Reciprocating Compressors for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services

Downstream Segment

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Introduction

This standard is based on the accumulated knowledge and experience of manufacturers and users of reciprocating compressors. The objective of this publication is to provide a purchase specification to facilitate the procurement and manufacture of reciprocating compressors for use in petroleum, chemical, and gas industry services.

The primary purpose of this standard is to establish minimum requirements.

Energy conservation is of concern and has become increasingly important in all aspects of equipment design, application, and operation. Thus, innovative energy-conserving approaches should be aggressively pursued by the manufacturer and the user during these steps. Alternative approaches that may result in improved energy utilization should be thoroughly investigated and brought forth. This is especially true of new equipment proposals since the evaluation of purchase options will be based increasingly on total life costs as opposed to acquisition cost alone.

Equipment manufacturers, in particular, are encouraged to suggest alternatives to those specified when such approaches achieve improved energy effectiveness and reduced total life costs without the sacrifice of safety or reliability.

This standard requires the purchaser to specify certain details and features. Although it is recognized that the purchaser may desire to modify, delete, or amplify sections of this standard, it is strongly recommended that such modifications, deletions, and amplifications be made by supplementing this standard, rather than by rewriting or incorporating sections thereof into another standard.

For effective use of this standard and ease of reference to the text, the use of the data sheets in Annex A is recommended.

Users of this standard should be aware that further or differing requirements may be needed for individual applications. This standard is not intended to inhibit a vendor from offering, or the purchaser from accepting, alternative equipment or engineering solutions for the individual application. This may be particularly applicable where there is innovative or developing technology. Where an alternative is offered, the vendor should identify any variations from this standard and provide details.

1 Scope

This standard covers the minimum requirements for reciprocating compressors and their drivers for use in petroleum, chemical, and gas industry services for handling process air or gas with either lubricated or non-lubricated cylinders.

Compressors covered by this standard are low to moderate speed machines. Also included are related lubrication systems, controls, instrumentation, intercoolers, aftercoolers, pulsation suppression devices, and other auxiliary equipment. Compressors not covered by this standard are (a) integral gas-engine-driven compressors, (b) compressors with single-acting trunk-type (automotive-type) pistons that also serve as crossheads, (c) either plant or instrument-air compressors that discharge at a gauge pressure of 9 bar (125 psig) or below, and (d) diaphragm compressors.

Note 1: Requirements for packaged high-speed reciprocating compressors for oil and gas production services are covered in ISO 13631.

Note 2: A bullet (•) at the beginning of a clause indicates that either a decision is required or further information is to be provided by the purchaser. This information should be indicated on the data sheets (see Annex A); otherwise it should be stated in the quotation request (inquiry) or in the order.
2 Normative References

2.1 The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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
RP 500 Classification of Locations for Electrical Installation at Petroleum Facilities Classified as Class I, Division 1 and Division 2
Std 541 Form-wound Squirrel-cage Induction Motors—500 Horsepower and Larger
Std 546 Brushless Synchronous Machines—500 kVA and Larger
Std 611 General Purpose Steam Turbines for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services
Std 612 Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industries—Steam Turbines—Special-purpose Applications
Std 613 Special Purpose Gear Units for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services
Std 614 Lubrication, Shaft-sealing, and Control-oil Systems and Auxiliaries for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services
Std 616 Gas Turbines for the Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services
Std 670 Machinery Protection Systems
Std 671 Special-Purpose Couplings for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services
Std 677 General-Purpose Gear Units for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services
RP 686 Recommended Practices for Machinery Installation and Installation Design

Measurement of Petroleum Measurement Standards (MPMS)
Ch. 15 Guidelines for Use of the International System of Units (SI) in the Petroleum and Allied Industries

AGMA¹
9002 Bores and Keyways for Flexible Couplings (Inch Series)

ANSI²
S2.19 Mechanical Vibration-Balance Quality Requirements of Rigid Motors—Part 1: Determination of Possible Unbalance, Including Marine Applications

ASME³
B1.1 Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN & UNR Thread Form)
B16.1 Gray Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: Classes 25, 125, and 250
B16.5 Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings NPS 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard
B16.11 Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded
B16.42 Ductile Iron Pipe Flanges & Flanged Fittings: Classes 150 and 300
B16.47 Large Diameter Steel Flanges
B31.3 Process Piping

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
Section V, “Nondestructive Examination”
Section VIII, Division 1, “Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels”
Section IX, “Welding and Brazing Qualifications”

ASTM⁴
A 193 Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for High Temperature or High Pressure Service and other Special Purpose Applications
A 194 Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts for Bolts for High Pressure or High Temperature Service, or Both
A 216 Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Carbon, Suitable for Fusion Welding, for High Temperature Service

A 278 Standard Specification for Gray Iron Castings for Pressure-Containing Parts for Temperatures up to 650°F (350°C)
A 307 Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60,000 PSI Tensile Strength
A 320 Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel And Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for Low-Temperature Service
A 388 Standard Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Heavy Steel Forgings
A 503 Standard Specification for Ultrasonic Examination of Forged Crankshafts
A 515 Standard Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Carbon Steel, for Intermediate and Higher-Temperature Service
A 668 Standard Specification for Steel Forgings, Carbon and Alloy, for General Industrial Use
E 94 Standard Guide for Radiographic Examination
E 125 Standard Reference Photographs for Magnetic Particle Indications on Ferrous Castings
E 165 Standard Test Method for Liquid Penetrant Examination
E 709 Standard Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination
AWS\textsuperscript{5}
D 1.1 Structural Welding Code—Steel
IEC\textsuperscript{6}
60034 (all parts) Rotating Electrical Machines
60079 (all parts) Electrical Apparatus for Explosive Gas Atmospheres
60529 Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures (IP Code)
60848 GRAFCET Specification Language for Sequential Function Charts
ISO\textsuperscript{7}
7-1 Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads—Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation
7-2 Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads—Part 2: Verification by means of limit gauges
261 ISO General-purpose metric screw threads—General plan
262 ISO General-purpose metric screw threads—Selected sizes for screws, bolts and nuts
281 Rolling bearings—Dynamic load ratings and rating life
286-2 ISO system of limits and fits—Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance grades and limit deviations for holes and shafts
724 ISO General purpose metric screw threads—Basic dimensions
965 (all parts) ISO General purpose metric screw threads—Tolerances
1217 Displacement compressors—Acceptance tests
1940-1 Mechanical vibration—Balance quality requirements for rotors in a constant (rigid) state—Part 1: Specification and verification of balance tolerances
6708 Pipework components—Definition and selection of DN (Nominal Size)
7005-1 Metallic flanges—Part 1: Steel flanges
7005-2 Metallic flanges—Part 2: Cast iron flanges
7005-3 Metallic flanges—Part 3: Copper alloy and composite flanges
8501 (all parts) Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Visual assessment of surface cleanliness
10441 Petroleum and natural gas industries—Flexible couplings for mechanical power transmission—Special purpose applications
10437 Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries—Steam turbines—Special-purpose applications

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\textsuperscript{7}International Organization for Standardization, 1, ch. de la Voie-Creuse, Case postale 56, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, www.iso.ch.
3. **Definitions of Terms**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

3.1 **acoustic simulation**: The process whereby the one-dimensional acoustic characteristics of fluids and the influence of the reciprocating compressor dynamic flow on these characteristics are modeled, taking into account the fluid properties and the geometry of the compressor and the connected vessels and piping.

Note: The model is mathematically based upon the governing differential equations (motion, continuity, etc.). The simulation should allow for determination of pressure/flow modulations at any point in the piping model resulting from any generalized compressor excitation (see 3.1, 3.4, 3.9, 3.28, 3.39, and 3.57).  

3.2 **active analysis**: A portion of the acoustic simulation in which the pressure pulsation amplitudes, due to imposed compressor operation for the anticipated loading, speed range, and state conditions, are simulated (see 3.1). 

3.3 **alarm point**: A preset value of a measured parameter at which an alarm is actuated to warn of a condition that requires corrective action. 

3.4 **anchor bolts**: Bolts used to attach the mounting plate or machine to the support structure (concrete foundation or steel structure). 

Note: See 3.13 for definition of hold down bolts. Also see Figure L-1. 

3.5 **baseplate**: A fabricated steel structure designed to provide support to the complete compressor and/or the drive equipment and other ancillaries which may be mounted upon it. 

3.6 **certified point**: point to which the performance tolerances will be applied

Note: this is usually the normal operating point and the vendor will normally require that this point is within the preferred selection range.

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11The Society for Protective Coatings, 40 24th Street, 6th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1522-4656, www.sspc.org
3.7 **crosshead pin load:** The algebraic sum of gas load and inertia load on the crosshead pin.

3.8 **design:** manufacturer’s calculated parameter

Note: A term used by the equipment manufacturer to describe various parameters such as design power, design pressure, design temperature, or design speed. It is not intended for the purchaser to use this term.

3.9 **digital simulation:** A method using various mathematical techniques on digital computers to achieve the acoustic simulation (see 3.1).

3.10 **drive train:** Includes all drive equipment up to the compressor shaft free-end and all components coupled to the free-end of the crankshaft.

3.11 **fail safe:** A system which causes the equipment to revert to a permanently safe condition (shutdown and/or depressurized) in the event of a component failure or failure of the energy supply to the system.

3.12 **gas load:** The force resulting from differential gas pressure acting on the piston differential area.

Note: Based on internal cylinder pressure

3.13 **hold down bolts (mounting bolts):** Bolts holding the equipment to the mounting plate.

3.14 **inertia load:** force resulting from the acceleration of reciprocating mass.

Note: The inertia force with respect to the crosshead pin is the summation of the products of all reciprocating masses (piston and rod assembly, and crosshead assembly including pin) and their respective accelerations.

3.15 **informative:** Describes part of the standard that is provided for information and is intended to assist in the understanding of use of the standard.

Note 1: Compliance with an informative part of the standard is not mandatory.

Note 2: An annex may be informative or normative as indicated. See 3.32 for definition of normative.

3.16 **inlet volume flow:** The flow rate expressed in volume flow units at the conditions of pressure, temperature, compressibility and gas composition, including moisture content, at the compressor inlet flange. To determine inlet volume flow, allowance shall be made for pressure drop across pulsation suppression devices and for interstage liquid knockout.

Note: Inlet volume flow is a specific example of actual volume flow. Actual volume flow is the volume flow at any particular location such as interstage, compressor inlet flange or compressor discharge. Therefore, actual volume flow should not be used interchangeably with inlet volume flow.

3.17 **local:** The location of a device when mounted on or near the equipment or console.

3.18 **manufacturer:** The organization responsible for the design and manufacture of the equipment.

Note: The manufacturer is often a different entity from the vendor.

3.19 **manufacturer’s rated capacity:** The capacity used to size the compressor, which is the quantity of gas, taken into the compressor cylinder at the specified inlet conditions, while the compressor is operating at the specified discharge pressure.

Note: See 3.43, 3.48, and 6.1.3.

3.21 **maximum allowable speed:** The highest rotational speed at which the manufacturer’s design permits continuous operation.

3.22 **maximum allowable temperature:** The maximum continuous temperature for which the manufacturer has designed the equipment (or any part to which the term is referred) when handling the specified fluid at the specified maximum operating pressure.

3.23 **maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP):** The maximum continuous gauge pressure for which the manufacturer has designed the equipment (or any part to which the term is referred) when handling the specified fluid at the specified maximum operating temperature.

3.24 **maximum continuous speed:** The highest rotational speed at which the machine, as built, is capable of continuous operation with the specified gas at any of the specified operating conditions.
3.25 **minimum allowable speed**: The lowest rotational speed at which the manufacturer’s design permits continuous operation with the specified gas at any of the specified conditions.

3.26 **minimum allowable suction pressure (for each stage)**: The lowest pressure (measured at the inlet flange of the cylinder) below which the combined rod load, gas load, discharge temperature, or crankshaft torque load (whichever is governing) exceeds the maximum allowable value during operation at the set pressure of the discharge relief valve and other specified inlet gas conditions for the stage.

3.27 **minimum allowable temperature**: The lowest temperature for which the manufacturer has designed the equipment (or any part to which the term is referred).

3.28 **mode shape (of an acoustic pulsation resonance)**: The description of the pulsation amplitudes and phase angle relationship at various points in the piping system. Knowledge of the mode shape allows the analyst to understand the pulsation patterns in the piping system (see 3.1).

3.29 **mounting plate**: Baseplates, skids, soleplates, and rails.

3.30 **normal operating point**: The point at which usual operation is expected and optimum efficiency is desired. This point is usually the point at which the manufacturer certifies that performance is within the tolerances stated in this standard.

3.31 **normally open and normally closed**: Refers both to the on-the-shelf state and to the installed, de-energized state of devices such as automatically controlled electrical switches and valves.

Note: The normal operating state of such devices is not necessarily the same as the on-the-shelf state.

3.32 **normative**: A requirement to be met in order to comply with the standard.

3.33 **observed**: An inspection or test where the purchaser is notified of the timing of the inspection or test and the inspection or test is performed, as scheduled, even if the purchaser or the purchaser’s representative is not present.

3.34 **owner**: The final recipient of the equipment.

Note: In many instances the owner delegates another agent to be the purchaser of the equipment.

3.35 **panel**: An enclosure used to mount, display, and protect gauges, switches and other instruments.

3.36 **passive analysis**: A portion of the acoustic simulation in which a constant flow amplitude modulation over an arbitrary frequency range is imposed on the system, normally at the cylinder valve locations. The resulting transfer function defines the acoustic natural frequencies and the mode shapes over the frequency range of interest (see 3.1).

3.37 **piston rod drop**: A measurement of the position of the piston rod relative to the measurement probe mounting location(s) (typically oriented vertically at the pressure packing on horizontal cylinders).

3.38 **piston rod runout**: The change in position of the piston rod in either the vertical or horizontal direction as measured at a single point (typically at or near the pressure packing case) while the piston rod is moved through the outbound portion of its stroke.

Note 1: In horizontal compressors, the piston rod runout is measured in both the vertical and horizontal directions. Horizontal runout is taken on the side of the rod to determine horizontal variations, while vertical runout is taken on the top of the rod to determine vertical variations.

Note 2: Practical considerations make it advisable to monitor the runout measurements while rotating the shaft through one complete revolution.

Note 3: See Annex C for a detailed discussion of piston rod runout.

3.39 **pressure casing**: The composite of all stationary pressure containing parts of the unit, including all nozzles and other attached parts.

3.40 **pressure design code**: The recognized pressure vessel standard specified or agreed upon by the purchaser.

Example: A recognized standard for pressure vessels is ASME Section VIII.

3.41 **purchaser**: The agency that issues the order and specification to the vendor.

Note: The purchaser may be the owner of the plant in which the equipment is to be installed or the owner’s appointed agent.
3.42 **Ra**: arithmetic average of the absolute value of the profile height deviations recorded within the evaluation length and measured from the mean line
Note 1: Adapted from ASME B 46.1-2002 para 1.4.1.1
Note 2: It is the average height of the entire surface, within the sampling length, from the mean line

3.43 **rails**: Soleplates extending the full length of each side of the equipment.

3.44 **rated discharge pressure**: The highest pressure required to meet the conditions specified by the purchaser for the intended service.

3.45 **rated discharge temperature**: The highest predicted operating temperature resulting from any specified operating condition.

3.46 **rated speed**: The highest rotational speed required to meet any of the specified operating conditions.

3.47 **relief valve set pressure**: The pressure at which a relief valve starts to lift.

3.48 **remote**: The location of a device when located away from the equipment or console, typically in a control room.

3.49 **required capacity**: The process capacity specified by the purchaser to meet process conditions, with no-negative-tolerance (NNT) permitted.
Note 1: The required capacity is the quantity of gas taken into the compressor cylinder at the specified inlet conditions while the compressor is operating at the specified discharge pressure and speed.
Note 2: See Annex B for an explanation of the term no-negative tolerance.

