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The 1985 edition incorporated several technical changes concerning special piping provisions. The format of the document was also changed to more closely follow the NFPA *Manual of Style*.

Given the limited changes in water spray technology over the past few years, it was apparent that the 1985 edition could be reconfirmed with referenced publications being updated.

The 1996 edition represents a complete reorganization of the standard. Information has been rearranged in a more functional and concise format to improve the usability of the document.

Other major changes include a new chapter on high-speed systems, and revised requirements for spray nozzles, piping protection, spacing of pilot sprinklers, discharge densities, and design calculations.

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NOTICE: An asterisk (*) following the number or letter designating a paragraph indicates that explanatory material on the paragraph can be found in Appendix A.

Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 10.

Chapter 1 General Information

1-1 Scope.

1-1.1 This standard shall provide the minimum requirements for the design, installation, and system acceptance testing of water spray fixed systems for fire protection service. This standard also includes requirements for the periodic testing and maintenance of ultra high-speed water spray fixed systems.

1-1.2 The term "water spray" shall refer to the use of water in a form having a predetermined pattern, particle size, velocity, and density discharged from specially designed nozzles or devices. Water spray fixed systems are usually applied to special fire protection hazards since the protection can be specifically designed to provide for effective fire control, extinguishment, prevention, or exposure protection. Water spray systems can be independent of, or supplementary to, other forms of protection.

1-1.3 The design of specific systems can vary considerably, depending on the nature of the hazard and the basic purposes of protection. Because of these variations and the wide choice in the characteristics of spray nozzles, these systems shall be competently designed, installed, and maintained. It shall be essential that their limitations as well as their capabilities be thoroughly understood by the designer.

1-1.4 This standard shall not cover water spray protection from portable nozzles, sprinkler systems, monitor nozzles, water mist suppression systems, explosion suppression, or other means of application covered by other standards of the National Fire Protection Association. For information on these applications refer to:

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*;

NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*;

NFPA 69, *Standard on Explosion Prevention Systems*;

NFPA 750, *Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems*; and

NFPA 1964, *Standard for (Shutoff and Tip) Spray Nozzles.*

1-2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard shall be to provide the minimum requirements for fixed water spray systems based upon sound engineering principles, test data, and field experience. Nothing in this standard is intended to restrict new technologies or alternate arrangements, providing the level of safety prescribed by the standard is not lowered.

1-3 Retroactivity Clause. The provisions of this document shall be considered necessary to provide a reasonable level of protection from loss of life and property from fire. They reflect situations and the state of the art at the time the standard was issued.

Unless otherwise noted, it shall not be intended that the provisions of this document be applied to facilities, equipment, structures, or installations that were existing or approved for construction or installation prior to the effective date of this document.

Exception: In those cases where it is determined by the authority having jurisdiction that the existing situation involves a distinct hazard to life or property, this standard shall apply.

1-4 Definitions.

Approved.* Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

Authority Having Jurisdiction.* The organization, office, or individual responsible for approving equipment, an installation, or a procedure.

Automatic Detection Equipment. Equipment that will automatically detect heat, flame, smoke, flammable gases, or other conditions likely to produce fire or explosion and cause automatic actuation of alarm and protection equipment.

Combined System. A system of piping that connects both sprinklers and water spray nozzles in a common fire area, and is supplied by a single riser and system actuation valve.

Control of Burning. Application of water spray to equipment or areas where a fire can occur to control the rate of burning and thereby limit the heat release from a fire until the fuel can be eliminated or extinguishment affected.

Deflagration. Propagation of a combustion zone at a velocity that is less than the speed of sound in the unreacted medium.

Deluge Valve. A type of system actuation valve that is opened by the operation of a detection system installed in the same areas as the spray nozzles or by remote manual operation. When this valve opens, water flows into the piping system and discharges from all open spray nozzles.

Density. The unit rate of water application to an area or surface expressed in gpm/ft^2 $[(L/min)/m^2]$.

Detonation. Propagation of a combustion zone at a velocity that is greater than the speed of sound in the unreacted medium.

Electrical Clearance. The air distance between water spray equipment (including piping and nozzles) and unenclosed or uninsulated live electrical components at other than ground potential.

Exposure Protection. Absorption of heat through application of water spray to structures or equipment exposed to a fire, to limit surface temperature to a level that will minimize damage and prevent failure.

Fire Area. An area that is physically separated from other areas by space, fire barriers, diking, special drainage, or by a combination of these such that the fire is expected to be contained within that area.

Flammable and Combustible Liquids. See NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code.*

Flammable Gas Detection Equipment. Equipment that will automatically detect a percent volume concentration of a flammable gas or vapor relative to a predetermined level.

Impingement. The striking of a protected surface by water droplets issuing directly from a water spray nozzle.

Insulated.* Refers to equipment, structures, or vessels provided with an encapsulating material that, for the expected duration of fire exposure, will limit steel temperatures to a maximum of 850°F (454°C) for structural members or 650°F (343°C) for vessels. The insulation system shall be:

(a) Noncombustible and fire retardant,

(b) Mildew and weather resistant,

(c) Resistant to the force of hose streams, and

(d) Secured by fire and corrosion-resistant fastenings.

Listed.* Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and whose listing states either that the equipment, material, or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

Net Rate. The total rate of water discharge density, less water wastage due to factors such as wind effects and inaccuracies in nozzle angles of spray.

Nonabsorbing Ground. Earth or fill that is not readily permeable or absorbent to large quantities of flammable or combustible liquid or water, or both. Most soils are not considered sufficiently permeable or absorbent to be considered absorbing ground. Paving, such as concrete or asphalt, is considered nonabsorbing.

Pilot Sprinkler. An automatic sprinkler or thermostatic fixed temperature release device used as a detector to pneumatically or hydraulically release the system actuation valve.

Rundown. The downward travel of water along a surface, caused by the momentum of the water or by gravity.

Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

System Actuation Valve. The main valve that controls the flow of water into the water spray system.

Ultra High-Speed Water Spray System. A type of automatic water spray system where water spray is rapidly applied to protect specific hazards where deflagrations are anticipated.

Uninsulated. Refers to equipment, structures, or vessels not provided with an encapsulating material that meets the requirements defined as "insulated."

Water Spray Nozzle.* An open or automatic water discharge device that, when discharging water under pressure, will distribute the water in a specific, directional pattern.

Water Spray System. An automatic or manually actuated fixed pipe system connected to a water supply and equipped with water spray nozzles designed to provide a specific water discharge and distribution over the protected surfaces or area. Automatic systems can be actuated by separate detection equipment installed in the same area as the water spray nozzles or by the water spray nozzles using an operating element. (In some cases the automatic detection might also be located in another area.)

Water Wastage. That discharge from water spray nozzles that does not impinge on the surface being protected. Some causes of wastage are wind velocity and sometimes the overcarry of discharge pattern beyond the targeted surface.

1-5 Applicability.

1-5.1 Water spray is applicable for protection of specific hazards and equipment and shall be permitted to be installed independently of, or supplementary to, other forms of fire protection systems or equipment.

1-5.2 Water spray protection is acceptable for the protection of hazards involving:

(a) Gaseous and liquid flammable materials;

(b) Electrical hazards such as transformers, oil switches, motors, cable trays, and cable runs;

(c) Ordinary combustibles such as paper, wood, and textiles; and

(d) Certain hazardous solids such as propellants and pyrotechnics.

1-6* Design Objectives. In general, water spray shall be considered effective for any one or a combination of the following objectives (*see Chapter 4*):

(a) Extinguishment of fire,

(b) Control of burning,

(c) Exposure protection, and

(d) Prevention of fire.

1-7 Special Considerations. Limitations to the use of water spray that involve the nature of the equipment to be protected, the physical and chemical properties of the materials involved, and the environment of the hazard shall be recognized.

1-7.1 A careful study shall be made of the physical and chemical properties of the materials for which water spray protection is being considered to determine the advisability of its use. The flash point, specific gravity, viscosity, miscibility, and solubility and permeability of the material, temperature of the water spray, and the normal temperature of the hazard to be protected are among the factors that shall be given consideration.

1-7.2 The slopover or frothing hazard shall be considered where water spray can encounter confined materials at a high temperature or having a wide distillation range. (*See NFPA 49, Hazardous Chemicals Data, and NFPA 325, Guide to Fire Hazard Properties of Flammable Liquids, Gases, and Volatile Solids.*)

1-7.3 Water soluble materials, such as alcohol, require special consideration. Fires involving spills of such materials can usually be controlled, until extinguished by dilution, and in some cases the surface fire can be extinguished by an adequate application rate and coverage. Each water soluble material shall be tested under the conditions of use to determine the applicability of a water spray system, unless sufficient supportive data is already available.

1-7.4* Water spray shall not be used for direct application to materials that react with water, such as metallic sodium or calcium carbide, which produce violent reactions or increase hazardous products as a result of heated vapor emission; or for liquefied gases at cryogenic temperatures (such as liquefied natural gas), which boil violently when heated by water.

1-7.5 Consideration shall be given to the possibility of damage, distortion, or failure of equipment operating at high surface temperatures.

1-8 Workmanship. Water spray system design, layout, and installation shall be entrusted to fully experienced and responsible parties only. Water spray system installation is a specialized field that is a trade in itself.

1-9 Units. Metric units of measurement in this standard are in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI). Two units (liter and bar), outside of but recognized by SI, are commonly used in international fire protection. These units are listed in Table 1-9 with conversion factors.

Table 1-9

Name of Unit	Unit Symbol	Conversion Factor
liter	L	1 gal = 3.785 L
liter per minute per square meter	$(L/min)/m^2$	1 gpm/ft^2 = 40.746 $(L/min)/m^2$
cubic decimeter	dm^3	1 gal = 3.785 dm^3
Pascal	Pa	1 psi = 6894.757 Pa
bar	bar	1 psi = 0.0689 bar
bar	bar	1 bar = 10^5 Pa

For additional conversions and information see ASTM E 380, *Standard for Metric Practice.*

1-9.1 If a value for measurement as given in this standard is followed by an equivalent value in another unit, the first stated shall be regarded as the requirement. A given equivalent value might be approximate.

1-9.2 The conversion procedure for the SI units has been to multiply the quantity by the conversion factor and then round the result to the appropriate number of significant digits.

Chapter 2 System Components

2-1 General.

2-1.1 All component parts shall be coordinated to provide complete systems.

2-1.2 Only listed new materials and devices shall be employed in the installation of systems.

Exception: Components that do not affect system operation such as drain valves and signs need not be listed. The use of reconditioned valves and devices, other than automatic water spray nozzles, as replacement equipment in existing systems shall be permitted.

2-1.3 System components shall be rated for the maximum working pressure to which they are exposed but not less than 175 psi (12.1 bars).

2-1.4 Corrosion Protection. System components installed outside, or in the presence of a corrosive atmosphere, shall be constructed of materials that will resist corrosion or be suitably protected from corrosion.

2-2 Water Spray Nozzles. Water spray nozzles shall be of a type listed for use in water spray systems with the following discharge characteristics:

(a) K factor;

(b) Spray patterns at various pressures, distances, and orientation angles; and

(c) Uniformity of water distribution over its spray pattern.

2-2.1 Water spray nozzles shall be permanently marked with their characteristics according to their listing.

2-2.2 Standard temperature ratings and color code designations of automatic water spray nozzles shall be as required for automatic sprinklers in NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

2-2.3 Special Coatings.

2-2.3.1 Listed corrosion-resistant spray nozzles shall be installed in locations where chemicals, moisture, or other corrosive vapors sufficient to cause corrosion of such devices exist.

2-2.3.2 Corrosion-resistant coatings shall be applied only by the manufacturer of the spray nozzle.

Exception: Any damage to the protective coating occurring at the time of installation shall be repaired immediately using only the coating of the manufacturer of the spray nozzle in the approved manner so that no part of the spray nozzle will be exposed after installation has been completed.

2-2.3.3* Unless applied by the manufacturer, spray nozzles shall not be painted. Any spray nozzles that have been painted shall be replaced with spray nozzles of the same characteristics, including K factor, thermal response (automatic nozzles), and water distribution.

2-2.4 Guards. Automatic water spray nozzles subject to mechanical damage shall be protected with listed guards.

2-2.5 Stock of Spare Automatic Spray Nozzles.

2-2.5.1 Provisions shall be made for replacing any automatic spray nozzles that have operated or have been damaged in any way. Replacement nozzles shall correspond to the types and temperature ratings of the spray nozzles in the system. Where stored on the premises, replacement nozzles shall be located in a cabinet. Storage temperatures shall not exceed 100°F (38°C).

2-2.5.2 A special spray nozzle wrench (if required) shall also be in the cabinet to be used in the removal and installation of spray nozzles.

2-3 Pipe and Tube.

2-3.1 Pipe or tube used in water spray systems shall meet or exceed one of the standards in Table 2-3.1 or be in accordance with 2-3.4. In addition, steel pipe shall be in accordance with 2-3.2 and 2-3.3, and copper tube shall be in accordance with 2-3.4.

Table 2-3.1 Pipe or Tube Specifications

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Ferrous Piping (Welded and Seamless)	
†Standard Specification for Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Fire Protection Use	ASTM A 795
†Standard Specification for Pipe Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless	ASTM A 53
Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe	ANSI B36.10M
Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe	ASTM A 135
Copper Tube (Drawn, Seamless)	
†Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube	ASTM B 75
†Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube	ASTM B 88
Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube	ASTM B 251
Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding (Classification BCuP-3 or BCuP-4)	AWS A5.8
Stainless Steel Pipe	ANSI B36.19M
Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes	ASTM A 312

†Denotes pipe or tubing suitable for bending according to ASTM standards.

2-3.2* Where steel pipe listed in Table 2-3.1 is used and joined by welding or by roll grooved pipe and fittings, the minimum nominal wall thickness for pressures up to 300 psi (20.7 bars) shall be in accordance with Schedule 10 for pipe sizes up to 5 in. (127 mm); 0.134 in. (3.40 mm) for 6-in. (152-mm) pipe; and 0.188 in. (4.78 mm) for 8-in. and 10-in. (203-mm and 254-mm) pipe.

Exception: Pressure limitations and wall thickness for steel pipe listed in accordance with 2-3.5 shall be in accordance with the listing requirements.

2-3.3 When steel pipe listed in Table 2-3.1 is joined by threaded fittings or by fittings used with pipe having cut grooves, the minimum wall thickness shall be in accordance with Schedule 30 [in pipe sizes 8 in. (203 mm) and larger] or Schedule 40 [in pipe sizes less than 8 in. (203 mm)] for pressures up to 300 psi (20.7 bars).

Exception: Pressure limitations and wall thickness for steel pipe specially listed in accordance with 2-3.5 shall be in accordance with the listing requirements.

2-3.4 Copper tube shall be permitted in water-filled water spray systems where system pressures do not exceed 175 psi (12.1 bars). Copper tube specified in the standards listed in Table 2-3.1 shall have wall thicknesses of type K, L, or M.

2-3.5* Other types of pipe or tube investigated for suitability in automatic water spray installations and listed for this service, including but not limited to steel differing from that provided in Table 2-3.1, shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions. Bending of pipe shall be permitted as allowed by the listing.

2-3.6 Steel pipe shall be galvanized on its internal and external surfaces in accordance with Table 2-3.1. The threaded ends of galvanized pipe shall be protected against corrosion.

Exception No. 1: Water-filled piping shall be permitted to be black steel.

Exception No. 2: Where the atmosphere or the system water will cause excessive corrosion in black or galvanized steel pipe, other types of metallic piping or coated pipe shall be used.

Exception No. 3: Stainless steel pipe.

2-3.7 Minimum Pipe Size. The minimum pipe size shall be 1 in. for steel and galvanized steel, and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm) for copper and stainless steel.

2-3.8 Pipe Bending. Bending of Schedule 40 steel pipe shall be permitted where bends are made with no kinks, ripples, distortions, reductions in diameter, or any noticeable deviations from round. The minimum radius of a bend shall be 6 pipe diameters for pipe sizes 2 in. (51 mm) and smaller, and 5 pipe diameters for pipe sizes $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. (64 mm) and larger.

2-3.9 Pipe Identification. All pipe, including specially listed pipe allowed by 2-3.5, shall be marked continuously along its length by the manufacturer in such a way as to properly identify the type of pipe. This identification shall include the manufacturer's name, model designation, or schedule.

2-4 Fittings.

2-4.1 Fittings used in water systems shall meet or exceed the standards in Table 2-4.1. In dry sections of the piping exposed to possible fire or in self-supporting systems, ferrous fittings shall be of steel, malleable iron, or ductile iron. Galvanized fittings shall be used where galvanized pipe is used.

2-4.2 Other types of fittings investigated for suitability in water spray system installations and listed for this service, including but not limited to steel differing from that provided in Table 2-4.1, shall be permitted when installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

2-4.3 Fittings shall be extra heavy pattern where pressures exceed 175 psi (12.1 bars).

Exception No. 1: Standard weight pattern malleable iron fittings 6 in. (152 mm) in size and smaller shall be permitted where pressures do not exceed 300 psi (20.7 bars).

Exception No. 2: Fittings shall be permitted for system pressures up to the limits specified in their listings.

2-4.4 Couplings and Unions. Screwed unions shall not be used on pipe larger than 2 in. (51 mm). Couplings and unions of other than screwed type shall be of types listed specifically for use in water spray or sprinkler systems.

2-4.5 Reducers and Bushings. A one-piece reducing fitting shall be used wherever a change is made in the size of the pipe.

Exception: Hexagonal or face bushings shall be permitted for use in reducing the size of openings of fittings where standard fittings of the required size are not available.

Table 2-4.1 Fittings Materials and Dimensions

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Cast Iron	
Gray Iron Threaded Fitting Class 125 and 250	ANSI B16.4
Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings	ANSI B16.1
Malleable Iron	
Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 150 and 300	ANSI B16.3
Steel	
Factory-Made Wrought Steel Buttwelding Fittings	ANSI B16.9
Buttwelding Ends	ANSI B16.25
Standard Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures	ASTM A 234
Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings	ANSI B16.5
Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded	ANSI B16.11
Copper	
Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings	ANSI B16.22
Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings	ANSI B16.18
Ductile Iron	
Standard Specification for Ductile Iron Castings	ASTM A 536
Stainless Steel	
Standard Specification for Forged or Rolled Alloy- Steel Pipe Flanges, Forged Fittings, and Valves and Parts for High-Temperature Service.....	ASTM A 182

2-4.6* Rubber-gasketed fittings shall be permitted to be used to connect pipe in fire exposed areas where the water spray system is automatically controlled. Fire exposed areas where these fittings are located shall be protected by automatic water spray systems or other approved means.

2-5 Joining of Pipe and Fittings.

2-5.1 Threaded Pipe and Fittings.

2-5.1.1 All threaded pipe and fittings shall have threads cut in accordance with ANSI/ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose.*

2-5.1.2* Steel pipe with wall thicknesses less than Schedule 30 [in pipe sizes 8 in. (203 mm) and larger] or Schedule 40 [in pipe sizes less than 8 in. (203 mm)] shall not be joined by threaded fittings.

Exception: A threaded assembly investigated and listed for this service shall be permitted.

2-5.1.3 Joint compound or tape shall be applied only to male threads.

2-5.2* Welded Pipe and Fittings.

2-5.2.1 Field welding shall be permitted. Safe welding and cutting practices shall be followed in accordance with NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention in Use of Cutting and Welding Processes.*

2-5.2.2 Welding methods that comply with all of the requirements of AWS D10.9, *Specification for Qualification of Welding Procedures and Welders for Piping and Tubing,* Level AR-3, shall be permitted as an acceptable means for joining fire protection piping.

2-5.2.3 Fittings used to join pipe shall be listed fabricated fittings or manufactured in accordance with Table 2-4.1. Such fittings joined in conformance with a qualified welding procedure as set forth in this section shall be permitted to be an acceptable product under this standard, provided that materials and wall thickness are compatible with other sections of this standard.

Exception: Fittings shall not be required where pipe ends are buttwelded.

2-5.2.4 No welding shall be performed if there is impingement of rain, snow, sleet, or high wind on the weld area of the pipe product.

2-5.2.5 When welding is performed:

(a) *Holes cut in piping for outlets shall be cut to the full inside diameter of fittings prior to welding in place of the fittings.

(b) Discs shall be retrieved.

(c) Openings cut into piping shall be smooth bore, and all internal slag and welding residue shall be removed.

(d) Fittings shall not penetrate the internal diameter of the piping.

(e) Steel plates shall not be welded to the ends of piping or fittings.

(f) Fittings shall not be modified.

(g) Nuts, clips, eye rods, angle brackets, or other fasteners shall not be welded to pipe or fittings.

Exception: Only tabs welded to pipe for longitudinal earthquake braces shall be permitted.

2-5.2.6 When reducing the pipe size in a run of piping, a reducing fitting designed for that purpose shall be used.

2-5.2.7 Where welded piping is to be galvanized, pipe shall be fabricated into spooled sections and shall be galvanized after fabrication.

2-5.2.8 Torch cutting and welding shall not be permitted as a means of modifying or repairing water spray systems.

2-5.2.9 Qualifications.

2-5.2.9.1 A welding procedure shall be prepared and qualified by the contractor or fabricator before any welding is done. Qualification of the welding procedure to be used and the performance of all welders and welding operators shall be required and shall meet or exceed the requirements of American Welding Society Standard AWS D10.9, Level AR-3.

2-5.2.9.2 Contractors or fabricators shall be responsible for all welding they produce. Each contractor or fabricator shall have available to the authority having jurisdiction an established written quality assurance procedure ensuring compliance with the requirements of 2-5.2.5.

