

## Chapter ILHR 41

## ADMINISTRATION, INSPECTION AND GENERAL INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

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## Subchapter I—Scope, Definitions and Administration

**ILHR 41.01 Purpose.** Pursuant to s. 101.17, Stats., the purpose of chs. ILHR 41 and 42 is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and employes by establishing minimum standards for the design, construction, installation, operation, inspection, testing, maintenance, alteration and repair of boilers and pressure vessels installed in all public buildings and places of employment.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.02 Scope.** (1) **BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS.** The provisions of chs. ILHR 41 and 42 shall apply to boilers and piping components associated with boilers, and to pressure vessels and power piping, in use at places of employment and in public buildings. The provisions of these chapters are not retroactive unless specifically stated in the administrative rule. Where different sections of these chapters specify different requirements, the most restrictive requirement shall govern.

Note: Section 101.01 (2), Stats., provides that the phrase place of employment means and includes every place, whether indoors or out or underground and the premises appurtenant thereto where either temporarily or permanently any industry, trade or business is carried on, or where any process or operation, directly or indirectly related to any industry, trade or business, is carried on, and where any person is, directly or indirectly employed by another for direct or indirect gain or profit, but does not include any place where persons are employed in private domestic service which does not involve the use of mechanical power or in farming. Farming includes those activities specified in s. 102.04 (3), Stats., and also includes the transportation of farm products, supplies or equipment directly to the farm by the operator of said farm or his employes for use thereon, if such activities are directly or indirectly for the purpose of producing commodities for market, or as an accessory to such production. When used with relation to building codes, place of employment does not include a previously constructed building used as a community-based residential facility as defined in s. 50.01 (1), Stats., which serves 20 or fewer unrelated residents, except for the purposes of s. 101.11, Stats.

(2) **OTHER VESSELS.** The provisions of chs. ILHR 41 and 42 shall apply to vessels used for the storage and transportation of flammable liquids, liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, anhydrous ammonia and refrigerants,

unless these vessels are covered by other Wisconsin administrative codes or federal codes.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.04 Definitions.** The definitions contained in this section shall be applicable throughout chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

(1) "Alteration" means a change in a boiler or pressure vessel that substantially alters the original design and that requires consideration of the effect of the change on the original design. Alteration does not include the addition to a boiler or pressure vessel of nozzles smaller than an unreinforced opening size.

(2) "Approved" means acceptable to the department.

(3) "ASME code" means the boiler and pressure vessel code published by the American society of mechanical engineers.

(4) "Authorized inspector" means a boiler or pressure vessel inspector who holds a valid certificate of competency issued by the department.

(5) "Boiler" means a vessel intended for use in heating water or other fluids or for generating steam or other vapors by the application of heat.

(6) "Boiler external piping" means piping within the scope of ASME code section I and which requires ASME code stamping as specified in section I.

(7) "Certificate of competency" means a certificate issued to a boiler or pressure vessel inspector by the department.

(8) "Condemned" means a boiler or pressure vessel declared to be unsafe and which has an applied stamping designating its condemnation.

(9) "Department" means the department of industry, labor and human relations.

(10) "Enforcement authority" means the department.

(11) "External inspection" means an inspection made while the boiler or pressure vessel is in operation.

(12) "Fusion welding" means the melting together of filler metal and base metal, or of base metal only, which results in coalescence.

(13) "High temperature water boiler" means a boiler completely filled with water intended for operation at pressures in excess of 160 psig or temperatures in excess of 250° F.

(14) "Hot water heating boiler" means a boiler in which no steam is generated, from which hot water is circulated for heating purposes and then returned to the boiler, and which operates at a pressure not exceeding 160 psig or a temperature of 250° F at or near the boiler outlet.

(15) "Hot water storage tank" means a tank used to store water that is heated indirectly by a circulating water heater, by steam or hot water circulating through coils, or by other heat exchange methods internal or external to the tank.

(16) "Hot water supply boiler" means a boiler completely filled with water that furnishes hot water to be used externally to itself at pressures not exceeding 160 psig or at temperatures not exceeding 250° F at or near the boiler outlet.

(17) "Incompetence" means conduct which evidences a lack of ability to discharge the duty required to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, lack of knowledge of the fundamental principles of inspection services or an inability to apply those principles, or failure to maintain competency in the current practices and methods applicable to inspection services and the rules of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

(18) "Insurance company" means a company which has been licensed in this state to write boiler and pressure vessel insurance and which is actively engaged in writing such insurance for the general public.

(19) "Internal inspection" means an inspection made when the boiler or pressure vessel is shut down and handholes and manholes or other inspection openings are opened or removed for inspection of the interior as required by the inspector.

(20) "Low pressure boiler" means a boiler on which the safety valves are set at pressures not exceeding 15 psig.

(21) "Maximum allowable working pressure" means the maximum gage pressure permissible at the top of a completed vessel in its operating position for a designated temperature.

(22) "Miniature boiler" means a power boiler or high temperature water boiler which does not exceed any of the following limits:

- (a) 16 inches inside diameter of shell;
- (b) 20 square feet of heating surface, except for electric boilers;
- (c) 5 cubic feet gross volume exclusive of casing and insulation; and
- (d) 100 psig maximum allowable working pressure.

(23) "Misconduct" means an act performed in the discharge of enforcement duties which jeopardizes the interests of the public, including violation of federal or state laws, local ordinances or administrative rules relating to the position, preparation of deficient or falsified reports, failure to submit information or reports requested by the municipality or the department, conduct which evidences a lack of trustworthiness, misrepresentation of qualifications such as education, experience or certification, illegal entry of premises, misuse of funds, or misrepresentation of authority.

(24) "National board" means the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors.

(25) "Negligence" means failure entirely by omission, commission or both to discharge the duty required of a reasonable person to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

(26) "Owner or user" means any person, firm or corporation legally responsible for the safe operation of a boiler or pressure vessel.

(27) "Portable boiler" means an internally fired boiler primarily intended for temporary location and whose construction and usage is of a movable nature.

(28) "Power boiler" means a boiler in which steam or other vapor is generated at a pressure of more than 15 psig.

(29) "Power piping" means any steam piping system beyond the scope of ASME code section I and having an operating pressure in excess of 15 psig, any hot water piping system beyond the scope of ASME code section I and subject to temperatures in excess of 250° F, or any piping system using an organic thermal fluid as a heat transfer media and subject to temperatures in excess of 250° F.

(30) "Pressure-temperature relief valve" means an automatic pressure relieving device actuated by the static pressure upstream of the valve which opens further with the increase in pressure over the opening pressure, or activated by the temperature of the fluid.

Note: A pressure-temperature relief valve is used primarily for liquid service.

(31) "Pressure vessel" means a container for the containment of internal or external pressure which may be obtained from an external source or by the application of heat from a direct or indirect source, or any combination thereof.

(32) "Relief valve" means an automatic pressure relieving device actuated by the static pressure upstream of the valve which opens further with the increase in pressure over the opening pressure.

Note: A relief valve is used primarily for liquid service.

(33) "Repair" means work necessary to restore a boiler or pressure vessel to a safe operating condition.

(34) "Rupture disk" means a nonmechanical overpressure relief device that releases pressure when its preestablished rating is attained.

(35) "Safety relief valve" means an automatic pressure-actuated relieving device suitable for use either as a safety valve or relief valve, depending upon application.

(36) "Safety valve" means an automatic pressure relieving device actuated by the static pressure upstream of the valve and characterized by full-opening pop action.

Note: A safety valve is used for gas or vapor service.

(37) "Secondhand vessel" means a boiler or pressure vessel that has changed location subsequent to the original installation.

(38) "Water heater" means a closed vessel in which water is heated by the combustion of fuels, electricity or other energy source, and withdrawn for use external to the system at pressures not exceeding 160 psig, including the apparatus by which heat is generated and all controls and devices necessary to prevent water temperatures from exceeding 210° F.

Note: For further explanation of definitions, see the ASME code section VIII, scope and appendix 3.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (37), Register, February, 1990, No. 410, eff. 3-1-90; am. (29), Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.

**ILHR 41.05 Petition for variance. (1) PROCEDURE.** The department shall consider and may grant a variance to an administrative rule upon receipt of a fee, a completed petition for variance form from the owner and, where applicable, a completed position statement from the chief of the local fire department, provided an equivalency is established in the petition for variance which meets the intent of the rule from which a variance is being petitioned. The department may impose specific conditions in the petition for variance to promote the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the employees or the public. Violation of those conditions under which the variance is granted constitutes a violation of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

Note: The petition for variance application form (SBD-9890) is available from the Safety and Buildings Division, Customer Service Center, P.O. Box 7969, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, telephone 608/266-3151.

Note: Section 101.02(6), Stats., and ch. ILHR 3 outline the procedures for submitting petitions to the department and the department's procedures for hearing petitions.

Note: See ch. ILHR 2 for fee requirements.

**(2) PETITION PROCESSING TIME.** Except for priority petitions, the department shall review and make a determination on a peti-

tion for variance within 30 business days of receipt of all calculations, documents and fees required to complete the review. The department shall process priority petitions within 10 business days of receipt of the required items.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.06 Penalties.** Penalties for violations of chs. ILHR 41 and 42 shall be assessed in accordance with s. 101.02, Stats.

Note: Section 101.02 (13) (a), Stats., indicates penalties will be assessed against any employer, employee, owner or other person who fails or refuses to perform any duty lawfully enjoined, within the time prescribed by the department, for which no penalty has been specifically provided, or who fails, neglects or refuses to comply with any lawful order made by the department, or any judgment or decree made by any court in connection with ss. 101.01 to 101.25, Stats. For each such violation, failure or refusal, such employer, owner or other person must forfeit and pay into the state treasury a sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each violation.

Note: Section 101.02 (12), Stats., indicates that every day during which any person, persons, corporation or any officer, agent or employee thereof, fails to observe and comply with an order of the department will constitute a separate and distinct violation of such order.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.07 Appeals.** (1) Appeal of local order. Any person affected by a local order which may be in conflict with a rule of the department may petition the department for a hearing on the grounds that the local order is unreasonable and in conflict with the rule of the department.

Note: Section 101.01 (1) (g), Stats., defines local order as any ordinance, order, rule or determination of any common council, board of alderperson, board of trustees or the village board, of any village or city, or the board of health of any municipality, or an order or direction of any official of such municipality, upon any matter over which the department has jurisdiction.

(2) PETITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE. Pursuant to s. 227.12, Stats., any municipality, corporation or any 5 or more persons having an interest in an administrative rule may petition the department requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of that rule.

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**ILHR 41.08 Fees.** Fees for the inspection, certificate of operation and other services performed by the department pertaining to boilers and pressure vessels shall be submitted as specified in ch. ILHR 2. The owner shall be responsible for the payment of fees.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93.

**ILHR 41.10 Adoption of ASME standards.** (1) CONSENT TO INCORPORATE. Pursuant to s. 227.21, Stats., consent has been granted by the attorney general and the revisor of statutes to incorporate by reference the rules contained in the standards and addenda listed in Table 41.10.

(2) ADOPTION. The standards and addenda listed in Table 41.10 are hereby incorporated by reference into chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

TABLE 41.10

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code 1995 edition	
1. Section I	Power Boilers
2. Section II	Material Specifications
a.	Part A—Ferrous Material
b.	Part B—Nonferrous Material
c.	Part C—Welding Rods, Electrodes and Filler Metals
d.	Part D—Properties
3. Section III	Nuclear Power Plant Components
a.	Subsection NCA—General Requirements Division 1
a.	Subsection NB—Class 1 Components
b.	Subsection NC—Class 2 Components
c.	Subsection ND—Class 3 Components

- d. Subsection NE—Class MC Components
- e. Subsection NF—Supports
- f. Subsection NG—Core Support Structures
- g. Appendices
- Division 2
- a. Concrete Reactor Vessels and Containers
- 4. Section IV Heating Boilers
- 5. Section V Nondestructive Examination
- 6. Section VIII Pressure Vessels
  - a. Division 1—Pressure Vessels
  - b. Division 2—Alternative Rules
- 7. Section IX Welding and Brazing Qualifications
- 8. Section X Fiber-Reinforced Plastic Pressure Vessels
- 9. Section XI Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components
  - ANSI/ASME Standards
- 10. Power Piping, ANSI/ASME B31.1—1992 edition

(3) FILING OF STANDARDS. (a) Copies of the standards in reference are on file in the offices of the department, the secretary of state and the revisor of statutes.

(b) Copies may be on file at public and university libraries.

(4) AVAILABILITY OF STANDARDS. Copies of the standards in reference may be procured for personal use from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Order Department, 22 Law Drive, P.O. Box 2300, Fairfield, New Jersey 07007-2300.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; r. and recr. Table 41.10, Register, February, 1990, No. 410, eff. 3-1-90; am. Table 41.10, Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94; am. Table 41.10, Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

## Subchapter II—Inspections

**ILHR 41.12 Inspector certifications required.** Any person performing an inspection and submitting an inspection report for the purpose of meeting inspection requirements covering a boiler or pressure vessel shall hold a valid certificate of competency or in-service field inspector authorization issued by the department.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.13 Certificate of competency as an inspector.** (1) ELIGIBILITY. An applicant for a certificate of competency as a boiler or pressure vessel inspector shall be an employe of the department, a municipality, an insurance company, or owners or operators of boilers and pressure vessels authorized to make their own inspections.

(2) QUALIFICATIONS. An applicant shall have one of the following combinations of education and experience requirements:

(a) A degree in engineering plus one year experience in design, construction, operation or inspection of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels; or

(b) An associate degree in mechanical technology plus 2 years experience in design, construction, operation or inspection of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels; or

(c) Three years experience in high pressure boiler and pressure vessel construction or repair, in supervision of high pressure boiler and pressure vessel operation, or in the inspection of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels.

(3) APPLICATION. (a) All applications for certification or recertification shall be made to the department together with the payment of the application and examination fees.

Note: Application form no. SB-37 is available from the Division of Safety and Buildings, P.O. Box 7969, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, telephone 608/266-3151.

Note: See ch. ILHR 2 for fee requirements.

(b) Upon receipt of the application form, the department shall review and evaluate the application and make all necessary notifications to the applicant.

(4) **ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE.** Certificates of competency for a boiler or pressure vessel inspector shall be issued by the department to eligible applicants who have received a grade of 70% or greater on the examination prescribed by and conducted by the department. The department shall issue the certificate within 15 business days of passage of the examination.

(a) The certificate shall bear the name of the applicant, certificate number and expiration date. The certificate shall be valid for the remainder of the calendar year in which it is issued.

(b) Applicants failing the examination may apply to retake the examination.

(c) Holders of certificates who do not apply for renewal in any 5-year period may be required to pass a scheduled examination.

(5) **RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE.** Upon receipt of written notice of expiration, certification may be renewed. The request for renewal, together with the payment of the renewal fee, shall be filed with the department on or before January 1 of the calendar year for which the certificate is to be valid.

Note: See ch. ILHR 2 for fee requirements.

(6) **DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE.** (a) Upon denial of certification or recertification, the department shall notify the applicant within 15 business days in writing stating the reasons for denial. The notice of denial shall be made by certified mail sent to the address filed with the application. Service shall be verified by the certified mail receipt.

(b) Upon receipt of the notice of denial, the applicant may submit a written request for hearing. The right to hearing shall be waived if the applicant fails to submit the request within 30 business days of receipt of the notice of denial. Hearings shall be conducted by the department and the proceedings recorded.

(7) **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION.** The department may suspend or revoke the certification of any inspector for:

(a) Fraud or deceit in obtaining certification;

(b) Any negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the discharge of the duties required under chs. ILHR 41 and 42; or

(c) Conviction of a criminal charge, misdemeanor or violation of a local regulation substantially related to the circumstances of the certified inspection activity or adjudication of mental incompetence by the courts.

(8) **SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS.** (a) The department shall investigate alleged violations at its own initiative or upon the filing of a complaint. If it is determined that no further action is warranted, the department will notify the persons affected. If the department determines that there is probable cause for suspension, it shall order a hearing and notify, by mail, the persons affected.

(b) Upon receipt of hearing notice, the charged party may respond to the charges in writing. Failure to respond within 30 business days or failure to appear at the hearing may result in the charges being taken as true.

(c) All hearings shall be conducted by persons selected by the department.

(d) Any findings shall be in writing and shall be binding unless appealed to the secretary of the department.

(e) All arguments shall be submitted in writing.

(9) **RECIPROcity.** A certificate of competency may be granted by the department to a boiler or pressure vessel inspector who holds a certificate issued by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors and a certificate of competency from a city or state which has adopted the ASME boiler and pressure vessel code and which requires a written examination similar to that required by the department.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.14 In-service field inspectors.** (1) **ELIGIBILITY.** An applicant for an in-service field inspector authorization shall be an employe of the department, a municipality, an insurance company, or owners or operators of boilers and pressure vessels authorized to make their own inspections.

(2) **QUALIFICATIONS.** An applicant shall have one of the following education and experience qualifications:

(a) A bachelor's degree in engineering from an accredited college or university, which is deemed to be the equivalent of 2 years experience in design, construction, operation or inspection of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels; or

(b) An associate degree in mechanical technology plus one year of actual experience in design, construction, operation or inspection of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels; or

(c) Two years of practical experience in the construction, installation, repair, maintenance, operation or inspection of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels.

(3) **APPLICATION.** (a) All applications for an in-service field inspector authorization shall be made to the department together with the payment of the application and examination fees.

Note: Application form no. SB-37 is available from the Division of Safety and Buildings, P.O. Box 7969, Madison, Wisconsin 53707 - telephone 608/266-3151.

Note: See ch. ILHR 2 for fee requirements.

(b) Upon receipt of the application form, the department shall review and evaluate the application and make all necessary notifications to the applicant.

(4) **ISSUANCE OF AUTHORIZATION.** In-service field inspector authorizations shall be issued by the department to eligible applicants who have received a grade of 70% or greater on the examination prescribed by and conducted by the department. The department shall issue the authorization within 15 business days of passage of the examination.

(a) The authorization shall bear the name of the applicant, authorization number and expiration date. The authorization shall be valid for a period of 15 months from the date of issuance.

(b) Applicants failing the examination may apply to retake the examination.

(c) The authorization shall be nonrenewable.

(5) **INSPECTION WORK.** (a) The in-service field inspector authorization may be utilized by the holder only while in the continuous employ of the authorized inspection agency by whom employed at the time of application.

(b) The authorized in-service field inspector may perform only field inspection work and the work shall be performed while accompanied by an authorized field inspector during the first 3 months of employment and under the direct supervision of an authorized field inspector for the following 12 months.

(c) If the authorized inspection agency specified in par. (a) is an insurance company, then the authorized in-service field inspector may perform field inspection work only upon objects covered by the insurance company.

(d) Inspection of repairs and alterations shall be performed by an authorized inspector in possession of a certificate of competency.

(6) **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.** Upon completion of one year of experience as an authorized in-service field inspector while in the continuous employ of the authorized inspection agency by whom employed at the time of application, the holder of a valid authorization, through the employer, may apply for a certificate of competency. In the event the applicant's experience is with more than one authorized inspection agency, the department may accept the accumulated inspection experience.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.15 General inspection requirements.** (1) **ALL INSPECTIONS.** The authorized inspectors of the depart-

ment, upon presenting appropriate credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, may:

(a) Enter without delay and at reasonable times any factory, plant, establishment, construction site, or other area, workplace or environment where work is performed by an employe of an employer; and

(b) Inspect and investigate during regular working hours and at other reasonable times, and within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, any place of employment and all pertinent conditions, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, and materials therein, and to question privately any employer, owner, operator, agent or employe.

**(2) REPRESENTATION.** The inspector, before making an inspection, shall contact the employer or employer's representative who shall be given an opportunity to accompany the inspector during the physical inspection of any workplace under sub. (1).

*Note:* The department procedure is not to give advance notice, but in the scheduling and in the act of inspecting it may not always be possible to avoid advance notice or to obtain accompaniment, but otherwise these rules will be diligently observed.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.16 Initial inspections. (1) BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTIONS.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), boilers and pressure vessels shall be inspected by an authorized inspector before they are placed in operation.

*Note:* See s. ILHR 41.41 for installation registration requirements.

(b) The inspections specified in par. (a) are not required for boilers and pressure vessels exempted from periodic inspections in s. ILHR 41.18.

(c) Where the boilers or pressure vessels specified in par. (a) are installed in a city of the first class and inspections are made by the city, the city shall keep a record of the inspections and shall submit a copy to the department.

(d) Where the inspections specified in par. (a) are performed by an authorized inspector other than a department inspector, the authorized inspector shall file an inspection report with the department and shall affix the Wisconsin registration number as required in s. ILHR 41.36. The inspection report shall be filed with the department within 30 calendar days after completion of the boiler or pressure vessel installation. If the report is not filed within the 30-day period, the department shall perform the inspection.

(e) Required initial inspections shall be reported to the department on forms SBD-7678 and SBD-7679.

*Note:* Form SBD-7678 is used for reporting inspections of pressure vessels, and Form SBD-7679 is used for reporting inspections of boilers. See Appendix A for copies of these forms.

**(2) POWER PIPING INSPECTIONS.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), all power piping systems not covered by ASME code section I and required to be constructed in accordance with the ANSI standard for power piping as listed in Table 41.10, shall receive an initial inspection by an authorized inspector employed by the department or, if installed in a city of the first class, by the city. Documented inspections, including the initial inspection, made by authorized inspectors not employed by the department shall be acceptable to the department.

(b) The inspections specified in par. (a) are not required for:

1. Power piping of 2 inches nominal pipe size and smaller;
2. Power piping replacements, modifications and alterations to existing systems and for new installations, any of which do not exceed 50 feet in length; and
3. Underground power piping systems which are not located in a walk-in tunnel.

(c) The installer shall notify the department, the city of the first class or the authorized inspector employed by an insurance company prior to the start of construction of the power piping system so that inspections may be arranged. The department or the city shall be given a minimum of 2 business days notice to arrange for inspection.

(d) A power piping inspection shall be made after the piping material is delivered to the job site and prior to the start of construction of the power piping system. The installer shall complete form SBD-5204 and retain it at the job site prior to the power piping inspection. The authorized inspector shall indicate acceptance of the power piping system design by signing form SBD-5204. Power piping systems may not be insulated or placed in service without receiving an inspection.

*Note:* See Appendix A for a copy of form SBD-5204.

(e) Prefabricated piping that is part of a power piping system shall be inspected by an authorized inspector at the fabrication shop. The shop fabricator shall provide a copy of the authorized inspector's report to the installer at the job site verifying that the prefabricated piping complies with the ANSI standard for power piping adopted under s. ILHR 41.10.

(f) The owner of the power piping system may request power piping inspections in addition to the minimum inspections.

(g) Inspection fees for the power piping inspections shall be assessed by the department or by the city of the first class.

*Note:* For inspection fees, see ch. ILHR 2.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (1) (d) and (2) (c), cr. (1) (e), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; am. (2) (d), r. and rec. (2) (e), Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.

**ILHR 41.17 Periodic inspections. (1) INSPECTION OF POWER BOILERS.** (a) Except as provided in s. ILHR 41.18, power boilers and organic fluid heat transfer boilers shall be subjected to either a regular internal or external inspection at least once every 12 months by an authorized inspector.

(b) Where an internal inspection of a power boiler is not possible because of the construction of the boiler, an external inspection shall be acceptable.

**(2) INSPECTION OF PRESSURE VESSELS.** Except as provided in s. ILHR 41.18, pressure vessels shall be subjected to a regular internal or external inspection at least once every 36 months by an authorized inspector.

**(3) INSPECTION OF LOW PRESSURE STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING BOILERS.** Except as provided in s. ILHR 41.18, low pressure steam boilers and hot water heating boilers shall be subjected to a regular internal or external inspection at least once every 36 months by an authorized inspector.

**(4) INSPECTION OF SAFETY VALVES AND SAFETY RELIEF VALVES.** The authorized inspectors shall satisfy themselves that safety valves and safety relief valves have been operated at least once every 12 months.

**(5) EXTENSION OF PERIOD BETWEEN INSPECTIONS.** If operating conditions require, an extension of periods not to exceed 6 months between inspections of boilers, pressure vessels, safety valves and safety relief valves may be approved by the department upon a written request from the owner or user for an extension. The authorized inspection agency shall concur with the owner's or user's request for extension by letter to the department.

*Note:* For inspection fees, see ch. ILHR 2.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; am. (5), Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.

**ILHR 41.18 Exemptions from periodic inspections.**

**(1) EXEMPTED EQUIPMENT.** Except as provided in sub. (2), periodic inspections are not required for:

- (a) Boilers or pressure vessels which receive regular inspections by United States government inspectors;
- (b) Heating boilers located in private residences or in apartment buildings having less than 3 living units;
- (c) Expansion tanks for hot water heating boilers;
- (d) Boilers used exclusively for agricultural purposes;
- (e) Pressure vessels having an inside diameter not exceeding 6 inches with no limit on pressure;

(f) Pressure vessels having a volume of less than 5 cubic feet and an operating pressure of less than 250 psig;

(g) Pressure vessels with a volume of less than 1-1/2 cubic feet with no limit on pressure;

(h) Pressure vessels having an internal or external operating pressure of not more than 15 psig with no limitations on size;

(i) Hot water supply boilers and water heaters, and hot water storage tanks in which the temperature does not exceed 210° F;

(j) Vessels used for the storage or processing of cold water, including those with air cushions;

(k) Pressure vessels which are used in accordance with the regulations of the United States department of transportation;

(L) Air receivers having a volume of less than 12 cubic feet and an operating pressure of less than 250 psig; and

(m) Pressure vessels used in processing and storing of fermented beverages at temperatures not exceeding 140° F.

**(2) EXCEPTIONS.** In individual cases, the boilers and pressure vessels exempted in sub. (1) shall be subject to inspection by or on order of the department upon the complaint of any person or upon the initiative of the department when there is reasonable cause to suspect that the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the vessel is not in keeping with the general purpose and intent of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

**(3) EXEMPTED POWER BOILERS.** A power boiler, excluding a chemical recovery boiler, with a rated steam output capacity of 100,000 pounds per hour or greater may be exempted from internal inspection each 12 months, but not to exceed 24 months, provided all the following conditions are met:

(a) A documented boiler maintenance program is available.

(b) A documented boiler water treatment program is available.

(c) The inspection agency of record has verified in writing to the department that the maintenance and treatment programs are adequate for the boiler.

(d) If the internal inspection is completed during the 12 to 24 month period, the boiler shall be subjected to an external inspection at 12 months.

*History: Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; cr. (3), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.*

#### **ILHR 41.19 Preparation for internal inspection.**

**(1) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** The owner or user of a boiler or a pressure vessel subject to inspection shall prepare the vessel for internal inspection after due notice from the inspector. To prepare a vessel for an internal inspection all manhole plates, all wash-out plugs, and a sufficient number of handhole plates to permit a satisfactory inspection shall be removed. The shell and heads shall be thoroughly cleaned and exposed when so requested. Each steam boiler shall be thoroughly drained of water and all fire side surfaces cleaned before an internal inspection is made.

**(2) PREPARATION PROCEDURE.** The following procedure shall be required for preparation for inspection:

(a) Before entering any part of a boiler which is connected to a common header with other boilers, the required steam or water system stop valves shall be closed, tagged and preferably padlocked, and drain valves or cocks between the 2 closed stop valves shall be opened. The feed valves shall be closed, tagged, and preferably padlocked, and drain valves or cocks located between the 2 valves shall be opened.

(b) After draining the boiler, the blowoff valves shall be closed, tagged and preferably padlocked. Blowoff lines, where practicable, shall be disconnected between pressure parts and valves. All drains and vent lines shall be opened.

**(3) RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY.** The authorized inspector shall have the right to refuse to enter a boiler or pressure vessel if in the inspector's judgement it is unsafe to do so.

*Note: Confined space rules are contained in ch. ILHR 32 for public sector employees and in section 29 CFR 1910.146 of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration for private sector employees.*

*History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.*

#### **ILHR 41.20 Inspections by insurance companies.**

Inspections of boilers and pressure vessels by insurance companies may be accepted by the department under the following conditions:

**(1) AUTHORITY.** The boiler and pressure vessel inspectors employed by the insurance company shall hold certificates of competency or in-service field inspector authorizations issued by the department.

**(2) REPORTS.** The insurance company shall report inspections of boilers and pressure vessels to the department as required in s. ILHR 41.23.

**(3) PROCEDURES.** The inspection procedures used by the insurance company shall conform to the regulations of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

**(4) COVERAGE.** The insurance company shall report to the department within 30 calendar days when insurance coverage is started or discontinued on a boiler or pressure vessel. The reason for discontinuing the coverage shall be given on the report. If the boiler or pressure vessel is installed in a city of the first class which provides boiler and pressure vessel inspections, the report shall also be provided to the city.

*History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.*

**ILHR 41.21 Inspections by cities.** Inspections of boilers and pressure vessels by cities of the first class may be accepted by the department under the following conditions:

**(1) AUTHORITY.** The boiler and pressure vessel inspectors employed by the city shall hold certificates of competency or in-service field inspector authorizations issued by the department.

**(2) REPORTS.** The city shall keep a record of the inspections and shall submit a copy to the department.

**(3) PROCEDURES.** The inspection procedures used by the city shall conform to the regulations of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

*History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.*

**ILHR 41.22 Inspections by companies or corporations.** Inspections by companies or corporations of boilers or pressure vessels which they own or operate may be accepted by the department under the following conditions:

**(1) AUTHORITY.** The boiler and pressure vessel inspectors employed by the company or corporation shall hold certificates of competency or in-service field inspector authorizations issued by the department.

**(2) REPORTS.** The company or corporation shall report inspections of boilers and pressure vessels to the department as required in s. ILHR 41.23.

**(3) PROCEDURES.** The inspection procedures used by the company or corporation shall conform to the regulations of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

*History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.*

#### **ILHR 41.23 Reporting of periodic inspections.**

**(1) REPORTING PROCESSING TIME.** Reports of periodic internal or external inspections of boilers and pressure vessels shall be sent to the department within 30 calendar days from the date of inspection.

**(2) INSPECTION REPORT FORMS.** (a) Required periodic inspections shall be reported to the department on forms SBD-7678 and SBD-7679.

*Note: Form SBD-7678 is used for reporting inspections of pressure vessels, and Form SBD-7679 is used for reporting inspections of boilers. See Appendix A for copies of these forms.*

(b) A group of pressure vessels of the same design and use that are interconnected or are operated so as to form a unit, machine

or apparatus may be included in a single inspection report. The report shall contain the number, description and use of the vessel.

(c) The inspection report shall explain any violation or unsafe condition with references to code section numbers. Recommendations to the owner or user of the vessel, relating to code violations, shall be included in the report to the department.

(d) The inspection report shall be legible and complete.

(3) **EXTERNAL INSPECTIONS.** External inspections shall be reported only when either of the following conditions is found:

(a) An internal inspection is not possible because of the construction of the vessel. In these cases the external inspection shall be reported to the department in the same manner as an internal inspection. The report shall be marked external and the reason for making an external inspection instead of an internal shall be given; or

(b) When violations of chs. ILHR 41 and 42 or unsafe conditions involving the safety of the vessel are found.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.24 Certificate of operation. (1) RESPONSIBILITY.** (a) The owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining a valid certificate of operation.

(b) The certificate of operation shall be posted on the premises by the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel.

Note: See Appendix A for a copy of the certificate of operation.

(2) **ISSUANCE.** After each initial or periodic inspection for boilers and pressure vessels found to be in compliance with chs. ILHR 41 and 42, a certificate of operation shall be issued by the department to the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel. The department shall issue the certificate within 15 business days of determination of compliance.

(3) **ALLOWABLE PRESSURE.** The certificate of operation shall give the maximum allowable working pressure as determined using the regulations of chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

(4) **EXPIRATION.** The certificate of operation shall be valid until the next required periodic inspection.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

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**ILHR 41.27 Application.** The provisions of ss. ILHR 41.27 to 41.39 shall apply to all boilers and pressure vessels existing prior to, or installed after March 1, 1988.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; correction made under s.13.93 (2m) (b) 14, Stats., Register, May, 1994, No. 461.

**ILHR 41.28 Safety rules. (1) MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WORKING PRESSURE.** No boiler or pressure vessel may be operated at a pressure in excess of the maximum allowable working pressure stated on its current certificate of operation.

(2) **ALTERATION TO SAFETY DEVICES.** No unauthorized person may remove or tamper with any connected safety device.

(3) **INSTALLATION LOCATION.** Boilers and pressure vessels shall be so installed that there will be sufficient room between the vessel and any ceiling, wall, partition or floor to facilitate the connection and operation of valves, pipes and other appurtenances, and shall be installed in a manner that will not block any inspection opening.

Note: To assure proper installation, alteration or repair of a boiler or pressure vessel, it may be necessary to comply with other applicable Wisconsin Administrative Code sections in addition to the Wisconsin Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Some of the Wisconsin Administrative Code sections to be considered are as follows:

Sections ILHR 54.14, 55.29, 56.15, 57.14, 58.24, 58.62, 59.21, 60.25, 60.37, 61.24, 62.32 and 62.78 (boiler room requirements).

Section ILHR 64.09 (combustion air intake requirements).