3.50 **rod reversal**: A change in direction of force in the piston rod loading (tension to compression or vice-versa), which results in a load reversal at the crosshead pin during each revolution.

3.51 **rolled thread**: thread produced by the action of a form tool that when pressed into the surface of a blank displaces material radially.

3.52 **settling-out pressure**: The pressure within the compressor system when the compressor is shut down without depressurizing of the system.

3.53 **shall**: required in order to conform to the specification
Note: Adapted from ISO/IEC Directives Part 2: 2001

3.54 **should**: recommended but not required in order to conform to the specification
Note: Adapted from ISO/IEC Directives Part 2: 2001

3.55 **shutdown set point**: A preset value of a measured parameter at which automatic or manual shutdown of the system or equipment is required.

3.56 **skid**: A baseplate that has sled-type runners for ease of relocation.

3.57 **soleplates**: plate attached to the foundation, with a mounting surface for equipment or for a baseplate

3.58 **special tool**: A tool that is not a commercially available catalog item.

3.59 **standard volume flow**: The flow rate expressed in volume flow units at one of the specified standard conditions as follows:

**ISO Standard Conditions (13443 Natural Gas Standard Reference Conditions)**

- Flow: Cubic meters per hour (m$^3$/h)
- Pressure: 1.013 bar
- Temperature: 15°C
- Relative Humidity: Dry

**ISO Standard Normal Conditions**
Flow: 
Normal Cubic meters per hour (Nm$^3$/h)
Normal Cubic meters per minute (Nm$^3$/min)

Pressure: 1.01325 bar
Temperature: 15 °C
Relative Humidity: Dry

**ISO Standard Conditions (For gas Turbines ISO 3977-2)**

Pressure: 1.013 bar
Temperature: 15 ºC
Relative Humidity: 60 %.

**U.S. Standard Conditions**

Flow: Standard cubic feet per minute (scfm)
Million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd)

Pressure: 14.7 PSI
Temperature: 60 ºF

3.60 **total indicator reading (TIR), (also known as total indicated runout):** The difference between the maximum and minimum readings of a dial indicator or similar device, monitoring a face or cylindrical surface during one complete revolution of the monitored surface.

Note: For a cylindrical surface, the indicator reading implies an eccentricity equal to half the reading. For a perfectly flat face, the indicator reading gives an out-of-squareness equal to the reading. If the diameter in question is not cylindrical or flat, interpretation of the TIR is more complex and can be affected by ovality or lobing.

3.61 **Trip speed:** The speed at which the independent emergency overspeed device actuates to shutdown a variable-speed prime mover. For the purposes of this standard, the trip speed of alternating current electric motors, except variable frequency drives, is the speed corresponding to the synchronous speed of the motor at the maximum supply frequency (see Table 2).

3.61 **unit responsibility:** obligation for coordinating the documentation, delivery and technical aspects of all the equipment and all auxiliary systems included in the scope of the order.

Note: The technical aspects to be considered include, but are not limited to, the power requirements, speed, rotation, general arrangement, couplings, dynamics, noise, lubrication, sealing system, material test reports, instrumentation, piping, conformance to specifications, and testing of components.

3.62 **vendor:** manufacturer or manufacturer’s agent that supplies the equipment

Note 1: The vendor can be the manufacturer of the equipment or the manufacturer’s agent and normally is responsible for service support.

3.63 **witnessed:** An inspection or test where the purchaser is notified of the timing of the inspection or test and a hold is placed on the inspection or test until the purchaser or the purchaser’s representative is in attendance.
4 General

4.1 UNIT RESPONSIBILITY
The vendor who has unit responsibility shall ensure that all sub-vendors comply with the requirements of this standard and all referenced documents.

4.2 UNIT CONVERSION
The factors in API MPMS, Chapter 15, were used to convert from U.S. customary to SI units. The resulting exact SI units were then rounded off.

4.3 NOMENCLATURE
A guide to reciprocating compressor nomenclature is presented in Annex J.

5 Requirements

• 5.1 DIMENSIONS
The data, drawings, nameplates, hardware (including fasteners) and equipment supplied to this standard shall use either the SI or U.S. customary system of measurement, as specified.

5.2 LANGUAGE
All vendor data, drawings and nameplates, shall be in English or other language if specified.

5.3 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
The purchaser and the vendor shall mutually determine the measures that must be taken to comply with any governmental codes, regulations, ordinances, or rules that are applicable to the equipment.

5.4 CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS
In case of conflict between this standard and the inquiry, the inquiry shall govern. At the time of the order, the order shall govern.

6 Basic Design

6.1 GENERAL
6.1.1 The purchaser shall specify the period of uninterrupted continuous operation, during which time the equipment should not require shut down to perform maintenance or inspection.

Note 1 It is realized that there are some services where this objective is easily attainable and others where it is difficult.

Note 2 Auxiliary system design and design of the process in which the equipment is installed are very important in meeting this objective.

Note 3 Paragraph 6.1.1 requires the vendor to identify any component or maintenance requirement that would result in the need to shut down the equipment within the uninterrupted operational period.

6.1.2 The vendor shall advise in the proposal any component designed for finite life

6.1.3 The vendor shall assume unit responsibility for all equipment and all auxiliary systems included in the scope of the order.

• 6.1.4 The purchaser shall specify all operating conditions for the equipment. The equipment’s normal operating point shall be as specified. Unless otherwise specified, the capacity at the normal operating point shall have no negative tolerance (see 3.18, 3.30, and 3.48).

Note 1: Operating conditions can include startup, shutdown, commissioning, transient and part-load.
Note2: Operation with alternate gases such as nitrogen can have adverse effects on valves, pulsation suppression system, motor sizing and capacity control system design.

Note: See Annex B for a discussion of capacity and the term “no negative tolerance.”

6.1.5 Compressors driven by induction motors shall be rated at the actual motor speed for the rated load condition, not at synchronous speed.

6.1.6 The pressure design code shall be specified or agreed upon by the purchaser.

6.1.7 Control of the sound pressure level (SPL) of all equipment furnished shall be a joint effort of the purchaser and the vendor having unit responsibility. The equipment furnished by the vendor shall conform to the maximum allowable sound pressure level specified.

In order to determine compliance, the vendor shall provide both maximum sound pressure and sound power level data per octave band for the equipment. ISO 3740, ISO 3744 and ISO 3746 or ASME PTC 36, may be consulted for guidance.

6.1.8 Unless otherwise specified, cooling water system or systems shall be designed for the conditions of Table 1.
Table 1—Cooling System Conditions

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>SI Units</th>
<th>USC Units</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>For Heat Exchangers</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Water Velocity over heat exchange surfaces</td>
<td>≥1.5 m/s to 2.5 m/s</td>
<td>5 ft/s to 8 ft/s</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum allowable working pressure, MAWP, (Gauge)</td>
<td>≥700 kPa (7 bar)</td>
<td>≥100 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Test pressure (≥1.5 MAWP)</td>
<td>≥1 050 kPa (10.5 bar)</td>
<td>≥150 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum pressure drop</td>
<td>100 kPa (1 bar)</td>
<td>15 psi</td>
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<td>Maximum inlet temperature</td>
<td>30 °C</td>
<td>90 °F</td>
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<td>Maximum outlet temperature</td>
<td>50 °C</td>
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<td>10 K</td>
<td>20 °F</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water side fouling factor</td>
<td>0.35 m²K/kW</td>
<td>0.002 hr-ft²-°F/Btu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corrosion allowance for carbon steel shells</td>
<td>3 mm</td>
<td>1/8 in</td>
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<td><strong>For Cylinder Jackets and Packing Cases</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum allowable working pressure, MAWP, (Gauge)</td>
<td>≥500 kPa (5 bar)</td>
<td>≥75 psig</td>
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<td>Test pressure (≥1.5 MAWP)</td>
<td>≥750 kPa (7.5 bar)</td>
<td>≥115 psig</td>
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To avoid condensation, the minimum inlet water temperature to water cooled bearing housings should preferably be above the ambient air temperature.

The vendor shall notify the purchaser if the criteria for minimum temperature rise and velocity over heat exchange surfaces results in a conflict. The criterion for velocity over heat exchange surfaces is intended to minimize water-side fouling. The criterion for minimum temperature rise is intended to minimize the use of cooling water. If such a conflict exists the purchaser shall approve the final selection.

6.1.8.1 Provisions shall be made for complete venting and draining of the cooling water system.

6.1.9 Equipment shall be designed to run simultaneously at the relief valve settings and trip speed without damage.

Note: There can be insufficient driver power to operate under these conditions (see 7.1.1).

6.1.10 The equipment's trip speed shall not be less than the values in Table 2.
6.1.11 Reciprocating compressors should normally be specified for constant-speed operation in order to avoid excitation of torsional, acoustic, and/or mechanical resonances. When variable-speed drivers are used, all equipment shall be designed to run safely throughout the operating speed range, up to and including the trip speed. For variable-speed drives, a list of undesirable running speeds shall be furnished to the purchaser by the vendor. The occurrence of undesirable speeds in the operating range shall be minimized.

Note: Valve life may be affected if a wide operating speed range is specified.

6.1.12 The arrangement of the equipment, including piping and auxiliaries, shall be developed jointly by the purchaser and the vendor. The arrangement shall provide adequate clearance areas and safe access for operation and maintenance.

6.1.13 Motors, electrical components, and electrical installations shall be suitable for the area classification (class, group, division, or zone) specified and shall meet the requirements of IEC 60079 and IEC 60529 (or NFPA 70, Articles 500, 501, 502, and 504), as well as any local codes as specified. On request the purchaser will furnish copies of local codes.

6.1.14 Oil reservoirs and housings that enclose moving lubricated parts such as bearings, shaft seals, highly polished parts, instruments, and control elements, shall be designed to minimize contamination by moisture, dust, and other foreign matter during periods of operation and idleness.

6.1.15 All equipment shall be designed to permit rapid and economical maintenance. Major parts such as cylinders, distance pieces, and compressor frames shall be designed and manufactured to ensure accurate alignment on re-assembly. This can be accomplished by such methods as shouldering, using cylindrical dowels, or keys.

6.1.16 After installation, the performance of the combined units shall be the joint responsibility of the purchaser and the vendor who has unit responsibility.

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<tr>
<th>Driver Type</th>
<th>Trip Speed (% of Maximum Continuous Speed)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Steam Turbine</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>NEMA Class Aa</td>
<td>115%</td>
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<td>NEMA Class B, C, Da</td>
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<td><strong>Gas Turbine</strong></td>
<td>105%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Variable-Speed Motor</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Constant-Speed Motor</strong></td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Reciprocating Engine</strong></td>
<td>110%</td>
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*aIndicates governor class as specified in NEMA SM 23
6.1.17 Many factors can adversely affect site performance. These factors include piping loads, alignment at operating conditions, supporting structure, handling during shipment, and handling and assembly at the site. The purchaser is responsible for the civil design of the compressor system.

6.1.18 If specified, the purchaser and the manufacturer shall agree on the details of an initial installation check by the vendor’s representative and an operating temperature alignment check at a later date. Such checks shall include, but not be limited to, initial alignment check, grouting, crankshaft web deflection, piston-rod runout, driver alignment, motor air gap, outboard bearing insulation, bearing checks, and piston end clearance.

6.1.19 The power required by the compressor at the normal operating point shall not exceed the stated power by more than 3%.

6.1.20 Compressors shall be capable of developing the maximum differential pressure specified.

6.1.21 The equipment, including all auxiliaries, shall be suitable for operation under the environmental conditions specified. These conditions shall include whether the installation is indoors (heated or unheated) or outdoors (with or without a roof), maximum and minimum temperatures, unusual humidity, and dusty or corrosive conditions. The scope of winterization and/or tropicalization (e.g., allowances for insulation) shall be agreed.

6.1.22 The equipment, including all auxiliaries, shall be suitable for operation using the utility stream conditions specified.

6.1.23 The purchaser shall specify flow, gas composition, dew point, and gas conditions. The purchaser can also specify molecular weight, ratio of specific heats \( \frac{C_p}{C_v} \), and compressibility factors \( Z \). At discharge conditions, mass flow shall reflect leakage, liquid condensation, and the work of compression.

6.1.24 Unless otherwise specified, the vendor shall use the specified values of flow, the specified gas composition, and the specified gas conditions to calculate molecular weight, ratio of specific heats \( \frac{C_p}{C_v} \), and compressibility factors \( Z \). The compressor vendor shall indicate his values on the data sheets with the proposal and use them to calculate performance data.

Note: The dew point of the gas is particularly important in non-lubricated applications.

6.1.25 If any of the compressor cylinders are to be operated partially or fully unloaded for extended periods of time, the purchaser and the vendor shall jointly determine the method to be used (e.g., periodic, momentary loading to purge accumulation of lube oil in the compressor cylinders) to prevent heat and liquid damage.

6.1.26 The compressor vendor shall confirm that the unit is capable of continuous operation at any full-load, part-load, or fully unloaded conditions (see 6.1.24) and that the unit is capable of start-up in accordance with 7.1.1.6.

6.1.26 Spare parts and replacement parts for the machine and all furnished auxiliaries shall meet all the requirements of this standard.

Note: See 9.3.6 for parts list requirements.

6.2 BOLTING

6.2.1 Details of threading shall conform to ISO 261, ISO 262, ISO 724, and ISO 965 or ASME B1.1. The use of fine pitch threads shall be avoided in external fasteners subject to routine maintenance, fasteners for pressure retaining parts, and fasteners in cast iron. Fasteners of diameters equal to or greater than 24 mm (1 in.) shall be of the constant 3 mm pitch (8 threads/in.) series.

6.2.2 Adequate clearance shall be provided at all bolting locations to permit the use of socket or box wrenches.

6.2.3 Internal socket-type, slotted-nut, or spanner-type bolting shall not be used unless approved by the purchaser.

Note: For limited space locations, an integrally flanged fastener may be required.

6.2.4 Manufacturer’s marking shall be located on all fasteners 6 mm (\( \frac{1}{4} \) in.) and larger (excluding washers and headless setscrews). For studs, the marking shall be on the nut end of the exposed stud end. Fasteners manufactured in accordance with NACE material requirements shall be clearly and permanently marked as such and their correct locations shall be identified in the installation and maintenance manuals.

Note: A setscrew is a headless screw with an internal hex opening on one end.
6.2.5 Bolting on reciprocating or rotating parts shall be positively locked mechanically (spring washers, tab washers, and anaerobic adhesives shall not be used as positive locking methods) unless preload is achieved by hydraulic tensioning or other well defined methods that generates the exact prestress (see 6.10.2.1).

6.2.6 External studs for hydraulic tensioning shall have a protective cover on exposed threads.

6.2.7 Thread engagement in tapped holes shall be at least 1.5 times the stud diameter.

6.3 CALCULATING COLD RUNOUT

6.3.1 For horizontal compressors, the vendor shall provide the expected minimum and maximum horizontal- and vertical cold runout before the shop bar over test. The manufacturer shall disclose the assumptions used in the calculations. The vertical tolerance shall not exceed ±0.015% of stroke. The horizontal tolerance shall not exceed 0.064 mm (0.0025 in.), regardless of length of stroke. The expected cold horizontal and vertical rod run out shall be confirmed during the shop bar-over test and shown on the rod run out table. Piston rod runout shall be measured adjacent to the cylinder packing case flange.

Note: See Annex C for clarification of rod runout and typical rod runout table.

6.3.2 For non-horizontal cylinders, the procedures and tolerances for runout measurements shall be agreed.

6.4 Allowable speeds

Compressors shall be conservatively rated at a speed less than or equal to that known by the manufacturer to result in low maintenance and trouble-free operation under the specified service conditions. The maximum acceptable average piston speed and the maximum acceptable rotating speed can be specified where experience indicates that specified limits should not be exceeded for a given service.

