
**Vitreous and porcelain enamels —
Design of bolted steel tanks for the
storage or treatment of water or
municipal or industrial effluents and
sludges**

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 28765:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated;
- the terms and definitions have been updated;
- additional information relating to tank installation requirements, foundation requirements, tank roof openings and tank disinfection requirements have been added;
- additional tank applications have been added to the application guide along with their associated quality requirements.

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Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Design of bolted steel tanks for the storage or treatment of water or municipal or industrial effluents and sludges

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for the design and use of vitreous enamel coated bolted cylindrical steel tanks for the storage or treatment of water or municipal or industrial effluents and sludges.

It is applicable to the design of the tank and any associated roof and gives guidance on the requirements for the design of the foundation.

It is applicable where:

- a) the tank is cylindrical and is mounted on a load-bearing base substantially at or above ground level;
- b) the product of the tank diameter in metres and the wall height in metres lies within the range 5 to 500;
- c) the tank diameter does not exceed 100 m and the total wall height does not exceed 50 m;
- d) the stored material has the characteristics of a liquid, exerting a negligible frictional force on the tank wall; the stored material can be undergoing treatment as part of a municipal or industrial effluent treatment process;
- e) the internal pressure in the headspace above the liquid does not exceed 50 kPa and the internal partial vacuum above the liquid does not exceed 10 kPa;
- f) the walls of the tank are vertical;
- g) the floor of the tank is substantially flat at its intersection with the wall; the floor of the tank can have a rise or fall built in to allow complete emptying of the tank contents, the slope of which does not exceed 1:100;
- h) there is negligible inertial and impact load due to tank filling;
- i) the minimum thickness of the tank shell is 1,5 mm;
- j) the material used for the manufacture of the steel sheets is carbon steel (tanks constructed of sheets made from aluminium or stainless steel are outside the scope of this document);
- k) the temperature of the tank wall during operation is within the range -50 °C to $+100\text{ °C}$ under all operating conditions.

This document also gives details of procedures to be followed during installation on site and for inspection and maintenance of the installed tank.

It does not apply to chemical-reaction vessels.

It does not cover resistance to fire.

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 2178, *Non-magnetic coatings on magnetic substrates — Measurement of coating thickness — Magnetic method*

ISO 2746:2015, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — High voltage test*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

ISO 4532, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of the resistance of enamelled articles to impact — Pistol test*

ISO 6370-2, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of the resistance to abrasion — Part 2: Loss in mass after sub-surface abrasion*

ISO 6769, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of surface scratch hardness according to the Mohs scale*

ISO 8289-1:2020, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Low-voltage test for detecting and locating defects — Part 1: Swab test for non-profiled surfaces*

ISO 15686-1, *Buildings and constructed assets — Service life planning — Part 1: General principles and framework*

ISO 19496-1, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Terminology — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

ISO 28706-1:2008, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion — Part 1: Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion by acids at room temperature*

ISO 28706-2:2017, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion — Part 2: Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion by boiling acids, boiling neutral liquids, alkaline liquids and/or their vapours*

ISO 28706-3:2017, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion — Part 3: Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion by alkaline liquids using a hexagonal vessel or a tetragonal glass bottle*

ISO 28706-4:2016, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion — Part 4: Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion by alkaline liquids using a cylindrical vessel*

ISO 28763:2019, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Regenerative, enamelled and packed panels for air-gas and gas-gas heat exchangers — Specifications*

EN 1998-4, *Eurocode 8 — Design of structures for earthquake resistance — Part 4: Silos, tanks and pipelines*

EN 10209:2013, *Cold rolled low carbon steel flat products for vitreous enamelling — Technical delivery conditions*

ANSI/AWWA D 103, *Factory-Coated Bolted Steel Tanks for Water Storage*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 19496-1 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

brief

working document which specifies at any point in time the relevant needs and aims of the project, the resources to be provided by the *client* (3.2), the details of the project and any applicable design requirements within which all subsequent briefing (when needed) and designing can take place

3.2

client

person or organization that requires a *tank* (3.18) to be provided, altered or extended and is responsible for initiating and approving the *brief* (3.1)

3.3

defect

void, break, crack, discontinuity, blister, foreign inclusion or contamination of the vitreous enamel coating

3.4

designer

person or organization responsible for stating the shape and specification of the component to be designed

3.5

design life

service life (3.17) intended by the *designer* (3.4)

3.6

discontinuity free

vitreous enamel coating which does not allow an electric current to pass through to the steel substrate