2-5.2.10 Records. Contractors or fabricators shall maintain certified records of the welding procedures used and the welders or welding machine operators employed by them. Records shall show the date and the results of procedure and performance qualifications, and shall be available to the authority having jurisdiction.

2-5.3 Groove Joining Methods. Pipe joined with grooved fittings shall be joined by a listed combination of fittings, gaskets, and grooves. Grooves cut or rolled on pipe shall be dimensionally compatible with the fittings.

2-5.4* Joints for the connection of copper tube shall be brazed using the brazing material in Table 2-3.1.

2-5.5 Other Types. Other joining methods investigated for suitability in water spray sprinkler installations and listed for this service shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

2-5.6 End Treatment. Pipe ends shall have burrs and fins removed after cutting.

2-5.6.1 Pipe used with listed fittings and its end treatment shall be in accordance with the fitting manufacturer's installation instructions and the fitting's listing.

2-6 Hangers.

2-6.1 General. The types of hangers used shall be in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

2-6.2 Hangers used outdoors or in locations where corrosive conditions exist shall be galvanized, suitably coated, or fabricated from corrosion-resistive materials.

2-7 Valves.

2-7.1 Control Valves.

2-7.1.1 All valves controlling connections to water supplies and to supply pipes to water spray nozzles shall be listed indicating valves.

Exception No. 1: A listed underground gate valve equipped with a listed indicator post shall be permitted.

Exception No. 2: A nonindicating valve, such as an underground gate valve with approved roadway box complete with T-wrench, accepted by the authority having jurisdiction, shall be permitted.

2-7.1.2 Control valves shall not close in less than 5 seconds when operated at maximum possible speed from the fully open position.

2-7.1.3 Wafer type valves with components that extend beyond the valve body shall be installed in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of any system components.

2-7.2 System Actuation Valves.

2-7.2.1* System actuation valves shall be listed.

2-7.2.2* Accessories used to operate the actuation valve shall be listed and compatible.

2-7.2.3* System actuation valves shall be provided with manual means of actuation independent of the automatic release system and detection devices.

Exception: Alarm check valves.

2-7.2.4 Manual controls of actuation valves shall not require a pull of more than 40 lb (force) (178 N) or a movement of more than 14 in. (356 mm) to secure operation.

2-7.3 Drain Valves and Test Valves. Drain valves and test valves shall be approved.

2-7.4 Identification of Valves. All control, drain, and test connection valves shall be provided with permanently marked weatherproof metal or rigid plastic identification signs. The sign shall be secured with corrosion-resistant wire, chain, or other approved means.

2-8 Pressure Gauges. Required pressure gauges shall be listed and shall have a maximum limit not less than twice the normal working pressure where installed.

2-9 Strainers.

2-9.1* Pipeline strainers shall be specifically listed for use in water supply connections. Strainers shall be capable of removing from the water all solids of sufficient size to obstruct the spray nozzles [normally $\frac{1}{8}$-in. (3.2-mm) perforations are suitable]. (*See 3-4.6.*)

2-9.2 Pipeline strainer designs shall incorporate a flushing connection.

2-9.3 Individual or integral strainers for spray nozzles, where required, shall be capable of removing from the water all solids of sufficient size to obstruct the spray nozzle they serve.

2-10 Fire Department Connections.

2-10.1 Fire department connections shall be listed and shall have internal threaded swivel fittings having threads compatible with those of the local fire department.

2-10.2 Connections shall be equipped with listed plugs or caps.

2-11 Alarms.

2-11.1 Waterflow alarm apparatus shall be listed for this service.

2-11.2 An alarm unit shall include a listed mechanical alarm or horn, or a listed electric device, bell, speaker, horn, or siren.

2-11.3* Outdoor water-motor operated or electrically operated bells shall be protected from the weather and shall be provided with guards.

2-11.4 Piping to the water-motor operated devices shall have corrosion resistance equal to or better than galvanized ferrous pipe and fittings, and shall be of a size not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm).

2-11.5 Drains from alarm devices shall be sized and arranged to prevent water overflow at the drain connection when system drains are open wide and under system pressure.

2-11.6 Electrical alarm devices used outdoors shall be listed for this purpose.

2-11.7 Electrical fittings and devices listed for use in hazardous locations shall be used where required by NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code®.*

2-12 Detection Systems.

2-12.1 Automatic detection equipment, release devices, and system accessories shall be listed for the intended use.

2-12.2 The detection systems shall be automatically supervised in accordance with NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

Chapter 3 Installation Requirements

3-1 Basic Requirements.

3-1.1 Hazardous Locations. Components of the electrical portions of water spray systems that are installed in classified locations as defined in Article 500 of NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code,* shall be listed for such use.

3-1.2* Electrical Clearances. All system components shall be located so as to maintain minimum clearances from live parts, as shown in Table 3-1.2.

As used in this standard, "clearance" shall be the air distance between water spray equipment, including piping and nozzles, and unenclosed or uninsulated live electrical components at other than ground potential.

The clearances in Table 3-1.2 are for altitudes of 3300 ft (1000 m) or less. At altitudes in excess of 3300 ft (1000 m) the clearance shall be increased at the rate of 1 percent for each 330-ft (100-m) increase in altitude above 3300 ft (1000 m).

Table 3-1.2 Clearance from Water Spray Equipment to Live Uninsulated Electrical Components

	Nominal System Voltage (kV)	Maximum System Voltage (kV)	Design BIL (kV)	Minimum* (in.)	Clearance (mm)
To	13.8	14.5	110	7	178
	23	24.3	150	10	254
	34.5	36.5	200	13	330
	46	48.3	250	17	432
	69	72.5	350	25	635
	1150	121	550	42	1067
	138	145	650	50	1270
	161	169	750	58	1473
	230	242	900	76	1930
			1050	84	2134
	345	362	1050	84	2134
			1300	104	2642
	500	550	1500	124	3150
			1800	144	3658
	765	800	2050	167	4242

*For voltages up to 161 kV, the clearances are taken from NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*. For voltages 230 kV and above, the clearances are taken from Table 124 of ANSI C2, *National Electrical Safety Code.* NOTE: BIL values are expressed as kilovolts (kV), the number being the crest value of the full wave impulse test that the electrical equipment is designed to withstand. For BIL values that are not listed in the table, clearances may be found by interpolation.

3-1.3 Where the design BIL is not available, and where nominal voltage is used for the design criteria, the highest minimum clearance listed for this group shall be used.

3-2 Water Spray Nozzles.

3-2.1* Selection. Open water spray nozzles shall be used. The selection of the type and size of spray nozzles shall be made with proper consideration given to such factors as discharge characteristics, physical character of the hazard involved, ambient conditions, material likely to be burning, and the design objectives of the system.

Exception No. 1: Automatic nozzles shall be permitted when positioned and located so as to provide satisfactory performance with respect to activation time and distribution.

Exception No. 2: Where acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, sprinklers shall be permitted to be used in water spray systems and installed in positions other than anticipated by their listing to achieve specific results where special situations require.

3-2.2 Temperature Rating. The temperature rating for automatic nozzles shall be based on the maximum ambient temperature and determined in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

3-2.3 Position. Water spray nozzles shall be permitted to be placed in any position, within its listing limitations, necessary to obtain proper coverage of the protected area. The positioning shall consider the following factors:

(a) The shape and size of the area to be protected;

(b) The nozzle design and characteristics of the water spray pattern to be produced;

(c) The effect of wind and fire draft on very small drop sizes or on large drop sizes with little initial velocity;

(d) The potential to miss the target surface and increase water wastage;

(e) The effects of nozzle orientation on coverage characteristics; and

(f) The potential for mechanical damage.

3-3 Piping Installation.

3-3.1 Valves.

3-3.1.1 Water Supply Control Valves. Each system shall be provided with a control valve located so as to be readily accessible during a fire in the area the system protects, or any adjacent areas, or, in the case of systems installed for fire prevention, during the existence of the contingency for which the system is installed.

3-3.1.2 Valve Supervision. Valves controlling the water supply to water spray systems shall be supervised open by one of the following methods:

(a) Central station, proprietary, or remote station alarm service;

(b) Local alarm service that will cause the sounding of an audible signal at a constantly attended point;

(c) Locking valves open; or

(d) Sealing of valves and approved weekly recorded inspection where valves are located within fenced enclosures under the control of the owner.

Exception: Underground gate valves with roadway boxes.

3-3.1.3 Location of System Actuation Valves. System actuation valves shall be as close to the hazard protected as accessibility during the emergency will permit. Factors that affect the location of system actuation valves include:

(a) Radiant heat from exposing fire;

(b) Potential for explosions;

(c) The location and arrangement of drainage facilities including dikes, trenches, and impounding basins;

(d) Potential for freezing and mechanical damage;

(e) Accessibility; and

(f) System discharge time.

3-3.2 Pipe Support.

3-3.2.1 System piping shall be adequately supported so as to be expected to maintain its integrity under fire conditions.

3-3.2.2 Piping shall be supported from steel or concrete structural members or pipe stands.

Exception: Piping support shall be permitted to be attached directly to vessels or other equipment provided the equipment is capable of supporting the system and the design is certified by a registered professional engineer.

3-3.2.3 Tapping or drilling of load-bearing structural members shall not be permitted.

Exception: Tapping or drilling of load-bearing structural members shall be permitted where the design of the structural members takes the drilling or tapping into account, the design includes the additional loads created by the water spray system, and the design is certified by a registered professional engineer.

3-3.2.4 Where welding of supports directly to vessels or equipment is necessary, it shall be done in a safe manner in conformance with the provisions of all safety, structural, and fire codes and standards.

3-3.2.5* Hangers shall be installed and located in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

Exception: Where the methods outlined in NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, cannot be used, the piping shall be supported in such a manner as to produce the strength equivalent to that afforded by NFPA 13, and the design certified by a registered professional engineer.

3-3.2.6 Piping shall be supported and braced to restrict movement due to nozzle reaction and water surges so that system performance and integrity is maintained.

3-3.3 Piping Drainage.

3-3.3.1 All water spray system pipe and fittings shall be installed so that the system can be drained.

3-3.3.2 Drains shall discharge to a safe location and drain valves, where provided, shall be accessible.

3-3.3.3 Drains shall not be directly interconnected with any sewer systems. The drain discharge shall conform to any health or water department regulations. Means shall be provided to verify water flow.

3-3.3.4 System or Main Drain Connections. (*See Figure 3-3.3.4.*)

3-3.3.4.1 Drain connections for system's supply risers and mains shall be sized as shown in Table 3-3.3.4.1.

3-3.3.5 Auxiliary Drains. Auxiliary drains shall be provided where a change in piping direction prevents drainage of system piping through either the main drain valve or open water spray nozzles.

3-3.3.5.1 The sizing of auxiliary drains for water spray systems shall be in accordance with Table 3-3.3.5.1.

3-3.4 Protection Against Freezing.

3-3.4.1 Where used, valve rooms shall be lighted and heated. The source of heat shall be of a permanently installed type and shall be capable of maintaining a room temperature at a minimum of 40°F (4°C).

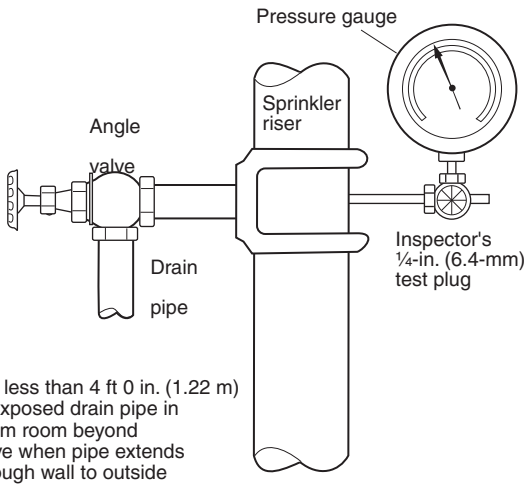


Figure 3-3.3.4 Drain connection for system riser.

Table 3-3.3.4.1 Drain Size

Riser or Main Size	Size of Drain Connection
Up to 2 in.	¾ in. or larger
2 ½ in., 3 in., 3 ½ in.	1 ¼ in. or larger
4 in. and larger	2 in. only

For SI Units: 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

Table 3-3.3.5.1 Minimum Auxiliary Drain Size for Trapped Water Spray Piping

Volume of Trapped Piping		Drain Size (in.)
< 5 gal	(< 18.9 L)	½
5 to 50 gal	(18.9 L to 189.3 L)	¾
> 50 gal	(> 189.3 L)	1

For SI Units: 1 gal = 3.8 L; 1 in. = 25.4 mm

3-3.4.2 Where water filled supply pipes, risers, system risers, or feed mains pass through open areas, cold rooms, passageways, or other areas exposed to freezing, the pipe shall be protected against freezing by insulating coverings, frostproof casing, or other reliable means capable of maintaining a minimum temperature of 40°F (4°C).

Exception: Small unheated areas shall be permitted to be protected by antifreeze systems in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, if acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3-3.5 Protection Against Damage Where Subject to Earthquakes. Protection of piping against damage where subject to earthquakes shall be in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

3-3.6* Protection of Piping Against Damage Where Explosion Potential Exists. Where water spray systems are installed in areas having an explosion potential, they shall be installed in a manner that will minimize damage to the piping and valves. System control and actuation valves shall be protected.

3-4 System Attachments.

3-4.1 Alarms.

3-4.1.1 All automatic water spray systems shall be provided with a local alarm. Any flow from a single automatic nozzle of the smallest orifice size installed on the system or flow from any group of nonautomatic nozzles, shall result in an audible alarm on the premises within 90 seconds after flow begins.

3-4.1.2 Where a separate detection system is used to activate the water spray system, the alarm shall be actuated independently of system water flow to indicate operation of the detection system.

3-4.1.3 Water flow alarms shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

3-4.1.4 Electrically operated alarm attachments shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

Exception: Water spray system waterflow alarm systems that are not a part of a required protective signaling system shall not be required to be supervised, but shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, Article 760.

3-4.2 Remote Manual Actuation.

3-4.2.1 At least one manual actuation device independent of the manual actuation device at the system actuation valve shall be installed for all automatic systems.

Exception No. 1: Where the manual release at the systems actuation valve meets the requirements of 3-4.2.2.

Exception No. 2: Where the system protects normally unoccupied areas.

3-4.2.2 Remote manual actuation devices shall be conspicuously located, readily accessible during an emergency, and properly identified as to the system controlled.

3-4.3* Fire Department Connections.

3-4.3.1* One or more fire department connections shall be provided as described in this section. (*See Figure 3-4.3.1.*)

Exception No. 1: Systems located in remote areas that are inaccessible for fire department support.

Exception No. 2: Large capacity systems exceeding the pumping capacity of the fire department.

Exception No. 3: Ultra high-speed water spray systems.

3-4.3.2 Size. The number of outlets and size of the outlets and piping in the fire department connection shall be sufficient to supply the water spray system demand.

3-4.3.3 The arrangement and other installation features of fire department connections shall be in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

3-4.4 Gauges.

3-4.4.1 Pressure gauges shall be installed as follows:

(a) Below the system actuation valve,

(b) Above and below alarm check valves, and

(c) On the air or water supply to pilot lines.

3-4.4.2 Pressure gauges shall be installed so as to permit easy removal and shall be located where they will not be subject to freezing.

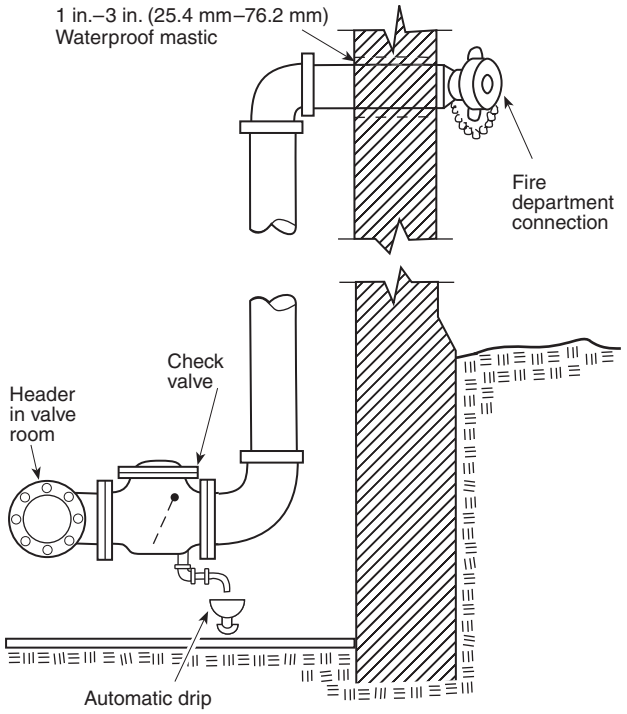


Figure 3-4.3.1 Fire department connection.

3-4.4.3 Provisions shall be made for test gauges at or near the highest or most remote nozzle on each major separate section of the system. At least one gauge connection shall be provided at or near the nozzle calculated as having the least pressure under normal flow conditions. (*See also 7-4.3.2.*)

3-4.5 Alarm Test Connection for Wet Pipe Systems. An alarm test connection shall be provided for all wet pipe systems in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

3-4.6 Strainers.

3-4.6.1* Main pipeline strainers shall be provided for all systems utilizing nozzles with waterways less than $^{3}/_{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) and for any system where the water is likely to contain obstructive material.

3-4.6.2 Mainline pipeline strainers shall be installed so as to be accessible for flushing or cleaning.

3-4.6.3 Individual or integral strainers shall be provided at each nozzle where water passageways are smaller than $^{1}/_{8}$ in. (3.2 mm).

3-5 Automatic Detection Equipment.

3-5.1 Protection.

3-5.1.1 Corrosion Protection. Detection equipment installed outdoors or in the presence of possible corrosive vapors or atmospheres shall be protected from corrosion by suitable materials of construction or by suitable protection coatings applied by the equipment manufacturer.

3-5.1.2 Protective Canopy. Detection equipment requiring protection from the weather shall be provided with a canopy, hood, or other suitable protection.

3-5.1.3 Mechanical Damage. Detection equipment shall be located so as to be protected from mechanical damage.

3-5.1.4 Mounting. Detectors shall, in all cases, be supported independently of their attachm ent to wires or tubing.

Exception: Pilot type automatic sprinklers shall be permitted to be supported by their piping or tubing.

3-5.1.5 Earthquake Protection. Consideration shall be given to the protection of the detection system in areas subject to earthquake damage.

3-5.2 Selection, Location, and Spacing of Detectors.

3-5.2.1 The selection, location, and spacing of automatic fire detectors for the actuation of fixed water spray systems shall meet or exceed the applicable requirements of NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, and be consistent with:

(a) Data obtained from field experience,

(b) Tests,

(c) Engineering surveys,

(d) Manufacturer's recommendations,

(e) Its listing criteria,

(f) The nature of the hazard being protected,

(g) Both normal and abnormal air velocities,

(h) The range of anticipated temperatures,

(i) The maximum expected rates of temperature change under nonfire conditions,

(j) The number and height of structural levels,

(k) The effects of precipitation (rain and snow),

(l) The presence and magnitude of electromagnetic interference,

(m) The presence of obstructions that might retard or mitigate timely detection, and

(n) Other conditions that might affect the efficacy of the fire detection employed.

3-5.2.2 Detectors shall be located so as to promptly respond to a fire, flammable gas release, or other design condition.

3-5.2.2.1 The detection system shall be capable of detecting a fire up to the elevation of the highest level of protected equipment surface.

3-5.2.2.2 Detectors shall be located so that no portion of the hazard being protected extends beyond the perimeter line of detectors.

3-5.2.3* When located out of doors or in the open, the spacing of fixed temperature or rate-of-rise detectors shall be reduced by at least 50 percent from the listed spacings under smooth ceilings.

Exception No. 1: Where testing has demonstrated acceptable performance at other spacings.

Exception No. 2: Pilot sprinklers spaced in accordance with 3-5.2.4.

Exception No. 3: Where specific guidance is provided in the listing.

3-5.2.4 Pilot Type Sprinklers.

3-5.2.4.1 The temperature rating of pilot type sprinklers shall be selected in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

3-5.2.4.2 Where located under a ceiling, pilot type sprinklers shall be positioned in accordance with the requirements for automatic sprinklers in NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.* Maximum horizontal spacing for indoor locations shall not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).

Exception No. 1: The obstruction to water distribution rules for automatic sprinklers shall not be required to be followed where pilot type sprinklers are used.

Exception No. 2: Pilot type sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced more than 22 in. (559 mm) below a ceiling or deck where the maximum spacing between pilot type sprinklers is 10 ft (3 m) or less.

Exception No. 3: Other maximum horizontal spacings shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing.

3-5.2.4.3 Pilot sprinklers located outdoors, such as in open process structures, shall be spaced such that the elevation of a single level of pilot sprinklers and between additional levels of pilot sprinklers shall not exceed 17 ft (5.2 m). The horizontal distance between pilot sprinklers shall not exceed 8 ft (2.5 m).

Exception No. 1: The horizontal distance between pilot sprinklers on a given level shall be permitted to be increased to 10 ft (3 m) when the elevation of the first level does not exceed 15 ft (4.6 m), the distance between additional levels does not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m), and the pilot sprinklers are staggered vertically.

Exception No. 2: Other spacings shall be permitted where acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3-5.2.5 Special Situations.

3-5.2.5.1 Open-Sided Buildings. Detectors located in open-sided buildings shall follow the indoor spacing rules.

Exception: A line of detectors following the outdoor rules shall be located along the open sides.

