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**Determination of the resistance  
to hydrocarbon pool fires of fire  
protection materials and systems for  
pressure vessels**

*Détermination de la résistance aux feux de nappe d'hydrocarbure  
des matériaux et systèmes de protection incendie des récipients sous  
pression*



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## Introduction

This document describes a test procedure to assess the protection afforded by fire protection materials and systems to pressure vessels. It gives an indication of how fire protection materials perform when exposed to a set of specified fire conditions. Actual vessels can vary in construction from that tested and can utilise additional protection systems. The test conditions have been shown to be representative of the severity of unconfined pool fires fuelled by light and medium oil distillates such as LPG and petroleum products.

Test laboratories should be aware of the significant potential hazards involved in pressure vessels testing. Facilities intending to undertake tests in accordance with this document should be designed to be safe in the event of vessel failure.

# Determination of the resistance to hydrocarbon pool fires of fire protection materials and systems for pressure vessels

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for determining the fire resistance of pressure vessels with a fire protection system when subjected to standard fire exposure conditions. It does not address vessels cooled by water deluge or water monitor. The test data thus obtained permits subsequent classification on the basis of the duration for which the performance of the pressure vessel under these conditions satisfies specified criteria. The design of the pressure vessel is not covered in this document.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp3.1>

### 3.1

#### **blowdown valve**

#### **BDV**

#### **blowdown device**

valve or device that opens to depressurize a pressure vessel

EXAMPLE Fusible plug.

### 3.2

#### **burner arrangement**

configuration of the equipment designed to engulf the test specimen in fire, with specific reference to the size, orientation, frequency and spacing of burner heads, and the design of fuel supply piping

### 3.3

#### **burst pressure**

#### **calculated burst pressure**

<vessel> pressure that gives a hoop stress equal to the ultimate strength of the vessel material at the specific wall temperature of interest

Note 1 to entry: For long duration tests, stress rupture analysis is also considered a realistic failure mode.

### 3.4

#### **calibration test**

test performed by the laboratory prior and separate to customer tests, to confirm that the chosen burner arrangement in combination with the desired test specimen conforms with the required conditions of this document