Note: Generally, the rotating speed and piston speed of compressors in non-lubricated services may be less than those in equivalent lubricated services.

6.5 ALLOWABLE DISCHARGE TEMPERATURE

6.5.1 Unless otherwise specified, the maximum predicted discharge temperature shall not exceed 135°C (275°F). This limit applies to all specified operating and load conditions. The vendor shall provide the purchaser with both the predicted and adiabatic discharge temperature rise.

For hydrogen rich services (molecular weight less than or equal to 12) and non-lubricated cylinders the predicted discharge temperature shall not exceed 120°C (250°F).

Commonly, compression ratios are higher in the first and second stages for full load. When the unit is unloaded by clearance pockets in lower stages, the higher stages have the higher compression ratios. The discharge temperature shall be reviewed at all loading points.

Note 1: The predicted discharge temperature can differ from the adiabatic discharge temperature depending on such factors as the power input to a cylinder, the ratio of compression, the size of the cylinder and the effect of the coolant. Hydrogen services generally have higher discharge temperatures because of slippage and the unusual characteristic of hydrogen, which can release heat when it expands. With low power and small cylinders, the actual temperature rise can be lower than adiabatic temperature. Conversely, large cylinders can result in a temperature rise higher than adiabatic rise.

Note 2: Temperature limits apply to operating conditions. Relief valve settings and transient conditions are not included.

6.5.2 A high discharge temperature alarm device shall be provided for each compressor cylinder. If specified, 100% unloading shall be furnished as part of the system by the supplier of these devices. The setpoints and the mode of operation shall be agreed.

Note: A risk assessment may require a high temperature shutdown.
The recommended discharge temperature alarm and shutdown setpoints are 20 K (40ºF) and 30 K (50ºF) respectively above the maximum predicted discharge temperature; however, temperature shutdown setpoints shall not exceed 180ºC (350ºF). To prevent auto-ignition, lower temperature limits should be considered for air, due to oxygen content, if the discharge gauge pressure exceeds 20 bar (300 psig).

**CAUTION:** Oxygen bearing gases other than air require special consideration.

### 6.6 CROSSHEAD PIN AND GAS LOADS

**6.6.1** The crosshead pin load shall not exceed the manufacturer’s maximum allowable continuous crosshead pin load at any specified operating load step. These crosshead pin loads shall be calculated on the basis of the set-point pressure of the discharge relief valve of each stage and of the lowest specified suction pressure corresponding to each load step.

**6.6.2** The gas load shall not exceed the manufacturer’s maximum allowable continuous gas load for the compressor static frame components (cylinders, heads, distance pieces, crosshead guides, crankcase, and bolting) at any specified operating load step. These gas loads shall be calculated on the basis of the set-point pressure of the discharge relief valve of each stage and of the lowest specified suction pressure corresponding to each load step.

**6.6.3** The crosshead pin loads and the gas loads shall be calculated for each 5-degree interval of one crankshaft revolution for each specified load step on the basis of internal cylinder pressures using valve and gas passage losses and gas compressibility factors corresponding to the internal cylinder pressure and temperature conditions at each crank angle increment. The internal pressure during the suction stroke is the suction pressure at cylinder flange minus the valve and gas passage losses. The internal pressure during the discharge stroke is the discharge pressure at cylinder flange plus the valve and gas passage losses.

**6.6.4** For all specified operating load steps, fully unloaded condition and at relief valve set pressures, the crosshead pin loading shall fully reverse between the crosshead pin and bushing during each complete revolution of the crankshaft. The machine shall be designed for continuous operation at a minimum reversal of 15 degrees of crank angle and a 3 percent load magnitude. The 3 percent load magnitude is based on the peak crosshead pin load in the opposite direction.

Note: This reversal is required to maintain proper lubrication between the crosshead pin and bushing

### 6.7 CRITICAL SPEEDS

**6.7.1** The compressor vendor shall perform the necessary torsional studies to demonstrate the elimination of any torsional vibrations that may hinder the operation of the complete unit within the specified operating speed range in any specified loading step. The vendor shall provide copies of the studies and shall inform the purchaser of all critical speeds from zero to trip speed or synchronous speed that occur during acceleration or deceleration (see 9.2.3, Item r).

**6.7.2** With the exception of belt driven units, the vendor shall provide a torsional analysis of all machines furnished. Torsional natural frequencies of the complete driver-compressor system (including couplings and any gear unit) shall not be within 10% of any operating shaft speed and within 5% of any multiple of operating shaft speed in the rotating system up to and including the tenth multiple. For induction motor-driven compressors, torsional natural frequencies shall be separated from the first and second multiples of the electrical power frequency by 10% and 5% respectively. For synchronous motor driven compressors, refer to the requirements of 7.1.2.10.

**6.7.3** For drive trains that include a turbine and gear, the requirements of ISO 10437, or API 611, 612, 613, 616, and 677, as applicable, shall govern in calculation and evaluation of critical speeds. For units requiring the use of a low-speed quill shaft and coupling, a separate lateral critical speed analysis shall be performed. Any lateral critical speed of a quill shaft shall be separated by at least 20% from any operating speed of any shaft in the system.

**6.7.4** When torsional resonances are calculated to fall within the margin specified in 6.7.2, and the purchaser and the vendor have agreed that all efforts to remove the critical from within the limiting frequency range have been exhausted, a stress analysis shall be performed to demonstrate that the resonances have no adverse affect on the driver-compressor system. The assumptions and acceptance criteria for this analysis shall be agreed.
6.8 COMPRESSOR CYLINDERS

6.8.1 General

6.8.1.1 The maximum allowable working pressure of the cylinder shall be at least equal to the specified relief valve set pressure. If a set pressure is not specified, the maximum allowable working pressure of the cylinder shall exceed the maximum stage discharge gauge pressure by at least 10% or 1.7 bar (25 psig), whichever is greater.

6.8.1.2 Unless otherwise specified, horizontal cylinders shall be used for compressing saturated gases or for gases carrying injected flushing liquids. All horizontal cylinders shall have bottom discharge connections. Other cylinder arrangements may be considered with the approval of the purchaser. In these cases, manufacturer shall provide the purchaser with an experience list for similar services.

Note: Liquid in any form has detrimental effect on cylinder valve life and potentially on pressure packing and piston ring life. See notes at 7.7.1.4.

6.8.1.3 Cylinders shall be spaced and arranged to permit access for operating and removal for maintenance of all components (including water jacket access covers, distance piece covers, packing, crossheads, pistons, valves, unloaders, or other controls mounted on the cylinder) without removing the cylinder, the process piping, or pulsation suppression devices.

6.8.1.4 Single-acting, step piston, or tandem cylinder arrangements may be provided if accepted by the purchaser at the time of purchase. For such cylinder arrangements, special consideration shall be given to ensure rod load reversals (see 6.6.4.).

6.8.1.5 Unless otherwise specified, each cylinder shall have a replaceable dry-type liner, not contacted by the coolant. Liners shall be at least 9.5 mm (3/8 in.) thick for piston diameters up to and including 250 mm (10 in.). For piston diameters larger than 250 mm (10 in.), the minimum liner thickness shall be 12.5 mm (1/2 in.).

Liners shall be secured to prevent axial movement or rotation. The liner fit to the cylinder bore shall be designed to enhance heat transfer and dimensional stability.

Note: Non-contacting vertical labyrinth type pistons do not necessarily need a replaceable liner.

6.8.1.6 The surface finish of the running bore of the cylinder liners and cylinders without liners shall be 0.1 µm – 0.6 µm (4 µin. – 24 µin.) Ra (arithmetic average roughness). The actual surface finish requirement is dependant on the choice of cylinder liner material, coatings, operating conditions, and the degree of lubrication.

6.8.1.7 If specified, the running bore of cylinders shall be honed using a hone surface of the same material as the rider bands and/or piston rings. The hone surface material and the method of application shall be mutually agreed.

Note: During commissioning of cylinders, particularly non-lube cylinders, monitor excessive early rider band wear to prevent damage to the cylinder liner. After the initial run-in period, rider band wear normally decreases significantly.

6.8.1.8 The walls of cylinders without liners (see 6.8.2.2) shall be thick enough to provide for reboring to a total of 3.0 mm (1/8 in.) increase over the original diameter. Cylinder maximum allowable working pressure, the maximum allowable continuous gas load, and the maximum allowable continuous crosshead pin load.

Note 1: Liners may be replaced if damaged or worn during operation.

Note 2: Replaceable dry-type liners allow the use of alternate materials as a wear surface to maximize piston ring and rider band performance

6.8.1.9 Cylinders without liners shall not be furnished unless approved by the purchaser.

Note 1: If a liner is not used the piston wear surface is part of the pressure containment boundary.

Note 2: Non-lined cylinders may be over-bored or may require replacement.

6.8.1.10 The use of tapped bolt holes in pressure parts shall be minimized. To prevent leakage in pressure sections of casings, metal equal in thickness to at least half the nominal bolt diameter, in addition to the allowance for corrosion shall be left around and below the bottom of drilled and tapped holes.

6.8.1.11 Bolting shall be furnished as specified in 6.2.

6.8.1.12 Cylinder heads, stuffing boxes for pressure packing, clearance pockets, and valve covers shall be fastened with studs. The fastening configuration shall be designed so that these component parts can be removed without removing any studs.
6.8.1.13 Studded connections shall be furnished with studs installed. Threads at both ends of each stud shall be removed to allow the stud end to bottom in the hole. Anaerobic adhesive or similar epoxy bonding agents shall not be used with Class 1 or 2 fits.

6.8.1.14 Cylinder supports shall be designed to avoid misalignment and resulting excessive rod runout during the warm-up period and at actual operating temperature. The support shall not be attached to the outboard cylinder head, unless agreed. The cylinder support design shall be flexible in the direction of the piston rod center line to allow for the thermal growth and axial stretch of the cylinder along this line. The pulsation suppression devices shall not be used to support the compressor cylinder.

6.8.1.15 Where valve covers with radial captured O-rings are used, two extra-long studs 180 degrees apart shall be provided for each cover to ensure the cover O-ring clears the cylinder valve-port bore before the valve cover clears the studs. Extra long studs shall be capable of having a full-threaded nut when the O-ring is clear of cylinder valve-port sealing bore.

6.8.1.16 Valve cage designs shall be of the cylindrical type held in place by a circular contact cover. Center-bolt design shall not be furnished (see Annex I for preferred approach).

6.8.1.17 The surface finish of valve port O-ring sealing surfaces shall not exceed an arithmetic average roughness Ra of 1.6 μm (64 μin.). Valve ports shall include an entering bevel for the O-ring.

6.8.1.18 Valve chambers and clearance pockets shall be designed to minimize trapping of liquid.

6.8.1.19 Drain connections shall be supplied on external bottles used as clearance pockets.

6.8.2 Cylinder Connections

6.8.2.1 General

6.8.2.1.1 All openings or nozzles for piping connections on cylinders shall be DN 20 (3/4 NPS) or larger and shall be in accordance with ISO 6708. Sizes DN 32, DN 65, DN 90, DN 125, DN 175 and DN 225 (1 1/4 NPS, 2 1/2 NPS, 3 1/2 NPS, 5 NPS, 7 NPS, and 9 NPS) shall not be used.

6.8.2.1.2 All connections shall be flanged or machined and studded, except where threaded connections are permitted by 6.8.4.1.5. All connections shall be suitable for the maximum allowable working pressure of the cylinder. Flanged connections may be integral with the cylinder or, for cylinders of weldable material, may be formed by a socket-welded or butt-welded pipe nipple or transition piece, and shall terminate with a welding-neck or socket-weld flange.

6.8.2.1.3 Connections welded to the cylinder shall meet the material requirements of the cylinder, including impact values, rather than the requirements of the connected piping (see 6.13.7.4). All welding of connections shall be completed before the cylinder is hydrostatically tested (see 8.3.2).

6.8.2.1.4 Butt-welded connections, size DN 40 (1 1/2 NPS) and smaller, shall be reinforced or gusseted.

6.8.2.1.5 For connections other than main process connections, threaded connections for pipe sizes not exceeding DN 40 (1 1/2 NPT) may be used with purchaser's approval in the following cases:

   a. on non-weldable materials, such as cast iron;
   b. when essential for maintenance (disassembly and assembly).

6.8.2.1.6 Pipe nipples screwed or welded to the cylinder should be no more than 150 mm (6 in.) long and shall be a minimum of Schedule 160 seamless for sizes DN 25 (1 NPS) and smaller and a minimum of Schedule 80 for DN 40 (1 1/2 NPS).

6.8.2.1.7 The nipple and flange materials shall meet the requirements of 6.8.3.1.3.

6.8.2.1.8 Threaded openings and bosses for tapered pipe threads shall conform to ISO 7-1 and ISO 7-2 or ASME B16.5.

6.8.2.1.9 Threaded connections shall not be seal welded.

6.8.2.1.10 Threaded openings not to be connected to piping shall be plugged with solid, round-head steel plugs in accordance with ASME B16.11. As a minimum, these plugs shall meet the material requirements of the pressure casing (or cylinder). Plugs with the possibility of later removal shall be of a corrosion-resistant material. Plastic plugs shall not be used. A process compatible thread lubricant of proper temperature specification shall be used on all threaded connections. Thread tape shall not be used.
6.8.2.1.11 Machined and studded connections shall conform to the facing and drilling requirements of ISO 7005-1 or 7005-2 or ASME B16.1, ASME B16.5, ASME B16.42, or ASME B16.47. Studs and nuts shall be furnished installed.

6.8.2.1.12 Machined and studded connections and flanges not in accordance with ISO 7005-1 or 7005-2 or ASME B16.1, ASME B16.5, ASME B16.42, or ASME B16.47, except for non-circular cylinder connections described in 6.8.3.2.1, shall be approved by the purchaser. Unless otherwise specified, the vendor shall supply mating flanges, studs, and nuts for these non-standard connections.

6.8.2.1.13 To minimize nozzle loading and facilitate installation of piping, each main flange shall be parallel to the plane shown on the general arrangement drawing to within 0.5 degrees. Studs or bolt holes shall straddle centerlines parallel to the main axes of the equipment.

6.8.2.1.14 All of the purchaser’s connections shall be accessible for disassembly without requiring the machine, or any major part of the machine, to be moved.

6.8.2.1.15 The finish of the gasket contact surfaces shall conform to ISO 7005-1 or ISO 7005-2 or ASME B16.5.

• 6.8.2.1.16 Each cylinder shall be provided with a DN 12 (NPT 1/2) indicator tap at each end. If specified, each cylinder shall be provided with a flanged indicator tap at each end.

• 6.8.2.1.17 If specified, indicator valves shall also be provided. If indicator valves are not furnished, the tapped indicator holes shall be plugged in accordance with 6.8.3.1.10. and flanged connections shall be blinded

• 6.8.2.1.18 Lube oil injection passages to the cylinder bore shall be drilled through a metal boss provided in the cylinder water jacket casting or weldment. If specified, cylinders for non-lubricated service shall not be drilled and tapped for lube oil injection.

6.8.2.2 Flanges

6.8.2.2.1 Flanges shall conform to ISO 7005-1 or 7005-2 or ASME B16.1, B16.5, B16.42 or B16.47 Series B as applicable, except as specified in 6.8.3.2.2 through 6.8.3.2.7 (see 6.8.3.1.15 for facing finish requirements). The details of any special connections, such as a lens joint, shall be submitted to the purchaser for review (see Annex F). For low-pressure cylinders, where noncircular connections are used, the vendor shall supply inlet and discharge transition pieces with the termination flange consistent with the agreed flange standards. The transition pieces shall be of the same grade of material as, or of a higher grade of material than the cylinder. The vendor shall supply all gaskets, studs, and nuts between the cylinder and transition piece.

