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Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems

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FOREWORD

In 2019, ASME introduced Section XIII as part of its longstanding Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The newly created Section XIII relocates requirements for pressure relief devices that existed in other divisions within the code. Section VIII, Division 1, retained requirements for overpressure protection for ASME-rated vessels and equipment.

This addendum revises related portions of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15 for overpressure protection to appropriately reference to the changes in overpressure protection in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

Informative Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striking through~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum a to Standard 15-2022

Modify Section 9 as follows. The remainder of Section 9 remains unchanged.

9. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

[...]

9.3 Refrigerant-Containing Pressure Vessels

[...]

9.3.1.1 *Pressure vessels having inside dimensions of 6 in. (152 mm) or less shall be protected by a pressure relief device or a fusible plug and shall comply with one of the following:*

- listed either individually or as part of an assembly by a nationally recognized testing laboratory;*
- marked directly on the vessel or on a nameplate attached to the vessel with a “U” or “UM” symbol signifying compliance with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code¹⁵, Section VIII ~~or~~*
- when requested by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ), the manufacturer shall provide documentation to confirm that the vessel meets the design, fabrication, and testing requirements of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII.*

~~Pressure vessels having inside dimensions of 6 in. (152 mm) or less shall be protected by either a pressure relief device or a fusible plug.~~

Exception to 9.3.1.1: Vessels having an internal or external *design pressure* of 15 psig (103.4 kPa gage) or less.

[...]

9.4 Pressure Relief Protection

[...]

9.4.2* *Pressure vessels shall be protected in accordance with Section 9.7. Pressure relief devices are acceptable if they either bear a nameplate or are directly marked with a “UD,” “UV,” or “VR” symbol signifying compliance with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code¹⁵, Section XIII~~Section VIII~~.*

[...]

9.4.7 When relief valves are connected to discharge to a common discharge *header*, as described in Section 9.7.9.3, a full area *stop valve* is not prohibited from being installed in the discharge pipe between the relief valve and the common *header*. When such a *stop valve* is installed, a locking device *shall* be installed to ensure that the *stop valve* is locked in the open position. This discharge *stop valve shall not* be shut unless one of the following conditions exists:

- A parallel relief valve is installed that protects the system or vessels.
- The system or vessels being protected have been depressurized and are ~~vented open~~ vented open to the atmosphere.

[...]

9.5 Setting of Pressure Relief Devices. Overpressure pressure protection of *pressure vessels* required by this standard shall conform to the requirements of *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*¹⁵, Section VIII or XIII, Division 1, paragraphs UG-154 and UG-155.

[...]

9.5.2 Rupture Member Setting. *Rupture members* used in lieu of, or in series with, a relief valve shall have a nominal rated rupture pressure not to exceed the *design pressure* of the parts of the system protected. ~~The conditions of application shall conform to the requirements of *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*¹⁵, Section VIII, Division 1, paragraph UG-127.~~ The size of *rupture members* installed ahead of relief valves shall not be less than the relief valve inlet.

9.6 Marking of Relief Devices and Fusible Plugs

9.6.1 *Pressure relief valves* for refrigerant-containing components shall be set and sealed by the manufacturer or an assembler as defined in *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*¹⁵, ~~Section XIII, Section VIII, Division 1.~~ Each *pressure relief valve* shall be marked by the manufacturer or assembler with the data required in *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, ~~Section XIII, Section VIII, Division 1.~~

Exception to 9.6.1: Relief valves for systems with *design pressures* of 15 psig (103.4 kPa gage) or less shall be marked by the manufacturer with the pressure setting capacity.

9.6.2 Each *rupture member* for refrigerant *pressure vessels* shall be marked with the data required in *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*¹⁵, ~~Section XIII, Section VIII, Division 1, paragraph UG-129(e).~~

[...]

9.7 Pressure Vessel Protection

[...]

9.7.6 The rated discharge capacity of a *pressure relief* expressed in lb of air/min (kg of air/s) shall be determined in accordance with *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*¹⁵, ~~Section XIII, Section VIII, Division 1, paragraph UG-131.~~ All pipe and fittings between the *pressure relief valve* and the parts of the system it protects shall have at least the area of the *pressure relief valve* inlet area.

[...]

Modify Section 13 as follows. The remainder of Section 13 remains unchanged.

13. NORMATIVE REFERENCES

[...]

15. ASME. ~~2019.~~ *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*. New York: American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

[...]

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Sections of the standard with associated explanatory information in this appendix are marked with an asterisk "*" after the section number.

[...]

Section 9.4.2

The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (Columbus, Ohio, USA) offers the Certificate of Authorization and VR Stamp for the repair of *pressure relief valves*.

[...]

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