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Standard Specification for Filament-Wound Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers cylindrical tanks fabricated by filament winding for above-ground vertical installation, to contain aggressive chemicals at atmospheric pressure as classified herein, and made of a commercial-grade polyester or vinylester resin. Included are requirements for materials, properties, design, construction, dimensions, tolerances, workmanship, and appearance.

1.2 This specification does not cover the design of vessels intended for pressure above atmospheric, vacuum conditions, except as classified herein, or vessels intended for use with liquids heated above their flash points.

1.3 The values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes only.

NOTE 1—Special design consideration should be given to vessels subject to superimposed mechanical forces, such as earthquakes, wind load, or agitation, and to vessels subject to service temperature in excess of 180°F (82°C), and to vessels with unsupported bottoms.

NOTE 2—There is no similar or equivalent ISO standard.

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 11, 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

C 581 Practice for Determining Chemical Resistance of Thermosetting Resins Used in Glass Fiber Reinforced Structures Intended for Liquid Service²

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.

C 582 Specification for Contact-Molded Reinforced, Thermosetting Plastic (RTP) Laminates for Corrosion Resistant Equipment³

D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials for Testing²

D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics²

D 1599 Test Method for Short-Time Hydraulic Failure Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings³

D 2150 Specification for Woven Roving Glass Fabric for Polyester-Glass Laminates⁴

D 2583 Test Method for Indentation Hardness of Rigid Plastics by Means of a Barcol Impressor⁵

D 2584 Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins⁵

D 2996 Specification for Filament-Wound Reinforced Thermosetting Resin Pipe³

D 2997 Specification for Centrifugally Cast “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Pipe³

D 3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics⁶

D 4024 Specification for Machine Made Fiberglass Flanges³

D 5421 Specification for Contact Molded Flanges³

F 412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems³

2.2 ANSI Standards:

B 16.1 Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Class 25, 125, 250, and 800⁷

3. Terminology

3.1 *General*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminologies D 883 and F 412, unless otherwise indicated.

3.2 *filament-wound*—as applied to tanks, a process in which the principal circumferential load-bearing reinforcement is applied by continuous filament winding.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.04.

⁴ Discontinued; see 1986 *Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.02.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.02.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.03.

⁷ Available from American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd Street, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

3.3 *contact molding*—a molding process that includes “hand lay-up,” “spray-up,” or a combination of these manufacturing processes.

4. Classification

4.1 Tanks meeting this specification are classified according to type as follows, and it is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify the requirement for Type II tanks, the operating pressure or vacuum levels, and the safety factor required for external pressure. Absence of a designation of type required shall imply that Type I is adequate.

4.1.1 *Type I*—Atmospheric pressure tanks vented directly to the atmosphere, designed for pressure no greater or lower than atmospheric.

4.1.2 *Type II*—Atmospheric pressure tanks vented directly into a fume conservation system, and designed to withstand the specified positive and negative pressure not to exceed 14 in. (355.6 mm) of water when all tie-down lugs are properly secured, in accordance with the fabricator’s recommendations for flat-bottom tanks.

4.2 Tanks meeting this specification are classified according to grade as follows:

4.2.1 *Grade 1*—Tanks manufactured with a single generic type of thermoset resin throughout.

4.2.2 *Grade 2*—Tanks manufactured with different generic types of thermoset resin in the barrier and the structural portion.

NOTE 3—The external corrosive environment due to spillage or corrosive vapors should be considered when specifying Grade 2 tanks (see 7.1.3.3).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Resin*—The resin used shall be a commercial-grade, corrosion-resistant thermoset that has either been evaluated in a laminate by test in accordance with 11.3 or that has been determined by previous documented service to be acceptable for the service conditions. Where service conditions have not been evaluated, a suitable resin also may be selected by agreement between fabricator and purchaser.

5.1.1 The resin shall contain no pigment, dyes, colorants, or filler, except as follows:

5.1.1.1 A thixotropic agent that does not interfere with visual inspection of laminate quality, or with the required corrosion resistance of the laminate, may be added for viscosity control.

NOTE 4—The addition of a thixotropic agent may reduce the resistance of many resin systems to certain corrosive chemical environments. It is the responsibility of the fabricator, using a thixotropic agent in the resin required for 7.1.1 and 7.1.2, to ascertain its compatibility with the corrosive environment when this has been reported to him by the purchaser.

5.1.1.2 Resin pastes used to fill crevices before overlay shall not be subject to the limitations of 5.1.1.

5.1.1.3 Resin may contain pigment, dyes, or colorants when agreed upon between fabricator and purchaser.

NOTE 5—The addition of pigment, dyes, or colorants may interfere with visual inspection of laminate quality.

5.1.1.4 Ultraviolet absorbers may be added to the exterior surface for improved weather resistance, if agreed upon between fabricator and purchaser.

5.1.1.5 Antimony compounds or other fire-retardant agents may be added to halogenated resins for improved fire resistance, if agreed upon between fabricator and purchaser.

NOTE 6—Because the addition of fire-retardant agents may interfere with visual inspection of laminate quality, they should not be used in the inner surface (7.1.1) or interior layer (7.1.2) unless their functional advantages would outweigh the loss of visual inspection.

5.2 Reinforcement:

5.2.1 *Chopped-Strand Mat*—Chopped-strand mat shall be constructed from chopped commercial-grade E-type glass strands bonded together using a binder. The strands should be treated with a sizing that is chemically compatible with the resin system used.

NOTE 7—The selection of the particular chopped-strand mat is dependent upon the performance characteristics required of the finished product and upon the processing techniques to be used.

5.2.2 *Continuous Roving*—Continuous roving shall be a commercial-grade of E-type glass fiber with a sizing that is chemically compatible with the resin system used.

5.2.3 *Nonwoven Biaxial or Unidirectional Fabric*—These products shall be a commercial Grade of E-type glass fiber with a sizing that is chemically compatible with the resin system used.

5.2.4 *Woven Roving*—Woven roving shall be in accordance with Specification D 2150.

5.2.5 *Surface Mat*—The reinforcement used for the inner surface (7.1.1) shall be either a commercial-grade chemical resistant glass surface mat or an organic-fiber surface mat. In environments that attack glass, the use of an organic-fiber surface mat is required.

6. Design Requirements Design Requirements

6.1 *Filament-Wound Laminates*—The maximum allowable stress of the total laminate (that is, filament winding plus inner surface (7.1.1) and interior layer (7.1.2)) shall be limited by the allowable movement (strain) of the tank wall when filled with fluid.

6.1.1 The maximum allowable hoop stress shall be determined as follows:

$$S_H = (E_T(Z)) \quad (1)$$

where:

S_H = hoop stress, psi (kPa),

E_T = hoop tensile modulus of the total laminate (see Appendix X3), psi (kPa), and

Z = allowable strain.

NOTE 8—The use of an accepted analytical technique, such as laminated plate theory (LPT), for design and analysis of composite vessels may predict stresses, strains, and strength on a ply-by-ply basis, given some basic lamina properties.

NOTE 9—Tanks for installation outdoors shall be designed for the effect of wind loading and other environmental factors in accordance with sound design practice, including tank buckling analysis.

NOTE 10—Tanks with significant physical loadings other than fluid head (such as side mounted equipment, violent agitation, unusually high