time:

a. Start by preheating pipe until it shows a black heat around its entire circumference. Duplicate this procedure on fitting.

b. Now, select a segment on top of pipe and bring it up to brazing temperature by sweeping flame back and forth between fitting and pipe. Then apply alloy, Fig. 19 (1), after which, remove heat and allow alloy to set.

c. Then do one side starting below center, Fig. 19 (2). Be sure to overlap top segment.

d. Next do the other side, Fig. 19 (3), again being sure to overlap top segment.

e. When both sides are done there will be a globule of alloy on each side at the bottom of the brazed segment, Fig. 19 (3). Apply heat on bottom of fitting back of bead and with the usual back and forth motion toward pipe, draw the alloy into the bottom joint. Do not be fooled by a large fillet along the bottom. It may have flowed down over relatively cold metal. Always heat bottom of fitting to pull this alloy into the joint.

f. Finally, again check the top side of the joint to be sure the brazing alloy did not drain out. If necessary, reheat and touch more alloy to this area to form a slight fillet.

Joining Valves

Valve packings, seats and diaphragms can be damaged by excessive heat. Packings may have to be removed or water-cooled during brazing. Seats can be protected by suspension inside the valve, Fig. 20, by closing valve 1/4 turn from fully open, and minimizing the heating time. Follow any of the above procedures but point the flame away from the valve body and use a low-melting and free-flowing brazing alloy such as Easy-Flo 45. Apply a wet rag or swab to the valve body immediately after the alloy sets, Fig. 21.

6. CLEANING AFTER BRAZING

a. Immediately after brazing alloy has set, apply a wire brush or swab to joint, Fig. 22, to crack and wash off flux. Flux can be removed from inside of pipes by flushing with water, preferably hot. All flux must be removed for inspection and pressure testing. Use wire brush if necessary.

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The Victaulic method of joining grooved pipe is the most versatile piping method available. It is five times faster than welding; easier and more reliable than threaded or flanged methods. Assures long life, leak tight security and lower installed cost than competitive methods.

The Victaulic method has the versatility of a piping system which provides expansion, flexibility and vibration reduction with a union at each joint. Victaulic can be applied to black or galvanized steel, stainless, aluminum, wrought iron, plastic—almost any pipe of IPS dimensions. A single coupling size fits most types and wall thickness of pipe in its size. (And Victaulic has couplings for cast iron sizes, too.)

The Victaulic grooved piping line is the most complete available. With a variety of couplings in 3/4" through 30" sizes. A complete line of fittings. Butterfly valves. Plus the unique Vic-Flange, Outlet Couplings and other products available only from Victaulic. Portable groovers for on-site grooving. A nation wide stocking distributor organization, backed by eight Victaulic warehouses across the country.

The Victaulic method is simple yet effective. Based on a groove machined in the pipe end, the system is joined by ductile or malleable iron housings which lock into the grooves enclosing a synthetic gasket to create the seal.

1—HOUSING—The housing segments are precisely cast of ductile or malleable iron. The housing key engages the grooves in the pipe around the entire circumference securely joining the pipes.

2—GASKET—The gasket is designed to seal under pressure or vacuum. Moldered of varied synthetic elastomers, the gasket is designed to provide long life for the intended service.

3—BOLTS/NUTS—The steel oval neck track bolts seat in the housing slots permitting assembly with a single wrench.

4—GROOVE—The groove permits joining of the pipes together without clamping. This provides the controlled flexibility and permits rapid assembly. Pipe is available from mills or distributors grooved for Victaulic couplings. A complete line of portable tools adds versatility for easy on-site grooving.

THE METHOD... The unique design features of the Victaulic grooved piping method offer many advantages not available with other methods. Victaulic offers the versatility of a wide variety of coupling styles and sizes plus a complete line of fittings, grooving tools and accessories. Quality and reliability are assured by more than 45 years of experience in grooved pipe joining.

Working pressures listed are based on hydrostatic tests with no external load using standard weight steel pipe through 20-inch (XS above 20-inch), square cut grooved to Victaulic standard specifications.

Field test pressures shall not exceed 1½ times rated the working pressure including external loads.

To assure the maximum life for a particular service, refer to Victaulic Gasket Selection Guide and always specify gasket grade when ordering.
rolled into the metal. Grooved fittings as shown are used to complete the system, which is used for chilled water and condensing water piping in heating and ventilating work.

Compression-sleeve Couplings (Dresser)

This joint forms a water tight connection between two plain ended pieces of pipe by clamping two rubber gaskets around each piece. There is no provision to keep the pipe ends together, therefore thrust blocks, anchors or other restraints must be used to keep the joint from pulling apart. (Fig. 2-16)

Installation of Piping

Good piping systems don't just happen — they are planned. The piping drawings usually show a schematic arrangement indicating the general location of the various lines, but it is usually the job of the contractor's layout man to locate them to miss duct work, lighting fixtures and structural obstacles with the minimum amount of labor and fittings.

The following pointers are some of the things that make a good piping system:

1. General Arrangement:

   Pipes to be installed parallel to walls, arranged to present a neat appearance as to grouping and workmanship.

   No interference of piping with light fixtures, passing over access openings, or blocking passageways.

   Sufficient distance between pipes to allow proper installation of insulation and painting.

   Pipes installed high enough above passageways to allow 6'-9" clear headroom.

   Pressure gages and thermometers installed for easy visibility from the working level.

   Sufficient unions or flanges installed to permit disassembly of piping for access to equipment.


   A hanger should be placed within 1 foot of the elbow where there is a change of direction in either the horizontal or vertical plane.

   Hangers should be placed near the connections to equipment such as pump, compressors, etc. so that no weight is transmitted to the equipment. A hanger should be placed close to a union especially if it is next to a heavy valve.
Hangers which support moving pipe should have a hinged joint at the point of support from the building, otherwise the rod will fatigue and fail.

Piping subject to surges, water hammer, or pump action require braces at changes of direction.

The following is a good schedule for hanger spacing:

<table>
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<th>Type of Pipe</th>
<th>3/4&quot; Size or Smaller</th>
<th>1&quot; Thru 1-1/4&quot; Size</th>
<th>1-1/2&quot; Size or Larger</th>
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<tr>
<td>Steel Pipe</td>
<td>8'-0&quot;</td>
<td>10'-0&quot;</td>
<td>10'-0&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Copper Tubing</td>
<td>5'-0&quot;</td>
<td>8'-0&quot;</td>
<td>10'-0&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>IPS Brass Pipe</td>
<td>8'-0&quot;</td>
<td>8'-0&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plastic (PVC)</td>
<td>3'-0&quot;</td>
<td>5'-0&quot;</td>
<td>7'-0&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plastic (Polyethylene) Pipe O.D.</td>
<td>12 Times Pipe O.D.</td>
<td>8 Times Pipe O.D.</td>
<td>8 Times Pipe O.D.</td>
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* Hangers for steel gas lines shall be spaced on centers of 6'-0" for 1/2" sizes, 8'-0" for 3/4" and 1" sizes and 10'-0" for all other larger sizes.

** Spacing may be 16'-0" for sizes 6" and larger (steel pipe only).

Where compression type joints are used, similar to the Dresser coupling, or O-ring joints, thrust anchors must be used at changes of directions. For buried lines, the size of the thrust block depends on the bearing strength of the soil, the pipe diameter, the angle of direction change and the pressure in the pipe. The load on the anchor is found as follows:

Load = internal pressure x internal area of pipe x fitting factor.

Where load = lbs
Internal pressure = lb per sq in.
Internal area = square inches
Fitting factor:

90° ell = 1.41
Caps, plugs, tees = 1.00
45° ell = 0.77
22 1/2° ell = 0.39
11 1/2° ell = 0.20
The following bearing loads are for horizontal thrusts when the depth of cover over the pipe is 2 feet or greater:

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<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Load (lb per sq ft)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Muck, peat, etc.</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Soft clay</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sand</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sand and gravel</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sand and gravel with clay</td>
<td>4,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hard shale</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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The anchor block of concrete must be poured up against undisturbed earth, with no form lumber between the two; the bearing area equal to or greater than the amount calculated from the above formulas. See Fig. 2-17 for typical thrust block arrangements.

Allowance must be made for the expansion and contraction of pipe subject to temperature change. Expansion can be provided by means of "U bends" or offsets fabricated from pipe and welding elbows, by packed slip joints, corrugated bellows, and ball joints. Expansion bends do not require any maintenance but may require more room than is available. Guides are needed to restrain the pipe movement along its axis and to keep the pipe from raising off its supports. The slip joint requires some maintenance and needs guides, as does the bellows type.

Expansion loops are fabricated from welding fittings and pipe in U shapes (where space permits) for high temperature steam and water. They require anchors and guides to restrain the pipe and keep it from raising or moving sideways off the supports.

Fig. 2-18 shows corrugated bellows; (a) the restrained type for high pressures and (b) suitable for 30 psi. Fig. 2-19 is a typical layout using bellows showing guide and anchor arrangements. This joint cannot be subjected to lateral offset and the pipe must be guided squarely into the joint. Figs. 2-21 and 2-22 show a packed slip joint, anchor and guide layouts for a typical arrangement. Fig. 2-24 is an expansion U bend, and an offset constructed of pipe and welded fittings with the recommended guide locations. "Cold springing" an expansion loop is done to get more flexure from the loop. It can be seen that by spreading the legs apart (before connecting the pipe) an amount equal to 1/2 the expected thermal expansion, the expanded pipe will close the loop together only 1/2 of what it would without cold spring. This permits the use of smaller loops for a given expansion. It is very important that the loop be cold sprung to the figure shown on the design drawings, otherwise the pipe will be overstressed.

See Appendix Table A-4 & Fig. 2-20 for expansion of piping, and copper expansion loops.
LOCATION OF THRUST BLOCKS

The location of thrust blocks depends on direction of thrust and type of fitting as shown below.

If thrusts, due to high pressure, are expected, anchor valves as above (see also page 67).

At vertical bends, anchor to resist outward thrusts—see page 65.

Fig. 2-17
Courtesy, Johns-Manville Transite Pipe Division

Fig. 2-18 (a)  
Fig. 2-18 (b)
Typical Installation

Example of Joint Selection.

In order to insure the proper functioning of corrugated expansion joints it is highly important that all pipe lines in which expansion joints are located be suitably anchored, guided and supported. Proper anchoring, guiding and supporting will insure a controlled motion of the expansion joint and pipe line, free from lateral stresses.

Whenever possible, the expansion joint should be located near the anchor point, preferably within two feet of the anchor. (Note main anchors at points "A" in diagram.) When it is necessary to install the joint midway between anchors, or at another point, suitable guides should be provided within two feet of each end of the expansion joint to prevent lateral or buckling force on the joint. (Note intermediate anchors "B" in diagram.) Where two or more joints are required in a straight run of pipe, place intermediate anchors between them. This insures that each expansion joint will properly absorb its rated share of the total motion involved. (Note intermediate anchor "B" in diagram.) An expansion joint should be installed with each directional change of the pipe line unless designed for combination motions.

Fig. 2-19

**CORRUGATED EXPANSION JOINTS**

A is Main Anchor
B is Intermediate Anchor
C is Guide

**EXPANSION CALCULATIONS**

**EXAMPLE:**

**DATA**—Pressure 75 P.S.I.
Pipe Size—8 in. Steel Pipe
Length of Pipe—175 Feet
Temperature (Operating) 340°F.
Temperature (Installed) 60°F.

**EXPANSION TO BE CARED FOR:**

Maximum Temperature 340°F. — Expansion per 100 Ft. 2.862'
Installed Temperature 60°F. — Expansion per 100 Ft. .593'

\[
2.269' \times \frac{175'}{100} = 3.97' \text{ Total Expansion}
\]

For this installation use Controlled-Flexing Joint with 43/8" Traverse.

(Flexon Co.)
Figure 2-20

Figure 2-21

Lubrication fitting

Expansion of steel pipe

Temperature range in degrees Fahrenheit

Saturated steam pressure

Vacuum-inches mercury

Gage pressure - pounds per square inch

Expansion in inches per 100 feet of pipe

Limit stop

Sealing packing

Plastic packing

Cylinder

Plunger

Gland

Sealing packing

Sliding sleeve

Lubrication fitting

Yarway Co.
RECOMMENDED SPACING FOR GUIDES AND SUPPORTS (Dimensions in feet)

| Nominal pipe sizes (inches) | 1 1/2 | 2 | 2 1/2 | 3 | 3 1/2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 24 |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|-------|---|--------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Distance between joint and first alignment guide | 8     | 10 | 11    | 12 | 13     | 14 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| Distance between alignment guides | 150 psi | 12 | 16    | 22 | 28     | 30 | 34 | 42 | 51  | 65   | 82   | 94  | 96  | 107 | 116 | 125 | 141 |
| Maximum distance between pipe supports | 300 psi | 12 | 14    | 18 | 22     | 26 | 29 | 36 | 42  | 53   | 66   | 75  | 76  | 84  | 90  | 96  | 107 |

Fig. 2-22

Fig. 2-23

Fig. 2-24
Provision should be made for venting air from a system which will be hydrostatically tested and also for completely draining it afterwards. Sufficient drains are also needed to completely flush the lines during the cleaning operation.

Pipe and fittings should be inspected for obstructions such as shipping material, rags, construction dirt, etc, prior to closing up, and temporarily capped up when hung in place. Water should not be allowed to stand in open piping.

When pipes pass through floors and walls of buildings there should be a clear space left around the pipe sufficiently large for movement caused by expansion of the pipe and movement of the building from settling or earthquakes. Never grout around a pipe.

Special provision must be made for underground piping passing through subgrade walls to seal off ground water from entering around the pipe opening, without sacrificing flexibility between the pipe and wall.

Piping systems should be tested hydrostatically, the exception being refrigeration piping. The system must be completely filled with water, and completely rid of air. The test pressure is then applied with a positive displacement (plunger) pump, hand or motor driven. When the test pressure has been reached, the pump should be valved off or disconnected, and the gage observed during the test period. A minute leak will cause a large pressure reduction, which is the advantage of the hydrostatic over an air pressure test. If the line is subject to temperature changes, the amount of water bled off and then added to keep the pressure at the prescribed level during a 24-hour test period should be recorded and the net leakage determined, if any. Welds should be carefully inspected during the test for weeps, and repaired as required.

Pipe Cleaning

Some specifications contain requirements for cleaning the piping as follows: "Drain and flush piping to remove grease and foreign matter. Blow out oil, air, vacuum and gas piping with compressed air". To effectively move debris through a pipe by flushing or blowing requires a large volume of water or air, and generously sized drain or blowoffs at all the low points to get rid of the dirt. The results are usually less than satisfactory.

Most construction dirt can be kept out of pipe by storing it on cribs above the ground and keeping it covered. Larger pipes should be swabbed out free of welding slag as the fabrication proceeds. The rust, scale and oils that adhere to the inside of the pipe are best removed by chemical cleaning which is neither expensive or difficult. Trisodium Phosphate (TSP) mixed one pound for each fifty gallons of water in the system, and heated to the operating temperature is a good cleaner. This is circulated for a few hours, then completely drained, and the system refilled with clean water (if a hot or chilled water system). Commercial pipe cleaning firms
are also available to perform this service.

Valve types

The more common valve types and some details of their construction are shown:

This angle valve has a rising stem and threaded bonnet, as noted. Angle valves can be used for throttling (adjusting) the flow without seat damage.

The globe valve shown has a rising stem, and a screwed union bonnet, which is a more rugged construction than the threaded bonnet. It is easier to disassemble. A plug type disc is shown, which gives it good throttling characteristics, and allows tight shut-off.

Figs. 2-25 to 2-31 Courtesy of Crane Co.
The gate valve of Fig. 2-27 has a rising stem (but fixed handwheel) and a bolted bonnet, and is also called on outside screw and yoke (OSY). It requires more room because of the emergent stem, the threads of which are not in contact with the fluid. The position of the stem indicates whether the valve is open or closed. The disc is a solid wedge. All gate valves must be full open or full closed.

This gate valve has a non-rising stem and handwheel. The screw is inside the bolted bonnet. The disc is a solid wedge. Solid wedges are the most common type of gate valves, but are subject to sticking where there is a change of temperature.
This style of gate valve (non-rising stem) has a double disc seat and utilizes an internal wedge to force the double discs against the seat. This valve is less likely to stick because of a temperature change.

Check valves permit flow in one direction only. The swing check can be installed vertically or horizontally.

The lift check can be installed in a horizontal position only. Its composition seat will make a tight shut-off.
### PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE RATINGS

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<th>SERVICE</th>
<th>BL-301 BUNA-N</th>
<th>BL-301TF TEFLEX</th>
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<tr>
<td>WATER</td>
<td>400 psig @ 100°F</td>
<td>400 psig @ 100°F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OIL OR</td>
<td>300 psig @ 125°F</td>
<td>300 psig @ 200°F</td>
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<tr>
<td>GAS</td>
<td>200 psig @ 150°F</td>
<td>250 psig @ 300°F</td>
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<td></td>
<td>100 psig @ 225°F</td>
<td>200 psig @ 400°F</td>
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<tr>
<td>STEAM</td>
<td>150 psig — Saturated Steam</td>
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NOTE: BL-301 with Buna-N trim is Underwriters Laboratories approved for use on Liquefied Petroleum Gas at maximum pressure of 250 psig.

### TESTS

- Hydrostatic Shell — 600 Lbs. psig
- Air under Water — 250 Lbs. psig

### MATERIALS

1. BODY. Forged brass. ASTM B 283.
2. CAP. Forged brass. ASTM B 283.
3. SEAT. BL-301: Buna-N, brass insert.
   BL-301TF: Teflon.
4. STEM. Naval brass. ASTM B21 Alloy C.
5. BALL. 1/4" thru 1": Naval brass. ASTM B 21 Alloy C.
   1 1/2" thru 2": Forged brass ASTM B 283.
6. HANDLE. Carbon steel, cadmium plated.
7. GRIP. BL-301: Black vinyl.
   BL-301TF: White vinyl.
8. SCREW. Carbon steel, cadmium plated.
9. O-RING. BL-301: Buna-N.
   BL-301TF: Viton rubber Teflon.
10. O-RING. BL-301: Buna-N.
    BL-301TF: Teflon.
11. SHAKPROOF NUT: Carbon steel, cadmium plated.

R-P-C Valve Co.

Fig. 2-32. Ball valves turn from full closed to full open in one-quarter turn and can be used for steam and water service. The valve stems are sealed with O-rings.

Fig. 2-32A

Butterfly valves are used for tight shut off and throttling liquids and gases. The disc seats against a Buna-N boot for tight closure. The valve is locked in various positions by means of a ratchet as shown. Gear operators are used for the larger sizes. Discs and liners are available in many different materials and should be checked against the specifications.

Centerline Co.
Valves are usually basically rated in terms of allowable steam pressure, as 125, 150, 200, 300, etc, but also carry a rating for OWG (oil, water, gas, non-shock) of much higher pressures. Thus, a certain 125 lb valve is good for 125 lb steam and 200 lb WOG, etc. The pressure ratings are cast on the body.

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Footnote 2. Extracted from the ANSI Standard Code for Pressure Piping, Power Piping, ANSI B 31.1.0 with the permission of the publisher, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
3. **PIPING SYSTEMS**

This section will deal with good piping practices to be observed for the various types of systems used in air conditioning, heating and ventilating plants.

**Steam and Condensate Returns**

The steam produced by steam heating boilers is usually at the saturation temperature of the boiler pressure (no superheat) and starts to form condensate as soon as it leaves the boiler outlet. The steam mains and branches must be graded "downhill" to pockets or "drip legs" where the condensed steam passes through a steam trap and flows through a drain collecting system and eventually back to the boiler. The steam travels at a high velocity and sweeps the condensate along with it. If the line is not properly graded and kept free of condensate the steam will pick it up and throw it against the end of the main with a tremendous force. The main, and any steam line in which the condensate travels the same direction of the steam, should pitch down 1/2" per foot if practicable. The exception to the above is branch connections to heaters (Fig. 3-1-(e)) where the steam flows upwards and the condensate flows counter-currently back to the main. In this case the branch is pitched up 1" in 10' and made one size larger than the riser it services. Steam branches should always be taken off the top of the main, either 90° or 45°.

In connecting a steam supply to a temperature control or similar open-closed device the piping should be arranged so as to prevent an accumulation of condensate against the closed valve. (Fig. 3-2)

The condensate build-up will damage the seat of the temperature control valve in time and also cause erosion of the heat exchange coils or tubes. The "wrong" method could be corrected by installing a steam trap ahead of the control valve.

Drip legs (also called dirt legs) should be the full line size and long enough to keep the line well drained.

Steam traps are automatic devices that discharge condensate from a steam filled space but prevent the steam from leaving. The general types are float, bucket, and thermostatic in heating applications. The float and bucket types are opened and closed by the condensate level in the body. The thermostatic type is opened and closed by the temperature of the steam (or condensate) acting on the heat actuated element. The capacity of a trap is rated in pounds of hour of condensate discharged. (Refer to Appendix page A-5 for trap descriptions and operation)

The capacity is determined by the size of the discharge orifice and the pressure differential available to force the water through the orifice. For example, a bucket trap used to drain a 125 psi steam and discharging into a gravity condensate return system will have over a 100 psi differential pressure and requires a small orifice. On the other hand, the steam pressure inside a heat
(a) STEAM CONNECTION

(b) STEAM CONNECTION

(c) HOT OR CHILLED WATER

(d) CONDENSATE RETURN

(e) VACUUM RETURN

MODULATING VALVE

STEAM COIL HEATERS

MODULATING VALVE

SLOPE: 1" IN 10 FT

STEAM
CONDENSATE

COUNTER-CURRENT FLOW

(a) WRONG WAY

(b) RIGHT WAY

Fig. 3-1

Fig. 3-2
exchanger may be 3 or 4 psi, or even a vacuum at times due to the condensing effect of the steam, and requires a large orificed trap. If condensate is allowed to collect inside the shell of a heat exchanger, the energy given up by incoming steam as it condenses on the water surface will rupture the tubes in time. For this reason it is mandatory that steam traps be generously sized to allow discharge of the condensate, and that the discharge piping always be lower than the lowest point of the heat exchange apparatus. The discharge piping must never rise above the drain outlet. The condensate flows through the "return" system to a condensate return receiver and is pumped back into the boiler feed system. High pressure and low pressure returns (from high and low pressure steam lines) should be run separately to the condensate receiver or considerable water hammer and pipe movement and possibly pipe failure will result.

Vacuum systems have a pump that maintains a vacuum in the return line and returns condensate to the boiler. Lift fittings are used to elevate the condensate as shown in Fig. 3-1(e). Lift fittings will operate under a vacuum only.

Hot Water Supply and Return

There are three general types of hot water heating piping systems: the one pipe, the 2 pipe direct, and the 2 pipe reverse return (Fig. 3-3). The one pipe has a single main which is the same size throughout and handles the supply and return to and from each heater. A special fitting is used to divert a certain amount of water to each heating unit. In the two pipe direct system, a loop is formed by the supply and return lines, the return from each unit returning directly to the boiler by the most direct route. It can be seen that the first unit nearest the boiler has a greater pressure difference between its supply and return connections than the one at the end of the loop, which make it difficult to obtain an equal flow of water through all heaters. This is overcome by the two pipe reversed arrangement which takes more pipe but is practically self-balancing.

The trapping and elimination of unwanted air in a hot water system is necessary for the system to operate properly. Air will collect at the high points of piping and heating coils and prevent flow of water and heat transfer. Theoretically, a hot water system is closed and completely full of water. However, air does enter with make up water, through automatic air vents (if used) and around pump packed glands. Some of the methods and special fittings to eliminate air problems are listed below.

Pipe is graded upwards in the direction of flow at the rate of 1/4" - 10 feet to high point and released by means of manually operated bleed off valves. Any reducers used are eccentric, with the flat side on top.

Manual vents are used instead of automatic (ball float operated) vents, as the latter will open and admit air if the water level should fall.

Air collecting fittings are used on the outlets of boilers and in
(a) ONE PIPE SYSTEM

(b) TWO-PIPE DIRECT-RETURN SYSTEM

(c) TWO-PIPE REVERSED-RETURN SYSTEM
the hot water discharge piping from heat exchangers (Fig. 3-4). The air outlets are piped directly from the air collecting devices to the expansion tank, and any horizontal sections are graded up not less than 1" in 5 feet. (Fig. 3-7) An "Airtrol" fitting, or equal, is installed in the bottom of the expansion tank. The air breather tube permits the tank to be quickly drained periodically, which is necessary to replenish the air cushion. The air in an expansion tank is gradually absorbed by the water and the tank is recharged by completely emptying it and refilling. The pressure reducing valve should supply enough pressure to fill the system to the highest point plus a few pounds extra. Any pressure higher than this requirement will reduce the capacity of the expansion tank unnecessarily. In order to be able to drain the tank it will have to be isolated from the rest of the system with a shut-off valve which preferably should be a rising stem type locked open during normal operation. Also note in Fig. 3-7 that the make-up water connection is connected into the side of the vertical riser to the expansion tank, as the pressure at this point is not affected by the pump.

Chilled Water Systems

The same general remarks and precautions discussed above also apply to chilled water supply and return systems.
TYPICAL AIRTROL BOILER FITTING INSTALLATION DETAILS

When necessary, reduce at this point

To B&G Compression Tank and Airtrol Tank Fitting

Use full size close nipple

Push down dip-tube as far as possible

Fig. 3-4

Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
CHAPTER 6
AIR SEPARATORS

BOILER DIP TUBES

The most common and often one of the most effective air separators available to design engineers is the conventional hot water heating boiler. In boilers having large internal water passages, water velocity is usually quite low and free air released in heating can readily rise to a convenient high point. From this collecting point, air can then rise into the compression tank. To prevent free air collected at the top of the boiler from being circulated out into the system and into the radiation, boiler dip tubes, either top outlet or side outlet, are available. Some boiler manufacturers furnish these dip tubes as standard equipment. B&G offers a complete line of boiler dip tubes for practically all sizes and style of boilers. Figure 14 illustrates some typical piping arrangements where dip tubes can be installed in boilers to create an air separating point. Boiler dip tubes should always be installed so that the dip tube is pushed into the boiler as far as possible, well below the top of a top outlet boiler or well into a side outlet boiler.

Fig. 3-5  Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
Often, however, a boiler is not available or useable as the point of air separation. Another low velocity area must be provided in the system as the air separating point.

Figure a illustrates an effective low velocity air separating tank which is equipped with a dip tube to create a reversal of flow. Tests have shown that water velocity must be reduced to at least six inches per second for effective separation of free air from a piping circuit. However, a straight-through tank for air separation, even though sized for low water velocity, is apt to develop short circuiting channels or water streams where air bubbles will remain entrained. The vertical distance and velocity of water travel in a separator is directly related to the percentage of free air that will be separated. The dip tube air separator (B&G IAF model) also serves as an effective settling point for sediment and other debris common to new piping systems.

(a) In-Line Air Separator.

Another effective air separator now available (the B&G Rolairtrol) utilizes a different principle for separation rather than low velocity alone. (See Fig. b) Inlet and outlet openings on the Rolairtrol are installed tangentially. Circulation through the Rolairtrol creates a vortex or whirlpool in the center where entrained air, being lighter, can collect and rise into a compression tank installed above. Instead of relying entirely on low velocity separation, the action of centrifugal force sends heavier air-free water to the outer portion of the tank, allowing lighter air-water mixture to move into the lower velocity center. An air collecting screen located in the vortex aids in developing a low velocity area in the center where air can collect. The Rolairtrol offers the advantage of achieving efficient separation in a much smaller size of tank.

(b) Rolairtrol air separator with removeable system strainer.

Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
GAGE GLASS —
EXPANSION TANK
TANK FITTING —
SLOPE, 1" in 5'
RISING STEM VALVE, LOCKED OPEN
FILL VALVE
PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE

Fig. 3-7

HOT WATER BOILER

CIRCULATING WATER PUMP
RELIEF VALVE

RETURN

Fig. 3-8

"ATF" AIRTROL TANK FITTING

Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
19. Restrainer bolts are installed on flexible connectors to prevent them from blowing apart when pressurized.

20. Hangers are adjusted for equal load. Clevis hangers bolted to hanger rod with two nuts; above and below upper strap.

21. Steam strainers blow off to a safe place.

22. Strainer baskets can be withdrawn without interference.

23. Strainer blow off valve same size as connection on strainer body.

24. Relief valves discharge to a safe place, and drained in the case of a vertical riser so water will not collect against the top of the seat.

25. Vents from natural gas pressure regulators are piped to a safe place (to a vented firebox, or to atmosphere).

26. Shut-off valves located for easy accessibility.

27. Gas shut-off valve located outside the building.
4. **AIR MOVERS**

Air movers, popularly called "fans", are the workhorses of ventilating systems. They come in a great variety of shapes and sizes, must be carefully selected for the job they are to do, and need to be installed with near-ideal inlet and outlet conditions to produce the expected performance. The most useful tool in establishing fan output is the fan curve which will be discussed as well as the various types of air movers.

The Air Moving and Conditioning Association (AMCA) has standardized fan types as shown in Fig. 4-1. The familiar propeller fan has a propeller or disc type wheel mounted in a ring or shroud, and is generally used for free delivery, or against a low resistance. The tubeaxial fan consists of an axial flow wheel inside a cylindrical housing, in addition to which the vaneaxial fan uses guide vanes before or after the wheel. The centrifugal fan consists of a fan rotor or wheel within a scroll shaped housing.

The following terms are used in specifying and evaluating fan performance and are as defined by the AMCA:

1. **Volume handled by a fan** is the number of cubic feet of air per minute expressed at fan outlet conditions (namely, air pressure and temperature).

2. **Total pressure of a fan** is the rise of pressure from fan inlet to fan outlet, that is, the net pressure produced by the fan.

3. **Velocity pressure of a fan** is the pressure corresponding to the average velocity determination from the volume of air flow at the fan outlet area.

4. **Static pressure of a fan** is the total pressure diminished by the fan velocity pressure.

5. **Power output of a fan** is expressed in horsepower and is based on fan volume and the fan total pressure.

6. **Power input to a fan** is expressed in horsepower and is measured horsepower delivered to the fan shaft.

7. **Mechanical efficiency of a fan** is the ratio of power output to power input.

8. **Fan outlet area** is the inside area of the fan outlet.

Further explanation and application of these terms will be covered later in this section.

Of the four general types of fans described above, the centrifugal fan is most commonly used for ventilating systems and is further classified by type of blades: (1) forward curved, (curved in the direction of rotation), (2) straight radial blades and (3) back-
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<td>CENTRIFUGAL FAN</td>
<td>A Centrifugal Fan consists of a fan rotor or wheel within a scroll type of housing. The Centrifugal Fan is designed to move air or gases over a wide range of volumes and pressures. The fan wheel may be furnished with straight, forward curve, backward curve, or radial tip blades. The fan housing may be constructed of sheet metal or cast metals with or without protective coatings such as rubber, lead, enamel, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>VANEAXIAL FAN</td>
<td>A Vaneaxial Fan consists of an axial flow wheel within a cylinder combined with a set of air guide vanes located either before or after the wheel. The Vaneaxial Fan is designed to move air or gases over a wide range of volumes and pressures. It is generally constructed of sheet metal although cast metal fan wheels are sometimes furnished.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TUBEAXIAL FAN</td>
<td>A Tubaxial Fan consists of an axial flow wheel within a cylinder. The Tubaxial Fan is designed to move air or gas through a wide range of volumes at medium pressures. Its construction is similar to the Vaneaxial Fan.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PROPELLER FAN</td>
<td>A Propeller Fan consists of a propeller or disc wheel within a mounting ring or plate. The Propeller Fan is designed to move air from one enclosed space to another or from indoors to outdoors or visa versa in a wide range of volumes at low pressure. (The automatic type of shutter illustrated in cut opposite is not a part of the Propeller Fan but is an auxiliary device to protect the fan when not operating by keeping out wind, rain, snow and cold).</td>
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Fig. 4-1
wardly inclined blades. There are many variations of these basic blade types, but all centrifugal fans fall into one of these groups. The radial blade fan (Fig. 4-2) was the first style developed but nowadays is used mostly for pneumatic conveying systems, as sawdust and shavings, and for high pressure blowers. It is not used in ventilating systems. The next fan developed was the forward curved blade design, (Fig. 4-3) which consists of narrow cup shaped blades which rotate in a direction seemingly to scoop up the air, while the backwardly inclined bladed fan (Fig. 4-4) appears to "wipe" the air. The effect of these differently shaped blades on the fan characteristics is shown by the fan curves such as those shown below in Fig. 4-5 and Fig. 4-6.

![Performance curve of a 30-inch dia, single-width, forward curve fan, selected for 20,000 cfm at 6 in. SP.](image1)

**Fig. 4-5**

![Performance curve of a 33-inch dia, single-width power limiting (backwardly inclined blade) fan, selected for 20,000 cfm at 6 in. SP.](image2)

**Fig. 4-6**

Figs. 4-5 and 4-6 courtesy of New York Blower Co.
However, before proceeding with this comparison, we will discuss fan curves in general. Referring to Fig. 4-5, note that there are 3 curves shown, labeled "static pressure", "brake horsepower" and "mechanical efficiency", and that there are values correspondingly marked in graduations on the vertical (ordinate) sides of the graph. "Cfm" is similarly scaled off on the horizontal (abscissa) edge. This particular fan was selected to produce 20,000 cubic feet per minute of air against a static pressure of 6 inches which is what the designer figured he needed to do a certain ventilation job. So, when the fan is connected up to the ventilation system and all dampers have been adjusted, the fan will deliver 20,000 cfm if the static pressure is 6". If the static pressure developed by the fan is, say 5", because of an error in estimating the pressure, the fan will deliver 27,500 cfm. The point is, that the fan delivery depends on what static pressure it works against, and this is called the system resistance.

Referring again to Fig. 4-5, at 6" sp, the brake horsepower is 32, and the mechanical efficiency is 68%.

Fig. 4-6 shows a set of curves for a backwardly inclined blade fan, also selected for 20,000 cfm delivery against a 6" static pressure head. The curves are similar to a degree but closer study shows significant differences in performance. The forward curved fan has a constantly rising horsepower curve, while the backwardly inclined blade fan has a horsepower curve that rises to a maximum and then levels off or decreases slightly with increased cfm. This points out the main disadvantage of the forward curve bladed fan; that is, if the system pressure was calculated too high or the system changed so as to reduce the pressure, the horsepower becomes excessive and overloads the motor. The backwardly inclined blade fan has a self-limiting horsepower curve and cannot be overloaded under any conditions at a given speed. It will be noted that the static pressure - cfm curve of Fig. 4-5 is about 7" at 0 cfm, dips to 5 3/4", then reaches a maximum of 6". The portion of the curve to the left of the 6" peak is an area of unstable operation, and this is another disadvantage of the forward curve fan should a design error result in operation to the left of the peak. The forward curve fan has another disadvantage of being less efficient than its backward inclined blade counterpart, as shown by the mechanical efficiency curves. The advantages of the forward curved fan is that it turns at lower speeds than other types, runs quieter and is smaller than the backwardly inclined fan to produce equal cfm and head. The backwardly inclined blade fan has the advantages of higher efficiency which can save power costs for large continuous operation applications, and a limited horsepower requirement which permits economical motor sizing. Another advantage is its steeper static pressure vs cfm curve, which means that a variation in the system pressure will result in a smaller variation in air delivery than with a forward curved fan.

For example, Fig. 4-5 (forward curve) at 6" static pressure, the delivery is 20,000 cfm. At 5" static pressure, delivery is
27,500 cfm. Fig. 4-6 (backwardly inclined) shows that at 6" static pressure, the output is 20,000 cfm, and at 5" it is 22,000 cfm.

An important variation of the backward inclined fan is the airfoil shaped blade (Fig. 4-7) shaped like an airplane wing, and is designed to allow air flow through the wheel with less turbulence than the conventional backward inclined flat blade. The advantage of this is to produce quieter operation, and to operate without surging or pulsation throughout the entire range.

Fig. 4-7  Courtesy, Trane Co.

Fig. 4-8  Courtesy, New York Blower Co.
SW - Single Width  DW - Double Width  SI - Single Inlet  DI - Double Inlet

Arrangements 1, 3, 7 and 8 are also available with bearings mounted on pedestals or base set independent of the fan housing.

For designation of rotation and discharge, see AS 2406.
For motor position, belt or chain drive, see AS 2407.
For designation of position of inlet boxes, see AS 2405.

ARR. 1 SWS I For belt drive or direct connection. Impeller overhung. Two bearings on base.

ARR. 2 SWS I For belt drive or direct connection. Impeller overhung. Bearings in bracket supported by fan housing.

ARR. 3 SWS I For belt drive or direct connection. One bearing on each side and supported by fan housing. Not recommended in sizes 27-inch diameter impeller and smaller.

ARR. 4 SWS I For belt drive. Impeller overhung on prime mover shaft. No bearings on fan. Prime mover base mounted or integrally directly connected.

ARR. 5 SWS I For belt drive. Impeller overhung, two bearings, with prime mover outside base.

ARR. 7 SWS I For belt drive or direct connection. Arrangement 3 plus base for prime mover. Not recommended in sizes 27-inch diameter impeller and smaller.