Sections ILHR 64.20 to 64.23 (installation and safety control requirements).

Sections ILHR 64.45 to 64.50 (chimney and smokestack requirements).

Section ILHR 64.51 (equipment location and protection requirements).

Wisconsin Administrative Codes may be obtained by contacting the State Department of Administration, Document Sales and Distribution, P.O. Box 7840, Mason, Wisconsin 53707.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.29 Safety controls. (1) GENERAL.** Oil-fired, gas-fired and electrically-heated boilers shall be equipped with primary safety controls, safety limit switches, and burners or electric elements that bear the stamp, monogram or other evidence of compliance with a nationally recognized standard.

Note: Typical acceptable stamps are the American Gas Association (AGA) and the Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

(2) **PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE CONTROLS.** Compliance with the following requirements is optional for boilers installed prior to January 1, 1957:

(a) **Pressure controls.** Each automatically-fired steam boiler or system of commonly connected steam boilers shall have at least one steam pressure control device that will shut off the fuel supply to each boiler or system of commonly connected boilers when the steam pressure reaches a preset maximum operating pressure. In addition to the operating pressure control, each individual automatically-fired steam boiler shall have a high steam pressure limit control that will prevent generation of steam pressure in excess of the maximum allowable working pressure. Each limit control and operating control shall be clearly separated, and have its own sensing element and operating switch. No shut-off valve of any type may be placed in the steam pressure connection between the boiler and the high pressure limit control device.

(b) **Temperature controls.** Each automatically-fired hot water boiler or system of commonly connected hot water boilers shall have at least one temperature actuated control to shut off the fuel supply when the system water reaches a preset operating temperature. In addition to the operating temperature control, each individual automatically-fired hot water boiler unit shall have a high temperature limit control that will prevent the water temperature from exceeding the maximum allowable temperature. Each limit control and operating control shall be clearly separated, and have its own sensing element and operating switch.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.30 Low-water cutoff and water feeder.**

(1) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** (a) Every automatically-fired power boiler which does not have a full-time attendant and every automatically-fired low-pressure steam boiler shall be equipped with an automatic low-water fuel cutoff or other device which will perform a similar function, so located as to automatically cut off the fuel supply when the surface of the water falls to the lowest safe water line.

(b) If a water-feeding device is installed, it shall be so constructed that the water inlet valve cannot feed water into the boiler through the float chamber and so located as to supply requisite feed water. The lowest safe water line shall be not lower than the lowest visible part of the water glass.

(c) Boilers which are manually fired and have a residual heat source shall have a fusible plug installed which will extinguish the fire in the event of low water.

(2) **BOWL DESIGNS.** Designs embodying a float and float bowl, or probe control installed in a bowl or chamber externally to the boiler, shall have a vertical straightway valved drain pipe at the lowest point in the water equalizing pipe connections by which the bowl or chamber and the equalizing pipe can be flushed and the device tested.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; cr. (1) (c), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.31 Boiler blowoff equipment. (1) PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE LIMITS.** The blowdown from a boiler that enters a sewer system or blowdown which is considered a hazard to life or property shall pass through some form of blowoff equipment that

will reduce pressure and temperature as specified in pars. (a) and (b).

(a) The temperature of the water leaving the blowoff equipment may not exceed 140° F.

(b) The pressure of the blowdown leaving the blowoff equipment may not exceed 5 psi.

(2) **PIPING AND FITTINGS.** The blowoff piping and fittings between the boiler and the blowoff tank shall comply with the ANSI standard listed in Table 41.10 or the code in effect at the time of construction.

(3) **TANKS AND SEPARATORS.** The blowoff tank or separator shall be designed in accordance with s. ILHR 41.42 or the code in effect at the time of construction for a maximum allowable working pressure of at least 50 psig.

(4) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** All blowoff equipment, except centrifugal blowdown separators, shall be fitted with openings to facilitate cleaning and inspection and shall have:

(a) A pressure gage graduated from 0-50 psi;

(b) A thermometer well located near the water outlet connection and in contact with the retained water in the tank;

(c) A gauge glass at least ½-inch in diameter with the lower connection to the glass at a point about 6 inches below the water line and the upper connection at a point about 6 inches above the water line;

(d) A drain connection of at least 2-inch standard pipe size; and

(e) Connections designed so that freezing will not close the inlet, the outlet or the vent.

(5) **VENT PIPING.** All blowoff equipment shall have vent piping, full size, piped to the outside atmosphere and discharged to a safe location.

*Note:* Blowoff equipment designed in accordance with the boiler blowoff equipment rules issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors will meet the requirements of this section. Other methods of designing blowoff equipment may be used if approved by the department.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (4) (d) and (e), r. (4)(f), cr. (5), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; am. (2), (3), (4) (a), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

#### ILHR 41.32 Pressure gages for air receivers.

(1) **GAGE LOCATION.** Air receivers shall be equipped with an indicating pressure gage so located as to be readily visible.

(2) **GAGE DIAL.** The dial of the pressure gage shall be graduated to approximately double the pressure at which the safety valve is set, but may not be less than one and one-half times that pressure.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.33 Protection of vessels supplied through pressure reducing stations.** The following requirements shall be used for determining the sizes of safety valves on pressure vessels such as, but not limited to pressure cookers, indirect hot water heaters and equipment in heating systems, which are supplied through pressure reducing stations from boilers carrying a higher steam pressure. Where a pressure reducing station is supplied from a boiler, the capacity of the safety valves on the low pressure side of the system need not exceed the capacity of the boiler.

(1) **REDUCING STATION CAPACITY.** The following formula shall be used to determine the steam flow rate through the pressure reducing station.

$$W = 1/3 \times OC \times VSPA$$

Where:

W= steam flow in pounds of steam per hour through the pressure reducing valve

OC= orifice capacity in pounds of steam per hour per square inch from Table 41.33-1

VSPA= reducing valve size pipe area in square inches from Table 41.33-2

(a) The critical flow capacity data supplied by the reducing valve manufacturer may be used in place of the above formula to select the required safety valve capacity. The capacity calculations shall be the largest obtainable by internal trim change of the reducing valve.

(b) In using Table 41.33-1, the pressure reducing station inlet pressure is the lowest set pressure of any safety valve on the high pressure side of the pressure reducing station.

(2) **BYPASS CAPACITY.** The following formula shall be used to determine the steam flow rate through the bypass when pressure reducing stations are arranged with a valved bypass which also acts as a potential steam source hazard in case the bypass is left open.

$$W = 1/2 \times OC \times BPA$$

Where:

W= steam flow in pounds of steam per hour through the bypass valve

OC= orifice capacity in pounds of steam per hour per square inch from Table 41.33-1

BPA= bypass pipe area in square inches from Table 41.33-2

(3) **SELECTING SAFETY VALVE.** The larger of the steam flow rates calculated by the formulas in subs. (1) and (2) shall be used for selecting the safety valve on the low pressure side of the system.



TABLE 41.33-1  
ORIFICE RELIEVING CAPACITIES  
(Pounds per hour per square inch)

OUTLET PRESSURE PSIG	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE INLET PRESSURE, PSIG											
	1500	1450	1400	1350	1300	1250	1200	1150	1100	1050	1000	950
1000	76560	72970	69170	64950	60540	55570	49930	43930	35230	25500	—	—
950	77430	74180	70760	67000	63100	58770	53920	48610	42380	34890	24910	—
900	77750	74810	71720	68340	64870	61040	56820	52260	47050	41050	33490	23960
850	77830	74950	72160	69130	66020	62610	58900	54930	50480	45470	39660	29080
800	—	75070	72330	69490	66700	63680	60390	56910	53060	48800	43980	38340
750	—	—	—	69610	66880	64270	61260	58200	54840	51170	47080	42420
700	—	—	—	—	66900	64270	61520	58820	55870	52670	49170	45230
650	—	—	—	—	—	—	61550	58860	56260	53480	50440	47070
600	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58980	56270	53660	51020	48470
550	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53810	51040	48470
500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
450	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
400	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
350	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
125	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Where capacities are not shown for inlet and outlet conditions, use the highest capacity shown under the applicable inlet pressure column.

TABLE 41.33-1 (continued)  
ORIFICE RELIEVING CAPACITIES  
(Pounds per hour per square inch)

OUTLET PRES.. PSIG	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE INLET PRESSURE, PSIG												
	900	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300
1000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
950	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
850	23190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
800	31610	22550	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
750	37110	30600	21800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
700	40860	35730	29420	21020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
650	43400	39200	34250	28260	20190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
600	45010	41500	37470	32800	27090	19480	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
550	45800	42840	39850	35730	31310	25940	18620	—	—	—	—	—	—
500	45850	43330	40530	37610	33880	29760	24630	17720	—	—	—	—	—
450	45870	43330	40730	38150	35260	31980	28080	23290	16680	—	—	—	—
400	—	—	40760	38220	35680	33050	29980	26380	21870	15760	—	—	—
350	—	—	—	—	—	33120	30690	27910	24570	20460	14790	—	—
300	—	—	—	—	—	33240	—	28140	25610	22620	18860	13630	—
250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28150	25650	23200	21000	17100	10800
200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21350	18250	15350
175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18250	16000
150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18250	16200
125	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18780	—
110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Where capacities are not shown for inlet and outlet conditions, use the highest capacity shown under the applicable inlet pressure column.

TABLE 41.33-1 (continued)  
ORIFICE RELIEVING CAPACITIES  
(Pounds per hour per square inch)

OUTLET PRES., PSIG	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE INLET PRESSURE, PSIG												
	250	200	175	150	125	100	85	75	60	50	40	30	25
1000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
950	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
900	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
850	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
750	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
700	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
650	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
600	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
550	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
450	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
400	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
350	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
250	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
200	10900	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
175	12600	7250	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
150	13400	9540	6750	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
125	13600	10800	8780	6220	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
110	13600	11000	9460	7420	4550	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
100	13600	11000	9760	7970	5630	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
85	13600	11000	---	8480	6640	4070	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
75	13600	11000	---	---	7050	4980	3150	---	---	---	---	---	---
60	13630	11000	---	---	7200	5750	4540	3520	---	---	---	---	---
50	---	11000	---	---	---	5920	5000	4230	2680	---	---	---	---
40	---	11000	---	---	---	---	5140	4630	3480	2470	---	---	---
30	---	11050	---	---	---	---	---	---	3860	3140	2210	---	---
25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3340	2580	1485	---
15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2830	2320	1800
10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2060
5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Where capacities are not shown for inlet and outlet conditions, use the highest capacity shown under the applicable inlet pressure column.

**TABLE 41.33-2  
INTERNAL PIPE AREA**

Nominal pipe size, inches	STANDARD WEIGHT PIPE		
	Actual External Diameter, Inches	Approx. Internal Diameter, Inches	Approx. Internal Area, Square Inches
3/8	0.675	0.49	0.19
1/2	0.840	0.62	0.30
3/4	1.050	0.82	0.53
1	1.315	1.05	0.86
1-1/4	1.660	1.38	1.50
1-1/2	1.900	1.61	2.04
2	2.375	2.07	3.36
2-1/2	2.875	2.47	4.78
3	3.5	3.07	7.39
3-1/2	4.0	3.55	9.89
4	4.5	4.03	12.73
5	5.563	5.05	19.99
6	6.625	6.07	28.89
8	8.625	8.07	51.15
10	1.750	10.19	81.55
12	12.750	12.09	114.80

Note: In applying Table 41.33-2, the area of the pipe is always based upon standard weight pipe and the inlet size of the pressure reducing valve.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. intro., (1) (intro.), (2), r. and recr. (1) (a) and (b), Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94; am. (1) (a), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.34 Portable boilers. (1) CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.** The owner or user of a portable boiler located in Wisconsin or brought into Wisconsin for use, shall possess a certificate of operation issued by the department prior to use.

**(2) BOILER REQUIREMENTS.** The certificate of operation shall be issued only after the following requirements are met:

- (a) The boiler is of ASME construction;
- (b) The boiler is installed according to the applicable requirements of chs. ILHR 41 and 42; and
- (c) An internal or external inspection of the boiler has been made which is acceptable to the department.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.35 Interconnected boilers.** When boilers of different maximum allowable working pressures with minimum safety valve settings varying more than 6% are so connected that steam can flow toward the lower pressure units, the latter shall be protected by additional safety valve capacity, if necessary, on the lower pressure side of the system. The additional safety valve capacity shall be based upon the maximum amount of steam which can flow into the lower pressure system. The additional safety valves shall have at least one valve set at a pressure not to exceed the lowest allowable pressure and the other valves shall be set within a range not to exceed 3% above that pressure.

History: History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.36 Identification of boilers and pressure vessels. (1) PERMANENT NUMBER.** The owner or user of a boiler or pressure vessel shall number each vessel in some permanent manner and in an accessible location.

**(2) REGISTRATION NUMBER.** Boilers and pressure vessels subject to periodic inspections shall be identified by a registration number supplied by the department. The registration number shall be affixed to the vessel by an authorized inspector at a location which can be easily viewed.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.37 Maintenance. (1) CORROSION PREVENTION.** All boilers and pressure vessels shall be installed and maintained in such a manner as to prevent excessive corrosion and deterioration.

**(2) SAFE CONDITIONS.** The inspector shall note conditions during internal inspection, external inspection, or hydrostatic pressure test and shall order changes or repairs which will place the boiler or pressure vessel in a safe working condition.

Note: Sections VI and VII of the ASME boiler and pressure vessel code. Recommended Rules for Care and Operation of Heating Boilers and Recommended Rules for Care of Power Boilers, are excellent guides for boiler owners and operators.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.38 Reporting accidents, repairs and alterations. (1) ACCIDENTS.** Whenever a boiler or pressure vessel fails and causes injury to any person, the owner or user shall report the facts involved to the department within the following 24 hours. The owner or user may not remove or disturb the boiler or pressure vessel or any of its parts nor permit any such removal or disturbance prior to receiving authorization from the department, except for the purpose of saving human life or further property damage.

**(2) REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.** The owner or user shall report any repairs or alterations of a boiler or pressure vessel as required in ch. ILHR 42.

**(3) FUEL CONVERSIONS.** The owner or user shall report conversions of boilers to other fuels.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.39 Condemnation. (1) AUTHORITY.** Only the department may condemn a boiler or pressure vessel. Any boiler or pressure vessel declared by an authorized inspector to be unsafe and beyond repair shall be referred to the department for condemnation proceedings.

**(2) SYMBOL.** (a) Any boiler or pressure vessel confirmed by the department to be unsafe for further use shall be stamped as follows:

“CONDEMNED”

“Arrowhead Stamp x Wisconsin x Arrowhead Stamp”

(b) Letters used for the stamp shall be at least 3/8-inch high and arrowheads shall be at least 1/2-inch wide.

**(3) UNLAWFUL USE.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to use, operate, or offer for sale for operation within the state any condemned boiler or pressure vessel.

History: Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**Subchapter IV—New Installations**

**ILHR 41.40 Application.** The provisions of ss. ILHR 41.40 to 41.48 shall apply to all boilers and pressure vessels installed after the effective date of this section.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.41 Installation registration. (1) BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL INSTALLATION REGISTRATION.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the installation of any boiler or pressure vessel shall be registered with the department by the installer before the operation of the boiler or pressure vessel. Registration shall be in writing on form SBD-6314.

Note: See Appendix A for a copy of form SBD-6314.

(b) Registration with the department is not required for:

- 1. Boilers and pressure vessels exempted from periodic inspections in s. ILHR 41.18; and
- 2. Installations in cities of the first class if an installation registration form has been filed with the appropriate city official.

**(2) POWER PIPING INSTALLATION REGISTRATION.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the installation of any power piping system shall be registered with the department by the installer before the

operation of the piping system. Registration shall be in writing on form SB-5204.

Note: See Appendix A for a copy of form SB-5204.

(b) Registration is not required for:

1. Power piping of 2 inches nominal pipe size and smaller.
2. Installations in cities of the first class if an installation registration form has been filed with the appropriate city official;
3. Underground power piping systems which are not located in a walk-in tunnel; and
4. Replacements, modifications and alterations to existing systems and for new installations, any of which do not exceed 50 feet in length.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (1) (a) and (2) (a), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93.

**ILHR 41.42 ASME code vessels.** (1) **ASME CODE COMPLIANCE.** Except as provided in ss. ILHR 41.43, 41.44 and 41.45, boilers and pressure vessels shall be constructed and installed in accordance with the ASME standards adopted under s. ILHR 41.10. Boilers and pressure vessels designed to other national or international standards may be approved if the design has been accepted by a nationally recognized independent third party.

Note: The department will recognize the applicable case interpretations of the ASME boiler and pressure vessel code as being acceptable.

(2) **FILING WITH NATIONAL BOARD.** Boilers and pressure vessels constructed and installed in accordance with the ASME standards adopted in s. ILHR 41.10 shall have the manufacturer's data report filed with the National Board and shall bear a National Board number.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (1), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.43 Wisconsin special vessels.** Where it is not possible or practical to construct a boiler or pressure vessel in strict compliance with s. ILHR 41.42, the department may grant a variance to the owner or user to permit the installation of the boiler or pressure vessel as a Wisconsin special within the state of Wisconsin. The department shall consider a variance request upon receipt of a completed petition for variance form and the required fee. The variance may be granted under the following conditions:

Note: See s. ILHR 41.05 for further explanatory information.

(1) **COMPARABLE SAFETY.** (a) When the method of designing or constructing the boiler or pressure vessel is not covered by the ASME codes listed in s. ILHR 41.10, the department may approve the installation provided adequate proof of comparable safety of the design or construction is shown.

(b) Complete plans, calculations and specifications in duplicate shall be submitted to and approved by the department before installation.

(c) The boiler or pressure vessel shall be stamped "Wisconsin Special" if approved by the department.

(d) All other applicable requirements of the ASME code listed in s. ILHR 41.10 shall be met.

(2) **OWNER-BUILT.** (a) When the boiler or pressure vessel is to be built by an owner for the owner's use, the department may waive the stamping required by the ASME codes listed in s. ILHR 41.10.

(b) Complete plans, calculations and specifications in duplicate shall be submitted to and approved by the department before installation.

(c) The boiler or pressure vessel shall be stamped "Wisconsin Special" if approved by the department.

(d) All other applicable requirements of the ASME code listed in s. ILHR 41.10 shall be met.

(3) **LIMITED QUANTITY.** (a) When a small number of boilers or pressure vessels is to be built by a manufacturer, the department may waive the stamping required by the ASME codes listed in s. ILHR 41.10.

(b) Complete plans, calculations and specifications in duplicate shall be submitted to and approved by the department before installation.

(c) The boiler or pressure vessel shall be stamped "Wisconsin Special" if approved by the department.

(d) All other applicable requirements of the ASME code listed in s. ILHR 41.10 shall be met.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.44 U.S. department of transportation vessels.** Pressure vessels bearing the stamping of the United States department of transportation are not permitted as permanent storage containers, but may be used as replaceable service cylinders and as cylinders for storage of compressed natural gas.

Note: Complete requirements for storage of compressed natural gas are contained in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard number NFPA 52, available from the NFPA, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.45 Noncode vessels.** (1) **EXEMPTED VESSELS.** The following vessels are not required to be constructed and installed in accordance with the ASME codes listed in Table 41.10:

(a) Water heaters and hot water storage tanks, provided water temperatures do not exceed 210° F;

Note: See ch. ILHR 84 for requirements relating to water heaters and hot water storage tanks.

(b) Vessels for containing water under pressure for domestic supply, including those having an air space for expansion;

(c) Pressure vessels used for the processing or storage of water at water temperatures not exceeding 210° F. These vessels may contain a steam or hot water coil or heat exchanger, provided the steam is at or below a pressure of 15 psig and the hot water is at or below a pressure of 160 psig and a temperature of 250° F;

(d) Pressure vessels used for water conditioning and filtration; and

(e) Pressure vessels used in processing and storing of fermented beverages at temperatures not exceeding 140° F.

(2) **VESSEL IDENTIFICATION.** The vessels listed in sub. (1) (b) to (e) shall be identified with the manufacturer's name, a serial number, the allowable working pressure, and the year fabricated.

(3) **PRESSURE RELIEF REQUIREMENTS.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the vessels listed in sub. (1) shall meet the pressure relief device requirements of the ASME codes listed in Table 41.10.

Note: Pressure relief devices are not required on each vessel of a system if the system is properly equipped with pressure relief devices. For systems containing unheated water storage tanks, a pressure relief device is needed when the pressure-inducing source is capable of imposing a pressure greater than the design pressure of the tanks.

(b) Water heaters and hot water storage tanks shall be equipped with pressure-temperature relief devices in accordance with ch. ILHR 84.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; r. and rec. (1) (a) and (3) (b), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93.

**ILHR 41.46 Power piping.** (1) **GENERAL.** Power piping shall be installed in accordance with the ANSI standard for power piping, including addenda, listed in Table 41.10. The use of slip-on flanges exceeding 4-inches nominal pipe size shall not be permitted on power piping.

(2) **BOILER EXTERNAL PIPING.** Boiler external piping within the scope of section I of the ASME code shall be installed in accordance with the ANSI standard for power piping, including addenda, listed in Table 41.10.

(3) **APPLICATION.** This section applies to new systems as well as all replacements, modifications, and alterations to existing systems.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; r. and rec. Register, February, 1990, No. 410, eff. 3-1-90.

**ILHR 41.47 Multi-boiler installations.** When hot water heating boilers are installed in multiples with a common header and a common return, isolation valves may be eliminated between units and the units may be considered as one boiler provided:

(1) **OUTPUT LIMIT.** No single unit exceeds 500,000 Btu per hour output;

(2) **PRESSURE RELIEF.** Each unit has a pressure relief device as required by the ASME code, or the common header has a pressure relief device with sufficient relieving capacity for all units in the installation;

(3) **CONTROLS.** Each unit has operating controls and safety controls acceptable to the department; and

(4) **LOW-WATER CUTOFF.** The fuel supply to each unit is shut off by a low-water cutoff in the event of low water in the system.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.48 Organic fluid heat transfer systems.** Boilers and coil type heaters which utilize organic thermal fluids as a heat transfer media shall be designed, constructed and installed in accordance with the ASME standards adopted under s. ILHR 41.10. Piping for organic thermal fluids used as a heat transfer media and subject to temperatures in excess of 250° F shall be installed in accordance with the ANSI standard for power piping adopted under s. ILHR 41.10.

*Note:* See s. ILHR 41.16 for inspection requirements.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.

**ILHR 41.49 Wood-burning boilers.** This section applies to hand-fired wood-burning boilers that are used for space heating and that are not constructed and installed in accordance with the ASME code.

(1) **DESIGN.** (a) The boiler shall be constructed with self-contained weatherproofing with no additional structure enclosing the fired unit.

(b) The boiler shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory acceptable to the department.

*Note:* Examples of acceptable testing laboratories include, but are not limited to, PFS Corporation, UL and Factory Mutual.

(c) The boiler shall be designed for operation at atmospheric pressure and be properly vented to prevent a positive pressure condition.

(2) **INSTALLATION REGISTRATION.** The installation of the boiler shall be registered with the department by the installer using form SBD-6314.

*Note:* See Appendix A for a copy of form SBD-6314

(3) **INSTALLATION.** (a) The boiler shall be located away from other structures in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.

(b) The boiler shall be enclosed by fencing or other barriers to prevent access by unauthorized persons.

(c) The boiler shall be manually fired and shall be limited to using wood or other solid fuels as the source of energy.

(d) The installation shall be provided with means to prevent freezing of the water supply and return lines.

(4) **INSPECTION.** (a) The installation shall be inspected by the department for compliance with this section before the boiler is placed in operation.

*Note:* Periodic inspections will not be performed on wood-burning boilers.

(b) Fees for the installation inspection shall be charged in accordance with s. ILHR 2.03.

(5) **REPAIRS.** (a) Repairs to the boiler shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

(b) Welded repairs to the boiler shall be made by welders qualified in accordance with s. ILHR 53.53 or the ASME Code section IX.

(c) The department shall be notified by the contractor of any welded repairs to the boiler.

*History:* Cr. Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; r. and recr. (2), (3) (a), am. (4) (a), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

## Subchapter V—Nuclear Power Plants

**ILHR 41.53 Application.** The provisions of ss. ILHR 41.53 to 41.57 shall apply to all existing nuclear power plants and to all nuclear power plants constructed after March 1, 1988.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.54 installation registration.** (1) **OWNER REPORT FILING BEFORE OPERATION.** The owner of any nuclear class pressure vessel within the scope of ASME code section III, except those vessels exempted from periodic inspections in s. ILHR 41.18, shall file a copy of form N-3, ASME data report, with the department before operating the pressure vessel.

*Note:* Form N-3 is available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

(2) **REGISTRATION OF BOILERS, PRESSURE VESSELS AND POWER PIPING.** All non-nuclear class boilers, pressure vessels and power piping at nuclear power plants shall be registered with the department as required by s. ILHR 41.41. The installation inspection shall meet the requirements of s. ILHR 41.16.

*Note:* Large groups of vessels may be reported in summary form in lieu of individual reports for each vessel.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.55 Periodic inspections.** (1) **IN-SERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM.** The owner or user shall file with the department an in-service inspection plan as required by section XI of the ASME code. The department shall be notified at least 10 business days prior to all planned shutdowns which include in-service inspections.

*Note:* A copy of the in-service inspection plan accepted by the nuclear regulatory commission will be acceptable to the department in satisfying the filing of an in-service inspection plan.

(2) **STATEMENT OF INSPECTION SERVICE CONTRACT.** The owner or user shall file a statement with the department indicating possession of an arrangement with an authorized inspection agency to provide inspection services under section XI of the ASME code. The statement shall include the name and address of the current authorized inspection agency.

(3) **IN-SERVICE INSPECTION REPORT.** Within 90 calendar days after each in-service inspection, the owner or user shall submit to the department a copy of form NIS-1, owner's data report for in-service inspection, describing the inspections performed under section XI of the ASME code.

*Note:* Form NIS-1 is available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

(4) **FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION.** Pressure vessels located within a nuclear containment may be inspected as part of the in-service inspection. The vessels shall be inspected at least once every 36 months. If operating conditions require, longer periods not to exceed 3 months between inspections may be approved by the department upon receipt of a written request for an extension. The authorized inspection agency shall concur with the owner's request for extension by letter to the department.

*History:* Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.56 Welded repair.** (1) **RECORD OF REPAIR.** Except as provided in sub. (3), the owner or the owner's agent shall furnish the department, within 90 calendar days, a record of repair, form SB-190, R-1 or NR-1, when any component within the scope of ASME code section XI is repaired by welding. Form SB-190 shall be filed by organizations who do not possess an ASME certificate of authorization or a national board R or NR certificate.

*Note:* No other supporting documents are required to be submitted to meet this requirement.

*Note:* Multiple repairs to the same object may be reported on a single report form.

*Note:* See Appendix A for copies of forms SB-190, R-1 and NR-1.

(2) RECORD OF MODIFICATIONS, REPLACEMENT, ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS. Except as provided in sub. (3), when modifications, replacements, additions or alterations are made by welding, the requirement stated in sub. (1) shall apply.

(3) EXEMPTION. Piping, valves and fittings of 2-inch nominal pipe size and smaller are exempt from the requirements of this section.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 41.57 Report of incidents.** The owner or the owner's agent shall report to the department any incident involving pressure-retaining components within the scope of section XI of the ASME code which requires notification to the U.S. nuclear regulatory commission. The report shall be filed coincident with the report to the U.S. nuclear regulatory commission.

Note: It is the intent of the department to avoid conflicts with the requirements of the U.S. nuclear regulatory commission.

**ILHR 41.60 Application.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.61 Maximum allowable working pressures.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.62 Code constructed vessels.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.63 Pressure calculations for shells.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.64 Pressure calculations for flat heads and flat surfaces.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.65 Pressure calculations for dished heads.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.66 Dished head restrictions.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.67 Pressure calculation for furnaces and circular flues.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.68 Boiler plate thickness.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.69 Safety devices and other appliances.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.69 Safety devices and other appliances.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.70 Factor of safety.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.71 Strength of materials.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.72 Shearing strength of rivets.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.73 Efficiency of joint.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.74 Ligament between parallel tube holes.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.75 Ligament between parallel tube holes.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.76 Maximum pressure for cast iron boilers.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.77 Safety or relief valves required on boilers.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.78 Safety valves for low pressure steam, miniature and power boilers.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.79 Safety relief valves for hot water boilers.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.80 Thermometers for hot water boilers.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.81 Water glass.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.82 Gage cocks.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.83 Water column piping.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.84 Pressure gages.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.85 Stop valves on discharge outlets.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.86 Steam mains.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.87 Bottom blowoff or drain.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.88 Feed pipe.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.89 Combustion regulators for boilers.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.90 Washout and inspection openings.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.91 Threaded openings.** History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.92** Boiler setting and installation. History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

**ILHR 41.93** Boiler doors. History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386,

**ILHR 41.94** Pressure relief devices required for unfired pressure vessels. History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88, r. Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96.

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**ILHR 42.04 Reports.** (1) **GENERAL.** Except as provided in sub. (2), anyone making welded repairs or alterations in accordance with these rules shall furnish the department with a report of every welded repair or alteration. The report shall be signed by the authorized inspector who inspected or approved the repair or alteration. The owner of the equipment shall retain a copy of the report for review by an authorized inspector. The report shall contain the information indicated on department form SB-190 or National Board Form R-1. Form SB-190 shall be filed by organizations who do not possess an ASME certificate of authorization or a National Board R certificate.

Note: See Appendix A for sample copies of forms SB-190 and R-1.

(2) **EXEMPTIONS.** The following items require the prior approval of the authorized inspector but are exempt only from the reporting requirements of sub. (1):

(a) The welded repair or replacement of tubes in boilers or pressure vessels; and

(b) The welded repair or replacement of piping, nozzles, valves and fittings of 2-inch nominal pipe sizes and smaller.

(3) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS.** All other requirements of this subchapter shall apply.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.05 Hydrostatic and nondestructive tests.** If, in the opinion of the authorized inspector, a hydrostatic test is necessary, the test shall be applied at a pressure of at least the operating pressure, but not to exceed 150% of the maximum allowable working pressure. In lieu of a hydrostatic test, if approved by the authorized inspector, radiographic testing, ultrasonic testing, or other applicable nondestructive testing of the repair may be utilized. All tests shall be applied after the repair has been completed.

Note: Where water is used in a hydrostatic test, the temperature of the water should not be less than 70°F and the maximum temperature during inspection should not exceed 120°F. If a test is conducted at 1½ times the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) and the owner specifies a temperature higher than 120°F, the pressure should be reduced to the MAWP and the temperature should be reduced to 120°F for the close examination.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.06 Welding procedure specifications.** Anyone undertaking repairs or alterations shall have available at the job site a written welding procedure specification acceptable to the authorized inspector that shall be followed in making the necessary repair and also a record of procedure qualification tests. Welding procedure specifications shall have been prepared and qualified in accordance with the requirements of section IX of the ASME code.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.07 Welders.** (1) **WELDER QUALIFICATIONS.** Anyone undertaking repairs or alterations shall have available at the job site records of welder qualification tests showing

that each welder to be employed on the work has satisfactorily passed tests as prescribed in section IX of the ASME code.

(2) **WELDING TESTS.** Preparation of welding procedure specifications and the conducting of tests of procedures and welders shall be the responsibility of the party undertaking repairs or alterations. Before repairs or alterations are started, the inspector shall examine the written welding procedure and records of qualification tests to determine if procedures and welders have been properly qualified as required in section IX of the ASME code. Witnessing of the tests by the inspector is not mandatory, but the inspector shall have the right to call for and witness the making of test coupons by any welder, at any time, and to observe the physical testing of the coupons.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.08 Welded repairs of cracks.** (1) **REMOVAL OF DEFECTS.** A repair of a defect, such as a crack in a welded joint or base material, may not be made until the defect has been removed. A suitable nondestructive examination method shall be used to assure complete removal of the defect. If the defect penetrates the full thickness of the material, the repair shall be made with a complete penetration weld such as a double butt weld or a single butt weld with or without backing.

Note: Before repairing a cracked area, care should be taken to investigate its cause and to determine its extent. Where circumstances indicate that the crack is likely to recur, consideration should be given to removing the cracked area and installing a patch or other corrective measures.

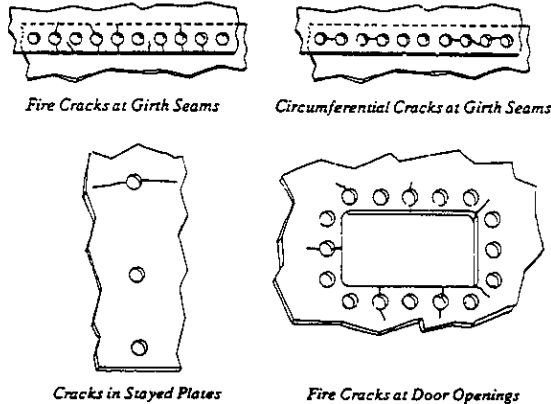
(2) **CRACKS IN UNSTAYED AREAS.** Cracks in unstayed shells, drums or headers of boilers or pressure vessels may be repaired by welding, providing the cracks do not extend between rivet holes in a longitudinal seam or parallel to a rivet seam within 8 inches, measured from the nearest caulking edge. The total length of any one such crack may not exceed 8 inches. Cracks of a greater length may be welded, provided the complete repair is radiographed and stress relieved in accordance with s. ILHR 42.16. Cracks in unstayed areas shall be repaired as specified in Figure 42.08-1 or by other equivalent methods.

