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Fire resistance of non-metallic
hose assemblies and non-metallic
compensators — Requirements for the
test bench**

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 8, *Ships and marine technology*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Piping and machinery*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15541:1999), which has been technically revised.

The most significant change in this second edition is the inclusion of non-metallic compensators to the fire test procedures outlined in this document. The first edition of this document applied primarily to non-metallic hose assemblies. Because the compensators are used in common piping systems and may have similar materials to hose assemblies, the applicability of the test procedures was expanded to include compensators.

Introduction

The main objective of the test using the test bench described in this document is to determine whether and for a safety period a non-metallic hose assembly or non-metallic compensator can be exposed to fire, without becoming inoperable, when subjected to the envisaged working pressure. Despite the fact that the attacking fire is simulated so as to correspond to a fire occurring in practice, it cannot be assumed that the duration of resistance to fire as recorded during that test will also occur in the event of an actual fire, as the conditions of installation, which essentially affect to the duration of resistance to fire, may vary from case to case.

Tests carried out using the test bench specified in this document are intended to lead to results capable of being reproduced.

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Ships and marine technology — Fire resistance of non-metallic hose assemblies and non-metallic compensators — Requirements for the test bench

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for a test bench to determine the fire resistance of non-metallic hose assemblies and non-metallic compensators with nominal diameter up to 150 mm. It may be used for bigger sizes provided proper test bench conditions are obtained. During the exposure to flames, there are possible working pressures of up to 16 bar.

The flame spread ability of non-metallic hose assemblies or non-metallic compensators cannot be tested with the test bench specified in this document.

Only water is permitted as a test medium. With a view to ensuring maximum safety for both the operating personnel and the test bench in the event of damage of the non-metallic hose assembly or non-metallic compensator during the test, the use of combustible test media is excluded.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 15540:2016, *Ships and marine technology — Fire resistance of non-metallic hose assemblies and non-metallic compensators — Test methods*

IEC 60051-1:1997, *Direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories — Part 1: Definitions and general requirements common to all parts*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

3.1

fire resistance

ability of an element of building construction, component or structure, to fulfil for a stated period of time the required stability, integrity, thermal insulation and/or other expected duty specified, in a standard fire resistance test

4 Requirements

4.1 Components of test bench

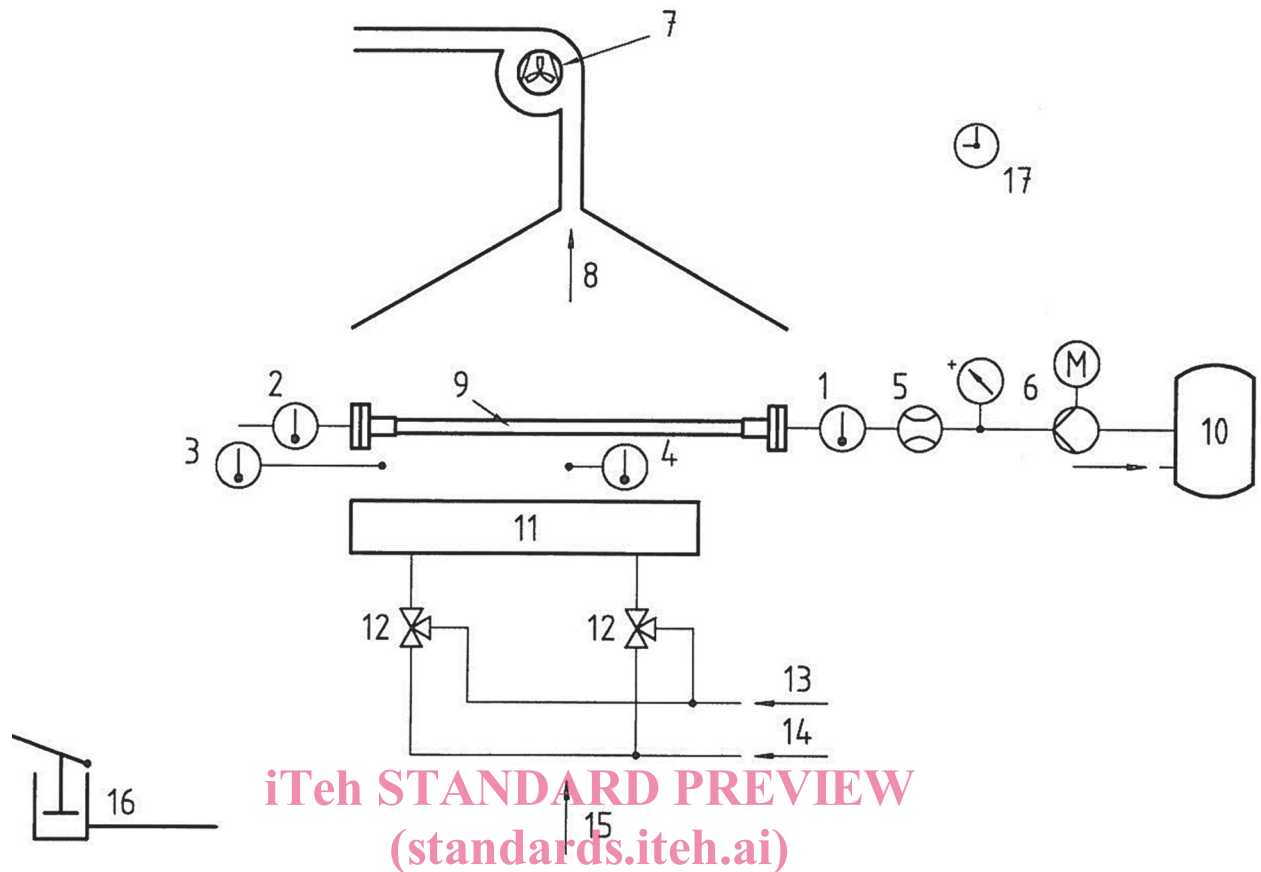
The test bench shall consist of the following parts (see [Figure 1](#)):

- burner chamber with connecting device for the test specimens, burner and exhaust gas trunk (refer to parameters [4.2](#));
- aggregate box with equipment for conditioning and controlling the test medium (see [4.3](#));
- equipment for monitoring and recording the test procedure (see [4.4](#));
- pressure-producing equipment which can load the test specimen at the end of flame application with the test pressure as specified in the technical specification (see [4.5](#)).

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Key

Indication, measurement, recording, control and adjustments

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|---|---|----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | measuring point water temperature of test medium, inlet | 10 | water tank with heating/cooling |
| 2 | measuring point water temperature of test medium, outlet | 11 | sectional area burner |
| 3 | measuring point flame temperature below test specimen outlet | 12 | mixing valve |
| 4 | measuring point flame temperature below centre of test specimen | 13 | gas |
| 5 | flow rate of water | 14 | combustion air |
| 6 | working pressure during test | 15 | air supply |
| 7 | fan | 16 | pump for pressure test |
| 8 | exhaust gas | 17 | test duration |
| 9 | test specimen | | |

Figure 1 — Diagram of test bench

4.2 Burner chamber

4.2.1 General

The connections of the test specimen shall be arranged to an operating height (e.g. 1 000 mm). They shall enable testing of hose assemblies with a free length of hose of 500 mm minimum and non-metallic compensators of varying length and shapes. A steady air flow upwards shall be provided. The base area of the air supply shall be approximately 0,6 m².