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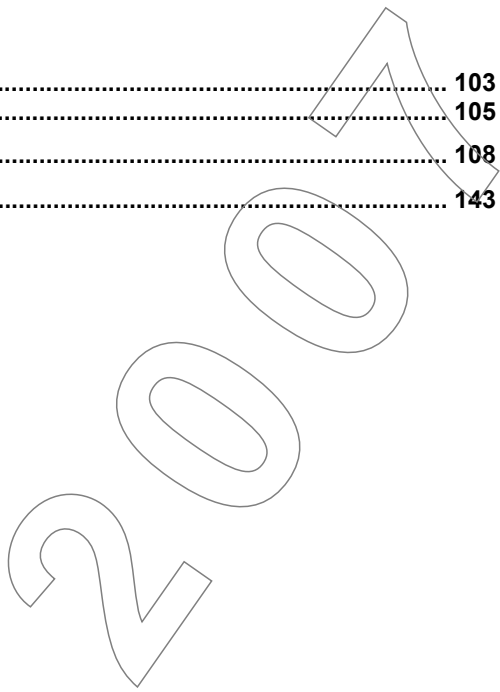
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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and provides guidance for selection, design, specification, operation and maintenance of flares and related combustion and mechanical components used in pressure relieving and vapour-depressuring systems for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries.

Although this International Standard is primarily intended for new flares and related equipment, it may also be used in the evaluation of existing flare facilities.

Annexes A, B and C provide further guidance and best practices for the selection, specification and mechanical details for flares and on the design, operation and maintenance of flare combustion and related equipment.

Annex D explains how to use the data sheets provided in Annex E; these data sheets should be used to communicate and record design information.

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

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 10684, *Fasteners — Hot dip galvanized coatings*

ISO 13705, *Fired heaters for general refinery service*

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

ISO 15649, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Piping*

ISO 23251, *Pressure-relieving and depressuring systems*

API RP 2A¹⁾, *Recommended Practice for Planning, Designing and Constructing Fixed Offshore Platforms*

ASME STS-1²⁾, *Steel Stacks*

1) American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005

ASTM A 475 Class A³⁾, *Standard Specification for Zinc-Coated Steel Wire Strand*

ASTM A 586 Class A, *Standard Specification for Zinc-Coated Parallel and Helical Steel Wire Structural Strand and Zinc-Coated Wire for Spun-In-Place Structural Strand*

ICAO⁴⁾, Annex 14 - *Aerodromes, Volume I – Aerodrome Design and Operations*

NACE MR0103⁵⁾, *Materials Resistant to Sulfide Stress Cracking in Corrosive Petroleum Refining Environments*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

air seal

purge reduction device

device used to minimize or eliminate the intrusion of air back into the riser from the exit

3.2

assist gas

fuel gas that is added to relief gas prior to the flare burner or at the point of combustion in order to raise the heating value

3.3

back blowing

procedure by which the dry air seal drain line is blown back from the base of the drain into the buoyancy seal to ensure the line is clear

3.4

blowoff

loss of a stable flame where the flame is lifted above the burner, occurring if the fuel velocity exceeds the flame velocity

3.5

buoyancy seal

dry vapour seal that minimizes the required purge gas needed to protect from air infiltration

Note The buoyancy seal functions by trapping a volume of light gas in an internal inverted compartment that prevents air from displacing buoyant light gas in the flare.

3.6

burnback

internal burning within the burner

Note Burnback can result from air backing down the flare burner at purge or low flaring rates.

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3) American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, USA.

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5) American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, USA.

3.7**burn-pit flare**

open excavation, normally equipped with a horizontal flare burner that can handle liquid as well as vapour hydrocarbons

3.8**burning velocity****flame velocity**

speed at which a flame front travels into an unburned combustible mixture

3.9**coanda flare**

flare burner that is designed to employ the aerodynamic effect where moving fluids follow a curved or inclined surface over which they flow

Note Flares of this type generally use steam or pressure to achieve smokeless performance.

3.10**combustion air**

air required to combust the flare gases

3.11**combustion efficiency**

percentage of the combustible fluid totally oxidized in the burner

Note In the case of hydrocarbons, combustion efficiency is the mass percent of carbon in the original fluid that oxidizes completely to CO₂.

3.12**condensable gas**

vapour that can condense at the temperature and pressure expected in a flare header during or after a flaring event

3.13**cryogenic service**

systems which may be called upon to handle waste gas below $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$)

3.14**derrick support**

support system for the elevated flare riser normally used for very tall flares or when plot space is limited

Note Various derrick supported arrangements are available: a fixed system has its riser permanently supported to the derrick; a demountable derrick has multiple riser sections that are designed to be lowered and removed to permit lowering of the flare burner to grade; a demountable derrick with one fixed riser provides for a single piece design to be lowered to grade as a single component.

3.15**design flare capacity**

maximum design flow to the flare normally expressed in kilograms per hour (pounds per hour) of a specific composition, temperature, and pressure

3.16**destruction efficiency**

mass percent of the combustible vapour that is at least partially oxidized

Note In the case of a hydrocarbon, destruction efficiency is the mass percentage of carbon in the fluid vapour that oxidizes to CO or CO₂.