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# Ships and marine technology — Check valves for use in low temperature applications — Design and testing requirements

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements of design, manufacture, and test methods for cryogenic check valves to have excellent quality of leakage stability in very low temperature environments (–50 °C to –196 °C).

## 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 5209, *General purpose industrial valves — Marking*

ISO 28921-1, *Industrial valves — Isolating valves for low-temperature applications — Part 1: Design, manufacturing and production testing*

API 594, *Check Valves: Flanged, Lug, Wafer, and Butt-welding*

API 598:2016, *Valve Inspection and Testing*

API 6FA, *Specification for Fire Test for Valves*

ASME B16.5, *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*

ASME B16.10, *Face-to-Face and End-to-End Dimensions of Valves*

ASME B16.25, *Buttwelding Ends*

ASME B16.34:2017, *Valves-Flanged, Threaded, and Welding End*

ASME BPVC Sec. V, *Nondestructive Examination*

ASME BPVC Sec. VIII, Div.1:2018, *Pressure Vessels*

ASTM A182, *Standard Specification for Forged or Rolled Alloy and Stainless Steel Pipe Flanges, Forged Fittings, and Valves and Parts for High-Temperature Service*

ASTM A194, *Standard Specification for Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, and Stainless Steel Nuts for Bolts for High Pressure or High Temperature Service, or Both*

ASTM A320, *Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting for Low-Temperature Service*

ASTM A351/A351M, *Standard Specification for Castings, Austenitic, for Pressure-Containing Parts*

ASTM E186/280/446, *Standard Reference Radiographs for Heavy-Walled Steel Castings*

BS 1868, *Specification for steel check valves (flanged and butt-welding ends) for the petroleum, petrochemical and allied industries*

BS 6364, *Specification for valves for cryogenic service*

### 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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1 nominal diameter DN

alphanumeric designation of size for components of a pipework system, used for reference purposes which comprises the letters DN followed by a dimensionless whole number that is related to the physical size, in millimetres, of the bore or outside diameter of the end connections

Note 1 to entry: The number following the letters DN does not represent a measured value and shall not be used for calculation purposes except where specified in the relevant standard.

Note 2 to entry: In those standards that use the DN designation system, any relationship between DN and component dimensions shall be given, e.g. DN/OD or DN/ID.

[SOURCE: ISO 18139:2017, 3.1]

#### 3.2 nominal pressure PN

numerical designation relating to pressure that is a convenient round number for reference purposes

Note 1 to entry: It is intended that all equipment of the same nominal size (DN) designated by the same PN number shall have the same mating dimensions appropriate to the type of end connections.

Note 2 to entry: The permissible working pressure depends upon materials, design and working temperature and has to be selected from the pressure/temperature rating tables in corresponding standards.

[SOURCE: ISO 18139:2017, 3.2]

#### 3.3 nominal pipe size NPS

dimensionless number for the purpose of pipe, flange, or flanged fitting end connection size identification

Note 1 to entry: The number is not necessarily the same as the flange or flanged fitting inside diameter.

[SOURCE: ISO 18139:2017, 3.3]

#### 3.4 class

alphanumeric designation used for reference purposes related to a combination of mechanical and dimensional characteristics of a component of a pipework system, which comprises the word “class” followed by a dimensionless whole number

[SOURCE: ISO 18139:2017, 3.4]



## 4 Pressure temperature rating

### 4.1 Types of fluids

The types of fluids are shown in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Types of fluids**

Type	Temperature (in atmospheric pressure)	Liquid density (density)
LNG (Liquefied natural gas)	-163 °C to -88 °C	(434 kg to 478 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
NG (Natural gas)	-160 °C to -65 °C	(0,7 kg to 0,89 kg/ m <sup>3</sup> )
LN2 (Liquefied nitrogen)	-196 °C	(804 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
N2 (Nitrogen)	-196 °C to -65 °C	(1,184 kg/ m <sup>3</sup> )

### 4.2 Working pressure and designed temperature

The valve shall be designed to operate without failure or leakage at the extreme temperatures and pressure ranges expected in service.

Class and maximum working pressure shall meet the requirements of the standard class specified in ASME B16.34.

The manufacturers and the purchasers may reach an agreement when Class exceeds 900.

The working pressure and design temperature for these valves are shown in [Table 2](#).

**Table 2 — Working pressure and design temperature**

PN	Class	Maximum pressure MPa	Note
20	150	2,0	in ambient temperature
50	300	5,2	
100	600	10,3	
128	800	13,8	
150	900	15,5	

NOTE Working pressure is based on the piping design condition provided by the purchasers.