ARR. 8 SWS I For belt drive or direct connection. Arrangement 1 plus extended base for prime mover.

ARR. 9 SWS I For belt drive. Impeller overhung, two bearings, with prime mover outside base.

ARR. 10 SWS I For belt drive. Impeller overhung, two bearings, with prime mover inside base.

DRIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CENTRIFUGAL FANS

AMCA STANDARD 2404-66
Direction of rotation is determined from drive side of fan.
On single inlet fans, drive side is always considered as the side opposite fan inlet.
On double inlet fans with drives on both sides, drive side is that with the higher powered drive unit.
Direction of discharge is determined in accordance with diagrams. Angle of discharge is referred to the horizontal axis of fan and designated in degrees above or below such standard reference axis. For fan inverted for ceiling suspension, or side wall mounting, direction of rotation and discharge is determined when fan is resting on floor.
Fan Arrangements

Fan arrangements refer to the relation of wheels and bearings, and whether the fan has one wheel (single width, SW) or two wheels (double width, DW) and single inlet (SI) or double inlet (DI).

Fig. 4-8 is an elevation view looking at the discharges of a single width, and a double width fan each having the same outlet area and giving the same performance. The single width is 30% taller, but only 70% as wide as the double width. The single width is best for a duct inlet connection, while the double width is best for installation in a plenum. Cost also governs the choice of single or double width fan. When the fan outlet area is about 8 sq feet, the two cost about the same; below this size, the single width is less expensive and above it the double width is cheaper. First cost and space requirements largely determine which fan arrangement to use.

The various arrangements as designated by AMCA are shown in Fig. 4-9. It will be noted that there are 4 basic bearing arrangements. Arrangement 1 consists of 2 bearings resting on a metal base, supporting the shaft and wheel, independent of the fan housing. Arrangement 2 uses a single bearing housing (containing 2 spaced bearings or a single sleeve) mounted on a bracket supported by the fan housing. Arrangement 3 has one bearing mounted on each side and supported by the fan housing.

Note that this arrangement is not recommended by manufacturers for wheel diameters of 27" and less because the bearing blocks the air passage to the fan inlet. In Arrangement 4, the motor supports the wheel on a long shaft with no bearings on the fan. The balance of the arrangements designate drive arrangements and bases. Arrangement 3 is the most common in ventilation work because of cost and space savings realized without the fan bearing support platform.

Direction of rotation and discharge is designated by the AMCA as shown in Fig. 4-10.

Classes of Fans

Fans are constructed in three strength classes as set by the AMCA for operation in the following pressure ranges:

Class I up through 3 1/4 inches of total water pressure.
Class II up through 6 3/4 inches of total water pressure.
Class III up through 12 1/4 inches of total water pressure.

AMCA does not control the metal gages, bracing or design, but specifies that the fans shall be suitable for pressures shown.
"The AMCA is a non-profit Association composed of the majority of air moving equipment manufacturers in the United States and Canada. The main technical effort of the Association is aimed at the development of accurate and reliable testing procedures which are adopted as standard test codes and are used as a basis for rating the industry's products.

The AMCA Laboratory is specifically designed to check test the air performance and sound ratings of air moving equipment licensed to use the AMCA Certified Ratings Seal. Each manufacturer participating in the AMCA Certified Ratings Program agrees that the Staff shall, at random intervals, obtain a production sample of each licensed product for the purpose of checking its actual performance against published catalog ratings. Failure to perform within the specified tolerance results in the loss of the license to use the AMCA Seal on the entire product line."

The above is excerpted from a AMCA publication and describes the function of this Association, and the significance of the rating seal. A line of fans (by model number) that have been tested by AMCA are authorized to bear the seal:
Fan Drives

The most common types of fan drives for ventilation applications are v-belts. They require careful selection and installation, and frequently need to be checked for proper application by the mechanical inspector.

V-belts are of rubber, or of synthetic rubber and cotton, reinforced with cord or finely stranded steel cables. They are shaped like a trapezoid, and made in six standard cross-sections; FHP, A, B, C, D and E and to the dimensions shown in Fig. 4-12. V-belts are made in standard lengths, called pitch lengths; the length, and the type (A, B, etc), are imprinted on the outer periphery of the belt. The pitch diameter of a pulley is the outside diameter less twice one half the thickness of the type of v-belt that it is made for, or more simply, the outside diameter less the thickness of the belt. The pitch length of a belt may be calculated as shown in Fig. 4-11.

Since the tightness of belts is adjusted by moving the motor closer or away from the driven pulley by means of jacking bolts on the motor base, be sure there is sufficient "slot" length to move the base either way, and also that the belts will not rub against the belt guard.

The load on belts is determined by the following factors:

1. Horsepower of the driver.
2. Service factor of the driver equipment.
3. Belt speed.
4. Angle of contact of the belts with the sheave.

The adequacy of a belt drive system can be checked as follows:

1. Read the motor nameplate horsepower and multiply it by the service factor (from table 4-2) for application and type of motor used.
2. Find the belt speed from:
   \[ V = 3.14 \times d \text{ (ft)} \times \text{rpm} \]
   \[ = 0.262 \times d \text{ (inches)} \times \text{rpm, feet per minute} \]
3. From Table 4-4, find the nominal horsepower rating per belt, knowing the pitch dia. of the section.
4. Find the arc of contact on the small sheave by the formula:
V-belts are made in five standard cross-sections, designated A, B, C, D and E.

Sheave grooves are practically same size as belts, but cut about 3/16 in. deeper.
### Table 4-1 Dimensions of V-Belts and Sheaves

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<th>Designation of Cross Section</th>
<th>V-Belt Dimensions, Inches</th>
<th>Sheave Dimensions, Inches</th>
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### Table 4-2 Service Factors for Various V-Belt Applications

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### Table 4-4

Nominal Horsepower Ratings per Belt

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### Table 4-5

Contact Factor for Sheave Arc of Contact

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Arc of contact = $180^\circ - 60 \frac{(D-d)}{C}$ degrees

$D =$ pulley dia., inches

$d =$ sheave dia., inches

$C =$ center distance, inches

5. Find the correction factor for the angle of contact from Table 4-5. Any angle less than $180^\circ$ arc of contact will reduce the horsepower transferred by the factor shown.

6. Multiply horsepower per belt by the factor, which gives the corrected horsepower per belt.

7. Dividing the corrected horsepower, 1st step, by the horsepower rating per belt will give the number of belts required.

Example:

A 1 hp motor 1750 rpm normal torque line start squirrel cage motor drives a centrifugal fan at 400 rpm. There is one A section belt, 97.1 inches long. The motor pulley is 3.4 inches in diameter, the fan pulley diameter is 14.9 inches and center to center distance is 33.7 inches. Find if the single A belt is sufficient to drive the fan.

1. from Table 4-2 the service factor is 1.2
   
   $1.0 \times 1.2 = 1.2$ hp required

2. belt speed = $0.262 \times 3.4 \times 1750$
   
   $= 1559$ fpm

3. from Table 4-4 hp = 1.1 (for $180^\circ$ contact)

4. find arc of contact
   
   $180^\circ - 60 \frac{(14.9 - 3.4)}{33.7} = 159.5^\circ$

5. from Table 4-5, correction factor = 0.95

6. corrected hp transmitted = $(1.1) (0.95)$
   
   $= 1.05$ hp

This is 12.5% less than the required 1.20 hp, so two A section belts should be used.
Table 4-2 lists the nominal horsepower ratings of v-belts generally. For exact solutions, use the manufacturer's rating tables.

Inspect V-belt drives for the following:

1. The sheave, or motor pulley, should not be undersized, otherwise excessive tension will be required to prevent slipping causing undue binding stresses, overheating and breakdown of the belt. The minimum sheave sizes are:

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2. Multiple V-belts for a given drive should be a matched set, otherwise the shorter ones will carry all the load. If it is necessary to replace a belt the whole set should be replaced.

3. Belts should not be operated over 5,000 fpm.

4. Check for sufficient take up. New belts have to be re-tightened after running awhile.

5. Make sure the V-belts and grooves match. Oversize grooves will cause the belts to ride low (they must never ride on the bottom of the groove) and undersized grooves will cause the belt to ride high. The top of the belt should be approximately flush with the top of the groove with approximately 1/8" to 3/16" clearance at the bottom.

6. Check shafts and pulleys for alignment. A straightedge laid along the sides of the pulley and sheave should contact the entire surface of each.

7. Check belts for proper tension. Overtightening causes internal heating of the belt and overloads motor bearings. Undertensioning will cause excessive slippage and dangerous heating of the belts. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for applying proper tension.

8. Do not permit anyone to pry V-belts out or across the sheave face. The driver should be slacked off so that belts can be easily moved.
9. The belt guard should be sufficiently open to permit ventilation around the belts, but must be totally enclosed. (State Safety Orders.) Metal screen with small openings may be used.

Fan Capacity Controls

In ventilation work fan capacities are varied by changing the speed, or by use of dampers. In sizes up through 10 or 20 hp, adjustable pitch diameter sheaves are used. Above 20 hp and where more than 2 belts must be used variable pitch sheaves are expensive. If only one speed change needs to be made it may be more economical to install a new sheave. When capacity must be increased or decreased to suit a changing condition inlet or outlet dampers (Figs. 4-13, 4-14, and 4-15) may be used. The variable inlet vaned damper reduces the horsepower required as the capacity is reduced and its higher cost is justified if the fan is to operate for long periods at low output. Fig. 4-16 shows the mechanics of an inlet vane damper. If a damper is needed for just short periods, the outlet damper would be a better selection.

Elimination of Vibration

A fan has six rotating parts that can cause vibration: the wheel, shaft, sheave, pulley, belts and motor. The various parts were probably balanced at the factory but the assembled fan and drive vibrates somewhere between "acceptable" to "excessive". Or, vibration can be caused by turbulent air flow into the fan inlet. A fan operated with a throttled discharge may operate on an unstable part of the curve and pulsate and surge. This can be verified by allowing the fan to move more air (by opening a plenum door on the discharge side) and observing if the vibration decreases.

Some of the causes of vibration which can be checked are:

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<td>1. Sprung shaft</td>
<td>Steady-rest a reference point near the pulley face, and also near the outside circumference of the pulley to just touch and observe any movement between the reference point and the pulley.</td>
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<td>2. Pulley mis-alignment</td>
<td>Check with a straight edge along the pulley sides.</td>
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<td>3. Dirt in pulley grooves</td>
<td>Grooves must be smooth and concentric.</td>
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<td>4. Dirt or Jumps on V-belt</td>
<td>Defective belts will have rough joint.</td>
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<td>5. Dirty fan wheels</td>
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Fig. 4-13

Fig. 4-14

Fig. 4-15

Figs. 4-13 to 4-15, New York Blower Co.

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Fig. 4-16 Courtesy, Zurn-Clarage
Causes

6. Unbalanced motor or motor pulleys
   Check: Remove V-belt or disconnect coupling and run motor to check for motor vibration.

7. Loose set screws on fan wheel or pulleys

8. Loose foundation bolts

9. Loose bearing bolts

10. Bearings loose on shaft

11. Damaged wheel

The vibration produced by a fan can be prevented from effecting the surrounding structure by absorbing it with a massive foundation, such as a block of concrete, 2 or 3 times the weight of the machinery. In severe cases or where extra precautions are necessary, the block is mounted on an isolation base. The isolation elements commonly used are rubber-in-shear, cork and steel springs, and are available in the following forms:

1. Pads of rubber-in-shear with a base plate for bolting to a fixed base, with attached stud for securing the equipment, Fig. 4-17. Pads are also made of rubber and cork sandwiches with ribbed bottoms, Fig. 4-18. The latter are also used for heavy machinery that must not be bolted rigidly because of expansion and contraction.

2. Bases or rails mounted on rubber or springs, Figs. 4-19 and 4-20, to hold the fan and motor in place while isolating them from the floor. This base keeps the motor and fan from drawing together because of belt tension.

3. Reinforced concrete inertia pad set on individual spring mounts, Fig. 4-21. Fig. 4-23 shows a well designed base on spring rails. The snubber nuts are only "finger tight" to permit vertical movement of the assembly.

Springs must be designed and selected by the manufacturer for the load and rotating speed of the equipment and the distribution of the load on the base. A location plan is usually sent with the springs which are color coded. When loaded the springs must not be closed solid but should have at least enough space to insert a calling card between the coils.

Flexible connectors at the fan connections are required to isolate
Fig. 4-19

STRUCTURAL CHANNEL

FREE HEIGHT

STEEL BASE PLATE

Fig. 4-18

Fig. 4-22

Courtesy, M. W. Sausse and Co., Inc.
Equipment Anchor Bolt
6" High-11 Ga. Welded Channel
Snubber Bolt with rubber grommets - snub fingertight

¾ Bars 8" O.C. each way
6" High Concrete Base - sized as required
8" x 2" x ¾ Anchor Studs welded to channel 16" O.C.
4" x 3" x ¾ Plate at set screws
2 Set Screws per rail

Finish Floor

½" Anchor Bolts

Spring Isolation Rails with angle clips. Size, type and number of Isolation Rails as recommended by mfr.

INERTIA ANTI-VIBRATION BASE

Fig. 4-23

California State Office of Architecture and Construction
any vibration being transferred to the duct work. A neoprene coated glass fabric is generally used and is available rolled into strips with sheetmetal bands on both sides for attachment to the duct. The ducts should be checked at these points for proper support and stiffening so as to not "hang" on the flexible joint and tear it or partially close the fan inlet or outlet. The wiring to the motor should be run in flexible conduit. (See Fig. 4-24)

Duct Connections

The manner in which air enters and leaves a fan has a profound effect on its performance. At the inlet the air should fill the eye of the impeller equally without crowding on one side and without turbulence or spin. The outlet discharge duct is not as sensitive as the inlet, but will reduce the fan performance if it does not permit the full development of the fan pressure. When fans are tested in a laboratory with duct connections as a test requirement, the ducts are designed to provide uniform straight flow to the fan inlet, and the outlet connection is equal in area to the fan discharge and straight for at least 10 diameters. These conditions usually cannot be duplicated in the installation due to space limitations, and the performance will be correspondingly reduced. However, avoiding some of the common errors shown below will allow the fan to produce the air quantities needed and cost less to operate. The designer has the prime responsibility to produce the optimum configurations and these should be followed as closely as field conditions permit.

Fig. 4-25 illustrates the air flow with straight duct, and an elbow connection to a fan inlet. On the latter, air is crowded to one side of the impeller suction, and because even flow through the wheel does not occur, the total air flow is reduced by 5 to 10%. Fig. 4-26 illustrates spinning caused by a poorly designed inlet box which can be alleviated by turning vanes, Fig. 4-27. Fig. 4-28 is an all too common method of connecting to exhaust fans with the results, and a method of correcting them in Fig. 4-29. In Fig. 4-30, it would be better to introduce the air straight into the inlet; otherwise, the distance between fan inlet and plenum wall should not be less than one wheel diameter. The remaining figures show poor and preferred methods of connection and recommended corrections where space limitations exist. Figs. 4-31-33 show more examples of "best, good and fair" ways to connect fan discharges, and the proper clearances and contraction angles to be observed for fan inlets.

Construction Details

Fig. 4-33a illustrates the basic parts of a typical arrangement 2 single width fan. The base and drive is not shown. The housing consists of an outer wrapper called the scroll plate, and two side plates. The scroll is in the shape of a volute which converts the velocity pressure developed by the impeller wheel.
1/2" x 1/2" x No. 12 gauge galvanized steel angles for all square ducts and round ducts 1¼" and larger.

1/2" #12 ga. galv. steel band for smaller dia. round ducts 1/2" dia. and less.

Sheet metal screws at 4" o.c. & 2" Min. Ends of ducts double crimped.

Double neoprene coated glass fabric strip wrapped around duct with 6-inch minimum overlap. Use double thickness for high velocity ducts.

FLEXIBLE DUCT CONNECTION

Prefab flexible connector.

Double lock seam.

1" Pocket slip (Government Clip) air tight.

Min. 24 gauge galv. metal

Fig. 4-24

OPTIMAL PREFAB FLEXIBLE DUCT CONNECTION
Spinning caused by a poorly designed inlet box.

Air load distribution at inlet to the fan.

Fig. 4-25

Inlet box without vanes has loss of 40% of CFM; requires 180% extra SP selection to bring fan to desired capacity. With upstream vanes, loss is 17%; SP needs 45% increase. With both sets of vanes, loss is 11%; SP needs 25% increase.

Fig. 4-27

Courtesy, New York Blower Co.
Inlet box causing eccentric flow.

Fig. 4-29

Inlet plenum causing eccentric flow.

Fig. 4-30

Inlet box causing 25% loss due to eccentric flow, and use of vane to remedy the condition.

Fig. 4-29

Fan exhausting from cyclone. The loss depends upon the proportion of cyclone and could be as much as 40% of desired CFM. At upper right is simple remedy: an egg-crate straightener is put in the duct.

Fig. 4-31

Courtesy, New York Blower Co.
SINGLE INLET FAN

PLAN VIEW

ELEVATION VIEW

C = DIAMETER OF FAN INLET
D = \( \frac{1}{2} \times C \)
E = 45° MAXIMUM, 30° PREFERRED

INLET CONNECTIONS

DOUBLE INLET FAN

PLAN VIEW

ELEVATION VIEW

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Fig. 4-32
BEST
TRANSFORMATION 1" X 7"
PREFERRED, 1" TO 4" PERMITTED-

GOOD

FAIR

DIMENSIONS:
A = 1/2 X B TO 2 1/2 X B
B = FAN DISCHARGE OPENING,
LARGEST DIMENSION

DISCHARGE CONNECTIONS

Poar Fan Outlet Flow

Fain Fan Outlet Flow

Poar Fan Inlet Flow

Gooq Fan Inlet Flow

Fig. 4-33
ARR. 1
INLET SIDE
(REMOVE INLET
CONE FOR
WHEEL REMOVAL)

ARR. 3
SIDE OPPOSITE
DRIVE
(REMOVE BEARING &
SUPPORT TO
REMOVE INLET CONE)

Fig. 4-33 (a)

Courtesy, Zurn-Clarage
into static pressure. The lower edge of the scroll terminates with a section called the "cut-off" which is positioned as close to the rotating impeller as is practical. Its purpose is to prevent air in the high pressure area of the discharge from short-circuiting back to the suction side which reduce capacity and waste power. The side plate on the right supports the inlet cone which is faired and shaped with a bell mouth inlet to lead the air into the impeller eye with a minimum of turbulence. Since this is a single inlet fan, all of the air enters through the right side cone, the left side plate being solid except for running clearance around the shaft. The overhung impeller is supported by a pillow block with a bearing at each end, the pillow block being rigidly supported from the fan frame. The position of the impeller with respect to the inlet is very important and should be checked for agreement with the manufacturer's instructions. Double width wheels should be centered between the inlets. Single width wheels are generally designed with an inside diameter slightly larger than the cone outside diameter, in which case the wheel should overlap the cone with a minimum of running clearance. Fig. 4-34 shows the degree of overlap as specified by one manufacturer, and Fig. 4-35 shows various configurations and clearances used by another firm. Here again, the purpose of restricting this space to the minimum is to prevent short circuiting the air from the high pressure area to the suction side of the impeller.

It is not uncommon to find a fan rotating backward and occasionally find a clockwise fan fitted with a counter-clockwise impeller. A simple rule to determine the correct rotation is to think of a particle of air as starting at the cut-off and traveling around the spiral of the scroll to the discharge. This will be the direction of rotation for all impellers regardless of the type of blade. As mentioned previously, the forward curve blade will appear to "scooping" the air and the backward inclined type will lay back against the air but never scoop it. Radial blades project straight out and may be machined or surfaced on the leading face.

Whether assembled on the job or at the factory, fans should be checked for the following points and in conformance with the manufacturer's installation instructions:

1. On arrival at the job site inspect the housing for dents or any damage to the base or bearing supports. If it is necessary to store it in the weather it should be covered with a rain proof cover and set on timbers. Bearings should be covered and sealed with tape whether inside or out to keep out construction dirt. Shaft should be protected with rust preventive compound. As a safety precaution, the impeller should be restrained from turning by "wind milling" in the wind.

2. After the fan is set on the permanent foundation check the shaft for level. A small deflection of the shaft will occur due to the weight of the impeller. The shaft is
Axial Overlap Between Wheel And Inlet Cone.

**Fig. 4-34** Trane Co.

NOTE — Wheel rim should overlap inlet cone. Allow adequate running clearance between wheel back plate and housing.

Type O Single Inlet Fans.

**Fig. 4-35 (a)** Zurn-Clarage

* Dimension "A" should be measured at 4 points approximately 90 degrees apart.

**Fig. 4-35 (b)** Zurn-Clarage
level when the same amount of slope at each bearing is indicated. The centerline of the shaft at each bearing must be at the same elevation.

3. Check double wheel impellers for being centered between the inlet cones, and single wheels for overlap with the cone.

4. Check impellers for concentricity with the inlet cones, while slowly rotating the impeller.

5. Check shaft size, bearings, motor and drive details against the specifications and approvals for compliance.

Fan Testing

After a fan and the system it serves has been installed the fan should be tested for performance. The value of this test is to determine what the fan produces and where the data gathered falls on the fan curve; and to record the actual power load, speed, and static pressure. Field tests can rarely be made with the accuracy of a laboratory test; however, reasonable accuracy can be attained if care is taken. If it develops that the fan delivers substantially more or less air than anticipated, the data gathered by the test will be used by the designer and the manufacturer in adjustments of the fan speed or system resistance. After such changes are made the test should be repeated.

The data to be gathered are:

1. Static pressure (at inlet and outlet).

2. Cubic feet per minute (determined by multiplying the velocity through the duct connected to the fan discharge by the area of the duct, or

   \[ Q = a \times v \]

   \[ Q = \text{cubic ft of air per min} \]
   \[ a = \text{area, sq ft} \]
   \[ v = \text{velocity, fpm} \]

3. Fan speed.

4. Power input to the fan.

5. Temperature of the air at the fan inlet.

The instruments used for obtaining the above are simple, uncomplicated and dependable. Similarly, the calculations used in arriving at the test report results involve simple arithmetic.

The devices used for finding static pressure and velocity of the air stream are the manometer and the Pitot tube (pronounced p5'-t5'). Fig. 4-36 illustrates a manometer, also called a "U" tube, which consists of glass or plastic tubing of uniform bore, formed in a "U" shape and filled with water. With equal pressure
8 HOLES - 0.04" DIA. EQUALLY SPACED FREE FROM BURRS

SECTION A-A

INNER TUBING
\( \frac{5}{16} \) O.D. x 21 B. & S. GA. COPPER

OUTER TUBING
\( \frac{5}{16} \) O.D. x 18 B. & S. GA. COPPER

TOTAL PRESSURE

STATIC PRESSURE

STANDARD PITOT TUBE

Fig. 4-39
on both legs (assume atmospheric) the water in each leg will be at the same level. The scale in the middle is adjusted up or down so that "0" lines up with the liquid levels. When the tube on the left is connected to a pressurized duct the air pressure displaces the liquid until the height of the water on the right exactly balances the duct pressure. Thus, the reading is the measurement between the two liquid levels in inches of water, which is the unit of pressure used in ventilation work. Similarly, if the duct pressure is negative, the atmospheric pressure will force the liquid column down. For reading low air pressures (as 0.1 inch water) an inclined manometer is used (Fig. 4-37) which has the effect of magnifying the vertical movement of the liquid interface. A standard Pitot tube is shown in Fig. 4-39. The horizontal portion is constructed to the standard dimensions shown, but the vertical leg is available in different lengths depending on the width of the duct to be probed. The total pressure in the duct is transmitted through the inner tube, while the static pressure is sensed through the openings around the outer tube (Section A-A) and transmitted to the "static pressure" tap.

The function of the Pitot tube is to measure the velocity of the air, the principle of its action being shown in Fig. 4-35. A, B and C are manometers registering static pressure, total pressure, and velocity pressure.

The reason why the Pitot tube is able to measure velocity pressure from which the flow velocity of the air stream is found can be explained as follows:

Referring to Fig. 4-35, it is obvious that the pressure $P_1$ must be greater than the pressure $P_2$, in order to move the air through the duct. The pressure $P_1$ imparts a velocity to the air stream, called velocity head; and $P_1$ also overcomes the friction loss or head caused by the air flowing along the sides of the duct. Not all of the pressure $P_1$ is used up for velocity and friction heads, and the balance remaining is the static pressure existing in the duct. When moving air strikes or impinges on a surface at right angles to the direction of flow its velocity head is converted to pressure head. Thus; when the moving air impinges on the tip of the tube faced into the air stream (B) the velocity head, or pressure, is registered directly on the manometer. However, the reading obtained at (B) also includes the static pressure in the duct at that point, so the static is subtracted from the total pressure by connecting the left leg of the manometer to the side of the duct. This additional duct tap is not necessary with the Pitot tube as it is constructed with a static pressure connection (Fig. 4-39). After the velocity head has been determined, the velocity of the air stream is calculated from the formula

\[
V = 1036.5 \sqrt{\frac{P}{W}}
\]

where

\[
V = \text{ftpm}
\]

\[
P = \text{head, or pressure, inches water}
\]

\[
W = \text{weight of air, lb per cubic foot}
\]
For standard air conditions, (at 70°F and 29.92" barometric pressure) \( W = 0.0749 \text{ lb per cu ft} \), and is substituted in the equation, which reduces to

\[
V = 4005 \sqrt{p}
\]

Thus, if \( p = 1" \) velocity pressure,

\[
V = 4005 \sqrt{1"} \quad \text{or} \quad 4005 \text{ fpm.}
\]

If \( p = 4" \), velocity = \( 4005\sqrt{4"} \) or 8,000 fpm, etc.

Before proceeding with the velocity readings, the best possible spot in the duct work must be chosen, which should be from 7 1/2 to 10 duct diameters downstream from the fan, and ahead of any transitions, fittings or dampers that could cause turbulence or unequal flow patterns. The air velocity in a duct varies because of friction drag along the sides, therefore, it is necessary to hypothetically divide the duct crosssection into equal areas and find the velocity pressure in that particular area, then take the square root of each velocity pressure, and find the average. From this, calculate the velocity from:

\[
V = 4005 \times \text{average } \sqrt{h}
\]

The probe points for a rectangular duct are as shown in Fig. 4-40, which divides the area into 16 equal rectangular parts. The probes for a round duct are spaced as shown in Fig. 4-40, which divides the circle into five equal concentric areas.

When the average velocity has been determined the air volume is found from:

\[
\text{cfm} = \text{velocity (fpm)} \times \text{area (sq ft)}.
\]

Where the area is the net inside area (taking the duct lining into account).

The above method is as prescribed by the AMCA. If the duct arrangement is such that it is impossible to take readings 7 to 10 duct diameters downstream of the fan and free of disturbing influences, a rough check may be made with an anemometer by measuring the air flow through the filter bank on the suction side. The techniques of using the anemometer will be discussed in the section on balancing.

Having determined the quantity of air flow being delivered by the fan, the next step of the test is to measure the static pressure against which the fan is working. Referring to Fig. 4-41, fans are commonly installed in a plenum, drawing air through an outside air louver, automatic damper and a filter bank, all of which have a measurable pressure drop. The designed pressure loss through the filters can be obtained from the specifications or the manufacturer. The loss through the outside air louver should not exceed 0.1" water column. The inlet pressure, which
### Field Test Sheet

**Fan Owner:**

**Fan Mfr.:**

**Fan Nameplate Data:**

**Date:**

**Fan RPM:**

**Approx. BHP:**

**Motor Nameplate Data:**

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<th>Readings</th>
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**Density:**

\[
\text{Density} = 0.075 \left( \frac{530}{460+5F} \right) (\text{Barometric Pres.})
\]

\[
= \frac{29.92}{29.92}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{k} &= \text{Density} \\
\text{k} \times \{ \text{SP} = \frac{17.5}{\text{VP}} \} \text{ at st'd density}
\end{align*}
\]

**Average Duct Velocity:**

\[
\text{Average duct velocity} = 4000 \sqrt{VP}
\]

\[
= 4000 \sqrt{ } \\
= \text{fpm}
\]

**CFM:**

\[
\text{CFM} = \text{velocity} \times \text{duct area}
\]

\[
= \frac{\text{fpm}}{2 \pi R}
\]

Add to the SP any loss due to duct friction between points of readings and fan and due to poor inlet and outlet connections.

**Fig. 4-40**

Courtesy, New York Blower Co.
OUTSIDE AIR

DAMPERS
FILTERS

RETURN AIR

NEGATIVE PRESSURE 0.75"

POSITIVE PRESSURE 2.15"

TOTAL S.P. = 2.90"

Fig. 4-41
will be negative, can be measured with a Pitot tube or a piece of rubber tubing inserted into the plenum, and facing downstream so as to not pick up any velocity pressure. The fan discharge static pressure is similarly measured in the plenum between fan and coils taking care to keep the probe out of turbulent air. The total static pressure is the arithmetic sum of the two readings, say 0.75" negative pressure plus 2.15" positive pressure = 2.90" total static pressure. If the coils are on the suction side of the fan the method of taking the static pressures are the same; in the inlet and outlet plenums.

The speed of the fan is the next part of the test to be determined, and can be taken with a simple revolution counter or a chronometric tachometer. The speed reading should be accurate within 5 rpm.

The brake horsepower needed to drive a fan is a good indicator of its performance when used in conjunction with the manufacturer's curves. A reasonably accurate method of finding the brake horsepower is to measure the amperes drawn by the motor and applying the following formula to find brake horsepower:

\[ \text{brake horsepower} = \text{volts} \times \text{amps} \times 1.73 \times \text{P.F.} \times \text{efficiency} \]

Volts - the voltage across the motor terminals.

Amps - the average of the current drawn by each of the three "legs" supplying the motor (3 phase).

1.73 is a constant \( \sqrt{3} \). (For three phase only.)

P.F. is the power factor.

Efficiency is the motor efficiency.

The following table may be used for finding power factor and efficiency:

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<tr>
<th>motor nameplate hp</th>
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<td>power factor</td>
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<td>.88</td>
<td>.91</td>
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<td>efficiency</td>
<td>.73</td>
<td>.82</td>
<td>.84</td>
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Finally, the air temperature at the fan inlet should be recorded, as well as the barometric pressure, to correct for the air density if different than that specified on the fan data sheet.

Three essential pieces of information have now been obtained, which, when marked on their respective curves, should show some agreement on the air quantity being produced. Fig. 4-42 shows
TYPICAL FAN CURVE AND FIELD TEST POINTS

Fig. 4-42
## Probable Effects of Various Inlet Connections

(These losses do not include friction losses)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>% Loss in CFM If Not Corrected</th>
<th>% Increase Needed in Fan SP to Compensate</th>
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<td>3 piece elbow</td>
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<td>Rectangular Elbows without Vanes*</td>
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<td>H/W = 0.25, &amp; R/W = 0.5</td>
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<td>H/W = 1.00, &amp; R/W = 0.5</td>
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<td>H/W = 4.00, &amp; R/W = 0.6</td>
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<td>The maximum included angle of any element of the transition should never exceed 30°. If it does, additional losses will occur. If angle is less than 30° and L is not longer than the fan inlet diameter, the effect of the transition may be ignored. If it is longer, it will be beneficial because elbow will be farther from the fan.</td>
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Each 2 1/2 diameters of straight duct between fan and elbow or inlet box will reduce the adverse effect approximately 20%. For example, if an elbow that would cause a loss of 10% in CFM or an increase of 23% in fan SP, if on the fan inlet, is separated from the fan by straight duct the effect of the duct may be tabulated thus:

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<tr>
<th>L/D</th>
<th>Loss</th>
<th>SP needed</th>
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<tr>
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<td>10</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>L/D = 2½</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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*In all cases use of 3 long, equally spaced vanes will reduce loss and needed SP increase to 1/3 the values for unvaned elbows.

Fig. 4-44

Courtesy, New York Blower Co.
an example of plotting the results of the velocity probes, horsepower and static pressure on the corresponding curves furnished by the manufacturer. A range of cfm of this magnitude may be considered acceptable as it is due to errors in measurement if the installation is a good one, but if there is a wide divergence of data from predicted performance further investigation should be made. As stated previously, the inlet conditions to the fan have a large effect on its performance. If it appears this might be a contributing factor, a Pitot tube probe should be made on the horizontal and vertical axes of the round duct connection at the inlet. Non-uniform velocities at corresponding reference points will indicate turbulence and spinning. Such conditions can be corrected by revising the duct work or installing straightening vanes. Fig. 4-44 shows the probable losses that will occur with various inlet connections.

Adjustments to Meet Design Requirements

If the fan test data shows agreement with the fan curve but the delivery is below (or above) the desired design figure, some adjustments are necessary: (1) decreasing the system resistance or (2) changing the fan speed. A given duct system develops a resistance that varies with the square of the air volume, as shown in Fig. 4-45.

The point of intersection of the system resistance, OS₁, with the fan curve F₁ F₂ determines the static pressure of the duct system and the air quantity. Assuming the design point is at cfm₂, it can be seen that the system has balanced out at a higher static pressure and a lower cfm than originally predicted. If the system pressure loss can be reduced so that its resistance curve looks like OS₂ the design cfm can be obtained. Accordingly, the friction loss must be reduced by SP₁ - SP₂, based on the flow at cfm₁. The system will then operate at static pressure SP₂ and cfm₂, the design volume.

Another approach to increase (or decrease) the air delivery is to change the fan speed up or down. Fig. 4-47 shows a family of fan curves at different speeds.
**Fan Laws**

Fans (and pumps) follow what are commonly called the "Fan Laws". For a given fan handling the gas or weight of air, and with the speed varying:

1. Cfm varies as the speed
   \[ \frac{\text{cfm}_2}{\text{cfm}_1} = \frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1} \]

2. Static pressure varies as the square of the speed
   \[ \frac{\text{sp}_2}{\text{sp}_1} = \left(\frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1}\right)^2 \]

3. Brake horsepower varies as the cube of the speed
   \[ \frac{\text{bhp}_2}{\text{bhp}_1} = \left(\frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1}\right)^3 \]

**Example:** A fan was selected to deliver 10,850 cfm at 1 1/2" sp, and to run at 953 rpm, requiring 3.95 bhp. After installation it was found that the system developed 2.0" sp, delivered 9,800 cfm, and used 4.15 bhp. What should the speed be increased to, what static pressure should have been designed for, and what brake horsepower is required?
Solution:

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<th>Specified conditions</th>
<th>Actual condition</th>
<th>Final conditions after speed change</th>
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<td>10,350 cfm</td>
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<td>1.5 sp</td>
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<td>3.25 bhp</td>
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Fan law 1, cfm varies as the speed:

\[
\text{rpm}_2 = \frac{\text{rpm}_1 \times \text{cfm}_1}{\text{cfm}_2} ; \quad \text{rpm}_2 = \text{rpm}_1 \times \frac{\text{cfm}_1}{\text{cfm}_2} 
\]

\[
\text{rpm}_1 = 953 \quad \text{cfm}_1 = 9,800 \\
\text{rpm}_2 = ? \quad \text{cfm}_2 = 10,350 \\
\text{rpm}_2 = 953 \times \frac{10,350}{9,820} = 1,055 \text{ rpm} 
\]

Fan law 2, static pressure varies as the square of the speed:

\[
\text{sp}_2 = \left(\frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1}\right)^2 ; \quad \text{sp}_2 = \text{sp}_1 \times \frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1} 
\]

\[
\text{sp}_1 = 2.0 \quad \text{rpm}_2 = 1,055 \\
\text{sp}_2 = ? \quad \text{rpm}_1 = 953 \\
\text{sp}_2 = 2.0 \times \frac{1055}{953} = 2.24'' \text{ sp} 
\]

Fan law 3, bhp varies as the cube of the speed:

\[
\text{bhp}_2 = \left(\frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1}\right)^3 ; \quad \text{bhp}_2 = \text{bhp}_1 \times \frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1} 
\]

\[
\text{bhp}_1 = \text{bhp}_2 = \text{bhp}_1 \times \frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1} 
\]
\[ \text{bhp}_1 = 4.15 \quad \text{rpm}_2 = 1,055 \]
\[ \text{bhp}_2 = ? \quad \text{rpm}_1 = 953 \]
\[ \text{bhp} = 4.15 \times \frac{1,055}{953} = 5.60 \text{ bhp} \]

Bibliography

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Fan Check-Points

Verify that:

1. Fans are the size, model, drive arrangement and rotation approved by the designer.

2. Fans have not been damaged in shipment.

3. Bearings and shaft are protected from the weather and dirt before and after being set in place.

4. Motor is the correct voltage, hp, phase and speed.

5. Impeller is set for the correct clearance with the inlet cones (per manufacturer's instructions).

6. Impeller is the correct blade type as approved and is to the correct hand.

7. Proper belt guards to meet State Safety Orders are supplied, also screen guard over fan inlet.

8. Shaft diameter and bearings are as specified.

9. Fans have AMCA label if called for in the specifications.

10. Bearings have been greased prior to operation and that grease points are easily reached after installation.

11. The fan shaft is level.

12. All manufacturer's installation instructions have been complied with.

13. Approved vibration mounts have been installed in correct locations.

14. Direction of rotation is correct.

15. V belt drives have been installed per this section.
5. **BOILERS**

**Pressure Classifications**

Boilers, more properly called heat generators, are commonly used for furnishing steam or hot water to heating and ventilating systems. They are usually in the low pressure category which, as defined by the A.S.M.E., is 15 psi maximum steam pressure, or 160 psi water and 250° water temperature for a hot water boiler. The sectional cast iron boiler is used for 15 psi steam or 30 psi hot water working pressures. These are available in sizes from 60,000 to 3,430,000 btuh, gas or oil fired. Cast iron boilers (Figs. 5-1 and 5-2) are assembled in sections, the number being determined by the capacity desired. "Push nipples" connect the sections together, the whole assembly being drawn together with tie rods. The burners are cast iron sections of "beds" of small gas jets which are supplied with a mixture of low pressure (2" to 5" pressure) gas and air through a venturi mixing nozzle. The burner bed covers the entire base of the combustion chamber and the burned gas circulates by natural draft past the cast iron heating sections and on out through the flue. Gas fired boilers depending on natural draft to remove the products are fitted with a back draft hood which prevents a back draft coming down the flue from blowing out the burner flame. Oil fired boilers similar to Fig. 5-2, use forced draft, hence do not require a back draft hood.