6.8.2.2.2 Cast iron flanges shall be flat faced and conform to the dimensional requirements of ISO 7005-2 or ASME B16.1 or 16.42. Class 125 flanges shall have a minimum thickness equal to Class 250 for sizes DN 200 (8 NPS) and smaller.

6.8.2.2.3 Steel flanges shall conform to the dimensional requirements of ISO 7005-1, ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47.

6.8.2.2.4 Non-ferrous flanges shall conform to agreed standards.

6.8.2.2.5 Flat-face flanges with full raised face thickness are permitted on cylinders of all materials. Flanges in all materials that are thicker or have a larger outside diameter than required by the applicable flange standards are permitted. The dimensions of non-standard (oversized) flanges shall be shown on the arrangement drawing in full detail.

Note: Flat-faced flanges, in lieu of recessed or female face flanges, are typically needed to permit removal of the cylinder without removing or springing piping or pulsation suppression devices. Ring type joints (RTJ) and lens type joints should be discussed between the purchaser and vendor on a special requirement basis.

6.8.2.2.6 Flanges shall be full faced or spot faced on the back and shall be designed for through bolting.

6.8.2.2.7 The flange gasket contact surface shall not have mechanical damage that penetrates the root of the grooves for a radial length of more than 30% of the gasket contact width.
6.8.3  External Forces and Moments
The vendor shall define the maximum allowable nozzle loads at the vendor interfaces. These loads shall be referred to a coordinate system as shown on a drawing.

6.9  VALVES AND UNLOADERS
6.9.1  Valves
6.9.1.1  Average valve gas velocity shall be calculated as shown in Equation 1:

In SI units

\[ W = F \times c_m/f \]

where

- \( W \) is the average gas velocity in m/s;
- \( F \) is the effective area of the compressor piston. The area of the piston nearest the compressor crankshaft is the area of the crank-end of the compressor piston less the cross sectional area of the compressor piston rod in cm²;
- \( f \) is the product of the actual lift, the valve-opening periphery, and the number of inlet or discharge valve per cylinder in cm²;
- \( c_m \) is the average piston speed in m/s.

In USC units

\[ V = 288 \times D/A \]

where

- \( V \) is the average gas velocity in ft/min;
- \( D \) is the piston displacement per cylinder in ft³/min;
- \( A \) is the product of the actual lift, the valve-opening periphery, and the number of inlet or discharge valves per cylinder in in.².

The valve lift used in Equation 1 shall be shown on the data sheets.

If the lift area is not the smallest area in the flow path of the valve, that condition shall be noted on the data sheet and the velocity shall be computed on the basis of the smallest area. Velocities calculated from Equation 1 should be confused with effective velocities based on crank angle, degree of valve lift, unsteady flow, and other factors.

Note: The velocity computed from Equation 1 is not necessarily a representative index for valve power loss or disk/plate impact.

6.9.1.2  Valve and unloader designs shall be suitable for operation with all gases specified. Each individual unloading device shall be provided with a visual indication of its position and its load condition (loaded or unloaded).

6.9.1.3  The valve design shall be such that valve assemblies cannot be inadvertently interchanged or reversed. For example, it shall not be possible to fit a suction valve assembly into a discharge port, nor a discharge valve assembly into a suction port; nor shall it be possible to insert a valve assembly upside down.

6.9.1.4  Valve assemblies (seat and guard) shall be removable for maintenance. Valve-to-cylinder gaskets shall be solid metal or metal jacketed. Valve-cover-to-cylinder sealing may be achieved with gaskets (either solid metal, flexible graphite type, or metal jacketed,) or with O-ring type seals.

6.9.1.5  The valve and cylinder designs shall be such that neither the valve guard nor the assembly bolting can fall into the cylinder even if the valve assembly bolting breaks or unfastens. Hanging-guard type valves require purchaser approval.
6.9.1.6 All under-slung valves shall be provided with a retention device to hold the complete valve assembly in position while the cover is removed or installed.
6.9.1.7 The ends of coil-type valve springs shall be squared and ground to protect the plate against damage from the spring ends.
6.9.1.8 Valve hold-downs shall bear at not less than three points on the valve assembly. The bearing points shall be arranged as symmetrically as possible (see 6.8.2.6)
6.9.1.9 The vendor shall conduct a valve dynamic study to optimize the valve element motion, impacts and efficiencies. The study shall include a review of all operating gas densities and load conditions. The report shall define the assumptions used in the study.
6.9.1.10 When non-metallic valve plates or disks are furnished, flatness and surface finish shall be controlled so that adequate sealing occurs in operation. The vendor shall provide the properties of non-metallic valve element materials. These properties shall include usable temperature range, chemical compatibility and material type. Metal valve disks or plates non-metallic valve plates or disks, when furnished, shall be suitable for installation with either side sealing and shall be finished on both sides to an Ra of 0.4 µm (16 µin.) or better. Valve seats and sealing surfaces shall also be finished to an Ra of 0.4 µm (16 µin.) or better.

6.9.2 Unloaders

6.9.2.1 If cylinder valve unloading is specified, the type of unloader provided (finger-, port- or plug-type) shall be agreed. Valve assembly lifters shall not be used. When finger-type valve unloaders are used for capacity control, all inlet valves of the cylinder end involved shall be so equipped. Use of less than a full complement of suction valve finger-type unloaders requires the purchaser’s approval.

Note: Special precautions can be necessary when using finger-type unloaders in combination with non-metallic valve elements.

6.9.2.2 Where plug-type unloaders are used for capacity control, the number of unloaders is determined by the area per plug opening, the total of which shall be equal to or greater than half of the total free lift area (or least flow area) of all suction valves on that end. The unloader assembly shall positively guide the plug to the seat.

6.9.2.3 When unloaders are used only for start-up and not for capacity control, consideration should be given to using a reduced number of unloaders.

6.9.2.4 Unloaders shall be pneumatically, hydraulically or electromechanically actuated. Individual hand-operated unloaders or manual overrides on actuated unloaders shall not be used. The vendor shall provide the user with information regarding the proper sequencing for unloader operation. See 7.6.2.4.

Note: Malfunctioning and/or incorrect sequencing of unloaders can result in overload or unbalance of the compressor.

6.9.2.5 For turbine driven, geared applications, cylinder unloaders shall be provided on each cylinder end for emergency shutdown.

6.9.2.6 Unloaders shall be designed so that the operating fluid used for unloading cannot mix with the gases being compressed, even in the event of failure of the diaphragm or another sealing component. A threaded gas vent connection shall be provided at the stem packing.

Unloader sliding push rods exposed to atmospheric conditions shall be of corrosion-resistant material.

6.9.2.7 If specified, a stainless steel protective sheet metal rain shield shall be furnished to protect exposed topside unloader parts from the elements. The rain shield shall be fabricated for easy removal and replacement.

6.10 PISTONS, PISTON RODS, AND PISTON RINGS

6.10.1 Connection of Piston-to-piston Rod

Pistons that are removable from the rod shall be attached to the rod by a shoulder and nut(s) design or a multi-through-bolt design. Other proven attachment methods may be used, and in such cases they shall be noted in the proposal. Mechanical or hydraulic methods are acceptable for tightening piston nuts. Slugging (hammer) wrenches shall not be used for this procedure. As a basic requirement, the manufacturer’s tightening procedure shall assure a minimum pre-load in the connection of 1.5 times the maximum allowable gas loading.
6.10.2 Connection of Piston Rod to Crosshead

6.10.2.1 Piston rods shall be connected to the crosshead by (a) a direct connection, where the rod is threaded into the crosshead (e.g., jam nut design, or a multi-jackbolt jam nut design), or (b) an indirect connection, where the rod is not threaded into the crosshead. The attachment method shall be described in the proposal. Mechanical or hydraulic methods are acceptable for tightening. Slugging wrenches for this procedure shall not be used.

6.10.2.2 Positive locking of the nut shall be provided for direct connection methods. Where pre-load is achieved by hydraulic or multi-jackbolt tensioning methods, which ensure the proper pre-load, positive locking is not required.

6.10.2.3 The manufacturer’s tightening procedure shall assure a minimum preload in the connection equal to 1.5 times the maximum allowable continuous pin load minus the inertial effects of the crosshead.

6.10.3 Pistons

6.10.3.1 Hollow pistons (single piece or multi-piece) shall be continuously self-venting; i.e., they shall depressure when the cylinder is depressured. Acceptable methods of venting include a hole located in the head-end face of the piston in the form of a single hole 3 mm (1/8 in.) in diameter, a hole at the bottom of the piston ring groove, or a spring-loaded relief plug in the outer-end face of the piston.

6.10.3.2 All pistons shall be supplied with non-metallic rider bands. Rider bands shall be designed to prevent them acting as a piston rings.

Note 1: Vertical cylinders with labyrinth pistons may not have rider bands.

Note 2: Purchaser can specify rider bands of single- or multi-piece construction

6.10.3.3 If specified piston ring carriers supplied with multi-piece pistons shall be made of wear resistant material. Non-metallic rider bands shall not overrun single-hole valve ports or liner counter-bores by more than half the width of the rider band. When the cylinder configuration leads the rider band to overrun the valve ports by more than half the band width, the port design shall be of the multiple-drilled-hole type to provide sufficient support for the rider band.

For non-lubricated, horizontal cylinders, the bearing load calculated from Equation 2 on non-metallic rider bands shall not exceed 0.035 N/mm² (5 lbf/in.²) based on the mass of the entire piston assembly plus half the mass of the rod divided by the projected area of a 120° arc of all rider bands (see Equation 2).

For lubricated horizontal cylinders, the bearing load calculated from Equation 2 on rider, if used, shall not exceed 0.07 N/mm² (10.0 lbf/in.²) using the same approach described for non-metallic rider bands.

\[
L_B = \frac{M_{PA} + (M_R/2)}{(0.866 \times D \times W)}
\]  

(2)

where

\(L_B\) is the bearing load on rider band in N/mm² (lbf/in.²);

\(M_{PA}\) is the weight of piston assembly in N (lbf);

\(M_R\) is the weight of piston rod in N (lbf);

\(D\) is the cylinder bore diameter in mm (in.);

\(W\) is the total width of all rider bands in mm (in.).

Note: When meeting the bearing load requirement results in an excessively wide rider band, multiple rider bands are preferred.

6.10.4 Piston Rods

6.10.4.1 Unless otherwise specified, all piston rods, regardless of base material, shall be coated with a wear resistant material. The material and surface treatment of piston rods shall be chosen to maximize rod and pressure packing life and shall
be proposed by the vendor at the time of purchase for the purchaser’s acceptance. Coatings shall comply with 6.10.4.2. Piston rod base material and coatings for use in corrosive environments shall be suitable for the service and operating conditions specified.

Uncoated piston rod may be proposed when the expected life equals or exceeds that of a coated rod for the specified operating conditions. Uncoated piston rods shall be surface hardened in the packing area to a hardness of at least Rockwell C 50, and shall be inspected for cracking by magnetic particle examination.

6.10.4.2 When coatings are used, piston rods shall be continuously coated from the piston rod packing through the oil wiper travel areas. The coating material shall be properly sealed to prevent corrosion of the base material at the interface of the coating. Techniques that require temperatures high enough to permanently affect the mechanical characteristics of the base material shall not be used. High-velocity and high-impact thermal coating processes are acceptable for the coating of piston rods. Metal spray techniques requiring roughening of the surface of the base metal shall not be used. Use of sub-coating (other than a binder layer) under the main coating shall not be used.

Piston rods that have been previously induction-hardened shall not be coated with a wear resistant material over the induction-hardened case.

6.10.4.3 The base material of piston rods used in H2S service shall be in accordance with NACE MR 0103 (see 6.14.1.11). When this requirement results in insufficient surface hardness for wear resistance, a proven surface treatment or coating shall be proposed for purchaser’s approval.

6.10.4.4 Tolerances for finished rods shall be 12.5 µm (0.0005 in.) for roundness and 25 µm (0.001 in.) for diametral variation over the length of the rod.

The surface finish in the packing areas for lubricated and non-lubricated services shall be 0.15 µm to 0.4 µm (6 µin. – 16 µin.) Ra

Note: Smoother finishes can be considered for high pressures or for particular material combinations where experience indicates that such finishes can result in improved performance.

6.10.4.5 Piston rods with threads shall be furnished with rolled threads having a polished thread relief area.

6.10.4.6 The vendor shall state in the proposal the rod material and type of connection (see Figures F-6, G-7).

6.10.4.7 Threads shall be rolled after heat treatment. If NACE-MR0103 is applied, the rod material will be considered acceptable as long as the base hardness and yield strength remain within the specified NACE values. An increase in hardness around thread surface due to thread rolling is acceptable as long as the base hardness meets NACE requirements.

6.10.4.8 Tail rods shall be used only with purchaser’s written approval. When tail rods are deemed acceptable, tail rod packing assemblies shall be equal in design and quality to packing assemblies for piston rods. Tail rod surface treatment and finish shall be the same as for the piston rod. Tail rod design shall include a device to positively prevent the tail rod from being ejected in the event that it becomes disconnected from the piston/piston rod. Rod runout measured at the tail rod packing assembly shall not exceed the limits defined in 6.3.1.

6.11 CRANKCASES, CRANKSHAFTS, CONNECTING RODS, BEARINGS AND CROSSHEADS

6.11.1 Crankshafts

For compressors above 150 kW (200 hp), crankshafts shall be forged in one piece and shall be heat-treated and machined on all working surfaces and fits. The use of removable counterweights is acceptable. For compressors equal to or less than 150 kW (200 hp), ductile iron is acceptable for crankshafts. The crankshafts shall be free of sharp corners. Main and crankpin journals shall be ground to size. Drilled holes or changes in section shall be finished with generous radii and shall be highly polished. Forced lubrication passages in crankshafts shall be drilled. See 8.2.2.3.3 for ultrasonic testing of crankshafts.

6.11.2 Bearings

6.11.2.1 For compressors above 150 kW (200 hp), replaceable, precision-bored shell (sleeve) crankpin bearings and main bearings shall be used. For compressors equal to or less than 150 kW (200 hp), tapered roller type bearings are acceptable for main bearings. Cylindrical, roller, or ball type bearings may be used only with the purchaser’s approval.
Note; The use of rolling element bearings can affect the service life of the compressor.

6.11.2.2 When rolling element bearings are allowed, they shall be supplied in compliance with 6.11.2.3 and 6.11.2.4.

6.11.2.3 All rolling element bearings shall be suitable for belt drive applications and shall give an L10-rated life, calculated in accordance with ISO 281-1 or ABMA 11, of either 50,000 hours with continuous operation at rated conditions or 25,000 hours at maximum axial and radial loads and rated speed. (The rating life is the number of hours at rated bearing load and speed that 90% of the group of identical bearings will complete or exceed before the first evidence of failure.)

6.11.2.4 Rolling element bearings shall be secured to the shaft by a shrink fit and fitted into housings in accordance with the applicable ABMA recommendations.

6.11.3 Connecting Rods

For compressors above 150 kW (200 hp), connecting rods shall be forged steel with removable caps on the crankpin end. For compressors equal to or less than 150 kW (200 hp), ductile iron, steel plate, or cast steel connecting rods are acceptable. The connecting rods shall be free of sharp corners. Forced lubrication passages shall be drilled. Drilled holes or changes in section shall be finished with generous radii and shall be highly polished. Crosshead pin bushings shall be of the replaceable precision-bored type and shall be securely locked in place. All connecting rod bolt nuts shall be securely locked. Connecting rod bolts shall have rolled threads.

6.11.4 Crossheads

Crossheads shall be made of steel or ductile iron. The crosshead top and bottom shoes or guides shall be replaceable. Facilities shall be provided for the adjustment of crosshead clearance and alignment. Field machining for adjustment of clearances shall be not be used. Adequate openings shall be provided to service crosshead assemblies.