(3) **CRACKS IN STAYED AREAS.** Cracks of any length in stayed areas may be repaired by fusion welding except that multiple or star cracks radiating from rivet or staybolt holes shall not be welded. Cracks in stayed areas shall be repaired as specified in Figure 42.08-1 or by other equivalent methods.

(4) **CRACKS IN UNSTAYED FURNACES.** Cracks of any length in unstayed boiler furnaces may be welded, provided the welds are thermally stress relieved in accordance with s. ILHR 42.16. Welds applied from one side only shall be subject to the approval of the authorized inspector. Field repair of cracks at the knuckle or the turn of the flange of the furnace opening are prohibited unless specifically approved by the department.

Figure 42.08-1

## RIVET AND STAYBOLT HOLE CRACKS



Cracks radiating from rivet or staybolt holes may be repaired if the plate is not seriously damaged. If the plate is seriously damaged, it shall be replaced. The repair method shall be as follows:

- a. Prior to welding, the rivets or staybolts from which the cracks extend and the adjacent rivets or staybolts shall be removed.
- b. In riveted joints, tack bolts shall be replaced in alternate holes to hold the plate laps firmly.
- c. The cracks shall then be prepared for welding by chipping, grinding or gouging.
- d. In riveted joints, cracks which extend past the inner edge of the plate lap shall be welded from both sides.
- e. Rivet holes shall be reamed before new rivets are driven.
- f. Threaded staybolt holes shall be retapped and new staybolts properly driven and headed.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.09 Wasted areas. (1) SHELLS, DRUMS AND HEADERS.** Wasted areas in stayed and unstayed shells, drums and headers may be built up by welding provided that in the judgement of the authorized inspector the strength of the structure will not be impaired. Where extensive weld build-up is employed, the authorized inspector may require an appropriate method of nondestructive examination for the complete surface of the repair. Wasted areas shall be built up by welding as specified in Figure 42.09-1 or by other equivalent methods.

**(2) ACCESS OPENINGS.** Wasted areas around access openings may be built up by welding provided that in the judgement of the authorized inspector the strength of the structure will not be impaired, or they shall be repaired as specified in Figure 42.09-2 or by other equivalent methods. In boilers, the area to be repaired may not be closer than 2 inches from any knuckle.

**(3) FLANGES.** (a) Wasted flange faces may be cleaned thoroughly and built up with weld metal. Built-up flange faces should be machined in place, if possible, and shall be machined to a thickness not less than that of the original flange or that required by calculations in accordance with the provisions of the applicable section of the ASME code.

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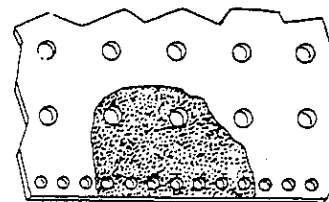
(b) Wasted flange faces may also be remachined in place without building up with weld metal provided the metal removed in the process does not reduce the thickness of the flange to a measurement below that calculated in par. (a).

(c) Flanges that leak because of warpage or distortion and that cannot be repaired shall be replaced with new flanges that have at least the dimensions conforming to the applicable section of the ASME code.

**(4) TUBES.** Wasted areas on tubes may be repaired by welding provided that in the judgement of the authorized inspector the strength of the tube has not been impaired. Where deemed necessary, competent technical advice shall be obtained from the manufacturer or from another qualified source. This may be necessary when considering such items as size limitations of repaired areas, minimum tube thickness to be repaired, tube environment, location of the tube in the boiler and other similar conditions.

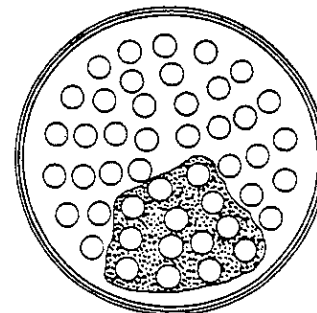
Figure 42.09-1

## WELD BUILD-UP OF WASTED AREAS



## RIVETS AND STAYBOLTS

- a. Prior to welding, the rivets or staybolts in the wasted area shall be removed.
- b. Threaded staybolt holes shall be retapped after welding.
- c. Rivet holes shall be reamed after welding.
- d. Welding may not cover rivet or staybolt heads.



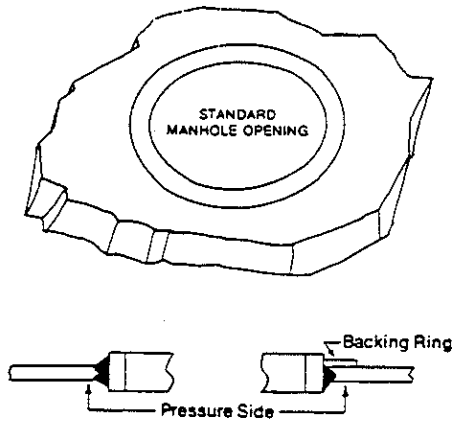
## TUBESHEET

- a. Prior to welding, the tubes in the wasted area shall be removed.
- b. After welding, the tube holes may be reamed before new tubes are installed.

Wasted areas in stayed and unstayed surfaces may be built up by welding provided that in the judgement of the authorized inspector the strength of the structure will not be impaired. Where extensive weld build-up is employed, the authorized inspector may require an appropriate method of nondestructive examination for the complete surface of the repair.

Figure 42.09-2

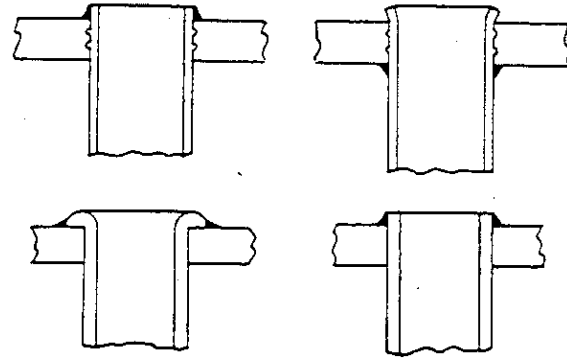
REPAIRS FOR ACCESS OPENINGS



A badly wasted manhole flange may be removed and replaced with a ring-type frame as shown above. The requirements of s. ILHR 42.17 (1) for flush patches shall be met. A full penetration weld shall be required. The weld may either be double welded or welded from one side with or without a backing ring.

Figure 42.10-1

SEAL WELDING OF TUBES

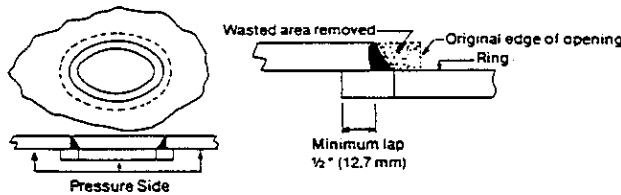


Tubes may be seal welded provided the ends of the tubes have sufficient wall thickness to prevent burn through. Seal welding shall be applied with a maximum of three light layers in lieu of one or two heavy layers.

In watertube boilers, tubes may be seal welded on the inside or outside of the tubesheet.

Figure 42.10-2

SEAL WELDING OF RIVETED JOINTS

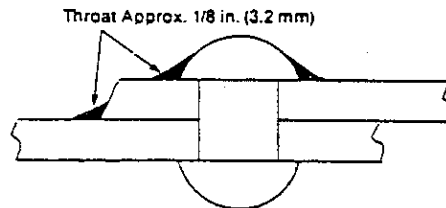


A badly wasted area around a handhole opening shall be repaired by adding a ring as shown above on the inside of the object.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.10 Seal welding. (1) SEAL WELDING OF TUBES.** Tubes may be seal welded provided the ends of the tube have sufficient wall thickness to prevent burn-through and the requirements of the appropriate sections of the ASME code are satisfied. Seal welding of tubes shall be done as specified in Figure 42.10-1 or by other equivalent methods.

**(2) SEAL WELDING OF RIVETED JOINTS.** Edges of butt straps or of plate laps and nozzles or connections attached by riveting may be restored to original dimensions by welding. Seal welding may not be used except with the special approval of the authorized inspector, and in no case where cracks are present in riveted areas. Seal welding shall be done as specified in Figure 42.10-2 or by other equivalent methods.



TYPICAL RIVET JOINT SHOWING SEAL WELD

Seal welding of riveted joints requires the approval of the department. Seal welding may not be considered a strength weld. Seal welding shall be applied in one light layer if practicable, but not more than two layers shall be used.

Prior to welding, the area shall be examined by an appropriate method of nondestructive examination to assure that there are no cracks radiating from the rivet holes. If necessary, the rivets shall be removed to assure complete examination of the area. Seal welding may not be performed if cracks are present in riveted areas.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.11 Re-ending and piecing tubes.** Re-ending or piecing of tubes or pipes in either fire tube or water tube boilers is permitted provided the thickness of the remaining tube or pipe is not less than 90% of that required by the applicable section of the ASME code.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.12 Materials.** The materials used in making repairs or alterations shall conform to the requirements of

the applicable section of the ASME code. Materials shall be of known weldable quality, have at least the minimum physical properties of the material to be repaired and be compatible with the original material. The thickness of any patch shall be at least equal to, but not more than  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch greater than, the material being patched. Carbon or alloy steel having a carbon content of more than 0.35% may not be welded.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.13 Replacement pressure parts.** Replacement parts shall be classified as follows:

(1) **PARTS ASSEMBLED BY FORMING.** Replacement parts which will be subject to internal or external pressure and that consist of materials which may be formed or assembled to the required shape by bending, forging or other forming methods, but on which no shop fabrication welding is performed, may be supplied as material. Material and part identification shall be supplied in the form of bills of materials and drawings with ASME code compliance certified in a statement by the parts supplier.

Note: Examples include seamless or welded tubes or pipe supplied separately or in bundles; forged nozzles; heads or tube sheets forged or machined from a single piece of material; subassemblies of tubes or pipe attached together mechanically.

(2) **WELDED PARTS NOT REQUIRING INSPECTION.** Replacement parts which will be subject to internal or external pressure and that are preassembled by welding, but on which shop inspection is not required by the ASME code, shall have the welding performed in accordance with section IX and other applicable sections of the ASME code. The replacement part assembly identification shall be supplied in the form of bills of material and drawings. The supplier or manufacturer shall certify that the material, design and fabrication are in accordance with the applicable section of the ASME code.

Note: Examples include boiler furnace panel wall or floor assemblies; prefabricated openings in boiler furnace walls such as burner openings, air ports, inspection openings or soot blower openings.

(3) **WELDED PARTS REQUIRING INSPECTION.** Replacement parts which will be subject to internal or external pressure and that are fabricated by welding and which require shop inspection by an authorized inspector, shall be fabricated by a manufacturer having an ASME certificate of authorization and the appropriate code symbol stamp. The item shall be inspected, and stamped with the applicable code symbol and the word "PART". A completed manufacturer's partial data report shall be supplied by the manufacturer.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.14 Welding procedures.** Groove welds shall completely penetrate the thickness of the material being welded. If possible, welding shall be applied from both sides of the plate or a backing strip or ring may be used to ensure complete penetration. Manually applied welds shall have a convex surface on both sides if applied on both sides of the plates being joined, or on one side if welding is applied from one side only. Valleys and undercutting at edges of welded joints are not permitted. The reinforcement may be chipped, ground, or machined off flush with the base metal, if so desired, after the welding has been completed.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

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**ILHR 42.15 Preheating.** (1) **GENERAL.** Preheating may be required during welding to assist in completion of the welded joint. Where deemed necessary, advice shall be sought from a qualified source.

Note: See ASME code section VIII Appendix R for further explanatory information.

(2) **PREHEAT AND INTERPASS TEMPERATURES.** The welding procedure specification and qualification for the material being welded shall specify the preheat and interpass temperature requirements.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.16 Postweld heat treatment.** (1) **GENERAL.** In repairing carbon or low alloy steels, postweld heat treatment shall be required if it would be required for new construction by the ASME code.

Note: Under certain conditions, postweld heat treatment as outlined in sub. (1) may be inadvisable or impractical. In these instances, any other method of postweld heat treatment or special welding method acceptable to the authorized inspector may be used. Examples of special welding methods for P1 and P3 materials are described in sub. (3). Where deemed necessary, competent technical advice should be obtained from the manufacturer of the object or from another qualified source.

(2) **ALTERNATIVE METHODS.** When methods other than postweld heat treatment are used, the authorized inspector shall be assured that the requirements of sub. (3) are met.

(3) **WELDING METHODS AS ALTERNATIVES TO POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT.** Two welding methods that may be used as alternatives to postweld heat treatment are given in pars. (a) and (b) as a general guide. The use of these alternatives is limited to P1 and P3 steels, and to the more routine repairs required in boiler and pressure vessel maintenance. They may not be used in highly stressed areas, or if service conditions are conducive to stress corrosion cracking or, in some cases, to hydrogen embrittlement.

(a) *Method 1, higher preheat temperature.* 1. Material applicability. The use of method 1 shall be limited to P1 groups 1, 2 and 3 steels and P3 groups 1 and 2, except Mn-Mo, steels.

2. Method details. The materials to be welded shall be preheated to at least 300°F and maintained at this temperature during welding. The 300° F temperature shall be checked to assure that 4 inches of the steel on each side of the joint, or 4 times the plate thickness, whichever is greater, will be maintained at the minimum preheat temperature. The maximum interpass temperature shall be 450°F.

Note: In the use of this method it should be ascertained that the notch ductility in the as-welded condition is adequate at operating and pressure test temperatures. When this alternative meets the above requirements, any code credit for postweld heat treatment can be continued.

(b) *Method 2, half bead welding technique.* 1. Material applicability. The use of method 2 shall be limited to groups 1, 2 and 3 for both P1 and P3 steels.

2. Limitations. a. The weld metal shall be deposited by the manual shielded metal arc process using low hydrogen electrodes. The maximum bead width shall be 4 times the electrode core diameter.

b. The depth of the repair may not be greater than  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch or 10% of the base metal thickness, whichever is less,

and the individual area may not be greater than 10 square inches.

c. When this method is used, it shall require the approval of the department. The authorized inspector shall assure that the method has been qualified in accordance with the guidelines of section IX of the ASME code.

3. Method details. a. Step 1. The weld area shall be preheated and maintained at a minimum temperature of 350°F during welding. The maximum interpass temperature shall be 450°F.

b. Step 2. The initial layer of weld metal shall be deposited over the entire area with a 1/8-inch maximum diameter electrode. Approximately one-half the thickness of this layer shall be removed by grinding before depositing subsequent layers. Subsequent layers shall be deposited with a 5/32-inch maximum diameter electrode in a manner to ensure tempering of the prior beads and their heat affected zones. Partial removal of these subsequent layers is not required. A final temper bead weld shall be applied to a level above the surface being repaired without contacting the base material but close enough to the edge of the underlying weld bead to assure tempering of the base material heat affected zone.

c. Step 3. The weld area shall be maintained at a temperature of 400-500°F for a minimum period of 4 hours after completion of the weld repair. The final temper bead reinforcement layer shall be removed substantially flush with the surface of the base material.

(4) JOINTS BETWEEN AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS. Postweld heat treatment is neither required nor prohibited for joints between austenitic stainless steels. It may not be attempted except in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the material or the requirements of the applicable section of the ASME code.

Note: See ASME code, section VIII, division 1, paragraph UHA-105.

(5) PEENING. In lieu of postweld heat treatment of carbon steels, peening or other methods acceptable to the authorized inspector may be used.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.17 Welded patches. (1) FLUSH PATCHES.** The weld around a flush patch shall be a full penetration weld and the accessible surfaces shall be ground flush where required by the applicable section of the ASME code. The welds shall be subjected to the nondestructive examination method used in the original construction or an acceptable alternate. Flush welded patches shall be applied as specified in Figure 42.17-1 or by other equivalent methods.

(2) TUBE PATCHES. In some situations it is necessary to weld a flush patch on a tube, such as when replacing tube sections and accessibility around the complete circumference of the tube is restricted, or when it is necessary to

repair a small bulge. This is referred to as a window patch. Window patches shall be applied as specified in Figure 42.17-2 or by other equivalent methods.

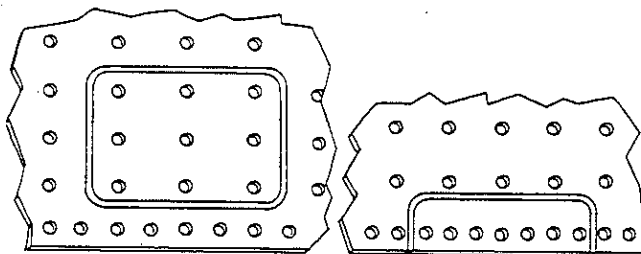
(3) LAPPED AND FILLET WELDED PATCHES. Lapped and fillet welded patches may be applied provided they are not exposed to radiant heat. Lapped and fillet welded patches may be applied on the pressure side of the sheet. The maximum diameter of the opening repaired may not exceed 8 inches or 16 times the thickness of the plate. Lapped and fillet welded patches shall have a minimum lap of 1/2-inch. If the area to be patched includes a riveted seam, rivets shall be removed before the patch is applied and new rivets driven before the patch is welded at the edges. New staybolts shall be installed in the patched area, and the heads of the staybolts shall not be covered by welding.

Figure 42.17-1

### FLUSH PATCHES



FLUSH PATCHES IN UNSTAYED AREAS



FLUSH PATCHES IN STAYED AREAS

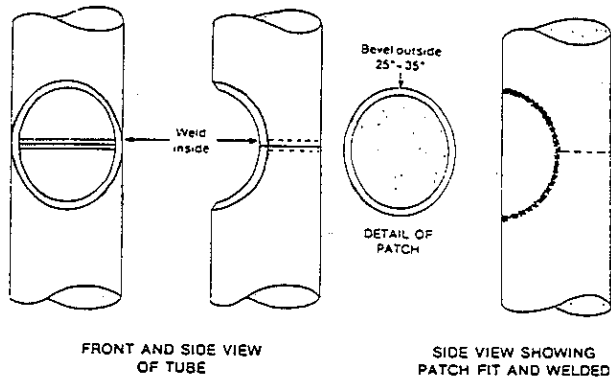
Before installing a flush patch, the defective metal shall be removed until sound metal is reached. The patch shall be rolled or pressed to the proper shape or curvature. The edges shall align without overlap.

In stayed areas, the weld seams shall come between staybolt rows or riveted seams.

Patches shall be made from material that is at least equal in quality and thickness to the original material.

Patches may be of any shape or size. Corners of patches shall have a radius of such size as is necessary to avoid creating a stress point.

Figure 42.17-2  
TUBE WINDOW PATCHING METHOD



It may be necessary to weld a flush patch on a tube, since in some situations, accessibility around the complete circumference of the tube is restricted. Window patches shall be applied as follows:

- a. The patch shall be made from tube material of the same type, diameter and thickness as the one being repaired.
- b. Fitup of the patch is important to weld integrity. The root opening shall be uniform around the patch.
- c. The gas tungsten arc welding process shall be used for the initial pass on the inside of the tube and for the initial pass joining the patch to the tube.
- d. The balance of the weld may be completed by any appropriate welding process.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (3), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93.

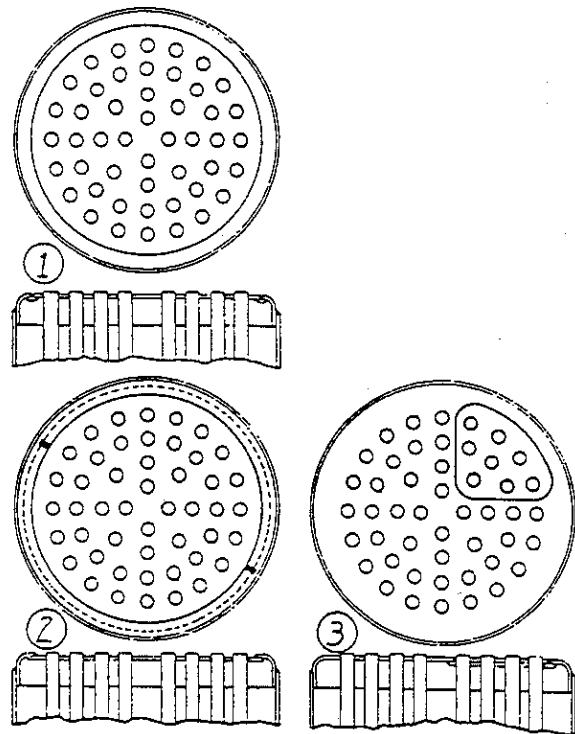
**ILHR 42.18 Stays.** Threaded stays may be replaced by welded-in stays provided that in the judgment of the authorized inspector the plate adjacent to the staybolt has not been materially weakened by wasting away. All requirements of the ASME code governing welded-in stays shall be met, except that stress relieving other than thermal may be used as provided in s. ILHR 42.16.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.19 Additional acceptable repair methods.** Repairs and repair methods not covered in this chapter may

be used if acceptable to the authorized inspector. Additional methods illustrated in Figures 42.19-1 and 42.19-2 are acceptable if performed as specified in the figures.

Figure 42.19-1  
ACCEPTABLE REPAIRS FOR CORRODED OR WORN HEADS OF VERTICAL TUBE OR SIMILAR TYPE BOILERS



1. Flush Butt Welded Head

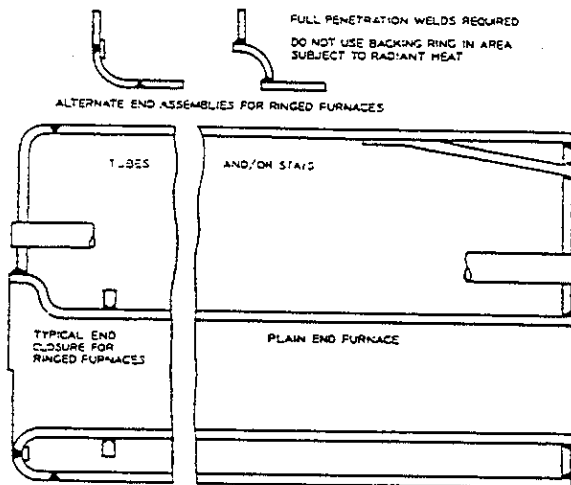
With this repair, the old head shall be cut close to the point of tangency of the knuckle of the flange, and the new head, previously drilled for tube holes and beveled for adequate welding groove, shall be butt welded to the flanged section of the old head. A back up ring, inserted in sections if necessary, shall be used to ensure weld penetration for the full head thickness.

2. Lapped and Fillet Welded Head

With this repair, the new head shall be lapped under the flange knuckle of the old head, previously slotted as shown to admit the new head, and then fillet welded at the edge.

3. Segmental or Pie-Shaped Butt Welded Patch

Figure 42.19-2  
ACCEPTABLE FURNACE RENEWAL



#### Longitudinal seam in furnace double butt-welded and thermally stress-relieved

For repair, the final joint to each head may be stress-relieved by peening. The furnace may be welded into a riveted boiler by using adaptable end closures. Ringed furnaces shall be thermally stress-relieved after longitudinal seam and rings have been applied.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.20 Repairs to noncode vessels.** Welded repairs or alterations to pressure vessels not covered by section VIII of the ASME code shall be performed in accordance with the pressure vessel manufacturer's recommendations and section IX of the ASME code. If the pressure vessel manufacturer is no longer in business, recommendations of a pressure vessel design engineer may be acceptable.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

### Subchapter II — Riveted Repairs

**ILHR 42.25 Riveted patches.** (1) **GENERAL.** When riveted patches are used, they shall be designed and applied using methods acceptable to the department.

Note: Information regarding the use of riveted patches is available from the department and may be found in Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters Ind 41-42, Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Register, May, 1974, No. 221.

(2) **MATERIALS FOR RIVETED PATCHES.** Patch material shall meet the applicable requirements of s. ILHR 42.12.

(3) **REPORT OF RIVETED REPAIR.** Anyone making a riveted repair shall furnish the department and the owner of

the equipment with a report of the repair as specified under s. ILHR 42.04.

(4) **PRESSURE TEST.** The authorized inspector may require a pressure test, as specified in s. ILHR 42.05, after completion of a riveted repair.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

### Subchapter III — Rerating and Derating

**ILHR 42.30 Rerating of a boiler or pressure vessel.** (1) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** Rerating of a boiler or pressure vessel by increasing the maximum allowable working pressure or temperature shall be considered an alteration and may be done only after the requirements of pars. (a) to (d) have been met.

(a) Revised calculations verifying the suitability of the vessel for the new service conditions shall be requested from the original manufacturer and shall be made available to its authorized inspection agency. Where these calculations cannot be obtained from this source, they shall be prepared by an organization in possession of a valid ASME certificate of authorization, provided the alterations are within the scope of the authorization, and they shall be made available to its authorized inspection agency.

(b) All reratings shall be established in accordance with the requirements of the code to which the boiler or pressure vessel was built, or by computation using the appropriate formulas in the edition of the ASME code listed in Table 41.10, if all essential details are known to definitely comply with this edition of the code.

(c) Current inspection records shall verify that the boiler or pressure vessel is satisfactory for the proposed service conditions.

(d) The boiler or pressure vessel rerating shall be acceptable to the authorized inspection agency performing the periodic inspections of the object under chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

(2) **NAMEPLATE AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS.** The requirements of s. ILHR 42.03 (2)-(4) shall be met and an alteration report shall be submitted in accordance with s. ILHR 42.04.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.31 Derating of a boiler or pressure vessel.** (1) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** Derating of a boiler or pressure vessel by decreasing the maximum allowable working pressure may be done only after the requirements of subs. (2) to (4) have been met. Derating may be initiated by the owner or the authorized inspector.

(2) **NAMEPLATE REQUIREMENTS.** When a boiler or pressure vessel is derated, an additional nameplate shall be permanently attached. The nameplate for derating shall be as follows:

ILHR 42.31

DERATED	
_____ PSIG AT _____ 'F	
(MAWP)	(Temp)
_____	
(Wisconsin Registration Number)	
_____	
(Date Derated)	

(3) **NAMEPLATE ATTACHMENT.** Attachment of the nameplate shall be witnessed by the authorized inspector.

(4) **REPORTS.** The authorized inspector shall report the derating to the department.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

#### Subchapter IV — Safety and Safety Relief Valve Repairs

**ILHR 42.35 Safety and safety relief valve repairs.** (1) **DEFINITIONS.** (a) Repair of a safety valve or safety relief valve means the replacement, remachining or cleaning of any critical part; lapping of seat and disc or any other operation which may affect the flow passage, capacity, function or pressure retaining integrity; and disassembly, reassembly and adjustments which affect the safety valve or safety relief valve function.

(b) Safety valves and safety relief valves on which the seals have been broken shall be subject to the requirements for repairs.

(c) The initial adjustments of a new safety valve or safety relief valve on a boiler or pressure vessel are not considered a repair if made by the manufacturer or assembler of the valve.

(2) **AUTHORIZED REPAIRS.** Repairs to safety valves and safety relief valves shall be performed by an organization in possession of one or more of the following:

- (a) ASME V, HV or UV code symbol stamp;
- (b) National Board VR stamp covering the work to be performed; or
- (c) An owner's program of repair limited to adjustments of set pressure and blowdown performed by trained and qualified people and authorized by the department.

Note: Repairs made in accordance with par. (c) may void original valve manufacturer's warranty.

(3) **AUTHORIZED ADJUSTMENTS.** The department may authorize properly trained and qualified employees of boiler or pressure vessel users to make external adjustments to set pressure and blowdown to safety valves and safety relief valves owned by them provided the adjusted settings and capacities and the date of the adjustment are recorded on a metal tag secured to the seal wire. All external adjustments shall be resealed showing the identification of the organization making the adjustments.

(4) **NAMEPLATES.** (a) Except as provided in sub. (3), when a safety valve or safety relief valve is repaired, a metal repair nameplate stamped with the information required by par. (b) shall be welded or otherwise permanently attached to the valve either above, adjacent to or

below the original stamping. On small valves, a metal tag showing the repair nameplate information may be securely attached to the repaired valve.

(b) The information on the valve repair nameplate shall include the name of the repair organization, the symbol stamp and symbol stamp number, and the date of repair. The nameplate shall be as shown in Figure 42.35. If the set pressure has been changed, the new set pressure and capacity shall be indicated and the original nameplate or stamping shall be modified by marking out, although leaving legible, the prior set pressure and capacity. The new capacity shall be based on that for which the valve was originally certified. Only the current repair nameplate need be attached to the valve with the original or duplicate nameplate.

(5) **ILLEGIBLE OR MISSING NAMEPLATES.** (a) When the information on the original manufacturer's nameplate or stamping is illegible, the manufacturer's nameplate or stamping shall be augmented by a nameplate stamped "duplicate" which contains all information required by the applicable section of the ASME code, except the "V" or "UV" symbol and the NB mark. The repair organization nameplate, with the serialized "VR" stamp and other required data specified in sub. (4) (b), shall make the repairer responsible to the owner and the department that the information on the duplicate nameplate data is correct. If the owner specifies a set pressure or blowdown change, these new parameters and new capacity shall be stamped on the duplicate nameplate in addition to appearing on the valve repairer's nameplate.

(b) When the original valve manufacturer's nameplate is missing, the repair organization may not perform repairs to the valve under the "VR" program unless the valve can be positively identified and original nameplate data can be obtained from the original valve manufacturer, the repairer's inhouse sources or the National Board capacity certification. Valves that can be positively identified shall be equipped with a duplicate nameplate as described in par. (a) as well as the repairer's "VR" stamped nameplate. The repairer's responsibilities for data accuracy as identified in par. (a) shall apply.

Figure 42.35

#### VALVE REPAIR NAMEPLATE

_____	
(name of valve repair firm)	
_____	_____
(set pressure)	(capacity)
_____	
(date of repair)	
No. _____	
(Symbol stamp no.)	

Note 1: The nameplate should be stamped with the valve repair symbol stamp.



Note 2: Capacity should be indicated only when set pressure has been changed.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

### Subchapter V — Secondhand Vessels

**ILHR 42.40 Application.** Sections ILHR 42.40 to 42.46 shall apply to secondhand boilers and secondhand pressure vessels.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.41 Existing vessels.** Secondhand boilers and secondhand pressure vessels, originally installed in Wisconsin and not constructed and stamped according to some edition of the ASME Code, may be reinstalled if the maximum allowable working pressure is recalculated with a factor of safety of 6.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.42 Vessels from out-of-state.** Secondhand boilers and secondhand pressure vessels, from out-of-state, shall be constructed and stamped according to some edition of the ASME Code. A copy of the manufacturer's data report shall be furnished to the department for each vessel indicating that it was manufactured originally to the requirements of an earlier edition of the applicable ASME code. If a vessel has been repaired or altered since its fabrication, a copy of the manufacturer's data report, welded repair report or alteration report shall be furnished to the department.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.43 Lap seam boilers.** Secondhand boilers which have lap seam construction and which are larger than 36 inches in diameter shall be limited to a maximum allowable working pressure of not more than 15 pounds per square inch.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.44 Prohibited boilers.** The installation of secondhand boilers which have the longitudinal joint exposed to the intense heat of the furnace is prohibited. The locomotive or inside butt strap may not be considered as strengthening or changing the original type of boiler joint.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.45 Inspection and testing. (1) HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE TEST.** Every secondhand vessel shall be inspected and given a hydrostatic pressure test at one and one-half times the maximum allowable working pressure at its new point of installation location before it is placed in operation. The test shall be witnessed by an authorized inspector.

**(2) ALTERNATE TESTS.** When the authorized inspector determines that a hydrostatic test at one and one-half times the maximum allowable working pressure is not pos-

sible or desirable, the authorized inspector may accept alternate means to determine if the vessel is safe for its intended use.

Note: Where water is used in a hydrostatic test, the temperature of the water should not be less than 70°F and the maximum temperature during inspection should not exceed 120°F. If a test is conducted at 1½ times the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) and the owner specifies a temperature higher than 120°F, the pressure should be reduced to the MAWP and the temperature should be reduced to 120°F for the close examination.

**(3) EXEMPT VESSELS.** Boilers and pressure vessels used for portable or emergency use shall be exempt from secondhand vessel test requirements.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; cr. (3), Register, February, 1990, No. 410, eff. 3-1-90.

**ILHR 42.46 Installation.** Except for vessels exempted in s. ILHR 41.18, all secondhand vessels when reinstalled, shall comply with the ASME codes listed in s. ILHR 41.10 in regard to fittings, appliances, valves, connections, settings and supports. These vessels shall also comply with the installation and certificate of operation requirements in chs. ILHR 41 and 42.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

### Subchapter VI —

#### Pressure Vessels in Petroleum Refineries

**ILHR 42.50 General requirements.** Pressure vessels in petroleum refineries shall comply with the standards specified in the American Petroleum Institute (API) Standard ANSI/API 510 - Pressure Vessel Inspection Code, as adopted by reference in s. ILHR 42.51.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88.