Steel tube boilers most generally used in heating work are firetube, that is, the hot combustion gas flow through the tubes which are surrounded by water (Figs. 5-3 to 5-5). The gases may make anywhere from two to five passes through the boiler depending on the manufacture. All firetube boilers are forced draft because of the long path the gases must travel, and are available in sizes from 520 to 20,000 mbtuh, oil or gas fired.

Boilers are classed as high pressure if operated over 15 psi steam and 160 psi water.

**Ratings:**

Boiler horsepower is a historical and obsolete method of rating a boiler's output that was adopted in 1883 but is still listed by some manufacturers (along with modern ratings). One boiler horsepower is equivalent to evaporating 34.5 lbs of water from and at 212° F feedwater temperature.

**EDR.** Heating boilers are sometimes rated in terms of square feet of Equivalent Direct Radiation, namely, 240 Btu/hour, which represents the heat given up by the steam condensed by 1 square foot of cast iron radiation, at a steam temperature of 215° F and room temperature of 70° F.

**SBI and IBR.** The Steel Boiler Institute and the Institute of Boiler and Radiator Manufacturers have developed methods of
1-Flue Canopy - Forms a gas tight connection between flue passages and draft hood. It is completely enclosed by boiler jacket.

2-Draft hood - Locations for maximum flue flexibility. A conventional overhang rear draft hood for low over-all height—and an optional top outlet draft hood.

3-Low Water Cut-off (Steam Boilers) - Located outside jacket. Electrically shuts off main gas valve if boiler water falls to low point.

4-Base Frame - Consists of cast iron panels that are interchangeable front and back for assembly flexibility.

5-Gas Control Train - A.G.A. design certified, automatic diaphragm valve is standard. Special FM, FIA, IRM gas trains available.

6-Manifold - Designed for use with natural or propane gas. Available for right hand or left hand connection.

7-Jacket - Sturdy steel with distinctive brown and beige finish. Includes front cleanout door for easy access and expanded metal air inlet opening for combustion. Lined with glass fiber insulation to prevent heat loss and keep jacket temperature down. Jacket covers both canopy and manifold for modern "packaged" appearance.

8-Cast Iron Sections - Modular design with precision ground joints for flat, even draw-up. Multiple pin flue surface for higher sectional output. The $8\frac{1}{8}$" offset nipple provides excellent sectional communication for smooth flow and preferred steam quality. Special tankless coil center sections available. Tested for 50 psi (80 psi when specified) water working pressure.

9-Combustion Area - A unique base construction has made possible the design of a single combustion chamber for the complete boiler, reducing the number of supervised pilot burners.

10-Cast Iron Burners - With stainless steel ribbon inserts. Feature smooth ignition and extinction, resistance to flashback and easy flame adjustment for natural and propane gases. Only one burner per flue needed.

Courtesy, American Standard Co.
The PFA-3 is the ultimate heating unit for application in smaller apartment or commercial buildings. Designed specifically for light oil, forced draft firing this cast iron sectional unit is available either as a steam or hot water boiler and attains an efficiency of over 80%.

Forced draft boilers in addition to increased operating efficiencies require much less space than conventional boilers of comparable size and eliminate the need for external draft devices such as a high chimney or mechanical draft equipment—the PFA-3 features compact wet base design; no separate base or combustion chamber and the provision for tankless heater in both steam and water boilers. The boiler also features a high efficiency burner and the use of an elastic sealant compound for sealing.

The PFA-3 is manufactured in four sizes ranging from 300 to 526 MBH gross output and is available as a factory assembled standard unit, a split assembly or completely disassembled unit.

1- Controls mounted on front of boiler for ease of maintenance and adjustment.

2- Water Heater - large, copper coil tankless type, 1-W=H rated. Inserted into upper 5" nipple port on forced water boilers; lower nipple port on steam boiler.

3 - Cleanout Panel - factory assembled, sealed and water pressure tested.

4 - Cleanout Panel - permits cleaning of all flue surfaces from right side without dismantling jacket or disturbing burner, controls or accessories.

5 - Insulated Jacket - heavy glass fiber insulation prevents wasteful heat loss, keeps jacket cool.

6 - Sealant - effectively seals sections.

7 - Wet Base becomes primary heating surface.

8 - Wet Base—provides extra heat-absorbing wet base. Waterways completely surround combustion space.

9 - Oil Burner—equipped with a high efficiency flame retention burner head.

10 - Jacket Extension — matches jacket and has removable front panel for ready access to burner and controls; arch-type openings to provide ample air for combustion and circulation.

Assembled sections help speed installation time making the PFA-3 ideal as a replacement boiler.

Elastic sealant—it is imperative that forced draft boilers be absolutely gas tight. This quality is attained with the PFA-3 by sealing all section joints and canopy connections with elastic compound. (Covered by Patent No. 3,533,379.) The elastic sealant requires less installation time than other gasketing methods and provides a superior airtight seal, which will maintain its integrity over the years.

Fig. 5-2  Courtesy; American Standard Co.
Fig. 5-3b  Courtesy, Cleaver Brooks Co.
rating to aid the designer in choosing the correct size boiler. Table 5-1 shows a part table of "S.B.I." ratings for steel boilers with the various headings. Table 5-2 shows a sample "1 = B = R" rating.

Btu's per hour output. This states the actual heat, in btu's that has been added to the steam or hot water leaving the boiler in one hour of operation.

Lbs steam per hour. The heat required to evaporate one pound of water at 212°F is 970 btu, and is called the latent heat of the steam. The btu per hour output of rating expressed in lbs of steam per hour can be found by multiplying by 970 btu.

Hot water boilers are rated in btu per hour. The actual heat absorbed by the water is found from the following formula:

\[ \text{Btu/hr} = \text{gpm x tout - tin} \times 8.33 \times \text{sp ht of water} \times 1.0 \times 60 \]

Since the heat generator efficiency is about 80% due to heat losses in the flue gas and radiation losses, the heat input to the boiler is approximately

\[ \text{Btu input/hour} = \frac{\text{Btu output per hour}}{0.80} \]

Btu input per hour is measurable in cubic feet of gas per hour, or gallons of fuel oil per hour, whichever method of firing is used.

Testing Boiler Output and Efficiency.

Building heating boilers are not usually tested for thermal efficiency and output to the degree of accuracy needed for large central steam plants, but warrant sufficient checking to prove that the specifications have been met; namely (1) output (2) overall efficiency and (3) combustion efficiency. The output of a steam boiler can be obtained by collecting or otherwise measuring the condensate returned to the boiler, or by metering or weighing the feed water being delivered to the boiler during the test run. The flow through a hot water heat generator can be gotten by means of flowmeters installed in the various branches or main, or by reading the pressure gages at the inlet and outlet of the hot water circulating pump and finding the gpm from the pump curve. The temperature of the water at inlet and outlet is than taken, and the formula (shown above) is used for finding the btu output. (2) Overall efficiency is the ratio of heat output to heat input:

\[ \text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{heat output}}{\text{heat input}} \times 100 \]
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**Table 5-1**

### Automatic-Fired

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| Sq Ft                  | Sq Ft                | Sq Ft                    | Sq In.               | Sq In.                      |
| Sq Ft                  | Sq Ft                | Sq Ft                    | Sq In.               | Sq In.                      |

| 37                      | 28                   | 21                      | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 140                     | 110                  | 50                      | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 251                     | 184                  | 68                      | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 352                     | 241                  | 70                      | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 451                     | 312                  | 80                      | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 547                     | 381                  | 90                      | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 642                     | 450                  | 100                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 736                     | 528                  | 120                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 829                     | 600                  | 140                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 920                     | 672                  | 160                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1011                    | 744                  | 180                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1101                    | 816                  | 200                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1189                    | 892                  | 220                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1278                    | 960                  | 240                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1364                    | 1036                 | 260                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1430                    | 1112                 | 280                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1514                    | 1188                 | 300                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1739                    | 1314                 | 350                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1858                    | 1440                 | 400                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 1978                    | 1536                 | 450                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 2102                    | 1622                 | 500                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 2164                    | 1680                 | 550                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 2318                    | 1800                 | 600                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |
| 2473                    | 1920                 | 650                     | 1.333                | 1.333                      |

**Table 5-2**
The heat input to a boiler is found by metering the gas or oil for the period of the test run and applying the heating value of the fuel. The exact heating value of the gas (which fluctuates) may be obtained from the supplying utility company and the oil heating value from the supplier. It is usually accurate enough to use 1,000 btu per cubic ft for the gas at standard conditions and 145,000 btu per gallon for No. 2 fuel oil. When gas consumption is read from the utility company's meter it must be corrected to standard conditions for the purpose of the test. The utility company will furnish the meter constant, or it can be easily calculated: Find the inlet gas pressure ahead of the meter with an accurate gage. Assume it reads 5 psi gage. Since the volume of a gas varies inversely with the absolute pressure or

\[
\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{P_1}{P_2} \quad \text{or} \quad V_2 = \frac{P_1}{P_2} V_1 \quad V = \text{cubic feet}
\]

\[P = \text{absolute pressure}\]

We must use the absolute pressures, which is gage pressure plus atmospheric pressure (14.7 lb per sq in. at sea level). Then, the volume of gas entering the boiler, corrected to standard pressure, is

\[
\text{Volume} = \frac{(5 + 14.7) \times \text{volume (read from meter)}}{14.7}
\]

\[= 1.34 \times \text{Volume (read from meter)}\]

The volume of a gas also varies directly with the absolute temperature but this may be neglected for these calculations.

We now have enough information to complete the formula as follows:

\[
\% \text{ efficiency} = \frac{\text{heat generator output, btu per hour}}{\text{(cubic ft per hour of gas) (heat content)}}
\]

The calculation used for oil burning boilers is similar:

\[
\% \text{ efficiency} = \frac{\text{heat generator output, btu per hour}}{\text{gallons oil per hour x heat content per gallon}}
\]

(3) Combustion efficiency.

If a boiler was found to have an overall efficiency of 80%, most of the heat represented by the lost 20% went up the stack, spent in heating the products of combustion. The exact amount of heat thus lost depends on the pounds of flue gas moved and its exit temperature. Each cubic foot of gas or pound of fuel oil, depending on the carbon and hydrogen content, requires a given weight of air for combustion. Under perfect combustion conditions all of the carbon and hydrogen will be completely burned, and the
products of combustion will consist principally of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and the inert gases, such as nitrogen, that make up the atmosphere. However, more air than just the theoretical value is supplied to insure complete combustion. Unburned combustibles present a loss of heat, but more important, cause dangerous explosions and flare backs in the combustion areas. The amount of excess air being supplied to the firebox can be found by sampling the flue gas for carbon dioxide (CO₂) and oxygen (O₂) content, and using a chart similar to Fig. 5-6 and Fig. 5-7, drawn up for the carbon and hydrogen analysis of the fuel being used. As an example, assume an Orsat analysis shows the CO₂ content to be 97.1%, and the O₂ content to be 5.3%, when burning the fuel shown on Fig. 5-C. The CO₂ line intersects the hypotenuse of the diagram at 30% excess air as does the 5.3% O₂ line. Thus, if the theoretical amount of air needed is 10. cu ft per cu ft of gas, the total air at 30% excess is 1.30 x 10 = 13.0 cu ft per cu ft of gas. The actual loss in the flue gas can be found from Fig. 5-8, knowing the stack temperature at the boiler outlet and the percentage CO₂. The stack temperature is taken with an insertion type mercury or accurate bi-metallic thermometer in the center of the flue gas stream close to the breeching connection. The above figures show the percent overall thermal efficiency, or:

\[
\text{Thermal efficiency} = 100 \times \frac{\text{total heat input} - \text{stack losses}}{\text{total heat input}}
\]

then, \( \text{stack losses} = (100 - \text{effic}) \times \text{(heat input), btu/hr} \)

The stack losses should be close to the losses figured by the overall efficiency, Figs. 5-8 and 5-9, allowing for small radiation losses.

A CO₂ analysis will be made by the boiler supplier when the unit is adjusted for firing, or may be taken by the utility company upon request. If the specifications require the boiler to produce rated load at a certain CO₂, stack temperature and efficiency, the contractor will gather and submit this data.

Operating and Safety Controls and Trim

Boilers have certain safety requirements and devices that are required by the State Division of Industrial Safety. Those are contained in "Boiler Safety Orders" available from the Office of Procurement, Documents Section, P.O. Box 20171, Sacramento 95820, for a nominal sum. The orders adopt the "ASME Code for Pressure Boilers", available at technical book stores, and both of these publications should be available to anyone concerned with the construction inspection of boilers.

Safety Relief Valves, mounted directly on the main drum of a heat generator, are the ultimate, "last ditch" protective devices preventing an explosion from overpressure. Their require-
FLUE GAS ANALYSIS CHART FOR DETERMINING
THE AMOUNT OF AIR EMPLOYED

PERCENTAGES OF CO₂, O₂, AND CO ON DRY BASIS AS GIVEN BY ORSAT ANALYSIS.
BASED UPON THE CONDITIONS THAT FLUE GAS CONTAINS NO RAW GAS, H₂, OR FREE CARBON
TWO OF THE CONSTITUENTS, CO₂, CO, AND O₂ NEED ONLY BE KNOWN. THE CHART SERVES
TO CHECK THE ACCURACY OF AN ANALYSIS WHERE THREE CONSTITUENTS ARE DETERMINED.

CHART DRAWN FOR OUT-OF-STATE
NATURAL GAS

REPRESENTATIVE COMBUSTION ANALYSIS

N₂  3.5 PER CENT
CO₂ 0.2
CH₄  81.8
C₅H₁₂ 14.5
100.0
BTU PER CUBIC
FOOT, DRY BASIS 1080

Fig. 5-6

DEPARTMENT OF GAS OPERATION
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

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MAY 1953    SHEET NG-208

116-119, courtesy Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
FLUE GAS ANALYSIS CHART FOR DETERMINING THE
AMOUNT OF AIR EMPLOYED—FUEL OIL.

(CALIFORNIA SAMPLE)

PERCENTAGES OF CO₂, O₂, AND CO ON DRY BASIS AS GIVEN BY ORSAT ANALYSIS.
BASED UPON THE CONDITION THAT FUEL OIL IS BURNED TO CO₂ AND/OR CO AND
WATER VAPOR. TWO OF THE CONSTITUENTS, CO₂, CO AND O₂, NEED ONLY BE KNOWN.
The chart serves to check the accuracy of an analysis where three
constituents are determined.

OIL ANALYSIS BY WEIGHT

- Carbon 85.70%
- Hydrogen 10.54%
- Nitrogen 0.23%
- Sulphur 0.54%
- Ash 0.05%
- Oxygen 0.88%
- Water 0.20%

Fig. 5-7
OVERALL THERMAL EFFICIENCY CHART FOR 1200 BTU NATURAL GAS

BASED UPON THE CONDITION THAT NO UNBURNED GAS IS PRESENT AT THE STACK

\[ \% \text{OVERALL THERMAL EFF} = 100 \times \frac{\text{TOTAL HEAT INPUT} - \text{STACK LOSSES}}{\text{TOTAL HEAT INPUT}} \]

STACK LOSSES = SENSIBLE HEAT IN CO₂, O₂, H₂O, AND N₂
ABOVE 60 °F AT 30° HG. AND THE LATENT HEAT
OF WATER VAPOR.

\% CO₂ LINES REFERRED TO ORSAT
ANALYSIS (DRY BASIS)

FIG. 5-8

STACK TEMPERATURE °F

PER CENT OVERALL THERMAL EFFICIENCY

STACK TEMPERATURE °F

GAS CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION DEPT
SHORE GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

SHEET NO. 01
OVERALL THERMAL EFFICIENCY CHART FOR FUEL OIL

BLOG UPON THE CONDITION THAT FUEL IS BURNED TO CO₂ AND WATER VAPOR.

% OVERALL THERMAL EFF. = \( \frac{\text{TOTAL HEAT INPUT - STACK LOSSES}}{\text{TOTAL HEAT INPUT}} \) \times 100

STACK LOSSES = SENSIBLE HEAT IN CO₂, O₂, H₂O, AND N₂
ABOVE 60 °F AT 30° HG. AND THE LATENT HEAT OF
WATER VAPOR.

% CO₂ LINES REFERRED TO ORSAT ANALYSIS
(DRY BASIS)

OIL ANALYSIS BY WEIGHT
CARBON 86.70 %
HYDROGEN 10.94
NITROGEN 0.29
SULPHUR 0.94
ASH 0.05
OXYGEN 0.88
WATER 0.20
ments as to design and manufacture are specified in the ASME Code for Power Boilers. The heat relieving capacity of the valve is also stamped on the body and this must be equal to or greater than the maximum heat input to the boiler, which may be found on the boiler's nameplate. Safety relief valves are connected directly to the boiler, without reducers or increasers, and never any type of shut off valve in between. The outlet piping is lead to a safe point of discharge, and supported so as to not place any strain on the valve.

Safety relief valves for steam service as regulated by the ASME Code are the pop safety type which open fully at the set relief pressure, and then snap shut after blowing down not more than 4 per cent (but not less than 2 lbs) of the set pressure. The set and closing pressures are adjusted by the manufacturer and sealed. Fig. 5-10 shows a steam pop safety relief valve. Safety relief valves for hot water boilers (Fig. 5-11) open an amount directly proportional to the pressure and are not subject to any blowdown requirements.

Fig. 5-11 (a) Courtesy, McDonnell & Miller Co.
All ASME approved safety valves have a lifting lever for manually opening the valve.

A drain must be provided to prevent water from lying against the discharge face of the poppet.

Low water cut-offs (Figs. 5-16 and 5-17) are float operated electric switches that interrupt the circuit holding open the fuel valve should the water level fall below the safe operating level. The State Boiler Safety Orders require a second "backup" low water cut-off, which operates a second gas valve in series with the first. The second cut-off float chamber is mounted lower on the boiler than the first and has a manual reset switch. The first cut-off will shut down the boiler if the water level falls to a below-normal level (within limits) but will allow it to start up again if the level is restored. The second cut-off will act to cut off the fire, if for any reason the first fails, and the water falls to an unsafe level. The second cut-off has to be re-set by an attendant who will investigate the cause of the low water before re-lighting the boiler. See Figs. 5-12 to 5-15 for piping connections to and details of low water controllers.*

Operating pressure (or temperature) controllers are pressure or temperature sensing devices which start and stop, or modulate the fuel input to maintain the set pressure or temperature which is desired.

Should they fail to respond to conditions higher than their set points a high pressure or temperature safety controller, with a higher setting, will shut off the fuel input.

High and low pressure fuel safety shut-offs close the fuel valve in the event of abnormally high or low pressures in the fuel supply.

A well constructed, accurate pressure gage is mounted on the boiler and is connected directly to the drum. These should have a calibration screw, and a tee and valve should be provided alongside in the gage piping for connecting an inspector's gage.

A water column is installed on the boiler so that the middle of the glass coincides with the design water level. The latter will be marked on the boiler. The water column is provided with try-cocks at 3 levels for verifying the water level, and should be operable from the working platform or level. (See Addendum pages A-1a, (a) & (b) for Code requirements).

A combustion safety supervisory control system is one that assures that safe conditions exist in a firebox before fuel is introduced, and monitors the ignition period so that if the main flame is not lit in a predetermined number of seconds the fuel valve will be actuated to close. When the main flame has been established refer to addendum page A-21, for Section 763 of the California State Boiler Safety Orders.
Fig. 5-12
Combination feed water pump controller and low water cut-off.

Fig. 5-13
Low water cut-off.

Courtesy, McDonnell & Miller Co.
MQDONNELL SAFETY CONTROLS
FOR HOT WATER SPACE HEATING BOILERS

To Comply with 1967 State of California
Boiler Safety Orders

- All safety controls equalizing piping and blow-off valves 1" size.
- Install all No. 63M Cut-offs at least 1" below Feeder Cut-offs.
- Install air vents at top of all equalizing piping.
- ASME Pressure Relief Valves should be selected with capacity ratings, expressed in BTU per hour, equal to or greater than the gross output rating of the heating boiler.

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Fig. 5-14

Fig. 5-14
McDONNELL Controls for High and Low Pressure Steam Boilers

To comply with the State of California Boiler Safety Orders

NOTE:
FOR LOW PRESSURE STEAM SYSTEMS
BOILER FEED PUMP CONTROL AND DUAL LOW WATER CUT-OFF
SECTIONS № 763(d)(1)
№ 763(d)(2)

NOTE: INSTALL A 1/2" DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN
157RL AND 63M
OR
157RL AND 150M

FOR PRESSURE ABOVE 150 PSI, THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 250 PSI
USE OR №. 194 AND NO. 94AM CONTROLS FOR HIGHER PRESSURE

SECTION № 771(b)(2)
REFER № 763(d)

FOR HIGHER PRESSURE STEAM SYSTEMS
BOILER FEED PUMP CONTROL AND DUAL LOW WATER CUT-OFF

McDONNELL CONTROLS USED TO PROVIDE DUAL LOW WATER CUT-OFF ON STEAM BOILERS

McDONNELL & MILLER Inc.
CHICAGO, ILL.
NOTE 0
THE DESIGN OF THE 230 OR 240 SERIES PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES PROVIDES FOR FILL COMPLIANCE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 763.
NOTE 0
INSTALL A LEVEL DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN 63 AND 63M OR 150 AND 150M RETURN FROM SYSTEM.
NOTE 0
INSTALL A LEVEL DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN 63 AND 63M OR 150 AND 150M.
NOTE 0
INSTALL A LEVEL DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN 63 AND 63M OR 150 AND 150M.
safely, the combustion will continue to monitor the flame.

High water and low water alarms are provided on water columns for high pressure steam boilers. These are whistles, or float-operated switches that sound alarm bells.

Boiler Installation

Typically, the heat generator used for building heating systems is a packaged, self supported unit, with trim and most accessories mounted at the factory. It preferable should be set on a level concrete pad for good housekeeping reasons and to prevent rusting of the mounts. The Boiler Safety Orders require hold down bolts sufficient to withstand a seismic side-wise force equal to 0.1 the weight of the filled boiler. In locating the boiler in a room, sufficient space must be allowed to replace tubes, which, in the case of a Scotch firetube boiler, would be a tube length, measured from the front tube sheet. This space must not be blocked by any pipes, lights, ducts, or the like, that would interfere with tube removal or repair. Do not permit conduits, pipes, etc, to be placed over or near access openings into the boiler or handhole cover plates.

Floor Trenches and Drains

Unless the piping drawings were made to suit an exact manufacturer's model, there will be some changes necessary in the piping arrangement. A new piping arrangement should be prepared by the contractor for the designer's approval prior to the construction of the boiler room; as the placement of electrical conduits, piping trenches, floor drains, fuel risers, etc, will be affected. Blowdown valves are installed on the lowest part of the boiler and the blowdown discharge piping is placed in a trench (covered with floor plates) to avoid a tripping hazard. The trench, therefore, should be laid out to suit the location of the blowdown valve. Similarly, floor drains, hopper drains, etc, should be located around the boiler to suit the equipment, such as drains from the low water cut-off chambers and drip-pan elbows. It should be remembered that such drains cannot be connected directly to the drainage system but must discharge to an open funnel. Pipe trenches at the front of the boiler containing fuel, boiler feed water and air services will also be located to suit the piping arrangements and connections at the boiler.

Piping

The steam or hot water lead connected to the boiler outlet must be sufficiently supported on spring hangers so as to not impose any loads due to weight or expansion on the boiler. Normally, the boiler lead will be designed for flexibility between the boiler and main header, so any changes brought about by a change in outlet connections will have to provide equal flexibility.
Another consideration is the length of straight pipe required ahead of flow meter orifice flanges; which, if not available, will require the use of straightening vanes. (See "Instrumentation" section). Steam leads should rise vertically from the boiler outlet to an elbow or large radius bend, and once in the horizontal position, should slope or pitch down away from the boiler to remove condensed steam. The fabrication, testing and inspection of high pressure boiler leads (the section between the outlet and header valve) is under the cognizance of the ASME Code for Pressure Boilers, and must be done in pipe fabricating shops certified by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. When delivered to the job, such piping will bear a permanently attached metal tag showing the name of the manufacturer and the code stamp. This same requirement holds for boiler feed water and boiler blowdown piping.

ASME Code Stamp

The ASME Code for Power Boilers requirements for steam valves and boiler feed water valves are as follows:

Section 59.5.1 - Steam Valves

Each discharge outlet, except safety valve, or safety relief valves, shall be fitted with a stop valve located at an accessible point in the steam-delivery line and as near the boiler nozzle as is convenient and practicable. When such valves are over 2 inch pipe size the valve or valves used on the connection shall be of the outside-screw-and-yoke rising spindle type.......

Section 59.5.1.3

When boilers are connected to a common header, the connection from each boiler having a manhole opening shall be fitted with two stop valves having an ample free-blow drain between them. The discharge of this drain shall be visible to the operator while manipulating the valve. The stop valves shall consist preferably of one automatic non-return valve (set next to the boiler) and a second valve of the outside screw and yoke type, or two valves of the outside screw and yoke type shall be used.

Section 59.5.2.1 - Feedwater Valves

......... the feed pipe shall be provided with a check valve near the boiler and a valve or cock between the check valve and boiler. When two or more boilers are fed from a common source there shall also be a globe or regulating valve on the branch to each boiler located between the check valve and the source of supply. (See Fig. 5-1C)
**Legend & Notes:**

- **Piping and Joint** - ASME Section I Jurisdiction
- O - Piping and Joint - ANSI B31.3 Jurisdiction

**Note:**

- Only one drain valve may be required when the valve is not intended for blow-off purposes when the boiler is under pressure. (See 122.1.4)

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**Fig. 100.1.2(b) Code Jurisdictional Limits for Piping Drum Type Boilers**

**Fig. 5-18**

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The Code requires that globe valves shall be installed so that the boiler feed pressure is under the seat, the reason being that if the stem should fail or the disc become disengaged from the stem, the pressure will hold the disc off the seat and continue to supply water to the boiler.

Fuel Piping consists of interruptible and firm gas, and fuel oil supply and return.

Interruptible gas is used when it is available, but it is subject to being shut off when supplies are low during the heating season. Firm (non-interruptible) gas is used for the pilot light, and fuel oil is used as the standby fuel for gas, or full time in localities where natural gas is not available. Natural gas is supplied to the boiler room from the utility company's meter installation. A gas shut-off cock must be installed in the incoming lines, outside the building and easily accessible for securing the boiler room in case of an emergency. The gas lines are led to the boiler, supported from the overhead, or layed in a pipe trench on supports, but never buried under the floor slab. The interruptible gas piping arrangement at the boiler front includes a series of valves and safety controls as shown in Fig. 5-19. The pressure of the incoming gas and pressure required at the boiler will depend entirely on the pressure drop in the piping and the burner requirement. The firm gas is independent of the interruptible, and has a separate shut-off cock and pressure reducing regulator to suit the pilot flame requirements. Low pressure gas regulators have large diaphragms, the chamber above the diaphragm being vented to allow it to "breathe". In case the diaphragm should break, high pressure gas would escape from the vent causing a dangerous condition. For this reason, the vent connections have an internal tapping for connecting and running a small pipe or tubing to atmosphere. On boilers, the tube may be led into the firebox, which is vented to the atmosphere.

Fuel oil supply and return is usually pumped from an underground supply tank outside the boiler room by a small gear type pump integral with the burner. Any oil not used by the modulating type fuel valve is bypassed back to the storage tank. There is a large difference in elevation between tank and boiler, a booster pump may be used.

Boiler feed water is made up principally of condensed returned steam plus a certain amount of make-up water. All steam condensed in the heat exchanger and coils, and collected at various trap sets in the building, is returned through the condensate...
GAS SUPPLY

T2 IGNITERS (PERMANENTLY INSTALLED)

C2 ATMOSPHERE VENT
E IGNITER GAS HEADER SAFETY SHUTOFF VALVE
F IGNITER GAS PRESSURE REGULATOR
K SAFETY PRESSURE RELIEF
S PRESSURE GAUGE
T MANUAL SHUTOFF
T2 IGNITER MANUAL SHUTOFF, SUPERVISORY
R LOW HEADER PRESSURE TRIP SWITCH


Fig. 5-19 Reproduced with Permission of the N.F.P.A.

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system to a condensate receiver. This is replenished with treated water as required and pumped back into the boiler, or to a feed water heater, then to the boiler, depending on the size of the plant. As mentioned previously, for high pressure boilers, that part of the feed water piping between the boiler feed water header, or main, and the boiler comes under the cognizance of the ASME Boiler Code for High Pressure Boilers. The Code also requires a secondary source of feed water to be permanently connected to the boiler in the event of failure of the boiler feed pump.

Firebox Inspection

Prior to firing, an inspection should be made of the firebox for shipping damage to the refractory. After tests required by the contract have been completed, the boiler should be cooled down and the firebox re-inspected for signs of flame impingement or any signs of premature failure.

Cleaning

Boilers need to be "boiled out" with a cleaning solution to clean out oil, mill scale and other impurities. Each company has its own formula and procedure which should be followed.

Boiler Water Treatment

A program for treatment of the boiler water should be started immediately following the cleaning procedure. Many times it is overlooked in the contract as to who is responsible for treatment, so this should be settled before the boiler is filled the first time. It must never be left standing cold any period of time partly filled with water as corrosion will start to work at the water line. If the boiler is needed for temporary heat by the contractor, this should be agreed to by the owner and architect. If it is to lie idle after the tests and initial firing, it can be layed up "wet" (full of water) with treatment added to the water as recommended by a consultant.

Uniform Mechanical Code Reference

Section 507 - Labeling of Gas Appliances
Table 5a - Installation Clearances
Section 601 - 607 - Combustion Air Requirements

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Heat exchangers in heating and ventilating work are used to heat water with steam, heat or (cool) water with water, cool water with refrigerant, and as refrigerant condensers. They are manufactured with U-shaped tubes or straight tubes; the latter with fixed or floating tube sheets. Heat exchangers are also arranged for 1, 2, 4 or 6 passes, that is, the number of times a particle of liquid moving through the tubes travels the length of the exchanger. The number, length and diameter of the tubes, and the number of passes is dictated by the heat transfer rate required. Baffles are sometimes used in the steam inlet to prevent impingement of moisture on the tubes.

Construction Details

Fig. 6-1 shows a U-tube exchanger used for heating water with steam. Steam enters through the large flanged nozzle at the top and follows a zig-zag path through the bundle to the outlet at the opposite end in the bottom. The connection on the horizontal centerline at the drain end is for a vacuum breaker or thermostatically operated air vent.

The half-moon segments (refer to Fig. 6-2) hold the tubes on the proper centers and also act as steam baffles to force the steam to flow across the tubes as it travels towards the outlet. Of course, the steam is condensing as it gives up its latent heat to the cold tubes, and the baffle plates are cut away on the bottom to permit movement of the condensate. The baffle tube supports are held in place with tie rods (Fig. 6-2). The open end of the tubes are rolled into the tube sheet which is held in place between the shell flange and the head. Fig. 6-3 shows a straight tube, fixed tube sheet design. The tube bundle cannot be withdrawn, so tubes are cut out and removed individually for replacement as required. The tubes can be cleaned by rodding out, but this style cannot be used for wide temperature differences. Fig. 6-4 shows a straight tube design with floating head, which can be rodded out, and the tube bundle can be withdrawn.

Heat exchangers come under the ASME Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels, and must bear the Code Stamp: . The following are good installation instructions, prepared by Bell and Gossett Company.

1. Provide sufficient clearance at the stationary tube sheet end of the unit to permit removal of tube bundles from shells. On the packed floating tube sheet end, a space of 3 or 4 feet should be provided to permit the removal of the rear head, packing and retainer rings.

2. Provide valves and by-passes in the piping system so that both the shells and tube bundles may be by-passed to permit cutting out the unit for inspection or repairs.

3. Provide thermometer wells and pressure gauge connection in
Fig. 6-1

Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
Fig. 6-2

CASING AND TUBE BUNDLE ASSEMBLY

Fig. 6-3

Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
1. When ordering give complete name plate data and part name.

2. Types SC and AC have no horizontal steel baffle.

Fig. 6-4

Courtesy, ITT-Bell and Gossett Co.
all piping to and from the unit and located as near the unit as possible.

4. Provide convenient means for frequently cleaning the unit.

5. Provide necessary air vent cocks for units so they can be purged to prevent or relieve vapor or gas binding of either the tube or the shell sides.

6. Foundations must be adequate so that exchangers will not settle and cause piping strains. Foundation bolts should be set to allow for setting inaccuracies. In concrete footings, pipe sleeves at least one size larger than bolt diameter slipped over the bolt and cast in place are best for this purpose, as they allow the bolt center to be adjusted after the foundation is set.

7. Loosen foundation bolts at one end of unit to allow free expansion of shells. Oval holes in foundation brackets are provided for this purpose.

8. Set exchangers level and square so that pipe connections may be made without forcing.

9. Inspect all openings in exchanger for foreign material. Remove all wooden plugs and shipping pads just before installing. Do not expose units to the elements with pads or other covers removed from nozzles or other openings since rain water may enter the unit and cause severe damage due to freezing.

10. Be sure entire system is clean before starting operation to prevent plugging of tubes with sand or refuse. The use of strainers in settling tanks in pipe lines leading to the unit is recommended.

11. Drain connections should not be piped to a common closed manifold.

12. Steam hammer can cause serious damage to the tubes of any heat exchanger. A careful consideration of the following points before an installation is made can prevent costly repairs which may be caused by steam hammer.

   a. A vacuum breaker and/or vent, should be used in accordance with the type of steam system installed.

   b. The proper trap for the steam system installed should be used.

   c. The trap and the condensate return line to the trap should be properly sized for the total capacity of the convertor.

   d. The trap should be sized for the pressure at the trap, not the inlet pressure to the steam controller.
The rate of water flow should be checked for agreement with the design, but should not exceed 7.5 feet per second tube velocity, as higher velocities will cause tube erosion and vibration. Tube velocity can be found from Table 6-1 which shows the velocity obtained with 1 gpm of flow through various sizes and weights of tubes. The velocity varies directly with the gpm through the individual tubes. An excessively high steam velocity entering through the nozzle will also cause vibration of the tubes between the tube spacers and wear a hole at the point of contact between the tube and spacers. Fig. 6-5 shows the allowable steam velocities at various pressures at the steam inlet. The velocity can be calculated from the formula:

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Q = A \times V; \quad V = \frac{Q}{A}
\]

Where \( Q \) = lbs of steam per sec \( \times \) sp volume of steam at inlet pressure

\[A = \text{area of nozzle, sq ft.}\]

\[V = \text{velocity, fps}\]

Excessive steam flow can result if the control valve is oversized and there is a heavy demand on the exchanger. The steam line supplying the condenser should be the same size as the nozzle connection to reduce the steam velocity and reduce erosion from entrained moisture. The condensate outlet also must be piped full size to the trap to allow unrestricted flow, with the trap located well below the shell. At times of low or no steam flow, a slight vacuum is formed in the shell, holding up the condensate. This can be detrimental to the tubes (see page and is prevented by use of a vacuum breaker connected to the shell. A thermostatic air vent valve is also connected to the shell for getting rid of air and noncondensible gases.

* from the steam tables (in appendix)
## Tubing Characteristics

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**Table 6-1**

![Graph of Pressure vs. Steam Velocity (in Hg vs. ft/s)](image)

*Fig. 6-5*
General

The air in air conditioning systems is heated, cooled and dehumidified by passing it through coils consisting of rows of tubes bonded to aluminum or copper fins. Hot or cold water, steam, or a refrigerant circulates through the tubes. The tubing elements (the primary surface), are usually 5/8" od copper tubing, and the fins (the secondary surface), are usually spaced not more than 12 to the inch. The fins may be flat or ripple shaped and are formed to fit tightly around the tubes. Fig. 7-1 shows general views of various coil types. Fig. 7-2 (a) shows the details of fin construction and attachment to the coil header and Fig. 7-2 (b), a section of a removable header which permits access to be tubes for cleaning water passages. Coils are manufactured in many different arrangements of the number of rows deep and the arrangement of the circuits. Fig. 7-3 shows coil circuiting diagrams for water coils, and Fig. 7-4, for direct expansion coils. Approved submittals for coils often state the circuiting as "half serpentine", "double serpentine", etc, and should be checked by the inspector before installing.