6.11.5 Crankcases

- If specified, the crankcase shall be provided with a device(s) to protect against rapid pressure rise. These devices shall incorporate a flame-arresting mechanism and a rapid closure device to minimize reverse flow, and be directed away from the personnel area. Sizing criteria shall be agreed considering crankcase environments, oil mist only or hydrocarbon gas, and potential pressure rise within the crankcase.

When not an integral part of the frame, crosshead housings shall be attached to the crankcase with studs. A metal-to-metal joint, prepared with suitable sealant, shall be used between the crosshead housing and crankcase, the crosshead housing and distance piece, and the distance piece and cylinder.

6.12 DISTANCE PIECES

6.12.1 Distance Piece Types

- 6.12.1.1 The purchaser shall specify the type of distance piece to be supplied. The types are listed in 6.12.1.2 through 6.12.1.5 (see Figure F-3).

- 6.12.1.2 Type “A” - short, single-compartment distance piece used only for lubricated service when oil carry-over (at the wiper packing and piston rod pressure packing) is acceptable. In this application, part of the piston rod may alternately enter the crankcase (crosshead housing) and the piston rod pressure packing. This arrangement shall not be used when cylinders are lubricated with oils not compatible with the crankcase oil (see 6.14.3.1.9).

  Note: Type A distance pieces are used only for nonflammable or non-hazardous gases.

- 6.12.1.3 Type “B” - long single-compartment distance piece used for non-lubricated service or for lubricated service where oil carryover is not acceptable. No part of the piston rod shall alternately enter the crankcase (crosshead housing) and the piston rod pressure packing. The piston rod shall be fitted with an oil slinger of spark resistant material and of a split design for easy access to the piston rod pressure packing.
6.12.1.4  Type “C” - long/long two-compartment distance piece designed to contain flammable, hazardous, or toxic gases. No part of the piston rod shall alternately enter the wiper packing and partition packing, or the partition packing and piston rod pressure packing. The piston rod shall be fitted with a frame-end compartment oil slinger of spark resistant material and of a split design for easy access to the packing. A segmental packing shall be provided between the two compartments. If necessary, provisions for lubrication of the partition packing shall be furnished by the vendor. If specified, provisions for the injection of buffer gas shall also be provided.

Note: The Type C distance piece with two oil slingers, one in each compartment, is not normally used on process compressors. This type of distance piece is used only for special services such as oxygen service. This distance piece design causes the overall length of the gas end assembly to become excessively large, thus causing the overall width of the compressors to become large, and therefore increasing foundation requirements. Uses of such distance pieces can cause piston-rod diameters to increase because of the column effect of excessively long piston rods.

6.12.1.5  Type “D” - long/short two-compartment distance piece designed to contain flammable, hazardous, or toxic gases. No part of the piston rod shall alternately enter the wiper packing and the intermediate partition packing. The rod shall be fitted with a frame-end compartment oil slinger of spark resistant material and of a split design for easy access to the packing. Segmental packing shall be provided between the two compartments. Provisions for lubrication of this segmental packing, if necessary, and, if specified, for the injection of buffer gas shall be furnished by the vendor.

Note: The buffer gas should be a non-flammable, non-reactive or inert gas such as nitrogen.

6.12.2  Distance Piece Requirements

6.12.2.1  Access openings of adequate size shall be provided in all distance pieces to permit removal of the assembled piston rod pressure packing case. On Type D, two-compartment distance pieces, the compartment adjacent to the cylinder (the outboard compartment) may be accessible through a removable partition. Distance piece compartments shall be equipped with gasketed solid metal covers. If specified, screened safety guards or louvered weather covers may be used for nonflammable or non-hazardous gases.

Note: In the case of small compressors, it can be easier to remove the piston rod.

6.12.2.2  Distance piece design shall be such that the packing rings can be removed and replaced without removal of the piston rod.

Note: The purchaser shall specify the maximum operating pressure on the vent system. Vendor shall propose corrective measures if the distance piece MAWP is lower than the specified maximum operating vent pressure.

6.12.2.3  For distance piece covers with solid metal covers, the distance piece, partitions, covers, bolting, and partition packing shall be designed for a minimum of 3 bar (45 psig) maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP). For type C and D each compartment shall be capable of the full MAWP independently. The vendor shall indicate the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) of the distance piece.

6.12.2.4  The purchaser shall specify the maximum operating pressure on the vent system. Vendor shall propose corrective measures if the distance piece MAWP is lower than the specified maximum operating vent pressure.

6.12.2.5  Each distance piece compartment shall be provided with the following connections (see Figure F-3):

a. top vent connection at least DN 40 (NPT 11/2);

b. bottom drain connection;

c. if specified, a purge or vacuum connection;

d. a piston rod pressure packing vent connection below the piston rod to facilitate liquid draining of the piston rod pressure packing case;

e. when required, piston rod pressure packing lubrication;

f. where piston rod pressure packing case cooling is required or specified, inlet and outlet connections on the distance piece suitably arranged to facilitate draining and venting.
See Annex I for vent and purge system schematics. Closed, sealed, or purged distance pieces not utilizing the DN 40 (NPT 11/2) free vent connection shall be equipped with a relief device. The vendor shall confirm that the DN 40 (NPT 11/2) free vent connection or relief device is adequate to prevent overpressure of the distance piece in the event of a packing case failure.

6.12.2.6 Double compartment distance pieces shall be equipped with a buffer gas connection on the inboard distance piece. The inboard distance piece shall preferably be buffered with a pressure of at least 0.5 bar (7 psi) above the outboard distance piece pressure to avoid leakage of toxic or hazardous gas towards inboard compartment.

The buffer gas purge pressure shall be limited to the maximum allowable pressure for the distance piece components (see 6.10.4). Some buffer gas will flow into the compressor frame. Frame venting shall allow an outlet for this flow (see Figure E-5).

6.12.2.7 All external connections, except the top vent, shall be at least DN 25 (NPT 1).

6.12.2.8 Distance piece compartments with internal reinforcing ribs shall have internal drain provisions through the ribs.

6.12.2.9 Unless otherwise specified, all external drain, vent, and purge piping and equipment shall be provided by the purchaser.

6.12.2.10 For Type A and B distance pieces with solid metal covers, positive seal rings shall be provided at the wiper packing. For Type C and D distance pieces with solid metal covers, positive seal rings shall be provided at both the wiper packing and the intermediate partition packing. These seal rings shall be of the segmental type that effectively seal at atmospheric pressure (without purge) to prevent contamination of the crankcase oil by leakage from the piston rod pressure packing (see 6.13.1.6).

6.13 PACKING CASES AND PRESSURE PACKING

6.13.1 General

- 6.13.1.1 All oil-wiper packing, partition packing, and piston rod pressure packing, shall be segmental rings with garter springs of a nickel chromium alloy (such as Inconel 600 or X750). If specified, shields shall be provided in the crosshead housings over the oil return drains from the wiper-packing stuffing boxes to prevent splash flooding.

6.13.1.2 Packing case flanges shall be bolted to the cylinder head or to the cylinder with no less than four bolts. Flanges shall be of steel for flammable, hazardous, or toxic gas service. Packing cases shall be pressure rated at least to the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) of the cylinder. Packing case assemblies shall have positive alignment features to align all stationary components. (eg. pilot fits, body-fitted tie bolts).

6.13.1.3 For flammable, hazardous, toxic, or wet gas service, the piston rod pressure packing case shall be provided with a common vent and drain, below the piston rod, piped by the vendor to the lower portion of the distance piece. See Annex E.

6.13.1.4 Adequate radial clearance shall be provided between the piston rod and all adjacent stationary components to prevent contact when the maximum allowable wear occurs on the piston rider bands.

6.13.1.5 Oil wiper packing shall be supplied to effectively minimize oil leakage from the crankcase.

6.13.1.6 Unless otherwise specified, the manufacturer shall provide suitable devices and instructions to enable the piston rod to be passed through the completely assembled cylinder pressure packing without damage.

Note: There is a risk of packing damage when using entering sleeves. However, when the outside diameter of the entering sleeve is equal to the outside diameter of the rod, the risk is reduced when the manufacturer’s instructions are followed.

6.13.2 Piston Rod Pressure Packing Case Cooling Systems

6.13.2.1 Unless otherwise specified, the criteria given in 6.13.2.2 through 6.13.2.6 shall be followed for the cooling of pressure packing cases.

6.13.2.2 Packing cases shall be designed for liquid cooling with totally enclosed cooled cups for the following applications:

a. all non-lubricated packing rings;
b. lubricated non-metallic rings, when the cylinder maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) is above 35 bar (500 psig);
c. all materials, lubricated or non-lubricated, when the cylinder maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) is above 100 bar (1500 psig).
6.13.2.3 When liquid cooled packing cases are furnished:

a. O-rings shall be used to seal coolant passages between cups;
b. O-rings shall be fully captured in grooves, both on the inside and outside diameter of the O-ring. A small relief recess of 0.5 mm – 1 mm (0.015 in. – 0.030 in.) shall be provided around the captured O-ring to detect gas leakage. O-rings that encircle the piston rod are not allowed; and

c. cases are to be tested for leakage on the coolant side to a gauge pressure not less than 8 bar (115 psig).

6.13.2.4 Cooling of pressure packing is not required for non-lubricated cylinders having a maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) below 17 bar (250 psig). Coolant connections in the packing cases shall be plugged with threaded steel plugs.

6.13.2.5 When the packing case is cooled by forced circulation, the vendor shall supply internal tubing and fittings of austenitic stainless steel.

6.13.2.6 When cooling of cylinder packing is required, the vendor shall be responsible for determining and informing the purchaser of minimum requirements such as flow, pressure, pressure drop, and temperature, as well as any filtration and corrosion protection criteria. The coolant pressure drop through the packing case shall not exceed 1.7 bar (25 psig).

Note: The inlet packing case coolant temperature should not exceed 35ºC (95ºF). Packing efficiency increases with low coolant temperature.

6.13.2.7 If specified, the vendor shall supply a closed liquid cooling system.

Note: See Figure G-4 for typical drawing on packing case cooling systems

6.13.2.8 If specified, and for all sour or toxic gas services, this system shall be separate from the cylinder jacket cooling system.

6.13.2.9 A suitable filter having a 125 µm (125 microns) nominal rating or better and located external to the distance piece shall be provided. If external tubing is provided by the vendor, it shall be austenitic stainless steel.

6.13.2.10 If specified, the packing vent temperature shall be monitored

6.13.3 Buffer Gas System

6.13.3.1 If specified, a buffer gas system shall be supplied to reduce process gas emissions. The buffer gas should be a non-flammable, non-reactive or inert gas such as nitrogen. The buffer system shall be agreed.

6.13.3.2 If specified, the piston rod pressure packing shall include venting and buffer gas cups with side-loaded packing rings in the adjacent sealing cups. The packing vent/drain shall be routed to a liquid collection pot.

Note: See the arrangement in Figure G-3.

6.13.3.3 The piston rod pressure packing buffer gas pressure shall be at least 1 bar (15 pounds per square inch) higher than the vent system pressure. At connection A or connection G (in the outboard distance piece) whichever is higher.

6.13.3.4 A liquid collection pot shall be supplied. The purchaser shall specify the vent and drain locations and conditions. The collection pot shall not be combined with the distance piece drains.

6.13.3.5 If specified, intermediate partition packing shall be buffered in addition to the piston rod pressure packing.

6.13.3.6 If specified, the distance piece shall be buffered. On dual compartment distance pieces the purchaser shall specify which compartment shall be buffer and which compartment shall be vented.

6.13.3.7 If specified, the distance piece vent pressure shall be monitored

6.14 MATERIALS

6.14.1 General

6.14.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, the materials of construction shall be selected by the manufacturer based on the operating and site environmental conditions specified.
Note: Annex F lists general material classes for compressors. When used with appropriate heat treatment and/or impact-testing requirements, these material classes are considered acceptable for major component parts (see 7.7 for auxiliary piping material requirements).

6.14.1.2 The materials of construction for all major components shall be clearly stated in the vendor's proposal. Materials shall be identified by reference to applicable international standards, including the material grade. Where international standards are not available, internationally recognized national standards (such as AISI or ASTM) or other standards may be used. When no such designation is available, the vendor's material specification, giving physical properties, chemical composition, and test requirements shall be included in the proposal.

6.14.1.3 Copper and copper alloys shall not be used for parts of compressors or auxiliaries in contact with corrosive gas or with gases capable of forming explosive copper compounds. Nickel-copper alloys (UNS N04400 Monel or its equivalent), bearing babbitt, bearings, and precipitation-hardened stainless steels, are excluded from this requirement. Where agreed, copper-containing materials may be used for packing on lubricated compressors or other specific purposes.

Note: Certain corrosive fluids in contact with copper alloys have been known to form explosive compounds.

6.14.1.4 The vendor shall specify the tests and inspection required to ensure that materials selected are satisfactory for the service intended. Such tests and inspections shall be listed in the proposal. Additional tests and inspections shall be specified by the purchaser.

Note: Additional tests and inspections can be specified, especially for materials used in critical components or in critical services.

6.14.1.5 Minor parts such as nuts, springs, washers, gaskets, and keys shall have corrosion resistance at least equal to that of specified parts in the same environment.

6.14.1.6 The purchaser shall specify the presence of any corrosive agents (including trace quantities) in the motive and process fluids and in the site environment.

Note 1: Typical agents of concern are hydrogen, oxygen, hydrogen sulfide, amines, chlorides, carbon dioxide, cyanide, mercury, fluoride, naphthenic acid and polythionic acid.

Note 2: If Amines are present, refer to API RP 945.14 for information on Amine cracking and its prevention.

Note 3: Guidelines to avoid caustic stress corrosion cracking can be found in NACE SP0403

6.14.1.6.1 When the purchaser has specified the presence of chlorides in any fluid, materials exposed to that fluid shall be selected and processed in accordance with the requirements of API 571. Chloride concentrations greater than 50 ppm may require alternate material selection.

6.14.1.7 If austenitic stainless steel parts exposed to conditions that may promote intergranular corrosion are to be fabricated, hard faced, overlaid or repaired by welding, they shall be made of low-carbon or stabilized grades.

Note: Overlays or hard surfaces that contain more than 0.10% carbon can sensititize both low-carbon and stabilized grades of austenitic stainless steel unless a buffer layer that is not sensitive to intergranular corrosion is applied.

6.14.1.8 Where mating parts such as studs and nuts of austenitic stainless steel or materials with similar galling tendencies are used, they shall be lubricated with an antiseizure compound suitable for the process temperatures and compatible with the material(s) and specified process fluid(s).

Note: The required torque values to achieve the necessary bolt preload will vary considerably depending if antiseize compounds are used on the threads.

6.14.1.9 All materials exposed to H₂S gas service shall be in accordance with the requirements of NACE MR0103. Ferrous materials not covered by NACE MR0103 shall not have a yield strength exceeding 620 N/mm² (90,000 psi) nor a hardness exceeding Rockwell C22. When there are trace quantities of wet H₂S known to be present or if there is any uncertainty about the amount of wet H₂S that may be present, the purchaser shall note on the data sheets that materials resistant to sulfide stress corrosion cracking are required.

Hardness requirements for valve seats and piston rod surface can be in excess of NACE provisions (see 6.10.4.3). Similar exceptions can be made for valve plates, springs, and unloader components, where greater hardness has been proven necessary. Agreement shall be reached on requirements for alternative alloys or special heat treatment.
Note 1: See annex J for typical components exposed to H₂S gas service

Note: It is the responsibility of the purchaser to determine the expected amount of wet H₂S, considering normal operation, start-up, shutdown, idle standby, upsets, or unusual operating conditions such as catalyst regeneration.

6.14.1.10 Components that are fabricated by welding shall be postweld heat treated, if required, so that both the welds and the heat-affected zones meet the tensile strength, and ductility, requirements and when required, hardness and impact requirements.