**ILHR 42.51 Adoption of API standard. (1) CONSENT TO INCORPORATE.** Pursuant to s. 227.21, Stats., the attorney general and the revisor of statutes have consented to the incorporation by reference of the American Petroleum Institute (API) Pressure Vessel Inspection Code, ANSI/API 510-1992.

**(2) INTERIM AMENDMENTS.** Interim amendments of the standard in reference shall have no effect in the state until the time that this section is revised to reflect those changes.

**(3) AVAILABILITY OF STANDARDS.** The standard in reference may be obtained at a reasonable cost from the American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20005.

**(4) FILING OF STANDARDS.** The standard in reference is on file in the offices of the department, the secretary of state and the revisor of statutes.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1988, No. 386, eff. 3-1-88; am. (1), Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.

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**ILHR 41-42****APPENDIX A**

The material contained in this appendix is for informational purposes only. The SBD forms referred to in this code are available from the Division of Safety and Buildings, Customer Service Center, P.O. Box 7969, Madison, WI 53707, telephone 608/266-3151.

The NR-1 and R-1 forms referred to in this code are available from the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, 1055 Crupper Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229.





**BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL  
INSTALLATION REGISTRATION**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, LABOR & HUMAN RELATIONS  
SAFETY AND BUILDINGS DIVISION**

Installing Contractors shall prepare this form in triplicate for each boiler or pressure vessel installed.

Distribute as follows:

**WHITE:** Send to: Department of Industry,  
Labor & Human Relations,  
Safety & Buildings Division  
Box 7969, Madison, WI 53707

**YELLOW:** Send to owner. **PINK:** Installer's copy.

(Complete appropriate portion)

<b>BOILER:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> POWER	<input type="checkbox"/> HEATING	<input type="checkbox"/> MINIATURE
<input type="checkbox"/> PRESSURE VESSEL		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW	<input type="checkbox"/> USED	

**SAMPLE**

NAME OF USER OR OWNER:			LOCATION OF INSTALLATION:		
STREET ADDRESS:			WIS. REGISTRATION NO.:		NATIONAL BOARD NO.:
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	MFR. SERIAL NO.:		OTHER NO.:
NAME OF INSTALLING CONTRACTOR:			SIGNATURE OF INSTALLER:		DATE:
STREET ADDRESS:			CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

SBD-6314 (R. 3/85)



<b>DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, LABOR &amp; HUMAN RELATIONS</b>		<b>SAFETY &amp; BUILDINGS DIVISION</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION</b>		P.O. Box 7969 Madison, WI 53707 Phone:	
For	Registration No.	FILE NUMBER	
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED MEETS APPLICABLE STANDARDS OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER I.H.R.			
ISSUED TO	INSPECTING AGENCY NAME		
	AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		
	AUTHORIZED INSPECTOR		
	INSPECTION DATE	CERTIFICATION EXPIRES	
	ISSUED BY		

**SAMPLE**



SBD-252 (R. 07/85)

PLEASE POST ON PREMISES

Wisconsin Department of Industry,  
Labor and Human Relations

**Power Piping / Welded Refrigeration  
Piping Installation Registration**

Safety and Buildings Division  
Boiler Safety Section  
P.O. Box 7969  
Madison, WI 53707  
(608) 266-1904

Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes (Privacy Law, s. 15.04(1)(m)).

Check type of system being installed:  Power Piping  Welded Refrigeration Piping

System Description: Include pipe sizes, total length of pipe welded and purpose of system (example: main steam, refrigerant etc.).

New  Replacement  Modification

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SAMPLE

USER OR OWNER'S NAME	INSTALLING CONTRACTOR'S NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
INSTALLATION DESIGNED BY	AUTHORIZED INSPECTOR SIGNATURE	
	EMPLOYED BY	
	DATE INSPECTED	CERT. NO.

Maximum Design Pressure Of System ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Test Pressure Applied ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Date Tested ..... \_\_\_\_\_

I certify this system was installed and tested in accordance with ILHR 41.46 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

DATE INSTALLATION COMPLETED	INSTALLER'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE	<b>FOR DILHR USE ONLY</b> Date Installation Registered
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Installer must prepare this document and maintain on job site until completion of fabrication.

Upon completion distribute as follows:

White - Send to DILHR, Safety & Buildings Division (address above)      Yellow - Send to owner      Pink - Retain for file

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Industry,  
Labor and Human Relations

W E L D E D R E P A I R  
R E C O R D

Safety & Buildings Division  
P.O. Box 7969  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707  
Telephone: (608) 266-1904

Repair completed on:

- Power Boiler       Heating Boiler
- Pressure Vessel    Miniature Boiler

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Wisconsin Reg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

National Board No: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No: . . . . .

Other No: . . . . .

**SAMPLE**

WORK COMPLETED BY:

IN THE PLANT OF:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Repair: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Program No: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Repair - attach additional page if needed:  
(use reverse side of this page for sketch)

Hydrostatic Test PSI \_\_\_\_\_

NDE \_\_\_\_\_

Repair made in accordance with the requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Industry,  
Labor and Human Relations, Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapters 41-42.

The welding was completed by \_\_\_\_\_,  
requirements of Chapters 41-42.

\_\_\_\_\_ who has met the test

Welding procedure specification: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor rep. signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

I, the undersigned, have inspected the work described in this report and state that this work, to the best of my knowledge and belief, has been done in accordance with the requirements of Wis. Adm. Code Chapters ILHR 41-42. By signing this certificate, neither the inspector nor his employer makes any warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the work described in this report. Furthermore, neither the inspector nor his/her employer shall be liable in any manner for any personal injury or property damage or a loss of any kind arising from or connected with this inspection. The only exception is for such liability that may be provided in an insurance policy which the inspector's insurance company may issue for the object, and then only in accordance with terms of that policy.

Authorized Inspector Signature: Cert. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, LABOR AND HUMAN RELATIONS

FORM NR-1 REPORT OF REPAIR  MODIFICATION  OR INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT(S)   
TO NUCLEAR COMPONENTS AND SYSTEMS IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

- 1. Work performed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (repair organization's P.O. no., job no., etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)
- 2. Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)
- 3. Name, address and identification of nuclear power plant \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Identification of system \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. a: Identification of component repaired, modified or replaced \_\_\_\_\_  
b: Name of manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_  
c: Identifying nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
(mfr.'s serial no.) (Nat'l. Bd. no.) (jurisdictional no.) (other) (year built)
- 6. Applicable section(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of ASME Code, 19\_\_\_\_ edition\_\_\_\_ addenda\_\_\_\_ Code Case\_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Design responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Tests conducted: hydrostatic  pneumatic  design pressure  pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi.
- 9. Description of work \_\_\_\_\_  
(use of additional sheets) or sketch(es) is acceptable if properly identified)

10. Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

We certify that the statements made in this report are correct and that all design, material and workmanship on this \_\_\_\_\_ conforms to the applicable section of the ASME Code. (repair, modification or replacement)  
Certificate of Authorization no. \_\_\_\_\_ to use the "NR" stamp expires \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (repair organization) \_\_\_\_\_ (authorized representative) \_\_\_\_\_ (title) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) 19\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

I, the undersigned, holding a valid commission issued by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, and certificate of competency issued by the state or province of \_\_\_\_\_ and employed by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ have inspected the repair, modification or replacement described in this report on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ and state that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this repair, modification or replacement has been made or constructed in accordance with Section XI and Section III of the ASME Code and the National Board rules as defined in the publications NB-65 and NB-102, current editions. By signing this certificate, neither the Inspector nor his employer makes any warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the repair, modification or replacement described in this report. Furthermore, neither the Inspector nor his employer shall be liable in any manner for any personal injury or property damage or a loss of any kind arising from or connected with this inspection.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Commissions \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Inspector) (Nat'l. Bd. no. (including endorsements) state or province and number)

**FORM R-1, REPORT OF WELDED  REPAIR OR  ALTERATION**  
**as required by the provisions of the National Board Inspection Code**

1. Work performed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of repair or alteration organization) (P.O. no., job no., etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

2. Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

3. Location of installation \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

4. Unit identification: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of original manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_  
(boiler, pressure vessel)

5. Identifying nos.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mfr's serial no.) (original National Board no.) (jurisdiction no.) (other) (year built)

6. Description of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
(use back, separate sheet, or sketch if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Remarks: Attached are Manufacturers' Partial Data Reports properly identified and signed by Authorized Inspectors for the following items of this report: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ psi  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(name of part, item number, mfr's name, and identifying stamp)

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

The undersigned certifies that the statements made in this report are correct and that all design, material, construction, and workmanship on this \_\_\_\_\_ conform to the National Board Inspection Code.  
(repair or alteration)

Certificate of Authorization no. \_\_\_\_\_ to use the \_\_\_\_\_ symbol expires \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(repair or alteration organization) (authorized representative)

**CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION**

The undersigned, holding a valid Commission issued by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors and certificate of competency issued by the state or province of \_\_\_\_\_ and employed by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ has inspected the work described in this data report on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ and state that to the best of my knowledge and belief this work has been done in accordance with the National Board Inspection Code.

By signing this certificate, neither the undersigned nor my employer makes any warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the work described in this report. Furthermore, neither the undersigned nor my employer shall be liable in any manner for any personal injury, property damage or loss of any kind arising from or connected with this inspection, except such liability as may be provided in a policy of insurance which the undersigned's insurance company may issue upon said object and then only in accordance with the terms of said policy.

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Commissions \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Inspector) (National Board (incl. endorsements), state, prov., and no.)

This form may be obtained from The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, 1055 Crupper Ave., Columbus, OH 43229 NB-66 Rev. 4

**ILHR 41-42****APPENDIX B****(EXCERPTS FROM BOILER, PRESSURE VESSEL AND PIPING CODES  
AND STANDARDS)**

Excerpts from the following boiler, pressure vessel and piping codes and standards are reproduced here strictly for reference: ASME Sections I, IV and VIII and ANSI/ASME B31.1. This information has been included to provide a general idea as to the requirements of these codes and standards. Users of this information must be cautioned that these excerpts do not provide complete guidelines for inspection, installation, operation and manufacturing.

Only portions of each code and standard thought to be frequently used by persons not having direct access to the complete documents have been included. It must be noted that these codes and standards change on a periodic basis as indicated in s. ILHR 41.10. Those who are bound by the rules of ch. ILHR 41 must avail themselves of the applicable code section or standards listed in s. ILHR 41.10. Refer to ch. ILHR 42 for rules applying to repairs, alterations, and miscellaneous requirements.

## EXCERPTS FROM:

**ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE  
SECTION I  
POWER BOILERS  
1995 EDITION**

**PREAMBLE**

This Code covers rules for construction of power boilers, electric boilers, miniature boilers, and high-temperature water boilers to be used in stationary service and includes those power boilers used in locomotive, portable, and traction service. Reference to a paragraph includes all the subparagraphs and subdivisions under that paragraph.

The Code does not contain rules to cover all details of design and construction. Where complete details are not given, it is intended that the manufacturer, subject to the acceptance of the Authorized Inspector, shall provide details of design and construction which will be as safe as otherwise provided by the rules in the Code.

The scope of jurisdiction of Section I applies to the boiler proper and to the boiler external piping.

Superheaters, economizers, and other pressure parts connected directly to the boiler without intervening valves shall be considered as parts of the boiler proper, and their construction shall conform to Section I rules.

Boiler external piping shall be considered as that piping which begins where the boiler proper terminates at:

- (a) the first circumferential joint for welding end connections; or
- (b) the face of the first flange in bolted flanged connections; or
- (c) The first threaded joint in that type of connection; and which extends up to and including the valve or valves required by this Code.

ASME Code Certification (including Data Forms and Code Symbol Stamping), and/or inspection by the Authorized Inspector, when required by this Code, is required for the boiler proper and the boiler external piping.

Construction rules for materials, design, fabrication, installation, and testing of the boiler external piping are contained in ASME B31.1, Power Piping. Piping beyond the valve or valves required by Section I is not within the scope of Section I, and it is not the intent that the Code Symbol Stamp be applied to such piping or any other piping.

The material for forced-circulation boilers, boilers with no fixed steam and water line, and high-temperature water

boilers shall conform to the requirements of the Code. All other requirements shall also be met except where they relate to special features of construction made necessary in boilers of these types, and to accessories that are manifestly not needed or used in connection with such boilers, such as water gages and water columns.

Reheaters receiving steam which has passed through part of a turbine or other prime mover and separately fired steam superheaters which are not integral with the boiler are considered fired pressure vessels and their construction shall comply with Code requirements for superheaters, including safety devices. Piping between the reheater connections and the turbine or other prime mover is not within the scope of the Code.

A pressure vessel in which steam is generated by the application of heat resulting from the combustion of fuel (solid, liquid, or gaseous) shall be classed as a fired steam boiler.

Unfired pressure vessels in which steam is generated shall be classed as unfired steam boilers with the following exceptions:

- (a) Vessels known as evaporators or heat exchangers;
- (b) Vessels in which steam is generated by the use of heat resulting from operation of a processing system containing a number of pressure vessels such as used in the manufacture of chemical and petroleum products.

Unfired steam boilers shall be constructed under the provisions of Section I or Section VIII.

Expansion tanks required in connection with high-temperature water boilers shall be constructed to the requirements of Section I or Section VIII.

A pressure vessel in which an organic fluid is vaporized by the application of heat resulting from the combustion of fuel (solid, liquid, or gaseous) shall be constructed under the provisions of Section I. Vessels in which vapor is generated incidental to the operation of a processing system, containing a number of pressure vessels such as used in chemical and petroleum manufacture, are not covered by the rules of Section I.

**PART PG**  
**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL**  
**METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION**  
**GENERAL**

**PG-1 SCOPE**

The requirements of Part PG apply to power boilers and high pressure, high-temperature water boilers and to parts and appurtenances thereto and shall be used in conjunction with the specific requirements in the applicable Parts of this Section that pertain to the methods of construction used.

**PG-2 SERVICE LIMITATIONS**

**PG-2.1** The rules of this Section are applicable to the following services:

- (a) boilers in which steam or other vapor is generated at a pressure of more than 15 psig;
- (b) high-temperature water boilers intended for operation at pressures exceeding 160 psig and/or temperatures exceeding 250°F.

**PG-2.2** For services below those specified in PG-2.1 it is intended that rules of Section IV apply; however, boilers for such services may be constructed and stamped in accordance with this Section provided all applicable requirements are met.

**PG-2.3** Coil-type hot water boilers where the water can flash into steam when released directly to the atmosphere through a manually operated nozzle may be exempted from the rules of this Section provided the following conditions are met.

- (a) There is no drum header, or other steam space.
- (b) No steam is generated within the coil.
- (c) Tubing outside diameter does not exceed 1 in.
- (d) Pipe size does not exceed NPS 3/4.
- (e) Nominal water capacity does not exceed 6 gal.
- (f) Water temperature does not exceed 350°F.
- (g) Adequate safety relief valves and controls are provided.

**BOILER EXTERNAL PIPING**  
**AND BOILER PROPER CONNECTIONS**

**PG-58 OUTLETS AND EXTERNAL PIPING**

**PG-58.1 General.** The rules of this subparagraph apply to the boiler external piping as defined in the Preamble.

**PG-58.2 Boiler External Piping Connections to Boilers.** All boiler external piping connected to a boiler for any purpose shall be attached to one of the types of joints listed in PG-59.1.1.1, PG-59.1.1.2, and PG-59.1.1.3.

**PG-58.3 Boiler External Piping.** The following defines the Code Jurisdictional Limits of the boiler external piping systems, including general requirements, valves, and inspection. The limits are also shown in Fig. PG-58.3.1 and Fig. PG-58.3.2. The materials, design, fabrication, installation, and testing shall be in accordance with ASME B31.1, Power Piping.

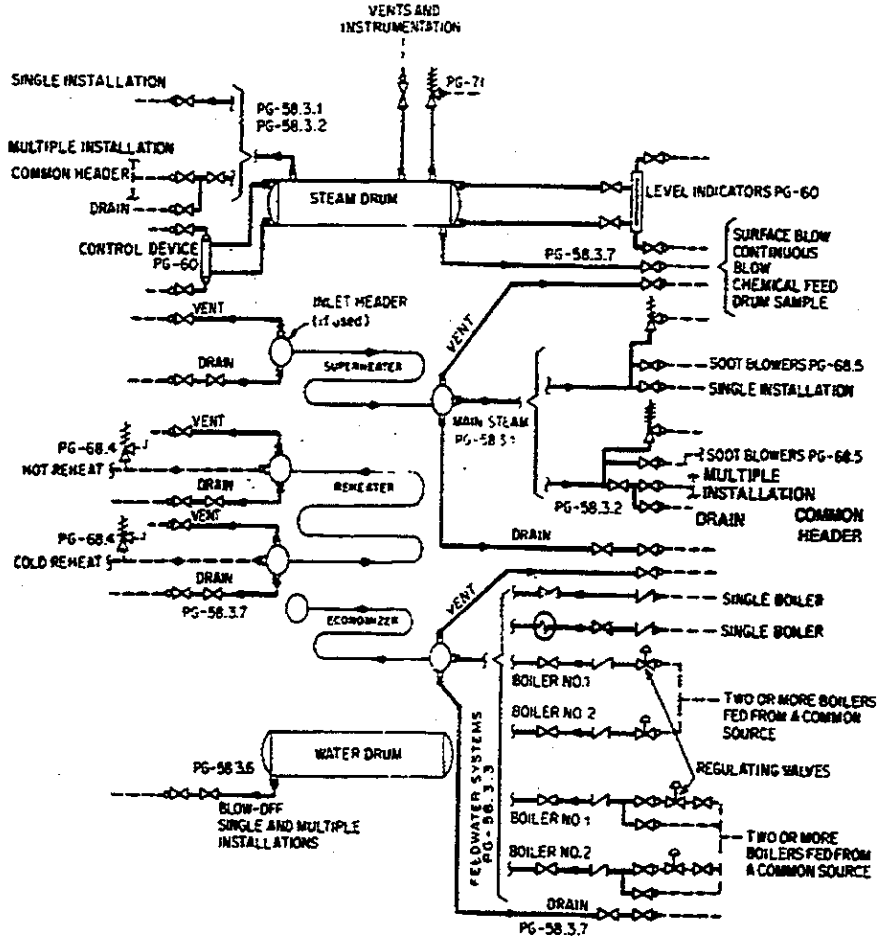
**PG-58.3.1** The steam piping connected to the boiler drum or to the superheater outlet header shall extend up to and including the first stop valve in each connection, except as required by PG-58.3.2. In the case of a single boiler and prime mover installation, the stop valve required herein may be omitted provided the prime mover throttle valve is equipped with an indicator to show whether the valve is open or closed and is designed to withstand the required hydrostatic pressure test of the boiler.

**PG-58.3.2** When two or more boilers are connected to a common steam 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 boiler external piping includes all piping from the boiler proper up to and including the second stop valve and the free-blow drain valve.

**PG-58.3.3** The feedwater piping for all boilers, except high-temperature water boilers and forced-flow steam generators complying with PG-58.3.5, shall extend through the required stop valve and up to and including the check valve except as required by PG-58.3.4. On a single boiler-turbine unit installation the boiler feed shutoff valve may be located upstream from the boiler feed check valve.

If a feedwater heater or heaters meeting the requirements of Part PFH are installed between the required stop valve and the boiler, and are fitted with isolation and bypass valves, provisions must be made to prevent the feedwater pressure from exceeding the maximum allowable working pressure of the piping or feedwater heater, whichever is less. Control and

interlock systems are permitted in order to prevent overpressure.



ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION & TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITY

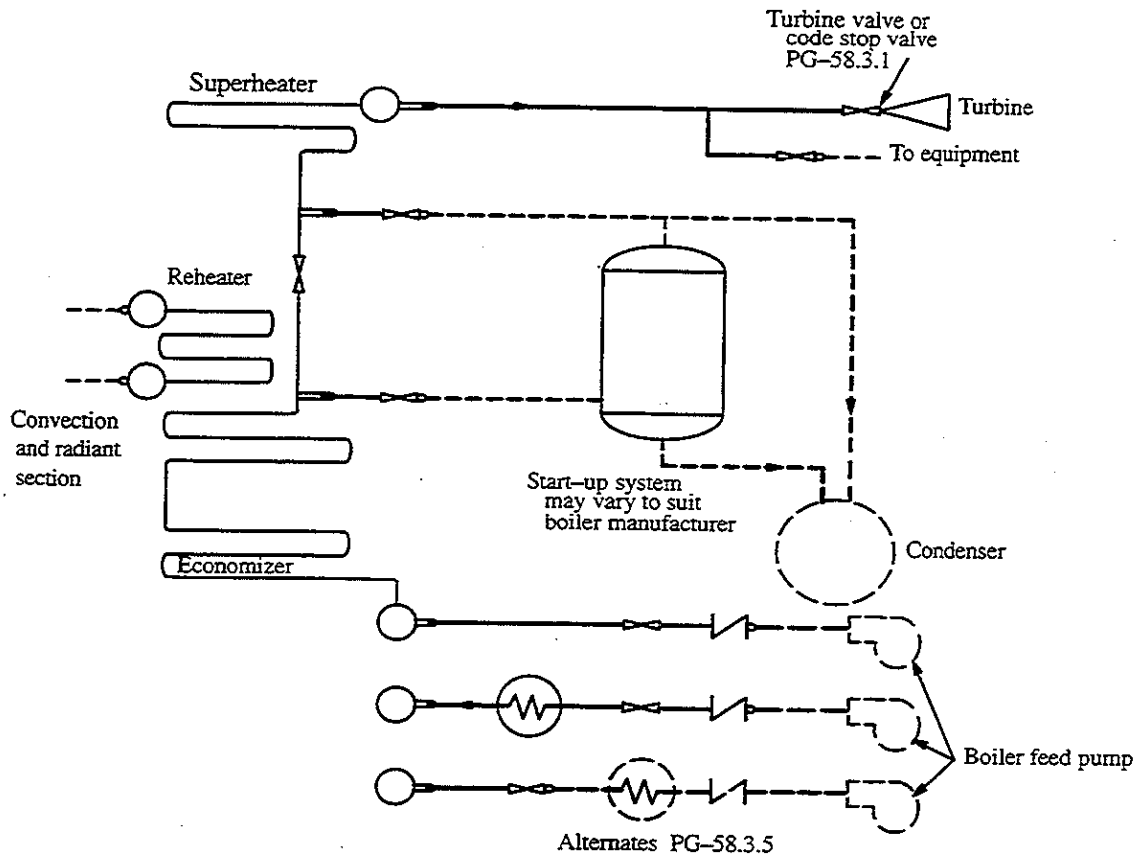
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FIG. PG-58.3.1 CODE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS FOR PIPING – DRUM TYPE BOILERS

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FIG. PG-58.3.1 CODE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS FOR PIPING – FORCED-FLOW STEAM GENERATOR WITH NO FIXED STEAM OR WATERLINE

**PG-58.3.4** When two or more boilers are fed from a common source, the piping shall be up to and including a globe or regulating valve located between the check valve required in PG-58.3.3 and the source of supply. If the regulating valve is equipped with an isolation valve and a bypass valve, the piping shall be up to and including both the isolation valve downstream from the regulating valve and the shut-off valve in the bypass.

**PG-58.3.6** The blowoff piping for all boilers, except forced-flow steam generators with no fixed steam and water-line, high-temperature water boilers, and those used for traction and/or portable purposes, when the maximum allowable working pressure exceeds 100 psi shall extend through and including the second valve. The blowoff piping for all traction and/or portable boilers and for forced circulation and electric boilers having a normal water content not exceeding 100 gal are required to extend through only one valve.

**PG-58.3.7** The miscellaneous piping shall include the piping for such items as drains, vents, surface-blowoff, steam and water piping for water columns, gage glasses and pressure gages, and the recirculation return line for a high-temperature water boiler. When a drain is not intended for blowoff purposes (when the boiler is under pressure) a single valve is acceptable, otherwise two valves in series are required except as permitted by PG-58.3.6.

**PG-58.3.8** Welded piping in PG-58.3.1, PG-58.3.2, PG-58.3.3, PG-58.3.4, PG-58.3.5, PG-58.3.6, and PG-58.3.7 is also subject to the requirements of PG-104 for proper Code certification.

**PG-59 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOILER PROPER**

**PG-59.1 Common to Steam, Feedwater, Blowoff, and Drain Systems**

**PG-59.1.1** Outlets of a boiler to which piping is to be attached for any purpose, and which piping comes within the Code requirements, shall meet the requirements of PG-39 and shall be:

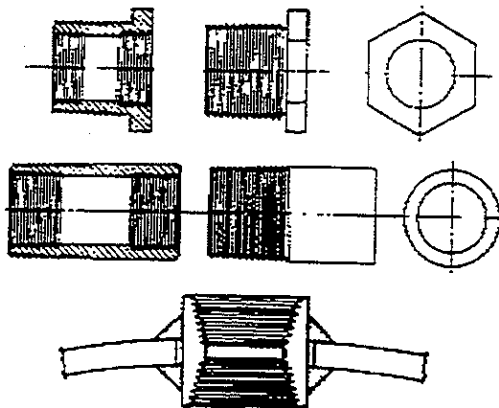
**PG-59.1.1.1** A tapped opening.

**PG-59.1.1.2** Bolted flanged joints including those of the Van Stone type.

**PG-59.1.1.3** Welding ends of the butt or socket welding type.

**PG-59.1.1.4** Piping within the boiler proper may be expanded into grooved holes, seal welded if desired. Blowoff piping of firetube boilers shall be attached by threading into a tapped opening with a threaded fitting or valve at the other end if exposed to products of combustion, or by PG-59.1.1.1 or PG-59.1.1.2 if not so exposed (see PFT-49).

**PG-59.1.2 Steam Mains.** Provisions shall be made for the expansion and contraction of steam mains connected to boilers, by providing substantial anchorage at suitable points, so that there shall be no undue strain transmitted to the boiler. Steam reservoirs shall be used on steam mains when heavy pulsations of the steam currents cause vibration of the boiler shell plates.



**FIG. PG-59.1 TYPICAL BOILER BUSHINGS**

**PG-59.1.3** Figure PG-59.1 illustrates a typical form of connection for use on boiler shells for passing through piping such as feed, surface blowoff connections, etc., and which permits the pipes' being threaded in solid from both sides in addition to the reinforcing of the opening of the shell. The pipes shall be attached as provided in PG-59.1.1.

In these and other types of boilers where both internal and external pipes making a continuous passage are employed, the boiler bushing or its equivalent shall be used.

**PG-59.2 Requirements for Feedwater Connections.** The feedwater shall be introduced into a boiler in such a manner that the water will not be discharged directly against surfaces exposed to gases of high temperature or to direct radi-

ation from the fire. For pressures of 400 psi or over, the feedwater inlet through the drum shall be fitted with shields, sleeves, or other suitable means to reduce the effects of temperature differentials in the shell or head. Feedwater, other than condensate returns as provided for in PG-59.3.6, shall not be introduced through the blowoff.

**PG-59.3 Requirements for Blowoffs**

**PG-59.3.1** A blowoff as required herein is defined as a pipe connection provided with valves located in the external piping through which the water in the boiler may be blown out under pressure, excepting drains such as are used on water columns, gage glasses, or piping to feedwater regulators, etc., used for the purpose of determining the operating condition of



such equipment. Piping connections used primarily for continuous operation, such as deconcentrators on continuous blowdown systems, are not classed as blowoffs but the pipe connections and all fittings up to and including the first shutoff valve shall be equal at least to the pressure requirements for the lowest set pressure of any safety valve on the boiler drum and with the corresponding saturated-steam temperature.

**PG-59.3.2** A surface blowoff connection shall not exceed NPS 2½, and the internal pipe and the terminal connection for the external pipe, when used, shall form a continuous passage, but with clearance between their ends and arranged so that the removal of either will not disturb the other. A properly designed steel bushing, similar to or the equivalent of those shown in Fig. PG-59.1, or a flanged connection shall be used.

**PG-59.3.3** Each boiler except forced-flow steam generators with no fixed steam and waterline and high-temperature water boilers shall have a bottom blowoff outlet in direct connection with the lowest water space practicable for external piping conforming to PG-58.3.6.

**PG-59.3.4** All waterwalls and water screens which do not drain back into the boiler, and all integral economizers, shall be equipped with outlet connections for a blowoff or drain line and conform to the requirements of PG-58.3.6 or PG-58.3.7.

**PG-59.3.5** Except as permitted for miniature boilers in Part PMB, the minimum size of blowoff connections shall be NPS 1, and the maximum size shall be NPS 2½, except that for boilers with 100 sq ft of heating surface or less, the minimum size of blowoff connections may be NPS ¾.

**PG-59.3.6** Condensate return connections of the same size or larger than the size herein specified may be used, and the blowoff may be connected to them. In such case the blowoff shall be so located that the connection may be completely drained.

**PG-59.3.7** A bottom blowoff pipe when exposed to direct furnace heat shall be protected by firebrick or other heat resisting material which is so arranged that the pipe may be inspected.

**PG-59.3.8** An opening in the boiler setting for a blowoff pipe shall be arranged to provide free expansion and contraction.

#### **PG-59.4 Requirements for Drains**

**PG-59.4.1.1** Each superheater shall be equipped with at least one drain connection so located as to most effectively provide for the proper operation of the apparatus.

**PG-59.4.1.2** Each high-temperature water boiler shall have a bottom drain connection of at least NPS 1 in direct connection with the lowest water space practical for external piping conforming to PG-58.3.7.

#### **PG-59.5 Requirements for Valves and Fittings.**

The following requirements apply to the use of valves and fittings in the boiler proper.

#### **PG-59.5.1 Steam Stop Valves**

**PG-59.5.1.1** If a shutoff valve is used between the boiler and its superheater, the safety valve capacity on the boiler shall comply with the requirements of PG-67.2 and PG-70, except as provided for in PG-59.5.1.2, no credit being taken for the safety valve on the superheater, and the superheater must be equipped with safety valve capacity as required by PG-68. A stop valve is not required at the inlet or the outlet of a reheater or separately fired superheater.

**PG-59.5.1.2** When stop valves are installed in the water-steam flow path between any two sections of a forced-flow steam generator with no fixed steam and waterline, the safety valves shall satisfy the requirements of PG-67.4.4.

### **DESIGN AND APPLICATION**

#### **PG-60 REQUIREMENTS FOR MISCELLANEOUS PIPE, VALVES, AND FITTINGS**

Piping referred to in this paragraph shall be designed in accordance with the applicable requirements of ASME B31.1.

#### **PG-60.1 Water Level Indicators**

**PG-60.1.2** Forced-flow steam generators with no fixed steam and waterline and the high-temperature water boiler of the forced circulation type require no water gage glass.

**PG-60.1.4** Boilers of the horizontal firetube type shall be so set that when the water is at the lowest reading in the water gage glass there shall be at least 3 in. of water over the highest point of the tubes, flues, or crown sheets.

**PG-60.1.5** Boilers of locomotives shall have at least one water glass provided with top and bottom shutoff cocks and lamp.

The lowest reading of water glass shall not be less than 2 in. above the highest point of crown sheet on boilers over 36 in. in diameter and under nor less than 3 in. for boilers over 36 in. in diameter. These are minimum dimensions, and on large locomotives and those operating on steep grades, the height should be increased, if necessary, to compensate for change of water level on descending grades.

The bottom mounting for water glass and for water column if used must extend not less than 1½ in. inside the boiler and beyond any obstacle immediately above it, and the passage therein must be straight and horizontal.

Tubular water glasses must be equipped with a protecting shield.

**PG-60.1.6** All connections on the gage glass shall be not less than ½ in. pipe size. Each water gage glass shall be fitted with a drain cock or valve having an unrestricted drain opening of not less than ¼ in. diameter to facilitate cleaning. When the boiler operating pressure exceeds 100 psi the glass shall be furnished with a connection to install a valved drain to the ash pit or other safe discharge point.

Each water gage glass shall be equipped with a top and a bottom shutoff valve of such through-flow construction as to prevent stoppage by deposits of sediments. If the lowest valve is more than 7 ft above the floor or platform from which it is operated, the operating mechanism shall indicate by its

position whether the valve is open or closed. The pressure-temperature rating shall be at least equal to that of the lowest set pressure of any safety valve on the boiler drum and the corresponding saturated-steam temperature.

Straight-run globe valves shall not be used on such connections.

Automatic shutoff valves, if permitted to be used, shall conform to the requirements given in A-18.

#### PG-60.2 Water Columns

**PG-60.2.1** The water column shall be so mounted that it will maintain its correct position relative to the normal water-line under operating conditions.

**PG-60.2.3** The water column shall be fitted with a connection for a drain cock or drain valve to install a pipe of at least NPS 3/4 to the ash pit or other safe point of discharge

**PG-60.2.4** The design and material of a water column shall comply with the requirements of PG-42. Water columns made of cast iron in accordance with SA-278 may be used for maximum boiler pressures not exceeding 250 psi. Water columns made of ductile iron in accordance with SA-395 may be used for maximum boiler pressures not exceeding 350 psi. For higher pressures, steel construction shall be used.

#### PG-60.3 Connections

**PG-60.3.1** Gage glasses that are required by PG-60.1 shall be connected directly to the shell or drum of the boiler or to an intervening water column.