3-5.2.5.2 Under Open Gratings. Detectors located under open gratings shall be spaced in accordance with the outdoor rules.

3-5.2.6 Two or More Systems. Where there are two or more adjacent water spray systems in one area controlled by separate detection systems, the detectors on each system shall be spaced independently as if the dividing line between the systems were a wall or draft curtain.

3-5.2.7* Flammable Gas Detectors. The location of flammable gas detectors shall take into consideration the density of the flammable gas and its temperature and proximity to equipment where leakage is more likely to occur. Access for testing, calibration, and maintenance shall be provided.

3-5.2.8 Radiant Energy Sensing Fire Detectors. Radiant energy sensing fire detectors shall be spaced and located in accordance with their listings and manufacturer's recommendations.

3-5.3 Arrangement and Supervision of Systems.

3-5.3.1 Electric Systems. Water spray systems that depend on electric thermostats, relay circuits, flammable gas detectors, or other similar equipment shall be so arranged that such equipment is normally energized or completely supervised in a manner that will result in positive notifications on an abnormal condition in accordance with NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code,* unless failure of the detection system results in the operation of the water spray system. Supervision shall include, but not be limited to, the tripping device, solenoid valve, and any connecting wiring.

3-5.3.2 Pneumatic and Hydraulic Systems. Pneumatically and hydraulically operated systems shall be supervised in a manner such that failure will result in positive notification of the abnormal condition, unless the failure results in operation of the water spray system.

Chapter 4 Design Objectives

4-1* General. Water spray system design shall conform to the applicable requirements of the following standards of the National Fire Protection Association, except where otherwise specified herein:

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*;

NFPA 14, *Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems*;

NFPA 16, *Standard for the Installation of Deluge Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems*;

NFPA 18, *Standard on Wetting Agents*;

NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pumps*;

NFPA 22, *Standard for the Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*;

NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*;

NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*;

NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*; and

NFPA 214, *Standard on Water-Cooling Towers.*

4-1.1 Systems shall be arranged for automatic operation with supplementary manual tripping means provided.

Exception: Manual operation shall be permitted where:

(a) Automatic operation of the system presents a hazard to personnel, or

(b) A system is isolated and is attended by trained personnel at all times.

4-1.2 Systems shall be designed to accomplish at least one of the design objectives defined in Section 1-6 and in accordance with Sections 4-3 through 4-6, as applicable. The requirements defined in this chapter for protection of specific equipment and hazards are based on the design objectives stated in the section heading.

Exception: Other design objectives requiring different protection shall be permitted if approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

4-1.3* The system and water supplies shall be designed to admit water into the piping and to discharge effective water spray from all open nozzles without delay.

4-1.4 The design shall ensure that nozzle spray patterns at least meet. Nozzle spacing (vertically or horizontally) shall not exceed 10 ft (3 m).

Exception No. 1: Nozzles listed for spacing exceeding 10 ft (3 m).

Exception No. 2: As otherwise permitted by Chapter 4.

4-1.5 Size of System and Water Demand.

4-1.5.1* Single systems shall be designed to limit flow rates as small as practicable, with consideration given to the water supplies and other factors affecting reliability of the protection. A single system shall not protect more than one fire area.

4-1.5.2* The number of systems expected to operate simultaneously shall be determined. Factors to consider shall include:

(a) The possible flow of burning liquids between areas either before or during operation of the water spray systems;

(b) The possible flow of hot gases between fire areas that could actuate adjoining systems, thereby increasing demand;

(c) Flammable gas detection set to automatically actuate systems;

(d) Manual operation of multiple systems; and

(e) Other factors that would result in operation of systems outside of the primary fire area.

4-1.5.3 The hydraulically designed discharge rate for a single system or multiple systems designed to operate simultaneously shall not exceed the available water supply. (*See 6-2.1.*)

4-2 Control of Runoff.

4-2.1* Water discharged from water spray systems shall be controlled or contained to minimize the extent of water damage to adjacent areas and to prevent the spread of fire where flammable or combustible liquids are present.

Exception: Where flammable or combustible liquids are not present and the potential for water damage to adjacent areas is minimal, water discharged from water spray systems shall not be required to be controlled or contained.

4-2.2* The control or containment system shall utilize:

(a) Curbing and grading;

(b) Underground or enclosed drains;

(c) Open trenches or ditches;

(d) Diking or impoundment; or

(e) Any combination of the above.

4-2.3* Where the protected hazard involves the possible release of flammable or combustible liquids, the drainage system shall be designed to safely handle burning liquids. Enclosed drain systems shall be fitted with traps or other suitable means to prevent the entrance of flames or burning liquids into the system. Open trenches and ditches shall be routed so as not to expose fire fighters, critical equipment and piping, other important structures, or property of others.

4-2.4 The control or containment system shall be designed to accommodate the total combined flow from all of the following:

(a) *All water spray systems intended to operate simultaneously within the fire area. Where the actual discharge will exceed the design flow rate, the actual flow rate shall be used.

(b) Supplemental hose streams and monitor nozzle devices likely to be used during the fire.

(c) The largest anticipated spill or accidental release of process liquids where applicable.

(d) Any normal discharge of process liquids or cooling water into the drainage system.

(e) *Rain water, provided local conditions warrant inclusion.

4-2.5* The control or containment system shall be designed to accommodate the total combined flow for the fire's expected duration.

Exception: If acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, the system shall be permitted to be designed to accommodate the total combined flow for a period less than the fire's expected duration.

4-2.6 The water and liquids drained from protected areas shall be collected and treated as required by local regulations. Hazardous chemicals and contaminated water shall not be discharged to open waterways or onto the property of others.

4-3 Extinguishment.

4-3.1 General.

4-3.1.1 Design Objective. Systems shall be designed so that extinguishment shall be accomplished and all protected surfaces shall be cooled sufficiently to prevent flashback occurring after the system is shut off. Each of the methods stated in 4-3.1.2, or a combination of them, shall be considered when designing a water spray system for extinguishment purposes.

4-3.1.2* Extinguishment Methods. Extinguishment of fires by water spray shall be accomplished by one or a combination of the following methods:

(a) Surface cooling,

(b) Smothering by produced steam,

(c) Emulsification,

(d) Dilution, or

(e) Other factors.

4-3.1.3* Design Density. A general range of water spray application rates that shall apply to most ordinary combustible solids or liquids shall be from 0.15 gpm/ft^2 to 0.50 gpm/ft^2 [6.1 (L/min)/m^2 to 20.4 (L/min)/m^2] of protected surface. The specific design density for extinguishment shall be based on test data or knowledge concerning conditions similar to those that will apply in the actual installation.

4-3.2 Cable Trays and Cable Runs.

4-3.2.1 Where insulated wire and cable or nonmetallic tubing is to be protected by an automatic water spray (open nozzle) system designed for extinguishment of fire that originates within the cable or tube (i.e., the insulation or tubing is subject to ignition and propagation of fire), the system shall be hydraulically designed to impinge water directly on each tray or group of cables or tubes at a net rate of 0.15 gpm/ft^2 [6.1 (L/min)/m^2] on the projected plane containing the cable or tubing tray or run.

Exception: Other water spray densities and methods of application shall be permitted to be used if verified by tests and acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

4-3.2.2* Automatic detection devices shall detect smoldering or slow-to-develop flames.

4-3.2.3 Where it is likely that spills of flammable liquids or molten materials will expose cables, nonmetallic tubing, and tray supports, design of protection systems shall be in accordance with that specified for exposure protection. (*See 4-5.3.4.*)

4-3.3 Belt Conveyors.

4-3.3.1 General.

4-3.3.1.1 Open nozzles shall be located to direct water spray onto the surfaces to extinguish fire in hydraulic oil, the belt, the contents on the belt, or the drive unit. Water spray impingement on structural elements shall provide exposure protection against radiant heat or impinging flame. (*See 4-5.3.*)

4-3.3.1.2 Interlocks shall be provided between the detection system and the machinery to shut down belt conveyor operation, including upstream feed. (*See Sections 3-5 and 4-8.*)

4-3.3.1.3 The water supply shall be capable of supplying both the design flow rate and 250 gpm (946 L/min) for hose streams for a minimum duration of 1 hour.

4-3.3.2* Drive Unit. The water spray system shall be installed to protect the drive rolls, the take-up rolls, the power units, and the hydraulic-oil unit. The net rate of water application shall be not less than 0.25 gpm/ft^2 [10.2 (L/min)/m^2] of roll and belt.

4-3.3.3 Conveyor Belt.

4-3.3.3.1* The water spray system shall be installed to automatically wet the top belt, its contents, and the bottom return belt. Discharge patterns of water spray nozzles shall envelop, at a net rate of not less than 0.25 gpm/ft^2 [10.2 (L/min)/m^2], the top and bottom belt surface area, conveyor surfaces where combustible materials are likely to accumulate, the structural parts, and the idler-rolls supporting the belt.

4-3.3.3.2 Water spray system protection shall either:

(a) Extend onto transfer belts, transfer equipment, and transfer building, or

(b) Interlock in such a manner that the water spray system protecting the feeding belt will automatically actuate the water spray system protecting the first segment of the downstream equipment.

4-4 Control of Burning.

4-4.1 General.

4-4.1.1* A system for the control of burning shall operate as intended until there has been time for the burning material to be consumed, for steps to be taken to shut off the flow of leaking material, or until the burning material can be otherwise extinguished.

4-4.1.2 Nozzles shall be positioned to impinge water directly on the areas of the source of fire and where spills are likely to spread or accumulate. The water application rate shall be at a net rate of not less than 0.50 gpm/ft^2 [20.4 (L/min)/m^2] of protected area.

4-4.2* Pumps, Compressors, and Related Equipment. Pumps or other devices that handle flammable liquids or gases shall have the shafts, seals, and other critical parts enveloped by directed water spray at a net rate of not less than 0.50 gpm/ft^2 [20.4 (L/min)/m^2] of projected surface area of the equipment.

4-4.3 Flammable and Combustible Liquid Pool Fires.

4-4.3.1 This section shall apply to the control of pool fires resulting from a flammable or combustible liquid spill.

4-4.3.2 The water spray system shall be designed to apply a net rate of not less than 0.30 gpm/ft^2 [12.2 (L/min)/m^2] of protected area.

4-5 Exposure Protection.

4-5.1* General.

4-5.1.1* A system for exposure protection shall operate as intended for the anticipated duration of the exposure fire.

4-5.2* Vessels.

4-5.2.1 Water spray shall be applied to vessel surfaces (including top and bottom surfaces of vertical vessels) at a net rate of not less than 0.25 gpm/ft^2 [10.2 (L/min)/m^2] of exposed surface.

4-5.2.2 The vertical distance between nozzles shall not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m) where rundown is contemplated for vertical or inclined surfaces.

4-5.2.3 The horizontal distance between nozzles shall be such that spray patterns meet or overlap at the protected surface.

4-5.2.4 Spherical or horizontal cylindrical surfaces below the vessel equator shall not be considered wettable from rundown.

4-5.2.5 Where projections (manhole flanges, pipe flanges, support brackets, relief valves, etc.) will obstruct water spray coverage, including rundown on vertical surfaces, additional nozzles shall be installed around the projections to maintain the wetting pattern that otherwise would be seriously interrupted.

4-5.2.6 All uninsulated vessel skirts and any uninsulated steel saddles greater than 12 in. (305 mm) high at the lowest point shall have water spray applied on one exposed (uninsulated) side, at a net rate of not less than 0.25 gpm/ft^2 [10.2 (L/min)/m^2].

4-5.3 Structures and Miscellaneous Equipment.

4-5.3.1* Horizontal Structural Steel. Horizontal, stressed (primary) structural steel members shall be protected by nozzles and piping of such size and arrangement to discharge a net rate of not less than 0.10 gpm/ft^2 [4.1 (L/min)/m^2] over the wetted area. (*See Figure 4-5.3.1.*)

Exception No. 1: Structural steel that has been encased in a fire-resistant insulating material to provide a level of fire resistance acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

Exception No. 2: Structural steel that has been analyzed and determined, through calculations performed by or under the supervision of a registered professional engineer, to withstand the worst-case postulated fire. These calculations shall verify that the temperature of the steel members does not exceed that which would compromise structural integrity. The calculation methodology shall be acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

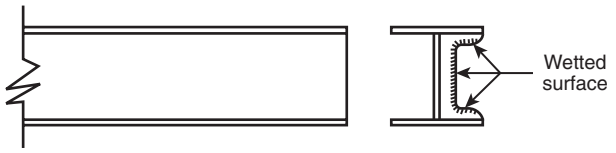


Figure 4-5.3.1 The wetted surface of a structural member (a beam or column) is defined as one side of the web and the inside surface of one side of the flanges as shown above.

4-5.3.2* Vertical Structural Steel. Vertical structural steel members shall be protected by nozzles and piping of such size and arrangement as to discharge a net rate of not less than 0.25 gpm/ft^2 [10.2 (L/min)/m^2] over the wetted area. (*See Figure 4-5.3.1.*)

Exception No. 1: Structural steel that has been encased in a fire-resistant insulating material to provide a level of fire resistance acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

Exception No. 2: Structural steel that has been analyzed and determined, through calculations performed by or under the supervision of a registered professional engineer, to withstand the worst-case postulated fire. These calculations shall verify that the temperature of the steel members does not exceed that which would compromise structural integrity. The calculation methodology shall be acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

4-5.3.3 Metal Pipe, Tubing, and Conduit.

4-5.3.3.1 Water spray intended to protect metal pipe, tubing, and conduit in racks shall be directed toward the underside of the pipes, tubes, and conduit.

Exception: Water spray protection shall be permitted to be applied to the top of pipes on racks where water spray piping cannot be installed below the rack due to the possibility of physical damage or where space is inadequate for proper installation.

4-5.3.3.2 The levels protected and the densities required shall be in accordance with Table 4-5.3.3.2.

4-5.3.3.3 Nozzles shall be selected and positioned such that spray patterns meet or overlap at the protected surface for the entire width of the rack.

4-5.3.3.4 Nozzles shall be positioned no more than 2 $^1/_2$ ft (0.8 m) below the bottom of the level being protected.

4-5.3.3.5 Where the rack horizontal support members create an obstruction to the spray pattern, nozzles shall be spaced within the bays.

Table 4-5.3.3.2 Protection of Metal Pipe, Tubing, and Conduit

Number of Rack Levels	Plan View Density at Lowest Level — gpm/ft^2 [(L/min)/m^2] (Note 1)	Plan View Density at Upper Level(s) — gpm /ft^2 [(L/min)/m^2] (Note 1)	Levels Requiring Nozzles
1	0.25 (10.2)	N/A	All
2	0.20 (8.2)	0.15 (6.1)	All
3, 4, or 5	0.20 (8.2)	0.15 (6.1)	Alternate (Note 2)
6 or more	0.20 (8.2)	0.10 (4.1)	Alternate (Note 2)

NOTE 1: The table values contemplate exposure from a spill fire.
NOTE 2: Water spray shall be applied to the underside of the top level even if located immediately above a protected level.

4-5.3.3.6 Vertical structural supports shall be protected in accordance with 4-5.3.2.

4-5.3.3.7 Vertically stacked piping shall be protected by water spray directed at one side (vertical plane) of the piping at a net rate of not less than 0.15 gpm/ft^2 [6.1 (L/min)/m^2].

4-5.3.4 Cable Trays and Cable Runs. Where insulated wire, cable, or nonmetallic tubing in open trays or runs is to be protected by water spray from a spill fire exposure, a net rate of not less than 0.30 gpm/ft^2 [12.2 (L/min)/m^2] of projected horizontal or vertical plane area containing the cables or tubes shall be provided. Water spray nozzles shall be arranged to supply water at this rate both over and under (or to the front and rear of) cable or tubing runs and to the racks and supports.

Exception No. 1: Where flame shields equivalent to $^1/_{16}$-in. (1.6-mm) thick steel plate are mounted below cable or tubing runs, the water density requirements shall be permitted to be reduced to a net rate of not less than 0.15 gpm/ft^2 [6.1 (L/min)/m^2] over the upper surface of the cable or rack. The steel plate or equivalent flame shield shall be wide enough to extend at least 6 in. (152 mm) beyond the side rails of the tray or rack in order to deflect flames or heat emanating from spills below cable or conduit runs.

Exception No. 2: Where other water spray nozzles are arranged to extinguish, control, or cool exposing liquid surfaces, the water spray density shall be permitted to be reduced to a net rate of not less than 0.15 gpm/ft^2 [6.1 (L/min)/m^2] over the upper surface, front, or back of the cable or tubing tray or run.

4-5.4 Transformers.

4-5.4.1* Transformer protection shall provide complete water spray impingement on all exposed exterior surfaces.

Exception No. 1: Where there is insufficient space to install water spray nozzles underneath transformers such that the water spray cannot directly impinge upon the bottom surfaces, it shall be permitted to protect the surfaces underneath the transformer by horizontal projection or by nozzles directed to cool the area below the transformer projections.

Exception No. 2: As permitted by 4-5.4.4.

4-5.4.2 The water shall be applied at a net rate not less than 0.25 gpm/ft^2 [10.2 (L/min)/m^2] of projected area of rectangular prism envelope for the transformer and its appurtenances, and not less than 0.15 gpm/ft^2 [6.1 (L/min)/m^2] on the expected nonabsorbing ground surface area of exposure.

4-5.4.2.1 Water spray application as specified in 4-5.4.2 shall be provided for special configurations, conservator tanks, pumps, etc.

4-5.4.2.2 Where transformer components create spaces greater than 12 in. (305 mm) in width, the surfaces shall be individually protected.

Exception: Where there is insufficient clearance to achieve direct impingement, it shall be permitted to protect the surfaces underneath the transformer by horizontal projection or by nozzles directed to cool the area below the transformer projections.

4-5.4.2.3 The water supply shall be capable of supplying both the design flow rate and 250 gpm (946 L/min) for hose streams for a minimum duration of 1 hour.

4-5.4.3 Water spray piping shall not be routed across the top of the transformer tank or across the face of the transformer cabinet.

Exception: Where impingement cannot be accomplished with any other configuration and the required distance from live electrical components is maintained. (See 3-1.2.)

4-5.4.4 Nozzles shall be positioned such that the water spray does not envelop energized bushings or lightning arresters by direct impingement.

Exception: Direct impingement shall be permitted when authorized by the manufacturer or manufacturer's literature and the owner.

4-6* Prevention of Fire.

4-6.1 The system shall operate as intended for the time necessary to dissolve, dilute, disperse, or cool flammable vapors, gases, or hazardous materials. The duration of release of the flammable materials shall be included in the determination of the water spray duration time.

4-6.2 The minimum net rate of application shall be based upon experience with the product or upon actual test data.

4-7 Combined Systems.

4-7.1* General. The sprinkler system portion of combined systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.* The water spray portion of any combined system shall be designed and installed in accordance with this standard.

4-7.2* Design.

4-7.2.1 The system demand shall include the simultaneous hydraulic demand from all sprinklers and water spray nozzles on the system.

4-7.2.2 The water spray component of the combined demand shall not reduce the minimum required sprinkler discharge density.

4-8 Automatic Detection Equipment.

4-8.1* General. Detection systems providing an actuation signal to fixed water spray systems shall be designed in accordance with NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

Exception: The spacing, location, and position of detectors shall be in accordance with 3-5.2.

4-8.2* Selection. Care shall be exercised in the selection and adjustment of detection equipment to ensure proper operation and to guard against premature operation of the system from normally fluctuating conditions. Particular care shall be taken to compensate for nonfire temperature fluctuations.

4-8.3* Response Time. The detection system shall be designed to cause actuation of the system actuation valve to operate with no unnecessary delay.

Exception: Some detection circuits shall be permitted to be deliberately desensitized in order to override unusual ambient conditions.

Chapter 5 Plans and Hydraulic Calculations

5-1 General.

5-1.1 Hydraulic calculations shall be conducted as part of the design of the piping system to determine that the required pressure and flow is available at each nozzle.

5-1.2* Minimum operating pressure of any nozzle protecting outdoor hazards shall be 20 psi (1.4 bars). Nozzles protecting interior hazards shall operate in accordance with their listing.

5-1.3* Correction for velocity pressure shall be included in the calculations.

Exception: The calculations shall be permitted to ignore velocity pressure corrections where the velocity pressure does not exceed 5 percent of the total pressure at each junction point.

5-2 Working Plans.

5-2.1 Working plans shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction before any equipment is installed or remodeled. Deviation from approved plans shall require permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

5-2.1.1 Working plans, including elevations, shall be drawn to an indicated scale, show all essential details, and include the following pertinent data as a minimum:

(a) The dates of initial submission and revisions.

(b) The name of the owner and occupant.

(c) The name and address of the contractor and layout technician.

(d) The location, including the street address.

(e) The point of the compass.

(f) The full height cross section.

(g) The structural features.

(h) The relative elevations of nozzles, junction points, and supply or reference points.

(i) Full information concerning water supplies, including pumps, underground mains, earthquake protection, etc., and flow test results.

(j) The make, type, size, location, position, and direction of spray nozzles.

(k) The make, type, model, and size of the system actuation valve, control valve, or special system valve. The method of control valve supervision shall be indicated on the plans.

(l) The type and location of alarm devices to be provided. The type and location of the control panel.

(m) The number of each size and type of spray nozzles on each system.

(n) The type of pipe and schedule of wall thickness, lengths of pipe, and whether center to center or cutting lengths are shown.

(o) The size and type of all fittings. The dimensions and locations of shop welded sections.

(p) The sensing devices for detection including the type, arrangement, and location.