Water Coil Connections

Another important point to check is the supply and return piping connections with regard to the air flow for water coils. Coils are constructed as right or left hand; the hand being determined by facing the direction which the air is flowing and designating the coil connections as either left or right hand. This is illustrated in Fig. 7-5 for even and odd numbers of rows. In order to develop the designed heating or cooling capacity the incoming hot or cold water must be connected on the air leaving side of the coil, and the return water on the air entering side of the coil. Since the inlet is always on the bottom and the outlet is on the top, the coil ends will look like Fig. 7-6 for right hand and left hand styles. If the wrong hand coil is ordered and delivered to the job it will have to be turned end-for-end which will cause problems in relocating piping, control valves, etc. Some coils are furnished with two sets of connections on one end in which case this difficulty will not arise. Each coil should have a means of venting air from the top, and have some provision for completely draining it.

Cooling Coil Condensate Removal

Cooling coils extract copious amounts of water from the air during the cooling and dehumidification process and provision for collecting and disposing of the condensate must be considered. Cooling coils stacked on top of each other should have a gutter at the bottom of each coil to prevent loading the lower coils. Coil face velocities are usually designed for 500-600 fpm to prevent carryover of condensate past the coil face. The bottom coil
should be mounted in a drain pan extending approximately 12" from the coil face, unless the cold plenum floor is watertight and has a floor drain. Chilled water piping penetrations of the plenum surrounding the coil need to be air tight to prevent condensate from being blown out into the fan room.

Steam Heating Coils

Steam coils are constructed and specified with the two arrangements for introducing steam and removing the condensate shown schematically on Fig. 7-7. In Fig. 7-7 (a), steam enters one end and is distributed to the various rows through a common header. The rows are pitched down to the opposite end for the condensate to run out. In Fig. 7-7 (b), a tube-within-a-tube is used where the steam flows through the inside tube, which is perforated at intervals, to the far end. The steam and condensate then flows back to the condensate outlet. Regardless of the tube construction the steam inlet is always at the mid point of the coil and the return is always on the bottom.

Piping Connections for Steam Coils

Figs. 7-8 and 7-9 give application recommendations and piping hook-ups for different coil positions and arrangements by one manufacturer*, but are generally standard for the industry. The coil numbers refer to the designs shown in Fig. 7-7.

Pressure Tests and Ratings

Water and direct expansion coils are factory pressure tested and are suitable for 250 psig working pressure. Steam coils are rated up to 150 psi for standard coils. (These figures may vary with different manufacturers). It is not advisable to include coils (or any other equipment or valves) in a piping pressure test.

The Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) has set up standards for rating and testing coils (Standard 410-64). Fig. 7-1 (c) shows the ARI certification seal.

Refer to Uniform Mechanical Code, Section 510, for cooling coil condensate waste requirements.

* McQuay, Inc.
Fig. 7-1

1. HEADERS: Extra heavy seamless copper tubing. Tube holes are intruded to provide the maximum brazing surface for added strength. Header end caps are heavy gauge die formed copper. Cupro-nickel headers and Monel end caps are available for special applications.

2. CONNECTIONS - Top and bottom connections provided on headers permit coil to be used for either right or left hand air flow.
   a. Water Coil Conn. Steel male pipe supply and return connections (Other materials available on request).
   b. Evaporator Coil Conn. Male Sweat type. Liquid connections are brass and suction connections are copper.

3. BRAZING - All joints are brazed with copper brazing alloys.

4. PRIMARY SURFACE: 5/8" O.D. round seamless copper tubes on 1-1/2" centers. Cupro-nickel tubes are recommended for applications where high acid or sand content tends to be corrosive or erosive.

5. SECONDARY SURFACE - Hi-F rippled aluminum or copper die formed plate type fins. 5a Fin collars are full drawn to completely cover the tubes for maximum heat transfer and to provide accurate control of fin spacing.

6. CASING - Die formed heavy gauge continuous galvanized steel with reinforced mounting flanges (Other materials available on request.) Tie bars and fin angles brace and position the core assembly to prevent damage in shipment.

7. REMOVABLE HEAD AND WATER BAFFLES - The removable head, formed from 1/4" thick hot rolled steel, is bolted to the tube sheet by 9/16" bolts. Four tapped holes are provided in the flanges for jack screws which facilitate removing the head.

8. TUBE SHEET: 1/2" thick hot rolled carbon steel. Tube holes are drilled and reamed to provide a smooth surface for the tube.

9. TUBE SHEET TO TUBE JOINT: Tubes are rolled tight into the tube sheet without the use of ferrules which prevent proper draining and cleaning.

10. GASKETS - Composition cork and neoprene gasket around the perimeter of the head and a neoprene gasket between the water baffles and the tube sheet provide positive sealing and long life.
COIL CIRCUITING DIAGRAMS—WATER COILS

ALL WATER COILS ARE COMPLETELY DRAINABLE BY GRAVITY THROUGH THE DRAIN PLUG IN THE SUPPLY CONNECTION. THE DIAGRAMS ON THIS PAGE SHOW THIS DESIRABLE FEATURE.

STANDARD SERPENTINE

The number of water circuits is the number of tubes contained in the width of the coil.

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HALF SERPENTINE

The number of water circuits is one-half the number of tubes contained in width of the coil. Used to increase water velocity when it becomes less than 0.5 ft. per second with standard number of circuits. Increasing water velocity increases heat transfer capacity.

DOUBLE SERPENTINE

The number of water circuits is twice the number of tubes contained in the width of the coil. Used when the water velocity exceeds the value which may result in an excessive pressure drop (head).

Fig. 7-3
DIRECT EXPANSION COILS ARE CIRCUITED FOR THE REFRIGERANT TYPE SPECIFIED, CIRCUITING ARRANGEMENTS SHOWN ARE FOR REFRIGERANT 12 ONLY.

STANDARD SERPENTINE
Any number of tubes wide. Number of circuits is the same as number of tubes wide.

HALF SERPENTINE
Any even number of tubes wide. Number of circuits is one-half the number of tubes wide.

FACE CONTROL is control of separate portions of the coil with two or more thermal expansion valves. Advantages are better control and more dehumidifying of the air at low loads. Sometimes used instead of face and by-pass dampers on air conditioning units.

DEPTH CONTROL is control with two or more expansion valves in depth. Used to shorten the circuit length of a coil and, thereby, reduce the refrigerant pressure drop.

HAND ARRANGEMENT FOR COILS
Coil hand is determined by facing the direction which the air is flowing and designating coil connections as either right or left hand.

For coils with opposite end connections, Coil hand is determined by the return header location.

Fig. 7-4

Fig. 7-5
CORRECT PIPING CONNECTIONS (COUNTERCURRENT)

IN CORRECT PIPING CONNECTIONS (CONCURRENT)

Fig. 7-6
Select McQUAY HI-F 5 and HI-F 8 Steam Coils from three different circuiting arrangements: the general purpose 5SA and 5SB coils, and two jet tube steam distributing styles – the 5JA and 8JA and the 5RA and 8RA coils – intended for both general and special purpose heating. While each of these arrangements has been carefully designed to serve a particular area in steam coil application, sufficient similarities are present in design and performance to render them interchangeable in many cases.

McQUAY steam coils provide a higher performing heat transfer surface together with a host of exclusive McQUAY features that assure extended coil life.

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**5SA & 5SB GENERAL PURPOSE STEAM COILS**

The McQUAY 5SA and 5SB steam coils are specifically designed for economical general purpose heating. Featuring high quality and high capacity, they are an ideal choice for all regular steam applications – heating, reheating, booster and process use.

The sectional diagram illustrates the steam circuiting of this single tube design. A perforated plate type steam baffle directly behind the supply connection ensures even steam pressure across the entire header length. Inlet tube orifices meter a uniform flow of steam into each tube.

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**5JA & 8JA JET TUBE DISTRIBUTING COILS**

The McQUAY 5JA and 8JA jet tube steam distributing coils are excellent for any general purpose heating applications. With the superior freeze resistance provided by the tube-within-a-tube construction, they are ideal for low temperature preheating and special process application.

The construction, as illustrated, features directional orificed inner tubes, a unique elliptical supply header located inside the heavy duty return header and a circuiting arrangement which provides both supply and return connections at the same end of the coil.

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**5RA & 8RA JET TUBE DISTRIBUTING COILS**

The 5RA and 8RA jet tube steam distributing coils are very similar in design and operation to the "JA" coils except that supply and return connections are located on opposite ends.

The directional orifices properly meter steam along the entire tube length to assure a consistent temperature rise across the full coil face and accelerate condensate removal. This important feature is standard on all McQUAY jet tube steam distributing coils.
PIPING DATA

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Satisfactory operation and service life are best ensured when coils are installed with proper piping, trap, and support arrangement. The following notes and diagrams are recommended:

A. GENERAL
1. Provide separate supports and hangers for the coil and for the piping.
2. Be certain that adequate piping flexibility is provided. Stresses resulting from expansion of closely coupled piping and coil arrangement can cause serious damage.
3. McQUAY standard coils are pitched in the casing when installed for horizontal air flow. The installation should be checked to ensure that the casing is level.
4. Do not reduce pipe size at the coil return connection. Carry return connection size through the dirt pocket, making the reduction at the branch leading to the trap.
5. It is recommended that vacuum breakers be installed on all applications to prevent retaining condensate in the coil. Generally the vacuum breaker is to be connected between the coil inlet and the return main, as shown. However, for a system with a flooded return main, the vacuum breaker should be open to the atmosphere and the trap design should allow venting of large quantities of air.
6. Do not drip supply mains through the coil.
7. Do not attempt to lift condensate when using modulating or on-off control.

B. TRAPS
1. Size traps in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations. Be certain that the required pressure differential will always be available. Do not undersize.
2. Float type or bucket traps are recommended for low pressure steam. On high pressure systems, bucket traps are normally recommended. Thermostatic traps should be used only for air venting.
3. Bucket traps are recommended for use with on-off control only.
4. Locate traps at least 12 inches below the coil return connection.
5. Multiple coil installations:
   a. Each coil or group of coils that is individually controlled must be individually trapped.
   b. Coils in series — separate traps are required for each coil, or bank of coils, in series.
   c. Coils in parallel — a single trap may generally be used but an individual trap for each coil is preferred.

C. CONTROL
1. With coils arranged for series air flow, a separate control is required on each bank, or coil, in the direction of air flow.
2. On high pressure installations, a two position steam valve with a face and bypass arrangement is preferred where modulating control is required.
3. Modulating valves must be sized properly — Do not oversize.

D. FREEZING CONDITIONS
(Entering Air Temperature Below 35°F).
1. SJA, BJ A, 5RA and 8RA Coils are definitely recommended.
2. 5 psi steam must be supplied to coils at all times.
3. Modulating valves are not recommended. Control should be by means of face and bypass dampers.
4. Consideration should be given to the use of two or three coils in series. Two position steam control valves on that coil or coils which will be handling 35°F, or colder, air. The desired degree of control can be attained with a modulating valve on the downstream coil.
5. Provision should always be made to thoroughly mix fresh air and return air before it enters coil. Also, temperature control elements must be properly located to obtain true air mixture temperatures.
6. As additional protection against freeze-up, the trap should be installed sufficiently far below coil to provide an adequate hydrostatic head to ensure removal of condensate during an interruption in the steam pressure. Estimate 3 feet for each 1 psi of trap differential required.
7. On start up, admit steam to coil ten minutes before admitting outdoor air.
8. Provision must be made to close fresh air dampers if steam supply pressure falls below minimum specified.

SYMBOLS FOR PIPING ARRANGEMENTS

LOW PRESSURE (TO 25 PSI)

*5JA or 8JA Coil installed with tubes vertical. The coil supply piping must be dripped ahead of the coil on an installation of this type.

*5RA, 8RA, 5SA or 5S3 Coil installed for vertical air flow. Installer must pitch coil toward the return connection on vertical air flow installations. For horizontal air flow installations, the required pitch is built into the casing.

NOTE: Rating data is ARI Certified only for the standard ARI Coil Orientation, i.e., horizontal tubes, vertical return and horizontal air flow.

Fig. 7-8
PIPING DATA

LOW PRESSURE (TO 25 PSI)

5JA or 8JA Coils installed in series. Note that each coil must have a separate control valve and trap.

5SA or 5SB Coils installed with tubes vertical. Diagram shows single trap, however, it is always preferable to trap each coil individually.

NOTE:
Rating data is ARI Certified only for the standard ARI Coil Orientation, i.e. horizontal tubes, vertical coil face and horizontal air flow.

HIGH PRESSURE (OVER 25 PSI)

5GA or 8GA Coils. Note the addition of a vacuum breaker to permit the coil to drain during shutdown.

5RA, 8RA, 5SA or 5SB Coils banked three high by three deep. Individual trapping of each coil as shown is preferred. Note that it is necessary to provide a separate control valve for each bank in the direction of air flow.

5HA or 5HB Coils. Condensate is lifted to overhead return main.

Fig. 7-9
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Cooling and Heating Coil Pointers:

1. Protect finned coils with plywood during construction.
2. Never run air through coils without filters in place.
3. Tight closure between the coil frame and plenum.
4. Tight closure between the hot and cold plenum so air cannot be exchanged between the two.
5. Coils plumb and level.
6. Air vent valves and drain valves are installed.
7. Piping connected for counterflow.
8. Damaged fins to be straightened with a "comb".
9. Tight air seal around piping entering plenum.
10. Piping supported so that no load is imposed on coils.
11. Unions or flanges are installed in piping to allow disconnection for coil removal.
12. Coil ends protruding from plenum to be insulated, with vapor barrier.
8. PUMPS

This section will discuss the various types of designs of pumps associated with heating and ventilating plants; some of the details of their construction; proper installation methods, and testing procedures.

Pump Types

The pump types used the most in heating and ventilating work are the centrifugal, regenerative, axial flow, and rotary designs. The centrifugal pump is produced with a volute shaped casing which converts velocity head to pressure head, or the diffuser type which uses diffusion vanes around the impeller to make the conversion.

Drawing Fig. 8-1 is a schematic diagram of the volute centrifugal, which is not unlike a backward inclined bladed fan. Water enters through the eye of the impeller and is thrown by centrifugal force at a high velocity around the annular space between the impeller and casing and out through the discharge. A section of a diffuser-type centrifugal pump is shown in Fig. 8-2, where the water is thrown through the diffusion ring and around the casing to the discharge. Note the difference in the exterior shapes of the casing; volute vs concentric. Axial flow, mixed flow and radial flow pumps are used for low head, high flow applications such as moving condensing water through cooling towers and refrigeration condensers. These are vertically mounted and take suction from a basin or sump. Fig. 8-4 shows the impeller shapes and salient features and Fig. 8-5 the general arrangement of a mixed flow pump, which is typical for all three styles. Fig. 8-3 illustrates the regenerative type, in which the liquid is acted on by the impeller for nearly a full revolution as it circulates in and out of the impeller vanes. The rotary type pumps are various arrangements of casings containing gears, vanes, pistons, cams, segments or screws.

Typical pump curves for centrifugal, regenerative, and rotary (gear) types are shown in Figs. 8-7, 8-8 and 8-9. As an example of an actual application for the centrifugal pump, Fig. 8-7, "A" is the shut-off condition of highest head and no-flow; point "B" is a throttled flow condition; point "C" the design condition where the system friction curve crosses, and point "D", a condition where the friction head has been drastically reduced (as a line break).

Mechanical Features

Since pumps operate at high speeds, high pressures and temperatures, and have close working clearances, the better pumps are fitted with certain replaceable parts that extend their useful
RADIAL FLOW  In the radial flow pump, the liquid enters the pump in a plane parallel to the axis of rotation and discharges at 90° to it. The force or energy imparted to the liquid is virtually all centrifugal. Radial flow pumps are characterized (hydraulically) by relatively higher heads and lower capacities. Radial flow pumps normally operate at higher speeds, up to 3600 rpm or greater. Specific speed range is from 500 to 3600.

MIXED FLOW  In the mixed flow pump, the liquid enters the pump in a plane parallel to the axis of rotation and is discharged from the impeller at an angle of from 40° to 80° from the axis. In this design the force or energy imparted to the liquid is a combination of centrifugal force and axial displacement. The hydraulic range of mixed flow pumps is from 10 to 150 feet head and the capacity range may be as high as 30,000 gpm or more. Normal operating speed range up to 1760 rpm, or higher. Specific speed range is from 3600 to 8000.

AXIAL FLOW  In the axial flow pump, the liquid enters and leaves the pump in a plane parallel to the axis or shaft. All the force or energy imparted to the liquid is displacement energy. There is virtually no centrifugal force imparted.

The hydraulic head range of axial flow pumps is from 1 or 2 feet to 20 feet, per stage, and the capacity range may be as high as a half million gpm. Normal operating speed range up to 1160 rpm or higher. Specific speed range is from 8000 to 14000.

Fig. 8-4

Peerless Pump Division, FMC.
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life and increase their efficiency. Fig. 8-10 is a crosssection of a single stage volute centrifugal pump where the encircled Zone "A" shows where the impeller turns inside the casing. There, necessarily, must be a very small clearance between the two, otherwise the high pressure fluid would leak through to the low pressure side. When this clearance has increased past the allowable limit because of erosion, abrasion, etc, a new wearing ring (piece 7) can be installed, restoring the original close clearance. The impeller can also be furnished with wearing rings as shown in the enlarged detail. As shown in Fig. 8-10, many rows of packing are used at each end of the casing to prevent water from leaking out around the shaft. This arrangement is called a "stuffing box". A gland is drawn inward by bolts attached to the pump housing and compresses the packing to obtain the desired tightness around the shaft.

If the packing is tightened too much, it will cut grooves in the shaft, which causes more leakage as well as increasing the load on the motor. If not tightened sufficiently, leakage will be excessive, though some flow (40-60 drops/minute) is necessary to lubricate and cool the packing. Experience and skill on the part of the operator in choosing the proper packing and adjusting it is important. Replaceable sleeves over pump shafts are used to protect them from packing wear as well as general erosion and corrosion. The mechanical shaft seal (Fig. 8-10 (B)) is a popular type of seal that does not use soft packing or require any adjustment once installed. Basically, it consists of two smooth polished surfaces held against each other by compressed springs, forming a closely fitting interface. A small amount of moisture seeps in between the faces (one fixed, one rotating) which is needed to lubricate and cool the surfaces. A properly operating mechanical seal will not throw liquid while turning. Some of the materials used are monel, stainless steel, carbon, and porcelain, depending on the application. Mechanical seals are damaged by rust, mill scale or abrasive dirt usually encountered in new piping systems. They are also affected by the pH of the water. Packed seals and mechanical seals are easily distinguishable on a pump; the former has 2 stud bolts and the gland for "squeezing" the packing, whereas the mechanical seal has a solid plate around the shaft with cap screws which hold the seal in place.

If a pump is operating on a suction lift, water under pressure is injected into the stuffing box by means of lantern ring or water seal cage (Fig. 8-10) which seals the chamber and prevents air from leaking into the pump. There are also applications in heating systems where pumps handle water over 250°F where an outside source of cooling water is piped into the stuffing box, keeping the packing lubricated and cool. Fig. 8-11 shows enlarged details of a mechanical seal and a packed gland.

Pump Foundations

Pumps are usually set on concrete pads and bolted down by L
LANTERN RING

Zone A—Alternate impeller ring subassembly

Zone B—Alternate mechanical shaft seal subassembly

DETAIL "A"

DETAIL "B"
shaped anchors. These are set inside pipe sleeves placed in the pad form prior to being filled with concrete. Separated pumps and motor units are mounted on a case iron or structural steel bed plate designed to be filled with grout, introduced through large grout holes. This base is set on wedges high enough to permit a grout base of 1" to 2" thick and bolted to the pad. With the flexible coupling in the drive shaft disconnected, the pump is connected to its piping, then the motor is positioned so that the flexible coupling is aligned. A form is then placed around the pump base to retain the soft grout which is a non-shrinking type and is pumped in and rodded to fill all voids. Before the grout has completely hardened, the form is removed and the wedges dug out sufficiently for later removal. After the pump has operated at its normal temperature, final alignment is checked again and the pump and motor doweled in place. This is the procedure recommended by the Hydraulic Standards Institute, but the manufacturer's instructions should be followed in case of conflict.

Piping Connections

One of the biggest factors in the performance of a pumping system is the manner in which the pump suction and discharge piping has been designed and installed. A single line drawing or a schematic diagram of the piping layout sometimes leaves considerable latitude and judgement up to the installer, which can lead to problems if certain principles are not observed.

As with fans, the suction piping to pumps is critical not only from the standpoint of striving for non-turbulent flow at the inlet but also keeping the suction free of air or other vapors. Since the suction piping size is usually 1 or 2 sizes greater (and never smaller) than the pump connection, a reducer is necessary. Connections using a reducing tee or concentric reducer similar to Figs. 8-13 and 8-14, will form air pockets and cause the pump to lose its prime, and also act to reduce the effective cross sectional area of the pipe. Figs. 3-15 and 8-16 show the recommended connections using eccentric reducers. Also, if the suction line is generally horizontal, it should slope upwards to the pump and not have a high point or hump between the source and the pump. In order to avoid a turbulent flow of the fluid at the pump inlet, a connection using a long radius elbow (rather than a short radius) in the vertical plane is the preferred method (Fig. 8-17). Suction piping led into the pump in the horizontal plane should also have the long radius elbow and a straightening section at least 2 diameters long to straighten out the streamline, Fig. 8-13. This is particularly important for double suction pumps, to assure equal flow to both sides of the impeller and equal loads on the thrust bearings. Fig. 3-19 depicts an incorrect arrangement.

The pump suction inlets in basins or sumps, as in cooling towers or hot wells, are critical regarding the shape of the inlet and the location with respect to the bottom and walls of the sump.
COUPLING ALIGNMENT

Fig. 8-12
Other factors are the proximity of multiple suction lines and the velocity and direction of the incoming water supplying the sump. The submerged intake should be fitted with a bell-mouthed inlet to reduce the intake suction loss and provide a full cross-sectional area flow of water to the impeller inlet. It has been found that disturbing vortices and eddy currents around the suction pipe inlet can be avoided by proper design of the sump enclosure, and by holding the height of the intake bell within certain limits. Fig. 3-20 shows a design for a single pump suction. The height of the bell intake is the most critical (1/2 to 1/3 of the diameter); a higher location will reduce pump efficiency. The Hydraulic Institute Standards (Fig. 8-22) shows recommended sump arrangements as well as designs not recommended.

The size of the suction and discharge piping is not necessarily the size of the pump connections; in fact, it is usually 1 or 2 pipe sizes larger. However, the valves, strainers and fittings directly connected to the pump may be either size, so the piping drawing should be very carefully checked. The designer may specify the valves and fittings to be the same size as the pump connections for reasons of economy; in which case the assembly should be closed coupled and compact, without unnecessarily long runs of connecting piping in between components, which add considerably to the friction loss. If an increaser is shown directly at the pump suction and discharge, the valves and fittings are intended to be full line size. As stated before, the suction piping should be connected to the pump with a long radius elbow with at least 2 diameters of straight pipe in between. Never use the outlet of a tee instead of an elbow for the direction change. Pressure gage connections must be made somewhere between the pump connections and the first valve, on suction and discharge. Do not use the air vent connection on top of the volute casing, nor any of the various plugged connections sometimes found around the volute. Some manufacturers provide gage connections directly on the suction and discharge nozzles of the pump, which are satisfactory. Provide gage shut-off valves and syphons for hot water service, and make sure the gage can be screwed off and on without interference. A small receptor is provided under packed stuffing boxes and mechanical seals, tapped for a small pipe to drain off leakage to a hopper drain, and a similar tapping will be found on pump bed plates to drain any drips or spills. In making up the pipe connections, sufficient flanges or unions should be provided for dismantling the piping in order to remove the pump head for repairs. Some close-coupled pumps are designed for withdrawing the impeller and pump base from the rear of the casing, leaving all piping undisturbed. It is imperative that the suction and discharge piping be supported and anchored in such a way as to not impose any loads on the pump casing from dead weight or expansion of piping. A downward thrust on the end of a close-coupled pump causes the shaft and housing to deflect and can cause bearing problems.

Probably the worst thing that happens to a new pump is running dirty water through it at the initial start up and operation.
Fig. 8-20

Even flow thru this plane

Fig. 8-21

MULTIPLE PUMP PITS

- Recommended
  - $V_A \leq 0.1 \text{ ft/sec}$ or less
  - $S = 1/2$ to $2D$

- Not Recommended
  - $V_A > 2 \text{ ft/sec}$ or $S < 1/2$ to $2D$

- Add wall thickness to $D$ distance. Round or ogive wall ends. Gap at rear of wall approx. $D/3$

- Neither Recommended
  - $S < 1/2$ to $2D$
  - Round or ogive wall ends.

- Not Recommended
  - $V_A > 2 \text{ ft/sec}$
  - $S < 1/2$ to $2D$

- Not recommended
  - $W < 5D$ or more, or $V < 0.2 \text{ ft/sec}$ or less and $L$ same as chart above.
  - $S$ is greater than $4D$

- Recommended
  - Alternate to (b)

- Flow arrows indicating direction

- Baffles, grating or strainer should be introduced across inlet channel at beginning of maximum width section

- Recommended
  - $W_D \geq 10$ or $V \geq 0.5 \text{ ft/sec}$
  - $L \geq 30$ to $70$
  - $V_A \geq 1, 2, 4, 6$

- Not recommended
  - $V = \text{ ft/sec}$

-NOTE: Figures apply to sumps for clear liquid. For fluid-solids mixtures refer to the pump manufacturer.

Hydraulic Institute Standards show recommended sump arrangements as well as arrangements that are specifically not recommended. *(Hydraulic Institute)*

**Fig. 8-22**

Welding slag, rust, mill scale and construction dirt must be removed from the system before the pump is turned over, or damage to the shaft seals and pump internal parts is inevitable. Chemical cleaning of piping (see Section on Piping) will remove such things as mill scale and rust, but diligence on the part of the inspector will prevent sand, pebbles, slag, etc., from being left in the piping at the time of installation.

**Testing Pump Performance**

It is necessary to find out how much fluid the pump is delivering in order to evaluate the performance of the entire heating and ventilating system. The pump is the "prime mover" of a hot water or chilled water system and the various heat exchangers and coils cannot be expected to produce the desired heat transfer if insufficient water is being circulated. Over-pumping at excessive rates also occur if the head calculations are off, and this can cause noisy operation, premature heat exchanger failures and uneconomical operation. The following data, used with the pump manufacturer’s pump curve, is needed to make a field test:

1. Pump head, in feet of water.
2. Flow through the pump, gallons per minute.
4. Pump speed, rpm.

**Pump head** is found by installing accurate gages on the pump at locations described in "Piping Connections". If the pump suction operates at a vacuum, a compound gage will be necessary. The gages selected should have a range such that the pressure reading will be approximately at mid-scale. The total head produced by the pump may be taken as the difference of the two pressure gage readings.

**Gallons per minute** is found from flow meters or displacement meters if installed as part of the piping system. If not, the velocity can be measured with a Collin's gage tube which works on the same principle of the Pitot tube. Provision must be made in the piping downstream of the pump for inserting the tube. If none of the above methods are available, the pump curve may be used, entering it with the head and brake horsepower.

**Brake horsepower** can be estimated from the formula shown on page 97 in the section on Fans.

**Pump speed** is taken with a revolution center or tachometer.
For direct drive pumps, the motor speed can be taken at the motor end of the shaft, and should be within 5 or 10 rpm of the figure shown on the pump curve or data sheet.

A "fix" on the gpm may now be made by plotting the "head" and "brake horsepower" on the appropriate curves (see Fig. 8-23). If the two indicate the same gpm within a reasonable limit, this may be taken as the estimated flow point (H & BH). If there is a wide disagreement, check the "shut-off" head (for centrifugal pumps only) by slowly closing the discharge valve with the pump running, and read the total heads and horsepower load. If the head is substantially lower or higher than the curve at zero flow, the pump should be checked further. Additional points may be obtained by opening the discharge valve in increments and plotting a test curve for H vs flow and brake horsepower if a flowmeter or other volume measuring device is available. The direction of rotation may be wrong, or the wrong diameter of impeller may be installed. The pump may be air-bound, or the impeller may be on backwards (double suction type). Inordinately high heads and low horsepower requirements indicate unaccounted-for friction losses. Low head and maximum horsepower requirements indicate that the pump is working against a lower head than anticipated. Excessive flows can damage the pump in time, as well as cause the other undesirable effects discussed above. The pump's performance curve can be altered by increasing or decreasing the impeller diameter within certain limits, and this is preferred to throttling the discharge to reduce excessive flow. This change should be made only by the manufacturer.

There is a popular misconception that closing the discharge valve of a centrifugal pump completely while the pump is running will build up a dangerously high pressure in the casing and break it. It can be seen from Fig. 8-23 that at no-flow conditions, i.e., with the discharge valve closed, the pressure will build up to the shut-off figure shown and go no higher. However, the heat caused by the impeller churning the fluid will build up in time sufficiently to cause damage to the impeller. Where pumps are required to run at near-shut-off conditions due to control processes, a bleed line is installed to permit a flow through the pump sufficient to keep it cool.

It must also be recognized that the shut-off head adds to the static pressure imposed on the pump by the system it serves and that the pump casing and seals must be designed for the total of these two heads.

Fig. 8-24 shows the form in which pump curves appear in manufacturers' catalogs. For a given size pump, a family of curves for different diameter impellers are shown, and the horsepower requirements and efficiencies are also given for the entire size range.
Fig. 8-24  168  Peerless Pump Division, FMC
The pump affinity laws are similar to the fan laws:

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\frac{\text{gpm}_2}{\text{gpm}_1} = \frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1} \quad H = \text{head, ft}
\]

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\frac{H_2}{H_1} = \left(\frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1}\right)^2
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\frac{\text{bhp}_2}{\text{bhp}_1} = \left(\frac{\text{rpm}_2}{\text{rpm}_1}\right)^3
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Bibliography

Footnote 1. FMC Corporation, Pump Division, Indianapolis/Los Angeles, U.S.A.
Pump Check-Points

Verify that:

1. Pumps with separate drives are aligned by a millwright or manufacturer's representative.

2. Pumps are never operated without casing being full of water.

3. Pumps are rotating in the correct direction.

4. The nameplate data corresponds with the submittal and the pump curve data sheet.

5. The seal is packed or mechanical, whichever is specified.

6. Provision is made for draining the bed plate.

7. Proper vibration mounts are installed if specified.

8. Suction and discharge piping is installed in accordance with "good" practice as discussed in this section.

9. If furnished with a packed gland, the nut is loose enough to permit a slight leakage.

10. Water moves through the pump at all times it is operating.

11. Pump operates quietly. A hard, metallic rattling noise indicates a cavitating condition, which, if allowed to continue, will ruin the impeller.

12. The flexible coupling operates quietly; if not, misalignment is indicated.

13. The suction line will always be full of water (for centrifugal pumps).

14. The piping system is free of dirt, slag and scale, before operating the pump.

15. Clean water from an external source (at a higher pressure than the pump discharge) is connected to the sealing connection, if furnished.

16. No moisture other than a negligible weep appears around the mechanical seal when operating.

17. That the piping does not place any strain on the pump by first heating the pipe to its normal operating temperature and disconnecting the piping connections. If the pipe springs away from the normal position, it is exerting an unacceptable force on the pump.
The Basic Cycle

The reciprocating compression type will be used to illustrate the basic cycle. The major components are shown schematically in Fig. 9-1.

When a liquid boils, it removes heat from its surroundings and becomes a gas. Conversely, when it is liquified by being subjected to pressure and placed in contact with a cool surface, it surrenders this same heat. Liquified substances boil at different temperatures; water boils at 212°F at atmospheric pressure, while freon-12, a commonly used refrigerant, boils at -21.6°F. At room temperature, say 72°F, it must be maintained at 73 psig to prevent it from boiling away.

In Fig. 9-1, the compressor maintains a discharge pressure of 33.3 psi (for example) which is the system pressure up to the expansion valve. While the compressor is operating, it pumps refrigerant in the hot gas state through the condenser where its latent heat and the heat of compression is removed by the cooling water, and the refrigerant condenses into the liquid state and is collected in the receiver. The liquid freon fills the pipe up to the expansion valve, which is closed or partly open, depending on the demand for cooling. The thermostatic expansion valve is an automatic throttling device controlled by the pressure and temperature, and separates the "high" side described above from the "low" side, on the suction side of the compressor. As the refrigerant enters this low pressure side it starts to boil and draw heat from the evaporator surfaces until it is completely vaporized. The cold vapor is then drawn into the compressor and compressed to 33.3 psig, completing the cycle. To prevent any return of liquid refrigerant to the compressor and causing damage, the expansion valve shown has a bulb clamped to the suction line that senses any of the colder unevaporated liquid and closes the valve. As a further safeguard, the valve is adjusted to allow the port to open only when the gas has been superheated, generally 10°F. Fig. 9-2 shows such a thermostatic expansion valve. Refer to the appendix for further information regarding expansion valves.

Rating

Refrigeration machinery is rated in btu per hour cooling produced at an evaporator temperature of 50°F and a condensing temperature of 80°F. The rating is also expressed in tons, where 1 ton = 12,000 btu per hour. (The use of the ton unit has its origin from the cooling produced by one ton of ice in one day's time. One pound of ice will produce 144 btu when melted, hence 144 btu x 3200 lb/ton = 24 hours = 12,000 btu per hour).
Fig. 9-2

Courtesy, Sporlan Valve Co.
Compressor Types

Refrigeration compressors are manufactured in open and hermetic styles in both the reciprocating and centrifugal designs. (See Figs. 9-3 to 9-6). The open compressor has an external drive. The hermetic compressor has the motor and compressor contained in a single housing. The range of sizes for the different types are approximately as follows:

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Hermetic reciprocating</td>
<td>2-120</td>
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<tr>
<td>Open reciprocating</td>
<td>5-200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hermetic centrifugal</td>
<td>90-5,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Open centrifugal</td>
<td>100-10,000</td>
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A comparative recent development is the helical rotary screw compressor, with capacities up to 800 tons (Fig. 9-5).

Condensers

The basic types of condensers are:

a. Water cooled
b. Air cooled
c. Evaporative

Water cooled condensers are shell and tube heat exchangers. The hot refrigerant gas is introduced into the top of the shell and is condensed on the colder tubes, then drains into a receiver below the condenser. A "purge" valve is provided to manually bleed off air that may collect at the top of the shell. The tubes may be U shaped as shown, or straight, with a rear tube sheet (see Section 6). Condensing temperatures range from 100° - 110° F for recirculated water.

Air cooled condensers utilize finned coils and outside air forced at a high velocity over the coils to carry away the heat. Condensing temperatures range from 110° F to 135° F in hot weather.

Evaporative condensers use a coil sprayed with water to remove the heat by evaporation of water. The vapor formed is carried away by the circulating fan. The remaining water is recirculated and a certain amount of make up is added to replace the part evaporated. The condensing temperatures are in the range of 100° - 115° F.

Receivers are used to allow for surges in the flow of refrigerant as the demand for cooling fluctuates. They also serve as storage...
Fig. 9-4-(a) HERMETIC CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR

Fig. 9-4-(b) OFEN CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR

Courtesy, Trane Co.
LARGE OPEN CENTRIFUGAL CHILLER WITH STEAM TURBINE DRIVE

Courtesy, Carrier Co.
Figures A & B — show the capacity control slide valve within the rotor housing. Axial movement of this valve is programmed by an exclusive Dunham-Bush electronically initiated, (by variations in chilled water temperature) hydraulic actuated control arrangement. When the compressor is fully loaded, the slide valve is in the closed position (Figure A). Unloading starts when the slide valve is moved back away from the valve stop (Figure B). Movement of valve creates an opening in the bottom of the rotor housing through which suction gas can pass back from the rotor housing to the inlet port area before it has been compressed. Since no significant amount of work has been done on this return gas, there are no appreciable losses incurred. Reduced compressor capacity is obtained from the gas which is inside the inner part of the rotors and which is compressed in the ordinary manner. Capacity reduction down to 10% of full load is possible by progressive backward movement of the slide valve away from the valve stop. In principle, enlarging the opening in the rotor housing effectively reduces compressor displacement.
Fig. 9-6b, COMPRESSOR PORTION OF UNIT SHOWN IN FIG. 9-6a

Carrier Model 17DA Open Drive Centrifugal Compressor

Courtesy, Carrier Co.
receptacles when it is necessary to pump the refrigerant out of the system, and maintain a liquid seal past the condenser. They are usually fitted with a gage glass or magnetic indicator for checking the level, and are fitted with a safety relief valve. The design and construction of receivers is subject to the requirements of the ASME Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels and must bear the Code stamp.

