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This ~~document~~ second edition cancels and replaces ~~the first edition (ISO 25457:2008)~~, which has been technically revised.

~~This document supplements API Std 537, 3rd edition (2017) including addendum 1 (the previous edition (ISO 25457:2008) has been developed by a common task force team with API. It is a main reason that the current ISO 25457 is built with supplements of API Std 537, 3rd edition (2017) including addendum 1).~~

The technical requirements of ~~ISO 25457~~ this document and API Std 537 used to be identical. In the meantime API Std 537 has been technically revised as API 537, 3rd edition (2017) with ~~addendum 1~~ Addendum 1. The purpose of this edition of ISO 25457 is to bring it up to date, by referencing the current edition of API Std 537 and including its supplementary content.

The main changes are as follows:

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~~Incorporation of the Technical Corrigendum ISO 25457/Cor 1: July 2015 and addition of the data sheets (Changes already done in revised API Std 537, 3rd edition (2017));~~

~~Additional — supplementary requirements to the current API Std 537 edition tofor pellet flare ignition systems;~~

~~Typo correction of Equation (E3) in Annex E of API Std 537, 3rd edition (2017).~~

~~— update of the volumetric flow formula.~~

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and provides guidance for the selection, design, specification, operation, and maintenance of flares and related combustion and mechanical components used in pressure-relieving and vapor-depressurizing systems for petroleum, petrochemical, and natural gas industries.

While this document is primarily intended for onshore facilities, guidance related to offshore applications is included. Guidance and best practices for the selection, specification, and mechanical details for flares and on the design, operation, and maintenance of flare combustion and related equipment is also provided.

This document is a supplement to API 537, 3rd edition (2017) including ~~addendum~~ Addendum 1, the requirements of which are applicable with the exceptions specified in this document.

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.

API Std 537, 3rd edition (2017), *Flare ~~details~~Details for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industries*

API Std 537, Addendum 1, *Addendum to Flare ~~details~~Details for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industries*, Third Edition (2020)

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in API 537, 3rd edition (2017) 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

ballistic/pyrotechnical ignition system

flare tip ignition system based on projectile technology that is launched from a cabinet via a guide tube to the flare deck

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4 Supplements to API 537, 3rd edition (2017)

4.1 General requirements

The requirements specified in API 537, 3rd edition (2017) shall apply, with the exception specified in 4.2 [and 4.3](#).

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4.2 Limitations for design procedures

The ~~requirement~~requirements specified in API 537, 3rd edition (2017), Clause 4 shall apply with the following ~~exception~~addition.

~~SECTION 3: Terms and Definitions – Add the following:~~

~~3.65 Ballistic Ignition Systems / Pyrotechnical Ignition Systems~~

- ~~— Flare tip ignition system based on projectile technology that is launched from a cabinet via a guide tube to the flare deck.~~

~~SECTION 4: Design – Add the following:~~

~~4.12 Direct Flare Ignition by Ballistic and Pyrotechnical Ignition Systems~~

Direct flare ignition by ballistic/pyrotechnical ignition systems:

There are numerous ~~Ballistic and Pyrotechnical Ignition System~~ballistic/pyrotechnical ignition systems designs available from which to select the most appropriate for the application.

~~The system~~Direct flare ignition systems, i.e. ballistic/pyrotechnical ignition systems, shall include the following components:

- ~~A~~a manual or automatic launching system able to deliver the projectile to the flare top platform;
- ~~A~~a guide tube/pipe to ensure that the projectile is transported from launch location to delivery point on the flare top platform;
- ~~A~~a method for delivering by compressed dry nitrogen or air the projectile to the tip (some self-propelled projectiles can be considered as an alternative);
- ~~A~~a capture device to collect ~~shall~~ spent projectiles safely.

~~The following requirements~~Several constraints shall be ~~complied with~~applied to these ignition systems:

- a) The guide tube shall be purged in ~~compliance~~conformity with manufacturer's recommendation to avoid blockage within the tube from water or sand or dust and maintain a dry atmosphere. In addition, this purge shall be sufficient to prevent flammable gas from returning down the guide tube/pipe. This information should be provided at the bidding stage.
- b) Projectiles shall be safe for handling, storage and loading ~~as well as, and~~ for removal in their spent state. This information should be provided at the bidding stage.
- c) The supplier shall have a system to contain spent projectiles in a safe location. Information on this system should be provided at the bidding stage.
- d) The supplier shall ensure safe burn out of the sparks around the tip to ensure that there are ~~not~~no hot dropped objects.

[‡] Including addendum 1 and addendum 2

4.3 ANNEX Volumetric flow rate

The recommendations specified in API 537, 3rd edition (2017), E (Informative): Instructions for Flare Datasheets

E.2.3 Form General 3

Line 6. There is a typo (3.091 instead of 3091) in the constant of Equation (E.3).

Replace equation (E.3) should apply with the following exception:

$$V_{eq} = 3.091 \times q_m \times \sqrt{\frac{T_{gas}}{M_{gas}}}$$

$$V_{eq} = 3091 \times q_m \times \sqrt{\frac{T_{gas}}{M_{gas}}}$$

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