(q) The hydraulic reference points shown on the plan shall correspond with comparable reference points on the hydraulic calculation sheets.

(r) The calculated system demand at a reference point.

(s) The total designed water demand with the number of systems designed to operate simultaneously at a reference point, preferably the source of supply, including hose streams and other fire protection equipment.

(t) The density requirements and hazard surface calculation, where applicable.

(u) The design objective of the system.

(v) The make, type, and location of hangers, supports, sleeves, sway bracing, and inserts.

(w) All control and check valves, strainers, drain pipes, and test pipes.

(x) A graphic representation of the scale used on all plans.

(y) The weight or class, lining, and size of underground pipe and the depth that the top of the pipe is to be laid below grade.

(z) Provisions for flushing underground pipe.

(aa) Accurate and complete layout of the hazard to be protected.

5-2.1.2 When the equipment to be installed is an addition or change, enough of the old system shall be indicated on the plans to make all conditions clear.

5-3* Hydraulic Calculations.

5-3.1 Hydraulic calculations shall be prepared on forms that include a summary sheet, detailed worksheet, and a graph sheet.

5-3.2* Summary Sheet. The summary sheet (for sample summary sheet, see Figure A-5-3.2) shall contain the following information where applicable:

(a) The date;

(b) The location;

(c) The name of the owner and occupant;

(d) The building or plant number;

(e) The description of the hazard;

(f) The name and address of the contractor and calculator;

(g) The name of authority having jurisdiction;

(h) The design purpose;

(i) The rates of the water application (density) and applied areas in gpm/ft^2[(L/min)/m^2];

(j) The total system water requirements as calculated, including allowance for hose streams;

(k) The total designed water demand with number of systems designed to operate simultaneously at a reference point, preferably the source of supply, including hose streams and other fire protection equipment; and

(l) Water supply information.

5-3.3* Detailed Worksheets. Detailed worksheets or computer printout sheets (for sample worksheet, see Figure A-5-3.3) shall contain the following information:

(a) The sheet number, date, job number, and identification of calculations covered;

(b) The description of discharge constant (K) (or provide the discharge curve or tabulation) for each nozzle type;

(c) The hydraulic reference points;

(d) The flow in gpm (L/min);

(e) The pipe size in in. (mm);

(f) The pipe lengths, center to center of fittings (or cut lengths) in ft (m);

(g) The equivalent pipe lengths for fittings and devices in ft (m);

(h) The friction loss in psi (bars) between reference points;

(i) The total friction loss in psi (bars) between reference points;

(j) The elevation head in psi (bars) between reference points;

(k) The required pressure in psi (bars) at each reference point;

(l) The velocity pressure and normal pressure if included in calculations;

(m) Notes to indicate starting points, reference to other sheets, or to clarify data shown;

(n) The combined K factor calculations for nozzles on drops, armovers, or sprigs where calculations do not begin at a nozzle; and

(o) When extending existing equipment, hydraulic calculations are to be furnished indicating the previous design, volume, and pressure at points of connection, and adequate additional calculations to indicate effect on existing systems.

5-3.4* Graph Sheet. The graph sheet shall be plotted on semi-logarithmic graph paper ($Q^{1.85}$). Water supply curves and system requirements, plus hose demand if required, shall be plotted to present a graphic summary of the complete hydraulic calculation. (*For sample graph sheet, see Figure A-5-3.4.*)

5-4 Water Supply Information. The following information shall be included on the plans and calculations:

(a) The location and elevation of static and residual test gauge, with relation to the system actuation valve reference point;

(b) The flow location;

(c) The static pressure, psi (bars);

(d) The residual pressure, psi (bars);

(e) The flow, gpm (L/min);

(f) The date;

(g) The time;

(h) The source of water flow test information; and

(i) Other sources of water supply, with pressure or elevation.

5-5 Hydraulic Calculation Procedures.

5-5.1 Formulae.

5-5.1.1 Friction Loss Formula. Pipe friction losses shall be determined on the basis of the Hazen and Williams formula:

$$p = \frac{4.52Q^{1.85}}{C^{1.85}d^{4.87}}$$

where p is the frictional resistance in psi per foot of pipe, Q is the flow in gpm, d is the actual internal diameter of pipe in inches, and C is the friction loss coefficient;

$$P_m = 6.05 \times \frac{Q_m{}^{1.85}}{C^{1.85}d_m{}^{4.87}} \times 10^5$$

where P_m is the frictional resistance in bars per meter of pipe, Q_m is the flow in L/min, d_m is the actual internal diameter in mm, and C is the friction loss coefficient.

5-5.1.2* Velocity Pressure Formula. The velocity pressure shall be determined on the basis of the formula:

$$P_v = \frac{0.001123Q^2}{D^4}$$

where P_v is the velocity pressure in psi, Q is the flow in gpm, and D is the inside diameter in inches.

5-5.1.3 Normal Pressure Formula. Normal pressure shall be determined on the basis of the formula:

$$P_n = P_t - P_v$$

where P_n is the normal pressure in psi (bars), P_t is the total pressure in psi (bars), and P_v is the velocity pressure in psi (bars).

5-5.1.4 Hydraulic Junction Points. Hydraulic junction point calculations shall be balanced within 0.5 psi (0.03 bar). The highest pressure at the junction point, and the total flows as adjusted, shall be carried into the calculations. Hydraulic junction point calculations, except for loops, shall be balanced to the higher pressure by the formula:

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \sqrt{\frac{P_1}{P_2}}$$

(corrected for elevations)

5-5.1.5 Nozzle Discharge Formula. The discharge of a nozzle shall be calculated by the formula:

$$Q = K\sqrt{P}$$

where Q is the gpm flowing from the nozzle, K is the nozzle K-factor, and P is the total pressure in psi at the flow Q;

$$Q_m = K_m\sqrt{P_m}$$
$$\text{where } K_m = 14.4\ K$$

where Q_m is the flow in L/min, K_m is the nozzle K-factor, and P_m is the total pressure in bars at the flow Q_m.

Exception: The normal pressure (P_n), calculated by subtracting the velocity pressure (P_v) from the total pressure (P_t), shall be permitted to be used to calculate the nozzle discharge, unless nozzle is an end nozzle, when normal pressure (P_n) is permitted per Section 5-1.3 Exception.

5-5.2 Equivalent Pipe Lengths of Valves and Fittings.

5-5.2.1 Table 5-5.2.1 shall be used to determine equivalent lengths of valves and fittings, unless the manufacturer's test data indicates that other factors are appropriate.

5-5.2.2 Specific friction loss values or equivalent pipe lengths for system actuation valves and other devices shall be made available to the authority having jurisdiction.

5-5.3* Calculation Procedure.

5-5.3.1 Worksheets shall be provided to show the flow and pressure for all nozzles and junction points to the water supply.

Table 5-5.2.1 Equivalent Pipe Length Chart

Fittings and Valves	Fittings and Valves Expressed in Equivalent Feet (m) of Pipe						
	3/4 in.	1 in.	1 1/4 in.	1 1/2 in.	2 in.	2 1/2 in.	3 in.
45° Elbow	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	3 (0.9)
90° Standard Elbow	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	7 (2.1)
90° Long Turn Elbow	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)
Tee or Cross (Flow Turned 90°)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	8 (2.4)	10 (3.1)	12 (3.7)	15 (4.6)
Gate Valve	—	—	—	—	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Butterfly Valve	—	—	—	—	6 (1.8)	7 (2.1)	10 (3.1)
Swing Check*	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	7 (2.1)	9 (2.7)	11 (3.4)	14 (4.3)	16 (4.9)

Fittings and Valves	Fittings and Valves Expressed in Equivalent Feet (m) of Pipe						
	3 1/2 in.	4 in.	5 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.
45° Elbow	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	7 (2.1)	9 (2.7)	11 (3.4)	13 (4.0)
90° Standard Elbow	8 (2.4)	10 (3.1)	12 (3.7)	14 (4.3)	18 (5.5)	22 (6.7)	27 (8.2)
90° Long Turn Elbow	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	8 (2.4)	9 (2.7)	13 (4.0)	16 (4.9)	18 (5.5)
Tee or Cross (Flow Turned 90°)	17 (5.2)	20 (6.1)	25 (7.6)	30 (9.2)	35 (10.7)	50 (15.3)	60 (18.3)
Gate Valve	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)
Butterfly Valve	—	12 (3.7)	9 (2.7)	10 (3.1)	12 (3.7)	19 (5.8)	21 (6.4)
Swing Check*	19 (5.8)	22 (6.7)	27 (8.2)	32 (9.8)	45 (13.7)	55 (16.8)	65 (19.8)

*Due to the variations in design of swing check valves, the pipe equivalents indicated in the above chart are to be considered average.
Use with Hazen and Williams, C = 120 only. For other values of C, the figures in Table 5-5.2.1 should be multiplied by the factors indicated below:

Value of C	100	120	130	140
Multiplying Factor	0.713	1.00	1.16	1.32

(This is based upon the friction loss through the fitting being independent of the C factor applicable to the piping.)

Specific friction loss values or equivalent pipe lengths for alarm values, dry-pipe valves, deluge valves, strainers, and other devices or fittings should be made available to the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE 1: Use the equivalent feet (m) value for the "standard elbow" on any abrupt 90° turn such as the screw-type pattern. Use the equivalent feet (m) value for the "long turn elbow" on any sweeping 90° turn such as flanged, welded, or mechanical joint elbow type.

NOTE 2: For internal pipe diameters different from schedule 40 steel pipe, the equivalent feet shown shall be multiplied by a factor derived from the following formula:

$$\left[\frac{\text{Actual inside diameter}}{\text{Schedule 40 steel pipe inside diameter}}\right]^{4.87} = \text{Factor}$$

5-5.3.2 A graph sheet shall be included with the calculations in accordance with 5-3.4.

5-5.3.3 The friction loss for all pipes, and devices such as valves, meters, and strainers, shall be included in the calculation. A legend of the symbols used for all devices shall be included.

5-5.3.4 The loss of all fittings shall be calculated where a change in direction of the flow occurs as follows:

(a) The loss for a tee or a cross shall be calculated where the flow direction change occurs, based upon the equivalent pipe length for the smaller size of the tee or cross in the path of the turn. Loss for that portion of the flow that passes straight through the run of a tee or a cross shall not be included.

(b) The loss of reducing elbows shall be calculated based upon the equivalent length value in feet of the smallest outlet.

(c) Friction loss shall be excluded for tapered reducers and for the fitting directly supplying the spray nozzle.

5-5.3.5 Elevation changes affecting the discharge or the total required pressure, or both, shall be included in the calculations at the point of occurrence.

5-5.3.6 The water allowance for hose stream(s), where served from the same supply, shall be added to the system requirement at the system connection to the supply main. The total water requirement shall then be calculated to a known water supply reference point.

5-5.3.7 Orifice plates shall not be used for balancing the system.

5-5.3.8 Pipe friction loss shall be calculated in accordance with the Hazen and Williams formula, using "C" values as shown in Table 5-5.3.8. These calculations contemplate the use of the actual pipe internal diameter in the formula.

Exception: Where the authority having jurisdiction requires the use of other "C" values.

Table 5-5.3.8

Pipe or Tube	Hazen and Williams "C" Value*
Unlined Cast or Ductile Iron	100
Black Steel (wet systems)	120
Galvanized (all)	120
Plastic (listed) - Underground	150
Cement Lined Cast or Ductile Iron	140
Copper Tube or Stainless Steel	150

*The authority having jurisdiction may recommend other "C" values.
SI Units: 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 0.305 m.

Chapter 6 Water Supplies

6-1* General. Every water spray system shall have at least one automatic water supply.

6-2 Volume and Pressure.

6-2.1 The water supplies shall be reliable and capable of providing the required flow and pressure for the required duration, including systems designed to operate simultaneously, as specified in Chapter 4.

6-2.2 For water supply distribution systems, an allowance for the flow rate of other fire protection water requirements shall be made in determining the total water supply requirement.

6-3 Acceptable Water Supply Systems.

6-3.1* Water for water spray systems shall be from reliable water supplies, such as:

(a) Connections to waterworks systems, in accordance with NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*;

(b) Gravity tanks, in accordance with NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*;

(c) Fire pumps with adequate and reliable water supply, in accordance with NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pumps*; and

(d) Pressure tanks, in accordance with NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection* and NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, sized per the hydraulically calculated method.

Chapter 7 System Acceptance

7-1 Certification. The contractor shall prepare and submit a set of as-built drawings and hydraulic calculations of the system, maintenance and instruction bulletins, and the applicable parts of the Contractor's Material and Test Certificates covering material and tests (*see NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, and NFPA 24, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*) certifying that the work has been completed and tested in accordance with plans and specifications.

7-2 Flushing of Pipe.

7-2.1* Supply Piping. Underground mains and lead-in connections to system risers shall be flushed thoroughly before connection is made to system piping in order to remove foreign materials that might have entered the underground mains or connections during the course of the installation or that might have been present in existing piping. The minimum flow rate shall be at least that necessary to provide a velocity of 10 ft/sec. (*See Table 7-2.1.*)

Exception: Where the system cannot provide a velocity of 10 ft/sec, then the supply piping shall be flushed at the maximum flow rate available to the system under fire conditions.

Table 7-2.1 Flow Required to Produce a Velocity of 10 ft/sec (3 m/s) in Pipes

Pipe Size (in.)	Flow (gpm)	(L/min)
4	390	1476
6	880	3331
8	1560	5905
10	2440	9235
12	3520	13,323

7-2.2 The flushing operations for all systems shall be continued for a sufficient time to ensure thorough cleaning.

7-2.3 All system piping shall be flushed.

Exception: Where flushing is not possible, cleanliness shall be determined by internal visual examination.

7-3 Hydrostatic Pressure Tests. All new system piping shall be hydrostatically tested in accordance with the provisions of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.*

7-4 Operating Tests.

7-4.1 Performance. Operation tests shall be conducted to ensure that the water spray system(s) will respond as designed, both automatically and manually.

7-4.2* Response Time. Under test conditions, the heat detection system, where exposed to a heat source or pilot sprinkler line test valve opened, shall operate the system actuation valve within 40 seconds. Under test conditions, the flammable gas detection system shall operate within the time frame specified in the system design. (*See Chapter 4.*) These times shall be recorded.

Exception: Ultra high-speed water spray systems shall comply with 9-2.2.

7-4.3 Discharge Tests on Systems with Open Nozzles.

7-4.3.1 The water discharge patterns from all of the spray nozzles shall be observed to ensure that patterns are not impeded by plugging of the nozzles and to ensure that nozzles are properly positioned and that their discharge patterns are not obstructed from effectively wetting surfaces to be protected.

7-4.3.2* Pressure readings shall be recorded at the most remote nozzle to ensure the water flow has not been impeded. A second pressure reading shall be recorded at the system actuation valve to ensure the water supply is adequate. These readings shall be compared to the design criteria to determine proper operation of the system.

7-4.3.3 The time lapse between operation of the detection systems and water flow at the most remote water spray nozzle shall be recorded.

Exception: Ultra high-speed water spray systems shall comply with 9-2.2.

7-4.4 Manual Operation. Each manual actuation device shall be tested.

7-4.5 Multiple Systems. The maximum number of systems that would be expected to operate in case of fire shall be tested simultaneously to determine the adequacy and condition of the water supply.

Chapter 8 System Maintenance

8-1 General. A water spray system installed in accordance with this standard shall be properly maintained in accordance with NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, and NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, to provide at least the same level of performance and protection as designed. The owner shall be responsible for maintaining the system and keeping the system in good operating condition.

Chapter 9 Ultra High-Speed Water Spray Systems

9-1 General.

9-1.1* Ultra high-speed water spray systems are intended to be used for the extinguishment or control of deflagrations in open, unconfined areas or within process equipment.

9-1.2* Ultra high-speed water spray systems shall not be used for the extinguishment or control of detonations, or for the suppression of deflagrations in enclosed or confined vessels for purposes of limiting overpressurization.

Exception: Systems shall be permitted to be used to prevent a deflagration from transitioning to a detonation.

9-1.3 Design Guides. Ultra high-speed water spray systems shall conform to the applicable requirements of the standards of the National Fire Protection Association listed in Section 4-1.

9-2 Response Time

9-2.1 Response time shall be the time for system operation from the presentation of an energy source to the detector to flow of water from the water spray nozzle being tested.

9-2.2 Ultra high-speed water spray systems shall be designed to have a response time of not more than 100 milliseconds.

Exception: Systems requiring faster response times based on the hazard being protected.

9-2.3 In order to meet the response time criteria, ultra high-speed water spray systems shall utilize water-filled piping.

9-3 Design Considerations.

9-3.1 System Types.

9-3.1.1* Local Application. Local application is the application of ultra high-speed water spray on a specific point or points of likely ignition, such as a cutting, mixing, or grinding operation. Nozzle(s) shall be placed as close to the point of likely ignition as possible.

9-3.1.2* Area Application. Area application is the application of ultra high-speed water spray over a specific floor area or over the surface area of a specific object. This shall be accomplished by spacing nozzles in such a way that the minimum density is applied uniformly over the entire hazard area.

9-3.1.3* Dual Application System. A system that uses both the local and area application concepts shall be permitted.

9-3.1.4* Personnel Protection. Where protection of personnel is required, coverage by the ultra high-speed water spray system shall include locations where personnel are expected to be within the hazard area and their immediate means of egress.

9-3.2 Flow and Density.

9-3.2.1 Local Application. The design shall produce a flow rate of not less than 25 gpm (95 L/min) per nozzle at the point of water application.

Exception: Where higher flow rates are required based on test data or information, the higher rates shall be used.

9-3.2.2* Area Application. The minimum design density shall be 0.50 gpm/ft^2 [2 (L/min)/m^2] of area covered by ultra high-speed water spray.

Exception: Where higher application rates are required based on test data or information, the higher rates shall be used.

9-3.3 Design Pressure. Operating pressure at the hydraulically most remote nozzle shall be not less than 50 psi (3.5 bar). Static pressure maintained on the system prior to system actuation shall be maintained at a pressure no less than 50 psi (3.5 bar).

Exception: For systems utilizing blow-off caps or rupture disks on the nozzles, the system static pressure shall not exceed 75 percent of the rating of the lowest rated blow-off caps or rupture disks.

9-3.4* System Volume Limitation. No larger than a 500 gal (1893 L) system capacity shall be controlled by one system actuation valve.

Exception: System capacity shall be permitted to exceed 500 gal (1893 L) if the system design is such that the system response time required by 9-2.2 is met.

9-3.5 Duration. Systems shall have a duration sufficient for safe evacuation of personnel from the protected area, but in no case shall the duration be less than 15 minutes.

9-3.6 Fire Hose Connection. Hose connections shall not be permitted to be supplied by the ultra high-speed water spray system.

9-3.7 System Operation. Systems shall be designed to operate automatically with supplementary manual actuation means provided.

9-3.8 Discharge Delays.

9-3.8.1 Timers. Timers or similar devices to delay system activation shall not be permitted.

9-3.8.2* Water Supply. The water supply pressure for a properly functioning ultra high-speed water spray system shall be maintained such that it is available at the time a system functions.

9-3.9 Nozzle Placement.

9-3.9.1* Nozzles shall be located as close as practicable to the protected area or likely point, or points, of ignition.

9-3.9.2 Nozzles shall be positioned to provide complete water spray impingement for the protected area or likely point, or points, of ignition.

9-3.9.3 Local application systems requiring two or more nozzles shall have nozzles positioned in a counter-opposed fashion for the most efficient water spray coverage of the hazard and the most efficient distribution of water onto the hazard. (*See Figure A-9-3.1.1.*)

9-3.9.3.1 Nozzles shall be positioned in such a way that burning materials are not propelled toward personnel and so that personnel and material-in-process cannot impede or block water flow.

9-3.9.4 Nozzle locations that are subject to mechanical damage shall be suitably protected.

9-3.10* System Actuation Valves and Accessories.

9-3.10.1* System actuation valves and accessories shall be placed as close as practical to the water spray nozzles.

9-3.10.2 System actuation valves shall be readily accessible for maintenance, and shall be protected from physical injury.

9-3.11 Piping.

9-3.11.1 Piping used in ultra high-speed water spray systems shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 2.

Exception: High pressure (3000 psi) flexible metal-jacketed hydraulic hose complying with ASTM shall be permitted to be used to connect nozzles on local application systems.

9-3.11.2* All piping including wet pilot lines shall be sloped at a minimum of 1 in. per 10 ft (25 mm per 3 m) of pipe.

9-3.11.3 Air bleeder valves shall be placed at all piping high points to bleed air trapped in the system.

9-3.11.4 Piping shall be routed as directly as practical from the system actuation valve to the protected area or hazard with the fewest number of fittings and changes of direction.

9-3.12* Hangers. Where excessive pipe movement is anticipated, piping shall be rigidly supported.

9-3.13 Strainers.

9-3.13.1* Systems utilizing pilot-operated nozzles, regardless of nozzle orifice size, shall be equipped with strainers in the main waterway.

9-3.13.2 Pilot lines shall be equipped with a separate strainer capable of removing particles that are 75 percent of the flow orifice in the solenoid.

9-3.14 Detection.

9-3.14.1 General. The detection systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

9-3.14.2 Sensing devices shall be:

(a) Radiant energy sensing devices capable of sensing the expected wavelength emissions of the materials in combustion;

Exception: Other types of sensing devices having equivalent response characteristics shall be permitted to be used.

(b) Protected from physical damage;

(c) Suitable for the electrical area classification where they are installed;

(d) Accessible for testing, cleaning, and maintenance; and

(e) Aimed and adjusted to minimize false actuation.