Evaporators are heat exchangers in some form that permit transfer of heat between the evaporating refrigerant and the medium to be cooled. For cooling air in a closed ventilation system, the evaporator coils consists of many rows of finned tubes through which the refrigerant flows and extracts heat from the air flowing past the fins. Fig. 9-7A shows a typical duct type coil, and also the refrigerant distributor and expansion valve equalizer line.

Unit evaporators are used for cooling refrigerated spaces. This unit is hung from and against the ceiling, and recirculates the air by means of propeller type fans. Condensate that collects on the drain pan must be piped to a hopper drain usually located outside the room. Evaporators in refrigerated spaces maintained below 32°F must be defrosted periodically. Such coils are furnished with electrical heating elements placed in between the finned surfaces and under the drain pan. Precautions must be taken to prevent the melted ice from re-freezing in the drain line by giving the drain line a steep slope, and wrapping it with a heating cable and insulation.

Shell and tube evaporators are used in large centrifugal units (Fig. 9-8) where the water being chilled flows through the tubes, and the boiling liquid refrigerant is contained in the lower part of the evaporator shell. The refrigerant level is controlled by a float valve. In a package water chiller similar to Fig. 9-9, the refrigerant flows through the tubes, controlled by a thermostatic expansion valve, and the water is circulated around the outsides of the tubes.

Refrigeration Piping

Most air conditioning systems are designed for use of chilled water supplied by unitized "cold generators", where the compressor, evaporator, condenser and controls are one package requiring only water and electrical hook up. However, there are certain features of freon direct expansion piping systems that the mechanical inspector should be familiar with.

Oil and freon have an affinity for mixing together. During the compression cycle, lubricating oil is picked up with the freon and carried into the system. This causes no problem as long as the freon is in the liquid state, but after the gas has been
Fig. 9-8

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Fig. 9-9

Typical Cold Generator.

Courtesy, Trane Co.
evaporated to the vapor state, the oil separates out and tends to collect at low points of the evaporator. This is overcome by sizing the piping riser smaller so as to give the leaving freon vapor a velocity high enough to entrain the oil and lift it to a horizontal run where normal velocities will carry it back to the compressor. The overall suction line pressure drop must be kept very low otherwise the capacity of the compressor will be reduced, therefore, the vertical section which is reduced in size is kept as short as possible. Where the compressor has variable capacity control, a double suction riser is used as shown in Fig. 9-10. At high loads the vapors and oil would travel up riser "A", but at light loads, oil collects in the trap forcing the flow up through "B".

When two or more compressors are connected together in parallel, the branches from the common suction line must be arranged for equal pressure drops, as shown in Fig. 9-11, so that the flow of gas and entrained oil is returned in equal amounts to each compressor. An oil level equalizer line, and a gas pressure equalizer is also used to maintain uniform oil levels in the compressor.

Fig. 9-12 shows the recommended hot gas connection to the condenser, with a loop to the floor to trap any condensed gas and prevent it from collecting in the compressor head and causing damage. The check valve prevents vaporized freon from condensing in the hot gas line and collecting in the compressor head.

Refrigeration Tubing, Fittings and Joints

Refrigeration-grade tubing should be used, as it is thoroughly deoxidized and cleaned on the inside and then filled with nitrogen or dry air, and the ends capped. During construction, meticulous care must be taken to keep it clean and dry. Type L hard drawn tubing is the most commonly used, and the sweat type fittings shown in Fig. 2-13 are soldered on with Sil-fos or Easy-flo silver solder (see Section 3). The high temperatures encountered with the use of silver solders oxidize the tubing and fittings and form a scale. To prevent this, nitrogen should be circulated through the tubing when silver soldering.

Refrigeration System Cleaning

The following instructions are excerpted from a leading manufacturer's installation procedures and point out the importance of keeping the system clean:

"The major cause of contaminants in a refrigeration system comes from the lack of care in assembling the piping. Filings and chips from cutting operations, flux and scale from soldering are the most types of foreign materials found in systems.

* Dunham-Bush, Inc.
Suggested piping of coils using a two-pipe riser and with a trap installed.

Expansion valve

Evaporator

Evaporator

Evaporator

Suction to compressor

Sized for at least 1500 fpm at minimum load

Sized for at least 1500 fpm at maximum load

Note:
Trap should be as short as fittings permit. Long traps allow large slugs of oil and liquid refrigerant to be trapped during off-cycle causing slugging and valve breakage as close as possible

Suction line to compressor

Sized for minimum velocity of 1500 fpm
A - Short as fittings permit

Note:
Both coils used when compressor operates at full capacity, one coil when compressor operates at 50% capacity

Fig. 9-10

Reproduced by permission of "Buildings Systems Design" successor to "Heating and Ventilating."
SUCTION PIPING
EQUAL
GAS PRESSURE EQUALING LINE
CHECK VALVE
OIL EQUALIZING LINE
Fig. 9-11
RECEIVER/DISCHARGE LINE
Fig. 9-12
CHECK VALVE
DISCHARGE LINE
Fig. 9-12
Dust and dirt from improper handling or storage of the tubing and fittings are also a source of the system contaminants.

After a length of tubing has been cut to size and is ready for installation, it should be cleaned. On the larger sizes of tubing cleaning is best accomplished by swabbing out with a cloth saturated with a suitable solvent. Refrigerants 11 or 113 are suitable for this purpose. On smaller lines flushing R-11 through the tube will accomplish the cleaning desire. All tubing and fittings should be cleaned in such fashion. Then tubing is soldered, some of the soldering flux and bits of solder may fall inside the tube. Care should be taken when applying flux to a joint so as to not have an excess on the inside of the connection. Also, too much heat on the joint will cause the solder to flow inside and drop out of the joint into the tube and fittings. In the presence of oxygen (air) and under high temperature, scale will form on copper. If excessive heat is applied to fittings, this scale will form and flake off inside the tube.

To prevent this, we recommend circulating dry nitrogen through the tubes while soldering is being done. The nitrogen displaces the air in the tube, and, being an inert gas, prevents oxidation.

Hermetic compressors are subject to electrical breakdowns called "burnouts" caused by impurities in the refrigerant system. This manufacturer* has the following comments:

"The burnout of a hermetic compressor motor in the majority of cases is directly resultant from impurities in the refrigerant system. These impurities may be in the form of dirt, scale, or moisture left in the system at the time of installation. In addition, there could be fluorine and chlorine gases, oxygen and acid due to the breakdown of the refrigerant, oil or insulating materials, or any combination of these. The presence of any contaminating substance can start a reaction resulting in the formation of the other. The ultimate result is a premature failure of the motor compressor.

Field servicing of a system after a hermetic motor burnout is generally a time consuming and expensive operation. Not only must the compressor be repaired or replaced, but the entire system must be thoroughly cleaned of all harmful contaminants left by the burnout. Repeated burnouts generally indicate inadequate system cleanout after the previous failure."

It should be clear from the above that failure to keep impurities out of hermetic piped frozen systems can be disastrous.

* Dunham-Bush, Inc.
A cooling tower is a piece of heat transfer equipment that cools water with ambient air by intimate contact of the two. Water is introduced at the top of an enclosure and distributed over a large area of lath or similar material arranged to break the water up into small droplets and films. Air is induced around the outside of the bottom of the enclosure and flows upward through the falling water. The total heat given up by the water to the air is influenced by the degree of contact, air velocity and physical size of the tower, but the outlet of the water temperature is limited by the wet-bulb temperature of the air. The difference between the leaving water temperature and air wet-bulb is called the approach.

Cooling towers evaporate approximately 2 gallons per hour per ton of the refrigeration load. In addition to this loss water should be wasted from the tower at a rate sufficient to prevent a buildup of impurities, roughly equal to the amount evaporated. It is good practice to provide water treatment, and the amount of bleed is determined by the water treatment used. An automatically controlled make-up valve (usually float operated) is used to maintain the water level in the cooling tower sump. The operation of this should be carefully checked to see that it keeps the level up, but does not overfill and waste out the overflow. Factory assembled towers have an anti-vortex baffle at the sump outlet to prevent air from being sucked into the pump.

The condensing pressure of a compression type system must be kept at a certain high level in order to operate properly. The condensing pressure can be controlled by varying the condensing temperature which is governed by the volume or temperature of the condensing water supply. With a piping arrangement as shown in Fig. 9-13, the temperature is controlled by starting and stopping the induced draft fan as more or less cooling is needed. The arrangements shown in Figs. 9-14 and 9-15 also cycle the fan but use temperature controlled valves to bypass part of the water around the tower to maintain the desired water temperature leaving the basin. Flow switches are used in the condenser water supply system to guarantee that water is flowing through the condenser when the compressor is operating. If the flow is interrupted only momentarily the compressor will stop. These control features must be considered in the piping arrangement of the condensing water. In Fig. 9-13, a temperature control valve is not used, temperature of the water being controlled by the fan operation. When the system is at rest, the check valve at the pump discharge prevents water from back flowing to the cooling tower basin and passing out through the overflow. Without the check valve, the pump on the next start would quickly empty the basin and suck air before the make-up valve could catch up. The anti-syphon loop prevents the condenser discharge line from emptying on shut down and going out the overflow. In Fig. 9-14, the 3-way diverting valve, when modulating, sends some water to the tower and some to the pump, but when all the water goes to the tower the pipe connected to the bottom outlet of the valve empties the amount "H" down to the level of the basin water level. Then, when the valve closes to the tower and opens to the
COOLING TOWER
MAKE UP TOWER
OVER FLOW
WATER
PUMP
"A" (CHECK VALVE)

Fig. 9-13

DIVERTING VALVE
ALTERNATE 1-WAY
CONTROL VALVE

Fig. 9-14

Fig. 9-15

PREFERRED
Fig. 9.16 Field erected cooling tower.

190 Courtesy, The Marley Co.
Refrigeration Check-Points

Verify that:

1. Provision is made for an atmospheric vent through the roof for the discharge of a refrigerant safety relief valve or rupture disc.

2. All refrigerant piping materials and equipment is kept clean and dry during the construction. All refrigerant tubing to be kept capped.

3. Valves to be dis-assembled or wrapped in wet cloth to prevent heat damage when brazing or hard-soldering.

4. Nitrogen gas is passed continuously through the tubing during brazing or hard-soldering.

5. Liquid line sight glasses are installed ahead of expansion valves and can be easily observed with no obstructions in the way.

6. Joints are made with hard solder (silver base alloy melting above 1000° F), and not soft solder, for tubing over 1/2".

7. Flared compression fittings are not used for lines over 3/4" O.D., and only where such joints are exposed for inspection.

8. Piping does not interfere with removal of equipment components.

9. Piping does not obstruct view of oil level bulls-eyes.

10. Branch tie-in lines of paralleled compressors are of equal length and air piped identically and symmetrically.

11. Refrigerant piping crossing an open space used as a passageway is 7 1/2 feet above the floor and is not placed in public areas, elevator shafts, and the like.

12. Provision is made for expansion and contraction by means of expansion bends, offsets, etc.

13. The smaller sized tubing is protected from bumps, being stepped on, etc.
pump, it pushes a large slug of air ahead, the pump loses suction and the flow switch signals a no-flow condition and shuts down the compressor. This can be avoided by discharging the 3-way valve bottom connection directly into the basin, Fig. 7-15. The 3-way could also be installed below the tower basin water level and thus be submerged at all times if the tower is high enough.

Refer to Uniform Mechanical Code, Chapters 15 and 17, for Refrigeration Equipment requirements.
This section will discuss the basic parts of control systems, control terms, and applications of various controllers in a representative air conditioning system. The emphasis will be on air operated controls.

Temperature Control Air Compressor

The air operated, or pneumatic system uses 15 psi air to open or close valves and dampers; stop, start, and control the capacity of equipment and transmit temperature and pressure readings. The source of air is a relatively small compressor and receiver usually located in the mechanical room with other components of the air conditioning system. Air is pumped up to approximately 60 psi pressure and stored in a receiver from which it is reduced to slightly over 15 psi, which is called "main air" pressure. The air furnished to the thermostats and other controllers must be free of dirt, oil vapors and moisture. This is obtained by passing the air through high efficiency air filters (which trap scale, dirt, and oil mist); and through small refrigerated air coolers which dehumidify the air. Even if dehumidifiers are not called for in the contract, a good deal of moisture can be avoided by locating the receiver in a cool place, and by connecting the compressor intake line to the outdoors. This line will have to be increased several sizes greater than the intake size on the compressor to reduce the friction loss. (Check the installation instructions). Large amounts of water collect in receivers and this is best controlled by an automatic tank drainer and blowoff. Compressors and receivers are usually specified to be sized so that the compressor will not run more than 2/3 of the time. After leaving the pressure reducing valve station, the main air is distributed throughout the building by piping or tubing, the size generally being determined by the temperature control contractor. (The test of these air lines should be witnessed by the inspector but is frequently overlooked).

Controllers

A controller is a device which measures a change in temperature (or any other variable) and varies the air pressure to an actuator to restore the original condition. An actuator is a device such as a damper motor, valve or relay, which starts, stops, or varies the operation of a piece of equipment in response to the controller. Pneumatic controllers are the bleed or non-bleed type. Fig. 10-1 shows the basic elements of nearly all air operated controllers; the orifice, nozzle and baffle. Main air is supplied to the restrictor which is connected to a nozzle, which has a slightly larger opening. When the baffle is moved towards and away from the nozzle by some actuating element such as a bellows responding to temperature changes, the pressure
in the diaphragm valve line increases or decreases depending on how much air the baffle lets escape from the nozzle. If the baffle presses tightly against the nozzle, the branch pressure will equal the main pressure, 15 psi. If the baffle does not restrict the nozzle, the air will flow through the nozzle and the branch pressure is 0 psi. Intermediate positions of the baffle will result in branch pressures somewhere between 0 and 15 psi. Air constantly bleeds except when the baffle is tight against the nozzle. Fig. 10-2 shows a non-bleed type of controller. The enclosure a is an air tight enclosure when the valves b and c are seated on their ports by pressure from lever d. The bellows e responds to temperature change (warmer) by expanding. This (the pilot) pressure pushes the right end of the lever down to open the supply port. Supply air then fills the case until the forces on the diaphragm are rebalanced.

Spring f has enough force to seat the supply valve when the forces on the diaphragm are in balance, and to unseat the exhaust port when the pilot pressure becomes less than the internal pressure on the diaphragm. When the exhaust port is unseated, air exhausts from the case and the branch line until the air pressure again balances the pilot pressure. In this way, the controller maintains a branch line pressure corresponding to the force transmitted by the bellows.

The large amount of air wasted from a bleed-type controller can be virtually eliminated with the graduate relay shown in Fig. 10-3. This instrument is substantially the same construction as the non-bleed controller except the branch line pressure from the bleed controller replaces the bellows. An increase in the controller branch-pressure causes an increase in the motor-branch pressure. Since only a very small amount of air is needed to actuate the relay it is possible to adjust the controller restriction to a small opening and reduce the amount of air exhausted. Some thermostats are made with the graduate relay housed in the same case with the nozzle, vane and sensitive element.

Control Terms and Definitions

The following list of control terms appears on temperature control diagrams and must be understood to follow the desired operation of the system:

**Throttling range.** As stated above, pneumatically operated instruments are controlled by pressure from 0 - 15 psi in most cases. The actual effective range is considered to be from 3 to 13, or 10 psi. The two extremes or limits of travel of a valve or pneumatic motor would occur when the pressure supplying it is 3 psi or 10 psi. Any pressure in between would cause the valve or motor to move a proportionate amount. The change in the controlled variable, such as temperature, that is needed to change the branch pressure from 3 to 13 psi
is called the throttling range. Thus a thermostat that puts 3 psi on the branch at 70°C F, and 13 psi at 73°C F has a 3° throttling range. At 71.5°C F the pressure will be 8 psi.

Sensitivity of a controller is the pounds of air pressure change per unit change of the controlled variable which in the above example is 10 psi divided by 3° or, 3 1/3 pounds per degree sensitivity.

Proportional band (similar to throttling range) is the change in the controlled variable required to move the controlled device from one extreme limit to the other. It is normally used with respect to recording and indicating controllers and is expressed in per cent of the chart or scale range.

Direct acting applies to a pneumatic controller when an increase in the controlled variable causes an increased control pressure.

Reverse acting applies to a pneumatic controller when an increase in the controlled variable causes a decreased control pressure.

Set point is the point at which a controller is set to maintain a certain controlled variable valve.

Control point is the actual valve of the controlled variable which the controller is causing to be maintained at a given time.

Master controller is an instrument whose variable output is used to change a submaster's control point.

Submaster controller is a controller whose set point is changed over a pre-determined range by variations in output from a master controller.

Master pressure is the variable output air pressure from the master controller which changes the submaster controller's set point.

Normally closed applies to a controlled device which closes when all operating force (control pressure, electrical energy) is removed.

Normally open applies to a controlled device which opens when all operating force is removed.

Spring range is the range through which the control pressure must change to produce total movement of the controlled device from one extreme position to the other. For special applications, valves or motors can be fitted with springs that allow them to travel their full movement from 3 to 8 psi, or 8 to 13 psi, or some other similar range.
Temperature controller devices, (masters, submasters, thermostats, etc) must be carefully located so as to sense the true or average temperature they are controlling. An outdoor master should be located on the north side of a building or in a location unaffected by the sun's direct rays or by convective heat from a sunny wall. It also must not be exposed to air being exhausted from the building. Submasters controlling hot or cold plenums should be able to sense the average plenum temperature which is best done with a long capillary "averaging" bulb supported across but not touching the face of the coil it controls. If an instrument must be mounted on the sheetmetal plenum or duct work because of its design, the sheetmetal must be sufficiently reinforced to prevent vibration of the controller. If the sensing element of the control is a bulb to be inserted in a pipe it should be installed inside a thermometer well which projects to the centerline of the pipe. This frequently does not happen because of the make up of the fittings, bushings, etc, and the bulb does not sense the average temperature of the fluid. (This applies to thermometers also). Thermostat locations merit special attention when they are being roughed-in prior to pouring concrete, so as to avoid being placed in the middle of tack boards, back of bookshelves, behind doors, etc. Avoid locating too close to the latch side of door jams as the impact of the door closing sometimes causes the thermostat to bleed momentarily. Keep thermostats away from obvious heat sources, and away from a direct air blow from an air supply register.

Control valves regulate the flow of hot or chilled water and steam through coils. They are two-way for water and steam, Fig. 10-4, and three-way only for water, Fig. 10-5.
A double ported balanced valve is shown in Fig. 10-6.

Three-way valves have two inlets and one outlet, and are piped to bypass around the source of heating or cooling to give a constant flow through the coil or bypass around the coil (Fig. 10-7 (a)). Fig. 10-7 shows additional arrangements for connecting single and multiple coils. Three-way valve inlets and outlets are marked at each connection and should be connected as shown on the temperature control diagram prepared by the control subcontractor, as the designer's drawings are schematic and may not fit the exact style of valve furnished.

Control valves have an index number called the valve coefficient, \( C_V \), (shown on Fig. 10-7) which tells what the flow through it will be for a given pressure drop.

For non-compressible fluids the flow can be calculated from the formula:

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Q = C_V \sqrt{P}
\]

where \( C_V \) = valve coefficient

\( P \) = pressure drop

\( G \) = specific gravity of liquid

(water \( = 1.0 \))
Valve Size (in.) | 1/2 | 3/4 | 1  | 1 1/4 | 1 1/2 | 2  
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Cv Factor | 1.1 | 3.2 | 5.7 | 8.6 | 13 | 21 | 35
Valve Size (in.) | 2 1/2 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 8  
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Cv Factor | 54 | 80 | 157 | 238 | 347 | 491

Typical Applications

- **Control of Supply Water Temperature.** Valve Normally Closed to Heat Exchanger
- **Control of Supply Water Temperature.** Valve Normally Open to Heat Exchanger

Piping Arrangement for Coil Control with Individual Pump. Valve Normally Closed to Supply

Piping Arrangement for Coil Control with Individual Pump. Valve Normally Open to Supply

Three-Way Mixing Valves on Multiple Coil Installation. Valves Normally Closed to Flow Through Coil

Three-Way Mixing Valves on Multiple Coil Installation. Valves Normally Open to Flow Through Coil

**NOTE:** Inlet “A” is Normally Closed; Inlet “B” is Normally Open

*Fig. 10-7*

**Courtesy, Johnson Service Co.**
If a valve has $C_v = 40$, and the pressure difference between inlet and outlet is 25psi, for water the flow is

$$Q = 40 \sqrt{\frac{25}{1}}$$

$$= 200 \text{ gpm}.$$ 

For saturated steam:

$$W = 2.1 \sqrt{\Delta P \times \left(\sqrt{P_1} + \sqrt{P_2}\right)}$$

where $P_1 =$ inlet pressure, psia

$P_2 =$ outlet pressure, psia

$\Delta P = (P_1 - P_2)$

$W =$ lbs per hour

NOTE: When the absolute downstream pressure is less than 50% of the absolute upstream pressure use 50% of the absolute upstream pressure as the pressure drop,

If a valve controlling steam has an inlet pressure of 15 psig and an outlet pressure of 10 psig, and a valve coefficient of 50, the steam flow is:

$$W = 2.1 \times 50 \times \sqrt{15 - 10} \times \sqrt{(15 + 14.7) + (10 + 14.7)} =$$

$$= 1750 \text{ lbs per hour}.$$ 

These formulas can also be solved by the nomographs found in the appendix.

Electro-pneumatic switches (EP) are electrically operated devices that open or close valves to air lines.

Pneumatic-electric switches (PE) are air operated devices that are actuated by air pressure to open or close an electrical relay or switch.
11. NATURAL DRAFT VENTING SYSTEMS

Gas fired boilers and heaters fired by natural draft must be properly vented so as to provide sufficient oxygen to completely burn the fuel and carry away the products of combustion. Incomplete combustion will result in lowered efficiency and the formation of carbon monoxide, as well as producing a potentially explosive mixture of unburned gas and air. Natural draft occurs because the heated air and combustion products in a stack are lighter than the surrounding outside air and are displaced upward. The "draft", or negative pressure produced by the hot gases depends upon the stack temperature, height, and the friction loss of the venting system.

The requirements for venting of appliances regarding materials, construction and configurations are completely covered in the California Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 4 "Basic Mechanical Regulations (Article M9). The sizing of venting systems as required by this Code, and also the National Fire Protection Association Bulletin 54, Appendix D, is reproduced on the following pages.

Refer to the Uniform Mechanical Code, Chapter 9, for further venting requirements.
## APPENDIX M1-B

### Capacity of Type B Double Wall Vents Serving a Single Appliance

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See Figure 1 and Notes for Single Appliance Vents.
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**Table 2**

Capacity of Single-Well Metal Pipe or Type B Asbestos Cement Vents Serving a Single Appliance

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**Notes:**

- Maximum appliance input rating in thousands of Btu per hour.
- See Figure 1 and Notes for Single Appliance Vents.
## Table 3

**Capacity of Masonry Chimneys and Single-Wall Vent Connectors Serving a Single Appliance**

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Minimum internal area of chimney A: square inches

[See Table 7 for masonry chimney liner sizes.]

[See Figure 3 and notes for single appliance vents.]
## TABLE 4
### Capacity of Type B Double-Wall Vent Serving Two or More Appliances

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Combined appliance input rating in thousands of Btu per hour

See Figure 5 and notes for multiple appliance vents.
NOTES FOR MULTIPLE APPLIANCE VENTS. (See Tables 4, 5 and 6.)

1. Maximum Vent Connector Length 1 1/4 feet for every inch of connector diameter. Greater lengths require increase in size, rise or total vent height, to obtain full capacity.

2. Each 90-degree turn in excess of the first two reduces the connector capacity by 10 percent.

3. Each 90-degree turn in the common vent reduces capacity by 10 percent.

4. Where possible, locate vent closer to or directly over smaller appliance connector.

5. Connectors must be equal to or larger than draft hood outlets.

6. If both connectors are same size, common vent must be at least one size larger, regardless of tabulated capacity.

7. Common vent must be equal to or larger than largest connector.

8. Interconnection fittings must be same size as common vent.

9. Use sea level input rating when calculating vent size for high altitude installation.

10. Designation “NR” in Tables 4, 5 and 6 indicates not recommended.
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**Capacity of A Single-Wall Metal Pipe or Type B Asbestos Cement Vent Serving Two or More Appliances**

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See Figure 3 and notes for multiple appliance vents.

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### Title 24
BASIC MECHANICAL REGULATIONS
(Register 66, No. 40—10-26-68)

APPENDIX M1-B

Capacity of A Masonry Chimney and Single-Wall Vent Connectors Serving Two or More Appliances

#### Single-Wall Vent Connector Capacity

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Total vent height (ft)</th>
<th>Connector size (in)</th>
<th>Vent connector diameter—D (in)</th>
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#### Common Chimney Capacity

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See Table 7 for Masonry Chimney Liner Sizes.
See Figure 4 and Notes for Multiple Appliance Vents.
APPENDIX M1-B
Example of Multiple Vent Design Using Table 4 Double Wall Type B Vent

1. WATER HEATER VENT CONNECTOR SIZE
   Using Table 4, read down Total Vent Height “H” column to 15 feet and read across 1 foot connector rise “R” line to Btu rating equal to or higher than water heater input rating. This figure shows 53,000 Btu and is in the column for four-inch connector. Since this is in excess of the water heater input it is not necessary to find the maximum input for an 18 foot minimum total vent height. Use a four-inch connector.

2. FURNACE VENT CONNECTOR SIZE
   Under Vent Connector Tables read down Total Vent Height “H” column to 15 foot and read across 2 foot Connector Rise “R” line. Note 5 inch vent size shows 99,000 Btu per hour or less than furnace input. However, with 20 foot Total Height read across 2 foot connector rise line. Note 5 inch vent size shows 104,000 Btu per hour. Since 18 foot height is 6th of difference between 15 and 20 foot heights take difference between 99,000 and 104,000 or 5,000 and add 6ths of this to 15 foot figure of 99,000. 99,000 + 3,000 = 102,000 which is maximum input for 18 foot Total Vent Height. Therefore a 5-inch connector would be the correct size for the furnace, providing the furnace had a five-inch or smaller draft hood outlet.

3. COMMON VENT SIZE
   Total input to Common Vent is 145,000 Btu. Note that for 15 foot Total Vent Height “H” maximum Btu for 5 inch vent is 144,000. For 20 foot Total Vent Height “H” maximum Btu for 5 inch vent is 160,000.
   Therefore for 18 foot Total Vent Height maximum allowable input would be 6th of difference between 144,000 and 160,000 = 6th x 16,000 or 9,600. 144,000 + 9,600 = 153,600 which is greater than total input to common vent. Therefore common vent can be 5 inch diameter pipe.
There are three aspects of sound control and suppression of noise that are of concern to the mechanical inspector:

1. Internal noises in the ventilation system that are annoying to the building occupants.

2. External noises from outdoor equipment that are objectionable to the occupants of neighboring buildings, or to the general public.

3. Noise detrimental to health.

**General**

Noise is defined as unwanted sound. Sounds that may go unnoticed in one environment may be unacceptable in another. What may be music to one man may be noise to another. Sound pressure is the pressure at a point measured in a passing sound wave. Sound power is the power expressed in watts which is radiated by an acoustic source. A decibel, which is an electrical engineering term, is 10 times the logarithm, to the base 10, of a ratio of two numbers, as:

\[ A = 10 \log_{10} \frac{N_1}{N_2} \text{ decibels (db)} \]

Related to sound measurements, the **sound power level** in decibels is:

\[ L = 10 \log_{10} \frac{W_i}{W_o} \text{ db} \]

where \( W_i \) is the power in watts of an acoustic source

\( W_o \) is a reference power

The reference power commonly used is \( 10^{-12} \) watt, which is 0.000000000001 watts. When two sounds are given a decibel rating by using the same reference, they can be compared with each other and it can be stated that one produces more acoustic power than the other.

The sound level meter is the basic instrument used in all sound measurement. It consists of a microphone, an attenuator, amplifier and usually three weighting networks; A, B and C. The A scale gives the most important overall measurement, and is most commonly referred to in government regulations as "dbA". Fig. 12-1 shows a sound level meter. Fig. 12-2 is a comparative chart of overall sound levels.
Impacts and impulses in excess of 140 dB can be measured with a precision analyzer from B & K Instruments, Inc. Unit incorporates a sound level meter with an octave-band filter.

Fig. 12-1

Ventilating System Internal Noises

Generation and transmission of noise can be avoided in some areas by observing the following:

1. Install balancing dampers ahead of the outlets and far enough away so that air noise caused by throttling will not be audible in the room. This duct should be lined.

2. Mixing damper should be tightly sealed when closed, otherwise a high frequency noise will be generated.

3. Check high pressure duct for small joint leaks and around flexible duct connections.

4. Flexible duct connections should have ample material so joint is not taut, and supported so that duct does not hang on the joint.

5. If sound absorbing units are installed, use flexible duct connections.

6. Support fan units from the overhead with hanger and vibration isolators.
7. To prevent transmission of sound and vibration from pumps, install flexible joints in the vertical and horizontal runs of the discharge piping.

8. Use resilient lined pipe hangers where supported from the overhead.

9. Use flexible conduit for electrical connections to fans and pumps.

10. At fan discharges, use several diameters of duct length before turning the air.

11. Do not allow air to separate from the sides of the duct walls by changing its direction too quickly after a previous change. Sudden changes in duct shapes cause turbulence, which generates noise.
Ventilating System External Noises

The location of cooling towers and condensing units on or around buildings involves considerable study and research by the designer. Locating such equipment away from possible complaints is usually the least expensive solution. Walls, screens or similar acoustical barriers may produce an acceptable sound level. Enclosures placed around cooling towers should be sized as recommended by the manufacturer so as to not restrict the air flow into the tower, and not cause any recirculation of the discharge air. The various municipalities have adopted noise requirements for ventilating equipment which varies considerably between residential and commercial areas, proximity to freeways, etc, and may or may not take the ambient noise level into account.

The Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute* publishes sound rating numbers of outdoor unitary equipment rated in accordance with ARI Standard 270-67. This rating number is used in their Sound Rating Program to predict the sound level before installation.

Noise Detrimental to Health

Noise pollution is now recognized as a major threat to human well-being. Most people are uncomfortable when subjected to a noise level of 80 db and suffer physiological effects above 80 db. Long exposures at 100 db can cause hearing impairment and permanent damage. In recognition of this, the Walsh-Healey Act (Federal) and California State General Industry Safety Orders adopted 90 dbA as the maximum allowable 8-hour exposure. Higher levels are permissible for shorter periods, all as set forth in Fig. 12-3. Noise at these levels is generated by gas turbines, air compressors, induced draft fans and similar equipment in equipment rooms.

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TITLE 8
DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY
GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY ORDERS
(REGISTER No. 70, No. 54-6-25-70)
Article 55. Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure

GROUP 51. NOISE CONTROL SAFETY ORDERS

Article 55. Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure

3870. Purpose. Article 55 sets up standards for the control of and exposure to industrial noise in order to contribute to the conservation of employees' hearing. Daily exposure for the times and noise intensities specified represent conditions under which nearly all workers may be exposed throughout their working years without causing permanent hearing loss sufficient to affect their ability to hear and understand normal speech.

Notes: Authority cited: Sections 6312, 6500 and 6502, Labor Code.
History: 1. New Article 55 (Sections 3870 through 3872) filed 2-13-63: effective third day thereafter.
2. Repealed and new Article 55 (Sections 3870 through 3871) filed 5-30-70: effective thirtieth day thereafter. (Register 76, No. 34).

3871. Surveys. Whenever noise levels have been demonstrated to exceed those sound levels in Table I, the employer shall make or cause to have made noise evaluations to determine the magnitude of exposure to employees. Such records shall be maintained and made available to the Division.

3872. Allowable Exposure.

(a) Intermittent or Continuous Noise.

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<th>Total Exposure Time Per Day</th>
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<td>1/4 or less</td>
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Note: Sound levels shall be measured with a sound level meter which meets the ANSI S1.4-1961 Specifications for General Purpose Sound Level Meters, or its equivalent, set on the A scale and slow response. Noise exposures at different levels are combined using the concept of the effective sound level. For example, if an exposure consisted of 1 hour at 90 dBA (allowable 2 hours) and 3 hours at 90 dBA (allowable 4 hours), the total would be 2 hours at 90 dBA if the exposure time is cut in half. Noise levels are in dBA.

(b) Impact or Impulsive Noise. Exposure to impact or impulsive noise shall not exceed 140 dB peak sound pressure level.

Note: Peak sound pressure levels shall be measured with an instrument having a rise time of 50 microseconds or less (for square waves) and which will measure and display the sound pressure level within 1 dB of the true peak.

3873. Engineering Control of Noise. Whenever the operations reasonably permit, exposures to excessive noise shall be eliminated or at least reduced by engineering or operational controls. When such exposures are not reduced to allowable levels specified in Section 3872, a continuing effective hearing conservation program shall be administered.

3874. Personal Protective Equipment. (a) When to Be Worn. Whenever the exposure to noise exceeds the levels given in Section 3872, the employer shall provide and the employees shall use acceptable ear protectors. (For the purpose of these Orders, "acceptable" means acceptable to the Division.)

(b) Education in Use of Equipment Required. The employee shall be informed of the locations where the wearing of ear protectors is required and shall be instructed in the use of such ear protectors.

(c) Provision and Care of Equipment. Duty of Employer and Employee. It shall be the duty of the employer to provide such equipment provided for him and to exercise due care to keep same in efficient and sanitary condition.

What Are Allowable Exposures?

Allowable exposures for intermittent or continuous noise are specified in Table I, Section 3872 of the Noise Control Safety Orders. It is permissible to interpolate the data on allowable exposures. For example, if after all practical efforts to reduce the level the noise level is still 91 dBA and the time is 7 hours, then that exposure would be allowable. Extrapolation is not allowable for short exposures above 115 dBA. The criteria in Table I is based on the fact that short daily exposures are usually intermittent, this assumption is reasonably safe if the sound levels are between 90 dBA and 115 dBA; however, extrapolation above 115 dBA might result in harmful exposure.

It is not necessary to extrapolate the data in Table I for daily exposures of more than 8 hours or to record noise exposures below 90 dBA. If such extrapolations are desired, then it is proper to permit exposures at 87 dBA for 16 hours and at 89 dBA for 10 hours, in accordance with the equal energy concept (or a 3 dB increase when exposure time is cut in half).

The Second Intersociety Committee on Guidelines for Noise Exposure Control are shown in Table A.

You can see that in preparing Table I of California's revised noise control regulations, daily noise exposures of an hour or less were assumed to occur in 7 or more intermittent exposures evenly distributed throughout the day. For longer exposures that accumulatively total more than 4 hours in a day, the noise was assumed to occur in 3 separate exposures. The damage from a single exposure to noise follows the equal energy concept (or a 3 dB increase when exposure time is cut in half).

What About Impact or Impulsive Noise?

Considerable hearing loss can result from impact or impulsive noise. Impact noise frequently occurs where the ambient continuous noise exceeds the levels in Table I of the Noise Control Safety Orders. If ear protectors are worn because of the continuous noise, surveys of the impulsive noise will not be required in most cases.

Table A

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<th>Number of Times the Noise Occurs Per Day</th>
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To use the table, select the column headed by the number of times the noise occurs per day, read down to the average sound level of the noise, and locate directly to the left in the first column the total duration of noise permitted for any 24-hour period. It is permissible to interpolate if necessary. Noise levels are in dBA.
Insulation is used extensively in air conditioning systems on hot and cold piping, equipment, and for wrapping or lining ducts. The unit of measurement of the effectiveness of an insulating material is its thermal conductivity, also called the K-factor. This is defined as the amount of heat, in btu per hour that will flow through a panel 1 foot square and 1 inch thick when one face is 1° F hotter than the other, or:

Btu per hour, per sq ft = K x temp difference/inch thickness.

The K-value for some common heat-insulating materials at 100° F mean temperature are:

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<td>calcium silicate</td>
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<td>85% magnesia</td>
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<td>mineral wool (rock, slag, or glass wool blankets)</td>
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For low temperatures the following insulating materials are used:

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<td>polystyrene</td>
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<td>polyurethane</td>
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<td>fiber glass</td>
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<td>flexible foamed plastic (armaflex)</td>
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Insulation materials have other important properties and differences besides K-values that have to be considered for a given application. For instance, calcium silicate and fiber glass pipe insulation can be soaked with water and not lose its shape, but magnesia will disintegrate. Cellular foam glass has a slightly higher K-value and is more expensive, but has a high compressive strength and is absolutely impervious to water vapor transmission. The limiting high temperatures of various insulating materials varies widely, and this must be observed.
Insulation applied to cold surfaces must be provided with a vapor-tight jacket or barrier to prevent water vapor from passing through the material or joints and condensing on the cold surface.

![Diagram showing Insulation, Vapor Pressure, Vapor Barrier, Butter Joint, Cold Surface, 100° Air Temperature, 55° Air Temperature](image)

Referring to the sketch, the vapor pressure of the 100° air is higher than the vapor pressure of the 55° air next to the cold surface and will force moist air through an ineffective vapor barrier, or an unsealed butt joint as at "A". If allowed to continue, the condensate will completely soak all the insulation along the pipe and render it useless. For this reason great care must be taken to install a perfectly tight barrier, and to butter all longitudinal and butt joints with cement before assembling the sections. Vapor barriers are laminated foil and treated papers, coated felts and papers, plastic films, or canvas wrap with 2 or more coats of lagging adhesive. Some pipe insulation is manufactured with the barriers attached. Obtain samples of various canvas weights for identifying the material being used. The following points should be observed in insulating piping and equipment:

1. **Piping insulation includes valves, strainers and fittings.** Flanges and unions are generally not insulated, except for chilled water.