6.14.1.11 On multiple service and multistage machines, NACE requirements shall apply to all fasteners and other interchangeable parts of all cylinders to avoid possible inadvertent interchange of parts.

6.14.1.12 The vendor shall select materials to avoid conditions that can result in electrolytic corrosion. Where such conditions cannot be avoided, the purchaser and the vendor shall agree on the material selection and any other precautions necessary.

Note: When dissimilar materials with significantly different electrical potentials are placed in contact in the presence of an electrolytic solution, galvanic couples that can result in serious corrosion of the less noble material can be created. The NACE Corrosion Engineer’s Reference Book is one resource for selection of suitable materials in these situations.

6.14.1.13 Low-carbon steels can be notch sensitive and susceptible to brittle fracture at ambient or lower temperatures. Therefore, only steels made to fine-grain practice are acceptable. Steel made to a coarse austenitic grain size practice (such as ASTM A 515) shall not be used.

6.14.1.14 O-ring materials shall be compatible with all specified services. O-rings for high-pressure services shall not be damaged upon rapid depressurization (explosive decompression).

Note: Susceptibility to explosive decompression depends on the gas to which the O-ring is exposed, the compounding of the elastomer, temperature of exposure, the rate of decompression, and the number of cycles.

6.14.1.15 Bolting shall be in accordance with ASTM A 193 Grade B7 or Grade B7M. Carbon steel nuts such as ASTM A 194, Grade 2H shall be used.

Bolting and nuts in accordance with ASTM A 320 shall be used for temperatures below –30 °C (–20 °F). The grade of ASTM A 320 will depend on design, service conditions, mechanical properties, and low-temperature characteristics.

6.14.2 Pressure-containing Parts

6.14.2.1 Materials for pressure-containing cylinder parts shall be used in conjunction with the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) in Table 3. All material selections shall be subject to review by the purchaser.

Note: Higher design pressures may be permitted based on detailed engineering analysis.

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6.14.2.2 Steel compressor cylinders shall be equipped with steel heads.
6.14.2.3 The use of fabricated cylinders shall be stated in the proposal, and shall be approved by the purchaser.

6.14.3 Castings

6.14.3.1 General

6.14.3.1.1 Castings shall be free from porosity, hot tears, shrink holes, blowholes, cracks, scale, blisters, and similar injurious defects. Surfaces of castings shall be cleaned by sandblasting, shot-blasting, chemical cleaning, or other standard methods. Mold-parting fins and the remains of gates and risers shall be chipped, filed, or ground flush. Castings shall not be impregnated or surface sealed.

6.14.3.1.2 The use of chaplets in pressure castings shall be held to a minimum. Where chaplets are necessary, they shall be clean and corrosion free (plating is permitted) and of a composition compatible with the casting.

6.14.3.1.3 Fully enclosed cored voids, which become fully enclosed by methods such as plugging, welding, or assembly, shall not be used.

6.14.3.1.4 Pressure-retaining castings of gray iron shall be produced in accordance with ASTM A 278

6.14.3.1.5 Pressure-retaining castings of steel shall be produced in accordance with ASTM A 216.

6.14.3.2 Ductile Iron Castings

6.14.3.2.1 Pressure-retaining castings of ductile iron shall be produced in accordance with ASTM A 395. The production of these castings shall conform to the conditions specified in 6.14.3.2.2 through 6.14.3.2.5. Ductile iron castings for non-pressure-retaining components, such as crossheads, shall be produced in accordance with either ASTM A 395 or ASTM A 536.

6.14.3.2.2 A minimum of one set (three samples) of Charpy V-notch impact specimens at one-third the thickness of the test block shall be made from the material adjacent to the tensile specimen on each keel or Y-block. All three specimens shall have an impact value not less than 12 J (9 ft-lb) and the mean of the three specimens shall not be less than 14 J (10 ft-lb) at room temperature.

6.14.3.2.3 The keel or Y-block cast at the end of the pour shall have a thickness not less than the thickness of critical sections of the main casting. This test block shall be tested for tensile strength and hardness and shall be microscopically examined. Classification of graphite nodules under microscopic examination shall be in accordance with ASTM A 247.

6.14.3.2.5 Brinell hardness readings shall be made on the actual castings at feasible critical sections such as section changes, flanges, and other accessible locations such as the cylinder bore and valve ports. Sufficient surface material shall be removed before hardness readings are made to eliminate any skin effect. Readings shall also be made at the extremities of castings at locations that represent the sections poured first and last. These readings shall be made in addition to Brinell readings on the keel and Y-blocks.

6.14.4 Forgings

Pressure-containing forgings shall be in accordance with ASTM A 668.

6.14.5 Fabricated Cylinders and Cylinder Heads

6.14.5.1 When fabricated cylinders are allowed, they shall be designed based on an infinite fatigue life. The vendor shall conduct an engineering analysis that addresses the applicable loads, materials, weldments, and the geometry of the cylinder. The analysis shall ensure that the alternating stresses are limited to values that preclude the propagation of an existing internal defect.

6.14.5.2 Gas pressure-containing parts of cylinders and cylinder heads made of wrought materials or combinations of wrought and cast materials shall conform to the conditions specified in 6.14.5.3 through 6.14.5.13.

6.14.5.3 Plate subjected to alternating pressure loads used in cylinders and cylinder heads shall be subjected to the procedures in 6.14.5.4 through 6.14.5.6 after being cut to shape and before weld joint preparation.
6.14.5.4 If the plate is loaded in tension in the through-thickness direction, the piece shall be 100% ultrasonically inspected in the area one plate-thickness on each side of the load-imposing member (see Figure 1).

Figure 1—Plate Loaded in Tension in the Through-thickness Direction and its Area Requiring Ultrasonic Inspection

6.14.5.5 If the plate is loaded in bending, the piece shall be 100% ultrasonically inspected in the area one plate-thickness on each side of the load-imposing member (see Figure 2).

Note: These procedures are intended to discover laminations or inclusions that can affect the load-carrying ability of the components.
6.14.5.6 If the plate is axially loaded, ultrasonic inspection is not required (see Figure 3).

![Axially Loaded Plate](image)

Figure 3—Axially Loaded Plate

6.14.5.7 Before welding, plate edges shall be examined by the magnetic particle method to confirm the absence of laminations.

- 6.14.5.8 Accessible surfaces of welds shall be inspected by magnetic particle or liquid penetrant examination after chipping or back-gouging and again after post-weld heat treatment. If specified, the quality control of welds that will be inaccessible on completion of the fabrication shall be agreed prior to fabrication.

- 6.14.5.9 Pressure-containing welds, including welds to horizontal- and vertical-joint flanges, shall be full-penetration (complete-joint) welds.

- 6.14.5.10 All fabricated cylinders and cylinder heads shall be post-weld heat treated, regardless of thickness (see 6.14.7.7).

- 6.14.5.11 All butt welds on the inner barrel of welded cylinders shall be 100% examined radiographically. Other welds to the inner barrel shall be inspected radiographically where possible. If radiography is not possible, other methods such as ultrasonic examination shall be approved.

- 6.14.5.12 If specified, in addition to the requirements of 6.14.7.1, specific welds shall be subjected to 100% radiography, magnetic particle inspection, or liquid penetrant inspection.

- 6.14.5.13 If specified, proposed cylinder, cylinder-head, and connection designs shall be made available for review and approval by the purchaser before fabrication. The drawings shall show weld designs, size, materials, and pre-weld and post-weld heat treatments.

6.14.6 Repairs to Castings and forgings

- 6.14.6.1 Major repairs to pressure-containing parts, all repairs to moving parts subject to load reversals, and all repairs to crankshafts shall be undertaken only with the purchaser’s written authorization. This requirement applies, but is not necessarily limited to cylinder parts, piston and rod assembly components, and crosshead assembly components.

- 6.14.6.2 A major repair, for the purpose of purchaser notification, is any defect that equals or exceeds any of the following criteria:
  a. any repair of a pressure-containing part in which the depth of the cavity prepared for repair welding exceeds 50% of the component wall thickness, and/or is longer than 150 mm (6 in.) in any direction;
  b. any situation where the total area of all repairs to the part under repair exceeds 10% of the surface area of the part;
  c. any repairs to pressure containing parts carried out after hydrostatic testing.

- 6.14.6.3 Before performing major repairs to pressure containing parts, the vendor shall submit the following for the purchaser’s written approval:
  a. sketches or photographs showing the defective area;
  b. proposed method of repair;
  c. materials to be used;
  d. welding procedure;
  e. proposed extent of testing or re-testing to prove the effectiveness of the repair.
All such repairs shall be properly documented for the purchaser’s permanent record.

6.14.6.4 For non-pressure-containing components, the vendor shall make repairs in accordance with his internal quality procedures. These procedures shall be available for review by the purchaser at the manufacturer’s plant.

When repairs of non-pressure-containing components are done, they shall be documented by the vendor. No repair is to be made without written approval of the vendor’s engineering, quality-control, and manufacturing departments.

- **6.14.6.5** If specified, the purchaser shall be given notice of repairs to other major components, such as distance pieces, and crankcase.

6.14.6.6 Pressure-containing castings shall not be repaired by peening, or burning-in, or impregnating. Pressure-containing castings and forgings shall not be repaired by welding, plating, or plugging except as specified in 6.14.6.7 through 6.14.6.8.

6.14.6.7 Weldable grades of steel castings and forgings may be repaired by welding using a qualified welding procedure (see 6.13.7.3). After major weld repairs but before hydrostatic testing, the complete casting or forging shall be given a post-weld heat treatment to ensure stress relief and continuity of mechanical properties of both weld and parent metals.

6.14.6.8 Gray cast iron or ductile iron may be repaired by plugging within the limits specified in the applicable material standard such as ASTM A 278 or A 395; but shall not be repaired by welding.

Plugs shall not be used in the gas-pressure-containing wall sections of cylinders, in particular in the bore under the liner, unless approved by the purchaser.

When plugs are allowed, the holes drilled for plugs shall be carefully examined, using liquid penetrant, to ensure that all defective material has been removed.

Note: Annex D describes some repair techniques that can be considered for application to gray or ductile iron castings for compressor cylinders

6.14.6.9 Damaged threaded holes in castings mechanically repaired by use of thread inserts or bushings shall be approved.

6.14.7 Welding

6.14.7.1 Welding of piping, pressure-containing parts, rotating parts and other highly stressed parts, weld repairs, and any dissimilar-metal welds shall be performed and inspected by procedures and operators qualified in accordance with the specified pressure design code or internationally recognized standards such as ASME Section VIII, Division 1, and ASME Section IX.

6.14.7.2 Welding of non-pressure containing components such as cylinder supports, pulsations suppression device supports, baseplates, non-pressure ducting, lagging, and control panels, shall be performed by welders qualified in accordance with an appropriate recognized standard such as AWS D 1.1. or Section IX of the ASME Code or other purchaser approved welding standard.

6.14.7.3 The vendor shall ensure that repair welds are properly heat treated and nondestructively examined.

Repairs shall be nondestructively tested by the same method used to detect the original flaw. The minimum level of inspection after the repair, shall be by the magnetic particle method in accordance with 8.2.2.4 for magnetic material and by the liquid penetrant method in accordance with 8.2.2.5 for nonmagnetic material.

6.14.7.4 Connections welded to pressure-containing parts shall be installed as specified in 6.14.7.5 through 6.14.7.9.

- **6.14.7.5** If specified, in addition to the requirements of 6.14.7.1, specific welds shall be subjected to 100% radiography or magnetic particle inspection or liquid penetrant inspection of welds.

- **6.14.7.6** If specified, proposed connection designs shall be submitted to the purchaser for acceptance before the start of fabrication. The drawings shall show weld designs, size, materials, and pre- and post-weld heat treatments.

6.14.7.7 All welds shall be heat treated in accordance with the specified pressure vessel code or an internationally recognized standard such as the ASME Section VIII, Division 1, Sections UW-10 and UW-40. For steels in H2S service, heat treatment shall also be in accordance with NACE MRO103 (see 6.14.1.11).

6.14.7.8 If post weld heat treatment is required it shall be carried out after all welds, including piping welds, have been completed.
6.14.7.9 Auxiliary piping welded to alloy steel casings and cylinders shall be of a material with the same nominal properties as the casing or cylinder material or shall be of low carbon austenitic stainless steel. Other materials compatible with the casing or cylinder material and intended service may be used with the purchaser's approval.

6.14.7.10 Flux-core welding may be used for equipment in hydrogen service, upon written agreement of the purchaser after submission of weld procedures.

6.14.8 Low-temperature Service

6.14.8.1 The purchaser shall specify the minimum design metal temperature and concurrent pressure used to establish impact test and other material requirements.

Normally, this will be the lower of the minimum surrounding ambient temperature or minimum inlet gas temperature. The purchaser may specify a minimum design metal temperature based on properties of the process gas, such as auto refrigeration at reduced pressures.

6.14.8.2 To avoid brittle failures, materials and construction for low temperature service shall be suitable for the minimum design metal temperature in accordance with the codes and other requirements specified. The purchaser and the vendor shall agree on any special precautions necessary with regard to conditions that can occur during operation, maintenance, transportation, erection, commissioning and testing

Note: Design practices for low temperature services include the selection of fabrication methods, welding procedures, and materials for steel pressure-retaining parts to ensure that the ductile-to-brittle transition temperature is suitable for the service. The published design-allowable stresses for many materials in internationally recognized standards are based on minimum tensile properties. Some standards do not differentiate between rimmed, semi-killed, fully-killed hot-rolled, and normalized material, nor do they take into account whether materials were produced under fine- or course-grain practices.

6.14.8.3 All carbon and low alloy steel pressure-containing components, including nozzles, flanges, and weldments, shall be impact tested in accordance with the requirements of ASME Section VIII, Division 1, Sections UCS-65 through 68, or the specified pressure design code. High-alloy steels shall be tested in accordance with ASME Section VIII, Division 1, Section UHA-51, or the specified pressure design code. For materials and thicknesses not covered by ASME Section VIII, Division 1 or the specified pressure design code, testing requirements shall be as specified by the purchaser.

Note: Impact testing of a material may be omitted depending on material selection, the minimum design metal temperature, thermal, mechanical and cyclic loading and the governing thickness. Refer to requirements of ASME Section VIII, Division 1, Section UG-20F, for example.

6.14.8.4 The governing thickness used to determine impact testing requirements shall be the greater of the following.

a. The nominal thickness of the largest butt-welded joint.
b. The largest nominal section for pressure containment, excluding
   1. structural support sections such as feet or lugs,
   2. structural sections required for attachment or inclusion of mechanical features such as jackets or seal chambers;
c. One fourth of the nominal flange thickness (recognizing that the predominant flange stress is not a membrane stress).

The results of the impact testing shall meet the minimum impact energy requirements of ASME Section VIII, Division 1, Section UG-84, or the specified pressure design code.

6.15 NAMEPLATES AND ROTATION ARROWS

6.15.1 A nameplate shall be securely attached at a visible location on the compressor crankcase, on each compressor cylinder, and on any major piece of auxiliary equipment.

6.15.2 Rotation arrows shall be cast-in or attached to each major item of rotating equipment at a readily visible location.

6.15.3 Nameplates and rotation arrows (if attached) shall be of austenitic stainless steel or nickel-copper (UNS N04400 alloy). Attachment pins shall be of the same material. Welding is not permitted.

6.15.4 The following data shall be clearly stamped or engraved on the compressor crankcase nameplate:

a. vendor’s name;
b. serial number;
c. frame size and model;
d. rated speed;
e. stroke;
f. purchaser item number or other reference.