9-3.14.3 Detection for Local Application. One or more detectors shall be placed as close as physically possible to likely sources of ignition. They shall provide complete detection coverage for the likely point, or points, of ignition and shall not be blocked by shielding, equipment, or personnel.

9-3.14.4 Detection for Area Application. One or more detectors shall be located to provide general coverage for the area occupied by operating personnel, including egress routes and other possible sources of ignition within the space.

9-3.15 Control Panel.

9-3.15.1 The control panel shall conform to the requirements of NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

9-3.15.2 The control panel shall be located in an area protected from physical injury and from electromagnetic energy emitted from other electrical devices that could induce false actuation.

9-3.15.3 Control panel enclosures shall be rated for the ambient environment where they are located.

9-3.16 Wiring. Wiring shall be in compliance with NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*, and NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, in addition to the following requirements:

(a) Circuits between initiating or actuating devices and their controllers shall be shielded.

(b) All wiring between the initiating or actuating devices and the control panel shall be continuous with no splices.

9-4* System Acceptance. The performance of the system shall be tested to verify that the response time criteria in Section 9-2 will be met and that each nozzle provides the correct coverage and flow rate.

9-5 Testing and Maintenance. Ultra high-speed water spray systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, and NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

9-5.1* A maintenance program in addition to the requirements of NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, and NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, shall be established. Systems not in use shall not be required to be periodically tested. However, they shall be tested when put back into service. Records of the tests shall be kept on file at the facility. The following tests shall be conducted in addition to the requirements of NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, and NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code.*

(a) A full operational flow test shall be conducted at intervals not to exceed 1 year, including measurement of response time. The results of tests shall be retained on file for the life of the system. (*See A-9-4 for suggested time testing procedures.*)

(b) Detectors shall be tested and inspected for physical damage and accumulation of deposits on the lenses at least monthly.

(c) Controllers shall be checked at the start of each shift for any faults.

(d) Valves on the water supply line shall be checked at the start of each shift to ensure they are open.

Exception: Valves secured in the open position with a locking device or monitored by a signaling device that will sound a trouble signal at the deluge system control panel or other central location shall not be required to be checked.

9-5.2 Response time testing shall be conducted where required by other sections of this standard.

Chapter 10 Referenced Publications

10-1 The following documents or portions thereof are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document. The edition indicated for each reference is current as of the date of the NFPA issuance of this document.

10-1.1 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 14, *Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 16, *Standard for the Installation of Deluge Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems*, 1995 edition.

NFPA 18, *Standard on Wetting Agents*, 1995 edition.

NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pumps*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*, 1995 edition.

NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, 1995 edition.

NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 49, *Hazardous Chemicals Data*, 1994 edition.

NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention in Use of Cutting and Welding Processes*, 1994 edition.

NFPA 69, *Standard on Explosion Prevention Systems*, 1992 edition.

NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 214, *Standard on Water-Cooling Towers*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 325, *Guide to Fire Hazard Properties of Flammable Liquids, Gases, and Volatile Solids*, 1994 edition.

NFPA 750, *Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems*, 1996 edition.

NFPA 1964, *Standard for Spray Nozzles (Shutoff and Tip)*, 1993 edition.

10-1.2 Other Publications.

10-1.2.1 ANSI Publications. American National Standards Institute, Inc., 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036.

ANSI/ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose*, 1983.

ANSI B16.1, *Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*, 1989.

ANSI B16.3, *Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings*, 1992.

ANSI B16.4, *Gray Iron Threaded Fittings*, 1992.

ANSI B16.5, *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*, 1988.

ANSI B16.9, *Factory-Made Wrought Steel Buttwelding Fittings*, 1993.

ANSI B16.11, *Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded*, 1991.

ANSI B16.18, *Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings*, 1984.

ANSI B16.22, *Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings*, 1989.

ANSI B16.25, *Buttwelding Ends*, 1992.

ANSI B36.10, *Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe*, 1985.

ANSI B36.19M, *Stainless Steel Pipe*, 1985.

ANSI C2, *National Electrical Safety Code*, 1993.

10-1.2.2 ASTM Publications. American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM A 53, *Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless*, 1995.

ASTM A 135, *Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe*, 1993.

ASTM A 182, *Standard Specification for Forged or Rolled Alloy-Steel Pipe Flanges, Forged Fittings, and Valves and Parts for High-Temperature Service*, 1995.

ASTM A 234, *Standard Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures*, 1995.

ASTM A 312, *Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes*, 1994.

ASTM A 536, *Standard Specification for Ductile Iron Castings*, 1984.

ASTM A 795, *Standard Specification for Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Fire Protection Use*, 1995.

ASTM B 75, *Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube*, 1995.

ASTM B 88, *Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube*, 1995.

ASTM B 251, *Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube*, 1993.

10-1.2.3 AWS Publications. American Welding Society, 550 N. W. LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135.

AWS A5.8, *Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding*, 1992.

AWS D10.9, *Specification for Qualification of Welding Procedures and Welders for Piping and Tubing*, 1980.

Appendix A Explanatory Material

This Appendix is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.

A-1-4 Approved. The National Fire Protection Association does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials; nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, the authority having jurisdiction may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. In the absence of such standards, said authority may require evidence of proper installation, procedure, or use. The authority having jurisdiction may also refer to the listings or labeling practices of an organization concerned with product evaluations that is in a position to determine compliance with appropriate standards for the current production of listed items.

A-1-4 Authority Having Jurisdiction. The phrase "authority having jurisdiction" is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

A-1-4 Insulated.

(a) Noncombustible materials affording 2-hr fire ratings under NFPA 251, *Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Endurance of Building Construction and Materials*, will usually satisfy the requirements of Section 1-4 when properly fastened and weather protected.

(b) For equipment, structures, and vessels of nonferrous metals, somewhat lower temperature limits than indicated in Section 1-4 may be required, based upon reliable metallurgical data.

A-1-4 Listed. The means for identifying listed equipment may vary for each organization concerned with product evaluation, some of which do not recognize equipment as listed unless it is also labeled. The authority having jurisdiction should utilize the system employed by the listing organization to identify a listed product.

A-1-4 Water Spray Nozzle. A water spray nozzle is usually a discharge device with an open waterway. However, it is possible for nozzles to be equipped with operating elements such as fusible links or glass bulbs for special applications.

A-1-6 Design Objectives.

(a) Extinguishment of fire by water spray is accomplished by cooling, smothering from produced steam, emulsification of some liquids, dilution in some cases, or a combination of these factors.

(b) Control of fires is accomplished by an application of water spray to the burning materials producing controlled burning. The principle of control may be applied where combustible materials are not susceptible to complete extinguishment by water spray or where complete extinguishment is not considered desirable.

(c) Effective exposure protection is accomplished by application of water spray directly to the exposed structures or equipment to remove or reduce the heat transferred to them from the exposing fire. Water spray curtains are less effective than direct application but can, under favorable conditions, provide some protection against fire exposure through subdivision of fire areas. Unfavorable conditions can include such factors as windage, thermal updrafts, and inadequate drainage.

(d) Start of fire is prevented by the use of water sprays to dissolve, dilute, disperse, or cool flammable materials or to reduce flammable vapor concentrations below the Lower Flammable Limit (LFL).

A-1-7.4 Water Reactive Materials. In special cases, where adequate safeguards have been provided, water spray systems for the protection of structures, equipment, or personnel in the presence of such materials as described in 1-7.4 might be acceptable.

A-2-2.3.3 Painting of spray nozzles can retard the thermal response of the heat-responsive element, can interfere with the free movement of parts, and can render the spray nozzle inoperative. Moreover, painting can invite the application of subsequent coatings, thus increasing the possibility of altering the discharge pattern for all types of nozzles.

A-2-3.2 See Table A-2-3.2.

A-2-3.5 Other types of pipe and tube that have been investigated and listed for water spray applications include lightweight steel pipe. While these products can offer advantages, such as ease of handling and installation, cost-effectiveness, and reduction of friction losses, it is important to recognize that they also have limitations that are to be considered by those contemplating their use or acceptance.

Corrosion studies for lightweight steel pipe have shown that, in comparison to Schedule 40 pipe, its effective life might be reduced, with the level of reduction being related to its wall thickness. Further information with respect to corrosion resistance is contained in the individual listings of such products.

The investigation of pipe and tube other than described in Table 2-3.1 should involve consideration of many factors, including:

(a) Pressure rating;

(b) Beam strength (hangers and spacing);

(c) Unsupported vertical stability;

(d) Movement during system operation (affecting water distribution);

(e) Corrosion (internal and external), chemical and electrolytic;

(f) Resistance to failure where exposed to elevated temperatures;

(g) Methods of joining (strength, permanence, fire hazard); and

(h) Physical characteristics related to integrity during earthquakes.

Table A-2-3.2 Steel Pipe Dimensions

Nominal Pipe Size	Outside Diameter		Schedule 10[1] Inside Diameter		Schedule 10[1] Wall Thickness		Schedule 30 Inside Diameter		Schedule 30 Wall Thickness		Schedule 40 Inside Diameter		Schedule 40 Wall Thickness	
in.	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)
1	1.315	(33.4)	1.097	(27.9)	0.109	(2.8)	_	_	_	_	1.049	(26.6)	0.133	(3.4)
1 1/4	1.660	(42.2)	1.442	(36.6)	0.109	(2.8)	_	_	_	_	1.380	(35.1)	0.140	(3.6)
1 1/2	1.900	(48.3)	1.682	(42.7)	0.109	(2.8)	_	_	_	_	1.610	(40.9)	0.145	(3.7)
2	2.375	(60.3)	2.157	(54.8)	0.109	(2.8)	_	_	_	_	2.067	(52.5)	0.154	(3.9)
2 1/2	2.875	(73.0)	2.635	(66.9)	0.120	(3.0)	_	_	_	_	2.469	(62.7)	0.203	(5.2)
3	3.500	(88.9)	3.260	(82.8)	0.120	(3.0)	_	_	_	_	3.068	(77.9)	0.216	(5.5)
3 1/2	4.000	(101.6)	3.760	(95.5)	0.120	(3.0)	_	_	_	_	3.548	(90.1)	0.226	(5.7)
4	4.500	(114.3)	4.260	(108.2)	0.120	(3.0)	_	_	_	_	4.026	(102.3)	0.237	(6.0)
5	5.563	(141.3)	5.295	(134.5)	0.134	(3.4)	_	_	_	_	5.047	(128.2)	0.258	(6.6)
6	6.625	(168.3)	6.357	(161.5)	0.134[2]	(3.4)	_	_	_	_	6.065	(154.1)	0.280	(7.1)
8	8.625	(219.1)	8.249	(209.5)	0.188[2]	(4.8)	8.071	(205.0)	0.277	(7.0)	_	_	_	_
10	10.75	(273.1)	10.37	(263.4)	0.188[2]	(4.8)	10.14	(257.6)	0.307	(7.8)	_	_	_	_

[1]Schedule 10 defined to 5 in. (127 mm) nominal pipe size by ASTM A 135.
[2]Wall thickness specified in 2-3.2.

A-2-4.6 Rubber-gasketed pipe fittings and couplings should not be installed where ambient temperatures can be expected to exceed 150°F (66°C) unless listed for this service. If the manufacturer further limits a given gasket compound, those recommendations should be followed.

A-2-5.1.2 Some steel piping material having lesser wall thickness than specified in 2-5.1.2 has been listed for use in water spray systems when joined with threaded connections. The service life of such products can be significantly less than that of Schedule 40 steel pipe, and it should be determined if this service life will be sufficient for the application intended.

All such threads should be checked by the installer using working ring gauges conforming to the Basic Dimensions of Ring Gauges for USA (American) Standard Taper Pipe Threads, NPT, in accordance with ANSI/ASME B1.20.1, Table 8.

A-2-5.2 See Figure A-2-5.2(a) and Figure A-2-5.2(b).

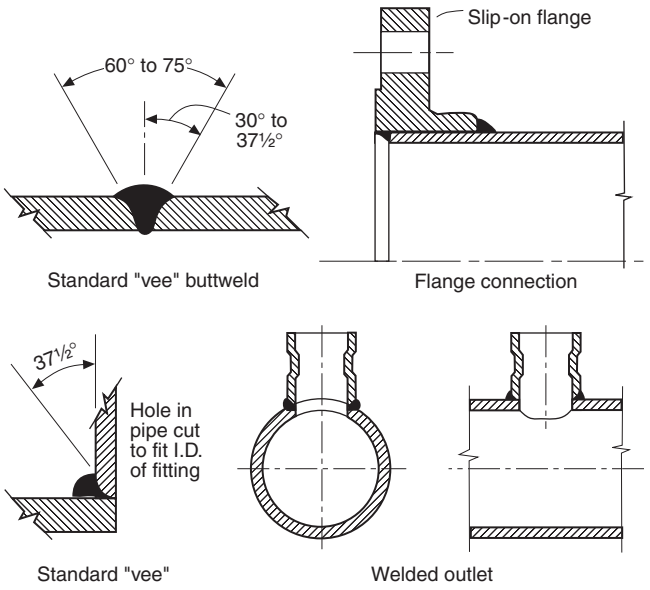


Figure A-2-5.2(a) Acceptable weld joints.

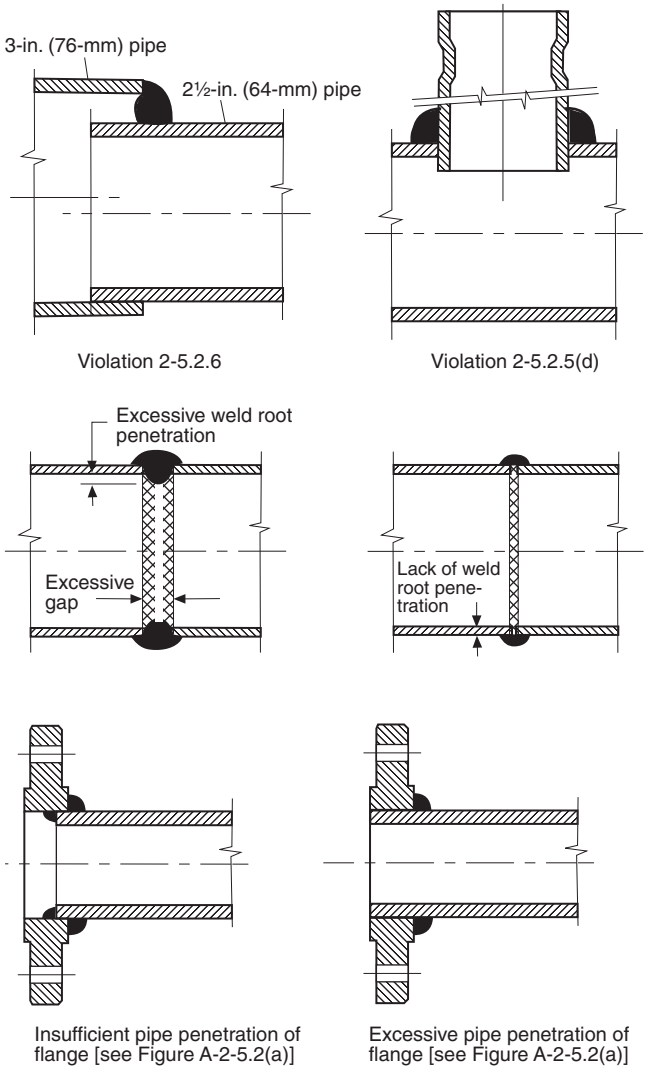


Figure A-2-5.2(b) Unacceptable weld joints.

A-2-5.2.5 (a) Listed, shaped, contoured nipples meet the definition of fabricated fittings.

A-2-5.4 The fire hazard of the brazing process should be suitably safeguarded.

A-2-7.2.1 These valves include, but are not limited to, deluge valves, alarm check valves, preaction valves, and high-speed valves.

A-2-7.2.2 Accessories might include:

(a) Manual emergency stations,

(b) Flammable gas detectors,

(c) Smoke detectors,

(d) Heat detectors,

(e) Fire detectors, or

(f) Control panels.

Where installing wet pilot systems, special attention should be given to height limitations above the system actuation valve due to concern of water column. Refer to manufacturer's information and listing.

A-2-7.2.3 Manual means of actuation can include pneumatic, hydraulic, electrical, mechanical, or any combination thereof.

A-2-9.1 The strainer should be capable of continued operation without serious increase in head loss for a period estimated to be ample when considering the type of protection provided, the condition of the water, and similar local circumstances.

A-2-11.3 All alarm apparatus should be located and installed such that all parts are accessible for inspection, removal, and repair, and should be adequately supported.

A-3-1.2 The minimum clearances listed in Table 3-1.2 are for the purpose of electrical clearance under normal conditions; they are not intended for use as "safe" distances during fixed water spray system operation.

The clearances are based upon minimum general practices related to design Basic Insulation Level (BIL) values. To coordinate the required clearance with the electrical design, the design BIL of the equipment being protected should be used as a basis, although this is not material at nominal line voltages of 161 kV or less.

Up to electrical system voltages of 161 kV, the design BIL kV and corresponding minimum clearances, phase to ground, have been established through long usage.

At voltages higher than 161 kV, uniformity in the relationship between design BIL kV and the various electrical system voltages has not been established in practice. For these higher system voltages it has become common practice to use BIL levels dependent on the degree of protection that is to be obtained. For example, in 230 kV systems, BILs of 1050, 900, 825, 750, and 650 kV have been utilized.

Required clearance to ground may also be affected by switching surge duty, a power system design factor that along with BIL should correlate with selected minimum clearances. Electrical design engineers may be able to furnish clearances dictated by switching surge duty. Table 3-1.2 deals only with clearances required by design BIL. The selected clearance to ground should satisfy the greater of switching surge or BIL duty, rather than to be based upon nominal voltage.

Possible design variations in the clearance required at higher voltages are evident in the table, where a range of BIL values is indicated opposite the various voltages in the high voltage portion of the table. However, the clearance between uninsulated energized parts of the electrical system equipment and any portion of the water spray system should not be less than the minimum clearance provided elsewhere for electrical system insulation on any individual component.

A-3-2.1 Water spray systems are usually applied to special fire protection problems beyond the capability of a standard sprinkler system. They are specifically designed for fire control, extinguishment, prevention, or exposure protection. These systems typically require that the water be applied rapidly to all protected surfaces at the same time, an objective that may not be possible with closed nozzles. In addition, to protect specific surfaces, the use of special nozzles with directional discharge is employed. The placement of these nozzles to provide proper coverage is often in conflict with the required placement to ensure prompt operation where automatic nozzles are used. Thus, the standard contemplates that open nozzles will normally be employed and that a separate detection system will be used to actuate the system.

There are cases, however, where it is desirable to use closed nozzles to limit the discharge of water to prevent equipment damage (such as when water spray is used to protect turbine bearings), or there are environmental concerns. Automatic nozzles should only be used where open nozzles present such problems and the position of the nozzles can meet both the coverage and response time design objectives.

A-3-3.2.5 In cases where the piping cannot be supported by structural members, piping arrangements that are essentially self-supporting are often employed together with such hangers as are necessary.

A-3-3.6 Areas considered to have an explosion potential may include those having:

(a) Highly exothermic reactions that are relatively difficult to control, such as nitration, oxidation, halogenation, hydrogenation, alkylation, or polymerization;

(b) Flammable liquids or gases where a flammable vapor or release of more than 10 tons in a 5-minute time period is possible; and

(c) Other particularly hazardous operations where a explosion hazard may exist.

To limit the potential for explosion damage, the following guidelines should be used:

(a) System actuation valves should be remotely located (at least 50 ft) from the area to be protected, housed within a blast resistant valve house or behind a blast wall designed for at least a 3 psig static overpressure.

(b) Piping should be located underground wherever possible. Risers should rise aboveground behind a protecting steel column or other structural element. Other piping should be located behind structural elements providing shielding from explosion overpressures and flying debris.

(c) The number of system actuation valves manifolded together should be limited to no more than three.

(d) Fire water mains should be buried, and accessible post indicator isolation valves should be provided.

(e) All water spray piping $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. (63 mm) or larger should be of the welded-flanged type.

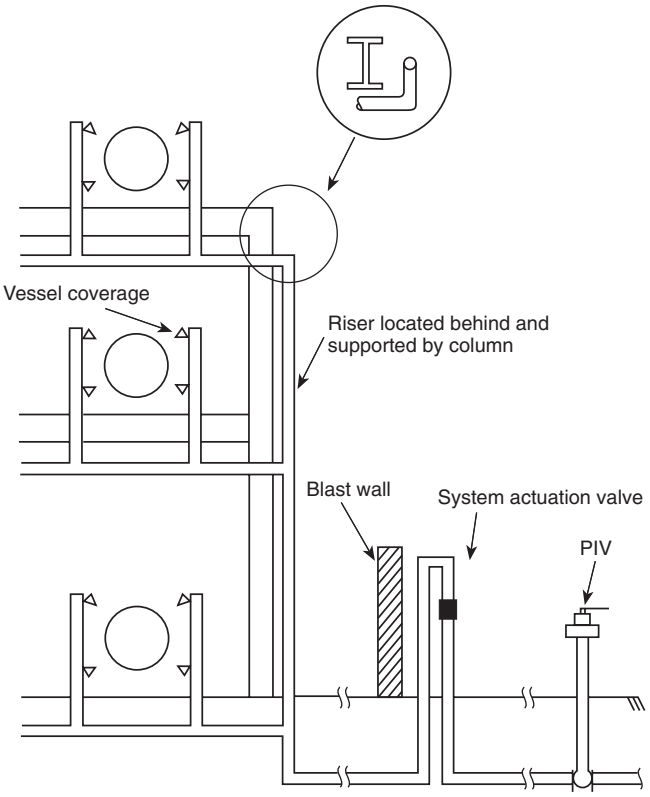


Figure A-3-3.6 Explosion protection of water spray or piping (elevation).

