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Introduction

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Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Air-cooled heat exchangers

1 Scope

This International Standard gives requirements and recommendations for the design, materials, fabrication, inspection, testing and preparation for shipment of air-cooled heat exchangers for use in the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries.

This International Standard is applicable to air-cooled heat exchangers with horizontal bundles, but the basic concepts can also be applied to other configurations.

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.

ISO 76, *Rolling bearings — Static load ratings*

ISO 281, *Rolling bearings — Dynamic load ratings and rating life*

ISO 286 (all parts), *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes*

ISO 1081, *Belt drive — V-belts and V-ribbed belts, and corresponding grooved pulleys — Vocabulary*

ISO 1461, *Hot-dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles — Specifications and test methods*

ISO 2491, *Thin parallel keys and their corresponding keyways (dimensions in millimetres)*

ISO 4183, *Belt drives — Classical and narrow V-belts — Grooved pulleys (system based on datum width)*

ISO 4184, *Belt drives — Classical and narrow V-belts — Lengths in datum system*

ISO 5287, *Belt drives — Narrow V-belts for the automotive industry — Fatigue test*

ISO 5290, *Belt drives — Grooved pulleys for joined narrow V-belts — Groove sections 9N/J, 15N/J and 25N/J (effective system)*

ISO 8501-1, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 1: Rust grades and preparation grades of uncoated steel substrates and of steel substrates after overall removal of previous coatings*

ISO 9563, *Belt drives — Electrical conductivity of antistatic endless synchronous belts — Characteristics and test method*

ISO 15156 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Materials for use in H₂S-containing environments in oil and gas production*

AGMA 6001¹⁾, *Design and Selection of Components for Enclosed Gear Drives*

ANSI/AGMA 6010, *Spur, Helical, Herringbone and Bevel Enclosed Drives*

ASME PTC 30²⁾, *Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers*

ICC³⁾, *International Building Code*

NACE MR0103⁴⁾, *Materials Resistant to Sulfide Stress Cracking in Corrosive Petroleum Refining Environments*

NACE SP0472, *Methods and Controls to Prevent In-Service Environmental Cracking of Carbon Steel Weldments in Corrosive Petroleum Refining Environments*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

bank

one or more items arranged in a continuous structure

3.2

bare tube surface

total area of the outside surfaces of the tubes, based on the length measured between the outside faces of the header tubesheets

3.3

bay

one or more tube bundles, serviced by two or more fans, including the structure, plenum and other attendant equipment

NOTE Figure 1 shows typical bay arrangements.

3.4

critical process temperature

temperature related to important physical properties of a process stream

EXAMPLES Freezing point, pour point, cloud point, hydrate formation temperature and dew point.

3.5

cyclic service

process operation with periodic variation in temperature, pressure, and/or flowrate

3.6

exhaust air

air that is discharged from the air-cooled heat exchanger to the atmosphere

3.7

external recirculation

process that uses an external duct to carry recirculated air to mix with and heat the inlet air

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