2. **Provide shields at hanger supports to protect the insulation.** For very large pipes it may be necessary to insert hard wood blocks at the point of bearing. Shields should distribute the load along the insulation without deforming it.

3. **Fill all voids and openings in cold insulation where cut out for hangers or supports with suitable material before applying sealing tape.** Insulate hangers that are in direct contact with cold surfaces to prevent sweating.

4. **Insulate all piping passing through walls, floors, etc.**

5. **Stagger butt joints, and coat all joints amply with waterproof cement on cold insulation.**

6. **Insulate valves up to the bonnet.**
7. Install removable metal jacketed insulation sections
   around heat exchanger heads and similar equipment which
   have to be opened up for maintenance and repair.

8. The State Division of Industrial Safety requires that all
   surfaces hot enough to burn flesh shall be insulated
   (about 160° F).

9. Do not cover any stampings such as ASME name plates or
   vessels or similar equipment.

Duct insulation is applied to the outside of ducts for a heat
barrier only, or to the inside for a heat barrier and sound
attenuation. When wrapped around the outside it needs to be
attached to the duct sides and bottom at intervals, and then
lapped at all joints (2" to 4"). When the insulation is applied
internally, the duct size must be enlarged to accommodate the in-
sulation (breadth and width) so that the net inside dimensions
will be as shown on the design drawings. The material is held
in place with cement and studs and washers; the studs being
cemented or welded to the duct side. Edges of the insulation
exposed to the air stream are coated with adhesive to prevent
erosion and firmly held down to the duct side. Duct liners are
furnished with facings of clear or black coatings designed to
prevent erosion by the air. Each manufacturer states the limit-
ing velocity that may be used, and also specifies the methods of
attaching and finishing the material for various velocity ranges.

A few points to watch for in duct insulation are:

1. Check to see if joints are properly taped before insulator
   starts.

2. Check duct hangers for attachment to duct and proper ten-
   sion (no slack).

3. Insulation should be placed between turning vane end plates
   and ducts.

4. Insulation liner should not interfere with operation of
   mixing dampers. (Place insulation on outside of damper box).

5. Check insulation density and thickness for compliance with
   specifications.

6. Check placement of cement on outside of ducts and spacing
   of tie wires.

7. Access panels on duct to be uncovered or plainly marked.

8. Drops to ceiling outlets are insulated.

9. All insulation sealers, cements, etc., shall meet the Fire
   Marshall’s requirements for fire resistance, smoke generation,
   etc.
14. AIR DUCTS

Ducts come in a variety of shapes and materials; steel, fiberglass, transite, neoprene coated glass fabric, aluminum, and so on. This section will cover sheetmetal and fiberglass ducts as most relevant to ventilating systems.

**Sheetmetal Ducts**

Sheetmetal systems are classified as low, medium, or high pressure; low pressure being from 0 to 2" water column, medium pressure 2" to 6", and high pressure 6" through 10" water column. If the duct velocity exceeds 2,000 fpm in the medium and high pressure zones, the system is called "high velocity".

The Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA), F. O. Box 3506, Washington, D. C. 20007, has developed a standard for low velocity and high velocity duct construction, which is generally specified for the construction of ducts, fittings and appurtenances. The appendix contains some of the pages from the SMACNA Manual showing metal gages required and stiffening needed for various sizes of rectangular and round ducts in all three pressure groups. Also detailed are the recommended types of seam joints for the different duct sizes. Of particular importance is the data giving the spacing and dimensions of reinforcing angles, designed to prevent "breathing" and sagging of the tops and bottoms of ducts. Stiffening of plenums is frequently overlooked and should be checked for sag, and the plenum observed for movement when the fans are turned on and off. Ducts on the suction side of a fan are subject to collapse if the inlet air damper is closed because of a control malfunction and if there is insufficient duct reinforcing. SMACNA plate 1 shows the recommended hanger arrangements for low and high pressure ducts.

Metal ducts are lined with fiberglass blankets for the insulating effect and sound attenuation, and accordingly must be made large enough to obtain the net (inside) dimensions shown on the drawings. Many times this is overlooked by the contractor who fabricates and lines the duct in the shop, and then the mistake is discovered too late. Duct liner insulation must be furnished with a coating or facing to prevent erosion by the air, and edges have to be coated or taped to prevent peeling and unlavering.

Transverse duct seams are taped with various materials to reduce air leakage; and, if called for in the specifications, should be done whether the duct is lined or not. Some workmen will get careless in making up joints, relying on the tape for air tightness. Tape cannot take the place of a properly made joint. Where ducts are too close to the overhang to header closed the standing seams, type A, B, or C drive clips should be used.
Fiber Glass Duct

Fig. 14-1 shows the different forms of fiberglass duct. Ducts constructed of fiberglass board are restricted to 2" w.g. and 3,000 fpm with suitable bracing as recommended by the manufacturer and SMACNA. The board is covered with a thin sheet of aluminum.

Fig. 14-2 shows the method of fabricating a section of duct, where the total of the inside dimensions does not exceed 120", the maximum stock length of the board. Larger ducts are fabricated in pieces. The longitudinal and transverse joints are sealed closed with a self adhering aluminum tape applied with a heated roller iron.

The hanging and bracing requirements recommended by the SMACNA Manual on Fiber Glass Duct (see appendix) should be closely checked by the inspector.

Duct Fittings and Configurations

Turning vanes, shown in Fig. 14-3, are used in square elbows where space limitations prevent installing a round elbow. The round elbow (with a center line radius 1.5 times the duct dimension parallel to the radius) has a smaller friction loss than the vane elbow and should be used where possible. The stock runner for turning vanes is made to fit across the heel of the elbow at a 45° angle to the entering and leaving air stream. This is correct when the elbow has the same entering and leaving dimensions, but when there is a size transition the 45° stock runner places the vanes partially crossways with the air stream and causes turbulence, rather than reducing it. The runner should be modified so that the upstream and downstream edges of the vane line up with the air streams. Where ducts are lined, the vane runners should sit on channel shaped chairs with the lining flush with the runner.

Fig. 14-3a shows an incorrect but commonly used elbow. Nothing is gained by rounding the outer corner; the inner corner should have a radius, or turning vanes used if this is not possible.

Sudden enlargements or contractions (Fig. 14-4) should not be made in ducts because of the energy loss. A slope of 1 in 5 is satisfactory. Where steeper transitions cannot be avoided, vanes placed inside the transition piece will reduce the pressure loss (Fig. 14-6).

The most common problems encountered in the field in installing duct work is insufficient space and obstacles, such as pipes, structural members and lights (in hung ceilings).
A Duct Board, standard duty (SD and RSD, or MSD with fiber glass mat liner) or heavy duty (HD or RHD), with factory-applied facings of 3-mil aluminum (A) or Foil-Scrim-Kraft (F), for field or shop fabrication or rectangular ducts and fittings of specified cross-section dimensions. Available with plain, flush edges, or with molded-in male and female "slip-joint" edges (MF) on the long dimension of 1-inch-thick Type SD board.

B Preformed Round with factory-molded male and female "slip-joint" ends. Available with tough, aluminum-pigmented plastic (SR) or 3-mil aluminum (AR) vapor/air barrier jackets.

C Flexible (FLX) with exclusive resin-bonded fiber glass helix covered with resilient fiber glass insulation and jacketed with tough, aluminum-pigmented plastic.

D Micro-Aire FS preformed round, with an integral, embedded foil seal midway in the wall thickness. Primarily for warm air systems, but useful for air conditioning under certain design conditions.

Fig. 14-1

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As its name implies, the Centerline Method of fabrication involves the use of line markings on the board on which the various tools are centered and along which they are guided for accurate cutting. In the Centerline Method, either of two types of longitudinal corner fold configurations may be used — the V-Groove or the Modified Shiplap — and grooving tools are designed for each type.

Each configuration has its merits and the choice is left to the system designer or fabricator. Although in installation, the two types are basically compatible, it is recommended that if automatic grooving machines are used, any hand fabrication of ducts or fittings for the same job be made with the corresponding style of corner folds.

In the following step-by-step instructions, drawings and photographs, the original V-Groove type will be used. This will give the fabricator the fundamental procedures regardless of the type of corner fold ultimately used. A separate section describing the newer Modified Shiplap concept is presented later.

Five basic cutting operations are involved in making a typical section of straight duct:

1. Knife cut at stretchout length.
2. Grooves for corner folds.
3. Rabbet cut for closing corner.
4. Cutting and stripping away insulation to expose longitudinal stapling flap.
5. Rabbet cuts for male-female slip-joint connections between duct sections. (This step is eliminated when Micro-Aire SD/MF board is used.)

The Centerline Method of fabrication employs the same principles used in fabricating sheet metal ductwork, namely:

1. Layout is done on the board prior to cutting and forming.
2. Measurements are made in succession from the starting point or preceeding mark.

Three final steps make the fabricated board into a duct section:

1. Folding groove corners.
2. Securing closed corner by stapling the facing flap.
3. Taping (and heat sealing) the flap.

Fig. 14-2

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VANED ELBOW DETAILS

Fig. A
SINGLE VANE ELBOW

Detail 1
SINGLE VANE

Detail 2
RUNNER

Detail 3
SMALL DOUBLE VANE

Detail 4
ALTERNATE DETAIL
LARGE DOUBLE VANE

Detail 5
ALTERNATE DETAIL
LARGE DOUBLE VANE RUNNER

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The dimensions of ducts can be changed without impairing the design if the same friction loss per foot is obtained. Equal cross-sectional areas of ducts does not mean equal friction losses. A chart (Fig. 14-7) can be used in finding equivalent sizes where a space problem exists.

Example:

A 10" x 15" duct must be modified to a height of 8" to clear an obstruction. To find the new width first find the equivalent diameter by entering the chart at "side of duct, (a)" = 15", and "side of duct (b)" = 10", and reading 13.5" diameter, d, on the diagonal line. Now follow the 13.5" line down to the 9" (a) side, and read 19" on (b) side. Thus, the new sized duct is 8" x 19".

The SMACNA manual shows several arrangements for splitting the duct around pipes and stanchions, as well as many other details of duct fittings too numerous to reproduce in this text.

Duct leakage tests are performed on high pressure systems, because a relatively small leak at the higher pressures results in a considerable volume of air. The test procedure and the equipment used are reproduced from the SMACNA manual on the following pages. That this test determines is the actual air leakage in cubic feet per minute while the duct is continually held at the test pressure. SMACNA recommends a loss no greater than 1/3 of the system design air flow rate. It is not usually

Fig. 14-7
possible to test the whole system at once, but in segments; in which case the total leakage of the parts shall not exceed 1% of the total system air flow.

Refer to Uniform Mechanical Code, Chapters 10 and 12, for duct and comfort cooling requirements.
High velocity ducts must be sufficiently airtight to insure economical and quiet performance of the system. It must be recognized that air tightness in ducts as a practical matter cannot, and need not, be absolute (as it must be in a water piping system). Adequate air tightness can be assured by the application of a pressure test. When air at pressure of 4 inches W.G., or greater, escapes through a small orifice, it will cause noise. As greater amounts of air escape from the orifice, the noise level will increase. Field experience has proven that by eliminating all leaks which are audible to the average person in reasonably quiet surroundings, the total leakage will be less than one (1) percent of the system capacity. Conversely, if a measured leakage test is desired, then the criteria of a maximum permissible leakage of one (1) per cent of the system is a reasonable one.

Test Apparatus

The typical test apparatus (Fig. 10-1) consists of:

1. A source of high pressure air -- a portable rotary blower or a tank type vacuum cleaner.

2. A flow measuring device usually an orifice assembly consisting of straightening vanes and an orifice plate mounted in a straight tube with properly located pressure taps. Each orifice assembly is accurately calibrated with its own calibration curve. Pressure and flow readings are usually taken with U-tube manometers.

Test Procedure

1. Test for audible leaks as follows:

   (a) Close off and seal all openings in the duct section to be tested. Connect the test apparatus to the duct by means of a section of flexible duct.

   (b) Start the blower with its control damper closed (some small blowers popularly used for testing ducts may damage the duct because they can develop pressures up to 25 inches W.G.).

   (c) Gradually open the inlet damper until the duct pressure reaches 2 inches W.G. in excess of designed duct operating pressure. The test pressure is read on manometer No. 1. Note that the pressure is indicated by the difference in level between the two legs of the manometer and not by the distance from zero to the reading on one leg only.

   (d) Survey all joints for audible leaks. Mark each leak and repair after shutting down blower. Do not apply a retest until sealants have set.

2. After all audible leaks have been sealed, the remaining leakage should be measured with the orifice section of the test apparatus as follows:
(a) Start blower and open damper until pressure in duct reaches 2 inches w.c. in excess of designed duct operating pressure.

(b) Read the pressure differential across the orifice on manometer No. 2. The leakage rate in cfm is read directly from the calibration curve, similar to that shown in Fig. 10-2. If there is no leakage, the pressure differential will be zero.

(c) Total allowable leakage should not exceed one (1) percent of the total system design air flow rate. When partial sections of the duct system are tested, the summation of the leakage for all sections shall not exceed the total allowable leakage.

(d) If all audible leaks have been corrected, it is unlikely that the measured leakage will exceed one (1) per cent of capacity. If it does, the leaks must be located by more careful listening or by feeling along the joint.

(e) It should be noted that even though a system may pass the measured leakage test, a concentration of leakage at one point may still result in a noisy leak which, of course, must be corrected.

FREQUENTLY A CONTRACTOR INSTALLING A HIGH VELOCITY DUCT SYSTEM WILL EMPLOY A DUCT JOINT WITH WHICH EITHER HE OR HIS WORK FORCE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE. IN SUCH A CASE, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONTRACTOR PROMPTLY TEST THE INITIAL 100 TO 300 FEET OF DUCT BEFORE INSTALLING ANY MORE DUCT. THIS TEST WILL QUICKLY REVEAL WHETHER OR NOT THE WORKMEN CAN MAKE THIS JOINT AIRTIGHT IN AN ECONOMICAL MANNER.
ORIFICE
STRAIGHTENING VANES

NO.1 INDICATES TEST PRESSURE

NO.2 INDICATES PRESSURE DROP ACROSS ORIFICE

BLOWER WITH INLET DAMPER

MANOMETERS

Fig. 10-1

PRESSURE DROP ACROSS ORIFICE IN INCHES OF WATER

LEAKAGE CFM

Fig. 10-2

TYPICAL LEAKAGE TEST CURVE

NOTE: TYPICAL LEAKAGE TEST CURVE WILL VARY CONSIDERABLY WITH TEST EQUIPMENT USED.

APPARATUS FOR LEAK TESTING
Duct Check-Points

Verify that:

1. Proper metal gage is used consistent with the dimensions of the duct and SMACCNA. Shop fabricated duct should be inspected at the shop, or samples sent to the job site.

2. The duct size is enlarged to allow for interior lining.

3. Elbows are used where possible; otherwise approved turning vanes are used for 90° turns.

4. Damper frames fit tightly inside ducts, and damper blades close tightly with no leakage around ends.

5. Stiffening and bracing of large ducts and plenums are in accordance with SMACCNA standards.

6. Duct seams are hammered shut tightly. Drive seams are used in tight places.

7. Duct seams are taped, supply and exhaust, (where specified).

8. Sufficient space is allowed for applying insulation.

9. Access doors for fire dampers and similar devices inside the duct are located close to the damper.

10. Transitions are made with a 5 to 1 slope where possible.

11. Size changes (to clear interferences) are made in accordance with Fig. 14-7.

12. Aluminum duct is used for moisture-laden air, as evaporative condenser discharges, shower exhaust fan ducts, etc.

13. Exhaust ducts or systems carrying shavings, lint, etc., are smooth inside with no projecting screws and have cleanouts at changes of direction.

14. Ducts are supported per SMACCNA standards, or equal.

15. Balancing dampers are easily accessible and have locking devices.

16. Fire dampers bear the National Board of Fire Underwriters approval seal, or are approved by the State Fire Marshall.

17. Fire dampers are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (air flow direction, horizontal or vertical, correct temperature rating of fusible links).
15. TYPES OF VENTILATING SYSTEMS

The principal features of some of the basic air conditioning, heating and ventilating systems will be covered. Many variations of these will be encountered in practice depending on the particular environmental requirements.

**Basic Air Conditioning System (Fig. 15-1)**

Outside air is drawn in through the maximum and minimum outside air dampers, through the filters, heating and cooling coils, and distributed to the room outlets. The air is exhausted and/or returned to the outside and recirculated back through the conditioning apparatus. The amount of air drawn in from the outside is a minimum during hot or cold weather in the interest of economy. The minimum air damper is set at a certain fixed opening and never closes except when the plant shuts down. The main air damper controller also controls the return and exhaust air dampers so as to maintain the same volume of air flowing through the fan. The system either heats or cools, the heating and cooling coils being controlled by one thermostat.
Multizone System (Fig. 15-2)

Outside air is drawn in through maximum and minimum outside air dampers, or from the recirculation duct, and discharged by the fan into the space upstream of the heating and cooling coils. The air divides between the hot and cold coil, the quantity depending on the openings of the dampers at the outlet of the hot and cold plenums. The entire width of the hot and cold plenums is divided into sections, or zones, each with a separate set of mixing dampers. The individual hot and cold dampers are linked together, but 90° apart, so that as the hot damper is moved to the closed position the cold damper opens, and vice versa. The zone dampers are controlled by a zone thermostat located in one of the rooms in the zone being supplied.
Reheat System (Fig. 15-4)

The reheat system is similar to the Basic Air Conditioning (Fig. 15-1) except the main heating coil is replaced with reheat coils in the supply ducts to separate zones. The reheat coils are controlled by thermostats in the respective zones.

\[\text{Induction System (Fig. 15-5)}\]

The blower delivers outside or chilled air to the individual room units. The induction units have rows of small jets which deliver the air at a high velocity into the mixing chamber. The aspirating effect draws air through the heating coil which is controlled by a temperature regulating valve and room thermostat. The warm and cold air is mixed and delivered to the room. Induction systems also use tempered or warm air in the duct, and a chilled water coil. The coil is operated at a temperature above the dew point to prevent condensate formation.
INDUCTION UNIT

HOT (OR CHILLED) WATER

INDUCTION UNIT

MAX. O.S.A.

EXHAUST DAMPER

RETURN FAN

RETURN AIR DAMPER

FILTER

COOLING (OR HEAT) COIL

MIN. O.S.A.

CONDIONED AIR SUPPLY

RECIPIULATED AIR

PRIMARY AIR

SECTION OF INDUCTI0N UNIT

WINDOW

INDUCTION SYSTEM
High Pressure Dual Duct System (Fig. 15-6)

This system is similar to the low pressure dual duct except it utilizes high velocities and high pressure in moving the air through ducts designed for 6" w.c. pressure. The air is distributed through mixing boxes to the usual diffusers and registers. The schematic diagram of a mixing box (Fig. 15-7) indicates a pneumatically operated motor moving the mixing damper in and out to provide the required temperature as controlled by the room thermostat. The air volume leaving the
mixing box is controlled automatically by a spring loaded volume damper built into the box. The interior is lined with insulation for sound attenuation and heat barrier.
16. **TESTING AND BALANCING OF VENTILATION SYSTEMS**

The importance of adjusting and balancing a ventilation system cannot be overemphasized. The proper amount of draftless, noiseless, conditioned air circulated through the occupied spaces represents the product; the sum total of the expense of engineering, mechanical equipment, piping, duct work and controls that have gone into the plant. The balancing technician is not a magician; he cannot produce designed results if the design is off, but many times in the past the ball has been dropped at this crucial stage because of untrained personnel attempting to balance a system. Air balancing is a tedious task and involves going over certain operations several times. The finished result is not a tangible object, and faults and deficiencies may not be apparent until the spaces have been occupied. For this reason a methodical approach in going through the testing must be followed and accurate and truthful records kept. The integrity of a balancing firm is as important as its technical expertise. There is a tendency among some technicians (in the minority) to report readings considerably different than the actual in order to expedite the job. The balancing firm or technician should be directed to report the final cfm readings, as read, even if they are low, if they represent the best results obtainable within the capabilities of the system. This then should be referred back to the designer. The job of the inspector is to be familiar with the methods the balancer is using (or should be using) and verify the data at least on a spot check basis.

The mechanical inspector should review the ventilation duct work drawings at the beginning of the job to determine if there are sufficient dampers provided for balancing the air flow. These should include a manual damper at the following locations:

1. outside air supply
2. return air
3. in each zone of a multizone unit
4. at the branch connection to a main duct
5. at each diffuser or register outlet.

A single damper at the diffuser or register outlet cannot be used to do all the throttling as it will generate objectionable noise in the room being supplied, hence the requirement for a back-up damper at the branch connection.

Provision must also be made for extractors, scoops, etc, for diverting air from main runs to branches (Fig. 16-1).

The various air balancing firms throughout the U.S. and Canada have formed industry supported associations which have done much to standardize methods and procedures. The Associated Air
REGISTER & GRILLE CONNECTIONS

FIG. A

DUCT

AIR FLOW

AIR EXTRACTOR

FIG. B

DUCT

AIR FLOW

AIR EXTRACTOR

ADJUSTABLE DAMPER

SUPPLY REGISTER

NOTE:
REGISTER CONTAINS VOLUME CONTROL AT GRILLE. GRILLE HAS NO VOLUME CONTROL.
Balance Council* has produced a balancing procedure outline which satisfactorily covers all steps (Figs. 16-2 and 16-3). The corresponding forms developed by AABC are shown in the appendix.

**Instruments, Types and Use**

Referring to Figs. 16-2 and 16-3, "Balancing Procedure Outline" the duct traverses and static pressure readings require the use of a Pitot tube and U-tube manometer the application of which is covered in Section 4, "Air Movers". The motor load is found with the clamp-on ammeter, and the fan and motor speeds with a tachometer. The air delivered from the individual room outlets is measured by the instrument best suited to the type of outlet. For a register, one of the following may be used:

a. rotary type anemometer

b. briddled vane anemometer (Flo-rite)

c. deflecting vane anemometer (Velometer).

Type (a) and (b) are used by dividing the register in say, 4 equal areas, (by approximation) and taking a reading for each area and finding the average. The reason for this is that a branch outlet taken off at right angles from the main will have an unequal velocity distribution across its width. The velocity must not be found by moving the anemometer back and forth during the minute time interval as this will not give a true average. The anemometer reads directly in feet per minute, hence the reading is taken for one minute. The reading average is then multiplied by the core area, in square feet, which will give the volume in cubic feet per minute:

\[
\text{cubic feet per minute} = \text{velocity (fpm)} \times \text{effective area (sq ft)}
\]

(\text{effective area} = \text{registers manufacturer's effective anemometer area})

The Velometer can be used with the tip prescribed by the manufacturer and the appropriate register factor. However, the rotating anemometer is most generally used. The flow rates for exhaust registers are similarly found, except an average factor of 0.85 multiplied by the duct area may be used.

The measurement of flow from ceiling diffusers is read with a Velometer, using the appropriate tip and factor published by the manufacturer for exact model and size of diffuser being tested. Funnel shaped "hoods" are used for diffusers with perforated plates. The hood is the size of the diffuser at the big end and tapers down to 1 sq ft or 0.5 sq ft at the outlet. The velocity is then read with a velocimeter or anemometer.

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22. In order to meet the required tolerance of the plans & specifications, the following general testing and balancing procedure shall be used.

PHASE ONE:
A. All supply and return air duct dampers are set at full open position.
B. All diffuser and side wall grilles are set at full open position.
C. Outside air damper is set at minimum position.
D. All controls checked and set for full cooling cycle.
E. Branch line splitter dampers to open position.
F. Set all extractors and distribution grid in wide open positions.

PHASE TWO:
A. Drill all probe holes for static pressure readings, pitot tube traverse readings and temperature readings.
B. Check motor electrical current supply and rated running amperage of fan motors.
C. Check fan and motor speeds.
D. Check available adjustment tolerance.

PHASE THREE:
A. Make first complete air distribution run throughout entire system recording first run statistics.
B. Using pitot tube traverse in all main duct, branch duct, supply and return, proportion all air in required amounts to the various main duct runs and branch runs.
C. Make second complete air distribution run throughout entire system for check on proper proportion of air.

PHASE FOUR:
A. Using pitot tube traverse set all main line dampers to deliver proper amount of C. F. M. to all areas.
B. Using pitot tube traverse set all branch line dampers to deliver proper amount of C. F. M. to diffusers and side wall supply grilles in each zone.
C. Read C. F. M. at each outlet and adjust to meet requirements.
D. Test and record all items as listed (testing procedure Item C).

TESTING PROCEDURE - ITEM C

The air balance agency shall perform the following tests and balance system in accordance with the following requirements:

Fig. 16-2
1. Test and adjust blower R. P. M. to design requirements.
2. Test and record motor full load amperes.
3. Make pitot tube traverse of main supply ducts and obtain design C. F. M. at fans.
4. Test and record system static pressures, suction and discharge.
5. Test and adjust system for design recirculated air, C. F. M.
6. Test and adjust system for design C. F. M. outside air.
7. Test and record entering air temperatures. (D. B. heating and cooling)
8. Test and record entering air temperatures. (W. B. cooling)
9. Test and record leaving air temperatures. (D. B. heating and cooling)
10. Test and record leaving air temperatures. (W. B. cooling)
11. Adjust all main supply and return air ducts to proper design C. F. M.
12. Adjust all zones to proper design C. F. M. supply and return.
13. Test and adjust each diffuser, grille and register to within ____% of design requirements.
14. Each grille, diffuser and register shall be identified as to location and area.
15. Size, type and manufacture of diffusers, grilles, registers and all tested equipment shall be identified and listed. Manufacturer's ratings on all equipment shall be used for required calculations.
16. Readings and tests of diffusers, grilles and registers shall include required F. P. M. velocity and test resultant velocity, required C. F. M. and test resultant C. F. M. after adjustments.
17. In cooperation with the control manufacturer's representatives setting adjustments of automatically operated dampers to operate as specified, indicated and/or noted.
18. All diffusers, grilles and registers shall be adjusted to minimize drafts in all areas.
19. As a part of the work of this contract, THE AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTOR shall make any changes in the pulleys, belts and dampers or the additions of dampers required for correct balance as recommended by Air Balance Agency at no additional cost to Owner.

Fig. 16-3

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Limitations of Anemometers

The rotary anemometer is individually calibrated at the time of manufacture and should be re-calibrated periodically thereafter. The lower limit of accuracy is about 200 fpm. It should be held in the air stream so that the speed indicator turns clockwise. Deflecting vane anemometers require careful handling and require periodic recalibration. They are available in several ranges of velocity, and should be selected with a mid range of 1,000 fpm since this is the usual diffuser outlet velocity. The Air Diffuser Council (an association of diffuser manufacturers) bases its test code for establishing outlet factors on the Alnor Velometer instrument using a type 2220A tip. Fig. 16-4 illustrates the use of the above instruments.

Hydronic Balancing

Also important in the balancing of a system is the setting and recording of hot water and chilled water flow rates. This is made possible with the use of venturi flow nozzles and orifice plate meters permanently installed in the system. Provision is made for connecting the leads of a portable flow indicator upstream and downstream of the flow device, and the flow reading in inches of water pressure differential (generally) is converted to gpm by means of a chart furnished by the manufacturer.
Procedure for Testing Grilles and Registers with Alnor Velometer

Testing with the FloRite Meter

Testing with an Anemometer (Manufactured by Keuffel & Esser Co.)

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17. **INSTRUMENTATION**

This section will describe the various types of instruments that are used in heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems and the manner in which they should be installed. The accuracy and hence, usefulness, of a thermometer, gage, flowmeter, etc, depends on how and where it is installed in the system. A device that gives the wrong indications is worse than none at all.

Flow measuring devices include orifices and venturis which are shown schematically in Fig. 17-1.

![Orifice Element](image1)

**ORIFICE ELEMENT**

![Venturi Element](image2)

**VENTURI ELEMENT**

Fig. 17-1

In each case, the water velocity is increased temporarily as it flows through the element. For a given orifice or venturi diameter the flow can be found by measuring the pressure drop across the element. It is mandatory, however, that there be a smooth, non-turbulent flow of the fluid approaching and leaving the device, otherwise an inaccurate reading will result. A smooth upstream and downstream flow is obtained by providing a certain length of straight pipe on both sides, depending on (1) the ratio of the orifice diameter to the pipe diameter and (2) the nature of the disturbing elements upstream and downstream. Referring to Fig. 17-2, various piping configurations
FIGURE 2 — Piping Requirements for Orifices, Flow Nozzles and Venturi Tubes.
are shown with charts giving the orifice location. The diameter ratio (ordinate) is as described above, and the abscissa indicates the diameters of straight pipe; i.e., 20 diameters of 6" pipe = 120 inches, etc. Additional pipe configurations are shown in the appendix. If the space limitations are such that the minimum straight run of pipe ahead of the orifice cannot be obtained, straightening vanes must be used as shown in the schedules. Fig. 17-3 shows some typical straightening vanes. The set of orifice flanges are drilled internally to provide upstream and downstream pressure taps for the orifice plate. The pressure connections are on top of the flanges. The machine screws projecting from the backs of the flanges are jack screws for forcing the flange faces apart. The orifice plate is the paddle type, the handle of which is stamped with the orifice and pipe diameters, and indicates which way the stamped side is to face (upstream or downstream).

Fig. 17-3

The venturi flow nozzle is not as sensitive to turbulence as the orifice and generally requires 5 pipe diameters upstream and 2 pipe diameters downstream. Orifices used for flow measurement of steam or gases are designed and calibrated for a specific pressure, temperature and density of the medium. Any departure from these stated conditions will cause an erroneous reading, and must be corrected back to the meter standard.

Thermometers should be installed inside thermometer wells in piping, with the bulb in the center of the pipe. The range of the thermometer should be selected so that the normal operating temperature will be at mid-scale. They are best installed at eye height if possible; or with an inclined face if higher,
1) Note cast direction arrow on venturi and make sure flow is in direction of arrow. Venturi may be installed in any position.

2) Red Quick-Disconnect assembly should be installed on red or up-stream tap.

3) Green Quick-Disconnect assembly should be installed on green or down-stream tap.
and be visible from the operating level.

Gages should also be selected so that the operating pressure is near to mid-scale as this is the most accurate point. Gage syphons are necessary for steam and hot water service to prevent damage to the gage. Rapidly fluctuating pressures will soon wear out a gage and can be corrected by using a "snubber" fitting in the gage line. Gage connections should not be made on or near fittings where turbulent flow exists, and be arranged so that the gage may be easily installed and removed for calibration. The accuracy of gages can be checked with a "dead weight" gage tester, or by comparison with a test gage of known accuracy.
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## COMMERCIAL WROUGHT STEEL PIPE DATA

### Notes:
1. The letters "s", "x", and "xx" in the column of Schedule Numbers indicate Standard, Extra Strong and Double Extra Strong Pipes, respectively.
2. The values shown in square feet for the Transverse Internal Area also represent the volume in cubic feet per foot of pipe length.

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### COMMERICAL WROUGHT STEEL PIPE DATA (concluded)

| Nominal Pipe Size (Inches) | Outside Diameter (Inches) | Schedule | Wall Thickness (Inches) | Inside Diameter (Inches) | Area of Metal (Inches sq) | Transverse Internal Area (Inches sq) | Moment of Inter (I) (Inches sq) | Weight of Pipe (Pounds per Foot) | Weight of Water Pounds per Foot | Thickness 

#### 10 7/16

| 10 | 10.375 | 11.90 | 13.92 | 15.60 | 17.28 | 18.96 | 20.64 | 22.32 | 24.00 | 25.68 | 27.36 | 29.04 | 30.72 | 32.40 |

#### 12 12.75

| 12 | 12.50 | 14.00 | 15.60 | 17.28 | 18.96 | 20.64 | 22.32 | 24.00 | 25.68 | 27.36 | 29.04 | 30.72 | 32.40 | 34.08 |

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### Copper Water Tube Standards

#### Dimensions and Weights

**Diameter and Wall Thickness Tolerances**

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(a) The standard lengths for tubes furnished straight are 12 and 20 feet.

(b) The standard length for tubes furnished in coils is 60 feet.

### Lengths

**Length Tolerance**

Same as for round seamless tube.

**Roundness Tolerance**

Same as for round seamless tube.

**Weight Tolerance**

Tube shall not vary in weight by more than 7% from the theoretical weight given in Table II.

**Temper**

Types K and L — hard and soft tempers.

Type M — hard temper only.

**Squareness of Cut**

Same as for round seamless tube.

Copper and Brass Research Association, A-3 New York, New York
LINEAR EXPANSION OF COPPER TUBING AND STEEL PIPE

(Inches per 100 feet)

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COPPER EXPANSION LOOPS AND OFFSETS

Expansions Loop  Offset

![Diagram of expansion loop and offset]

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Data from Mueller Bross Co.
ARMSTRONG “L” SERIES LARGE CAPACITY STEAM TRAPS

Float and Thermostatic Type for continuous drainage requirements pressures from 0 to 250 psig ... capacities to 52,000 lbs/hr

Armstrong “L” Series Steam Traps are king sized float and thermostatic traps. They are designed especially to meet very large capacity needs in services where continuous drainage is essential or desirable.

The float and the lever mechanism are all stainless steel with heat treated chrome steel valve and seat. Lever motion is guided to assure proper valve seating and maximum life for the valve and seat.

The integral thermostatic air vent in “L” Series Traps is a charged multi-convolution beryllium copper bellows caged in stainless steel. It is designed especially for heavy duty industrial applications where highly efficient, uninterrupted service is essential. It is a balanced pressure type that responds to the pressure-temperature curve of steam at any pressure from zero to maximum operating pressure. Thus, air will be vented at slightly below steam temperature throughout the operating range.

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**Table B-L. MODELS AND CAPACITIES**

Capacities are continuous discharge capacities in pounds of condensate per hour at pressure differential indicated with condensate within 5° of steam temperature.

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Available with integral vacuum breaker for pressures to 150 psi. Suffix “VB” to Model No. Also available with integral flash release for syphon drainage service. Suffix “CC” to Model No.
Here's how Armstrong Inverted Bucket Steam Traps deliver everything you should get in a trap

1. No Steam Waste
   Discharge valve is water sealed. Steam does not reach it.

2. Long Life and Dependable Service
   Valve and seat are chrome steel, heat treated, ground and lapped. Free floating valve mechanism is "frictionless." Wear points are heavily reinforced.

3. Corrosion Resistance
   All working parts are made of stainless steel.

4. Continuous Air Venting
   Vent in top of bucket provides continuous automatic air venting. The steam passing through the vent is less than required to offset radiation loss from the trap.

5. CO₂ Venting at Steam Temperature
   Fixed vent passes CO₂ immediately—there is no cooling lag that would permit CO₂ to go into solution and form corrosive carbonic acid.

6. Operating Against Back Pressure
   Since trap operation is governed solely by the difference in density of steam and water, back pressure in the return line has no effect on the ability of the trap to open for condensate and close against steam.

7. Freedom from Dirt Trouble
   Condensate flow under the bottom edge of the bucket keeps sediment and sludge in suspension until discharged with condensate. There is no build-up of dirt. There are no close clearances to be affected by scale.

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FOR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Heating When Steam is Turned On

Wherever steam is turned on and off, air will accumulate in piping and steam equipment during the off period. A trap with a thermic bucket will discharge this air 50 to 100 times faster than a standard bucket, reducing heat-up time remarkably. Thermic vent buckets are available for all Armstrong traps for use at pressures up to 125 psig.

Where to Use: Single pipe coils; small on-and-off unit heaters; on-and-off multiple coils; drip points (particularly at ends of steam distribution mains); wherever air will pocket and be discharged ahead of incoming steam.

Operation of the thermic bucket trap is described at the right.

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How the Thermic Vent Bucket Works

1. Trap cool. Air cannot collect at the top of the bucket because the large vent is wide open. The bucket stays down and holds the trap valve wide open allowing air to escape very rapidly until...

2. ...steam reaches the bucket. The bimetal strip is heated by the steam. This closes the thermic vent. Steam will then collect in top of bucket to impart buoyancy and close the trap valve.

With thermic vent closed, the trap operates as a standard trap as shown in operating drawings on pages 2 & 3.
Before Installing
Run pipe to trap. Before installing the trap, clean the line by blowing down at full steam pressure. (Clean any strainer screens after this blow-down.)

Trap Location ABC’s
Accessible for inspection and repair
Below drip point whenever possible
Close to drip point

Trap Hook-Ups. For low and medium pressure service, see Figs. 42-1 through 42-8. Follow the Power Piping Code for Drips and Drains when installing high pressure traps.

Shut-Off Valves ahead of traps are needed when traps drain steam mains, large water heaters, etc., where system cannot be shut down for trap maintenance. They are not needed for small steam heated machines—a laundry press, for example. Shut-off valve in steam supply to machine is sufficient.