6.15.5 Nameplates on compressor cylinders shall include the following data:

a. vendor’s name;
b. serial number;
c. bore, stroke, model number;
d. maximum allowable working pressure;
e. hydrostatic test pressure;
f. maximum allowable working temperature;
g. cold piston end-clearance setting for each end;
h. minimum allowable temperature (required if the material is rated for a minimum allowable temperature below -30°C [-20 °F]).

7 Accessories

7.1 DRIVERS

7.1.1 General

• 7.1.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, the compressor vendor shall furnish the driver and power transmission equipment. The type of driver shall be as specified by the purchaser.

• 7.1.1.2 The driver shall be sized to meet the maximum specified operating conditions, including external power transmission losses and shall be in accordance with applicable specifications as stated in the inquiry and order. The driver shall operate under the utility and site conditions specified in the proposal.

• 7.1.1.3 The driver shall be capable of driving the compressor with all stages at full flow, rated suction pressure and discharging at the relief valve set pressure.

• 7.1.1.4 The driver shall be sized to accept any specified process variations such as changes in the pressure, temperature or properties of the fluids handled, and plant start-up conditions.

• 7.1.1.5 The purchaser shall specify anticipated process variations that can affect the sizing of the driver (such as changes in the pressure, temperature or properties of the fluid handled, as well as special plant start-up conditions).

• 7.1.1.6 The purchaser shall specify the starting conditions for the driven equipment. The starting procedure shall be agreed by the purchaser and the vendor. The driver’s starting-torque capabilities shall exceed the starting-torque requirements of the driven equipment from zero to operating speed.

• 7.1.1.7 The inertial characteristics of the rotating parts of the compressor and of the drive train shall be such that rotational oscillations will be minimized. Undesirable oscillations include those that cause damage, undue wear of parts or interference with the governor or governing system of the driver and those that result in harmful torsional and/or electrical system disturbances. For other than motor drivers, peak-to-peak speed oscillation of the rotating system shall be limited to 1.5% of rated speed at full load and partial cylinder loads if step unloading is specified.

The compressor vendor shall inform the driver manufacturer of the nature of the application including the torque variation characteristics, and shall obtain confirmation from the driver manufacturer that the driver is suitable for this service.

• 7.1.1.8 For purposes of sizing flywheels and couplings for gear drives, the peak-to-peak torque variation at the gear shall not exceed 25% of the torque corresponding to the maximum compressor load and in no case shall there be any torque reversal in the gear mesh.

• 7.1.1.9 For belt-driven compressors the peak-to-peak speed variation shall not exceed 3% of rated compressor speed at any operating condition (see 7.4).

• 7.1.1.10 The supporting feet of drivers with a mass greater than 225 kg (500 lb) shall be provided with vertical jackscrews.
7.1.2 Motor Drivers

7.1.2.1 Motor drives shall conform to API Standard 541 or 546 or other standard as approved by the purchaser. Motors that are below the power scope of API Std 541 or 546 shall be in accordance with IEEE 841 or IEC 60034.

- 7.1.2.2 The type of motor supplied and its characteristics and accessories, including but not limited to the following, shall be as specified by the purchaser:
  a. type of motor (synchronous or induction);
  b. bearing and coupling arrangement;
  c. line voltage and frequency

If belt drives are required, see 7.4.3.

- 7.1.2.3 For motor-driven units, the motor rating shall be not less than 110% of the greatest power required (including power transmission losses) for any of the specified operating conditions. In addition, the motor rating shall be not less than 105% of the power required (including power transmission losses) for the relieving operation specified in 7.1.1.3.

- 7.1.2.4 If specified, single bearing motors shall be provided with a temporary inboard support device to facilitate erection and alignment

- 7.1.2.5 The motor starting-torque shall be sufficient to start the compressor without the need to depressurize any stage from the compressor suction pressure as long as all cylinder ends are unloaded or all stages are 100% bypassed. Special agreement may be necessary in the following circumstances: high suction pressure; high settling-out gas pressure specified by the purchaser; high-pressure unloaded starts; or alternate gas unloaded starts.

- 7.1.2.6 The combined inertia of rotating parts of synchronous motor-compressor installations shall be sufficient to limit motor current variations to a value not exceeding 66% of the full load current (NEMA MG1) for all specified loading conditions, including unloaded operation with cylinders pressurized to their normal suction pressures. For induction motor-compressor installations, motor current variations shall not exceed 40% of the full load current using the method described in NEMA MG1. The electrical system data necessary for proper design shall be provided by the purchaser.

Note: The power supply for some installations can require tighter control of current pulsation to protect other equipment in the electrical system. Standard motor performance data are based on steady-state load conditions and may not reflect actual performance under the variable-torque conditions encountered when driving reciprocating compressors. With induction-motor drivers, the effects of variable torque and resultant current pulsation are more pronounced and require closer evaluation (see 6.7.4 and 7.1.1.7).

For this reason, high-efficiency induction motors with their lower slip factors can experience higher current pulsation and consequently draw higher average current and higher power than standard efficiency motors when driving reciprocating compressors.

7.1.2.7 When the motor is supplied by the purchaser, the compressor vendor shall furnish the purchaser with the following:
  a. the required motor rotor inertia to satisfy the current variation requirements according to 7.1.2.6 for all specified operating conditions;
  b. starting-torque requirements;
  c. coupling details

- 7.1.2.8 The rotor of a single bearing motor driver shall be mounted on a shaft extension with a keyed interference fit. The shaft extension shall be rigidly coupled to the crankshaft, with forged flanges integral with the motor shaft and crankshaft. Split or clamped hubs shall not be used. The interference fit shall carry the maximum transmitted torque by itself; the key shall not be relied on to carry any of the torque. Side clearance for the key shall be 0.025 mm (0.001 in.) at maximum. Top clearance for the key shall be adequate to prevent overstressing of the keyway. Keyless interference fits are acceptable only if accepted by the purchaser. Keys and keyways shall be machined with smooth, generous radii to minimize the effects of stress concentration. An outboard bearing shall be provided by the vendor to support the end of the shaft extension.

- 7.1.2.9 Unless otherwise specified, the necessary motor starting apparatus shall be supplied by the purchaser.

- 7.1.2.10 Cantilevered (overhung) motors shall not be supplied.

- 7.1.2.11 For single bearing motors, the motor manufacturer’s drawing shall show the allowable tolerance for setting the air gap. All sections of the motor (and rotary exciter, if applicable) stator shall be doweled after internal alignment is completed to
ensure maintenance of the proper air gap. The exciter housing (if applicable) shall be mounted with sufficient lateral and axial
degree to prevent excessive motion of the stator relative to the rotor.

7.1.2.12 The bearing of motors rigidly coupled to a compressor shall be of the same generic type (hydrodynamic or
rolling element) as the main bearings of the driven compressor. The use of a rolling element bearing in other cases shall be
subject to the purchaser's approval. The design of direct coupled motors shall be such, that the bearing can be inspected,
removed and replaced in-situ.

Hydrodynamic bearings shall be self-lubricated (e.g., oil-ring and sump) or, if specified, shall receive lubricating oil from the
compressor frame lubrication system.

7.1.2.13 Motor rating (exclusive of service factor) shall be at least 110% of the maximum power required for any operating
condition.

7.1.3 Steam Turbine Drivers

7.1.3.1 Steam turbine drivers shall conform to API 611 or API 612. The turbine power rating, shall be not less than 110% of
the power required (including power transmission losses) for the relieving operation specified in 7.1.1.3 with the specified
normal steam conditions. In addition, the turbine continuous power rating shall be no less than 120% of the greatest power
required, (including any power transmission losses) when operating at any of the specified operating conditions, with the
specified normal steam conditions.

Note 1: The 120% factor includes an allowance for the cyclic torque load of reciprocating compressors.

Note 2: The 120% is a design criterion. After testing, this margin might not be available due to performance tolerances of the driven equipment.

7.1.3.2 If specified, a separate special-purpose lube oil system in accordance with API 614, Part 2, shall be furnished for a
turbine drive train.

7.2 COUPLINGS AND GUARDS

7.2.1 Couplings

7.2.1.1 A flexible coupling is required between the driver and the driven equipment unless a single bearing motor is supplied
as defined in 7.1.2.8. The coupling shall be supplied by the manufacturer of the driven equipment.

7.2.1.2 Unless otherwise specified, a flexible coupling shall be supplied. The coupling shall be of the all-steel, non-
lubricated, flexible membrane, torsionally-rigid, spacer-type. Couplings may be of the elastomeric type where necessary to avoid
torsional resonance problems. The coupling type, manufacturer, model, and mounting arrangement shall be agreed.

Note: For information on torsional damping couplings and resilient couplings see API 671, Annex A.

7.2.1.3 If specified, special purpose couplings shall conform to, and be mounted in accordance with API 671.

7.2.1.4 For compressors rated at 1500 kW (2000 hp) or more and driven by a double-reduction gear, the low-speed coupling
can be a quill shaft. In such cases, the quill shaft shall be directly coupled to the compressor flywheel, shall pass through the
hollow low-speed gear shaft, and shall couple with the low-speed shaft on the side opposite the compressor.

7.2.1.5 Information on shafts, keyway dimensions (if any) and shaft end movements due to end play and thermal effects
shall be supplied.

7.2.1.6 The coupling-to-shaft juncture shall be designed and manufactured to be capable of transmitting power at least equal
to the power rating of the coupling.

7.2.1.7 Couplings shall be mounted in accordance with the requirements of 7.2.1.8 through 7.2.1.10.

7.2.1.8 Flexible couplings shall be keyed to the shaft. Keys and keyways and their tolerances shall conform to AGMA 9002,
Commercial Class.

7.2.1.9 Flexible couplings with cylindrical bores shall be mounted with an interference fit. Cylindrical shafts shall comply
with AGMA 9002 and the coupling hubs shall be bored to the following tolerances per ISO 286-2:

a. for shafts of 50 mm (2 in.) diameter and smaller—Grade N7;
b. for shafts larger than 50 mm (2 in.) diameter—Grade N8.
7.2.1.10 Coupling hubs shall be furnished with tapped puller holes at least 10 mm (0.375 in.) diameter to facilitate removal.

7.2.2 Guards

7.2.2.1 Guards shall be provided by the vendor for each coupling, auxiliary drive coupling and all exposed moving parts. Guards shall be removable without disturbing the coupled elements and shall meet the requirements of 7.2.8.1 through 7.2.8.4.

7.2.2.2 Coupling and flywheel guards shall enclose the coupling, flywheel, and the shafts to prevent personnel from contacting moving parts or accessing the space between the guard and such moving parts during operation of equipment train. Allowable access dimensions shall comply with specified standards, such as ISO 14120, EN 953 or ASME B15.1.

7.2.2.3 Guards shall be constructed with sufficient rigidity to withstand a 900 N (200 lbf) static point load in any direction without the guard contacting moving parts.

7.2.2.4 Guards shall be easily removable and of non-sparking construction. Guards shall be fabricated from solid sheet or plate with no openings. Openings with removable covers shall be provided in flywheel guards for barring-over the machine and for access to flywheel locking devices, indicator timing marks, wheel center (if available) and to any other parts which can require attention. Guards fabricated from expanded metal or perforated sheets, sheets may be used if the size of the openings does not exceed 10 mm (0.375 in.). Guards shall be constructed of steel, brass or non-metallic (polymer) materials. Guards of woven wire are not acceptable.

7.2.2.5 For outdoor installations, guards over belt and chain drives shall be weatherproofed and properly ventilated to prevent excessive heat build up.

7.3 REDUCTION GEARS

7.3.1 Gear units shall be special purpose units conforming to API 613.

7.3.2 Gears lubricated by an integral pump shall be provided with an electrically driven standby pump arranged for automatic start. The system shall be arranged to prevent starting unless the oil pressure has reached the minimum permissible level.

7.4 BELT DRIVES

7.4.1 Belt drives shall only be used for equipment of 150 kW (200 hp) or less and require purchaser approval. All belts shall be of the static-conducting type and shall be oil resistant. The drive service factor shall not be less than 1.75 based on the driver nameplate power rating.

7.4.2 The vendor shall provide a positive belt-tensioning device on all belt drives. This device shall incorporate a lateral adjustable base with guides and hold-down bolts, two belt-tensioning screws, and locking devices. All bearing lubrication points shall be accessible.

7.4.3 When a belt drive is used, the vendor who has unit responsibility shall inform other manufacturer(s) of the connected equipment. The other manufacturer(s) shall be provided with the radial load resulting from the belt drive and, the torque variation characteristics. The drive manufacturer shall take into account the radial load and torque variation conditions and shall provide bearings with a life at least equivalent to that specified in 6.11.2.2.

7.4.4 The belt drive system design shall be the responsibility of the vendor and shall meet the following requirements:

a. the distance between the centers of the sheaves shall be at least 1.5 times the diameter of the larger sheave;
b. the belt wrap (contact) angle on the smaller sheave shall be at least 140°;
c. the shaft length on which the sheave hub is fitted shall be greater than or equal to the width of the sheave hub;
d. the length of a shaft key, if used, to mount a sheave shall be equal to the length of the sheave bore;
e. unless otherwise specified, each sheave shall be mounted on a tapered adapter bushing;
f. to reduce the overhang moment on shafts due to belt tension the sheave overhang distance from the adjacent bearing shall be minimized;
g. sheaves, and mounting hardware, shall meet the balance requirements of ISO 1940-1 (ANSI S2.19, Grade 6.3).
7.5 LUBRICATION

7.5.1 General

Compressors 150 kW (200 hp) and above, the frame lubrication system shall be a pressurized system as defined in API 614, Parts 1 and 3. The additional following requirements also apply.

7.5.2 Compressor Frame Lubrication

7.5.2.1 General

7.5.2.1.1 Compressors below 150 kW (200 hp) with rolling element bearings and a pressurized lube oil system shall be supplied with a API614, 5th edition System as described in Class I-P0-R0-H1-BP0-C1F2-C0-PV0-TV1-BB0. Splash lubrication systems may be supplied with approval of the purchaser.

7.5.2.1.2 The crankcase oil temperature shall not exceed 70°C (160°F) for pressurized oil systems and 80°C (180°F) for splash systems. Cooling coils shall not be used in crankcases or oil reservoirs.

7.5.2.1.3 Pressure lubrication systems shall be general-purpose systems designed and furnished in accordance API 614, Parts 1 and 3, except as modified below. If specified, pressure lubrication systems shall be special-purpose systems designed and furnished in accordance with API 614, Parts 1 and 2.

Note: Special-purpose systems in accordance with API 614, Part 2, are typically applied only to reciprocating compressor trains involving a large turbine driver and gear unit.

7.5.2.1.4 The following instruments shall be provided

a. one level indicator (on the crankcase or reservoir) (see 6.14.2.1.9);
b. one pressure transmitter for low pressure alarm and auxiliary pump start;
c. one low frame oil level transmitter for alarm;
d. one filter high differential pressure transmitter for alarm;
d. one pressure transmitter for low pressure shutdown.

See Figure F5 for a typical schematic drawing of a lube-oil system.

7.5.2.1.5 The system design pressure of the frame lubrication system shall be not less than 10 bar (150 psig) (this is a system design criterion only, the manufacturer’s recommended bearing supply pressure may be significantly less). The relief valve setting shall be no greater than the sum of the normal bearing supply pressure, the equipment and piping pressure losses upstream of the filter, and the cartridge collapsing differential pressure drop at a minimum oil temperature of 27°C (80°F) at the normal flow rate to the bearings.

7.5.2.1.6 The oil reservoir shall be equipped with an oil-level sight glass. The maximum and minimum operating levels shall be permanently indicated.
7.5.2.2 Auxiliary Pump
For each unit having a nominal frame rating of more than 150 kW (200 hp), the vendor shall provide a separate, independently driven, full-capacity, full pressure auxiliary oil pump with an automatic start feature activated by low lube oil pressure and include provisions for post-lubrication after shutdown. Auxiliary oil pump shall be designed and furnished in accordance with API 614.