A-3-4.3 Fire Department Connections. Suitable suction provisions can entail the following:

(a) Suitable suction hydrants accessible to apparatus on primary or auxiliary supplies, or both; and

(b) Suitable all-weather landings or locations where pumper apparatus can take suction at surface water supplies.

A-3-4.3.1 Fire department connections should be located and arranged so that hose lines can be readily and conveniently attached without interference from nearby objects including buildings, fences, posts, or other fire department connections. Where a hydrant is not available, other water supply sources such as a natural body of water, a tank, or a reservoir should be utilized. The water authority should be consulted when a nonpotable water supply is proposed as a suction source for the fire department.

A-3-4.6.1 Care should be taken in the selection of strainers, particularly where nozzle waterways are less than $^1/_4$ in. (6.5 mm) in dimension. Consideration should be given to the size of screen perforation, the volume available for accumulation without excessive friction loss, and the facility for inspection and cleaning.

A-3-5.2.3 Where detectors are located outdoors or without a ceiling over them to trap the heat, their spacing should be reduced if prompt detection is to be achieved. In general, thermal detectors are to be located within the hot air currents created by the fire if they are to operate. A 50-percent reduction in the spacing between detectors is required in the absence of test data on a particular detector and fire size. Some guidance might be available from the manufacturer. The sensitivity of other detectors, (e.g., flammable gas detectors) can also be adversely affected by wind or the lack of walls or ceilings surrounding the hazard.

Heat collectors located above the pilot sprinklers or other thermal detectors for the sole purpose of trapping heat are not recommended, they are considered protected canopies (*see 3-5.1.2*). They can provide some benefit if they are of sufficient size (18 in. × 18 in., or larger) to trap heat. Smaller collectors can reduce sensitivity by causing a "dead" air space. However, shields or canopies needed to protect the detector from the weather should not be eliminated because of concerns they might reduce detector sensitivity.

Other types of detectors such as UV detectors that do not rely on air currents to detect a fire or hazardous condition might not require a reduced spacing when used outdoors.

A-3-5.2.7 Use of flammable gas detectors should consider the following:

(a) *Calibration.* Automatic flammable gas detection equipment should be calibrated for the specific flammable gas to be detected.

(b) *Operation — Alarms.* Flammable gas detectors typically are equipped with two independently adjustable alarms for detection of flammable gas. Each unit should be equipped with a visual indication of alarm points, unit malfunction, and normal operation. Typically, the first alarm point is set between 10 percent and 25 percent of the LFL and the second alarm point trips the water spray system between 25 percent and 65 percent of the LFL. Where the analyzers alarm in a continuously manned location, remote manual operation of the water spray system from a continuously manned location is sometimes utilized with the flammable gas analyzers alarming only in lieu of the automatic trip arrangement.

(c) *Inadvertent Activation.* A reduction in the potential to inadvertently activate a system can be attained by designing cross zone activation into the system. With a cross zone activation scheme, the activation of a water spray system is triggered by the "high" alarm condition of any two or more detectors comprising the system.

(d) *Wiring.* Flammable gas detectors should not be wired in series.

(e) *Multiple Channel Systems.* Where a multiple channel flammable gas detector system is utilized, continuous, instantaneous analysis should be provided on all channels and an alarm or trip should be indicated immediately at the analyzer. No more than one water spray system should be actuated by a single multiple channel analyzer.

A-4-1 Water spray system design should conform to the applicable provisions of NFPA 80A, *Recommended Practice for Protection of Buildings from Exterior Fire Exposures*, except where otherwise recommended herein.

A-4-1.3 Prompt operation of the water spray system is needed to meet the design objectives. In most installations, the delivery of effective water spray from all open nozzles should take place within 30 seconds after detection. This may be accomplished by the remote starting of fire pumps. The use of devices such as timers would delay system actuation and negatively affect the system's intended performance.

A-4-1.5.1 Large system size may decrease system reliability and increase transfer time, water wastage, and environmental impact. Large systems should generally be limited to a discharge rate of 2500 gpm to 3000 gpm (9463 L/min to 11,355 L/min).

Table A-4-1.5.2 Determining Design Flow Rate for Multiple Water Spray Fixed Systems

	System 1		System 2		System 3		System 4		System 5		System 6	
Flow	1800 gpm	6813 L/min	2100 gpm	7949 L/min	1950 gpm	7381 L/min	2300 gpm	8706 L/min	2400 gpm	9084 L/min	1700 gpm	6435 L/min
Pressure	80 psi	3.8 kPa	95 psi	4.6 kPa	105 psi	5.0 kPa	100 psi	4.8 kPa	90 psi	4.3 kPa	85 psi	4.1 kPa

NOTE: Flow and pressure required at the point of supply (other common hydraulic point).

Combined System Flow Balanced to Highest Pressure

System	Flow		System	Flow		System	Flow		System	Flow	
	(gpm)	(L/min)		(gpm)	(L/min)		(gpm)	(L/min)		(gpm)	(L/min)
1	2062	7805	2	2208	8357	3	1950	7381	4	2300	8706
2	2208	8357	3	1950	7381	4	2357	8921	5	2530	9576
3	1950	7381	4	2357	8921	5	2592	9811	6	1844	6979
Total	6220	23,542	Total	6515	24,659	Total	6899	26,113	Total	6674	25,261

The combination of Systems 3, 4, and 5 creates the largest flow at the highest pressure at the point of supply (or other common hydraulic point). Therefore, the design flow rate for this installation is selected as 6899 gpm at 105 psi (26,113 L/min at 5.0 kPa). Total water demand would be 6899 (26,113 L/min), plus an allowance for hose stream application.
Systems shall be permitted to be combined in a logical manner such that systems that can be expected to be involved in the same incident and are expected to operate simultaneously are combined to determine the design flow rate.

A-4-1.5.2 Volume and Pressure. For large areas protected by many adjacent systems, it may not be necessary to base the design flow rate on all systems operating simultaneously. Provided that floor drainage is sloped and sectionalized to reduce the flow of flammables to adjacent areas, and assuming that detection systems are carefully designed, the maximum design flow rate could be determined by adding the flow rate for any system to the flow rates for all immediately adjacent systems. (*See example in Table A-4-1.5.2.*) The largest sum determined from considering all logical combinations should be used. This maximum anticipated flow rate basis is valid when the systems selected are judged to represent the worst case situation. Assuming that the above conditions are met, some fires involving several adjacent water spray systems could be adequately controlled with fewer systems operating. Careful engineering judgment should be used in the determination and calculation of the actuation, capacity, and duration of adjacent water spray systems.

A-4-2.1 The rapid removal of spills and fire protection water from the area protected by a water spray system can greatly reduce the amount of fuel involved in a fire. In addition, if water discharge is not controlled, hydrocarbons or other liquid fuels may spread into adjacent areas and increase the size of the fire, exposing additional property and making the fire more difficult to control or extinguish.

An example of a protected hazard that may not require a system for controlling or containing water spray discharge would be a rubber belt conveyor located in an aboveground conveyor housing.

A-4-2.2 Each of the methods listed has advantages and disadvantages. In most cases, a combination of methods should be used in designing an effective control or containment system.

The characteristics of any hazardous materials in the protected area should be considered in the design of a control or containment system, including volume, solubility in water, flammability, reactivity, environmental concerns (e.g., toxicity), and vapor pressure at ambient and normal processing conditions. For example, particular attention should be given to the removal of burning flammable liquids away from process vessels containing reactive materials sensitive to heat.

Curbing, along with appropriate grading, can be of significant benefit in preventing water or burning liquid from spreading horizontally into adjacent areas. Grading should ideally be sloped at a pitch not less than 1 percent away from critical equipment and toward drains, trenches, ditches, or other safe area. Concrete surfacing is most desirable, but other hard surfacing or crushed rock or equivalent is suitable.

Process areas and buildings handling hydrocarbons or hazardous chemicals normally have a closed drain system to capture leaks, spills, normal drainage, wash down, etc. In some cases, it may not be practical to design the closed drain system to accommodate the full flow from the fire protection systems. Additionally, even where designed with adequate capacity, floor drains will often become clogged with debris during a fire. The excess that cannot be carried off by the closed drain system will then overflow to the surface drainage systems, which might include storm sewers, open ditches, streets, or similar features. The proper design of area drainage should anticipate where the excess will flow so that it may be safely routed and controlled.

See NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, for diking requirements for the tank storage of flammable and combustible liquids.

Diking is not a desirable means of containing water spray discharge where buildings, process structures, or important equipment are being protected from exposure to flammable or combustible liquids.

A-4-2.3 Underground or enclosed drains are preferred over open trenches since enclosed drains provide a method of removing spilled liquids from the area without exposing equipment to burning liquids. Further, trenches can act as collection points for heavier-than-air vapors. If used, trenches should be routed in a way that will not carry fire protection water and burning liquids through another fire area. If unavoidable, fire stops (weirs) should be provided in the trench system between the fire areas.

Trenches should be twice as wide as deep, and in no case should the depth exceed the width. Trenches should be provided with covers that are $^1/_3$ open grating and $^2/_3$ solid plate or concrete. (*See Figure A-4-2.3.*)

Drains should be in sufficient number such that the required runoff is handled without formation of significant pools.

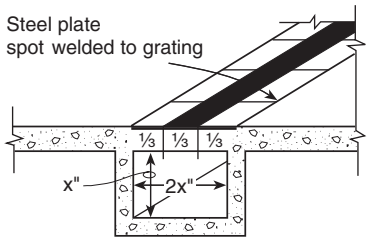


Figure A-4.2.3 Drainage trench detail.

A-4-2.4(a) The actual flow rate may be determined by plotting the demand curve (fixed water supply systems) and the water supply curve on semi-exponential ($N^{1.85}$) graph paper. The intersection of the demand curve and the supply curve provides a realistic estimate of the actual flow rate that would be anticipated.

A-4-2.4(e) Judgment should be used in determining the chance of having a major fire simultaneous with a heavy rainfall. For areas experiencing little rainfall, drainage calculations can ignore rainfall. For areas experiencing frequent rainfall, a flow rate from rainfall may or may not be warranted, depending on the hazards being protected and other factors. If included, a rainfall rate less than the highest anticipated would ordinarily be used, as it is not likely that the maximum fire and rainfall demands would occur simultaneously. The effect of rainfall on the size of any areas designed to contain runoff should also be considered.

A-4-2.5 It is desirable to contain runoff for the anticipated duration of any fire. However, in large chemical or petrochemical facilities, a major fire can last for 8 hours or more, resulting in extremely large holding basins or retention ponds. Where the anticipated incident duration results in retention basins that are of impractical size, methods to limit the duration of runoff may be required.

When an extended duration is anticipated, a duration of 4 hours is usually considered the practical maximum. During that time it is often possible to isolate equipment and reduce the flow rate of water and other materials so that the continuous discharge flow rate is less than the initial flow rate. If a significant amount of flammable materials can be removed from the protected area, it may be possible to shut down water spray systems and manually fight the fire, greatly reducing the amount of material that needs to be contained.

Smaller facilities with limited holdups may not require as long a duration. For example, if the exposing fire is caused by a spill of 500 gal (1893 L) or less, with good drainage and containment systems, the anticipated duration may be as little as 30 minutes to 1 hour. In special circumstances (e.g., involving prompt manual response), an anticipated duration less than 30 minutes would be acceptable.

Finally, other standards and regulations may dictate the amount of containment required. For example, NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, contains requirements for warehouses and other areas containing flammable liquids. Also, local environmental regulations and building codes might contain criteria for duration and amount of material to be collected.

A-4-3.1.2 Extinguishment Methods.

(a) *Surface Cooling.* Where extinguishment by surface cooling is contemplated, the design provides for complete water spray coverage over the entire surface. Surface cooling is not effective on gaseous products or flammable liquids, and is not generally satisfactory for combustible liquids having flash points below 140°F (60°C).

(b) *Smothering by Steam Produced.* Where this effect is contemplated, the intensity of the expected fire should be sufficient to generate adequate steam from the applied water spray, and conditions should be otherwise favorable for the smothering effect. The water spray is to be applied to essentially all the areas of expected fire. This effect should not be contemplated where the material protected could generate oxygen when heated.

(c) *Emulsification.* This effect should be contemplated only for liquids not miscible with water. The water spray should be applied over the entire area of flammable liquids. For those liquids having low viscosities, the coverage should be uniform and the minimum rate required should be applied with the nozzle pressure not less than the minimum on which approval is based. For more viscous materials, the coverage should be complete but need not be so uniform and the unit rate of application may be lower. A water additive that reduces the surface tension of water may be considered where the effect of emulsification is contemplated.

(d) *Dilution.* Where extinguishment by dilution is contemplated, the material should be miscible with water. The application rate should be adequate to effect extinguishment within the required period of time based upon the expected volume of material and the percentage of dilution necessary to render the liquid nonflammable, but not less than that required for control and cooling purposes.

(e) *Other Factors.* The system design may contemplate other extinguishing factors, such as a continuous film of water over the surface where the material is not miscible with water and has a density much greater than 1.0 (such as asphalt, tar, carbon disulfide, and some nitrocellulose solutions). Water spray may also be used on some materials to produce extinguishment as a result of rapid cooling below the temperature at which the material will decompose chemically at a self-sustaining rate.

NOTE: For the effect of droplet size, refer to *Engineering Criteria for Water Mist Fire Suppression Systems*, J. R. Mawhinney, P.E., presented at the Water Mist Fire Suppression Workshop at NIST, March 1–2, 1993.

A-4-3.1.3 Design Density. Limited test data exists that documents the minimum water application rates needed for extinguishment of certain combustibles or flammables. Much additional test work is needed before minimum rates can be established for all materials.

A-4-3.2.2 Interlocks should be provided between the fire detection system and the electrical systems to de-energize all power circuits that are not connected to critical processes.

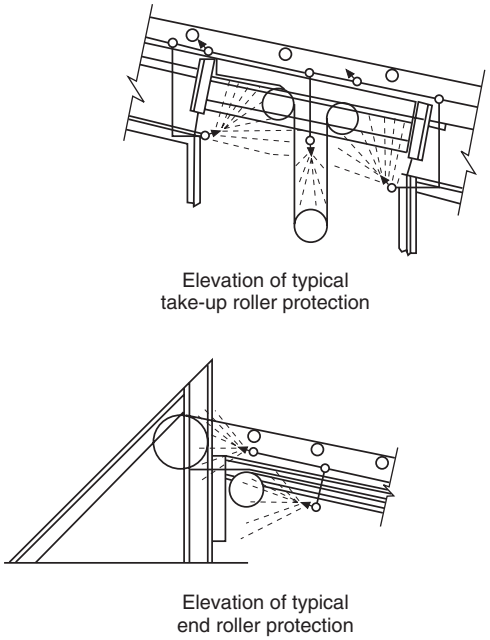


Figure A-4-3.3.2 Typical roller protection.

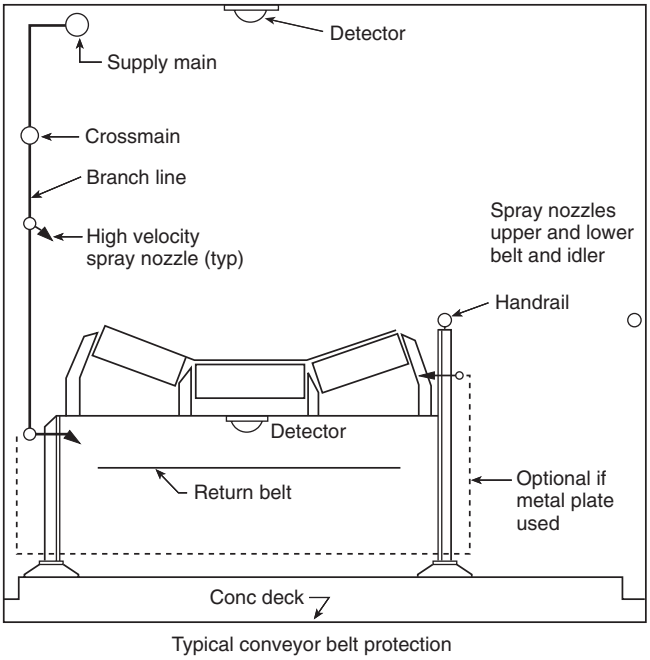


Figure A-4-3.3.3.1(a) Typical conveyor belt protection.

A-4-4.1.1 System operation for a duration of several hours may be necessary before the required activities are completed.

A-4-4.2 Control of burning by directional water spray is not intended to preclude the installation of exposure protection for pump and compressor connections, exposed piping, compressor casings, drivers, lubrication systems, and related equipment.

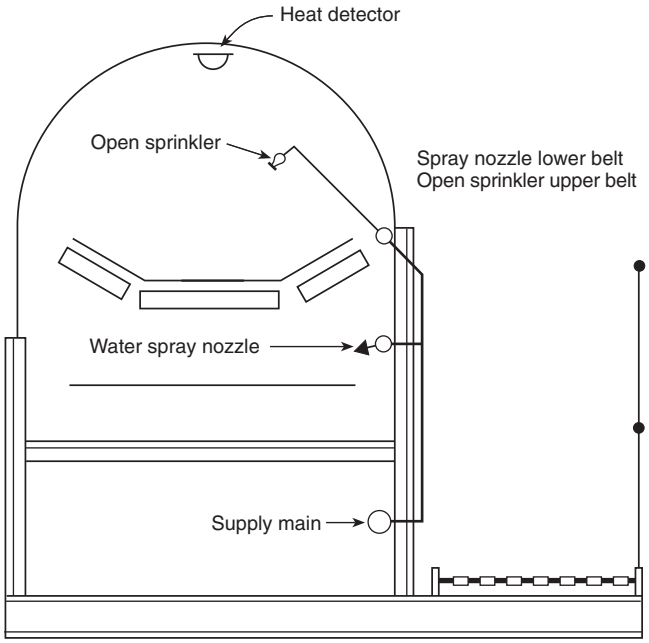


Figure A-4-3.3.3.1(b) Typical hooded conveyor.

A-4-5.1 Exposure Protection — General.

(a) Generally, the upper portions of equipment and the upper levels of supporting structures are less severely exposed by fire than are the lower portions or levels, due to the accumulation at grade level of fuel from spillage or equipment rupture. Consideration may thus be given to reducing the degree of (or eliminating) water spray protection for the upper portions of high equipment or levels of structures, provided a serious accumulation of fuel or torch action from broken process piping or equipment cannot occur at these elevations and serious fire exposure does not exist. Examples are certain types of distillation columns [above the 30-ft or 40-ft (9.2-m or 12.2-m)] level and above the third or fourth level of multi-level open structures.

(b) The densities specified for exposure protection include a safety factor of 0.05 gpm/ft^2 [2.0 (L/min)/m^2] to compensate for unanticipated wastage.

A-4-5.1.1 In determining the duration of the exposing fire, consideration should be given to the properties and quantities of the exposing combustibles and the anticipated effect of available manual fire fighting. System operation for several hours may be required.

A-4-5.2 Exposure Protection — Vessels.

(a) It has been established that uninsulated vessels, under average plant conditions, enveloped with flame can be expected to absorb heat at a rate of at least 20,000 Btu/hr/ft^2 (63,100 W/m^2) of exposed surface wetted by the contents. Unwetted, uninsulated steel equipment absorbs heat rapidly, and failure occurs from overpressure or overheating, or both, when such equipment is exposed to fire. Figure A-4-5.2(a) is a time-temperature curve showing the lengths of time required for vessels of different sizes containing volatile materials to have their contents heated to 100°F (38°C) from a starting temperature of 70°F (21°C) for tank contents and 60°F (16°C) for the tank steel. (*See Requirements for Relief of Overpres-*

sure in Vessels Exposed to Fire; Transactions of the ASME, January, 1944, 1–53; Venting of Tanks Exposed to Fire;and Heat Input to Vessels.)

The application of water spray to a vessel enveloped by fire will reduce the heat input rate to a value on the order of 6000 Btu/hr/ft^2 (18,930 W/m^2) of exposed surface wetted by the contents where the unit rate of water application is 0.20 gpm/ft^2 [8.2 (L/min)/m^2] of exposed surface. The 6000 Btu/hr/ft^2 (18,930 W/m^2) rate was also established in Rubber Reserve Company Memorandum 123, *Protection of Vessels Exposed to Fire,* February 28, 1945. Figure A-4-5.2(b) shows the estimated time for volatile liquid contents of atmospheric storage tanks to reach the boiling point where absorbing heat at 6000 Btu/hr/ft^2 (18,930 W/m^2). This may be compared with Figure A-4-5.2(a) to show the benefits derived from water spray systems.

(b) Where the temperature of a vessel or its contents should be limited, higher densities than specified in 4-5.2.1 may be required.

(c) Internally insulated or lined vessels require special consideration to determine necessary water spray requirements.

A-4-5.3.1 The locations of nozzles should preferably be on alternate sides of the horizontal structural steel.

A-4-5.3.2 The locations of nozzles should preferably be on alternate sides of the vertical structural steel.

A-4-5.4.1 See Figure A-4-5.4.1.

A-4-6 Water spray systems designed for extinguishment, exposure protection, or control of burning can disperse flammable gases for fire prevention. When designing water spray systems primarily for dispersion of flammable gases (for fire prevention), the following should be considered:

(a) Spray nozzles should be of the size and type to discharge a dense spray into the area of possible flammable vapor release at sufficient velocity to rapidly dilute the flammable vapors to a level below the lower flammable limit.

