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Standard Specification for Commercial Food Waste Pulper and Waterpress Assembly[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers commercial pulping and waterpress assemblies intended for grinding of food scraps, paper, cardboard, and disposable plastic food-service ware.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 13, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

A6/A6M Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling

A29/A29M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought

A53/A53M Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless

A126 Specification for Gray Iron Castings for Valves, Flanges, and Pipe Fittings

A240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications

A269 Specification for Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubing for General Service

A276 Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes

A436 Specification for Austenitic Gray Iron Castings

A505 Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, General Requirements for

A513 Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Carbon and Alloy Steel Mechanical Tubing

A519 Specification for Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Mechanical Tubing

A532/A532M Specification for Abrasion-Resistant Cast Irons

A554 Specification for Welded Stainless Steel Mechanical Tubing

A582/A582M Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Bars

A681 Specification for Tool Steels Alloy

B43 Specification for Seamless Red Brass Pipe, Standard Sizes

B75 Specification for Seamless Copper Tube (Metric) B0075_B0075M

D2000 Classification System for Rubber Products in Automotive Applications

D2287 Classification System and Basis for Specification for Nonrigid Vinyl Chloride Polymer and Copolymer Molding and Extrusion Compounds

D3915 Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds for Plastic Pipe and Fittings Used in Pressure Applications (Withdrawn 2015)[3]

D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging

E674 Specification for Industrial Perforated Plate and Screens (Round Opening Series)

F104 Classification System for Nonmetallic Gasket Materials

F437 Specification for Threaded Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80

F439 Specification for Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[3] The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

F441/F441M Specification for Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedules 40 and 80
F442/F442M Specification for Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe (SDR–PR)
F760 Specification for Food Service Equipment Manuals
2.2 *National Fire Protection Agency Standard:*[4]
NFPA 70 National Electric Code
2.3 *NSF International Standards:*[5]
NSF/ANSI 13 Refuse Processors and Processing Systems
NSF Listings–Food Equipment
2.4 *Underwriters Laboratory Standards:*[6]
UL 430 Waste Disposers
UL 508 Industrial Control Equipment

3. Terminology

3.1 *General*—Commercial pulpers with waterpresses are intended for grinding food waste, food service paper and cardboard products, food service plastic products, documents including computer printouts, general office and retail store paper, and cardboard waste. Materials are ground in a water-filled tank (pulper) to produce a slurry which is then passed to the waterpress to be de-watered. Pulpers are not intended to be used for grinding glass, china, metal, wood, clam, or oyster shells. Any small pieces of metal inadvertently placed in the pulper, such as cardboard box staples, aluminum refreshment cans, or tin food cans, shall be removable from a trap in the pulper tank.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *pulper*—the pulper tank has a motor driven grinding disk to grind and cut waste material, and mixes this material with water to produce a slurry that is pumped to the waterpress through a sizing screen. Pulpers may consist of the following principle parts: tank, motor, grinding disk, particle sizing ring, trash box, legs, feed chute, stationary, and rotating cutters.

3.3 *waterpress*—the waterpress de-waters the slurry generated in the pulper by use of a vertical, inclined, or horizontal screw and perforated screen, then discharges the pulp down a chute to a waste container. Water removed during this process is pumped to the pulper tank in order to conserve fresh water use. Waterpresses may consist of the following parts: shell, helical transport screw, perforated screen, gearbox, motor, compression cone, discharge housing, chute, and pump.

4. Classification

4.1 *General*—Pulper and waterpress assemblies shall be of the following type, size, and options as specified.

4.2 *Type, Size, and Options* (See Table 1):

4.2.1 *Type A*—Free-standing pulper and waterpress assembly with tray assembly and flanged feet.

4.2.2 *Type B*—Undercounter pulper for 34-in. (86-cm) high counter and waterpress with feed hood and bullet feet.

TABLE 1 Type, Size, and Options

Options	Type Pulper with Waterpress	A		B	
	Size Pulper Diameter Inches—Maximum	24	30	24	30
	Pulper Motor HP	5	7.5	5	7.5
	Waterpress Motor HP	2	3	2	3
1	Automatic Shutdown Timer	3	3	3	3
2	18 In. Higher than Standard Waterpress	3	3	3	3
3	Tray Flush (Recirculated Water)	3	3	3	3
4	Trough Flush (Recirculated)	2	2	3	3
5	Single Feed Through Connection	2	2	3	3
6	Double Feed Through Connection	2	2	3	3
7	Feed Hood with Tray	4	4	3	3

(1) Pulper cover plate supplied in lieu of feed hood.
(2) Pulper and waterpress type not compatible with optional feature.
(3) Indicates available option for given type pulper with waterpress.
(4) Standard for Type A.

4.3 All equipment of the same model designation and options on the same purchase order shall have component interchangeability for serviceability.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Purchasers should select the preferred options permitted in this specification and include the following information in procurement documents:

5.1.1 Title, number, and date of this standard.
5.1.2 Classification of size and type (see Section 4).
5.1.3 Electrical power supply voltage range (see 9.1).
5.1.4 Electrical controls when specified to be remote from the unit (see 9.3).
5.1.5 Optional automatic shutdown timer when specified (see Section 4).
5.1.6 Spare and maintenance parts required.
5.1.7 Optional tray flush uses recycled water from the waterpress when specified (see Section 4).
5.1.8 Optional waterpress for high profile pulp discharge 18 in. above standard height optional when specified (see Section 4).
5.1.9 Optional trough flush when specified (see Section 4).
5.1.10 Optional single feed trough connections on when specified (see Section 4).
5.1.11 Optional double feed trough connections when specified (see Section 4).
5.1.12 Optional feed hood with tray for Type B (see Section 4).
5.1.13 Designate special features required for installation, such as location of controls, location of feed-hood and trough openings, waterpress discharge location, and location for cold water and drain connections.