**PG-60.3.2** The lower edge of the steam connection to a water column or gage glass and 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.

**PG-60.3.3** 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.

**PG-60.3.4** Connections from the boiler to the water column shall be at least NPS 1. Connections for gage glasses connected directly to the boiler shall be at least NPS 1/2. Connections from the boiler to the remote level indicator shall be at least NPS 3/4 to and including the isolation valve and from there to the remote level indicator at 1/2 in. O.D. tubing. These connections shall be completely independent of other connections for any function other than water level indication.

**PG-60.3.5** For pressures of 400 psi or over, lower connections to drums for water columns and remote level indicators shall be provided with shields, sleeves, or other suitable means to reduce the effect of temperature differentials in the shells or heads.

**PG-60.3.6** The steam and water connections to a water column or a water gage glass shall be such that they are

readily accessible for internal inspection and cleaning. Some acceptable methods of meeting this requirement are by providing a cross or fitting with a back outlet at each right-angle turn to permit inspection and cleaning in both directions, or by using pipe bends or fittings of a type which does not leave an internal shoulder or pocket in the pipe connection and with a radius of curvature which will permit the passage of a rotary cleaner. Screwed plug closures using threaded connections as allowed by PG-39.5.3 are acceptable means of access for this inspection and cleaning. For boilers with all drum safety valves set at or above 400 psig, socket-welded plugs may be used for this purpose in lieu of screwed plugs. If the water connection to the water column has a rising bend or pocket which cannot be drained by means of the water-column drain, an additional drain shall be placed on this connection in order that it may be blown off to clear any sediment from the pipe.

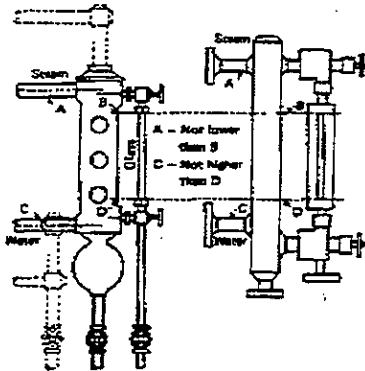
**PG-60.3.7** Shutoff valves shall not be used in the pipe connections between a boiler and a water column or between a boiler and the shutoff valves required for the gage glass (PG-60.1.6), unless they are either outside-screw-and-yoke or lever-lifting type gate valves or stopcocks with lever permanently fastened thereto and marked in line with their passage, or of such other through-flow construction as to prevent stoppage by deposits of sediment, and to indicate by the position of the operating mechanism whether they 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.

The lock or seal open requirement may be waived if the following additional conditions are met.

- (1) MAWP shall not exceed 250 psig.
- (2) The boiler shall not be hand fired or fired with solid fuel not in suspension.
- (3) Interlocks between the valve and the burner control system shall stop fuel supply and prevent firing whenever the valve between the drum and the water column is not in the fully open position.
- (4) Provision shall be made in the valve body to permit cleaning and rodding of horizontal and vertical legs of attached pipe when the boiler is out of service.
- (5) The minimum valve size shall be NPS 1.
- (6) The valve shall indicate by its position whether it is open or closed.

**PG-60.3.8** No outlet connections, except for control devices (such as damper regulators and feedwater regulators), 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 piping connecting a water column or gage glass to a boiler.

**PG-60.3.9** An acceptable arrangement is shown in Fig. PG-60.

**PG-60.4 Gage Cocks. Not required.**

**FIG. PG-60 TYPICAL ARRANGEMENT OF STEAM AND WATER CONNECTIONS FOR A WATER COLUMN**

**PG-60.5 Water Fronts.** Each boiler fitted with a water jacketed boiler-furnace mouth protector, or similar appliance having 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.

**PG-60.6 Pressure Gages**

**PG-60.6.1** Each boiler shall have a pressure gage so located 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 connected 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 arranged 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 prevent steam from entering the gage tube. Pressure gage connections shall be suitable for the maximum allowable working pressure and temperature, but if the temperature exceeds 406°F, brass or copper pipe or tubing shall not be used. The connections to the boiler, except the syphon, if used, shall not be less than 1/4 in. standard pipe size but where steel or wrought iron pipe or tubing is used they shall not be less than 1/2 in. inside diameter.

The minimum 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.

**PG-60.6.2** Each forced-flow steam generator with no fixed steam and waterline shall be equipped with pressure gages or other pressure measuring devices located as follows:

**PG-60.6.2.1** At the boiler or superheater outlet (following the last section which involves absorption of heat), and

**PG-60.6.2.2** At the boiler or economizer inlet (preceding any section which involves absorption of heat), and

**PG-60.6.2.3** Upstream of any shutoff valve which may be used between any two sections of the heat absorbing surface.

**PG-60.6.3** 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.

**PG-60.6.4** Each high-temperature water boiler shall have a temperature gage so located and connected that it shall be easily readable. The temperature gage shall be installed so that it at all times indicates the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit of the water in the boiler, at or near the outlet connection.

**PG-61 FEEDWATER SUPPLY**

**PG-61.1** Except as provided for in PG-61.2 and PG-61.4, boilers having more than 500 sq ft of water-heating surface shall have at least two means of feeding water. Except as provided for in PG-61.3, PG-61.4, and 61.5, each source of feeding shall be capable of supplying water to the boiler at a pressure of 3% higher than the highest setting of any safety valve on the boiler. For boilers that are fired with solid fuel not in suspension, and for boilers whose setting or heat source can continue to supply sufficient heat to cause damage to the boiler if the feed supply is interrupted, each such means of feeding shall not be susceptible to the same interruption as the other, and each shall provide sufficient water to prevent damage to the boiler.

**PG-61.2** Except as provided for in PG-61.1, a boiler fired by gaseous, liquid, or solid fuel in suspension may be equipped with a single means of feeding water provided means are furnished for the shutting off of its heat input prior to the water level reaching the lowest permissible level established by PG-60.

**PG-61.3** For boilers having a water-heating surface of not more than 100 sq ft the feed connection to the boiler shall not be smaller than 1/2 in. pipe size. For boilers having a water-heating surface more than 100 sq ft the feed connection to the boiler shall not be less than 3/4 in. pipe size.

**PG-61.4** High-temperature water boilers shall be provided with means of adding water to the boiler or system while under pressure.

**PG-61.5** A forced-flow steam generator with no fixed steam and waterline shall be provided with a source of feeding capable of supplying water to the boiler at a pressure not less than the expected maximum sustained pressure at the boiler inlet, as determined by the boiler Manufacturer, corresponding to operation at maximum designed steaming capacity with maximum allowable working pressure at the superheater outlet.

**SAFETY VALVES AND SAFETY RELIEF VALVES****PG-67 BOILER SAFETY VALVE REQUIREMENTS**

**PG-67.1** Each boiler shall have at least one safety valve or safety relief valve and if it has more than 500 sq ft of bare

tube water-heating surface, or if an electric boiler has a power input more than 1100 kW, it shall have two or more safety valves or safety relief valves. For a boiler with combined bare tube and extended water-heating surface exceeding 500 sq ft, two or more safety valves or safety relief valves are required only if the design steam-generating capacity of the boiler exceeds 4000 lb/hr. Organic fluid vaporizer generators require special consideration as given in Part PVG.

**PG-67.2** The safety valve or safety relief valve capacity for each boiler (except as noted in PG-67.4) shall be such that the safety valve or valves will discharge all the steam that can be generated by the boiler without allowing the pressure to rise more than 6% above the highest pressure at which any valve is set and in no case to more than 6% above the maximum allowable working pressure.

**PG-67.2.1** The minimum required relieving capacity of the safety valves or safety relief valves for all types of boilers shall not be less than the maximum designed steaming capacity as determined by the Manufacturer and shall be based on the capacity of all the fuel burning equipment as limited by other boiler functions.

**PG-67.2.2** The minimum required relieving capacity for a waste heat boiler shall be determined by the Manufacturer. When auxiliary firing is to be used in combination with waste heat recovery, the maximum output as determined by the Manufacturer shall include the effect of such firing in the total required capacity. When auxiliary firing is to be used in place of waste heat recovery, the minimum required relieving capacity shall be based on auxiliary firing or waste heat recovery, whichever is higher.

**PG-67.2.3** The minimum required relieving capacity for electric boilers shall be in accordance with PEB-15.

**PG-67.2.4** The minimum required relieving capacity, in lb/hr, for a high-temperature water boiler shall be determined by dividing the maximum output in Btu/hr at the boiler nozzle, produced by the highest heating value fuel for which the boiler is designed, by 1000.

**PG-67.2.5** The minimum required relieving capacity for organic fluid vaporizers shall be in accordance with PVG-12.

**PG-67.2.6** Any economizer which may be shut off from the boiler, thereby permitting the economizer to become a fired pressure vessel, shall have one or more safety relief valves with a total discharge capacity, in lbs/hr, calculated from the maximum expected heat absorption in Btu/hr., as determined by the Manufacturer, divided by 1000. This absorption shall be stated in the stamping (PG-106.4).

**PG-67.3** One or more safety valves on the boiler proper shall be set at or below the maximum allowable working pressure (except as noted in (PG-67.4). If additional valves are used the highest pressure setting shall not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure by more than 3%. The complete range of pressure settings of all the saturated-steam safety valves on a boiler shall not exceed 10% of the highest pressure to which any valve is set. Pressure setting of safety relief valve on high-temperature waters boilers may exceed this 10% range.

**PG-67.4** For a forced-flow steam generator with no fixed steam and waterline, equipped with automatic control and protective interlocks responsive to steam pressure, safety valves may be provided in accordance with the above paragraphs or the following protection against overpressure shall be provided:

**PG-67.4.1** One or more power-actuated pressure relieving valves shall be provided in direct communication with the boiler when the boiler is under pressure and shall receive a control impulse to open when the maximum allowable working pressure at the superheater outlet, as shown in the master stamping (PG-106.3), is exceeded. The total combined relieving capacity of the power-actuated relieving valves shall be not less than 10% of the maximum design steaming capacity of the boiler under any operating condition as determined by the Manufacturer. The valve or valves shall be located in the pressure part system where they will relieve the overpressure.

An isolating stop valve of the outside-screw-and-yoke type may be installed between the power-actuated pressure relieving valve and the boiler to permit repairs provided an alternate power-actuated pressure relieving valve of the same capacity is so installed as to be in direct communication with the boiler in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph.

Power-actuated pressure relieving valves discharging to intermediate pressure and incorporated into bypass and/or startup circuits by the boiler Manufacturer need not be capacity certified. Instead, they shall be marked by the valve manufacturer with a capacity rating at a set of specified inlet pressure and temperature conditions. Power-actuated pressure relieving valves discharging directly to atmosphere shall be capacity certified. This capacity certification shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of PG-69.3. The valves shall be marked in accordance with the provisions of PG-69.4 and PG-69.5.

**PG-67.4.2** Spring-loaded safety valves shall be provided, having a total combined relieving capacity, including that of the power-actuated pressure relieving capacity installed under PG-67.4.1, of not less than 100% of the maximum designed steaming capacity of the boiler, as determined by the Manufacturer, except the alternate provisions of PG-67.4.3. are satisfied. In this total, no credit in excess of 30% of the total required relieving capacity shall be allowed for the power-actuated pressure relieving valves actually installed. Any or all of the spring-loaded safety valves may be set above the maximum allowable working pressure of the parts to which they are connected, but the set pressure shall be such that when all of these valves (together with the power-actuated pressure relieving valves) are in operation the pressure will not rise more than 20% above the maximum allowable working pressure of any part of the boiler, except for the steam piping between the boiler and the prime mover.

**PG-67.4.3** The total installed capacity of spring-loaded safety valves may be less than the requirements of PG-67.4.2 provided all of the following conditions are met.

**PG-67.4.3.1** The boiler shall be of no less steaming capacity than 1,000,000 lb/hr and installed in a unit system for

power generation (i.e., a single boiler supplying a single turbine-generator unit).

**PG-67.4.3.2** The boiler shall be provided with automatic devices, responsive to variations in steam pressure, which include no less than all the following:

**PG-67.4.3.2.1** A control capable of maintaining steam pressure at the desired operating level and of modulating firing rates and feedwater flow in proportion to a variable steam output; and

**PG-67.4.3.2.2** A control which overrides PG-67.4.3.2.1 by reducing the fuel rate and feedwater flow when the steam pressure exceeds the maximum allowable working pressure as shown in the master stamping (PG-106.3) by 10%; and

**PG-67.4.3.2.3** A direct-acting overpressure-trip-actuating mechanism, using an independent pressure sensing device, that will stop the flow of fuel and feedwater to the boiler, at a pressure higher than the set pressure of PG-67.4.3.2.2, but less than 20% above the maximum allowable working pressure as shown in the master stamping (PG-106.3).

**PG-67.4.3.3** There shall be not less than two spring-loaded safety valves and the total rated relieving capacity of the spring-loaded safety valves shall be not less than 10% of the maximum designed steaming capacity of the boiler as determined by the Manufacturer. These spring-loaded safety valves may be set above the maximum allowable working pressure of the parts to which they are connected but shall be set such that the valves will lift at a pressure no higher than 20% above the maximum allowable working pressure as shown in the master stamping (PG-106.3).

**PG-67.4.3.4** At least two of these spring-loaded safety valves shall be equipped with a device that directly transmits the valve stem lift action to controls that will stop the flow of fuel and feedwater to the boiler. The control circuitry to accomplish this shall be arranged in a "fail-safe" manner (see Note).

Note: "Fail-safe" shall mean a circuitry arranged as either of the following:

(1) *Energize to trip*: There shall be at least two separate and independent trip circuits served by two power sources, to initiate and perform the trip action. One power source shall be a continuously charged dc battery. The second source shall be an ac-to-dc converter connected to the dc system to charge the battery and capable of performing the trip action. The trip circuits shall be continuously monitored for availability.

It is not mandatory to duplicate the mechanism that actually stops the flow of fuel and feedwater.

(2) *De-energize to trip*: If the circuits are arranged in such a way that a continuous supply of power is required to keep the circuits closed and operating and such that any interruption of power supply will actuate the trip mechanism, then a single trip circuit and single power supply will be enough to meet the requirements of this sub-paragraph.

**PG-67.4.3.5** The power supply for all controls and devices required by PG-67.4.3 shall include at least one source contained within the same plant as the boiler and which is arranged to actuate the controls and devices continuously in the event of failure or interruption of any other power sources.

**PG-67.4.4** When stop valves are installed in the water-steam flow path between any two sections of a forced-flow steam generator with no fixed steam and waterline:

**PG-67.4.4.1** The power-actuated pressure relieving valve(s) required by PG-67.4.1 shall also receive a control impulse to open when the maximum allowable working pressure of the component, having the lowest pressure level upstream to the stop valve, is exceeded; and

**PG-67.4.4.2** The spring-loaded safety valves shall be located to provide the pressure protection requirements in PG-67.4.2. or PG-67.4.3.

**PG-67.4.5** A reliable pressure-recording device shall always be in service and records kept to provide evidence of conformity to the above requirements.

**PG-67.5** All safety valves or safety relief valves shall be so constructed that the failure of any part cannot obstruct the free and full discharge of steam and water from the valve. Safety valves shall be of the direct spring-loaded pop type, with seat inclined at any angle between 45 and 90 degrees, inclusive, to the center line of the spindle. The coefficient of discharge of safety valves shall be determined by actual steam flow measurements at a pressure not more than 3% above the pressure at which the valve is set to blow and when adjusted for blowdown in accordance with PG-72. The valves shall be credited with capacities as determined by the provisions of PG-69.2.

Safety valves or safety relief valves may be used which give any opening up to the full discharge capacity of the area of the opening of the inlet of the valve (see PG-69.5), provided the movement of the steam safety valve is such as not to induce lifting of water in the boiler.

Deadweight or weighted lever safety valves or safety relief valves shall not be used.

For high-temperature water boilers safety relief valves shall be used. Such valves shall have a closed bonnet. For purposes of selection the capacity rating of such safety relief valves shall be expressed in terms of actual steam flow determined on the same basis as for safety valves. In addition the safety relief valves shall be capable of satisfactory operation when relieving water at the saturation temperature corresponding to the pressure at which the valve is set to blow.

**PG-67.6** A safety valve or safety relief valve over 3 in. in size, used for pressures greater than 15 psig, shall have a flanged inlet connection or a weld-end inlet shall have a flanged inlet connection or a weld-end inlet connection. The dimensions of flanges subjected to boiler pressure shall conform to the applicable American National Standards as given in PG-42. The facing shall be similar to those illustrated in the Standard.

**PG-67.7** Safety valves or safety relief valves may have bronze parts complying with either SB-61 or SB-62, provided the maximum allowable stresses and temperature do not exceed the values given in Table 1B of Section II, Part D, and shall be marked to indicate the class of material used. Such valves shall not be used on superheaters delivering steam at a temperature over 450°F and 306°F respectively, and shall not be used for high-temperature water boilers.

**PG-68 SUPERHEATER SAFETY VALVE REQUIREMENTS**

**PG-68.1** Except as permitted in PG-58.3.1, every attached superheater shall have one or more safety valves in the steam flow path between the superheater outlet and the first stop valve. The location shall be suitable for the service intended and shall provide the overpressure protection required. The pressure drop up-stream of each safety valve shall be considered in the determination of set pressure and relieving capacity of that valve. If the superheater outlet header has a full, free steam passage from end to end and is so constructed that steam is supplied to it at practically equal intervals throughout its length so that there is a uniform flow of steam through the superheater tubes and the header, the safety valve, or valves, may be located anywhere in the length of the header.

**PG-68.2** The discharge capacity of the safety valve, or valves, on an attached superheater may be included in determining the number and size of the safety valves for the boiler, provided there are no intervening valves between the superheater safety valve and the boiler, and provided the discharge capacity of the safety valve, or valves, on the boiler, as distinct from the superheater is at least 75% of the aggregate valve capacity required.

**PG-68.3** Every independently fired superheater which may be shut off from the boiler and permit the superheater to become a fired pressure vessel shall have one or more safety valves having a discharge capacity equal to 6 lbs of steam per hour per square foot of superheater surface measured on the side exposed to the hot gases. In the case of electrically heated superheaters, the safety valve capacity shall be based upon  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lb/hr/kW input. The number of safety valves installed shall be such that the total capacity is at least equal to that required.

**PG-68.4** Every reheater shall have one or more safety valves, such that the total relieving capacity is at least equal to the maximum steam flow for which the reheater is designed. At least one valve shall be located in the steam flow path between the reheater outlet and the first stop valve. The location shall be suitable for the service intended and shall provide the overpressure protection required. The pressure drop upstream of each safety valve shall be considered in the determination of set pressure and relieving capacity of that valve. The relieving capacity of that valve shall be not less 15% of the required total. The capacity of reheater safety valves shall not be included in the required relieving capacity for the boiler and superheater.

**PG-68.5** A soot blower connection may be attached to the same outlet from the superheater or reheater that is used for the safety valve connection.

**PG-68.6** Every safety valve used on a superheater or reheater discharging superheated steam at a temperature over 450°F shall have a casing, including the base, body, and bonnet and spindle, of steel, steel alloy, or equivalent heat-resisting material.

The valve shall have a flanged inlet connection, or a weld-end inlet connection. It shall have the seat and disk of

suitable heat erosive and corrosive resisting material, and the spring fully exposed outside of the valve casing so that it shall be protected from contact with the escaping steam.

**PG-70 CAPACITY OF SAFETY VALVES**

**PG-70.1** Subject to the minimum number required by PG-67.1, the number of safety valves or safety relief valves required shall be determined on the basis of the maximum designed steaming capacity, as determined by the boiler manufacturer, and the relieving capacity marked on the valves by the manufacturer.

**PG-71 MOUNTING**

**PG-71.1** When two or more safety valves are used on a boiler, they may be mounted either separately or as twin valves made by placing individual valves on Y-bases, or duplex valves having two valves in the same body casing. Twin valves made by placing individual valves in the same body shall be of approximately equal capacity.

When not more than two valves of different sizes are mounted singly the relieving capacity of the smaller valve shall be not less than 50% of that of the larger valve.

**PG-71.2** The safety valve or safety relief valve or valves shall be connected to the boiler independent of any other connection, and attached as close as possible to the boiler or the normal steam flow path, without any unnecessary intervening pipe or fitting. Such intervening pipe or fitting shall be not longer than the face-to-face dimension of the corresponding tee fitting of the same diameter and pressure under the applicable American National Standard listed in PG-42 and shall also comply with PG-8 and PG-39. Every safety valve or safety relief valve shall be connected so as to stand in an upright position, with spindle vertical. On high-temperature water boilers of the watertube forced-circulation type, the valve shall be located at the boiler outlet.

**PG-71.3** The opening or connection between the boiler and the safety valve or safety relief valve shall have at least the area of the valve inlet. No valve of any description shall be placed between the required safety valve or safety relief valve or valves and the boiler, nor on the discharge pipe between the safety valve or safety relief valve and the atmosphere. When a discharge pipe is used, the cross-sectional area shall be not less than the full area of the valve outlet or of the total of the areas of the valve outlets, discharging thereto. It shall be as short and straight as possible and so arranged as to avoid undue stresses on the valve or valves.

All safety valve or safety relief valve discharges shall be so located or piped as to be carried clear from running boards or platforms. Ample provision for gravity drain shall be made in the discharge pipe at or near each safety valve or safety relief valve, and where water of condensation may collect. Each valve shall have an open gravity drain through the casing below the level of the valve seat. For iron- and steel-bodied valves exceeding 2½ in. size, the drain hole shall be tapped not less than 3/8 in. pipe size.

Discharge piping from safety relief valves on high-temperature water boilers shall be provided with adequate provisions for water drainage as well as the steam venting.

The installation of cast iron bodied safety relief valves for high-temperature water boilers is prohibited.

**PG-71.4** If a muffler is used on a safety valve or safety relief valve, it shall have sufficient outlet area to prevent back pressure from interfering with the proper operation and discharge capacity of the valve. The muffler plates or other devices shall be so constructed as to avoid a possibility of restriction of the steam passages due to deposit. Mufflers shall not be used on high-temperature water boiler safety relief valves.

When a safety valve or safety relief valve is exposed to outdoor elements which may affect operation of the valve, it is permissible to shield the valve with a satisfactory cover. The shield or cover shall be properly vented and arranged to permit servicing and normal operation of the valve.

**PG-71.5** When a boiler is fitted with two or more safety valves or safety relief valves on one connection, this connection to the boiler shall have a cross-sectional area not less than the combined areas of inlet connections of all the safety valves or safety relief valves with which it connects and shall also meet the requirements of PG-71.3.

**PG-71.6** Safety valves may be attached to drums or headers by welding provided the welding is done in accordance with Code requirements.

**PG-71.7** Every boiler shall have proper outlet connections for the required safety valve, or safety relief valve, or valves, independent of any other outside steam connection, the area of opening to be at least equal to the aggregate areas of inlet connections of all of the safety valves or safety relief valves to be attached thereto. An internal collecting pipe, splash plate, or pan may be used, provided the total area for inlet of steam thereto is not less than twice the aggregate areas of the inlet connections of the attached safety valves. The holes in such collecting pipes shall be at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. in diameter and the least dimension in any other form of opening for inlet of steam shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$  in.

Such dimensional limitations to operation for steam need not apply to steam scrubbers or driers provided the net free steam inlet area of the scrubber or drier is at least 10 times the total area of the boiler outlets for the safety valves.

**PG-71.8** If safety valves are attached to a separate steam drum or dome, the opening between the boiler proper and the steam drum or dome shall be not less than required by PG-71.7.

## PG-72 OPERATION

**PG-72.1** Safety valves shall be designed and constructed to operate without chattering and to attain full lift at a pressure no greater than 3% above their set pressure. After blowing down, all valves shall close at a pressure not lower than 96% of their set pressure, except that all drum valves installed on a single boiler may be set to reseal at a pressure not lower than 96% of their set pressure, except that all drum valves installed on a single boiler may be set to reseal at a pressure not lower than 96% of the set pressure of the lowest set drum valve. The minimum blowdown for spring-loaded safety or safety relief valves shall be 2% of the set pressure, except that

for boilers whose maximum allowable working pressure is less than 100 psi, the valves may be set to reseal between 2 and 4 psi below their set pressure.

Safety valves used on forced-flow steam generators with no fixed steam and waterline, and safety relief valves used on high-temperature water boilers may be set and adjusted to close after blowing down not more than 10% of the set pressure. The valves for these special uses must be so adjusted and marked by the manufacturer.

**PG-72.2** The popping point tolerance plus or minus shall not exceed the following: 2 psi for pressures up to and including 70 psi, 3% for pressures over 70 psi up to and including 300 psi, 10 psi for pressures over 300 psi up to and including 1000 psi, and 1% for pressures over 1000 psi.

**PG-72.3** The spring in a safety valve or safety relief valve shall not be reset for any pressure more than 5% above or below that for which the valve is marked unless the new setting is within the spring design range established by the manufacturer or is determined to be acceptable to the manufacturer.

If the set pressure is to be adjusted within the limits specified above, the adjustment shall be performed by the manufacturer, his authorized representative, or an assembler. An additional valve data tag identifying the new set pressure, capacity, and date shall be furnished and installed, and the valve shall be resealed.

**PG-72.4** If the set pressure of a valve is changed so as to require a new spring, the spring shall be acceptable to the manufacturer. The spring installation and valve adjustment shall be performed by the manufacturer, his authorized representative, or an assembler. A new nameplate as described in PG-110 shall be furnished and installed, and the valve shall be resealed.

## PG-105 CODE SYMBOL STAMPS



FIG. PG-105.1 OFFICIAL SYMBOLS FOR STAMPS TO DENOTE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' STANDARD FOR BOILERS



FIG. PG-105.2 OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR STAMP TO DENOTE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' STANDARD FOR ASSEMBLY

FIG. PG-105.3 OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR STAMP TO DENOTE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' STANDARD FOR WELDED PIPING



FIG. PG-105.4 OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR STAMP TO DENOTE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' STANDARD FOR SAFETY VALVES

**PG-105.1 Authorization.** Except as permitted in PG-105.6, no organization may assume responsibility for Code

construction without having first received from the ASME a Certificate of Authorization to use one of the Code symbol stamps shown in Figs. PG-105.1 through PG-105.4. There are six such stamps, defined as follows:

- S power boiler symbol stamp ..... see Fig. PG-105.1
- M miniature boiler symbol stamp ..... see Fig. PG-105.1
- E electric boiler symbol stamp ..... see Fig. PG-105.1
- A boiler assembly symbol stamp ..... see Fig. PG-105.2
- PP pressure piping symbol stamp ..... see Fig. PG-105.3
- V safety valve symbol stamp ... see Fig. PG-105.4

#### PG-109 Stamping of pressure piping

**PG-109.1** Boiler external piping, as defined in the Preamble, may be fabricated by a manufacturer other than the Manufacturer of the boiler, provided that the manufacturer has been issued a Certificate of Authorization to use the "S" or "PP" symbol stamp. Boiler external piping may be installed by welding by a manufacturer or contractor other than the Manufacturer of the boiler, provided such an organization has been issued a Certificate of Authorization to use the "S", "PP", or "A" symbol stamp. When external piping is installed by welding, the welding shall be done in accordance with the applicable rules of ANSI/ASME B31.1. The qualification of welding procedures, welders, and welding operators shall be in accordance with the requirements of this Section and Section IX. The welding shall be inspected by an Authorized Inspector at such stages of the work as he may elect. The organizations which fabricate or install such piping shall furnish proper code certification (PG-104.2) for it including a Manufacturers' Data Report Form P-4A as required by PG-112.2.5 and PG-112.3.

**PG-109.2** Welded boiler external piping included within the scope of this Code, over 2 in. pipe size, shall be stamped with a Code symbol, together with the manufacturer's or contractor's name and serial number. Such stamping shall be on the pipe, valve, or fitting adjacent to the welded joint farthest from the boiler. For piping operating at temperatures above 800°F the symbol may be stamped on a nameplate which is irremovably attached by welding, provided such welding is postweld heat treated, or on a circular metal band at least ¼ in. thick. This band around the pipe shall be secured in such a manner as to prevent it from slipping off during handling and installation.

Welded piping 2 in. pipe size or less included within the scope of this Code shall be marked with an identification acceptable to the Inspector and traceable to the required Data Report. Such marking shall be of a type that will remain visible until the piping has been installed.

**PG-109.3** Parts of boilers, such as superheater, water-wall, or economizer headers, or any construction involving only welding as covered by PW-41, may be fabricated by a manufacturer in possession of the pressure piping symbol stamp, and so stamped and reported on a Manufacturer's Partial Data Report Form (Form P-4) as called for in PG-112.2.4.

#### PG-110 STAMPING OF SAFETY VALVES

Each safety valve shall be plainly marked with the required data by the Manufacturer or Assembler (see PG-73.3.4) in such a way that the marking will not be obliterated in service. The marking shall be placed on the valve or on a nameplate securely fastened to the valve. The Code "V" symbol shall be stamped on the valve or nameplate, but the other required data may be stamped, etched, impressed, or cast on the valve or nameplate. The marking shall include the following:

- (1) The name (or an acceptable abbreviation) of the Manufacturer and Assembler;
- (2) Manufacturer's design or type number;
- (3) NPS (the nominal pipe size of the valve inlet);
- (4) set pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi;
- (5) capacity \_\_\_\_\_ lb/hr (in accordance with PG-67.5 and with the valve adjusted for the blowdown permitted by PG-72);
- (6) year built, or alternatively, a coding may be marked on the valve such that the valve manufacturer or assembler can identify the year the valve was assembled and tested;
- (7) ASME symbol as shown in Fig. PG-105.4.

#### PART PFT REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRETUBE BOILERS

##### PFT-1 GENERAL

The rules in Part PFT are applicable to firetube boilers and parts thereof and shall be used in conjunction with the general requirements in Part PG as well as with the specific requirements in the applicable Parts of this Section which apply to the method of fabrication used.

##### PFT-12.2 Attachment of Tubes

**PFT-12.2.1** Figure PFT-12.1 illustrates some of the acceptable types of tube attachments. Such connections shall be:

- (a) expanded and beaded as in sketches (a), (b), and (d);
- (b) expanded and beaded and seal welded as in sketch (c);
- (c) expanded and seal welded as in sketch (e);



(d) welded, as in sketches (f) and (g).

Tube ends attached by expanding and welding are subject to the following provisions.

**PFT-12.2.1.1** Where no bevel or recess is employed, the tube shall extend beyond the tubesheet not less than a distance equal to the tube thickness or 1/8 in., whichever is the greater, nor more than twice the tube thickness or 1/4 in., whichever is the lesser [see Fig. PFT-12.1, sketch (e)].

**PFT-12.2.1.2** The tubesheet hole may be beveled or recessed. The depth of any bevel or recess shall not be less than the tube thickness or 1/8 in., whichever is greater, nor more than one-third of the tubesheet thickness, except that when tube thicknesses are equal to or greater than 0.150 in., the bevel or recess may exceed T/3. Where the hole is beveled or recessed, the projection of the tube beyond the tubesheet shall not exceed a distance equal to the tube wall thickness [see Fig. PFT-12.1, sketches (f) and (g)].

**PFT-12.2.1.3** On types of welded attachment shown in Fig. PFT-12.1 sketches (c) and (e), the tubes shall be expanded before and after welding. On types shown in sketches (f) and (g), the tubes may be expanded.

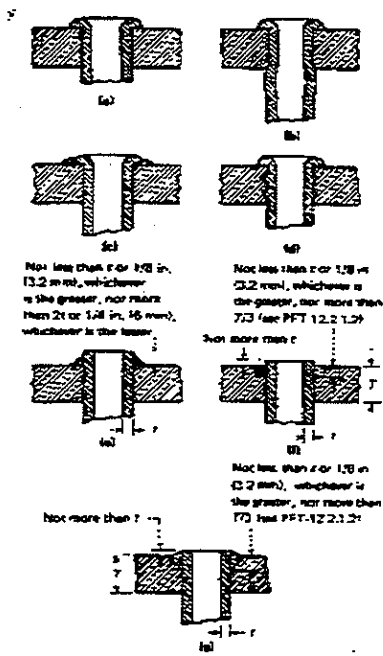


FIG. PFT-12.1 SOME ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF TUBE ATTACHMENT ON FIRETUBE BOILERS

**PFT-12.2.2** Expanding of tubes by the Prosser method may be employed in combination with any beaded or seal welded attachment method [see Fig. PFT-12.1, sketch (b)].

**PFT-12.2.3** After seal welding as shown by Fig. PFT-12.1 sketch (c) and (e), a single hydrostatic test of the boiler shall suffice.

**PFT-12.2.4** The inner surface of the tube hole in any form of attachment may be grooved or chamfered.

**PFT-12.2.5** The sharp edge of tube holes shall be taken off on both sides of the plate with a file or other tool.

#### PFT-44 OPENING BETWEEN BOILER AND SAFETY VALVE

The opening or connection between the boiler and the safety valve shall have at least the area of the valve inlet. In the case of firetube boilers, the openings in the boilers for safety valves or safety relief valves shall be not less than given in Table PFT-44, except firetube boilers used for waste heat purposes only, not equipped for direct firing, need not meet the requirements of Table PFT-44 provided the rated steaming capacity is stamped on the boiler and safety valves or safety relief valves of the required relieving capacity are supplied such that the provisions of PG-67.2 are satisfied.

