



Standard Specification for Commercial Food Waste Pulper and Waterpress Assembly¹

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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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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 Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought, General Requirements for
- 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
- A167 Specification for Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip
- 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
- D2000 Classification System for Rubber Products in Automotive Applications
- D2287 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
- 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
- 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)
- F443 Specification for Bell-End Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (Cpvc) Pipe Schedule 40 (Withdrawn 1986)³

- ### 2.2 National Fire Protection Agency Standard:⁴
- NFPA 70 National Electric Code

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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.

⁴ Available from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

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 Electrical 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

6.1.1 *Corrosion-Resistant Steel*—Shall conform to the requirements of any 300 series steel specified in Specifications [A167](#), [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](#).