(b) Spray nozzles should be positioned to provide coverage of potential leak sources such as flanges, flexible connections, pumps, valves, vessels, containers, etc.

A-4-7.1 Examples of combined systems include:

(a) Open nozzle water spray protection for a vessel combined with area protection provided by a deluge system.

(b) Automatic nozzle water spray protection for cable trays combined with area protection provided by a wet pipe system.

A-4-7.2 Generally, the water spray component of a combined system is intended to supplement the protection provided by the sprinkler or deluge portion. The water spray usually is intended to cover a specific hazard or to cover specific areas or equipment items that cannot be otherwise adequately covered. Therefore, the required density from the sprinkler system should not be reduced when supplemental water spray is provided.

However, it would be acceptable to adjust the extent of water spray coverage when a portion of the coverage is provided by the sprinkler deluge portion of a combined system. For example, pressure vessels within the process structure protected by area deluge are typically provided with supplemental water spray on the bottom surfaces where the top surfaces are adequately covered by the deluge system above.

A-4-8.1 Different arrangements from those required for other types of detection systems may be required. In particular, it should be remembered that most listed detection devices are tested in an indoor, ceiling-mounted environment, while many water spray systems are installed outdoors. This can affect the type of detector chosen and its installed spacing.

A-4-8.2 Selection. Installations with temperature fluctuations include transformer protection involving heat exchangers having automatic fans and installations involving industrial ovens and furnaces. Additionally, protection of machinery involving movement of a hazardous material such as a belt conveyor would require a detection system having a faster response time than normal and appropriate interlocks to stop drive units, etc.

A-4-8.3 Response Time. Though not an aspect that can be designed prior to installation, the response time goal for the detection system is generally 40 seconds from exposure to initiation of the system actuation valve. The intent of the paragraph is to ensure that artificial delays are not built into the detection (initiating device) system.

A-5-1.2 The minimum operating pressure is required for proper pattern development and to overcome the effects of wind. For nozzles with orifices of $^3/_8$ in. or less, a minimum pressure of 30 psi (1.4 kPa) is recommended.

A-5-1.3 Sample Calculations. Figure A-5-1.3(a) shows a hypothetical water spray system layout. Figure A-5-1.3(b) shows a sample calculation for this system, using pipe sizing and nozzles with constants such that the velocity pressures generally exceed 5 percent of the total pressures, and the designer elected to include velocity pressures. Figure A-5-1.3(c) shows a sample calculation for this system, using pipe sizing and nozzles with constants such that velocity pressures are less than 5 percent of the total pressures, and the velocity pressures were not included in the calculation. Figure A-5-1.3(d) shows a graphical representation of the results of hydraulic calculations shown in Figure A-5-1.3(c), assuming 250 gpm (946 L/min) outside hydrant flow requirements and 4.0 psi (0.28 bars) of underground friction loss.

A-5-3 Abbreviations and Symbols. The standard abbreviations and symbols in Figure A-5-3 should be used.

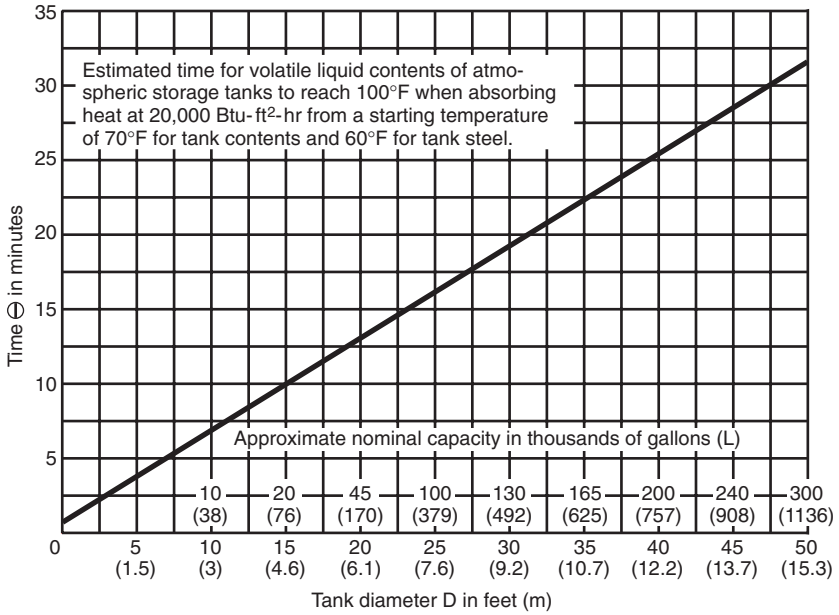
A-5-3.2 See Figure A-5-3.2.

A-5-3.3 See Figure A-5-3.3.

A-5-3.4 See Figure A-5-3.4.

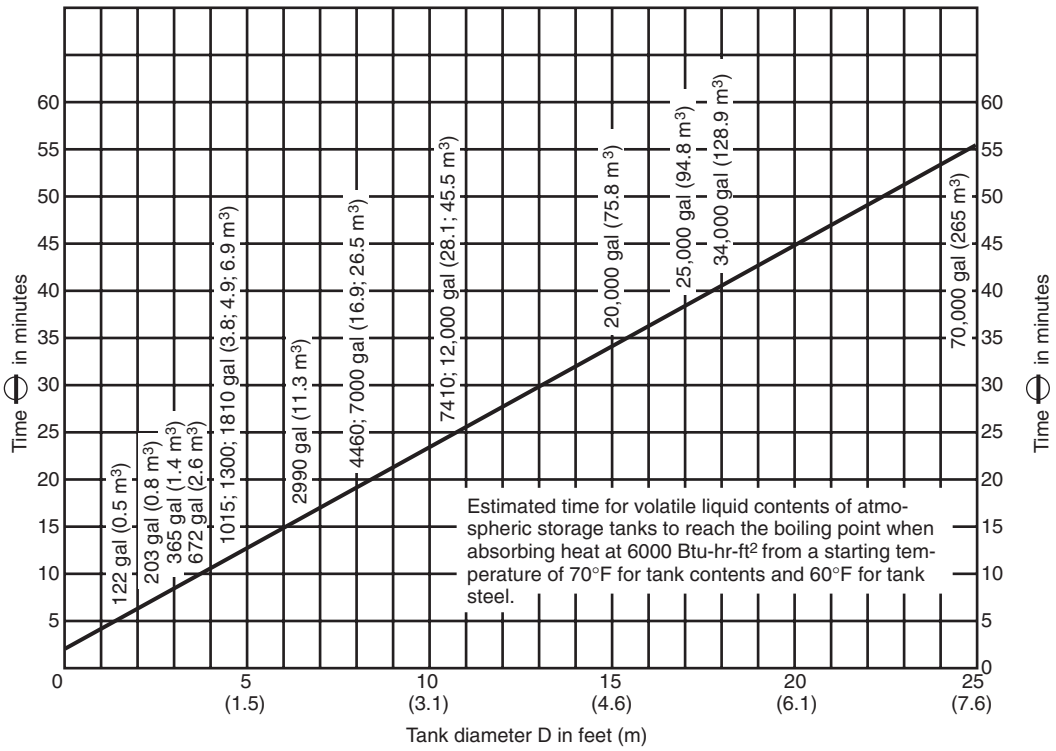
A-5-5.1.2 The velocity pressure P_v is determined by trial and error. It is necessary to estimate the flow Q in the pipe on the upstream side of the nozzle, which is used to determine a trial P_v, a trial q, and a trial Q. After determining the trial Q, use this value to determine a new P_v. If the new P_v is approximately equal to the trial P_v, consider the trial Q to be the actual Q and proceed with calculations. If the P_v does not check with the trial P_v, estimate Q again and proceed with successive corrections until an actual P_v is obtained that checks with a trial P_v.

The velocity pressure P_v is a measure of the energy required to keep the water in a pipe in motion. At the end of the nozzle or end section of a system (when considering the junction of sections of systems) the total pressure available in a pipe at that point should be considered as causing flow. However, at other nozzles or junction points the pressure causing flow will be the normal pressure, which is the total pressure minus the velocity pressure. Figure A-5-5.1.2 may be used for determining velocity pressures, or velocity pressure may be determined by dividing the flow in gpm squared by the proper constant from Table A-5-5.1.2.



For SI units: 1 Btu-ft²-hr = 3.155 W/m²; °C = ⅝ (°F – 32);
1 gal = 0.003 79 m³ = 3.785 L; 1 ft = 0.305 m.

Figure A-4-5.2(a).



For SI units: 1 Btu-ft²-hr = 3.155 W/m²; 1 gal = 0.003 79 m³ = 3.785 L; °C = ⅝ (°F – 32).

Figure A-4-5.2(b).

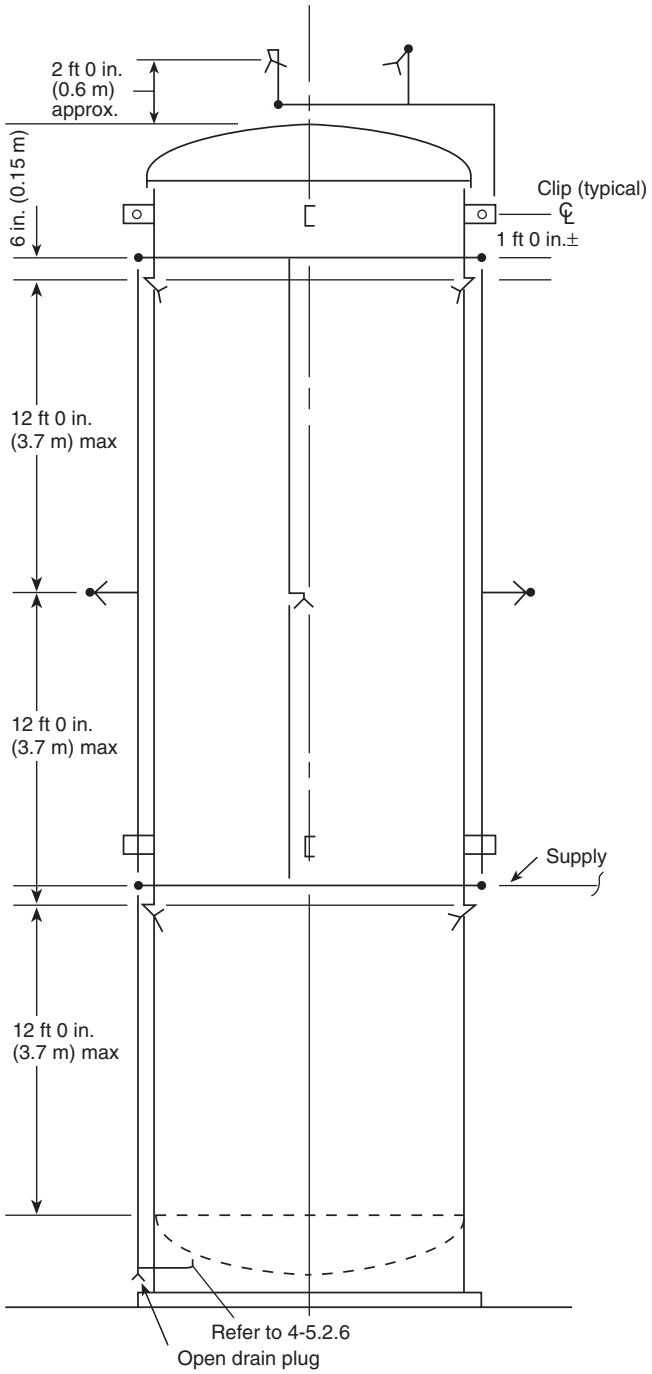


Figure A-4-5.2(c) Typical vertical tank with skirt protection.

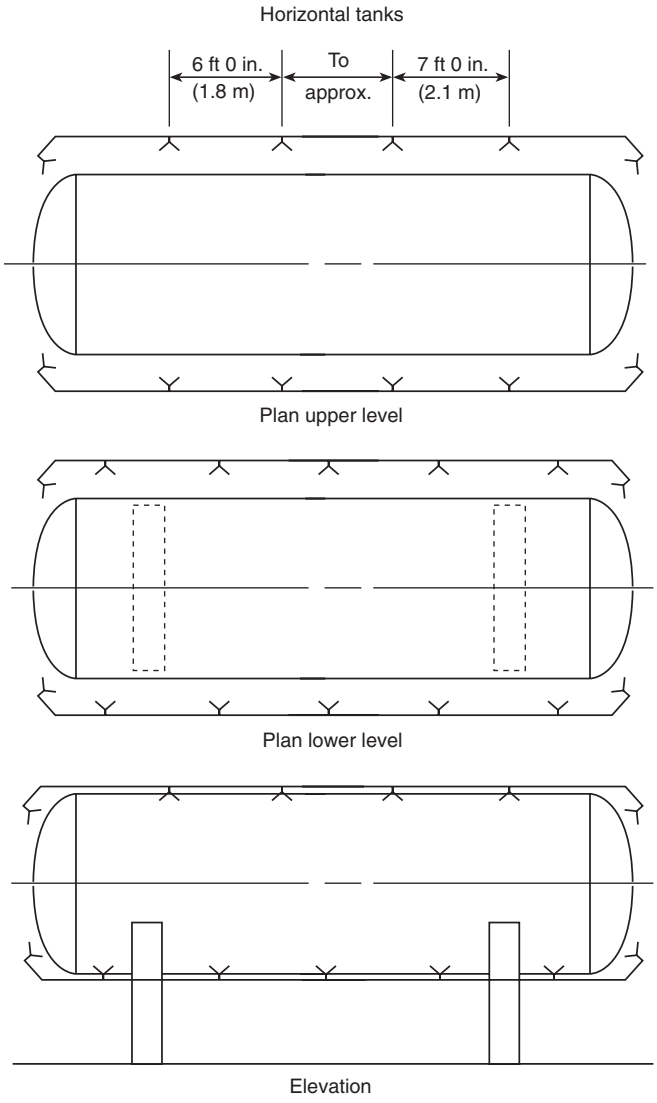


Figure A-4-5.2(d) Typical horizontal tank protection.

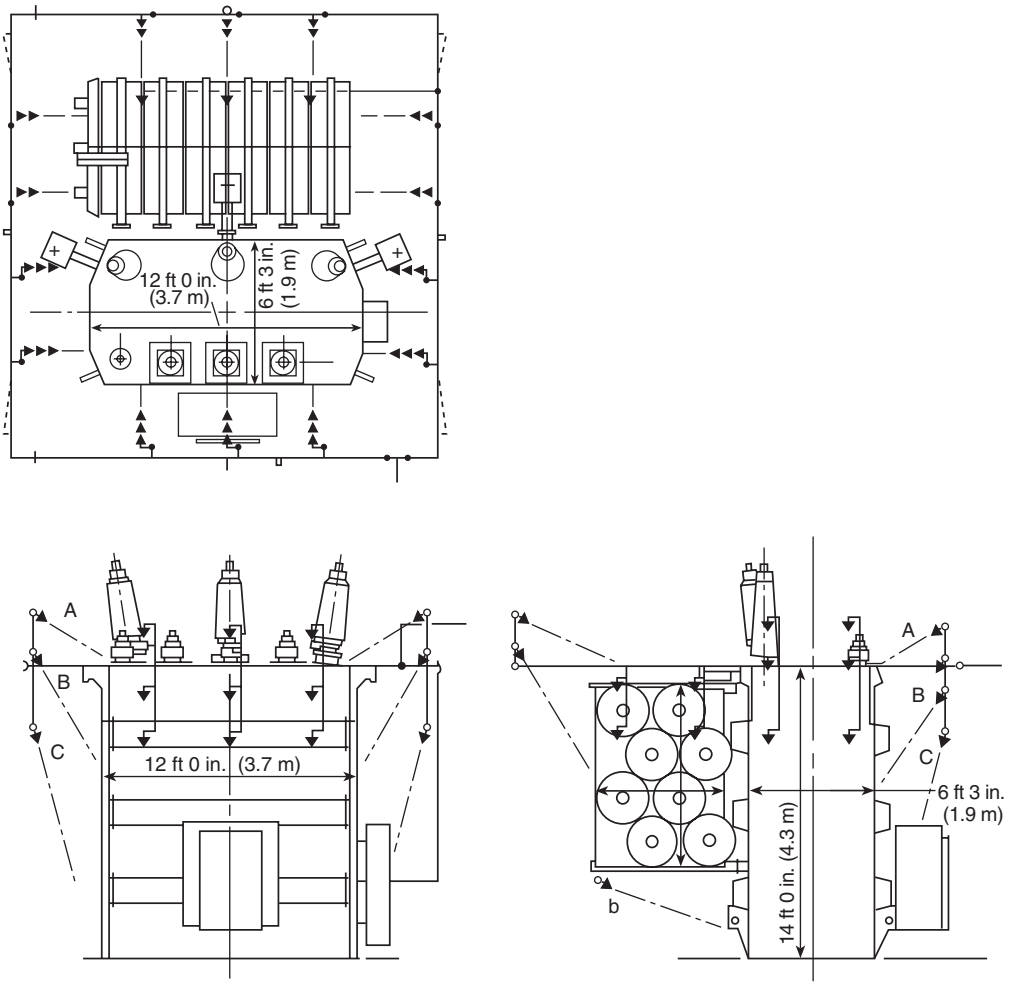


Figure A-4-5.4.1 Typical transformer layout.

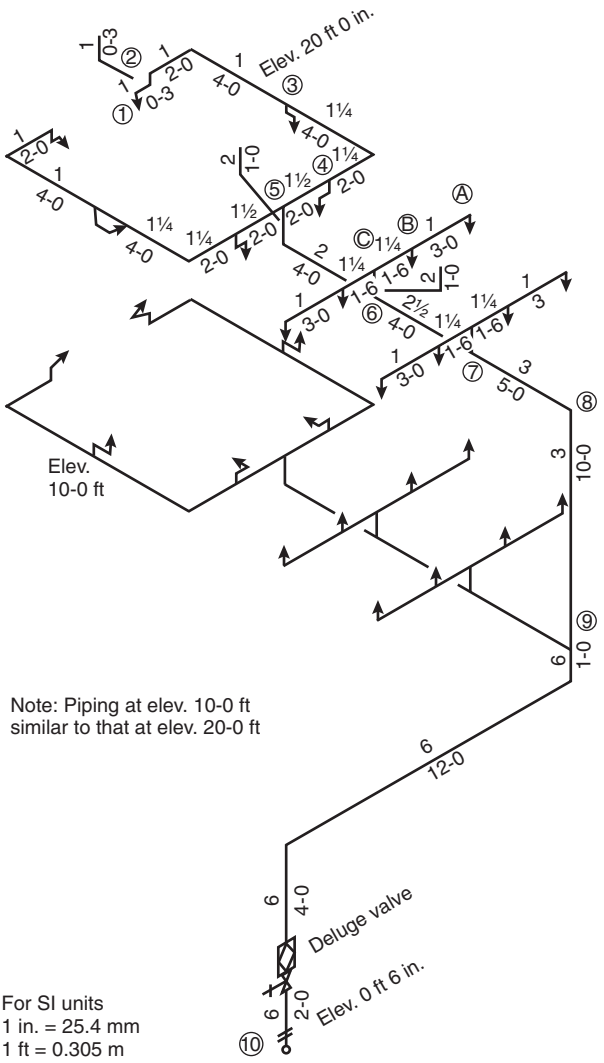


Figure A-5-1.3(a) Drawing of water spray system used for sample calculation shown in Figures A-5-1.3(b) and A-5-1.3(c).

The following assumptions are to be used in applying velocity pressure to the calculations:

(a) At any nozzle along a pipe, except the end nozzle, only the normal pressure can act on a nozzle. At the end nozzle, the total pressure can act.

(b) At any nozzle along a pipe, except the end nozzle, the pressure acting to cause flow from the nozzle is equal to the total pressure minus the velocity pressure on the upstream side.

(c) To find the normal pressure at any nozzle except the end nozzle, assume a flow from the nozzle in question and determine the velocity pressure for the total flow on the upstream side. Because the normal pressure is equal to the total pressure minus the velocity pressure, the value of the normal pressure so found should result in a nozzle flow approximately equal to the assumed flow. If not, a new value should be assumed and the calculations repeated.

Table A-5-5.1.2

Pipe Schedule	Pipe Size	Constant Based on Actual I.D.
40	1	1080
40	1 1/4	3230
40	1 1/2	5980
40	2	16,200
40	2 1/2	33,100
40	3	78,800
40	3 1/2	141,000
40	4	234,000
40	5	577,000
40	6	1,204,000
30	8	3,780,000
40	8	3,620,000

A-5-5.3 Experience has shown that good results are obtained if the calculations are made in accordance with this section. It is recognized that satisfactory results can be obtained by using other methods. However, in order to simplify the checking of calculations and to obtain more consistent correlation between calculated system characteristics and actual system characteristics, it is desirable to use a standard method. The flow from nozzles can be obtained from discharge curves rather than individual calculations at the preference of the calculator. Similarly, flow characteristics of lines or sections of systems can be obtained by plotting results on charts made up to $n^{1.85}$ rather than by calculating constants (K - Values).

A-6-1 The water supply should be as free as practical from foreign materials.

A-6-3.1 A fire department connection should not be considered as a primary source of water supply for a water spray system.

A-7-2.1 When planning the flushing operations, consideration should be given to disposal of the water issuing from the test outlets.

A-7-4.2

(a) Some detection circuits might be deliberately desensitized in order to override unusual ambient conditions. In such cases, the response in 7-4.2 may be exceeded.