After the boiler Manufacturer provides for the opening required by the Code, a bushing may be inserted in the opening in the shell to suit a safety valve that will have the capacity to relieve all the steam that can be generated in the boiler and which will meet the Code requirements.

No valve of any description shall be placed between the required safety valve or safety relief valve or valves and the boiler, or on the discharge pipe between the safety valve or safety relief valve and the atmosphere. When a discharge pipe is used, the cross-sectional area shall be not less than the full areas of the valve outlets discharging therein and shall be as short and straight as possible and so arranged as to avoid undue stresses on the valve or valves.

### PART PEB

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC BOILERS

##### PEB-1 GENERAL

The rules in Part PEB are applicable to electric boilers and parts thereof and shall be used in conjunction with the general requirements in part PG as well as with the special requirements in the applicable Parts of this Section which apply to the method of fabrication used.

##### PEB-2 SCOPE

**PEB-2.1** This Part contains special rules for construction of electric boilers both of the electrode and immersion resistance element type. This Part does not include electric boilers where the heat is applied to the boiler pressure vessel externally by electric resistance heating elements, induction coils, or other electrical means. These types of electric boilers shall be constructed in accordance with other applicable Parts of this Section.

**PEB-2.2** Electric boilers shall be marked with the "S" or "M" symbol (except when the boiler pressure vessel is constructed under the provisions of PEB-3) by the Manufacturer of the boiler pressure vessel. When the trim, fixtures, and fittings such as valves, threaded piping, and appurtenances are connected to the electric boiler by a Manufacturer not authorized to apply the "S" or "M" stamps, the boiler assembler shall apply an "E" stamp to the completed assembly. "E" stamp holders are limited to the use of assembly methods that do not require welding or brazing.

**PEB-2.3** An electrode type boiler is defined as an electric boiler in which heat is generated by the passage of an electric current using water as a conductor.

**PEB-2.4** An immersion resistance element type boiler is defined as an electric boiler in which heat is generated by the passage of an electric current through a resistance heating element immersed in water.

#### **PEB-11 FEEDWATER SUPPLY**

**PEB-11.1** The feedwater source to electric boilers shall be capable of meeting the applicable requirements of PG-61.

**PEB-11.2** Feedwater connections to an electric boiler shall not be smaller than NPS  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### **PEB-12 BLOWOFF**

**PEB-12.1** The blowoff piping for each electric boiler pressure vessel having a normal water content not exceeding 100 gal is required to extend through only one valve.

**PEB-12.2** The minimum size of blowoff pipes and fittings shall be NPS 1, except that for boilers of 200 kW input or less the minimum size of pipe and fittings may be NPS  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

#### **PEB-13 WATER GAGES**

**PEB-13.1** Electric boilers of the electrode type shall have at least one water gage glass. The water gage glass shall be

located as to indicate the water levels both at startup and under maximum steam load conditions as established by the Manufacturer. No low-water cutoff is required for electrode type boilers.

**PEB-13.2** Electric boilers of the resistance element type shall have at least one water gage glass. The lowest visible part of the water gage shall be located at least 1 in. above the lowest permissible water level specified by the Manufacturer. Each electric boiler of this type shall also be equipped with an automatic low-water cutoff on each boiler pressure vessel so located as to automatically cut off the power supply to the heating elements before the surface of the water falls below the visible part of the glass.

**PEB-13.3** Tubular water glasses on electric boilers shall be equipped with protective rods or shields.

#### **PEB-15 SAFETY VALVES**

**PEB-15.1** Each electric boiler shall have at least one safety valve or safety relief valve, and if it has a power input more than 1100 kW, it shall have two or more safety valves or safety relief valves.

**PEB-15.2** The minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity for electric boilers shall be  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lb/hr/kW input.

#### **PEB-16 AUTOMATIC DEVICES**

**PEB-16.1** Electric boilers shall be provided with pressure and/or temperature controls.

**EXCERPTS FROM:**

**ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE  
SECTION IV  
HEATING BOILERS  
1995 EDITION**

**PREAMBLE**

The rules of this Section of the Code cover minimum construction requirements for the design, fabrication, installation, and inspection of steam heating, hot water heating, hot water supply boilers which are directly fired with oil, gas, electricity, coal, or other solid or liquid fuels, and for operation at or below the pressure and temperature limits set forth in this document. Similar rules for potable water heaters are also included.

For Section IV application, the boiler proper or other vessels terminate at:

- (a) the first circumferential joint for welding end connections;
- (b) the face of the first flange in bolted flanged connections; or
- (c) the first threaded joint in that type of connection.

The rules are divided into four major Parts: Part HG, applying to all materials of construction except as provided for in Part HLW; Part HF, applying to assemblies fabricated of wrought material, except as provided for in Part HLW; Part HC, applying to cast iron assemblies; and Part HLW, applying to potable water heaters. Part HF is further subdivided into Subpart HW, containing rules for welded construction, and Subpart HB, containing rules for brazed construction.

The Parts and Subparts of this Section are divided into Articles. Each Article is given a number and a title, as for example, Part HG, Article 3, Design. Articles are divided into paragraphs which are given a three-digit number, the first of which corresponds to the Article number, thus, under Article 3 of Part HG will be found paragraph HG-307. Paragraphs are further subdivided into subparagraphs. Major subdivisions of paragraphs are designated by three- or four-digit numbers followed by a decimal point and a digit or digits. Where necessary, further subdivisions are represented by letters and then by numbers in parentheses. Minor subdivisions of the paragraphs are also represented by letters. A reference to one of these paragraphs in the text of the Section includes all of the applicable rules in that paragraph. Thus, reference to HG-307 includes all the rules in HG-307.1 through HG-307.4.

This section does not contain rules to cover all possible details of design and construction. Where complete details are not given, it is intended that the manufacturer, subject to the acceptance of the Authorized Inspector, shall provide details of design and construction which will be as safe as otherwise required by these rules.

When the strength of any part cannot be computed with a satisfactory assurance of safety, these rules provide proce-

dures for establishing its maximum allowable working pressure.

**ARTICLE 1****SCOPE AND SERVICE RESTRICTIONS****HG-100 SCOPE**

The requirements of Part HG apply to steam heating boilers, hot water heating boilers, hot water supply boilers, and to appurtenances thereto, and shall be used in conjunction with the specific requirements in Part HF, Boilers of Wrought Materials, and Part HC, Cast Iron Boilers, whichever is applicable. Part HG is not intended to apply to potable water heaters except as provided for in Part HLW.

**HG-101 SERVICE RESTRICTIONS**

**HG-101.1 Service Restrictions.** The rules of this Section are restricted to the following services:

- (a) steam boilers for operation at pressures not exceeding 15 psi;
- (b) hot water heating boilers and hot water supply boilers for operating at pressures not exceeding 160 psi and/or temperatures not exceeding 250°F, at or near the boiler outlet.

**HG-101.2 Services in Excess of Those Covered by This Section.** For services exceeding the limits specified in HG-101.1, the rules of Section I shall apply.

**ARTICLE 4****PRESSURE RELIEVING DEVICES****HG-400 PRESSURE RELIEVING VALVE REQUIREMENTS****HG-400.1 Safety Valve Requirements for Steam Boilers**

(a) Each steam boiler shall have one or more officially rated safety valves of the spring pop type adjusted and sealed to discharge at a pressure not to exceed 15 psi. Seals shall be attached in a manner to prevent the valve from being taken apart without breaking the seal. The safety valves shall be arranged so that they cannot be reset to relieve at a higher pressure than the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. Drain holes are not required for valves  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. and smaller, when the seating surface of the valve is above the lowest portion of the inside diameter of the discharge piping. Means shall be provided for complete drainage of the discharge piping.

(b) No safety valve for a steam boiler shall be smaller than  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. No safety valve shall be larger than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. The inlet opening shall have an inside diameter equal to, or greater than, the seat diameter.

(c) The minimum relieving capacity of valve or valves shall be governed by the capacity marking on the boiler called for in HG-530.

(d) The minimum valve capacity in pounds per hour shall be the greater of that determined by dividing the maximum Btu output at the boiler nozzle obtained by the firing of any fuel for which the unit is installed by 1000, or shall be determined on the basis of the pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface as given in Table HG-400.1. For cast iron boilers constructed to the requirements of Part HC, the minimum valve capacity shall be determined by the maximum output method. In many cases a greater relieving capacity of valves will have to be provided than the minimum specified by these rules. In every case, the requirement of HG-400.1(e) shall be met.

(e) The safety valve capacity for each steam boiler shall be such that with the fuel burning equipment installed, and operated at maximum capacity, the pressure cannot rise more than 5 psi above the maximum allowable working pressure.

(f) When operating conditions are changed, or additional boiler heating surface is installed, the valve capacity shall be increased, if necessary, to meet the new conditions and be in accordance with HG-400.1(e). The additional valves required, on account of changed conditions, may be installed on the outlet piping provided there is no intervening valve.

**TABLE HG-400.1  
MINIMUM POUNDS OF STEAM PER HOUR  
PER SQUARE FOOT OF HEATING SURFACE**

	Firetube Boilers	Watertube Boilers
<b>Boiler Heating Surface:</b>		
Hand fired	5	6
Stoker fired	7	8
Oil, gas or pulverized fuel fired	8	10
<b>Waterwall heating surface:</b>		
Hand fired	8	8
Stoker fired	10	12
Oil, gas or pulverized fuel fired	14	16

**GENERAL NOTES:**

(a) When a boiler is fired only by a gas having a heat value not in excess of 200 Btu/cu ft, the minimum safety valves or safety relief valve relieving capacity may be based on the values given for hand fired boilers above.

(b) The minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity for electric boilers shall be 3 1/2 lb/hr/kw input.

(c) For heating surface determination, see HG-405.

**HG-400.2 Safety Relief Valve Requirements for Hot Water Boilers**

(a) Each hot water heating or supply boiler shall have at least one officially rated safety relief valve, of the automatic reseating type, identified with the V or HV Symbol, and set to relieve at or below the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. Safety relief valves officially rated as to capacity shall have pop action when tested by steam. When more than one safety relief valve is used on either hot water heating or hot water supply boilers; the additional valve or valves

shall be officially rated and may have a set pressure within a range not to exceed 6 psi above the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler up to and including 60 psi, and 5% for those having a maximum allowable working pressure exceeding 60 psi. Safety relief valves shall be spring loaded. Safety relief valves shall be set and sealed so that they cannot be reset without breaking the seal.

(b) No materials liable to fail due to deterioration or vulcanization when subjected to saturated steam temperature corresponding to capacity test pressure shall be used for any part.

(c) No safety relief valve shall be smaller than 3/4 in. nor larger than 4 1/2 in. standard pipe size except that boilers having a heat input not greater than 15,000 Btu/hr may be equipped with a rated safety relief valve of 1/2 in. standard pipe size. The inlet opening shall have an inside diameter approximately equal to, or greater than, the seat diameter. In no case shall the minimum opening through any part of the valve be less than 1/4 in. in diameter or its equivalent area.

(d) The required steam relieving capacity, in pounds per hour, of the pressure relieving device or devices on a boiler shall be the greater of that determined by dividing the maximum output in Btu at the boiler nozzle obtained by the firing of any fuel for which the unit is installed by 1000, or shall be determined on the basis of pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface as given in Table HG-400.1. For cast iron boilers constructed to the requirements of Part HC, the minimum valve capacity shall be determined by the maximum output method. In many cases a greater relieving capacity of valves will have to be provided than the minimum specified by these rules. In every case, the requirements of HG-400.2(f) shall be met.

(e) When operating conditions are changed, or additional boiler heating surface is installed, the valve capacity shall be increased, if necessary, to meet the new conditions and shall be in accordance with HG-400.2(f). The additional valves required, on account of changed conditions, may be installed on the outlet piping provided there is no intervening valve.

(f) Safety relief valve capacity for each boiler with a single safety relief valve shall be such that, with the fuel burning equipment installed and operated at maximum capacity, the pressure cannot rise more than 10% above the maximum allowable working pressure. When more than one safety relief valve is used, the overpressure shall be limited to 10% above the set pressure of the highest set valve allowed by HG-400.2(a).

**HG-400.3 Safety and Safety Relief Valves for Tanks and Heat Exchangers**

(a) *Steam to Hot Water Supply.* When a hot water supply is heated indirectly by steam in a coil or pipe within the service limitations set forth in HG-101, the pressure of the steam used shall not exceed the safe working pressure of the hot water tank, and a safety relief valve at least 1 in. in diameter, set to relieve at or below the maximum allowable working pressure of the tank, shall be applied on the tank.

(b) *High Temperature Water to Water Heat Exchanger.* When high temperature water is circulated through the coils or tubes of a heat exchanger to warm water for space heating

or hot water supply, within the service limitations set forth in HG-101, the heat exchanger shall be equipped with one or more officially rated safety relief valves that are identified with the V or HV Symbol, set to relieve at or below the maximum allowable working pressure of the heat exchanger, and of sufficient rated capacity to prevent the heat exchanger pressure from rising more than 10% above the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel.

(c) *High Temperature Water to Steam Heat Exchanger.* When high temperature water is circulated through the coils or tubes of a heat exchanger to generate low pressure steam, within the service limitations set forth in HG-101, the heat exchanger shall be equipped with one or more officially rated safety valves that are identified with the V or HV Symbol, set to relieve at a pressure not to exceed 15 psi, and of sufficient rated capacity to prevent the heat exchanger pressure from rising more than 5 psi above the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel. For heat exchangers requiring steam pressures greater than 15 psi, refer to Section I or Section VIII, Division 1.

#### HG-402 DISCHARGE CAPACITIES OF SAFETY AND SAFETY RELIEF VALVES

**HG-402.1 Valve Markings.** Each safety or safety relief valve shall be plainly marked with the required data by the Manufacturer in such a way that the markings will not be obliterated in service. The markings shall be stamped, etched, impressed, or cast on the valve or on a nameplate which shall be securely fastened to the valve. The markings shall include the following:

- (a) the name or an acceptable abbreviation of the Manufacturer;
- (b) Manufacturer's design or type number;
- (c) NPS size \_\_\_\_\_ in. (the nominal pipe size of the valve inlet);
- (d) set pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi;
- (e) capacity \_\_\_\_\_ lb/hr, or capacity \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr in accordance with HG-402.3;
- (f) year built or, alternatively, a coding may be marked on the valves such that the valve Manufacturer can identify the year the valve was assembled and tested;
- (g) ASME Symbol as shown in Fig. HG-402.

**HG-402.2 Authorization to Use ASME Stamp.** Each safety valve to which the Code Symbol (Fig. HG-402) is to be applied shall be produced by a Manufacturer and/or Assembler who is in possession of a valid Certificate of Authorization. (See HG-540.)



**FIG. HG-402 OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR STAMP TO DENOTE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' STANDARD**

## ARTICLE 6

### INSTRUMENTS, FITTINGS, AND CONTROLS

#### HG-600 GENERAL

All instruments, fittings, and controls described in this Article shall be installed prior to operation.

#### HG-601 FOR STEAM HEATING BOILERS

##### HG-602 STEAM GAGES

(a) Each steam boiler shall have a steam gage or a compound steam gage connected to its steam space or to its water column or to its steam connection. The gage or connection shall contain a siphon or equivalent device which will develop and maintain a water seal that will prevent steam from entering the gage tube. The connection shall be so arranged that the gage cannot be shut off from the boiler except by a cock placed in the pipe at the gage and provided with a tee- or lever-handle arranged to be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open. The connections to the boiler shall be not less than ¼ in. standard pipe size, but where steel or wrought iron pipe or tubing is used, they shall be not less than ½ in. standard pipe size. The minimum size of a siphon, if used, shall be ¼ in. I.D. Ferrous and nonferrous tubing having inside diameters at least equal to that of standard pipe sizes listed above may be substituted for pipe.

(b) The scale on the dial of a steam boiler gage shall be graduated to not less than 30 psi nor more than 60 psi. The travel of the pointer from 0 psi to 30 psi pressure shall be at least 3 in.

##### HG-603 WATER GAGE GLASSES

(a) Each steam boiler shall have one or more water gage glasses attached to the water column or boiler by means of valved fittings not less than ½ in. pipe size, with the lower fitting provided with a drain valve of a type having an unrestricted drain opening not less than ¼ in. in diameter to facilitate cleaning. Gage glass replacement shall be possible under pressure. Water glass fittings may be attached directly to a boiler.

Boilers having an internal vertical height of less than 10 in. may be equipped with a water level indicator of the Glass Bull's-Eye type provided the indicator is of sufficient size to show the water at both normal operating and low-water cutoff levels.

(b) The lowest visible part of the water gage glass shall be at least 1 in. above the lowest permissible water level recommended by the boiler manufacturer. With the boiler operating at this lowest permissible water level, there shall be no danger of overheating any part of the boiler.

Each boiler shall be provided at the time of the manufacture with a permanent marker indicating the lowest permissible water level. The marker shall be stamped, etched, or cast in metal; or it shall be a metallic plate attached by rivets, screws, or welding; or it shall consist of material with documented tests showing its suitability as a permanent marking for the application. This marker shall be visible at all times. Where the boiler is shipped with a jacket, this marker may be located on the jacket.

**Note:** Transparent material other than glass may be used for the water gage provided that the material will remain transparent and has proved suitable for the pressure, temperature, and corrosive conditions expected in service.

(c) In electric boilers of the submerged electrode type, the water gage glass shall be so located to indicate the water levels both at startup and under maximum steam load conditions as established by the manufacturer.

(d) In electric boilers of the resistance element type, the lowest visible part of the water gage shall be located at least 1 in. above the lowest permissible water level specified by the Manufacturer. Each electric boiler of this type shall also be equipped with an automatic low-water cutoff on each boiler pressure vessel so located as to automatically cut off the power supply to the heating elements before the surface of the water falls below the visible part of the glass.

(e) Tubular water glasses on electric boilers having a normal water content not exceeding 100 gal shall be equipped with a protective shield.

#### **HG-604 WATER COLUMN AND WATER LEVEL CONTROL PIPES**

(a) The minimum size of ferrous or nonferrous pipes connecting a water column to a steam boiler shall be 1 in. No outlet connections, except for damper regulator, feedwater regulator, steam gages, or apparatus which does not permit the escape of any steam or water except for manually operated blowdowns, shall be attached to a water column or the piping connecting a water column to a boiler (see HG-705 for introduction of feed water into a boiler). If the water column, gage glass, or low-water fuel cutoff, or other water level control device is connected to the boiler by pipe and fittings, no shutoff valves of any type shall be placed in such pipe, and a cross or equivalent fitting to which a drain valve and piping may be attached shall be placed in the water piping connection at every right angle turn to facilitate cleaning. The water column drain pipe and valve shall be not less than NPS 3/4.

(b) The steam connections to the water column of a horizontal firetube wrought boiler shall be taken from the top of the shell or the upper part of the head, and the water connection shall be taken from a point not above the center line of the shell. For a cast iron boiler, the steam connection to the water column shall be taken from the top of an end section or the top of the steam header, and the water connection shall be made on an end section not less than 6 in. below the bottom connection to the water gage glass.

#### **HG-605 PRESSURE CONTROL**

Each automatically fired steam boiler shall be protected from overpressure by two pressure-operated controls.

(a) Each individual automatically fired steam boiler shall have a safety limit control that will cut off the fuel supply to prevent steam pressure from exceeding the 15 psi maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. Each control shall be constructed to prevent a pressure setting above 15 psi.

(b) Each individual steam boiler or each system of commonly connected steam boilers shall have a control that will cut off the fuel supply when the pressure reaches an operating limit, which shall be less than the maximum allowable pressure.

(c) Shutoff valves of any type shall not be placed in the steam pressure connection between the boiler and the controls described in (a) and (b) above. These controls shall be protected with a syphon or equivalent means of maintaining a water seal that will prevent steam from entering the control. The connections to the boiler shall not be less than NPS 1/4, but where steel or wrought iron pipe or tubing is used, they shall not be less than NPS 1/2. The minimum size of a syphon shall be NPS 1/4 or 3/8 in. O.D. nonferrous tubing.

#### **HG-606 AUTOMATIC LOW-WATER FUEL CUTOFF AND/OR WATER FEEDING DEVICE**

(a) Each automatically fired steam or vapor-system boiler shall have an automatic low-water fuel cutoff so located as to automatically cut off the fuel supply when the surface of the water falls to the lowest visible part of the water gage glass. If a water feeding device is installed, it shall be so constructed that the water inlet valve cannot feed water into the boiler through the float chamber and so located as to supply requisite feedwater.

(b) Such a fuel cutoff or water feeding device may be attached directly to a boiler. A fuel cutoff or water feeding device may also be installed in the tapped openings available for attaching a water glass direct to a boiler, provided the connections are made to the boiler with nonferrous tees or Y's not less than NPS 1/2 between the boiler and the water glass so that the water glass is attached directly and as close as possible to the boiler; the run of the tee or Y shall take the water glass fittings, and the side outlet or branch of the tee or Y shall take the fuel cutoff or water feeding device. The ends of all nipples shall be reamed to full-size diameter.

(c) Fuel cutoffs and water feeding devices embodying a separate chamber shall have a vertical drain pipe and a blow-off valve not less than NPS 3/4, located at the lowest point in the water equalizing pipe connections so that the chamber and the equalizing pipe can be flushed and the device tested.

#### **HG-607 MODULAR STEAM HEATING BOILERS**

(a) Each module of a modular steam heating boiler shall be equipped with:

- (1) steam gage, see HG-602
- (2) water gage glass, see HG-603
- (3) pressure control, see HG-605 (a)
- (4) low water cutoff, see HG-606

(b) The assembled modular steam boiler shall also be equipped with pressure control, see HG-605 (b).

#### **HG-610 FOR HOT WATER HEATING OR HOT WATER SUPPLY BOILERS**

#### **HG-611 PRESSURE OR ALTITUDE GAGES**

(a) Each hot water heating or hot water supply boiler shall have a pressure or altitude gage connected to it or to its flow connection in such a manner that it cannot be shut off from the boiler except by a cock with tee or lever handle, placed on the pipe near the gage. The handle of the cock shall be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open.

(b) The scale on the dial of the pressure or altitude gage shall be graduated approximately to not less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  nor more than three times the pressure at which the safety relief valve is set.

(c) Piping or tubing for pressure- or altitude-gage connections shall be of nonferrous metal when smaller than 1 in. pipe size.

#### HG-612 THERMOMETERS

Each hot water heating or hot water supply boiler shall have a thermometer so located and connected that it shall be easily readable when observing the water pressure or altitude. The thermometer shall be so located that it shall at all times indicate the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit of the water in the boiler at or near the outlet.

#### HG-613 TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Each automatically fired hot water heating or hot water supply boiler shall be protected from over-temperature by two temperature-operated controls.

(a) Each individual automatically fired hot water heating or hot water supply boiler shall have a safety limit control that will cut off the fuel supply to prevent water temperature from exceeding the maximum allowable temperature of 250°F at the boiler outlet. This water temperature safety control shall be constructed to prevent a temperature setting above 250°F.

(b) Each individual hot water heating or hot water supply boiler or each system of commonly connected boilers without intervening valves shall have a control that will cut off the fuel supply when the water temperature reaches an operating limit, which shall be less than the maximum allowable temperature.

#### HG-614 LOW-WATER FUEL CUTOFF

(a) Each automatically fired hot water boiler with heat input greater than 400,000 Btu/hr shall have an automatic low-water cutoff which has been designed for hot water service, and it shall be so located as to automatically cut off the fuel supply when the surface of the water falls to the level established in (b) below (see Fig. HG-703.2).

(b) As there is no normal waterline to be maintained in a hot water boiler, any location of the low-water fuel cutoff above the lowest safe permissible water level established by the boiler manufacturer is satisfactory.

(c) A coil-type boiler or a watertube boiler with heat input greater than 400,000 Btu/hr requiring forced circulation to prevent overheating of the coils or tubes shall have a flow-sensing device installed in lieu of the low-water fuel cutoff required in (a) above to automatically cut off the fuel supply when the circulating flow is interrupted.

#### HG-615 MODULAR HOT WATER HEATING BOILERS

(a) Each module of a modular hot water heating boiler shall be equipped with:

(1) pressure/altitude gage, see HG-611

(2) thermometer, see HG-612

(3) temperature control, see HG-613(a)

(b) The assembled modular hot water heating boiler shall also be equipped with:

(1) temperature control, see HG-613(b)

(2) low water fuel cutoff, see HG-614

#### HG-620 FOR ALL BOILERS

#### HG-621 INSTRUMENTS, FITTINGS, AND CONTROLS MOUNTED INSIDE BOILER JACKETS

Any or all instruments, fittings, and controls required by these rules may be installed inside of boiler jackets provided the water gage on a steam boiler is accessible without the use of tools and provided the water gage and pressure gage on a steam boiler or the thermometer and pressure gage on a water boiler are visible through an opening or openings at all times.

#### HG-630 ELECTRIC WIRING

#### HG-632 TYPE CIRCUITRY TO BE USED

Whether field or factory wired, the control circuitry shall be positively grounded and shall operate at 150 V or less. One of the two following systems may be employed to provide the control circuit.

(a) *Two-Wire Nominal 120 V System With Separate Equipment Ground Conductor.*

(1) This system shall consist of the line, neutral, and equipment ground conductors. The control panel frame and associated control circuitry metallic enclosures shall be electrically continuous and be bonded to the equipment ground conductor.

(2) The equipment ground conductor and the neutral conductor shall be bonded together at their origin in the electrical system as required by the NEC.

(3) The line side of the control circuit shall be provided with a time delay fuse sized as small as practicable.

(b) *Two-Wire Nominal 120 V System Obtained By Using An Isolation Transformer*

(1) The two-wire control circuit shall be obtained from the secondary side of an isolation transformer. One wire from the secondary of this transformer shall be electrically continuous and shall be bonded to a convenient cold water pipe. All metallic enclosures of control components shall be securely bonded to this ground control circuit wire. The primary side of the isolation transformer will normally be a two-wire source with a potential of 230 V or 208 V or 440 V.

(2) Both sides of the two-wire primary circuit shall be fused. The hot leg on the load side of the isolation transformer shall be fused as small as practicable and in no case fused above the rating of the isolation transformer.

**HG-633 LIMIT CONTROLS**

Limit controls shall be wired on the hot or line side of the control circuit.

**HG-634 SHUTDOWN SWITCHES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

A manually operated remote heating plant shutdown switch or circuit breaker should be located just outside the boiler room door and marked for easy identification. Consideration should also be given to the type and location of the switch to safeguard against tampering. If the boiler room door is on the building exterior the switch should be located just inside the door. If there is more than one door to the boiler room, there should be a switch located at each door.

**ARTICLE 7****INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS****HG-700 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, ALL BOILERS****HG-701 MOUNTING SAFETY AND SAFETY RELIEF VALVES**

**HG-701.1 Permissible Mounting.** Safety valves and safety relief valves shall be located in the top or side of the boiler. They shall be connected directly to a tapped or flanged opening in the boiler, to a fitting connected to the boiler by a short nipple, to a Y-base, or to a valveless header connecting steam or water outlets on the same boiler. Coil or header type boilers shall have the safety valve or safety relief valve located on the steam or hot water outlet end. Safety valves and safety relief valves shall be installed with their spindles vertical. The opening or connection between the boiler and any safety valve or safety relief valve shall have at least the area of the valve inlet.

**HG-701.2 Requirements for Common Connections for Two or More Valves**

(a) When a boiler is fitted with two or more safety valves on one connection, this connection shall have a cross-sectional area not less than the combined areas of inlet connections of all the safety valves with which it connects.

(b) When a Y-base is used, the inlet area shall be not less than the combined outlet areas. When the size of the boiler requires a safety valve or safety relief valve larger than 4 1/2 in. in diameter, two or more valves having the required combined capacity shall be used. When two or more valves are used on a boiler, they may be single, directly attached, or mounted on a Y-base.

**HG-701.3 Threaded Connections.** A threaded connection may be used for attaching a valve.

**HG-701.4 Prohibited Mountings.** Safety and safety relief valves shall not be connected to an internal pipe in the boiler.

**HG-701.5 Use of Shutoff Valves Prohibited.** No shutoff of any description shall be placed between the safety or safety relief valve and the boiler, or on discharge pipes between such valves and the atmosphere.

**HG-701.6 Safety and Safety Relief Valve Discharge Piping**

(a) A discharge pipe shall be used. Its internal cross-sectional area shall be not less than the full area of the valve outlet or of the total of the valve outlets discharging there into and shall be as short and straight as possible and so arranged as to avoid undue stress on the valve or valves. A union may be installed in the discharge piping close to the valve outlet. When an elbow is placed on a safety or safety relief valve discharge pipe, it shall be located close to the valve outlet downstream of the union.

(b) The discharge from safety or safety relief valves shall be so arranged that there will be no danger of scalding attendants. The safety or safety relief valve discharge shall be piped away from the boiler to the point of discharge, and there shall be provisions made for properly draining the piping. The size and arrangement of discharge piping shall be independent of other discharge piping and shall be such that any pressure that may exist or develop will not reduce the relieving capacity of the relieving devices below that required to protect the boiler.

**HG-703 PIPING**

**HG-703.1 Provisions for Expansion and Contraction.** Provisions shall be made for the expansion and contraction of steam and hot water mains connected to boilers by providing substantial anchorage at suitable points and by providing swing joints when boilers are installed in batteries, so there will be no undue strain transmitted to the boilers. See Figs. HG-703.1 and HG-703.2 for typical schematic arrangements of piping incorporating strain absorbing joints for steam and hot water heating boilers.

**HG-703.2 Return Pipe Connections**

(a) The return pipe connections of each boiler supplying a gravity return steam heating system shall be so arranged as to form a loop substantially as shown in Fig. HG-703.1 so that the water in each boiler cannot be forced out below the safe water level.

(b) For hand-fired boilers with a normal grate line, the recommended pipe sizes detailed as "A" in Fig. HG-703.1 are 1 1/2 in. for 4 sq ft or less firebox area at the normal grate line, 2 1/2 in. for areas more than 4 sq ft up to 14.9 sq ft, and 4 in. for 15 sq ft or more.

(c) For automatically fired boilers which do not have a normal grate line, the recommended pipe sizes detailed as "A" in Fig. HG-703.1 are 1 1/2 in. for boilers with minimum safety valve relieving capacity 250 lb/hr or less, 2 1/2 in. for boilers with minimum safety valve relieving capacity from 251 lb/hr to 2000 lb/hr, inclusive, and 4 in. for boilers with more than 2000 lb/hr minimum safety valve relieving capacity.

(d) Provision shall be made for cleaning the interior of the return piping at or close to the boiler.

**HG-705 FEEDWATER AND MAKEUP WATER CONNECTIONS**

(a) *Steam Boilers.* Feedwater or water treatment shall be introduced into a boiler through the return piping system. Alternatively, feedwater or water treatment may be introduced



through an independent connection. The water flow from the independent connection shall not discharge directly against parts of the boiler exposed to direct radiant heat from the fire. Feedwater or water treatment shall not be introduced through openings or connections provided for inspection or cleaning, safety valve, water column, water gage glass, or pressure gage. The feedwater pipe shall be provided with a check valve near the boiler and a stop valve or cock between the check valve and the boiler or between the check valve and the return pipe system.

(b) *Hot Water Boilers.* Makeup water may be introduced into a boiler through the piping system or through an independent connection. The water flow from the independent connection shall not discharge directly against parts of the boiler exposed to direct radiant heat from the fire. Makeup water shall not be introduced through openings or connections provided exclusively for inspection or cleaning, safety relief valve, pressure gage, or temperature gage. The makeup water pipe shall be provided with a check valve near the boiler and stop valve or cock between the check valve and the boiler or between the check valve and the piping system.

#### HG-707 OIL HEATERS

(a) A heater for oil or other liquid harmful to boiler operation shall not be installed directly in the steam or water space within a boiler.

(b) Where an external type heater for such service is used, means shall be provided to prevent the introduction into the boiler of oil or other liquid harmful to boiler operation.

#### HG-709 PROVISIONS FOR THERMAL EXPANSION IN HOT WATER SYSTEMS

All hot water heating systems incorporating hot water tanks or fluid relief columns shall be so installed as to prevent freezing under normal operating conditions.

**HG-709.1 Systems With Open Expansion Tank.** If the system is equipped with an open expansion tank, an indoor overflow from the upper portion of the expansion tank shall be provided in addition to an open vent, the indoor overflow to be carried within the building to a suitable plumbing fixture or the basement.

**HG-709.2 Closed Type Systems.** If the system is of the closed type, an airtight tank or other suitable air cushion shall be installed that will be consistent with the volume and capacity of the system, and it shall be suitably designed for a hydrostatic test pressure of 2 ½ times the allowable working pressure of the system. Expansion tanks for systems designed to operate above 30 psi shall be constructed in accordance with Section VIII, Division 1. Provisions shall be made for draining the tank without emptying the system, except for prepressurized tanks.