Shut-off valve in trap discharge line is needed when trap has a bypass. It is a good idea when there is high pressure in discharge header. See also Check Valves.

By-passes (Figs. 42-6 and 42-7). Use only when continuous service is a must. Keep by-passes above traps as shown.

Unions. If only one is used, it should be on discharge side of trap. With two unions, avoid horizontal or vertical in-line installations. The best practice is to install at right angles as in Figs. 42-1 and 42-6 or parallel as in Fig. 42-7.

Standard Connections. Servicing is simplified by keeping lengths of inlet and outlet nipples identical for traps of a given size and type. A spare trap with identical fittings and half unions can be kept in the storeroom. In the event a trap needs repair it is a simple matter to break the two unions slip out the ailing trap, put in the spare and tighten the unions. Repairs can then be made in the shop and the repaired trap, with fittings and half unions, put back in stock.

Test Valves (Fig. 42-1) provide best means of checking trap operation. Use a pet cock or a small globe valve. Provide a check valve or shut-off valve in the discharge line to isolate trap while testing.

Strainers. Install strainers ahead of small traps when dirt conditions are bad or where specified. They are seldom needed with larger size of traps.

Traps No. 880-883 have built-in strainers. When strainer blow down valve is used, shut off steam supply valve before opening strainer blow-down valve. Condensate in trap body will flash back through strainer screen for thorough cleaning. Open steam valve slowly to be sure trap regains its seal.

Dirt Pockets (Figs. 42-1 and 42-7) are excellent for stopping scale and core sand. Clean periodically.

Syphon Installations require a water seal and a check valve in the trap. Syphon pipe should be one size smaller than nominal size of trap used but not less than 1/2" pipe size.

Elevating Condensate. Do not oversize the vertical riser. In fact, one pipe size smaller than normal for the job will give excellent results.

Check Valves are frequently needed. They are a must if no discharge line shut-off valve is used. Fig. 42-9 shows three possible locations for external check valves—a check valve in the trap (See page 4). Recommended locations given below.

Discharge Line Check Valves prevent back flow and isolate trap when test valve is opened. Normally installed at location B. When return line is elevated and trap is exposed to freezing conditions, install check valve at location A, Fig. 42-9.

Inlet Line Check Valves prevent loss of seal if pressure should drop suddenly or if trap is above drip point. Armstrong Stainless Steel Check Valve in trap body, location D, is recommended. If swing check is used, install at location C.

Protection Against Freezing. In general, a properly selected and installed Armstrong Trap will not freeze as long as steam is coming to the trap. If the steam supply should be shut off, the trap should be drained manually or automatically by means of a thermo drain or pop drain.

Fig. 42-1. Standard hookup No. 800-814, 880-883 traps, with shut-off valves to isolate trap during testing, inspection or repair. Unions should be at right angles—not in-line—to facilitate trap removal.

Fig. 42-2. Hookup No. 211-216 traps.

Fig. 42-3. No. 880-883 with strainer blow-down valve.

Fig. 42-4. Hookup No. 801 trap (shows how shut-off valve ahead of unit can serve as shut-off for a trap).

Fig. 42-5. Alternate hookup for No. 800-814 with inlet at bottom.

Fig. 42-6. Bypass hookups for No. 800-814 and 880-883 traps.

Fig. 42-7. Bypass hookup for No. 211-216 traps.

Fig. 42-8. Trap draining syphon.

Fig. 42-9. Possible check valve locations.

A-5-(c) Courtesy, Armstrong Machine Works
ARMSTRONG THERMOSTATIC AIR VENTS

for venting air from steam in chamber type heat exchangers pressures to 125 psig

Armstrong offers the Model TV-2 Balanced Pressure Thermostatic Air Vent for positive venting of air from chamber type heat transfer equipment with no loss of steam. Typical applications include jacketed kettles, retorts, vulcanizers, jacketed sterilizers or other contained equipment where air could accumulate at the top of the steam chamber and reduce heat transfer capacity.

The Model TV-2 is a balanced pressure thermostatic air vent that responds to the pressure-temperature curve of steam at any pressure from light vacuum to maximum operating pressure. Air is automatically vented at slightly below steam temperature throughout the entire operating pressure range.

The thermostatic element is a charged, multi-convolution beryllium copper bellows caged in stainless steel. Valve and seat are also stainless steel designed to meet the most rigid cycling specifications known for this type of service.

Table A-13. PHYSICAL DATA, MODEL TV-2 AIR VENTS

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Armstrong Model TV-2 Thermostatic Air Vents should be installed at the highest points of steam chambers with inlet connections to the vents higher than the highest points of the chambers. Thus installed there is minimum hazard of any liquid carryover and air can be vented to atmosphere with no drain line necessary. The drawings above show typical installations on steam chambers.

HOW TO USE THE MODEL TV-2 THERMOSTATIC AIR VENT

Fig. 13-1. On a retort

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DESIGN FEATURES

Stainless steel hemispherical valve and seat.

Thermostatic element comprises a multi-convolution beryllium copper bellows caged in stainless steel.

Thermostatic element is charged with water to provide positive opening of the valve at slightly below steam temperature and positive closing in the presence of steam throughout the operating pressure range.

ASTM-B-62 cast bronze body.

A-5-(d) Courtesy, Armstrong Machine Works
CHAPTER 8

THERMODYNAMIC TRAPS

This third class of steam traps utilizes the heat energy in hot condensate and steam to control the opening and closing of the trap.

ORIFICE (LABYRINTH) TYPE — This was one of the earliest thermodynamic traps. In one form it combines an adjustable orifice (A) with labyrinth passages (B) to control the flow of condensate. Due to pressure drop through the LABYRINTH PASSAGES and the adjustable orifice, some condensate turns to flash steam as condensate approaches steam temperature. This provides a measure of automatic flow control, for the nearer the condensate approaches steam temperature the greater will be the flashing and therefore the greater the choking effect of the flash steam.

As with the orifice plate described in CHAPTER No. 3, page 6, if the condensate load does not fluctuate to any great degree this trap is quite satisfactory, but if load, pressure, or temperature vary considerably it is likely to either back-up condensate or blow live steam.

PISTON VALVE TYPE IMPULSE® TRAP — A later and more modern thermodynamic trap is the Impulse Trap.

Without going into the technical details of the engineering theory involved, the operation of this trap is described very simply in the following paragraphs.

This trap in its best known form consists essentially of a piston type valve (P) operating within a CONTROL CYLINDER (C).

The lower end of the valve has a tapered seating surface which opens and closes the ORIFICE (O).

When steam is turned on in the system ahead of the trap, pressure is exerted on the under side of the PISTON DISC (D), on the Valve (P), pushing it upward to open the ORIFICE (O), so the condensate and air can flow out at full capacity.

The valve opens wide on start-up for full discharge of condensate and to quickly get rid of any air that may have accumulated in the system.

Valve stays wide open until condensate nears steam temperature.

Opening and closing of this trap is regulated by the slight condensate flow termed the CONTROL FLOW, which goes up past the PISTON DISC (D) to the intermediate pressure area in the CONTROL CHAMBER (E). It then flows out the CONTROL ORIFICE (F) in the hollow stem of the valve to the lower pressure in the discharge port of the trap.
When condensate nears steam temperature, these pressure drops cause it to flash in the CONTROL CHAMBER (E) and in the CONTROL ORIFICE (F). This chokes the flow through the control orifice which increases the pressure in the CONTROL CHAMBER (E) snapping the valve shut to prevent the loss of live steam.

As long as the condensate remains hot enough to continue the flashing the valve remains closed. When it cools slightly the flashing decreases. This reduces pressure in the CONTROL CHAMBER allowing the valve to reopen and the cycle is repeated.

The CONTROL FLOW continuously samples the condensate flow coming to the trap and causes the valve to open or close quickly at the proper time - to open wide on condensate, but close when steam reaches the trap.

Therefore the quick response provided by the control flow in this trap aids in bringing steam equipment up to temperature quickly and in maintaining high even temperatures of the apparatus. This promotes high efficiency of the overall operation.

The CONTROL FLOW consists of only a slight percentage of the full flow through the main orifice. This means that only an amount of condensate equal to this small percentage is required to completely fill the control orifice at all times. When the main valve is closed and as long as this slight amount of condensate flow is maintained there can be no measurable flow of steam through the control orifice.

INTEGRAL STRAINER TYPE IMPULSE® TRAP — For high pressure service in Power Plant and Marine service this trap is made with a built-in or integral strainer, as shown in the illustration. This provides a very compact and sturdy construction for such types of applications.

LEVER VALVE TYPE HIGH CAPACITY IMPULSE® TRAP — A newer version of the Impulse Trap is the High Capacity Impulse Trap. Designed for extra heavy condensate loads, it operates on the same basic principle as the original type but with a lever action rather than a piston action.

This trap consists of a valve disc (A) to which is attached an inlet valve (B). At point (C) the valve disc acts as an outlet valve, opening and closing the outlet orifice (D) as the valve disc tilts up and down around the fulcrum point (E). A control orifice (F) is provided in the valve disc over the center of the discharge or outlet orifice (D).

When valve disc is at rest there is a control flow between the inlet valve (B) and its seat. This control flow then goes on out the control orifice (F).
Incoming condensate and air push the disc upward with a tilting action and full flow goes out the discharge orifice (D).

Operation is similar to that of the original Impulse Trap except the control flow combines with the main flow when the valve opens instead of following a separate flow path as in the earlier design. Flashing of the hot condensate controls the closing of the valve disc just as in the original Impulse type and action is governed by the same basic principle of control flow.

DISC TYPE TRAP — One of the most recently developed types of thermodynamic traps is known as the DISC type.

It consists of a round flat DISC (D) positioned over a center INLET ORIFICE (O) and an ANNULAR DISCHARGE (A) leading off through a DISCHARGE PORT (C). All are enclosed within a BONNET (B) mounted on the body of the trap.

When operation starts, pressure in the INLET ORIFICE (O) pushes the DISC (D) up vertically off the two concentric seating surfaces surrounding the inlet and outlet ports. This allows discharge to flow out through the DISCHARGE PORT (C).

Now when very hot Condensate and Steam come to the trap the high velocity flow outward past the rim of the DISC (D) up into the CHAMBER (E) tends to reduce the pressure on the under side of the DISC causing some of the Condensate to turn to Flash Steam. At the same time the flashing condensate flowing outward at high velocity strikes the side wall of the CHAMBER (E) causing a build up of pressure in the CHAMBER snapping the DISC (D) shut.

The DISC remains in the closed position until the pressure in the BONNET falls due to the condensing of the steam in the bonnet.

When pressure in the bonnet falls sufficiently the DISC rises, condensate flows out and the cycle is repeated.

This type of trap is essentially a TIME CYCLE device. In other words, under normal operating conditions each time the DISC closes on Steam at a given pressure and temperature it will stay closed for approximately the same length of time. This means that if CONDENSATE comes to the trap in the middle of a cycle, it will have to wait till pressure in the bonnet falls sufficiently to permit the DISC to open.

LEVER DISC TYPE IMPULSE® TRAP — This newest version of the Impulse Trap operates in somewhat the same manner as the Disc Trap described above, except that the valve disc is arranged so that it opens and closes the valve with a tilting action rather than moving straight up and down as in the above type.

The Lever Disc Impulse Trap is designed primarily for the lighter condensate loads.
When condensate enters this trap it pushes the disc upward with a tilting action because the inlet orifice (O) is off center. (To the left of center in the illustration.) Discharge then goes out through the discharge ports (D) in the seat plate. When steam and steam temperature condensate come to the trap the bonnet fills with steam and the increased pressure closes the disc in a somewhat similar manner to that described for the disc trap above.

The tilting or lever action of the valve in the lever disc trap insures a minimum of wear on the parts and also aids in reducing to a minimum the noise from the trap discharge.

As in the case of the DISC TYPE TRAP, this trap also operates on a time cycle. In other words, the time between opening and closing will be relatively constant for a given set of load and pressure conditions.

When the lever disc trap is closed by live steam and flash steam entering the bonnet, it stays closed until the steam in the bonnet condenses and also bleeds off slowly between the ground surface of the seat and the disc.

This “bleeding off” actually comprises a very slight control flow similar to that in the other styles of Impulse® Traps, but is so small it is barely perceptible at the trap discharge. Without this slight control flow this type of trap would stay closed for such a long time when steam filled the bonnet, that it would not provide satisfactory operation.

Both the Disc and Lever Disc types of Traps just described are effective from the upper limits of their recommended capacity ratings down to even the very lightest condensate loads.

Several other varieties of disc type traps have recently been made available, but all operate on the same general principles just described for the Disc and Lever Disc types of traps.

COMBINATION TRAP, STRAINER, AND STRAINER BLOWDOWN VALVE — A recent development combining the Lever Disc type Impulse Trap with a strainer and strainer blowdown valve is shown in the adjoining illustration.

It includes all three devices in one compact assembly and, as can readily be seen, affords a considerable saving in labor of installation, space, and weight.

The blowdown valve, operated by a standard Allen wrench, affords a quick and easy method of cleaning the strainer screen.

Like the Lever Disc type described above, this combination trap is designed primarily for the lighter condensate loads.
THERMOSTATIC EXPANSION VALVES *

Theory of Operation – Application – Selection

HOW THE THERMOSTATIC EXPANSION VALVE WORKS

Basically, Thermostatic Expansion Valve Operation is determined by three fundamental pressures.

- \( P_b \): Bulb pressure acts on one side of the diaphragm, tends to open the valve.
- \( P_e \): Evaporator pressure acts on the opposite side, tends to close the valve.
- \( P_s \): Spring pressure is applied to the pin carrier and is transmitted through the push rods to the evaporator side of the diaphragm, which also assist in the closing action.

When the valve is modulating, bulb pressure is balanced by the evaporator pressure and spring pressure. \( P_t \) equals \( P_e + P_s \).

When the same refrigerant is used in both the thermostatic element and refrigeration system, each will exert the same pressure if their temperatures are identical. After evaporation of the liquid refrigerant in the evaporator the suction gas is superheated – its temperature will increase. However, the evaporator pressure, neglecting pressure drop, is unchanged. This warmer vapor flowing through the suction line increases the bulb temperature.

Since the bulb contains both vapor and liquid refrigerant (not superheated vapor alone as in the suction line) its temperature and pressure increases. This higher bulb pressure acting on the top (bulb side) of the diaphragm is greater than the opposing evaporator pressure and spring pressure which causes the valve pin to be moved away from the seat. The valve is opened until the spring pressure – combined with the evaporator pressure – is sufficient to balance the bulb pressure. Figure 1 illustrates a system with the same refrigerant in both the bulb and evaporator. The two curves Opening Force (bulb pressure) and Evaporator Pressure curve coincide. When Spring Pressure is added to the latter the total Closing Force is shown by the dash curve.

If the valve does not feed enough refrigerant, the evaporator pressure drops or the bulb temperature is increased by the warmer vapor leaving the evaporator (or both) and the valve opens, admitting more refrigerant until the three pressures are again in balance. Conversely, if the valve feeds too much refrigerant, the bulb temperature is decreased, or the evaporator pressure increases (or both) and the spring pressure tends to close the valve until the three pressures are in balance.

With an increase in evaporator load, the liquid refrigerant evaporates at a faster rate and increases the evaporator pressure. The higher evaporator pressure results in a higher evaporator temperature and a correspondingly higher bulb temperature. The additional evaporator pressure (temperature) acts on the bottom of the diaphragm while the additional bulb pressure (temperature) acts on the top. Thus the two pressure increases on the diaphragm tend to cancel out each other and the valve easily adjusts to the new load condition with a negligible change in superheat.

The thermostatic expansion valve will maintain a fully active evaporator under all load conditions.

Fixed restrictions and other expansion devices can offer only a compromise in system performance when operating conditions change.

SPORLAN SELECTIVE CHARGES

For the most efficient system performance, Sporlan introduced Selective Charges for thermostatic expansion valves, over a quarter of a century ago. Their present universal acceptance throughout the refrigeration industry is evidence of the many operational advantages not possible with conventional charges.

An explanation of the characteristics, design features and advantages of each selective charge follows:

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**Design Characteristics:**

1. **Sporlan Type L Charge** employs the same refrigerant in the thermostatic element as used within the system.
2. The bulb volume and amount of charge it contains is such that sufficient liquid will remain in the bulb under all temperature conditions of the diaphragm case and capillary tubing.

**Advantages:**

- Bulb will always control refrigerant flow despite a colder valve or diaphragm case.

**Disadvantages:**

1. When the compressor is started, the suction and evaporator pressures drop. But since the valve bulb is not immediately cooled, the comparatively high bulb pressure opens the valve too much resulting in:
   - a. **Low superheat** and possible floodback to the compressor.
   - b. Delayed suction pressure pulldown and possible overloading of the compressor motor.
2. With the same valve adjustment, the superheat increases at lower evaporator temperatures where high superheats are more detrimental to system capacity.
3. **During off-cycle,** if bulb is in a comparatively warm location, the bulb pressure may be great enough to open the valve, filling the evaporator with liquid. Another possible cause of floodback at start-up.
4. Conventional liquid charged valves have no inherent anti-hunt features.

**Application:** Because of the definite operating advantages obtained with the use of Sporlan Selective Charges, the use of the Type L charge is generally confined to single capacity ammonia systems and a few unusual applications.

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**Design Characteristics:**

1. **Type P Air Conditioning Charge** with the Sporlan FlowMaster Element includes a Pressure limit or maximum operating pressure (MOP) feature. The Sporlan P charge is a patented modification of the conventional limited liquid charge (gas charge). The constituents of this charge are such that at a predetermined valve bulb temperature a maximum bulb pressure is reached. Any increase in bulb temperature above this point also results in virtually no increase in bulb pressure, causing the valve to throttle.
2. Sporlan Type P air conditioning charge makes use of the patented Flow-Master element which is effective in stabilizing valve control and in materially reducing system hunt. See Page 3.

**Advantages of the Sporlan Type P Air Conditioning Charge with FlowMaster Element:**

1. Valve closes tightly during off-cycle. During the normal warm up of the evaporator, the point of maximum bulb pressure is reached. Above this point an increase in bulb temperature results in virtually no increase in bulb pressure (opening force). The evaporator pressure (closing force), however, continues to rise and, assisted by the spring pressure, closes the valve tightly.
2. Valve remains closed during pulldown. While the evaporator temperature is relatively high, the valve remains closed until the evaporator temperature is reduced below the maximum operating pressure of the charge. This permits rapid pulldown, avoiding floodback and overloading of the compressor motor.
For peak performance, it is important to select a Sporlan thermostatic expansion valve with the correct capacity, selective charge, external or internal equalizer, etc. Equally important is the proper installation, which can determine the success or failure of the entire system.

A. VALVE LOCATION

Thermostatic expansion valves may be mounted in any position, but should be installed as close to the evaporator inlet as possible. If a refrigerant distributor is used, mount the distributor directly to the valve outlet for best performance. See Bulletin 20-10 for application information on refrigerant distributors.

If a hand valve is located on the outlet side of the thermostatic expansion valve it should have a full sized port. No restrictions should appear between the thermostatic expansion valve and evaporator, except a refrigerant distributor if one is used.

Sporlan Thermostatic Expansion Valves having Selective Charges C, Z, L, or X may be installed and operated in warm or cool locations. The amount of thermostatic charge and the bulb size are such that the bulb always retains control despite a colder valve body or diaphragm case.

To minimize the possibility of charge migration the Sporlan Flow-Master P or G air conditioning charges or ZP refrigeration charges should be installed so that the diaphragm case is warmer than the bulb.

PRECAUTIONS — WHEN VALVE IS INSTALLED AT CONSIDERABLE HEIGHT ABOVE LIQUID RECEIVER

When the evaporator and thermostatic expansion valve are located above the receiver, there is a static pressure loss in the liquid line. This is due to the weight of the column of liquid refrigerant, and this weight may be interpreted in terms of pressure loss in pounds per square inch as shown in Table-2, Page 14, Bulletin 10-10.

If the vertical lift is great enough, vapor, or flash gas will form in the liquid line causing a serious reduction in the capacity of the thermostatic expansion valve.
Ordinarily the conventional suction — liquid heat exchanger is installed near the evaporator where the suction vapor is the coolest. When the primary purpose of the heat exchanger is to prevent the formation of flash gas, it should be installed near the receiver before the vertical lift occurs. This also applies to the special devices described in Method-3. Subcooling devices installed near the evaporator will, of course, re-condense much of the vapor, but vapor in the liquid line considerably increases friction losses — possibly making the total pressure drop prohibitive. The suction line and liquid line (if subcooled below ambient temperature) should be carefully insulated to minimize heat gain.

IMPORTANT — Preventing the formation of vapor in liquid lines having high pressure losses does not eliminate the requirement that an adequate pressure drop must be available across the thermostatic expansion valve. The capacity tables show valve capacities at pressure drops lower than normal. For thermostatic expansion valve application data and capacities at pressure drops below those listed, consult Sporlan Valve Company.

B. SOLDER TECHNIQUE.

It is not necessary to disassemble sweat type valves such as Types S and P when soldering to the connecting lines. Any of the commonly used types of solder such as 50-50, 95-5, Sil-Fos, Easy-Flow, Phos-Copper or equivalents are satisfactory. It is important, however, regardless of the solder used, to direct the flame away from the valve body and avoid excessive heat on the diaphragm, Figure-2. As an extra precaution, a damp cloth may be wrapped around the diaphragm during the soldering operation.

C. BULB LOCATION and INSTALLATION

The location of the bulb is extremely important, and in some cases determines the success or failure of the refrigerating plant. For satisfactory expansion valve control, good thermal contact between the bulb and suction line is essential. The bulb should be securely fastened with two bulb straps to a clean, straight section of the suction line. Application of the bulb to a horizontal run of suction line is preferred. If a vertical installation cannot be avoided, the bulb should be mounted so that the capillary tubing comes out at the top.

On suction lines ¼" OD and larger, the surface temperature may vary slightly around the circumference of the line. On these lines, it is generally recommended that the bulb be installed at a point mid-way on the side of the horizontal line, and parallel with respect to the direction of flow. On smaller lines the bulb may be mounted at any point around the circumference, however, locating the bulb on the bottom of the line, is not recommended as an oil-refrigerant mixture is generally present at that point. Certain conditions peculiar to a particular system may require a different bulb location than that normally recommended. In these cases the proper bulb location may be determined by trial.

Recommended suction line piping includes a horizontal line leaving the evaporator to which the thermostatic expansion valve bulb is attached. This line is pitched slightly downward, and when a vertical riser follows, a short trap is placed immediately ahead of the vertical line, see Figure-3. The trap will collect any liquid refrigerant or oil passing through the suction line and prevent it from influencing the bulb temperature.

On multiple evaporator installations the piping should be arranged so that the flow from any valve cannot affect the bulb of another. Approved piping practices including the proper use of traps insures individual control for each valve without the influence of refrigerant and oil flow from other evaporators.
For recommended suction line piping when the evaporator is located above the compressor see Figure-5. The vertical riser extending to the height of the evaporator prevents refrigerant from draining by gravity into the compressor during the off-cycle. When a pump-down control is used, the suction line may turn immediately down without a trap.

The equalizer connection should be made at a point that will most clearly reflect the pressure existing in the suction line at the point of bulb location. Although, in most cases the equalizer is connected within several inches of the bulb, occasionally it is located at a more remote point. The pressure difference between the equalizer connection and the bulb location should not exceed those shown in Table-1, Page 9, Bulletin 10-10.

Generally the external equalizer connection is in the suction line immediately down-stream of the bulb, Figure-6. However equipment manufacturers sometimes select other locations that are compatible with their specific design requirements.

On Commercial and Low Temperature Applications requiring Sporlan Selective Charges C, Z, or X the bulb should be clamped on the suction line at a point where the bulb temperature will be the same as the evaporator temperature during the off-cycle. This will insure tight closing of the valve when the compressor stops. If bulb insulation is used on lines operating below 32°F, use non-water absorbing insulation to prevent water from freezing around the bulb.

On brine tanks and water coolers the bulb should be below the liquid surface where it will be at the same temperature as the evaporator during the off-cycle. When locating the bulb in a brine tank, paint it and the capillary tubing with pitch or other corrosion resistant paint.

If, for practical reasons, the bulb must be located where its temperature will be higher than the evaporator during the off-cycle, a solenoid valve must be used ahead of the thermostatic expansion valve.

On Air Conditioning Applications having thermostatic expansion valves equipped with Flow-Master Types P or G charged elements, the bulb may be located inside or outside the cooled space or duct. The valve body should not be located in the air stream leaving the evaporator. Avoid locating the bulb in the return air stream unless it is well insulated.

D. EXTERNAL EQUALIZER CONNECTION

For a complete explanation of when an externally equalized valve should be used refer to Pages 7 to 9, Bulletin 10-10. Valves supplied with an external equalizer will never operate unless this connection is made.

The equalizer connection should be made at a point that will most clearly reflect the pressure existing in the suction line at the point of bulb location. Although, in most cases the equalizer is connected within several inches of the bulb, occasionally it is located at a more remote point. The pressure difference between the equalizer connection and the bulb location should not exceed those shown in Table-1, Page 9, Bulletin 10-10.

Generally the external equalizer connection is in the suction line immediately down-stream of the bulb, Figure-6. However equipment manufacturers sometimes select other locations that are compatible with their specific design requirements.

E. DRIERS, STRAINERS, and ACCESSORIES

Most Sporlan thermostatic expansion valves are equipped with built-in inlet screens of varying mesh sizes depending on the valve size and type. These strainers are effective only in removing particles of scale, solder, etc. which could obstruct the closure of the pin and seat.

Moisture and smaller particles of foreign material are equally harmful to the system and must be removed for peak system performance. Field experience has proven, without a doubt, that most expansion valve failures are due to the presence of dirt, sludge, and moisture in the system. Furthermore, the performance and life of other system components are also seriously affected by these foreign materials. The Sporlan Catch-All Filter-Drier removes dirt, moisture, acids, and sludges, and insures the circulation of clean, dry refrigerant through the system at all times.

For all refrigeration and air conditioning applications we recommend that a Sporlan Catch-All Filter-Drier be installed in the liquid line ahead of the thermostatic expansion valve. See Bulletin 40-10 for complete Catch-All specifications.

Further system protection is easily and inexpensively provided with the installation of a Sporlan See-All. The See-All is a combination liquid and moisture indicator that visually indicates if there is a shortage of refrigerant in the liquid line or if the moisture content
of the refrigerant is at a dangerous level. See Bulletin 70-10 for complete SeeAll specifications.

F. TEST PRESSURES and DEHYDRATION TEMPERATURES

For better leak detection an inert dry gas such as nitrogen or CO₂ may be added to an idle system to supplement the refrigerant pressure.

CAUTION: Inert gases must be added to the system carefully through a pressure regulator. Unregulated gas pressure can seriously damage the system and endanger human life. Never use oxygen or explosive gases.

Excessive low side pressures can shorten the life of the thermostatic expansion valve diaphragm. Table-7 lists the maximum low side test pressure that can safely be applied with the expansion valve connected to the evaporator. These maximum pressures are well above the minimum field leak test pressures for low sides, listed by the American Standards Association B9 Safety Code.

Table-7 refers to the maximum low side test pressures which are in contact with the underside of the valve diaphragm. Since only the valve inlet fitting and passages (not the valve diaphragm) are subjected to high side pressures, the valve will withstand any reasonable HIGH SIDE TEST PRESSURES in excess of the values listed in the ASA B9 Safety Code. The external equalizer line should be disconnected if there is any possibility of exceeding the recommended maximum pressures.

Table-8 refers to the maximum dehydration temperatures when the bulb and valve body are subjected to the same temperature. On L, C, Z, and X charges, 250° F. maximum valve body temperature is permissible IF THE BULB TEMPERATURE does not exceed those shown in the table.

G. EXPANSION VALVE ADJUSTMENT

Each Sporlan Thermostatic Expansion Valve is adjusted at the factory before shipment. This factory setting will be correct and no further adjustment is required for the majority of applications. When the application or operating conditions require a different valve setting, the valve may be adjusted to obtain the required superheat.

Some expansion valves are made non-adjustable for use on Original Equipment Manufacturers' units. These valves are set at a superheat predetermined by the manufacturers' laboratory tests and cannot be adjusted in the field.

Most non-adjustable models are modifications of standard adjustable type valves. This is done by using a solid bottom cap instead of one equipped with an adjusting stem and seal cap. These valves can be identified by an N preceding the standard valve designation. Adjustable bottom cap assemblies are available for converting non-adjustable valves to the adjustable type. However, this is rarely required. If symptoms indicate that a valve adjustment is needed, carefully check the other possible causes of incorrect superheat, Pages 6 to 10, before attempting an adjustment.

HOW TO DETERMINE SUPERHEAT CORRECTLY

1 Measure the temperature of the suction line at the point the bulb is clamped.
2 Obtain the suction pressure that exists in the suction line at the bulb location by either of the following methods:
a If the valve is externally equalized, a gauge in the external equalizer line will indicate the desired pressure directly and accurately.

OR

b Read the gauge pressure at the suction valve of the compressor. To the pressure add the estimated pressure drop through the suction line between bulb location and compressor suction valve. The sum of the gauge reading and the estimated pressure drop will equal the approximate suction line pressure at the bulb.

3 Convert the pressure obtained in 2a or 2b above to saturated evaporator temperature by using a temperature-pressure chart.

4 Subtract the two temperatures obtained in 1 and 3—the difference is superheat.

Figure 8 illustrates a typical example of superheat measurement on an air conditioning system using Refrigerant-12. The temperature of the suction line at the bulb location is read at 51°F. The suction pressure at the compressor is 35 psig and the estimated pressure drop is 2 psi. ...35 psig + 2 psig = 37 psig which is equivalent to a 40°F. saturation temperature. 40°F. subtracted from 51°F. = 11°F. superheat.

Example

A TO THE SUCTION PRESSURE
B ADD ESTIMATED SUCTION LINE LOSS
C TO OBTAIN SUCTION PRESSURE AT BULB

NOTE – Subtracting the difference between the temperature at the inlet and outlet of the evaporator is **not** an accurate measure of superheat. This method is **not** recommended since any evaporator pressure drop will result in an erroneous superheat indication.

**HOW TO CHANGE THE SUPERHEAT SETTING**

To reduce the superheat, turn the adjusting stem COUNTER-CLOCKWISE. To increase the superheat, turn the adjusting stem CLOCKWISE. When adjusting the valve, make no more than one turn of the stem at a time and observe the change in superheat closely to prevent **over-shooting** the desired setting. As much as 30 minutes may be required for the new balance to take place after an adjustment is made.

If in doubt about the correct superheat setting for a particular system, consult the equipment manufacturer. As a general rule, the proper superheat setting will depend on the amount of temperature difference (TD) between refrigerant temperature and the temperature of the air or other substance being cooled. Where high TD's exist, such as on air conditioning applications, the superheat setting can be made as high as 15°F. without noticeable loss in evaporator capacity. Where low TD's exist, such as in low temperature blower coil applications, a superheat setting of 10°F. or below is usually recommended for maximum evaporator capacity.

For the correct valve setting on factory built equipment, manufacturers' recommendations should be followed. Some manufacturers specify the superheat directly; others may recommend valve adjustment to a given suction pressure at certain operating conditions, or until a certain frost line is observed. Such recommendations, however they are stated, represent the results of extensive laboratory testing to determine the best possible operation.

### FIELD SERVICING

The thermostatic expansion valve is erroneously considered by some to be a mysterious and complex device. As a result, many valves are needlessly replaced when the cause of the system malfunction is not immediately recognized.

Actually the thermostatic expansion valve performs only one very simple function — it keeps the evaporator supplied with enough refrigerant to satisfy all load conditions. It is not a temperature control, suction pressure control, a control to vary the compressor's running time or a humidity control.

How effective the valve performs is easily determined by measuring the superheat as outlined in Figure 8. Observing the frost on the suction line, or considering only the suction pressure may be misleading. Checking the superheat is the first step in a simple and systematic analysis of thermostatic expansion valve performance.

- If not enough refrigerant is being fed to the evaporator—the superheat will be high.
- If too much refrigerant is being fed to the evaporator—the superheat will be low.

Although these symptoms may be attributed to improper thermostatic expansion valve control, more frequently the origin of the trouble lies elsewhere.
if the load temperature is too high and valve does not appear to feed enough - the superheat is high with a *lower than normal pressure.

THE CAUSE MAY BE:

1 MOISTURE — Water or a mixture of water and oil frozen in the valve port or working parts of the valve will prevent proper operation.

This is the most common source of trouble on expansion valves. Since the valve is the first cold spot in the system, moisture will freeze and block the valve open, closed, or any position in between. If the valve is frozen in the intermediate position so that flow is restricted, the superheat will be high.

REMEDY — Install a Sporlan Catch-All Filter-Drier in the liquid line for removal of moisture from the refrigerant and oil. See Bulletin 40-10.

For additional protection, install a Sporlan See*All Moisture and Liquid Indicator for a positive indication of when a safe moisture level is reached. See Bulletin 70-10.

Excessive moisture has a damaging effect on all system components regardless of the evaporating temperature. It must be removed for trouble-free performance.

2 DIRT or FOREIGN MATERIAL — Material such as scale, drier material, filings, etc. will restrict the flow of refrigerant when it collects in strainers or other liquid line accessories. This produces a shortage of refrigerant at the thermostatic expansion valve port. Conventional strainers frequently allow the material to pass through the screen and obstruct the flow at the valve port. If a See*All is installed downstream of the restriction, bubbles will be visible. This should not be confused, however, with a refrigerant shortage or excessive liquid line pressure loss which are also indicated by bubbles in the See*All.

REMEDY — Locate and remove the foreign material creating the restriction. Install a Sporlan Catch-All Filter-Drier to provide effective filtration of the refrigerant. See Bulletin 40-10.

3 WAX — Certain refrigerant oils will precipitate wax at very low temperatures. Since the thermostatic expansion valve represents the first cold point in the refrigeration cycle, wax is most likely to form at the valve port.

It is difficult to observe the wax in a valve because it exists in solid form only at very low temperatures. By the time the valve has been taken apart, the temperature has increased enough to cause the wax to melt and thus become difficult to detect. When wax is suspected, it can usually be detected on the pin and seat by packing the valve in dry ice while disassembling.

REMEDY — If wax is found, consult the supplier of the refrigerant oil for recommendations.

4 REFRIGERANT SHORTAGE — A See*All or sight glass in the liquid line will show bubbles when the system is short of refrigerant charge. Before adding more refrigerant however, be sure the bubbles are not produced by other causes (See Paragraphs A-2 and A-5).

A lack of refrigerant charge may also be detected by a hissing sound at the thermostatic expansion valve. Some systems not equipped with a liquid line sight glass, will have test cocks or other devices for checking the refrigerant level in the receiver.

REMEDY — Add enough refrigerant to obtain desired result.

5 GAS IN THE LIQUID LINE — As explained in Paragraphs A-2 and A-4 above liquid line vapor can be produced by a partially plugged strainer or drier or by a shortage of refrigerant charge. In addition, gas in the liquid line can be caused by air or other non-condensable gases in the system or by excessive pressure losses in the liquid line as a result of:

- a Long or undersized line.
- b Liquid line vertical lift.

REMEDY — Verify the correct liquid line size for the equivalent length and system tonnage. Consult liquid line sizing data published in many manufacturers' catalogs and in text books. If undersized, repipe with the correct size.

Determine amount of vertical life, and obtain the resulting pressure loss from Table-2, Page 14, Bulletin 10-10. From Table-6, Page 16, Bulletin 10-10, find required subcooling necessary to prevent gasification with the existing pressure losses. Provide the necessary subcooling by using one of the methods described on Page 1.

*When compressor is equipped with capacity reduction, a low suction pressure will not exist. Instead, compressor will merely unload when pressure is reduced to a pre-set point and load again when the pressure rises. When checking expansion valve performance, a better analysis is possible when unloaders are locked so that the suction pressure will change in response to variations in load or valve feed.
### TABLE 1—RECOMMENDED SHEET METAL GAUGES AND CONSTRUCTION FOR RECTANGULAR DUCT

#### LOW PRESSURE—2" W.G. MAX.

#### LOW VELOCITY—2000 F.P.M. MAX.

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<th>Aluminum</th>
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<td>6 13&quot; thru 18&quot;</td>
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<td>22 (.025)</td>
<td>A-B K</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>7 19&quot; thru 30&quot;</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>8 31&quot; thru 42&quot;</td>
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<td>10 61&quot; thru 84&quot;</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>18 (.040)</td>
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<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>11 85&quot; thru 96&quot;</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>16 (.051)</td>
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<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>12 Over 96&quot;</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>16 (.051)</td>
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**Steel Metal Gauges**

- Plain "S" Slip (B)
- Hemmed "S" Slip (C)
- Angle Slip (H)
- Companion Angles (M)
- Reinforcing Angle Size and Maximum Longitudinal Spacing Between Transverse Joints and/or Intermediate Reinforcing

**At Joints**

- Drive Slip (A)
- Standing Seam (I)*
- Pocket Lock (K)
- Bar Slip (E)
- Reinforced Bar Slip (G)
- Alternate Bar Slip (F)
- Angle Reinforced Standing Seam (J)
- Angle RFD Pocket (L)

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### Notes

- *see plate 13 for inside standing seam construction
- H (height dimension)—up to 42" = 1"
- H (height dimension)—43" to 96" = 1 1/2"
- H (height dimension)—over 96" = 2"

†Roll form. Slip shall be 1 1/2" maximum and 2" reinforcing angle fastened to slip when "H" dimension requires 2" height.