3.7

enamel supplier

person or organization supplying materials for use by the *vitreous enameller* (3.19) in the enamelling process

3.8

freeboard

distance between the top of the cylindrical-tank vertical shell wall and the surface of the contained *liquid* (3.11) at the specified operating level

3.9

headspace pressure

pressure within a roofed *tank* (3.18) above the stored *liquid* (3.11)

3.10

inspection area

area inside a boundary 25 mm from any panel edge or hole and outside a boundary 25 mm from any opening or hole within the body of a panel

3.11

liquid

bulk substance that exerts substantially the same vertical and horizontal pressures and has no fixed shape

3.12

maintenance

combination of all technical and associated administrative actions during the *service life* (3.17) to retain a *tank* (3.18) or its parts in a state in which it can perform its required function

3.13

manufacturer

person or organization that manufactures the *tank* (3.18) or parts of the tank

3.14

purchaser

person or organization purchasing the *tank* (3.18) from the *supplier* (3.16)

Note 1 to entry: The purchaser can also be the *client* (3.2).

3.15

rectification

return of a *tank* (3.18) or its parts to an acceptable condition by the renewal, replacement or repair of worn, damaged or degraded parts

3.16

supplier

person or organization that supplies the *tank* (3.18) or parts of the tank

3.17

service life

period of time after installation during which the *tank* (3.18) or its parts meets or exceeds the performance requirements

3.18

tank

cylindrical, vertical shell for containing *liquid* (3.11), with or without a roof, which is constructed from curved vitreous enamelled single or laminated steel panels bolted together on the construction site and mounted on a base which can also form the floor of the container

3.19

vitreous enameller

person undertaking and controlling the process of preparing the steel sheets and applying the vitreous enamel coating to the surfaces of the steel sheets

Note 1 to entry: The vitreous enameller will normally be the *manufacturer* (3.13).

4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols apply.

D	tank diameter
E	Young's modulus of elasticity
F_H	static hoop force
g	acceleration due to gravity
H	depth of liquid at point under consideration, measured from the liquid surface at the maximum possible filling level
H_0	total vertical wall height
l	length of shell between intermediate stiffeners

I_z	second moment of area of a stiffener
p_h	headspace pressure
p_n	hydrostatic pressure
r	tank radius
$q_{r,cr}$	critical external buckling pressure
q_{wmax}	maximum stagnation pressure due to wind
t	shell plate thickness
ν	Poisson's ratio
w	proportion of dissolved solids in sludge
γ	maximum partial load factor
ρ	relative density of a liquid
ρ_s	relative density of sludge
ρ_{ds}	relative density of municipal sewage sludge
σ	stress
$\sigma_{z,cr}$	critical axial buckling resistance
cr	(subscript) critical
ds	(subscript) dissolved solids
h	(subscript) headspace
max	(subscript) maximum value
n	(subscript) normal to the tank wall
s	(subscript) sludge
w	(subscript) wind
z	(subscript) coincident with the central axis of a shell of revolution

5 Units

The use of one of the following sets of consistent units is recommended.

dimensions:	m, mm
unit weight:	kN/m ³ , N/mm ³
forces and loads:	kN, N
line forces and line loads:	kN/m, N/mm
pressures and area-distributed actions:	kPa, MPa (1 MPa = 1 N/mm ²)

unit mass:	kg/m ³ , kg/mm ³
acceleration:	km/s ² , m/s ²
membrane-stress resultants:	kN/m, N/mm
bending-stress resultants:	kNm/m, Nmm/mm
stresses and elastic moduli:	kPa, MPa

6 Information and requirements to be agreed and documented

6.1 General

For the safe design and manufacture of the tank and associated parts, the brief and specification shall be agreed between the contracting parties.

6.2 Information to be provided by the purchaser

The purchaser shall provide the supplier with a specification that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) The specification of the stored liquid that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1) the name and/or a description of the liquid;
 - 2) the relative density;
 - 3) any relevant properties or characteristics particular to the liquid to be stored;
 - 4) the operating-temperature range.
- b) The environmental conditions that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1) wind;
 - 2) seismic action;
 - 3) snow;
 - 4) ice;
 - 5) temperature ranges.
- c) The use and planned dimensions of the tank that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1) the rates of fill and discharge;
 - 2) a summary describing the purpose of the tank and its method of operation;
 - 3) the net effects of the process on the tank or any of its components;
 - 4) the tank dimensions.
- d) The planned location of all openings in the tank shell and roof.
- e) Attached equipment:
 - 1) method of attachment;
 - 2) dead and live loads;