**HG-709.3 Minimum Capacity of Closed Type Tank.** The minimum capacity of the closed type expansion tank may be determined from Tables HG-709.1 and HG-709.2 or from

the following formula where the necessary information is available:

$$V_t = [(0.00041T - 0.0466)V_s] / [(P_a/P_f) - (P_a/P_o)]$$

where

$V_t$  = minimum volume of tanks, gal

$V_s$  = volume of system, not including tanks, gal

$T$  = average operating temperature, °F

$P_a$  = atmosphere pressure, psi

$P_f$  = fill pressure, psi

$P_o$  = maximum operating pressure, psi

TABLE HG-709.1  
EXPANSION TANK CAPACITIES FOR GRAVITY  
HOT WATER SYSTEMS

Based on two-pipe system with average operating water temperature 170°F, using cast iron column radiation with heat emission rate 150 Btu/hr sq ft equivalent direction radiation

Installed Equivalent Direct Radiation, sq ft [Note (1)]	Tank Capacity, gal
Up to 350	18
Up to 450	21
Up to 650	24
Up to 900	30
Up to 1100	35
Up to 1400	40
Up to 1600	2-30
Up to 1800	2-30
Up to 2000	2-35
Up to 2400	2-40

Note: (1) For systems with more than 2400 sq ft of installed equivalent direct water radiation, the required capacity of the cushion tank shall be increased on the basis of 1 gal tank capacity/33 sq ft of additional equivalent direct radiation.

**HG 709.4 Provisions for Thermal Expansion in Hot Water Supply Systems.** If a system is equipped with a check valve or pressure reducing valve in the cold water inlet line, consideration should be given to the installation of an airtight expansion tank or other suitable air cushion. Otherwise, due to the thermal expansion of the water, the safety relief valve may life periodically. If an expansion tank is provided, it shall be constructed in accordance with Section VIII, Division 1, for a maximum allowable working pressure equal to or greater than the water heater. Except for prepressurized tanks, provisions shall be made for draining the tank without emptying the system. See Fig. HLW-703.2 for a typical acceptable installation.

**TABLE HG-709.2**  
**EXPANSION TANK CAPACITIES FOR FORCED**  
**HOT WATER SYSTEMS<sup>1</sup>**

Based on average operating water temperature 195°F, fill pressure 12 psig, and maximum operating pressure 30 psig

System Volume, gal	Tank Capacities, gal	
	Prepressurized Diaphragm Type	Nonpressurized Type
100	9	15
200	17	30
300	25	45
400	33	60
500	42	75
1000	83	150
2000	165	300

Note: (1) System volume includes volume of water in boiler, radiation, and piping, not including the expansion tank. Expansion tank capacities are based on an acceptance factor of 0.4027 for prepressurized types and 0.222 for nonprepressurized types. A procedure for estimating system volume and determining expansion tank sizes for other design conditions may be found in Chapter 13 of the 1987 Systems and Applications Volume of the ASHRAE Handbook.

**HG-710 STOP VALVES**

**HG-710.1 For Single Steam Boilers.** When a stop valve is used in the supply pipe connection of a single steam boiler, there shall be one used in the return pipe connection.

**HG-710.2 For Single Hot Water Heating Boilers**

(a) Stop valves shall be located at an accessible point in the supply and return pipe connections as near the boiler nozzle as is convenient and practicable, of a single hot water heating boiler installation to permit draining the boiler without emptying the system.

(b) When the boiler is located above the system and can be drained without draining the system, stop valves may be eliminated.

**HG-710.3 For Multiple Boiler Installations.** A stop valve shall be used in each supply and return pipe connection of two or more boilers connected to a common system. See Figs. HG-703.1 and HG-703.2.

**HG-710.4 Type of Stop Valve(s)**

(a) All valves or cocks shall conform with the applicable portions of HG-203 and may be ferrous or nonferrous.

(b) The minimum pressure rating of all valves or cocks shall be at least equal to the pressure stamped upon the boiler, and the temperature rating of such valves or cocks, including all internal components, shall be not less than 250°F.

(c) Valves or cocks shall be flanged, threaded or have ends suitable for welding or brazing.

(d) All valves or cocks with stems or spindles shall have adjustable pressure type packing glands and, in addition, all plug type cocks shall be equipped with a guard or gland. The

plug or other operating mechanism shall be distinctly marked in line with the passage to indicate whether it is opened or closed.

(e) All valves or cocks shall have tight closure when under boiler hydrostatic test pressure.

**HG-710.5 Identification of Stop Valves by Tags.** When stop valves are used, they shall be properly designated substantially as follows by tags of metal or other durable material fastened to them:

Supply Valve - Number ( )

Do Not Close Without Also  
Closing Return Valve-  
Number ( )

Return Valve - Number ( )

Do Not Close Without Also  
Closing Supply Valve-  
Number ( )

**HG-715 BOTTOM BLOWOFF AND DRAIN VALVES**

(a) **Bottom Blowoff Valve.** Each steam boiler shall have a bottom blowoff connection fitted with a valve or cock connected to the lowest water space practicable with a minimum size as shown in Table HG-715. The discharge piping shall be full size to the point of discharge.

(b) Boilers having a capacity of 25 gal or less are exempt from the above requirements, except that they must have 3/4 in. NPS minimum drain valve.

(c) **Drain Valve.** Each steam or hot water boiler shall have one or more drain connections, fitted with valves or cocks connecting to the lowest water containing spaces. The minimum size of the drain piping, valves, and cocks shall be 3/4 in. The discharge piping shall be full size to the point of discharge. When the blowoff connection is located at the lowest water containing space, a separate drain connection is not required.

(d) **Minimum Pressure Rating.** The minimum pressure rating of valves and cocks used for blowoff or drain purposes shall be at least equal to the pressure stamped on the boiler but in no case less than 30 psi. The temperature rating of such valves and cocks shall not be less than 250°F.

**TABLE HG-715**  
**SIZE OF BOTTOM BLOWOFF PIPING,**  
**VALVES, AND COCKS**

Minimum Required Safety Valve Capacity, lb. of steam/hr [note (1)]	Blowoff Piping, Valves and Cocks Size, in (min.)
Up to 500	3/4
501 to 1250	1
1251 to 2500	1 1/4
2501 to 6000	1 1/2
6001 and larger	2

Note: (1) To determine the discharge capacity of safety relief valves in terms of Btu, the relieving capacity in lb of steam/hr is multiplied by 1000.

**EXCERPTS FROM:****SECTION VIII****PRESSURE VESSELS****1995 EDITION****INTRODUCTION****U-1 SCOPE**

(a) For the scope of this Division, pressure vessels are containers for the containment of pressure, either internal or external. This pressure may be obtained from an external source, or by the application of heat from a direct or indirect source, or any combination thereof.

(b) This Division is divided into three Subsections, Mandatory Appendices, and Nonmandatory Appendices. Subsection A consists of Part UG, covering the general requirements applicable to all pressure vessels. Subsection B covers specific requirements that are applicable to the various methods used in the fabrication of pressure vessels. It consists of Parts UW, UF, and UB, dealing with welded, forged, and brazed methods, respectively. Subsection C covers specific requirements applicable to the several classes of materials used in pressure vessel construction. It consists of Parts UCS, UNF, UHA, UCI, UCL, UCD, UHT, ULW, and ULT dealing with carbon and low alloy steels, nonferrous metals, high alloy steels, cast iron, clad and lined material, cast ductile iron, ferritic steels with properties enhanced by heat treatment, layered construction, and low temperature materials, respectively. Subsection C also contains tables of maximum allowable stress values for these classes of materials.

The Mandatory Appendices address specific subjects not covered elsewhere in this Division and their requirements are mandatory when the subject covered is included in construction under this Division. The Nonmandatory Appendices provide information and suggested good practices.

(c) Based on the Committee's consideration, the following classes of vessels are exempted from the scope of this Division; however, any pressure vessel within these classes which meets all applicable requirements of this Division may be stamped with Code U Symbol:

- (1) those within the scope of other Sections;
- (2) fired process tabular heaters;
- (3) pressure containers which are integral parts or components of rotating or reciprocating mechanical devices, such as pumps, compressors, turbines, generators, engines, and hydraulic or pneumatic cylinders where the primary design consideration and/or stresses are derived from the functional requirements of the device;
- (4) except as covered in U-1(f), structures whose primary function is the transport of fluids from one location to another within a system of which it is an integral part, that is, piping systems;

(5) piping components, such as pipe, flanges, bolting, gaskets, valves, expansion joints, fittings, and the pressure containing parts of other components, such as strainers and devices which serve such purposes as mixing, separating, snubbing, distributing, and metering or controlling flow, provided that pressure containing parts of such components are generally recognized as piping components or accessories;

(6) a vessel for containing water under pressure, including those containing air, the compression of which serves only as a cushion, when none of the following limitations are exceeded:

- (a) a design pressure of 300 psi;
- (b) a design temperature of 210°F.

(7) a hot water supply storage tank heated by steam or any other indirect means when none of the following limitations is exceeded:

- (a) a heat input of 200,000 Btu/hr;
- (b) a water temperature of 210°F;
- (c) a nominal water containing capacity of 120 gal;

(8) vessels having an internal or external operating pressure (see 3-2) not exceeding 15 psi with no limitation on size [see UG-28(e)];

(9) vessels having an inside diameter, width, height, or cross section diagonal not exceeding 6 in., with no limitation on length of vessel or pressure;

(10) pressure vessels for human occupancy.

(d) The rules of this Division have been formulated on the basis of design principles and construction practices applicable to vessels designed for pressures not exceeding 3000 psi. For pressures above 3000 psi, deviations from and additions to these rules usually are necessary to meet the requirements of design principles and construction practices for these higher pressures. Only in the event that after having applied these additional design principles and construction practices the vessel still complies with all of the requirements of this Division may it be stamped with the applicable Code symbol.

(e) In relation to the geometry of pressure containing parts, the scope of this Division shall include the following:

- (1) where external piping is to be connected to the vessel:
  - (a) the welding end connection for the first circumferential joint for welded connections [see UW-13(g)];
  - (b) the first threaded joint for screwed connections;

(c) the face of the first flange for bolted, flanged connections;

(d) the first sealing surface for proprietary connections or fittings.

(2) where nonpressure parts are welded directly to either the internal or external surface of a pressure vessel, the weld attaching the part to the vessel (see UG-54, UG-55 and Appendices D and G);

(3) pressure retaining covers for vessel openings, such as manhole and handhole covers;

(4) the first sealing surface for proprietary fittings or components for which rules are not provided by this Division, such as gages, instruments, and nonmetallic components.

(f) The scope of the Division includes provisions for pressure relief devices necessary to satisfy the requirements of UG-125 through UG-136 and Appendix 11.

(g) Unfired steam boilers as defined in Section I shall be constructed in accordance with the rules of Section I or this Division [see UG-125(b) and UW-2(c)].

The following pressure vessels in which steam is generated shall be constructed in accordance with the rules of this Division:

(1) vessels known as evaporators or heat exchangers;

(2) vessels in which steam is generated by the use of heat resulting from operation of a processing system containing a number of pressure vessels such as used in the manufacture of chemical and petroleum products;

(3) vessels in which steam is generated but not withdrawn for external use.

(h) Pressure vessels or parts subject to direct firing from the combustion of fuel (solid, liquid, or gaseous), which are not within the scope of Sections I, III, or IV may be constructed in accordance with the rules of this Division [see UW-2(d)].

(i) Gas fired jacketed steam kettles with jacket operating pressures not exceeding 50 psi may be constructed in accordance with the rules of this Division (see Appendix 19).

(j) Pressure vessels exclusive of those covered in (c), (g), (h), and (i) above that are not required by the rules of this Division to be fully radiographed, which are not provided with quick actuating closures (see UG-35), and that do not exceed the following volume and pressure limits may be exempted from inspection by Inspectors, as defined in UG-91, provided that they comply in all other respects with the requirements of this Division:

(1) 5 cu ft in volume and 250 psi design pressure; or

(2) 1½ cu ft in volume and 600 psi design pressure.

In an assembly of vessels, the limitations in (1) and (2) above apply to each vessel and not the assembly as a whole. Vessels fabricated in accordance with this rule shall be marked with the "UM" symbol in Fig. UG-116 sketch (b) and

with the data required in UG-116. Certificates of Compliance shall satisfy the requirements of UG-120(a).

(k) The degree of nondestructive examination(s) and the acceptance standards beyond the requirements of this Division shall be a matter of prior agreement between the Manufacturer and user or his designated agent.

## U-2 GENERAL

(a) The user or his designated agent shall establish the design requirements for pressure vessels, taking into consideration factors associated with normal operation, and such other conditions as startup and shutdown.

Such consideration shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) the need for corrosion allowances beyond those specified by the rules of this Division (see UG-25);

(2) the definition of lethal services. For example, see UW-2(a).

(3) the need for postweld heat treatment beyond the requirements of this Division and dependent on service conditions;

(4) for pressure vessels in which steam is generated, or water is heated [see U-1(g) and (h)], the need for piping, valves, instruments, and fittings to perform the functions covered by PG-59 through PG-61 of Section I.

## PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICES

### UG-125 GENERAL

(a) All pressure vessels within the Scope of this Division, irrespective of size or pressure, shall be provided with protective devices in accordance with the requirements of UG-125 through UG-136. Unless otherwise defined in this Division, the definitions relating to pressure relief devices in Appendix I of ASME/ANSI PTC 25.3 Safety and Relief Valves shall apply.

(b) An unfired steam boiler, as defined in U-1(g), shall be equipped with pressure relief devices required by Section I insofar as they are applicable to the service of the particular installation.

(c) All pressure vessels other than unfired steam boilers shall be protected by a pressure relieving device that shall prevent the pressure from rising more than 10% or 3 psi, whichever is greater, above the maximum allowable working pressure except as permitted in (1) and (2) below. (see UG-134 for pressure settings.)

(1) When multiple pressure relieving devices are provided and set in accordance with UG-134(a), they shall prevent the pressure from rising more than 16% or 4 psi, whichever is greater, above the maximum allowable working pressure.

(2) Where an additional hazard can be created by exposure of a pressure vessel to fire or other unexpected sources of external heat, supplemental pressure relieving devices shall be installed to protect against excessive pressure. Such supplemental pressure relieving devices shall be capable of preventing the pressure from rising more than 21% above the maxi-

imum allowable working pressure. The same pressure relieving devices may be used to satisfy the capacity requirements of (c) or (c)(1) above and this paragraph provided the pressure setting requirements of UG-134(a) are met.

(3) Pressure relief devices, intended primarily for protection against exposure of a pressure vessel to fire or other unexpected sources of external heat installed on vessels having no permanent supply connection and used for storage at ambient temperature of nonrefrigerated liquefied compressed gases, are excluded from the requirements of (c)(1) and (c)(2) above, provided:

(a) the relief devices are capable of preventing the pressure from rising more than 20% above the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessels;

(b) the set pressure of these devices shall not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessels;

(c) the vessels have sufficient ullage to avoid a liquid full condition;

(d) the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessels on which these devices are installed is greater than the vapor pressure of the stored liquefied compressed gas at the maximum anticipated temperature that the gas will reach under atmospheric conditions; and

(e) pressure relief valves used to satisfy these provisions also comply with the requirements of UG-129(a)(5), UG-131(c)(2), and UG-134(d)(2).

(d) Pressure relieving devices shall be constructed, located, and installed so that they are readily accessible for inspection and repair and so that they cannot be readily rendered inoperative (see Appendix M), and should be selected on the basis of their intended service.

(e) Pressure relief valves or nonreclosing pressure relief devices may be used either alone or, if applicable, in combination with safety or safety relief valves on vessels.

**Note:** Use of nonreclosing devices of some types may be advisable on vessels containing substances that may render a safety or safety relief valve inoperative, where a loss of valuable material by leakage should be avoided, or where contamination of the atmosphere by leakage of noxious fluids must be avoided. The use of rupture disk devices may also be advisable when very rapid rates of pressure rise may be encountered.

(f) Vessels that are to operate completely filled with liquid shall be equipped with liquid relief valves, unless otherwise protected against overpressure.

(g) The protective devices required in (a) above need not be installed directly on a pressure vessel when the source of pressure is external to the vessel and is under such positive control that the pressure in the vessel cannot exceed the maximum allowable working pressure at the operating temperature except as permitted in (c) above (see UG-98).

**Note:** Pressure reducing valves and similar mechanical or electrical control instruments, except for pilot operated valves as permitted in UG-126(b), are not considered as sufficiently positive in action to prevent excess pressures from being developed.

(h) Safety and safety relief valves for steam service shall meet the requirements of UG-131(b).

## UG-126 PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES

(a) Safety, safety relief, and relief valves shall be of the direct spring loaded type.

(b) Pilot operated pressure relief valves may be used, provided that the pilot is self-actuated and the main valve will open automatically at not over the set pressure and will discharge its full rated capacity if some essential part of the pilot should fail.

(c) The spring in a safety valve or safety relief valve shall not be set for any pressure more than 5% above or below that for which the valve is marked, unless the setting is within the spring design range established by the valve manufacturer or is determined to be acceptable to the manufacturer. The initial adjustment shall be performed by the manufacturer, his authorized representative, or an assembler, and a valve data tag shall be provided that identifies the set pressure, capacity, and date. The valve shall be sealed with a seal identifying the manufacturer, his authorized representative, or the assembler performing the adjustment.

(d) The set pressure tolerances, plus or minus, of pressure relief valves shall not exceed 2 psi for pressures up to and including 70 psi and 3% for pressures above 70 psi.

## UG-127 NONRECLOSING PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICES

### (a) Rupture Disk Devices

#### (1) General

(a) Every rupture disk shall have a stamped burst pressure established by rules of (a)(1)(b) below within a manufacturing design range at a specified disk temperature and shall be marked with a lot number. The burst pressure tolerance at the specified disk temperature shall not exceed  $\pm 2$  psi for stamped burst pressure up to and including 40 psi and  $\pm 5\%$  for stamped burst pressure above 40 psi.

(b) The stamped bursting pressure within the manufacturing design range at the coincident disk temperature shall be derived by one of the following methods. All the tests of disks for a given lot shall be made in a holder of the same form and dimensions as that with which the disk is to be used.

(1) At least two sample rupture disks from each lot of rupture disks, made from the same materials and of the same size as those to be used, shall be burst to verify that the stamped bursting pressure falls within the manufacturing design range at the coincident disk temperature. At least one disk shall be burst at room temperature. The stamped rating at the specified disk temperature shall be the average of the bursts at coincident disk temperature.

(2) At least four sample rupture disks, but not less than 5%, from each lot of rupture disks, made from the same material and of the same size as those to be used, shall be burst at four different temperatures, distributed over the applicable temperature range for which the disks will be used. These data shall be used to establish a curve of bursting pressure versus temperature for the lot of disks. The stamped rating at the coincident disk temperature shall be interpolated from this curve.

(3) For prebulged, solid metal disks or graphite disks only, a curve of percentage ratio at temperatures other than ambient may be established as in (2) above, using one size of disk for each lot of material. At least four bursts at four different temperatures shall be used to establish the above curve over the applicable temperature range. At least two disks from each lot of disks, make from this lot of material and of the same size as those to be used, shall be burst at ambient temperature to establish the room temperature rating of the lot of disks. The percent change of bursting pressure taken from the above curve shall be used to establish the stamped rating at the coincident disk temperature for the lot of disks.

#### (2) Capacity Rating

(a) The calculated capacity rating of a rupture disk device shall not exceed a value based on the applicable theoretical formula (see UG-131) for the various media multiplied by  $K$ -coefficient=0.62. The area  $A$  (square inches) in the theoretical formula shall be the minimum net area existing after disk burst.

(b) In lieu of the method of capacity rating in (a) above, a Manufacturer may have the capacity of a given rupture disk device design determined for the  $K$  coefficient in general accordance with the procedures of UG-131, as applicable.

#### (3) Application of Rupture Disks

(a) A rupture disk device may be used as the sole pressure relieving device on a vessel.

Note: When rupture disk devices are used, it is recommended that the design pressure of the vessel be sufficiently above the intended operating pressure to provide sufficient margin between operating pressure and rupture disk bursting pressure to prevent premature failure of the rupture disk due to fatigue or creep.

Application of rupture disk devices to liquid service should be carefully evaluated to assure that the design of the rupture disk device and the dynamic energy of the system on which it is installed will result in sufficient opening of the rupture disk.

(b) A rupture disk device may be installed between a pressure relief valve and the vessel provided:

(1) the combination of the spring loaded safety or safety relief valve and the rupture disk device is ample in capacity to meet the requirements of UG-133(a) and (b);

(2) the stamped capacity of a spring loaded safety or safety relief valve (nozzle type) when installed with a rupture disk device between the inlet of the valve and the vessel shall be multiplied by a factor of 0.90 of the rated relieving capacity of the valve alone, or alternatively, the capacity of such a combination shall be established in accordance with (3) below;

(3) the capacity of the combination of the rupture disk device and the spring loaded safety or safety relief valve may be established in accordance with the appropriate paragraphs of UG-132, Certification of Capacity of Safety and Safety Relief Valves in Combination with Nonreclosing Pressure Relief Devices;

(4) the space between a rupture disk device and a safety or safety relief valve shall be provided with a pressure gage, a try cock, free vent, or suitable telltale indicator. This arrangement permits detection of disk rupture or leakage.

(5) the opening provided through the rupture disk, after burst, is sufficient to permit a flow equal to the capacity of the valve [(2) and (3) above], and there is no chance of interference with proper functioning of the valve; but in no case shall this area be less than the area of the inlet of the valve unless the capacity and functioning of the specific combination of rupture disk and valve have been established by test in accordance with UG-132.

(c) A rupture disk device may be installed on the outlet side of a spring loaded safety relief valve which is opened by direct action of the pressure in the vessel provided:

(1) the valve is so designed that it will not fail to open at its proper pressure setting regardless of any back pressure that can accumulate between the valve disk and the rupture disk. The space between the valve disk and the rupture disk shall be vented or drained to prevent accumulation of pressure due to a small amount of leakage from the valve;

(2) the valve is ample in capacity to meet the requirements of UG-133(a) and (b);

(3) the stamped bursting pressure of the rupture disk at the coincident disk temperature plus any pressure of the outlet piping shall not exceed the design pressure of the outlet portion of the safety or safety relief valve and any pipe or fitting between the valve and the rupture disk device. However, in no case shall the stamped bursting pressure of the rupture disk at the coincident operating temperature plus any pressure in the outlet piping exceed the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel or the set pressure of the safety or safety relief valve;

(4) the opening provided through the rupture disk device after breakage is sufficient to permit a flow equal to the rated capacity of the attached safety or safety relief valve without exceeding the allowable overpressure;

(5) any piping beyond the rupture disk cannot be obstructed by the rupture disk or fragment;

(6) the contents of the vessel are clean fluids, free from gumming or clogging matter, so that accumulation in the space between the valve inlet and the rupture disk (or in any other outlet that may be provided) will not clog the outlet;

(7) the bonnet of the safety relief valve shall be vented to prevent accumulation of pressure.

#### (b) Breaking Pin Device

(1) Breaking pin devices shall not be used as single devices but only in combination between the safety or safety relief valve and the vessel.

(2) The space between a breaking pin device and a safety or safety relief valve shall be provided with a pressure gage, a try cock, a free vent, or suitable telltale indicator. This arrangement permits detection of breaking pin device operation or leakage.

(3) Each breaking pin device shall have a rated pressure and temperature at which the pin will break. The breaking pin shall be identified to a lot number and shall be guaranteed by the Manufacturer to break when the rated pressure, within the following tolerances, is applied to the device:

Rated Pressure, psi		
Minimum	Maximum	Tolerance, Plus or Minus, psi
30	150	5
151	275	10
276	375	15

(4) The rated pressure of the breaking pin plus the tolerance in psi shall not exceed 105% of the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel to which it is applied.

(5) The rated pressure at the coincident operating temperature shall be verified by breaking two or more sample breaking pins from each lot of the same material and the same size as those to be used. The lot size shall not exceed 25. The test shall be made in a device of the same form and pressure dimensions as that in which the breaking pin is to be used.

(c) *Spring Loaded Nonreclosing Pressure Relief Device*

(1) A spring loaded nonreclosing pressure relief device, pressure actuated by means which permit the spring loaded portion of the device to open at the specified set pressure and remain open until manually reset, may be used provided the design of the spring loaded nonreclosing device is such that if the actuating means fail, the device will achieve full opening at or below its set pressure. Such a device may not be used in combination with any other pressure relief device. The tolerance on opening point shall not exceed  $\pm 5\%$ .

(2) The calculated capacity rating of a spring loaded nonreclosing pressure relief device shall not exceed a value based on the applicable theoretical formula (see UG-131) for the various media, multiplied by:  $K = \text{coefficient} = 0.62$ .

The area A (square inches) in the theoretical formula shall be the flow area through the minimum opening of the nonreclosing pressure relief device.

(3) In lieu of the method of capacity rating in (2) above, a Manufacturer may have the capacity of a spring loaded nonreclosing pressure relief device design certified in general accordance with the procedures of UG-131, as applicable.

### UG-128 LIQUID RELIEF VALVES

Any liquid relief valve used shall be at least NPS 1/2.

### UG-129 MARKING

(a) *Safety, Safety Relief, Liquid Relief, and Pilot Operated Pressure Relief Valves.* Each safety, safety relief, liquid relief, and pilot operated valve NPS 1/2 and larger shall be plainly marked by the manufacturer or assembler with the required data in such a way that the marking will not be obliterated in service. The marking may be placed on the valve or on a plate or plates that satisfy the requirements of UG-119. The marking shall include the following:

(1) the name, or an acceptable abbreviation, of the Manufacturer and the Assembler;

(2) Manufacturer's design or type number;

(3) NPS size \_\_\_\_\_ (the nominal pipe size of the valve inlet);

(4) set pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi;

(5) certified capacity (as applicable):

(a) lb/hr of saturated steam at an overpressure of 10% or 3 psi, whichever is greater for valves certified on steam complying with UG-131(b); or

(b) gal/min of water at 70°F at an overpressure of 10% or 3 psi, whichever is greater for valves certified on water; or

(c) SCFM (standard cubic feet per minute at 60°F and 14.7 psia), or lb/min, of air at an overpressure of 10% or 3 psi, whichever is greater. Valves that are capacity certified in accordance with UG-131(c)(2) shall be marked "at 20% overpressure."

(d) In addition to one of the fluids specified above, the Manufacturer may indicate the capacity in other fluids (see Appendix 11).

(6) year built, or alternatively, a coding may be marked on the valve such that the valve Manufacturer or Assembler can identify the year the valve was assembled or tested;

(7) ASME Symbol as shown in Fig. UG-129. On valves smaller than NPS 1/2, the markings may be made on a metal tag attached by wire or adhesive meeting the requirements of UG-119 or other means suitable for the service conditions.

(b) Safety and safety relief valves certified for a steam discharging capacity under the provisions of Section I and bearing the official Code Symbol stamp of Section I for safety valves may be used on pressure vessels. The rated capacity in terms of other fluids shall be determined by the method of conversion given in Appendix 11. [See UG-131 (h).]



**FIG. UG-129 OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR STAMP TO DENOTE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' STANDARD**

(c) *Pressure Relief Valves in Combination With Rupture Disk Devices.* Pressure relief valves in combination with rupture disk devices shall be marked with the capacity as established in accordance with UG-127(a)(3)(b)(2) (using 0.90 factor) or the combination capacity factor established by test in accordance with UG-132(a) or (b), in addition to the marking of UG-129(a) and (f) below. The marking may be placed on the valve or rupture disk device or on a plate or plates that satisfy the requirements of UG-119 or rupture disk device. The marking shall include the following:

(1) name of Manufacturer of valve;

(2) design or type number of valve;

(3) name of Manufacturer of rupture disk device;

(4) design or type number of rupture disk device;

(5) capacity of combination capacity factor;

(6) name of organization responsible for this marking.

This shall be either the vessel user, vessel Manufacturer, rupture disk Manufacturer, or pressure relief valve Manufacturer.

(d) *Pressure Relief Valves in Combination With Breaking Pin Devices.* Pressure relief valves in combination with breaking pin devices shall be marked in accordance with (a) above. In addition, the rated pressure shall be marked on the breaking pin and the breaking pin housing.

(e) *Rupture Disk Devices.* Every rupture disk shall be plainly marked by the Manufacturer in such a way that the marking will not be obliterated in service. The rupture disk marking may be placed on the flange of the disk or on a metal tab that satisfies the requirements of UG-119. The marking shall include the following:

(1) the name or identifying trademark of the Manufacturer;

(2) Manufacturer's design or type number;

(3) lot number;

(4) disk material;

(5) size \_\_\_\_\_ (NPS designator at valve inlet);

(6) stamped bursting pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi;

(7) coincident disk temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °F;

(8) capacity \_\_\_\_\_ lb of saturated steam/hr, or \_\_\_\_\_ cu ft of air/min (60°F and 14.7 psia).

Note: In addition, the Manufacturer may indicate the capacity in other fluids (see Appendix 11).

Items (1), (2), and (5) above shall *also* be marked on the rupture disk holder.

(f) *Spring Loaded Nonreclosing Pressure Relief Devices.* Spring loaded nonreclosing pressure relief devices shall be marked in accordance with (a) above except that the Code Symbol Stamp is to be applied only when the capacity has been established and certified in accordance with UG-127(c)(3) and all other requirements of UG-130 have been met.

#### UG-133 DETERMINATION OF PRESSURE RELIEVING REQUIREMENTS

(a) Except as permitted in (b) below, the aggregate capacity of the pressure relieving devices connected to any vessel or system of vessels for the release of a liquid, air, steam, or other vapor shall be sufficient to carry off the maximum quantity that can be generated or supplied to the attached equipment without permitting a rise in pressure within the vessel of more than 16% above the maximum allowable working pressure when the pressure relieving devices are blowing.

(b) Protective devices as permitted in UG-125(c)(2), as protection against excessive pressure caused by exposure to fire or other sources of external heat, shall have a relieving capacity sufficient to prevent the pressure from rising more

than 21% above the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel when all pressure relieving devices are blowing.

(c) Vessels connected together by a system of adequate piping not containing valves which can isolate any vessel may be considered as one unit in figuring the required relieving capacity of pressure relieving safety devices to be furnished.

(d) Heat exchangers and similar vessels shall be protected with a relieving device of sufficient capacity to avoid overpressure in case of an internal failure.

(e) The official rated capacity of a pressure relieving safety device shall be that which is stamped on the device and guaranteed by the manufacturer.

(f) The rated pressure relieving capacity of a pressure relief valve for other than steam or air shall be determined by the method of conversion given in Appendix 11.

(g) To prorate the relieving capacity at any relieving pressure greater than 1.10p, as permitted under UG-125, a multiplier may be applied to the official relieving capacity of a pressure relieving device as follows:

$$\frac{P + 14.7}{1.10p + 14.7}$$

where

P = relieving pressure, psig

p = set pressure, psig

#### UG-134 PRESSURE SETTING OF PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICES

(a) When a single pressure relieving device is used, it shall be set to operate at a pressure not exceeding the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel. When the required capacity is provided in more than one pressure relieving device, only one device need be set at or below the maximum allowable working pressure, and the additional devices may be set to open at higher pressures but in no case at a pressure higher than 105% of the maximum allowable working pressure, except as provided in (b) below.

(b) Protective devices permitted in UG-125(c)(2) as protection against excessive pressure caused by exposure to fire or other sources of external heat shall be set to operate at a pressure not in excess of 110% of the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel. If such a device is used to meet the requirements of both UG-125(c) and UG-125(c)(2), it shall be set to operate at not over the maximum allowable working pressure.

(c) The pressure at which any device is set to operate shall include the effects of static head and constant back pressure.

(d) (1) The set pressure tolerance for pressure relief valves shall not exceed  $\pm 2$  psi for pressures up to and including 70 psi and  $\pm 3\%$  for pressures above 70 psi, except as covered in (d)(2) below.

(2) The set pressure tolerance of pressure relief valves which comply with UG-125(c)(3) shall be within  $-0\%$ ,  $+10\%$ .



**UG-135 INSTALLATION**

(a) Pressure relief devices for vapor application shall be connected to the vessel in the vapor space above any contained liquid or to piping connected to the vapor space in the vessel which is to be protected.

(b) The opening through all pipe and fittings between a pressure vessel and its pressure relieving device shall have at least the area of the pressure relieving device inlet, and the flow characteristics of this upstream system shall be such that the pressure drop will not reduce the relieving capacity below that required or adversely affect the proper operation of the pressure relieving device. The opening in the vessel wall shall be designed to provide direct and unobstructed flow between the vessel and its pressure relieving device. (See Appendix M.)

(c) When two or more required pressure relieving devices are placed on one connection, the inlet internal cross-sectional area of this connection shall be either sized to avoid restricting flow to the pressure relief devices or made at least equal to the combined inlet areas of the safety devices connected to it. The flow characteristics of the upstream system shall satisfy the requirements of (b) above. (See Appendix M.)

(d) Pressure relief devices for liquid service application shall be connected below the normal liquid level.

(e) There shall be no intervening stop valves between the vessel and its protective device or devices, or between the protective device or devices and the point of discharge, except:

(1) when these stop valves are so constructed or positively controlled that the closing of the maximum number of block valves possible at one time will not reduce the pressure relieving capacity provided by the unaffected relieving devices below the required relieving capacity; or

(2) under conditions set forth in Appendix M.

