
**Industrial valves — Pressure testing of
metallic valves**

*Robinetterie industrielle — Essais sous pression des appareils de
robinetterie métalliques*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The purpose of this International Standard is the establishment of basic requirements and practices for pressure testing valves of various configurations that are used in general purpose, power generation, petroleum, and petrochemical or allied industry applications. The intent is to provide a consistent set of procedural requirements and acceptance criteria that can be considered in conjunction with valve specific standards appropriate for specific applications. Account has been taken of the valve testing requirement needs of EN 12266 and API 598 with requirements referenced for PN designated valves for the former and Class designated valves for the latter.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies examinations and tests that a valve manufacturer needs to act upon in order to establish the integrity of the pressure boundary of an industrial metallic valve and to verify the degree of valve closure tightness and the structural adequacy of its closure mechanism. This International Standard is to be applied in conjunction with the specific requirements of a valve product standard to the extent cited by the product standard as a normative reference. Where requirements of a product standard differ from those given in this International Standard, the requirements of the product standard apply.

This International Standard does not cover safety aspects of pressure testing.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1

shell test

test at a pressure in excess of the **cold working pressure** (2.9) rating of a valve for the purpose of validating the soundness and strength of the valve pressure containing and retaining structures

NOTE These structures include valve-actuating mechanisms that have a direct connection to the valve internals subject to fluid test pressure within the valve proper.

2.2

closure test

pressure test for the purpose of validating leakage through a valve's closure mechanism

2.3

test pressure

internal pressure (gauge), expressed in bar¹⁾ to which the valve under test is subjected

NOTE Unless otherwise noted, gauge pressure is used throughout this International Standard.

2.4

test fluid

pressurized liquid or gas used to test a valve

2.5

test fluid temperature

temperature of the test fluid, $\geq 5\text{ °C}$ and $\leq 40\text{ °C}$

2.6

resilient seats

broad category of seating surface materials that make up a pliable seat sealing combination, including elastomeric, polymeric, solid and semi-solid grease seals, either used in combination or used in conjunction with a mating metallic or ceramic component

1) 1 bar = 10⁵ Pa.