6. Materials

6.1 Unless otherwise specified, pulpers and waterpresses shall be fabricated of materials specified in documents referenced in Section 2. Materials used shall be free from defects which would adversely affect the performance or maintainability of individual components or the overall assembly. Unit shall be manufactured for cleanability.

[4] Available from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.
[5] Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140.
[6] Available from Underwriters Laboratories (UL), 333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062.

6.1.1 *Corrosion-Resistant Steel*—Shall conform to the requirements of any 300 series steel specified in Specifications A240/A240M, A554, A276, and A582/A582M.

6.1.2 *Corrosion-Resisting Material*—Corrosion-resisting material is other than corrosion resistant steel that is equivalent in the pulper and waterpress application.

6.1.3 *Abrasion-Resistant Cast Iron*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification A532/A532M.

6.1.4 *Austenitic Gray Iron*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification A436.

6.1.5 *Copper Tube*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification B75.

6.1.6 *Brass Pipe*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification B43.

6.1.7 *Alloy Steel*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specifications A681, A29/A29M, A6/A6M, A513, A505, and A519.

6.1.8 *Black and Galvanized Pipe*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification A53/A53M.

6.1.9 *Gaskets/Seals*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification D2287, Classification D2000, and Classification F104.

6.1.10 *Perforated Metal*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification E674.

6.1.11 *Stainless Steel Pipe*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification A269.

6.1.12 *Plastic Piping and Fittings*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specifications F441/F441M, F442/F442M, F437, F439, and D3915.

6.1.13 *Austenitic Gray Iron Pipe Fittings*—Shall conform to the requirements specified in Specification A126.

7. Design and Construction

7.1 The pulper and waterpress shall be complete, ready for water, waste, and electrical connection. Undercounter units shall be ready for connection to tabling or trough mounting. Optional remote controls shall be complete and ready for wall mount and interconnection to the equipment. The pulper and waterpress shall comply with the requirements of UL 430 and UL 508.

7.2 *Valves*—Flow valves or fresh water solenoid valves, or both, and backflow prevention valves or air gap shall be of corrosion-resistant materials. Solenoid valves shall be fully automatic and suitable for 100°F (37.8°C) water. Manual flow valves or fresh water valves, or both, when provided, shall be of corrosion-resistant materials. Valves shall be suitable for 100°F (37.8°C) water. Backflow prevention shall be in accordance with NSF/ANSI 13.

7.3 *Tanks*—Tanks shall be of corrosion-resistant steel with minimum sheet metal thickness of 0.070 in. (1.78 mm).

7.4 *Waterpress*—Waterpress enclosure shall be of corrosion-resistant steel with minimum sheet metal wall thickness of 0.070 in. (1.78 mm). Any waterpress frame structure shall be of corrosion-resistant steel or painted carbon steel. Frame material shall be of 0.120-in. minimum thickness. The waterpress screen shall be of 0.059 (1.50 mm) thickness minimum corrosion-resistant perforated steel. Access port for cleaning the screen and a manual cold water screen flush system shall be provided. The waterpress flight screw shall be of corrosion-resistant steel. Thickness of the flight shall be 0.125-in. (3.18-mm) minimum thickness.

7.5 *Level Sensor*—A level sensor shall be supplied with each pulper for the purpose of controlling water level in the pulper tank. The sensor shall be adjustable.

7.6 *Cutter*—Each pulper shall be supplied with suitable cutters. Cutters shall be of abrasion-resistant iron, tool steel, corrosion-resisting material, or tool steel with carbide cutting edges. Cutters on the disk and sizing ring shall be individually replaceable.

7.7 *Sizing Ring*—Each pulper shall be supplied with a corrosion-resistant steel perforated ring.

7.8 *Pumps*—Shall be of non-ferrous or austenitic gray iron castings. Bearings and motors shall be protected from water contamination by a mechanical shaft seal (see 7.13). Pumps may be direct or belt driven.

7.9 *Gearbox*—Each waterpress flight screw shall be directly driven by a helical or worm gear, single, or double reduction gearbox. The gearbox may be direct or belt driven.

7.10 *Compression Cone*—Waterpress compression cones, if used, shall be of corrosion-resistant steel, non-ferrous corrosion-resistant material, or austenitic gray iron casting. The cone shall be tapered to allow gradual de-watering of the pulp.

7.11 *Trash Box*—Each pulper may be supplied with an externally removable container of corrosion-resistant steel with minimum sheet metal thickness of 0.059 in. (1.50 mm). Minimum usable size of the container shall be 70 in.^{3} (1147 cm^3).

7.12 *Pulper Disk*—The disk shall be of corrosion-resistant steel with a minimum thickness of 0.218 in. (5.54 mm) with at least ten shredding teeth or equivalent shredding mechanism attached.

7.13 *Pulper Motor Shaft Seal*—Shall be a water flushed mechanical seal. The seal is to prevent soil and water leakage down the shaft from the pulper to the motor.

7.14 *Motor*—Thermal overload protection shall be provided either on the motor or in the control circuitry.

7.15 *Support Legs*—Pulper and waterpress shall be supported by at least 4 legs, each with bullet or flange feet that can be adjusted, plus or minus ¾-in. (19 mm) from nominal for leveling the unit. Legs and feet shall be designed for cleanability.

7.16 *Plating, Coating, and Painting*—Pulpers or their individual components shall be plated, coated, or painted for corrosion protection in accordance with the manufacturer's standard practice.

7.17 *Wiring and Circuit Protective Devices*—All wiring and circuit protective devices shall be in accordance with UL 430 or UL 508.