## 5 Design

### 5.1 General structure of a check valve

The valve shall be designed as a 'swing', 'dual plate' or 'lift' configuration. Function and standardization of the valve shall be satisfied with the following requirements. The manufacturers shall follow agreements with each other if there are minor differences from this document.

### 5.2 Materials — General

Throughout this document, materials are specified for each of the various parts of the valve. In lieu of the materials specified, other materials may be used provided they are manufactured by the same

process as the material specified, such as forging, casting, bar, or seamless pipe. In addition, the material shall be suitable for the operating temperatures of the valve and the materials shall have mechanical properties, including low temperature impact resistance, and resistance to corrosion equal to or better than the material specified for the specific valve part.

### 5.3 Body

#### 5.3.1 Materials

Materials shall be equal quality or better than the materials shown in [Table 3](#); welded ends type valve materials may be used for ‘flanged ends’ type.

**Table 3 — Materials by manufacturing method**

Manufacturing method	Materials	
	Flanged ends type	Welding ends type
Forging	ASTM A182 F304, F316	ASTM A182 F304L, F316L
Casting	ASTM A351 CF8, CF8M	ASTM A351 CF3, CF3M

#### 5.3.2 Manufacturing

The valve shall be manufactured according to the following procedures.

**5.3.2.1** Face-to-face and end-to-end dimensions shall meet the requirements of the following standards:

- a) swing type: ASME B16.10;
- b) dual plate type: API 594;
- c) lift type: ASME B16.10.

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**5.3.2.2** Minimum wall thickness shall be thicker than the values shown in ASME B16.34 to account for corrosion, thermal stress, etc.

**5.3.2.3** The end connection of the body is classified as ‘welding ends’ type or ‘flanged ends’ type and shall be manufactured as below.

##### 5.3.2.3.1 Welding ends type

- a) Socket welding ends
  - Class 150, 300: to the requirements of Class 3 000 in ASME B16.11
  - Class 600: to the requirements of Class 6 000 in ASME B16.11
  - Class 800 to 1 500: to the requirements of Class 9 000 in ASME B16.11
- b) Butt welding ends
  - Thickness of connected pipes under Sch. 40s shall meet the requirements of Sch. 40s and be manufactured according to ASME B16.25.
  - Thickness of connected pipes over Sch. 40s: shall be at least the thickness of connected pipes and be manufactured according to ASME B16.25.
  - Thickness of connected pipes shall meet the requirements of ‘pipe schedules’ given by the purchasers.

### 5.3.2.3.2 Flanged ends type

- a) NPS 24 and under: to meet the requirements of ASME B16.5
  - Class 150, Class 300: raised face (RF) type flange
  - Class 600 and over: large groove face (LGF) type flange or raised face (RF) type flange
- b) Over NPS 26: to meet the requirements of ASME B16.47
  - Class 150, Class 300: raised face (RF) type flange
  - Over Class 600: large groove face (LGF) type flange or raised face (RF) type flange
- c) Processing accuracy of face shall meet the requirements of ASME B16.5 and ASME B16.47, and also be measured according to ASME B46.1.
  - Raised face (RF) type flange: 3,2  $\mu\text{m}$  Ra to 6,3  $\mu\text{m}$  Ra (125  $\mu\text{m}$  to 250  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Large groove face (LGF) type flange: Less than 3,2  $\mu\text{m}$  Ra (125  $\mu\text{m}$ )

**5.3.2.4** A valve lifting lug and supporting leg may be installed on the valve to facilitate delivery and use. The size should be determined by agreement between manufacturers and the purchasers.

## 5.4 Cover (bonnet)

### 5.4.1 Types

The welding connection between bonnet and body shall be welded by screw type after first combination.

### 5.4.2 Materials

Materials shall be ASTM A182 F316, ASTM A351 CF8M or equal to or better than body's materials.

## 5.5 Disc

### 5.5.1 Types

Discs may be manufactured as solid type (one-piece type) and dual type.

### 5.5.2 Materials

Materials shall meet the requirements of ASTM A182 F316, ASTM A351 CF8M or be equal to or better than body's materials. A part adhered to a body ring needs a hard surface treatment to improve wear resistance. The thickness of a hard surface treatment shall be thicker than 1,6 mm.

## 5.6 Gasket

A material that can be used in temperatures from  $-196\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  shall be used.

## 5.7 Valve Seat

### 5.7.1 Types

The valve seat in the body shall block the flow by mating with the disc.