(b) Testing of integrated tubing systems might be related to this test by means of a standard pressure impulse test specified by the listing laboratory.

(c) One method of testing heat detection uses a radiant heat surface at a temperature of 300°F (149°C) and a capacity of 350 W at a distance of 1 in. (25 mm) but not more than 2 in. (50 mm) from the nearest part of the detector. This method of testing with an electric test set should not be used in hazardous locations. Other test methods can be employed, but the results should be related to the results obtained under these conditions.

A-7-4.3.2 During the acceptance discharge test it might be advisable to partially close the system control valve to reduce the system supply pressure to the minimum pressure required by the system calculation. With the gauge at the deluge valve reading the minimum pressure, the test gauges at the most remote nozzle should be read to verify minimum required nozzle pressure. Additionally, pattern and coverage from each open nozzle should be observed to verify adequate operation.

HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

FOR *System Shown on Fig. A-5-1.3(a)*

All Nozzles Type N 90

(Nozzle Discharge Constant 9.0)

SHEET NO. 1 OF 2

BY J . E . C .

DATE 12 - 3 - 68

JOB NO. 1571

Nozzle ident. & location	Flow in G.P.M.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings & device	Equiv. pipe length	Friction loss psi/ft	Pressure summary	Normal pressure	Nozzle elev.	Notes
1-N90 ①	q 40.2 Q 40.2	1	E = 2.0	LGTH. 0.5 FTG. 2.0 TOT. 2.5	0.47	PT 20.0 PE – PF 1.2	PT PV PH	21.0'	$q_1 = 9.0\sqrt{20}$ = 40.2
②	q – Q 40.2	1	2E = 4.0	LGTH. 6.0 FTG. 4.0 TOT. 10.0	0.47	PT 21.2 PE – PF 4.7	PT PV PH		
1-N90 ③	q 40.6 Q 80.8	1¼	E = 3.0	LGTH. 6.0 FTG. 3.0 TOT. 9.0	0.46	PT 25.9 PE – PF 4.1	PT 25.9 PV 2.0 PH 23.9		$q_3 = 8.3\sqrt{23.9} = 40.6$ for K_3 Calcs, See ◇1
1-N90 ④	q 43.5 Q 124.3	1½	T = 8.0	LGTH. 2.0 FTG. 8.0 TOT. 10.0	0.48	PT 30.0 PE – PF 4.8	PT 30.0 PV 2.6 PH 27.4		$q_4 = 8.3\sqrt{27.4} = 43.5$
3-N90 ⑤	q 124.3 Q 248.6	2	E = 5.0	LGTH. 5.0 FTG. 5.0 TOT. 10.0	0.50	PT 34.8 PE 0.4 PF 5.0	PT PV PH		
4-N90 ⑥	q 180.0 Q 428.6	2½		LGTH. 4.0 FTG. – TOT. 4.0	0.58	PT 40.2 PE – PF 2.3	PT 40.2 PV 5.5 PH 34.7	20.0'	$q_6 = 30.6\sqrt{34.7} = 180$ for K_6 Calcs, See ◇2
4-N90 ⑦	q 188.0 Q 616.6	3	E = 7.0	LGTH. 5.0 FTG. 7.0 TOT. 12.0	0.40	PT 42.5 PE – PF 4.8	PT 42.5 PV 4.8 PH 37.7		$q_7 = 30.6\sqrt{37.7} = 188$
⑧	q – Q 616.6	3		LGTH. 10.0 FTG. – TOT. 10.0	0.40	PT 47.3 PE 4.3 PF 4.0	PT PV PH		
14-N90 ⑨	q 640.0 Q 1256.6	6	2E = 28.0 Del V. = 10.0 G.V. = 3.0	LGTH. 19.0 FTG. 41.0 TOT. 60.0	0.054	PT 55.6 PE 4.1 PF 3.2	PT 55.6 PV 1.3 PH 54.3	10.0'	$q_9 = 86.8\sqrt{54.5} = 640.$ for K_9 Calcs, See ◇3
⑩	q – Q 1256.6 ✓			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 62.9 ✓ PE PF	PT PV PH	0.5'	
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		Note: Flow test at yard hydrants Static pressure: 89 psi
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		Residual pressure: 89 psi Flow: 1300 g.p.m. ~2300 g.p.m. available
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		@ 62.9 psi
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		

Figure A-5-1.3(b) English. Calculation of system shown in Figure A-5-1.3(a) with velocity pressure included.

HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

FOR System Shown on Fig. A-5-1.3(a)
All Nozzles Type N 90
(Nozzle Discharge Constant 3.0)

SHEET NO. 2 OF 2
BY J. E. C.
DATE 12 - 3 - 68
JOB NO. 1571

Nozzle ident. & location	Flow in G.P.M.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings & device	Equiv. pipe length	Friction loss psi/ft	Pressure summary	Normal pressure	Nozzle elev.	Notes
1-N90 ①	q 40.2 Q 40.2	1	E=2.0 T=5.0	LGTH. 0.5 FTG. 7.0 TOT. 7.5	0.47	PT 20.0 PE – PF 3.5	PT PV PH		$K_3 = \frac{40.2}{\sqrt{23.3}} = 6.3$
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 23.5 PE PF	PT PV PH		
②	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
1-N90 Ⓐ	q 40.2 Q 40.2	1		LGTH. 3.0 FTG. – TOT. 3.0	0.47	PT 20.0 PE – PF 1.4	PT PV PH	21.0'	
1-N90 Ⓑ	q 39.6 Q 79.8	1¼	T=6.0	LGTH. 1.5 FTG. 6.0 TOT. 7.5	0.44	PT 21.4 PE – PF 3.3	PT 21.4 PV 2.0 PH 19.4		
2-N90 Ⓒ	q 79.8 Q 159.6	2	T=10.0	LGTH. 1.0 FTG. 10.0 TOT. 11.0	0.23	PT 24.7 PE 0.4 PF 2.5	PT PV PH		$K_6 = \frac{159.6}{\sqrt{27.6}} = 30.6$
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 27.6 PE PF	PT PV PH	20.0'	
Lower Pipe ③	Level q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
14-N90 ⑨	q Q 616.6	3	T=15.0	LGTH. 5.0 FTG. 15.0 TOT. 20.0	0.40	PT 42.5 PE 8.0 PF 50.5	PT PV PH		$K_9 = \frac{616.6}{\sqrt{50.5}} = 86.8$
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		

Note: The velocity pressure P_v is determined by trial. It is necessary to estimate the flow Q in the pipe on the upsteam side of the nozzle to determine a trial P_v, which is used to determine a trial P_v, a trial q, and a trial Q. After determining the trial Q, use this value to determine a new P_v. If the new P_v is approximately equal to the trial P_v, consider the trial Q to be the actual Q and proceed with the calculations. If the P_v does not check with the trial P_v, estimate Q again and proceed with successive corrections until an actual P_v is obtained that checks with a trial P_v.

Figure A-5-1.3(b) English (continued).

Nozzle ident. and location	Flow in ℓ / min.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings and devices M	Equiv. pipe length M	Friction loss bars / M	Pressure summary M	Normal pressure bars	Notes
1-N90 ①	q 152		E=0.6	L 0.2		Pt 1.38	Pt	$q_1 = 129.6\sqrt{1.38} = 152$
				F 0.6		Pe	Pv	
	Q 152	1		T 0.8	0.11	Pf 0.08	Pn	
②	q		2E=1.2	L 1.8		Pt 1.46	Pt	
				F 1.2		Pe	Pv	
	Q 152	1		T 3.0	0.11	Pf 0.33	Pn	
1-N90 ③	q 154		E=0.9	L 1.8		Pt 1.79	Pt 1.79	$q_3 = 119.5\sqrt{1.65} = 154$ for K_3 Calc see ◇1
				F 0.9		Pe	Pv 0.14	
	Q 306	1¼		T 2.7	0.10	Pf 0.28	Pn 1.65	
1-N90 ④	q 165		T=2.4	L 0.6		Pt 2.07	Pt 2.07	$q_4 = 119.5\sqrt{1.89} = 165$
				F 2.4		Pe	Pv 0.18	
	Q 471	1½		T 3.0	0.11	Pf 0.33	Pn 1.89	
3-N90 ⑤	q 471		E=1.5	L 1.5		Pt 2.40	Pt	
				F 1.5		Pe 0.03	Pv	
	Q 941	2		T 3.0	0.11	Pf 0.34	Pn	
4-N90 ⑥	q 681			L 1.2		Pt 2.77	Pt 2.77	$q_6 = 437\sqrt{2.39} = 681$
				F –		Pe	Pv 0.38	
	Q 1622	2½		T 1.2	0.13	Pf 0.16	Pn 2.39	
4-N90 ⑦	q 712		E=2.1	L 1.5		Pt 2.93	Pt 2.93	$q_7 = 437\sqrt{2.61} = 712$
				F 2.1		Pe	Pv 0.32	
	Q 2334	3		T 3.6	0.09	Pf 0.33	Pn 2.61	
⑧	q –			L 3.0		Pt 3.26	Pt	
				F –		Pe 0.30	Pv	
	Q 2334	3		T 3.0	0.09	Pf 0.27	Pn	
14-N90 ⑨	q 2442		2E=8.6	L 5.8		Pt 3.83	Pt 3.83	$q_9 = 1250\sqrt{3.75} = 2422$
			Del.V=3.0	F 12.5		Pe 0.28	Pv 0.08	
	Q 4756	6	GV=0.9	T 18.3	0.01	Pf 0.23	Pn 3.75	
⑩	q –			L		Pt 4.34	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q 4756			T		Pf	Pn	
	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
						Pt		

Figure A-5-1.3(b) Metric. Calculation of system shown in Figure A-5-1.3(a) with velocity pressure included. Nozzle constant = K_m = 129.6.

Nozzle ident. and location	Flow in ℓ/min.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings and devices M	Equiv. pipe length M	Friction loss bars/M	Pressure summary bars	Normal pressure bars	Notes
1-N90 ①	q 152		E=0.6	L 0.2		Pt 1.38	Pt	$K_3 = \frac{152}{\sqrt{1.62}} = 119.5$
			T=1.5	F 2.1		Pe	Pv	
	Q 152	1		T 2.3	0.11	Pf 0.24	Pn	
	q			L		Pt 1.62	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
②	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
1-N90 ④	q 152			L 0.9		Pt 1.38	Pt	
				F –		Pe	Pv	
	Q 152	1		T 0.9	0.11	Pf 0.10	Pn	
3-N90 Ⓑ	q 150		T=1.8	L 0.5		Pt 1.48	Pt 1.48	
				F 1.8		Pe	Pv 0.14	
	Q 302	1¼		T 2.3	0.10	Pf 0.23	Pn 1.34	
2-N90 Ⓒ	q 302		T=3.0	L 0.3		Pt 1.71	Pt	$K_6 = \frac{604}{\sqrt{1.91}} = 437$
				F 3.0		Pe 0.03	Pv	
	Q 604	2		T 3.3	0.05	Pf 0.17	Pn	
	q			L		Pt 1.91	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
Lower Pipe Level ③	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
14-N90 ⑨	q		T=4.6	L 1.5		Pt 2.93	Pt	$K_9 = \frac{2334}{\sqrt{3.48}} = 1250$
				F 4.6		Pe 0.55	Pv	
	Q 2334	3		T 6.1	0.09	Pf 3.48	Pn	
	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
						Pt		

Figure A-5-1.3(b) Metric (continued). Nozzle constant = K_m = 129.6.

HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

FOR *System Shown on Fig. A-5-1.3(a)*
All Nozzles Type N-30
(Nozzle Discharge Constant 3.0)

SHEET NO. 1 OF 2
BY *J . E . C .*
DATE *12 - 3 - 68*
JOB NO. *1572*

Nozzle ident. & location	Flow in G.P.M.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings & device	Equiv. pipe length	Friction loss psi/ft	Pressure summary	Normal pressure	Nozzle elev.	Notes
1-N30 ①	q 13.4 Q 13.4	1	IE = 2.0	LGTH. 0.5 FTG. 2.0 TOT. 2.5	0.06	PT 20.1 PE – PF 0.2	PT PV PH	20.0'	$q_1 = 3.0\sqrt{20.1} = 13.4$
②	q – Q 13.4	1	2E = 4.0	LGTH. 6.0 FTG. 4.0 TOT. 10.0	0.06	PT 20.3 PE – PF 0.6	PT PV PH		
1-N30 ③	q 13.5 Q 26.9	1¼	IE = 3.0	LGTH. 6.0 FTG. 3.0 TOT. 9.0	0.06	PT 20.9 PE – PF 0.5	PT PV PH		$q_3 = 2.95\sqrt{20.9} = 13.5$ See ◇1 for K_3 Calcs
1-N90 ④	q 19.6 Q 40.5	1½	IT = 8.0	LGTH. 2.0 FTG. 8.0 TOT. 10.0	0.06	PT 21.4 PE – PF 0.6	PT PV PH		$q_4 = 2.95\sqrt{21.4} = 13.6$
3-N30 ⑤	q 40.5 Q 81.0	2	IE = 5.0	LGTH. 5.0 FTG. 5.0 TOT. 10.0	0.06	PT 22.0 PE 0.4 PF 0.6	PT PV PH		
4-N30 ⑥	q 56.1 Q 137.1	2½		LGTH. 4.0 FTG. – TOT. 4.0	0.07	PT 23.0 PE – PF 0.3	PT PV PH	19.0'	$q_6 = 11.7\sqrt{23.0} = 36.1$ See ◇2 for K_6 Calcs
4-N30 ⑦	q 56.5 Q 193.6	3	IE = 7.0	LGTH. 5.0 FTG. 7.0 TOT. 12.0	0.05	PT 23.3 PE – PF 0.6	PT PV PH		$q_7 = 11.7\sqrt{23.3} = 56.5$
⑧	q – Q 193.6	3		LGTH. 10.0 FTG. – TOT. 10.0	0.05	PT 23.9 PE 4.3 PF 0.5	PT PV PH		
14-N30 ⑨	q 211.0 Q 404.6	6	2E = 28.0 Del V. = 10.0 G.V. = 3.0	LGTH. 19.0 FTG. 41.0 TOT. 60.0	0.007	PT 28.7 PE 4.1 PF 0.4	PT PV PH	9.0'	$q_9 = 39.3\sqrt{28.7} = 211$ See ◇2 for K_9 Calcs
⑩	q – Q 404.6	✓		LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 33.3 ✓ PE PF	PT PV PH	0.5'	
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		Note: See Fig. A-5-1.3(d) for water supply information.
	q 250 Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		hose
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q 654.6			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		

Figure A-5-1.3(c) English. Calculation of system shown in Figure A-5-1.3(a) with velocity pressure not included.

HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

FOR System Shown on Fig. A-5-1.3(a)
All Nozzles Type N-30
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Nozzle ident. & location	Flow in G.P.M.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings & device	Equiv. pipe length	Friction loss psi/ft	Pressure summary	Normal pressure	Nozzle elev.	Notes
1-N30 ①	q Q 13.4	1	IE=2.0 IT=5.0	LGTH. 0.5 FTG. 7.0 TOT. 7.5	0.06	PT 20.1 PE – PF 0.5	PT PV PH		$K_3 = \frac{13.4}{\sqrt{20.6}} = 2.95$
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 20.6 PE PF	PT PV PH		
②	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
1-N30 Ⓐ	q 13.4 Q 13.4	1		LGTH. 3.0 FTG. – TOT. 3.0	0.06	PT 20.1 PE – PF 0.2	PT PV PH		
1-N30 Ⓑ	q 13.5 Q 26.9	1¼	IT=6.0	LGTH. 1.5 FTG. 6.0 TOT. 7.5	0.06	PT 20.3 PE – PF 0.5	PT PV PH		
2-N30 Ⓒ	q 26.9 Q 53.8	2	IT=10.0	LGTH. 1.0 FTG. 10.0 TOT. 11.0	0.03	PT 20.8 PE 0.4 PF 0.3	PT PV PH		$K_6 = \frac{53.8}{\sqrt{21.5}} = 11.7$
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 21.5 PE PF	PT PV PH		
Lower Pipe ③	Level q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
14-N30	q Q 193.6	3	IT=15.0	LGTH. 5.0 FTG. 15.0 TOT. 20.0	0.05	PT 23.3 PE – PF 1.0	PT PV PH		$K_9 = \frac{193.6}{\sqrt{24.3}} = 39.3$
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT 24.3 PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		
	q Q			LGTH. FTG. TOT.		PT PE PF	PT PV PH		

Note: The flow from nozzles may be obtained from discharge curves rather than individual calculations at the preference of the calculator. Similarly, flow characteristics of lines or sections of systems may be obtained by plotting results on charts made up to $n^{1.85}$ or n^2 rather than by calculating constants (K – values).

Figure A-5-1.3(c) English (continued).

Nozzle ident. and location	Flow in ℓ/min.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings and devices M	Equiv. pipe length M	Friction loss bars/M	Pressure summary bars	Normal pressure bars	Notes
1-N30 ①	q 50.7		IE=0.6	L 0.2		Pt 1.39	Pt	$q_1 = 43.2\sqrt{1.39} = 50.7$
				F 0.6		Pe	Pv	
	Q 50.7	1		T 0.8	0.014	Pf 0.01	Pn	
②	q –		2E=1.2	L 1.8		Pt 1.40	Pt	
				F 1.2		Pe	Pv	
	Q 50.7	1		T 3.0	0.014	Pf 0.04	Pn	
1-N30 ③	q 51.1		IE=0.9	L 1.8		Pt 1.44	Pt	$q_3 = 42.5\sqrt{1.44} = 51.1$ for K_3 Calc see ①
				F 0.9		Pe	Pv	
	Q 101.8	1¼		T 2.7	0.014	Pf 0.04	Pn	
1-N30 ④	q 51.5		IT=2.4	L 0.6		Pt 1.48	Pt	$q_4 = 42.5\sqrt{1.48} = 51.5$
				F 2.4		Pe	Pv	
	Q 153.3	1½		T 3.0	0.014	Pf 0.04	Pn	
3-N30 ⑤	q 153.3		IE=1.5	L 1.5		Pt 1.52	Pt	
				F 1.5		Pe 0.03	Pv	
	Q 306.6	2		T 3.0	0.014	Pf 0.04	Pn	
4-N30 ⑥	q 212.3			L 1.2		Pt 1.59	Pt	$q_6 = 168\sqrt{1.59} = 212.3$ for K_6 Calc see ②
				F –		Pe	Pv	
	Q 518.9	2½		T 1.2	0.016	Pf 0.02	Pn	
4-N30 ⑦	q 213.9		IE=2.1	L 1.5		Pt 1.61	Pt	$q_7 = 168\sqrt{1.61} = 213.9$
				F 2.1		Pe	Pv	
	Q 732.8	3		T 3.6	0.011	Pf 0.04	Pn	
⑧	q –			L 3.0		Pt 1.65	Pt	
				F –		Pe 0.30	Pv	
	Q 732.8	3		T 3.0	0.011	Pf 0.03	Pn	
14-N30 ⑨	q 798.6			L		Pt 1.98	Pt	$q_9 = 566\sqrt{1.98} = 798.6$ for K_9 Calc see ③
				F		Pe 0.28	Pv	
	Q 1531.4	6		T	0.002	Pf 0.03	Pn	
⑩	q –		2E=8.6	L 5.8		Pt 2.29	Pt	
			Del.V=3.0	F 12.5		Pe	Pv	
	Q 1531.4		GV=0.9	T 18.3		Pf	Pn	
⑩	q			L		Pt	Pt	Note: See Fig. A-5-1.3(d) for water supply information
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
						Pt		

Figure A-5-1.3(c) Metric. Calculation of system shown in Figure A-5-1.3(a) with velocity pressure not included. K_m = 43.2.

Nozzle ident. and location	Flow in ℓ/min.	Pipe size	Pipe fittings and devices M	Equiv. pipe length M	Friction loss bars/M	Pressure summary bars	Normal pressure bars	Notes
1-N30 ①	q 50.7		IE=0.6	L 0.2		Pt 1.39	Pt	$K_3 = \frac{50.7}{\sqrt{1.42}} = 42.5$
			IT=1.5	F 2.1		Pe	Pv	
	Q 50.7	1		T 2.3	0.014	Pf 0.03	Pn	
	q			L		Pt 1.42	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
②	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
1-N30 Ⓐ	q 50.7			L 0.9		Pt 1.39	Pt	
				F –		Pe	Pv	
	Q 50.7	1		T 0.9	0.014	Pf 0.01	Pn	
1-N30 Ⓑ	q 51.1		IT=1.8	L 0.5		Pt 1.40	Pt	
				F 1.8		Pe	Pv	
	Q 101.8	1¼		T 2.13	0.014	Pf 0.03	Pn	
2-N30 Ⓒ	q 101.8		IT=3.0	L 0.3		Pt 1.43	Pt	$K_6 = \frac{203.6}{\sqrt{1.47}} = 168$
				F 3.0		Pe 0.02	Pv	
	Q 203.6	2		T 3.3	0.007	Pf 0.02	Pn	
	q			L		Pt 1.47	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
Lower Pipe Level ③	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
14-N30	q		IT=4.6	L 1.5		Pt 1.61	Pt	$K_9 = \frac{732.8}{\sqrt{1.68}} = 566$
				F 4.6		Pe	Pv	
	Q 732.8	3		T 6.1	0.011	Pf 0.07	Pn	
	q			L		Pt 1.68	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
	q			L		Pt	Pt	
				F		Pe	Pv	
	Q			T		Pf	Pn	
						Pt		

Figure A-5-1.3(c) Metric (continued). Nozzle constant = K_m = 43.2.