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pipe elements, vibration isolators, expansion joints
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dilatation et tubes non métalliques - Exigences, conception
et installation

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Foreword

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Introduction

The use of flexible pipe elements is required where impermissible stresses are to be eliminated from refrigerating circuits and pipe expansion or relative movements of components are to be absorbed.

The use of flexible pipe elements should not be specified unless it is necessary in the design of refrigerant circuits. If necessary, they should be designed and installed in accordance with this standard.

Flexible pipe elements are often the weakest part of a refrigerating system and the part most likely to suffer from fatigue or stress corrosion cracking.

1 Scope

This document describes requirements, design and installation of flexible pipe elements (e. g. metallic flexible pipe, metallic flexible tube, vibration isolator, expansion joint) and non-metallic tube used in the refrigerant circuits of refrigerating systems and heat pumps.

It also describes the requirements to qualify the tightness of non-metallic tubes (e.g. plastic) used in evaporating and/or condensing sides of refrigerating systems and heat pumps.

It does not apply to flexible pipes that are only occasionally stressed beyond the elastic limit, e. g. during repair work, or to joints which are free to rotate or hinge.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 378-1:2008, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps — Safety and environmental requirements — Part 1: Basic requirements, definitions, classification and selection criteria*

EN 378-2:2008, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps — Safety and environmental requirements — Part 2: Design, construction, testing, marking and documentation*

EN ISO 175, *Plastics - Methods of test for the determination of the effects of immersion in liquid chemicals (ISO 175:1999)*

ISO 6605:2002, *Hydraulic fluid power — Hoses and hose assemblies — Test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 378-1:2008 and the following apply.

3.1

flexible pipe element

any form of pipe or tube connecting two points which may move relative to each other

NOTE 1 This generic term includes all types, as defined in 3.2 to 3.6.

NOTE 2 Flexible pipe elements may include a plastic barrier in the construction, either as a liner on the inner surface or as a sandwich in the pipe wall. The main purpose of such a barrier is to reduce the permeation of refrigerant gas.

3.2

metallic flexible pipe

readily flexible, small bore pipe, e. g. capillary tube which is capable of movement within its elastic limit during operation of the refrigerating system (see Figure 1)

NOTE This type of pipe is flexible by virtue of the shape into which the tube is bent, e. g. coiled capillary tube.

3.3

metallic flexible tube

tubular flexible element designed to bend within defined limits and containing a corrugated metal bellows, the corrugations of which may be annular or spiral (see Figure 1)