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**PLATE NO. 5 TYPICAL DUCT CONNECTIONS — CROSS JOINTS**

**Fig. A — DRIVE SLIP** — Ends of ducts inserted under cleat. For narrow sides of ducts that are 18" or less. Drive slips that are 19" – 30" must be reinforced with 1" x 1" x 1/8" angle.

**NOTE** — A combination of drive slip A and any “S” slip B, C, E, F, G, H completes the transverse joint.

**Fig. B — PLAIN “S” SLIP** — Ends of ducts inserted into open ends of “S”. Use on wide sides of small ducts. (Use Drive Slip (A) on narrow sides.)

**Fig. C** — HEMMED “S” SLIP — Similar to Plain “S” Slip (B) except with edges hemmed to produce stiffness.

**Fig. E — BAR SLIP** — Similar to Plain “S” Slip (B) except for standing edge which is formed to provide reinforcing.

**Fig. F** — ALTERNATE BAR SLIP (STANDING “S” SLIP) — Same as Bar Slip (E) except standing leg is folded to three thicknesses for stiffness.

**Fig. G** — REINFORCED BAR SLIP — Similar to Bar Slip (E) except for the addition of a steel reinforcing bar inserted in the standing edge.

**Fig. H** — ANGLE SLIP — Same as Reinforced Bar Slip (G) except for the use of a reinforcing angle in place of the reinforcing bar. Angle may be inside or fastened to outside of slip.

**Fig. I** — STANDING SEAM — Ends of adjoining ducts are joined as shown with button punch at six-inch centers added after assembly.

**Fig. J** — ANGLE REINFORCED STANDING SEAM — Same as Standing Seam (I) except for reinforcement with angle, one leg of which is fastened to the duct and the other leg is secured to the standing edge of the seam.

**Fig. K** — POCKET LOCK — Normally used on four sides of a duct. The pocket section is clip punched or “hickey” punched to the duct near corners and then every six inches; the other end is flanged outward to join with second sheet and then hammered down.

**Fig. L** — ANGLE REINFORCED POCKET LOCK — Same as Pocket Lock (K) with added angle stiffener.

**Fig. M** — COMPANION ANGLES — Angle frames are riveted, bolted or welded to duct ends and are then bolted together with gasket or caulking to prevent air leakage. Recommended for use where duct sections must be removed periodically.

Some of the above connections may be favored over others in certain parts of the country, and all of them are not listed in Table I. Substitutions can be made for those that are listed provided the same quality of construction is maintained.

**NOTE** — Arrows on Plate No. 5 indicate preferred air flow direction.

**NOTE** — “H” on Plate No. 5 indicates dimension as specified in Table No. 1.
TYPICAL DUCT CONNECTIONS

CROSS JOINTS

(NOT TO SCALE)

H=HEIGHT REFERRED TO IN DIMENSIONS

(A) DRIVE SLIP

(B) PLAIN "S" SLIP

(C) HEMMED "S" SLIP

(D) BAR SLIP

(E) ALTERNATE BAR SLIP (STANDING "S" SLIP)

(F) REINFORCED BAR SLIP (CLEAT)

(G) STANDING SEAM

(H) ANGLE REINFORCED STANDING SEAM

(I) POCKET LOCK

(J) ANGLE REINFORCED POCKET LOCK

(K) COMPANION ANGLES (CAULK OR GASKET)
Longitudinal seams which run horizontally on the duct sections are important because these locks must hold the duct pieces securely and tightly—should not leak under pressure—and should be readily and swiftly put together on the job or in the shop.

**Fig. N** — The commonest type of longitudinal seam is the Pittsburgh lock. Originally formed in the brake or press brake, today roll forming machines are used to form the pocket in one piece and the flange in the other piece. After one piece is inserted in the pocket the "tail" is hammered over to close the lock.

**Fig. O** — The Acme lock originally called a "lock grooved seam" was popular because it provided snug nesting and a smooth exterior surface. Today this lock is used to join two flat sheet for increased width.

**Fig. T** — Standing seams or double standing seams are used mostly on the inside of ducts and for certain sizes of ducts where their use leads to economical sheet cutting.

**Fig. Z** — The "Button Punch Snap Lock" is a recent innovation. Originally the "continuous" snap lock was used on light gauge stove and furnace pipe to permit shipping nested. The pipe section was then "snapped" together.

The "button punch" spaces the "buttons" on approximately two inch centers along the flange to be inserted in the pocket. The continuous sharp fold on the pocket permits the buttoned flange to be "snapped" into the pocket. Detail 1.

The dimensions of the pocket and the flange are critical in high pressures. The pocket and the flange must be formed in a machine suited to the gauge of metal being formed. If this is not adhered to, the pocket will be "loose" and stiffness and air tightness will be lessened.

**NOTE** — SMACNA has conducted a lengthy testing program on high pressure duct construction. Attention was paid to the button punch snap lock. An official test report on button punch snap lock is included in this manual.

**NOTE** — Snap lock not recommended for aluminum.
LONGITUDINAL SEAMS

FIG. "N"
PITTSBURGH LOCK

FIG. "Z"
BUTTON PUNCH SNAP LOCK

APPROXIMATELY 2" SPACING BETWEEN "BUTTONS"

FIG. "O"
ACME LOCK-GROOVED SEAM

DETAIL NO. 1
MALE PIECE-SNAP LOCK

FIG. "T"
DOUBLE SEAM

SMACNA DUCT STANDARDS

Plate No. 5A
Page No. 15
PLATE NO. 6 — DUCTS 0 in. THRU 18 in. MAXIMUM DIMENSION

Longitudinal joints shown are Pittsburgh Locks (N) or Button Punch Snap Lock (Z) on one or more corners, or Acme Locks, (O) also known as “grooved seams” in the flat side or sides, depending upon the size of sheets available for the size of the duct.

When Plain S Slips (B) are used on the larger sides of the duct, Drive Slips (A) should be used on the narrow sides and the Drive Slips should be folded over on the corner to prevent air leakage. See Plate No. 15.

When Pocket Lock (K) is selected, it is normally used on all sides.

End joints may be up to 10' - 0" on centers depending upon the size sheets and equipment available for fabricating ducts.

Steel is 26 gauge or aluminum of .020 thickness is recommended thru 12 in. dimensions, with 24 gauge steel or .025 thickness aluminum for 13 in. thru 18 in. dimensions.

These ducts are usually erected in maximum lengths of 8'-0" or 10'-0".

NOTE — Snap Lock not recommended for aluminum.
additional duct sections in long straight runs.

Seams and Intermediate Reinforcing

Details in Figs. 3-16 through 3-20 illustrate longitudinal seams and the attachment of intermediate reinforcing angles and rods to the duct. The button punch snap lock is not included in the recommended longitudinal seams, although it did perform satisfactorily in the tests (Chapter 11). Field experience has shown that a partially assembled button punch snap lock seam may withstand the pressure test during construction, but will open up under pressure after several months of operation. Failures of this kind could prejudice consulting engineers against the use of this joint in low velocity duct construction where it has an outstanding record of performance.
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<td>Up thru 12&quot;</td>
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<td>97&quot; and Over</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>2x2x 1/8 @ 24&quot; with tie rods @ 48&quot; along angle</td>
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*NOTES: (a) When transverse reinforcing is required on all four sides it must be tied together at each corner by riveting, bolting or welding. When transverse reinforcing is required on only two sides, it must be tied together with either tie rods or angles at the ends.
(b) Transverse reinforcing size is determined by dimension of side to which angle is applied. Angle sizes are based on mild steel. Reinforcing made in other shapes or of other materials must be of equivalent strength and rigidity.
## Reinforcing AT JOINTS

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<td>1 1/2&quot; with 2 tie rods</td>
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(d) Tie rods 37" long and over shall be 3/8" min. diameter.

(e) When 2 tie rods are required, installation to be at 1/2 points across the duct.
### REINFORCING AT JOINTS

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**Fig. 3-2**

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<tr>
<th>DIMENSION OF LONGEST SIDE</th>
<th>GALS. SHEET GA. (ALL FOUR SIDES)</th>
<th>MINIMUM REINFORCING ANGLE SIZE AND MAXIMUM LONGITUDINAL SPACING</th>
<th>BETWEEN JOINTS</th>
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<td>Up thru 12&quot;</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>No tie rods required</td>
<td>No angle required</td>
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<tr>
<td>13&quot;-18&quot;</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>1 tie rod @ 40&quot; intervals on center-line of duct side</td>
<td>1&quot;x&quot;1&quot;6 Ga. @ 48&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>19&quot;-24&quot;</td>
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<td>2 tie rods @ 40&quot;</td>
<td>1&quot;x&quot;1&quot;½ @ 48&quot;</td>
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<td>2 tie rods @ 40&quot;</td>
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<td>2 tie rods @ 40&quot;</td>
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<td>49&quot;-60&quot;</td>
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<td>1½x1 ½x½ @ 24&quot; with tie rod in center</td>
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<td>1½x1 ½x½ @ 24&quot; with tie rod in center</td>
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<td>73&quot;-84&quot;</td>
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<td>97&quot; and Over</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>2x2x½ @ 24&quot; with tie rods @ 48&quot; along angle</td>
<td>2x2x½ with tie rods @ 48&quot; along angle</td>
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**NOTES:**
(a) When transverse reinforcing is required on all four sides it must be tied together at each corner by riveting, bolting or welding. When transverse reinforcing is required on only two sides, it must be tied together with either tie rods or angles at the ends.

Transverse reinforcing size is determined by dimension of side to which angle is applied. Angle sizes are based on mild steel. Reinforcing made in other shapes or of other materials must be of equivalent strength and rigidity.

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PLATE NO. 19 — HANGERS FOR DUCTS-UPPER ATTACHMENTS

Many parts of a building, such as heating, plumbing and sprinkler pipe, electrical conduits and fixtures, and ceilings, require hanging. Consequently, there is a continuing effort to improve hanging systems.

The duct hanging system is composed of three elements — the upper attachment to the building; the hanger itself; and the lower attachment to the duct.

**Upper Attachments**

**Concrete Inserts**

The concrete inserts illustrated must be installed prior to placing the concrete. They are used primarily where the duct layout is simple and there is enough lead time to determine accurate placement. Fig. 1, the simplest, is merely a piece of bent flat bar. Fig. 3 and 4 show manufactured inserts available individually or in long lengths; the latter are generally used where many hangers will be installed in a small area, or where individual inserts cannot be precisely spotted at the time of placing concrete.

**Concrete Fasteners**

Concrete fasteners are installed after the placement of the concrete and the removal of the concrete forms. Their application allows greater flexibility than concrete inserts because their exact location can be determined after all interferences between various trades' work have been coordinated.

Fig. 5 and 6 show variations of powder actuated fasteners which are placed by an explosive charge. These fasteners should not be used in certain lightweight aggregate concretes, nor should they be used in slab sections less than 4 inches thick.

Expanding concrete anchors should be made of steel. Non-ferrous anchors tend to creep with vibration. Fig. 8 illustrates expanding fasteners, the holes for which are drilled either by a carbide bit or by teeth on the fastener itself. The expansion shield is “set” by driving it into the hole and expanding it with the conical plug. The expansion nail, Fig. 9, is a lighter duty fastener, used for small duct and flexible tubing.

In the case of all of the above fasteners, there are possibilities of interference with steel reinforcing in the concrete. The installer must exercise good judgment and have some knowledge of typical reinforcing patterns.

**Structural Steel Fasteners**

Fig. 7 illustrates the use of a C-clamp which should be used with a retaining clip. Fig. 10 shows a welded stud placed by special welding equipment.

Fig. 11 shows patented devices which are driven on to the flange and will support either a rod or strap type hanger.
CELLULAR DECK HANGING SYSTEMS

Fig. 5-9

WELDED STUD
WITH NUT

HANGER STRAP

Fig. 5-10

LOOP BENT ONTO END
OF STRAP OR ROD

HOLE IN DECK

SLOT IN DECK

HANGER STRAP

WIRES

HANGER ROD

Fig. 5-11

PATENTED CLIP

BENT STRAP

WIRES

CONCRETE FILL

HANGER ROD

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INCORRECT APPLICATION OF TRAPEZE HANGER TO HIGH VELOCITY DUCT

FIG. 5-12

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# TABLE 1
SCHEDULE OF REINFORCEMENT
RECTANGULAR FIBROUS GLASS AIR DUCTS
SD BOARD 1" THICK

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>0 Thru 36&quot;</th>
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## OVER ½" THRU 1" W.G. MAXIMUM STATIC PRESSURE-2000 F.P.M. MAXIMUM VELOCITY

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## TABLE 2
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RECTANGULAR FIBROUS GLASS AIR DUCTS
SD BOARD 1" THICK

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NOTES:

1. Plated sheet metal screws to fasten external reinforcing lateral to internal reinforcing lateral and transverse reinforcing members shall be #10x1-1/2" on 10" maximum centers. When internal laterals are not required, #10x1/2" sheet metal screws shall be used for connecting the external reinforcing laterals to the transverse reinforcing members.

When fabricating reinforced Fibrous Glass Ducts that require internal lateral bracing, cut the smaller internal lateral approximately 1/2" shorter than the actual distance between centerlines of the transverse reinforcements, so that the internal lateral can be fastened to the external lateral at the centerpoint before joining of sections. Working from the open end of the added section, the internal lateral can then be pivoted into position and both internal and external laterals fastened to the base flange of the transverse reinforcing member with a sheet metal screw.
NOTES:

1. Configuration of transverse reinforcing members shall be as shown. All metal shall be galvanized sheet metal of gauges indicated on the Reinforcement Schedules shown on pages 6 and 7.

2. Spot welding patterns illustrated above must be adhered to. Distances between welds are maximum and extreme caution shall be exercised to obtain secure welds approximately 1/4" from the top and the bottom of the transverse reinforcing members.

3. Transverse reinforcing members are formed or joined at the duct corners by the following methods:
   a. Stem is cut and flanges are bent 90°.
   b. Flanges are removed and the two stems of the structural members are extended beyond the corners and joined with a 1/4” diameter or larger bolt.
TYPICAL REINFORCEMENT
RETURN AIR DUCT

OVER ½ IN. THRU 1 IN. W.G.

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TYPICAL REINFORCEMENT
SUPPLY AIR DUCT

OVER 1/2 IN. THRU 1 IN. W.G.

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TYPICAL REINFORCEMENT
RETURN AIR DUCT

OVER 1/2 IN. THRU 1 IN. W.G.

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SUPPLY AND RETURN AIR DUCT

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SUPPLY AIR DUCT

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SUPPLY AIR DUCT

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RETURN AIR DUCT

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SUPPLY AND RETURN AIR DUCT

OVER 1 IN. THRU 2 IN. W.G.

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**Air Moving Equipment Test Sheet**

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**Remarks**

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# Exhaust Fan Test Sheet

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# Duct Traverse Sheet

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For saturated steam (100% quality 0 deg superheat) on the inlet side of the valve, connect the pressure drop, scale "A," with downstream pressure, scale "B," and mark the point of intersection on scale "E." From this point cross scale "D" at the quantity desired and read the required capacity index on scale "F."

For example, find the valve size required to pass 550 lb/hr at inlet pressure of 25 psi gage with a drop of 10 psi gage.

Connect 10 on scale "A" with 25-10 = 15 on scale "C," mark the point of intersection on scale "B." From this point draw a line thru 550 on scale "D," and read 9.4 on scale "F." Any valve having a capacity index equal to this value will pass the required amount.

If supply steam is less than 100% quality, or is superheated, the required capacity (lb/hr) must first be corrected.

Connect the condition point on scale "G" with the required capacity on scale "D," and mark the point of intersection on line "E." Connect 0 on scale "C" with the intersection point on line "E" and mark the corrected quantity on scale "D." Proceed as for 100% quality steam, using the corrected quantity figure on scale "D."

For example, find the valve size required to pass 6000 lb/hr at inlet pressure of 110 psi gage with a drop of 40 psi gage. Inlet steam is at 200 deg superheat.

Connect 200 on scale "G" with 6000 on scale "D," marking the point of intersection on line "E." Connect 0 on scale "C" with the point of intersection on line "E" and mark 6900 on scale "D." Connect 40 on scale "A" with 70 on scale "C," marking the intersection on scale "B." From this point draw a line thru 6900 on scale "D" and read 34 on scale "E." Any valve having a capacity index equal to this value will pass the required amount of steam.

NOTE: When absolute downstream pressure is less than 50% of absolute upstream pressure, use 50% of the absolute upstream pressure as the pressure drop on scale "A," and deduct this value from the upstream gage pressure to determine the downstream gage pressure to use on scale "D." (14.7 psi absolute is 0 psi gage).

For example, with upstream pressure of 125 psi gage and drop of 90 psi, downstream pressure would be 35 psi gage or 50 psi absolute. (125 - 50% of 125 = 70) Use 70 psi as drop, and 125-70 = 55 psi gage as downstream pressure.
LIQUID FLOW CHART

Connect the point denoting liquid condition, scale "A," with the pressure drop scale "B." Extend the latter point with the desired flow, scale "D," extending the line to intersect line "C." Connect the latter point with the desired flow, scale "D," extending the line to intersect scale "E." Read the required capacity index (Cv) on scale "E." Three examples are given below.

1. Find the valve size required to pass 145 GPM of water at 25 psi pressure drop.

   Connect point 1.000, the SpG of water, on scale "A" with 25 on scale "B," extending the line to intersect scale "C." Connect the latter point with 145 on scale "D," extending the line to intersect scale "E." Read the required Cv of 28 on scale "E." Any valve having this Cv will satisfy the requirement.

2. If the liquid is other than water, but flowing temperature is 60°F, use as the point on scale "A" the condition properly describing the liquid. For example, find the valve size to pass 145 GPM of petroleum oil at 50° A.P.I. (60°F).

   Connect 50 deg A.P.I. on scale "A" with 25 on scale "B," extending the line to intersect scale "C." Connect the latter point with 145 on scale "D," extending the line to intersect scale "E." Read the required Cv of 24.5 on scale "E." Select an industrial-type valve having this Cv.

3. If the liquid were heavy gravity such as a salt solution or acid, use the lower part of scale "A." Assume liquid is 35° Be (60°F).

   Connect 35 deg Baume, scale "A," with 25 on scale "B," extending the line to intersect scale "C." Connect the latter point with 145 on scale "D," extending the line to intersect scale "E." Read the required Cv of 32.5 on scale "E." Select an industrial-type valve having this Cv.

 Courtesy, Honeywell, Inc.
FIGURE 3 — Typical Piping Arrangements with Fittings or Bends in Same Plane. Refer to Figure 2 for Schedule Specifications.
FIGURE 5 — Typical Boiler Outlet Arrangements. Refer to Figure 2 for Schedule Specifications.
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**TEMPERATURE CONVERSIONS**

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STANDARD PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

CU FT OF MIXTURE IN ONE LB OF DRY AIR

WEIGHT OF WATER VAPOR IN ONE LB OF DRY AIR - GRAMS

Standard Psychrometric Chart - 29.92 in. Barometer

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# TABLES AND RULES
## METRIC AND ENGLISH MEASURES (continued)
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### MEASURES OF PRESSURE AND WEIGHT

#### METRIC
- **1 Atmosphere (14.7 lbs per sq in)** = 2116.3 lb per square foot
- **1 Foot of Water at 62 degrees Fahrenheit** = 433 lb per square inch
- **1 Inch of Mercury at 62 degrees Fahrenheit** = 13.58 lb per square inch

#### ENGLISH
- **1 lb per square inch** = 2.0355 inches of mercury at 32 degrees Fahrenheit
- **1 lb per square foot** = 2.0416 inches of mercury at 62 degrees Fahrenheit
- **1 Atmosphere (14.7 lbs per sq in)** = 33.947 ft of water at 62 degrees Fahrenheit
- **1 Kilogram per square centimeter** = 1.0335 kilograms per square centimeter

### MEASURES OF CAPACITY
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- **1 decimeter** = 3.968 calories per square meter
- **1 Btu** = 7.0308 kilograms per square meter

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### TEMPERATURE

The following equation will be found convenient for transforming temperature from one system to another:

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\begin{align*}
F - 32 &= \frac{C}{180} \\
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\]

### GENERAL DATA
- **1 Calorie** = 3.968 Btu
- **1 Btu** = 0.252 Calorie
- **1 lb per sq in.** = 703.08 kilograms per m²
- **1 Kilogram per m³** = .00142 lb per sq in.
- **1 Calorie per m³** = .3687 Btu per sq ft
- **1 Btu per sq ft** = 2.712 calories per m²
- **1 Calorie per m³ per degree difference Cent.** = 4.882 Calories per m³ per degree difference Cent.
- **1 Btu per sq ft per degree difference Fahr.** = 4.882 Calories per m³ per degree difference Fahr.
- **1 Calorie per kilg.** = .556 Calorie per kilg.
- **1 Calorie per kilg.** = 1.8 Btu per lb

Water expands in bulk from 40 degrees to 212 degrees...

A cubic inch of water evaporated under ordinary atmospheric pressure is converted into 1 cubic foot of steam (approximately)
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are in open or closed position; and such valves or cocks shall be locked or sealed open. Where stopcocks are used they shall be of a type with the plug held in place by a guard or gland.

122.1.6(c)(5) No outlet connections, except for damper regulator, feedwater regulator, drains, steam gages, or apparatus of such form as does not permit the escape of an appreciable amount of steam or water therefrom shall be placed on the pipes connecting a water column or gage glass to a boiler.

122.1.6(d) Gage Glass Connections

122.1.6(d)(1) Gage glasses and gage cocks that are required by Paras. 122.1.6(b) and 122.1.6(e) and are not connected directly to a shell or drum of the boiler, shall be connected by one of the following methods:

122.1.6(d)(1.1) The water-gage glass or glasses and gage cocks shall be connected to an intervening water column; or

122.1.6(d)(1.2) When only water-gage glasses are used, they may be mounted away from the shell or drum and the water column omitted, provided the following requirements are met:

122.1.6(d)(1.2)(a) The top and bottom gage-glass fittings are aligned, supported and secured so as to maintain the alignment of the gage pass;

122.1.6(d)(1.2)(b) The steam and water connections are not less than 1-in. pipe size and each water glass is provided with a valved drain; and

122.1.6(d)(1.2)(c) The steam and water connections comply with the requirements of the following Paras. 122.1.6(d)(2) and 122.1.6(d)(3).

122.1.6(d)(2) The lower edge of the steam connection to a water column or gage glass in the boiler shall not be below the highest visible water level in the water-gage glass. There shall be no sag or offset in the piping which will permit the accumulation of water.

122.1.6(d)(3) The upper edge of the water connection to a water column or gage glass and the boiler shall not be above the lowest visible water level in the gage glass. No part of this pipe connection shall be above the point of connection at the water column.

122.1.6(d)(4) An acceptable arrangement is shown in Fig. 122.1.6(d)(4).

122.1.6(e) Each boiler (except those not requiring water level indicators per Para. 122.1.6(b)(2)) shall have three or more gage cocks located within the visible length of the water glass, except

![Diagram of typical arrangement of steam and water connections for a water column](attachment:image.png)

Fig. 122.1.6(d)(4) Typical Arrangement of Steam and Water Connections for a Water Column

From: (ANSI B31.1.0d-1972)
when the boiler has two water glasses located on
the same horizontal lines.

Boilers not over 36 in. in diameter in which the
heating surface does not exceed 100 sq ft need
have but two gage cocks. Electric boilers operat-
ing at pressures not exceeding 400 psig need not
be fitted with gage cocks.

The gage cock connections shall be not less
than 1/2 in. pipe size.

122.1.6(f) Water Fronts

Each boiler fitted with a water-jacketed boiler-
furnace mouth protector, or similar appliance hav-
ing valves on the pipes connecting them to the
boiler shall have these valves locked or sealed
open. Such valves, when used, shall be of the
straightway type.

122.1.6(g) Pressure Gages

Each boiler shall have a pressure gage so lo-
cated that it is easily readable. The pressure
gage shall be installed so that it shall at all
times indicate the pressure in the boiler. Each
steam boiler shall have the pressure gage con-
ected to the steam space or to the water column
or its steam connection. A valve or cock shall be
placed in the gage connection adjacent to the
gage. An additional valve or cock may be located
near the boiler providing it is locked or sealed in
the open position. No other shutoff valves shall
be located between the gage and the boiler. The
pipe connection shall be of ample size and ar-
ranged so that it may be cleared by blowing out.
For a steam boiler the gage or connection shall
contain a syphon or equivalent device which will
develop and maintain a water seal that will pre-
vent steam from entering the gage tube. Pressure
gage connections shall be suitable for the maxi-
mum allowable working pressure and temperature
but if the temperature exceeds 406 F, brass or
copper pipes or tubing shall not be used. The con-
nections to the boiler, except the syphon, if used,
shall not be less than 1/4 in. standard pipe size
but where steel pipe or tubing is used, they shall
not be less than 1/2 in. inside diameter. The mini-
mum size of a syphon, if used, shall be 1/4 in.
inside diameter. The dial of the pressure gage
shall be graduated to approximately double the
pressure at which the safety valve is set, but in
no case to less than 1-1/2 times this pressure.

122.1.6(h) Each forced flow steam generator
with no fixed steam and water line shall be
equipped with pressure gages or other pressure
measuring devices located as follows:

122.1.6(h)(1) At the boiler or superheater outlet
(following the last section which involves absorp-
tion of heat) and

122.1.6(h)(2) At the boiler or economizer inlet
(preceding any section which involves absorption
of heat) and

122.1.6(h)(3) Upstream of any shutoff valve
which may be used between any two sections of
the heat absorbing surface.

122.1.6(h)(4) Each boiler shall be provided with
a valve connection at least 1/4 in. pipe size for
the exclusive purpose of attaching a test gage
when the boiler is in service, so that the accuracy
of the boiler pressure gage can be ascertained.

122.1.6(i) Each high temperature water boiler
shall have a temperature gage so located and con-

122.1.7 Valves and Fittings

The minimum pressure and temperature rating
for all valves and fittings in steam, feedwater,
blowoff and miscellaneous piping shall be equal
to the pressure and temperature specified for the
connected piping on the side that has the higher
pressure except that in no case shall the pressure
be less than 100 psig and for pressures not ex-
ceeding 100 psig in feedwater and blowoff service
the valves and fittings shall be equal at least to
the requirements of the ANSI Standards for 125 lb
or 150 lb.

122.1.7(a) Steam Stop Valves

122.1.7(a)(1) Each boiler discharge outlet, ex-
ccept safety valve or safety relief valves, or re-
heater inlet and outlet connection shall be fitted
with a stop valve located at an accessible point
in the steam-delivery line and as near the boiler
nozzle as is convenient and practicable. When
such outlets are over 2-in. nominal pipe size, the
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of the outside-screw-and-yoke rising-stem type so

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64.2 **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**TITLE 8**

(Register 66, No. 38—11-5-66)

Safety valves cannot be closed off from the boiler at the same time and provided the three-way valve will permit at least full required flow to the safety valve in service at all times.

The user shall maintain all pressure relieving devices in good operating condition. Where the valves cannot be tested in service, the user shall maintain and make available to the inspector records showing the test dates and set pressure for such valves.

**History:** 1. Amendment filed 11-2-66; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 66, No. 38). Approved by State Building Standards Commission.

### 762. Safety Valves and Pressure Relieving Devices, Fired Pressure Vessels.

(a) Boilers (or vaporizers) of the Dow-therm, mercury vapor or similar types shall be fitted with adequate safety relieving devices to assure their safe operation. Safety valves of Dow-therm vaporizers and similar equipment shall be removed at least once each year for inspection and cleaning of any deposits that might affect their operation. (To eliminate the necessity of shutting the unit down for this inspection, a three-way stop valve may be installed under 2 safety valves, each with the required relieving capacity, and so installed that both safety valves cannot be closed off from the vaporizer at the same time; or 2 or more separate safety valves may be installed with individual shutoff valves, in which case the shutoff valve stems shall be mechanically interconnected in a manner which will allow full required flow at all times.)

(b) Fired pressure vessels other than those mentioned in (a) above shall be fitted with safety relieving devices of sufficient capacity to relieve all vapor that can be generated in the vessel during normal operation and shall be fitted with proper controls to assure their safe operation.

**History:** 1. Amendment filed 11-2-66; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 66, No. 38). Approved by State Building Standards Commission.

### 763. Low-pressure Boilers.

(a) All low-pressure boilers shall be installed and fitted with the fittings and appliances required by the Code, and any additional appurtenances required in the following subsections.

(b) When a hot water heating boiler is equipped with an electrically operated circulating pump and electrically operated burner controls, the control switches shall be labeled to show which is for the burner circuit and which is for the pump circuit, or the electrically operated burner controls shall be connected with the control circuit ahead of the automatic pump switch or the burner control switch shall be mechanically interlocked to the disconnect switch for the circulating pumps.

(c) All low-pressure boilers shall be equipped with one or more pressure relieving device adjusted and sealed so as to discharge at a pressure not to exceed the maximum allowable working pressure of
the boiler. The combined capacity of these devices shall be such that with the fuel burning equipment installed and operating at maximum capacity the pressure cannot rise more than 5 psi above the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. All pressure relieving devices shall be installed as required by the Code and be ASME stamped and rated and shall be installed with the valve spindle vertical and shall have a manual lifting device to permit periodic testing.

The discharge from all drains and pressure relieving devices shall be piped to a safe place of discharge and shall have no shutoff valves in the pipe between the pressure relieving device and point of discharge. A safe place of discharge as used in this section shall be a location where:

(1) The discharge of steam or hot water will not present a hazard to employees,
(2) The discharge of steam or water will not be detrimental to any electrical or other machinery or equipment,
(3) The discharge pipe cannot be readily plugged or otherwise obstructed.

(d) All automatically controlled low-pressure boilers shall be equipped with:

(1) A low-water control that will close the main burner fuel valve when the water in the boiler reaches the lowest operating level, or for boilers with no fixed steam or water line, when the highest permissible operating temperature is reached.
(2) A low-water safety cutout that will shut off the fuel to the burner when the water in the boiler reaches a predetermined level which shall not be below the lowest permissible level, and manual resetting of the low-water control or of the fuel valve or of the emergency control system shall be required to place the boiler back in operation after it has been shut down due to the operation of the low-water safety cutout.
(3) An adjustable operating control and fuel valve to regulate the flow of fuel to the burner to maintain the pressure or temperature below the following limits:
   (A) 15 psi gage pressure for steam boilers.
   (B) 250° F. water temperature for water boilers.
(4) A high-limit safety control that will shut off fuel to the burner when the pressure in a steam boiler reaches a predetermined maximum not to exceed 15 psi gage or when the temperature in a water boiler reaches a predetermined maximum not to exceed 250° F. The high-limit safety control mechanism shall be in addition to the operating control required in (d)(3) above and manual resetting of the high-limit control or of the fuel valve or of the emergency control system shall be required to place the boiler back in operation after
it has been shut down due to the operation of the high-limit safety control.

(5) (A) A full safety pilot control on boilers equipped with standing pilot burners, other than those included in subsection 763 (d) (5) (B), that will shut off the fuel to the main burner and any extinguished pilot burners if a pilot light is extinguished.

Such device shall activate to close the safety fuel shutoff valve required in Subsection 763 (d) (6) within the time limits specified for flame failure shutoff in Table 1.

(B) A programmed flame safeguard system on burners equipped with spark ignition that will include a flame failure shutoff time not greater than specified in Table 1. Such system shall require the services of the attendant to place the boiler back into operation if a flame failure should occur while in operation or if the flame is not established within the time limit programmed into the system. Such time limits shall not exceed that specified for flame failure shutoff in Table 1.

Table 1. Flame Failure Shutoff Times (1)

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Note 1. Flame failure shutoff as used in these Orders means the total elapsed time from the time of flame failure or other abnormal condition occurs until the fuel shutoff valve is closed.

Note 2. Where a burner is designed or equipped for a "starting firing rate" of less than the maximum firing rate of the burner, the flame failure shutoff time shown in Table 1 for the lesser firing rate may be used for establishing ignition, provided that firing rate cannot be increased until ignition is proven. The time limit for flame failure shutoff shall be determined by the maximum burner input.

Note 3. The 60-second time limit for flame failure shutoff may be used for burners having less than 20 gallons per hour input if equipped with a proved pilot.

Note 4. In case of pilot flame failure, the proved pilot shall de-energize the safety fuel shutoff valve electrical circuit and cause that valve to close within 10 seconds.

(6) In addition to the operating fuel shutoff valve(s) required in 763 (d) (1) and (3), an additional safety fuel shutoff valve that will be operated by the controls required by
Section 763 (d) (2), (4), and (5). This valve shall be of a type that will close within 2 seconds after being de-energized if the burner input rating exceeds 400,000 BTU/hr.

(7) A means for obtaining adequate combustion chamber purging and for limiting the burner “trial for ignition” time during start up to 15 seconds or that permitted for flame failure shutoff in Table 1, whichever is greater.

(e) All low-pressure boilers shall be equipped with a pressure or altitude gage as required by the code. All water boilers shall be equipped with a thermometer to indicate temperature conditions at or near the hot water outlet. These devices shall be visible to the operator from the operating area.

(f) All low-pressure steam boilers shall be equipped with one or more water gage glasses with shutoff valves and drain cocks. These devices shall be located on the boiler, or on a water column, within the permissible water level range for the boiler, (unless specifically exempted by the Code).

(g) All hot water heating systems shall be equipped with a suitable expansion tank that will be consistent with the volume, temperature, pressure, and capacity of the system as required by the Code. All such expansion tanks shall have an allowable working pressure at least equal to the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler with which they are used, and the maximum allowable working pressure shall be stamped on a nameplate visible after installation.

All expansion tanks connected into systems having boilers designed for more than 30 psi working pressure shall be constructed, inspected, and stamped according to the Code, Section VIII, unless it can be proven to the satisfaction of the Division that the design and construction will provide equivalent safety. Expansion tanks connected into systems having boilers designed for 30 psi or less shall be designed, constructed, and stamped according to the Code, Section VIII, or according to good engineering practices with a factor of safety of at least 4.

All expansion tanks shall be fitted with a means for indicating visually the water level in the tank.

(h) When low-pressure boilers are equipped with a float-type automatic water feeder, such water feeder shall be fitted with a valved drain on the float chamber. Float chambers of other control devices shall also be provided with valve drains on the float chambers.

(i) All valves, fittings, and controls shall be suitable for the pressures and temperatures expected in service and all such devices used in the fuel system shall be suitable for and compatible with the fuel and fuel pressures used. All electrically operated fuel valves shall be of the normally closed type to open only when energized. Fuel valves of a type that will fail to close due to abnormal fuel pressure shall not be permitted. Automatically operated fuel valves shall not be designed with integral manually operated by-passes unless such by-pass is of the constant pressure type.
(j) The electrical circuit for boiler controls shall not exceed 120 volts and shall be 2-wire with 1-conductor grounded and have the controls in the ungrounded conductor.

(k) After installation and before being placed in operation, the employer shall require all controls and burners to be checked for proper operation by a responsible person familiar with burner controls.

Instruction for the proper method of lighting, relighting, and shutting down the burner, type of fuel or fuels to be used, and the maximum fuel pressure shall be shown on a permanent and legible plate attached to the boiler or boiler casing and an operating manual giving complete boiler operating instructions, shall be furnished by the installer for each installation. The employer shall require operating personnel to become thoroughly familiar with these operating instructions before they are permitted to operate the boiler. These instructions shall include an instruction to the operator that the boiler shall not be placed back in service after having been shut down by the operation of the safety fuel shutoff valve required in 763 (d) (6) until the cause of such shutdown has been determined and corrected and the combustion chamber is properly purged.

History: 1. Amendment filed 11-2-66; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 66, No. 33). Approved by State Building Standards Commission.

764. Blowoff Valves and Tanks. (a) All boilers subject to these orders shall have blowoff valves and piping installed in accordance with the Code.

(b) All blowoff pipes shall terminate at a safe place of discharge and shall be adequately supported to prevent undue stresses on the valves or lines, and shall not be reduced in size between the blowoff valve and point of discharge.

Blowoff valves constructed with integrally threaded bonnets shall not be permitted.

No blowoff pipe shall discharge directly into a sewer. When the blowoff discharge is to be ultimately led to a sewer, local plumbing codes shall be consulted concerning requirements for discharging products into sewers.

When a blowoff tank is used, it shall be designed and constructed in accordance with good engineering practice for the maximum pressure and temperature expected during the blowdown period with a factor of safety of at least 4. All blowoff tanks shall be provided with means for cleaning and inspection.

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765. Means of Feeding Water to Boilers. All power boilers subject to these Orders shall be equipped with at least one means for feeding water to the boiler at the maximum allowable pressure. Boilers having more than 500 square feet of water heating surface shall have