
**Petroleum and natural gas
industries — Compact flanged
connections with IX seal ring**

*Industries du pétrole et du gaz naturel — Raccordements à brides
compactes avec bague d'étanchéité IX*



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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 27509:2012), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 27509:2012/Cor.1:2013. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Annexes B](#) and [D](#) ([Annex E](#) in previous edition) have become normative annexes;
- more stringent quality requirements regarding manufacture of products and assembly instructions have been introduced. These include
 - a) ultrasonic testing of products in accordance with new requirements in ASME VIII div. 2 (in [Clause 7](#)),
 - b) requirements to material strength and machining strictly in accordance with given tolerances for IX seal rings (in [Clause 12](#)),
 - c) new and better coating requirements for IX seal rings (in [Clause 13](#) and [Annex D](#)),
 - d) excluding use of IX seal rings to assist alignment by transfer of significant shear load during assembly (in [Annex D](#)),
 - e) more comprehensive and detailed guidelines on the evaluation of damages to products and the repair of such damages (in [Annex D](#)),
 - f) more comprehensive requirements to qualification of bolt tensioning procedures (in [Annex D](#)), and

- g) the elastoplastic deformation of flanges by first assembly has been better explained in [5.3](#) and in [Annex D](#), in order to prevent unnecessary re-machining or rejection when flange bevel angles have changed.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

This document, which is originally based on NORSOK L-005, has been developed to provide an International Standard for compact flanged connections that constitutes an alternative to conventional flanges as specified in ASME standards, European standards and other standards, with reduced mass and smaller overall dimensions, as well as increased reliability in leak tightness by means of its inherent design features and make up procedures. CFCs can also provide an alternative to other types of clamp and hub type mechanical connectors.

The use of load carrying sealing elements, traditionally referred to as "gaskets", does not conform with the requirements of this document.

This document has been developed for use in process piping systems, which are designed in accordance with codes for pressure piping, e.g. ASME B31.3. See [5.7](#) for more details.

The flange designs have been selected to achieve a minimum safety factor of 2,0 when subjected to a design pressure equal to ASME B16.5 pressure temperature ratings within the temperature limits of this document.

The main body of this document contains all necessary information on how to manufacture and supply flange and seal ring materials, such as

- flange dimensions and material requirements,
- seal ring dimensions and material requirements,
- bolting dimensions and material requirements,
- requirements to tolerances and surface finish, and
- requirements to designation and marking of finished products.

[Annexes A, B, C](#) and [D](#) cover the following topics:

- structural capacity equations for flange assemblies;
- how to apply the flanges to special geometries of valves and equipment nozzles;
- bolt dimensions and masses;
- installation and assembly instructions, and guidelines on how to repair damage and irregularities on sealing surfaces.

[Annexes E, F](#) and [G](#) cover the following topics:

- masses of all standard components;
- suitable dimensions of alternative metric bolting;
- additional information on bibliographical references.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- "shall" indicates a requirement;
- "should" indicates a recommendation;
- "may" indicates a permission;
- "can" indicates a possibility or a capability.

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1 Scope

This document specifies detailed manufacturing requirements for circular steel and nickel alloy compact flanged connections and associated seal rings, for designated pressures and temperatures in class designations CL 150 (PN 20) to CL 1500 (PN 260) for nominal sizes from DN 15 (NPS ½) to DN 1200 (NPS 48), and for CL 2500 (PN 420) for nominal sizes from DN 15 (NPS ½) to DN 600 (NPS 24).

NOTE NPS is expressed in accordance with ASME B36.10M and ASME B36.19M.

This document is applicable to welding neck flanges, blind flanges, paddle spacers and spacer blinds (paddle blanks), valve/equipment integral flanges, orifice spacers, reducing threaded flanges and rigid interfaces for use in process piping for the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries.

This document is applicable within a temperature range from -196 °C to +250 °C.

This document is not applicable for external pressure.

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.

ISO 2768-1, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 4287, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

ISO 4288, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*

ISO 5167-1, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 1: General principles and requirements*

ISO 5167-2:2003, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 2: Orifice plates*

ISO 14313, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Pipeline valves*

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

EN 1591-4, *Flanges and their joints — Part 4: Qualification of personnel competency in the assembly of the bolted connections of critical service pressurized systems*

EN 1779, *Non-destructive testing — Leak testing — Criteria for method and technique selection*

ASME B16.5, *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: NPS 1/2 through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard*

ASME B16.34, *Valves — Flanged, Threaded and Welding End*

ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*

ASME B31.3:2018, *Process Piping*

ASTM B568, *Standard Test Method for Measurement of Coating Thickness by X-Ray Spectrometry*

ASTM B571, *Standard Practice for Qualitative Adhesion Testing of Metallic Coatings*

ASME VIII Div. 2: *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code — Alternative Rules*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1 class

CL

pressure class in accordance with specific values

Note 1 to entry: The values shall be in accordance with ASME B16.5 and ASME B16.34

3.2 compact flanged connection

CFL

non-gasketed bolted static pipe connection including two flanges and where the bolt loads are transferred through metal to metal contact between the flange faces

3.3 gasket

barrier to prevent the passage of fluids, but which does transmit all loads between flanges

3.4 purchaser

individual or organization that buys the pipe connection on behalf of the user and/or operator or for its own use

3.5 seal ring

component providing a barrier to prevent the passage of fluids, transmitting no significant loads between the flanges

3.6 supplier

individual or organization that takes the responsibility for the supply of the pipe connection

4 Abbreviations and symbols

4.1 Abbreviated terms

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| BL | blind flange |
| DN | nominal pipe diameter (expressed in millimetres) |
| ID | internal diameter |
| IF | integral flange (as part of some other equipment or component) |