(f) The safety devices on all vessels shall be so installed that their proper functioning will not be hindered by the nature of the vessel's contents.

(g) Discharge lines from pressure relieving safety devices shall be designed to facilitate drainage or shall be fitted with drains to prevent liquid from lodging in the discharge side of the safety device, and such lines shall lead to a safe place of discharge. The size of the discharge lines shall be such that any pressure that may exist or develop will not reduce the relieving capacity of the relieving devices below that required to properly protect the vessel, or adversely affect the proper operation of the pressure relieving devices. [See UG-136(a)(8) and Appendix M.]

**EXCERPTS FROM:**

**ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE  
POWER PIPING  
ANSI/ASME B31.1  
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**FOREWORD**

The general philosophy underlying this Power Piping Code is to parallel those provisions of Section I, Power Boilers, of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, as they can be applied to power piping systems. The Allowable Stress Values for power piping are generally consistent with those assigned for power boilers. This Code is more conservative than some other piping codes, reflecting the need for long service life and maximum reliability in power plant installations.

The Power Piping Code as currently written does not differentiate between the design, fabrication, and erection requirements for critical and noncritical piping systems, except for certain stress calculations and mandatory nondestructive tests of welds for heavy wall, high temperature applications. The problem involved is to try to reach agreement on how to evaluate criticality, and to avoid the inference that noncritical systems do not require competence in design, fabrication and erection. Some day such levels of quality may be definable, so that the need for the many different piping codes will be overcome.

There are many instances where the Code serves to warn a designer, fabricator, or erector against possible pitfalls; but the Code is not a handbook, and cannot substitute for education, experience, and sound engineering judgment.

Nonmandatory Appendices are included in the Code. Each contains information on a specific subject, and is maintained current with the Code. Although written in mandatory language, these Appendices are offered for application at the user's discretion.

The Code never intentionally puts a ceiling limit on conservatism. A designer is free to specify more rigid requirements as he feels that may be justified. Conversely a designer who is capable of a more rigorous analysis than is specified in the Code may justify a less conservative design, and still satisfy the basic intent of the Code.

The Power Piping Committee strives to keep abreast of the current technological improvements in new materials, fabrication practices, and testing techniques; and endeavors to keep the Code updated to permit the use of acceptable new developments.

**INTRODUCTION**

The ASME Code for Pressure Piping consists of a number of individually published Sections, each an American National Standard. Hereafter in this Introduction and in the text of this Code Section B31.1, where the word "Code" is used without specific identification it means this Code Section.

The Code sets forth engineering requirements deemed necessary for safe design and construction of pressure piping. While safety is the basic consideration, this factor alone will not necessarily govern the final specifications for any piping system. The designer is cautioned that the Code is not a design handbook; it does not do away with the need for the designer or for competent engineering judgment.

To the greatest possible extent, Code requirements for design are stated in terms of basic design principles and formulas. These are supplemented as necessary with specific requirements to assure uniform application of principles and to guide selection and application of piping elements. The Code prohibits designs and practices known to be unsafe and contains warnings where caution, but not prohibition, is warranted.

The specific design requirements of the Code usually revolve around a simplified engineering approach to a subject. It is intended that a designer capable of applying more complete and rigorous analysis to special or unusual problems shall have latitude in the development of such designs and the evaluation of complex or combined stresses. In such cases the designer is responsible for demonstrating the validity of his approach.

This Code Section includes:

- (1) references to acceptable material specifications and component standards, including dimensional requirements and pressure-temperature ratings;
- (2) requirements for design of components and assemblies, including pipe supports;
- (3) requirements and data for evaluation and limitation of stresses, reactions, and movements associated with pressure, temperature changes, and other forces;
- (4) guidance and limitations on the selection and application of materials, components, and joining methods;
- (5) requirements for the fabrication, assembly, and erection of piping; and
- (6) requirements for examination, inspection, and testing of piping.

It is intended that this Edition of Code Section B31.1 and any subsequent Addenda not be retroactive. Unless agreement is specifically made between contracting parties to use another issue, or the regulatory body having jurisdiction imposes the use of another issue, the latest Edition and Addenda issued at least 6 months prior to the original contract date for the first phase of activity covering a piping system or systems shall be the governing document for all design, materials, fabrication, erection, examination, and testing for the piping until the completion of the work and initial operation.

Users of this Code are cautioned against making use of revisions without assurance that they are acceptable to the proper authorities in the jurisdiction where the piping is to be installed.

## SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

### 100.1 Scope

**100.1.1** This Code prescribes minimum requirements for the design, materials, fabrication, erection, test, and inspection of power and auxiliary service piping systems for electric generation stations, industrial and institutional plants, central and district heating plants, and district heating systems, except as limited by Para. 100.1.3. These systems are not limited by plant or other property lines unless they are specifically limited in Para. 100.1.

Piping as used in this Code includes pipe, flanges, bolting, gaskets, valves, relief devices, fittings, and the pressure containing portions of other piping components, whether manufactured in accordance with Standards listed in Table 126.1 or specially designed. It also includes hangers and supports and other equipment items necessary to prevent over-stressing the pressure containing components.

Rules governing piping for miscellaneous appurtenances, such as water columns, remote water level indicators, pressure gages, gage glasses, etc., are included within the scope of this Code, but the requirements for boiler appurtenances shall be in accordance with Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Para. PG-60.

The users of this Code are advised that in some areas legislation may establish governmental jurisdiction over the subject matter covered by this Code. However, any such legal requirement shall not relieve the owner of his inspection responsibilities specified in Para. 136.1.

**100.1.2** Power piping systems as covered by this Code apply to all piping and their component parts within or forming a part of the above-mentioned plants, except as excluded in Para. 100.1.3. They include but are not limited to steam, water, oil, gas, and air services.

(A) This Code covers boiler external piping as defined below for power boilers and high temperature, high pressure water boilers in which: steam or vapor is generated at a pressure of more than 15 psig; and high temperature water is generated at pressure exceeding 160 psig and/or temperatures exceeding 250° F.

Boiler external piping shall be considered as that piping which begins where the boiler proper terminates at:

- (1) the first circumferential joint for welding end connections; or
- (2) the face of the first flange in bolted flange connections; or
- (3) the first threaded joint in that type of connection; and which extends up to and including the valve or valves required by Para. 122.1.

The terminal points themselves are considered part of the boiler external piping. The terminal points and piping external to power boilers are illustrated by Figs. 100.1.2(A), 100.1.2(B), and 100.1.2(C).

Piping between the terminal points and the valve or valves required by Para. 122.1 shall be provided with Data Reports, inspection, and stamping as required by Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. This piping shall be fabricated and installed by manufacturers or contractors authorized to use the appropriate symbol shown in Figs. PG-105.1 through PG-105.3 of Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The quality control system requirements of Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code shall apply.

The valve or valves required by Para. 122.1 are part of the boiler external piping, but do not require ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I inspection and stamping except for safety, safety relief, and relief valves. See Para. 107.8.2. Refer to PG-11.

Pipe connections meeting all other requirements of this Code but not exceeding NPS 1/2 may be welded to pipe or boiler headers without inspection and stamping required by Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

Nonboiler external piping includes all the piping covered by this Code except for that portion defined above as boiler external piping.

### 104.3 Intersections

#### 104.3.1 Branch Connections

(A) This paragraph gives rules governing the design of branch connections to sustain internal and external pressure in cases where the axes of the branch and the run intersect, and the angle between the axes of the branch and of the run is between 45 and 90 degrees, inclusive.

Branch connections in which the smaller angle between the axes of the branch and the run is less than 45 degrees or branch connections where the axes of the branch and the run do not intersect impose special design and fabrication problems. The rules given herein may be used as a guide, but sufficient additional strength must be provided to assure safe service. Such branch connections shall be designed to meet the requirements of Para. 104.7.

(B) Branch connections in piping may be made from materials listed in Appendix A by the use of the following:

(B.1) fittings, such as tees, laterals, and crosses made in accordance with the applicable standards listed in Table 126.1 where the attachment of the branch pipe to the fitting is by butt welding, socket welding, brazing, soldering, threading, or by a flange connection:

(B.2) weld outlet fittings, such as cast or forged nozzles, couplings and adapter, or similar items where the attachment of the branch pipe to the fitting is by butt welding, socket welding, threading, or by a flange connection. Such weld outlet fittings are attached to the run by welding similar to

that shown in Fig. 127.4.8(E). Couplings are restricted to a maximum of NPS 3.

(B.3) extruded outlets at right angles to the run pipe, in accordance with (G) below, where the attachment of the branch pipe is by butt welding;

(B.4) piping directly attached to the run pipe by welding in accordance with Para. 127.4.8 or by socket welding or threading as stipulated below:

(B.4.1) socket welded right angle branch connections may be made by attaching the branch pipe directly to the run pipe provided:

(B.4.1.1) the nominal size of the branch does not exceed NPS 2 or one-fourth of the nominal size of the run, whichever is smaller;

(B.4.1.2) the depth of the socket measured at its minimum depth in the run pipe is at least equal to that shown in ANSI B16.11. If the run pipe wall does not have sufficient thickness to provide the proper depth of socket, an alternate type of construction shall be used;

(B.4.1.3) the clearance between the bottom of the socket and the end of the inserted branch pipe is in accordance with Fig. 127.4.4(C);

(B.4.1.4) the size of the fillet weld is not less than 1.09 times the nominal wall thickness of the branch pipe.

(B.4.2) threaded right angle branch connections may be made by attaching the branch pipe directly to the run provided:

(B.4.2.1) the nominal size of the branch does not exceed NPS 2 or one-fourth of the nominal size of the run, whichever is smaller;

(B.4.2.2) the minimum thread engagement is: 6 full threads for NPS 1/2, NPS 3/4 branches; 7 for NPS 1, NPS 1 1/4, and NPS 1 1/2 branches; and 8 for NPS 2 branch. If the run pipe wall does not have sufficient thickness to provide the proper depth for thread engagement, an alternate type of construction shall be used.

(C) Branch Connections Not Requiring Reinforcement. A pipe having a branch connection is weakened by the opening that must be made in it. Unless the wall thickness of the branch and/or run pipe is sufficiently in excess of that required to sustain the pressure, it is necessary to provide additional material in order to meet the reinforcement requirements of (D) and (E) below. However, there are certain branch connections for which supporting calculations are not required. These are as follows:

(C.1) branch connections made by the use of a fitting (tee, lateral, or cross), manufactured in accordance with a standard listed in Table 126.1, and used within the limits of pressure-temperature ratings specified in that standard.

(C.2) branch connections made by welding a coupling or half coupling directly to the run pipe in accordance with Fig. 127.4.8(E) provided the nominal diameter of the branch does not exceed NPS 2 or one-fourth the nominal diameter of the run, whichever is less. The minimum wall thickness of the

coupling anywhere in the reinforcement zone (if threads are in the zone, wall thickness is measured from the root of the thread to the minimum O.D.) shall not be less than that of the unthreaded branch pipe. In no case shall the thickness of the coupling be less than extra heavy or Class 3000 rating.

Small branch connections NPS 2 or smaller as shown in Fig. 127.4.8(F) may be used provided "tw" is not less than the thickness of schedule 160 pipe of the branch size.

(C.3) integrally reinforced fittings welded directly to the run pipe when the reinforcements provided by the fitting and the deposited weld metal meets the requirements of (D) below.

(C.4) integrally reinforced extruded outlets in the run pipe. The reinforcement requirements shall be in accordance with (G) below.

(D) Branch Connections Subject to Internal Pressure Requiring Reinforcement. (D.1) Reinforcement is required when it is not provided inherently in the components of the branch connection.

## PART 6

### SYSTEMS

#### 122 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC PIPING SYSTEMS

Except as specifically stated otherwise in this Part 6, all provisions of the Code apply fully to the piping systems described herein.

##### 122.1 Boiler External Piping; in Accordance With Para. 100.1.2(A) – Steam, Feedwater, Blowoff, and Drain Piping

122.1.1 General. The minimum pressure and temperature and other special requirements to be used in the design for steam, feedwater, blowoff, and drain piping from the boiler to the valve or valves required by Para. 122.1 shall be as specified in the following paragraphs. Design requirements for desuperheater spray piping connected to desuperheaters located in the boiler proper are provided in Para. 122.4.

(A) It is intended that the design pressure and temperature be selected sufficiently in excess of any expected operating conditions, not necessarily continuous, to permit satisfactory operation without operation of the overpressure protection devices. Also, since the operating temperatures of fired equipment can vary, the expected temperature at the connection to the fired equipment shall include the manufacturer's maximum temperature tolerance.

(B) In a forced flow steam generator with no fixed steam and water line, it is permissible to design the external piping, valves, and fittings attached to the pressure parts for different pressure levels along the path through the steam generator of water-steam flow. The values of design pressure and the design temperature to be used for the external piping, valves, and fittings shall be not less than that required for the expected maximum sustained operating pressure and temperature to which the abutted pressure part is subjected except when one or more of the overpressure protection devices covered by PG-67.4 of Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code is in operation. The steam piping shall com-

ply with the requirements for the maximum sustained operating conditions as used in (A) above, or for the design throttle pressure plus 5%, whichever is greater.

(C) Provision shall be made for the expansion and contraction of piping connected to boilers to limit forces and moments transmitted to the boiler, by providing substantial anchorage at suitable points, so that there shall be no undue strain transmitted to the boiler. Steam reservoirs shall be used on steam mains when heavy pulsations of the steam currents cause vibration.

(D) Piping connected to the outlet of a boiler for any purpose shall be attached by:

(D.1) welding to a nozzle or socket welding fitting;

(D.2) threading into a tapped opening with a threaded fitting or valve at the other end;

(D.3) screwing each end into tapered flanges, fittings, or valves with or without rolling or peening;

(D.4) bolted joints including those of the Van Stone type;

(D.5) blowoff piping of firetube boilers shall be attached in accordance with (D.2) above if exposed to products of combustion or in accordance with (D.2), (D.3), or (D.4) above if not so exposed.

(E) Nonferrous pipe or tubes shall not exceed NPS 3 in diameter.

(F) American National Standard slip-on flanges shall not exceed NPS 4. Attachment of slip-on flanges shall be by double fillet welds. The throats of the fillet welds shall not be less than 0.7 times the thickness of the part to which the flange is attached.

(G) Hub-type flanges shall not be cut from plate material.

(H) American National Standard socket welded flanges may be used in piping or boiler nozzles provided the dimensions do not exceed NPS 3 for class 600 and lower and NPS 2 1/2 in class 1500.

#### 122.1.2. Steam Piping

(A) The value of P to be used in the formulas in Para. 104 shall be as follows.

(A.1) For steam piping connected to the steam drum or to the superheater inlet header up to the first stop valve in each connection, the value P shall be not less than the lowest pressure at which any drum safety valve is set to blow, and the S value shall not exceed that permitted for the corresponding saturated steam temperature.

(A.2) For steam piping connected to the superheater outlet header up to the first stop valve in each connection, the design pressure, except as otherwise provided in (A.4) below, shall be not less than the lowest pressure at which any safety valve on the superheater is set to blow, or not less than 85% of the lowest pressure at which any drum safety valve is set to blow, whichever is greater, and the S value for the material used shall not exceed that permitted for the expected steam temperature.

(A.3) For steam piping between the first stop valve and the second valve, when one is required by Para. 122.1.7, the design pressure shall be not less than the expected maximum sustained operating pressure or 85% of the lowest pressure at which any drum safety valve is set to blow, whichever is greater, and the S value for the material used shall not exceed that permitted for the expected steam temperature.

(A.4) For boilers installed on the unit system (i.e., one boiler and one turbine or other prime mover) and provided with automatic combustion control equipment responsive to steam header pressure, the design pressure for the steam piping shall be not less than the design pressure at the throttle inlet plus 5%, or not less than 85% of the lowest pressure at which any drum safety valve is set to blow, or not less than the expected maximum sustained operating pressure at any point in the piping system, whichever is greater, and the S value for the material used shall not exceed that permitted for the expected steam temperature at the superheater outlet. For forced-flow steam generators with no fixed steam and waterline, the design pressure shall also be no less than the expected maximum sustained operating pressure.

(A.5) The design pressure shall not be taken at less than 100 psig for any condition of service or material.

#### 122.1.3. Feedwater Piping

(A) The value of P to be used in the formulas in Para. 104 shall be as follows.

(A.1) For piping from the boiler to and including the required stop valve and the check valve, the minimum value of P except as permitted in Para. 122.1.3(A.4) shall exceed the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler by either 25% or 225 psi, whichever is the lesser. For an installation with an integral economizer without valves between the boiler and economizer, this paragraph shall apply only to the piping from the economizer inlet header to and including the required stop valve and the check valve.

(A.2) For piping between the required check valve and the globe or regulating valve, when required by Para. 122.1.7(B), and including any bypass piping up to the shutoff valves in the bypass, the value of P shall be not less than the pressure required to feed the boiler.

(A.3) The value of P in the formula shall not be taken at less than 100 psig for any condition of service or material, and shall never be less than the pressure required to feed the boiler.

(A.4) In a forced flow steam generator with no fixed steam and water line, the value of P for feedwater piping from the boiler to and including the required stop valve may be in accordance with the requirements of Para. 122.1.1(B).

(B) The S value used, except as permitted in (A.4) above, shall not exceed that permitted for the temperature of saturated steam at the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler.

(C) The size of the feed piping between the boiler and the first required valve [Para. 122.1.7(B).4)] shall, as a minimum, be the same as the boiler connection.

**122.1.4 Blowoff and Blowdown Piping**

Blowoff and blowdown piping are defined as piping connected to a boiler and provided with valves or cocks through which the water in the boiler may be blown out under pressure. This definition is not intended to apply to (i) drain piping, and (ii) piping such as used on water columns, gage glasses, or feedwater regulators, etc., for the purpose of determining the operating condition of the equipment. Requirements for (i) and (ii) are described in Paras. 122.1.5 and 122.1.6. Blowoff systems are operated intermittently to remove accumulated sediment from equipment and/or piping, or to lower boiler water level in a rapid manner. Blowdown systems are primarily operated continuously to control the concentrations of dissolved solids in the boiler water.

(A) Blowoff piping systems from water spaces of a boiler, up to and including the blowoff valves, shall be designed in accordance with (A.1) to (A.4) below. Two shutoff valves are required in the blowoff system; specific valve requirements and exceptions are given in Para. 122.1.7(C).

(A.1) The value of P to be used in the formulas in Para. 104 shall exceed the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler by either 25% or 225 psi, whichever is less, but shall not be less than 100 psig.

(A.2) The allowable stress value for the piping materials shall not exceed that permitted for the temperature of saturated steam at the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler.

(A.3) All pipe shall be steel. Galvanized steel pipe and fittings shall not be used for blowoff piping. When the value of P does not exceed 100 psig, the fittings shall be bronze, cast iron, malleable iron, ductile iron, or steel. When the value P exceeds 100 psig, the fittings shall be steel and the thickness of pipe and fittings shall not be less than that of Schedule 80 pipe.

(A.4) The size of blowoff piping shall be not less than the size of the connection on the boiler, and shall be in accordance with the rules contained in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, PG-59.3 and PEB-12.

(B) The blowdown piping system from the boiler, up to and including the shutoff valve, shall be designed in accordance with (B.1) through (B.4) below. Only one shutoff valve is required in the blowdown system.

(B.1) The value of P to be used in the formulas in Para. 104 shall be not less than the lowest set pressure of any safety valve on the boiler drum.

(B.2) The allowable stress value for the piping materials shall not exceed that permitted for the temperature of saturated steam at the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler.

(B.3) All pipe shall be steel. Galvanized steel pipe and fitting shall not be used for blowdown piping. When the value of P does not exceed 100 psig, the fittings shall be bronze, cast iron, malleable iron, ductile iron, or steel. When the value of P exceeds 100 psig, the fittings shall be steel and the thickness of pipe and fittings shall not be less than that of Schedule 80 pipe.

(B.4) The size of blowdown piping shall be not less than the size of the connection on the boiler, and shall be in accordance with the rules contained in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, PG-59.3.

(C) The blowoff and blowdown piping beyond the required valves described in (A) and (B) above are classified as nonboiler external piping. The requirements are given in Para. 122.2.

**122.1.5 Boiler Drains**

(A) Complete drainage of the boiler and attached piping shall be provided to the extent necessary to ensure proper operation of the steam supply system. The pipe, fittings, and valves of any drain line shall not be smaller than the drain connection.

(B) If the drain lines are intended to be used both as drains and as blowoffs, then two valves are required and all conditions of Paras. 122.1.4, 122.1.7(C), and 122.2 shall be met.

(C) When a drain is intended for use only when the boiler is not under pressure (pressurizing the boiler for rapid drainage is an exception), a single shutoff valve is acceptable under the following conditions: either the valve shall be a type that can be locked in the closed position or a suitable flanged and bolted connection that accepts a blank insert shall be located on the downstream side of the valve. When a single valve is used, it need not be designed for blowoff service.

(D) Drain piping from the drain connection, including the required valve(s) or the blanked flange connection, shall be designed for the temperature and pressure of the drain connection. The remaining piping shall be designed for the expected maximum temperature and pressure. Static head and possible choked flow conditions shall be considered. In no case shall the design pressure and temperature be less than 100 psig and 220°F, respectively.

**122.1.6 Boiler External Piping – Miscellaneous Systems**

(A) Materials, design, fabrication, examination, and erection of piping for miscellaneous accessories, such as water level indicators, water columns, gage cocks, and pressure gages, shall be in accordance with the applicable sections of this Code.

(B) The value of P to be used in the formulas in Para. 104 shall be not less than the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler except as provided by Para. 122.1.1(B).

(C) Valve requirements for water level indicators or water columns, special gage glass and gage cock requirements, minimum line sizes, and special piping configurations required specifically for cleaning, access, or reliability shall be in accordance with PG-60 of Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

**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 exceeding 100 psig in feedwater and blowoff service, the valves and fittings shall be equal at least to the requirements

of the American National Standards for Class 125 cast iron or Class 150 steel.

(A) *Steam Stop Valves*

(A.1) Each boiler discharge outlet, except safety valve or safety relief valves, or reheater inlet and outlet connections 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 NPS 2, the valve or valves used on the connection shall be of the outside-screw-and-yoke rising-stem type so as to indicate from a distance by the position of its stem whether it is closed or open, and the wheel may be carried either on the yoke or attached to the stem. A plug-cock-type valve may be used provided the plug is held in place by a guard or gland, the valve is equipped to indicate from a distance whether it is closed or open, and the valve is equipped with a slow-opening mechanism. In the case of a single boiler and prime mover installation, the stop valve required herein may be omitted provided the prime mover throttle valve is equipped with an indicator to show whether the valve is open or closed and is designed to withstand the required hydrostatic pressure test of the boiler.

(A.2) 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 nonreturn 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.

(A.3) When a second stop valve or valves is required, it shall have a pressure rating at least equal to that required for the expected steam temperature and pressure at the valve, or the pressure rating at least equal to 85% of the lowest set pressure of any safety valve on the boiler drum and for the expected temperature of the steam at the valve, whichever is greater.

(A.4) All valves and fittings on steam lines shall have a pressure rating of at least 100 psig in accordance with the applicable American National Standard.

(B) *Feedwater Valves*

(B.1) The feedwater piping for all boilers, except for high temperature water boilers complying with the requirements of (B.8) below and for forced flow steam generators with no

fixed steam and water line complying with the requirements of (B.9) below, shall be provided with a check valve and a stop valve or cock between the check valve and the boiler. The stop valve or cock shall comply with the requirements of (C.5) below.

(B.2) The relative locations of the check and stop (or cock) valves, as required in (B.1) above, may be reversed on a single boiler-turbine unit installation.

(B.3) If a boiler is equipped with a duplicate feed arrangement, each such arrangement shall be equipped as required by these rules.

(B.4) When the supply line to a boiler is divided into branch feed connections and all such connections are equipped with stop and check valves, the stop and check valves in the common source may be omitted.

(B.5) When two or more boilers are fed from a common source, there shall also be a globe or regulating valve in a branch to each boiler located between the check valve and the source of supply. A typical arrangement is shown in Fig. 100.1.2(B). Wherever globe style valves are used on feed piping, the inlet shall be under the disk of the valve.

(B.6) A combination stop and check valve in which there is only one seat and disk, and in which a valve stem is provided to close the valve, shall be considered only as a stop valve, and a check valve shall be installed as otherwise provided.

(B.7) Where an economizer or other feedwater heating device is connected directly to the boiler without intervening valves, the feed valves and check valves required shall be placed on the inlet of the economizer or feedwater heating device.

(B.8) The recirculating return line for a high temperature water boiler shall be provided with the same stop valve, or valves, required by (B.1) and (B.3) above. The use of a check valve in the recirculating return line is optional. A check valve shall not be a substitute for a stop valve.

(B.9) The feedwater boiler external piping for a forced flow steam generator with no fixed steam and water line may terminate up to and including the stop valve(s) and omitting the check valve(s) provided that a check valve having a pressure rating no less than the boiler inlet design pressure is installed at the discharge of each boiler feed pump or elsewhere in the feedline between the feed pump and the stop valves.

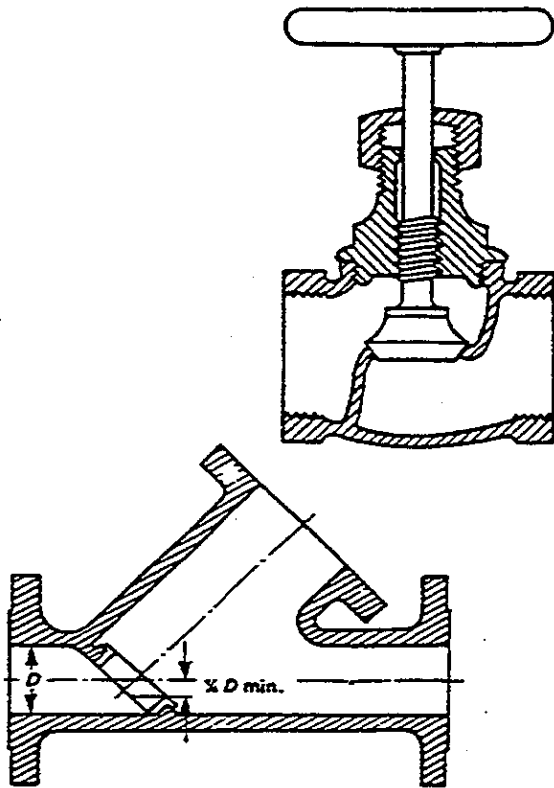


FIG. 122.1.7(C) TYPICAL GLOBE VALVES

(c) *Blowoff Valves*

(C.1) Ordinary globe valves as shown in Fig. 122.1.7(C) sketch (1), and other types of valves that have dams or pockets where sediment can collect, shall not be used on blowoff connections.

(C.2) Y-type globe valves as shown in Fig. 122.1.7(C) sketch (2) or angle valves may be used in vertical pipes, or they may be used in horizontal runs of piping provided they are so constructed or installed that the lowest edge of the opening through the seat is at least 25% of the inside diameter below the center line of the valve.

(C.3) The blowoff valve or valves, the pipe between them, and the boiler connection shall be of the same size except that a larger pipe for the return of condensate may be used.

(C.4) For all boilers [except electric steam boilers having a normal water content not exceeding 100 gal, traction-purpose, and portable steam boilers; see (C.11) and (C.12) below] with allowable working pressure in excess of 100 psig, each bottom blowoff pipe shall have two slow-opening valves, or one quick-opening valve or cock, at the boiler nozzle followed by a slow-opening valve. All valves shall comply with the requirements of (C.5) and (C.6) below.

(C.5) When the value of P required by Para. 122.1.4(A.1) does not exceed 250 psig, the valves or cocks shall be bronze,

cast iron, ductile iron, or steel. The valves or cocks, if of cast iron, shall not exceed NPS 2½ and shall meet the requirements of the applicable American National Standard for Class 250, as given in Table 126.1, and if of bronze, steel, or ductile iron construction, shall meet the requirements of the applicable standards as given in Table 126.1 or Para. 124.6.

(C.6) When the value of P required by Para. 122.1.4(A.1) is higher than 250 psig, the valves or cocks shall be of steel construction equal at least to the requirements of Class 300 of the applicable American National Standard listed in Table 126.1. The minimum pressure rating shall be equal to the value of P required by Para. 122.1.4(A.1).

(C.7) If a blowoff cock is used, the plug shall be held in place by a guard or gland. The plug shall be distinctly marked in line with the passage.

(C.8) A slow-opening valve is a valve which requires at least five 360 deg. turns of the operating mechanism to change from fully closed to fully opened.

(C.9) On a boiler having multiple blowoff pipes, a single master valve may be placed on the common blowoff pipe from the boiler, in which case only one valve on each individual blowoff is required. In such a case, either the master valve or the individual valves or cocks shall be of the slow-opening type.

(C.10) Two independent slow-opening valves, or a slow-opening valve and a quick-opening valve or cock, may be combined in one body and may be used provided the combined fitting is the equivalent of two independent slow-opening valves, or a slow-opening valve and a quick-opening valve or cock, and provided further that the failure of one to operate cannot affect the operation of the other.

(C.11) Only one blowoff valve, which shall be either a slow-opening or quick-opening blowoff valve or a cock, is required on traction and/or portable boilers.

(C.12) Only one blowoff valve, which shall be of a slow-opening type, is required on forced circulation and electric steam boilers having a normal water content not exceeding 100 gal.

(D) *Safety Valves*

(D.1) Safety valves, relief valves, and safety relief valves shall conform to the requirements of PG-67, PG-68, PG-69, PG-70, PG-71, PG-72, and PG-73 of Section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

122.2 **Blowoff and blowdown piping in nonboiler external piping**

(A) *From Boilers*

(A.1) Blowoff piping, located between the valves described in Para. 122.1.4(A) and the blowoff tank or other point where the pressure is reduced approximately to atmospheric pressure and cannot be increased by closing a valve, shall be designed for saturated steam at the appropriate pressure and temperature in accordance with Table 122.2. The provisions of Para. 122.1.4(A.3) shall apply.



TABLE 122.2

Boiler or Vessel Pressure	Design Pressure	Design Temperature
psig	psig	°F
Below 250	Note (1)	---
250-600	250	410
601-900	400	450
901-1500	600	490
1501 and higher	900	535

Note: (1) For boiler or vessel pressure(s) below 250 psig, the design pressure shall be determined in accordance with Para. 122.1.4(B.1) but need not exceed 250 psig.

(A.2) Blowdown piping, located after the valve described in Para. 122.1.4(B) in which the pressure cannot be increased by closing a valve, shall be designed for the appropriate pressure and temperature in accordance with Table 122.2. The provisions of Para. 122.1.4(B.3) shall apply.

(A.3) When design pressure of Table 122.2 can be exceeded due either to closing of a downstream valve, calculated pressure drop, or other means, the entire blowoff piping system shall be designed in accordance with Para. 122.1.4(A) or (B), respectively.

(B) *From Pressure Vessels Other Than Boilers*

(B.1) The design pressure and temperature of the blowoff piping from the pressure vessel to and including the blowoff valve(s) shall not be less than the vessel design conditions.

### 122.6 Pressure Relief Piping

Pressure relief piping within the scope of this Code shall be supported to sustain reaction forces, and shall conform to the following requirements.

#### 122.6.1 Piping to Pressure-Relieving Safety Devices

(A) There shall be no intervening stop valve(s) between piping being protected and the protective device(s).

(B) Diverter or changeover valves designed to allow servicing of redundant protective devices without system depressurization may be installed between the piping to be protected and the required protective devices under the following conditions.

(B.1) Diverter or changeover valves shall not be installed on boiler external piping.

(B.2) One hundred percent of the required relieving capacity shall be continuously available any time the system is in service.

(B.3) Positive position indicators shall be provided on diverter or changeover valves.

(B.4) Positive locking mechanisms and seals shall be provided on diverter or changeover valves to preclude unauthorized or accidental operation.

(B.5) Diverter or changeover valves shall be designed for the most severe conditions of pressure, temperature, and loading to which they are exposed, and shall be in accordance with Para. 107.

(B.6) Provision shall be made to safely bleed off the pressure between the isolated protective device and the diverter or changeover valve.

#### 122.6.2 Discharge Piping From Pressure Relieving Safety Devices

(A) There shall be no intervening stop valve between the protective device or devices and the point of discharge.

(B) When discharging directly to the atmosphere, discharge shall not impinge on the piping or equipment and shall be directed away from platforms and other areas used by personnel.

(C) It is recommended that individual discharge lines be used, but if two or more reliefs are combined, the discharge piping shall be designed with sufficient flow area to prevent blowout of steam or other fluids.

Sectional areas of a discharge pipe shall not be less than the full area of the valve outlets discharging thereinto and the discharge pipe shall be as short and straight as possible and so arranged as to avoid undue stresses on the valve or valves.

(D) Discharge lines from pressure-relieving safety devices within the scope of this Code shall be designed to facilitate drainage.

(E) When the umbrella or drip pan type of connection is used, the discharge piping shall be so designed as to prevent binding due to expansion movements.

(F) Drainage shall be provided to remove water collected above the safety valve seat.



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