7.5.2.3 Cooler
Lube oil coolers shall be designed and furnished in accordance with API 614.

7.5.2.4 Filters
Lube oil filters shall be designed and furnished in accordance with API 614. Each filter shall be equipped with valved vent and clean- and dirty-side drain connections.

7.5.2.5 Heater
Lube oil heaters shall be designed and furnished in accordance with API 614.

7.5.2.6 Pressure Limiting Valve
Each lube oil pump pressure limiting valve shall be individually piped back to the crankcase reservoir. A relief valve serving the main oil pump may have a cast iron or nodular iron body if it is located inside the crankcase; otherwise it shall be steel. If specified, the relief valve for the crankcase-driven pump shall be mounted outside the crankcase. Continuously operating flowing oil return lines shall enter the sump or an external reservoir in a way to avoid adverse effect on pump suction and electrostatic discharge.

7.5.2.7 Oil Temperature Regulator
Oil temperature regulators shall be designed and furnished in accordance with API 614.

7.5.3 Cylinder and Packing Lubrication
7.5.3.1 General

• 7.5.3.1.1 For compressors with lubricated cylinders the vendor shall supply either a divider block or a single plunger-per-point (pump-to-point) lubricator system as specified for compressor cylinder and packing lubrication.

• 7.5.3.1.2 Vendor shall define the normal operating lubrication rates per point. Note: Higher rates can be required for initial start-up when metallic sealing elements are supplied.

• 7.5.3.1.3 Lubricators shall be driven independently or by the crankshaft, as specified. Lubricators shall be separate from the frame lubrication pump(s) and complete with necessary tubing or piping (see 7.7.3). Ratchet lubricator drives shall not be used.

• 7.5.3.1.4 Pumps shall be sized to permit a 25% increase and a 25% decrease in normal operating lubrication rate. The pumps shall be designed to allow adjustments to the lubrication rate while the compressor is operating.

• 7.5.3.1.5 A lubricator reservoir heating device with thermostatic control shall be provided. The heat density of the device shall be limited to 2.3 W/cm² (15 W/in.²). The size of heating system and temperature control instrumentation shall be as agreed. When an internal heater is used it shall be fully immersed even at minimum reservoir level (see 6.14.3.2.1.2). A low level device is recommended in the reservoir, placed above the heating element to alarm before level drops below the heating element. Electric immersion heaters should be interlocked to be de-energized when the oil level drops below the minimum operating level.

• 7.5.3.1.6 Lubricators shall have provisions for pre-lubrication of the compressor prior to compressor start up.

• 7.5.3.1.7 Each lubrication system shall be provided with a system failure alarm (see 6.14.3.2.1.2 and 6.14.3.2.2).

• 7.5.3.1.8 At least one lubrication point shall be provided for each compressor cylinder bore and packing.
7.5.3.1.9 A stainless steel integral double-ball check valve shall be provided as close as possible to each lubrication point. Check valve, tubing and fittings shall be rated for the maximum allowable working pressure of the lubricator. The check valve and tubing shall be arranged such that the outlet of the check valve is always immersed in oil. Outlet check valve shall be used at each outlet of each divider block assembly. 

Note: The immersion in oil will aid in the valve sealing against gas pressure and will isolate the check valve ball/seat from contamination introduced from cylinder gases.

7.5.3.1.10 Tubing connections shall be match tagged for identification at the disassembly points for all compressor components in order to facilitate re-assembly.

7.5.3.1.11 If specified, the compressor cylinders shall be lubricated by synthetic lubricants. The lubricant specifications shall be mutually agreed between the purchaser and the vendor. Interior surfaces and non-metallic components of the lubricating system coming into contact with synthetic lubricant shall be of compatible materials. Interior surfaces coming in contact with synthetic lubricant shall be left unpainted. In those cases where other interior surfaces (of distance pieces, or frames, for example) require painting, a synthetic lubricant-resistant coating shall be used.

Note: The concerns with the use of synthetic lubricants are the contamination of conventional crankcase oil by synthetic cylinder lubricating oil, and synthetic oil attack of paint coatings in the crankcase and distance pieces.

7.5.3.1.12 Lubricator reservoir capacity shall be adequate for a minimum of 30 hours of operation at normal operating lubrication rates. All reservoirs shall have a low point drain to remove water contamination.

7.5.3.1.13 If specified, automatic float-type fill devices shall be provided for make up to the lubricator reservoir.

7.5.3.2 Divider Block Lubrication

Divider block systems shall be provided with protection and indicating devices to protect the system from overpressure and to allow monitoring of the system.

As a minimum, the following requirements shall be met:

a. each outlet of the primary divider block shall be equipped with a resettable spring-loaded indicator pin intended to signal that the outlet is plugged;

b. the system shall be protected from overpressure with a relief device located downstream of the pump(s), with return to tank.

c. a pressure gauge shall be provided indicating pump discharge pressure;

d. for protection against loss of flow, a cycle monitor shall be provided and shall be equipped with an alarm indicating low flow.

e. the cycle monitor shall be driven by a proximity switch mounted on the primary divider block. A visual cycle indicator is recommended on the primary divider block for visual indication and troubleshooting of system.

f. balancing valves shall be included when pressure differential between outlets of a divider block assembly is greater than 55 bar (800 psi)

g. a filter upstream of the pump(s) shall be used to allow for particulate and air removal

h. a 10 micron polishing filter shall be supplied between the pump and primary divider block

i. if specified automatic float-type fill devices shall be provided for make up to the lubricator reservoir.

7.5.3.3 Pump-to-point Lubrication

7.5.3.3.1 Lubricators shall have a sight flow indicator for each lubrication point.

7.5.3.3.2 Protection against loss of cylinder and packing lubrication shall consist of a low-pressure alarm connected to the discharge of an extra plunger pump that circulates oil through an orifice and back to the lubricator reservoir. The plunger pump shall have its suction tube shortened so that it will lose suction when the lubricator reservoir oil drops below 30% of full level. When more than one reservoir compartment is used, each compartment shall be so protected.

Note: This type of system does not allow for individual lube point monitoring. Provides only low level and shaft rotation alarm. Also does not provide monitoring of individual pump failure.
7.6 Cylinder Cooling and Jacket Water Systems

7.6.1 Cylinders shall be supplied with cooling jackets. Non-cooled or air-cooled cylinders shall not be furnished unless approved by the purchaser.

7.6.2 Design of cylinder jackets shall prevent leakage between jacket water and gas cavities due to the failure of a gasket or seal. When cooling of cylinder heads is provided, separate non-interconnecting jackets are required for cylinder bodies and cylinder heads.

7.6.3 Static-filled Coolant Systems

Static-filled coolant systems (see Figure F-1, Plan A) may be supplied where cylinders are not required to operate fully unloaded for extended periods of time, the expected maximum discharge temperature is less than 90°C (190°F), and the adiabatic gas temperature rise (difference between suction temperature and discharge temperature based on isentropic compression) is less than 85K (150°F).

7.6.4 Thermosyphon Coolant Systems

7.6.4.1 Atmospheric thermosyphon coolant systems (see Figure F-1, Plan B) may be supplied when cylinders are not required to operate fully unloaded for extended periods of time and either (a) the expected maximum discharge temperature is 100°C (210°F) or (b) the adiabatic gas temperature rise is less than 85K (150°F).

7.6.4.2 A pressurized thermosyphon system may be used where the expected maximum gas discharge temperature is not to exceed 105°C (220°F). In such cases, the system shall be supplied with a thermal relief valve set at a gauge pressure of 1.7 bar (25 psig) maximum.

7.6.4.3 If condensable constituents may be present in the gas, a heater or other provision shall be provided to maintain coolant temperature at least 5°K (10ºF) above the dew point temperature of the inlet gas in order to prevent gas condensation.

7.6.5 Jacket Water Systems

7.6.5.1 A self-contained, forced circulation, closed jacket water system (see Figure G-1, Plan D of Annex G) shall be provided when cylinders are operated while unloaded for extended periods of time and either (a) the expected maximum discharge temperature is above 100°C (210°F) or (b) the adiabatic gas temperature rise is 85K (150°F) or greater. The jacket water system shall meet the requirements of 6.8.3.4.3 and 6.8.3.4.5, as well as the requirements of 6.8.3.5.3 through 6.8.3.5.5.

7.6.5.2 Flow through cylinders shall be either series or parallel.

7.6.5.3 Jacket water velocities should be sufficient to prevent solids suspended in the cooling media from depositing and causing the fouling of jackets and passages.

7.6.5.4 Jacket water inlet temperature shall be supplied to each cylinder at least 5K (10ºF) above the inlet gas temperature to prevent gas condensation in the suction passage under all operating conditions including start-up with no heat addition from the compressor.

    Note 1: Lower inlet coolant temperatures can cause condensation of gas constituents, which can be detrimental to the life of cylinder valves, piston rings and packing.

    Note 2: For most applications the inlet gas temperature is considered to be equal to the dew point. In applications where it is known that the gas dew point is substantially below the gas inlet temperature and remains that way at all times during operation, a lower coolant inlet temperature can be considered as long as condensation is avoided.

7.6.5.5 Jacket water exit temperatures shall not be higher than 17K (30ºF) above gas inlet temperature.

    Note: Excessively high exit temperatures can result in loss of capacity and efficiency.

7.6.5.6 If specified, a horizontal reservoir shall be supplied on the jacket water system baseplate. The reservoir shall be sized to allow rundown of all compressors serviced on the system and not exceed the maximum fill level.
7.6.5.7 If specified, a vertical reservoir shall be supplied on the jacket water system baseplate. The reservoir normal level shall be above the highest point of the cylinder jacket water piping to maintain a liquid full condition at all times.

7.6.5.8 Reservoir shall be equipped with the following minimum items:
   a. Heater(s)
   b. Vent
   c. Level gauge
   d. Purge connection
   e. Fill connection
   f. Return line connection
   g. Pump suction line(s) connections
   h. Clean out/inspection port
   i. Drain connection

7.6.5.9 Heaters shall be electric, hot water, or steam and be sized accounting for heat losses of surface areas of the cylinder, pipe, and fittings at the minimum ambient temperature specified.

7.6.5.10 If specified, electric reservoir heater(s) shall be installed in a thermowell.

7.6.5.11 If specified, in-line heater(s) shall be supplied.

7.6.5.12 Cooler(s) to shall have vents and drains on both shell and tube side.

7.6.5.13 A once-through jacket water system (see Figure G-1, Plan C) may be provided when a suitable external source of jacket water is available.

7.7 MOUNTING PLATES

7.7.1 General

7.7.1.1 The equipment shall be furnished with a baseplate, soleplates, or rails as specified.

Note: See Appendix L for typical mounting plate and soleplate arrangements

7.7.1.3 Mounting plates shall conform to the following:
   a. Mounting plates shall not be drilled for equipment to be mounted by others.
   b. Mounting plates shall be supplied with leveling screws. A leveling screw shall be provided near each anchor bolt. If the equipment and mounting plates are too heavy to be lifted using leveling screws, alternate methods shall be provided by the equipment vendor. The design of the alternate method shall be included in the proposal.
   c. Outside corners of mounting plates which are in contact with the grout shall have 50 mm (2 in.) minimum radiused outside corners (in the plan view);
   d. Bottom corners of components that are in contact with grout shall be radiused or chamfered;
   e. All machinery mounting surfaces that are not to be grouted shall be treated with a rust preventive immediately after machining;
   f. Mounting plates shall extend at least 25 mm (1 in.) beyond the outer three sides of equipment feet.

7.7.2 Machined Surfaces

7.7.2.1 The upper and lower surfaces of mounting plates and any separate pedestals mounted thereon shall be machined parallel. The surface finish shall be 3.2 μm (125 μin) Ra or better. Surfaces shall be:
   a. Be machined after the baseplate is fabricated.
   b. Be flat and parallel to all other mounting surfaces within 0.15 mm/m (0.002 in./ft), and

7.7.3 Leveling, Alignment, and Lifting
7.7.3.1 Mounting plates shall have jackscrews conforming to the following.

a. The compressor parts (such as a crankcase or a crosshead frame) shall be equipped with vertical jackscrews.
b. The feet of the drive equipment shall be equipped with vertical jackscrews.
c. When the drive equipment mass exceeds 225kg (500lb), the drive train mounting plates shall be furnished with horizontal jackscrews (axial and lateral) the same size as, or larger than, the vertical jackscrews. The lugs holding the jackscrews shall be attached to the mounting plates so that they do not interfere with the installation or removal of the drive equipment, jackscrews or shims.
d. Vertical jackscrews shall be located outside of the shimming areas in the equipment feet to prevent damaging of the shimming surfaces.
e. Jackscrews shall be treated for rust resistance.
f. Jackscrews shall be supplied for leveling soleplates.
g. The vendor having unit responsibility shall supply all jackscrews.
h. Alternative methods of lifting equipment for the removal or insertion of shims or for moving equipment horizontally, such as provision for the use of hydraulic jacks, may be proposed. Such arrangements shall be proposed for equipment that is too heavy to be lifted or moved horizontally using jackscrews.

7.7.3.2 Anchor bolts shall not be used to fasten drive train equipment to mounting plates. Anchor bolts shall not be used to fasten compressors through baseplates. Anchor bolts may be used to fasten compressors through soleplates or rails.

7.7.3.3 The vendor shall furnish stainless steel shim packs between the drive equipment feet and the mounting plates. The shims shall be in accordance with API RP 686, Chapter 7, and shall straddle the hold-down bolts and vertical jackscrews and be at least 5 mm (1/4 in.) larger on all sides than the equipment feet.

7.7.3.4 Hold down bolts for attaching the components to the mounting plates shall be supplied by the vendor.

7.7.3.5 If specified, steel chock blocks shall be supplied by the vendor.

7.7.3.6 Purchaser shall provide anchor bolts. If specified anchor bolts shall be furnished by the vendor. Scope of supply of anchor bolts shall be mutually agreed.

7.7.3.7 The vendor shall provide anchor bolt projection, anchor bolt hole diameter in component, layout, and required hold-down force per bolt.

7.7.3.8 The drive equipment feet shall be drilled with pilot holes that are accessible for use in final doweling.

7.7.3.10 If specified, leveling plates shall be supplied. Leveling plates (see Annex K) shall be steel plates at least 19 mm (3/4 in.) thick. Plates shall be hardened, and have round corners and roughened bottom.

Note: these requirements supercede the requirements of API RP 686

7.7.3.11 Equipment shall be designed for installation in accordance with API RP 686.

7.7.4 Baseplates

7.7.4.1 When a baseplate is specified, major equipment to be mounted on it shall be as specified by the purchaser. A baseplate shall be a single fabricated steel unit, unless the purchaser and the vendor mutually agree that it may be fabricated in multiple sections. Multiple-section baseplates shall have machined and doweled mating surfaces to ensure accurate field reassembly, and provisions for a sufficient number of optical leveling targets to record and repeat the required level in the field.

Note: A baseplate may have to be fabricated in multiple sections because of shipping restrictions.

7.7.4.2 When a baseplate(s) is provided, it shall extend under the drive-train components to contain and drain any leakage. Details of the drain and containment system shall be mutually agreed.

7.7.4.3 Baseplates shall be of welded construction. Abutting beams shall be welded on both sides. Flanges of load bearing members shall not be spliced. Contact between webs at perpendicular joints shall be a minimum of one-third of the depth of the smallest member.
7.7.4.4 The compressor crankcase, crosshead guide, cylinder supports and drive equipment shall be supported on load bearing structural members.

7.7.4.5 Sufficient anchor bolt locations shall be provided on external load bearing structural members to ensure that forces and moments are properly transmitted to the foundation.

7.7.4.6 Baseplates shall be designed and built to adequately support the weight of the compressor, driver and accessories and to avoid resonance with any possible excitation frequency. The baseplate shall be able to transmit all forces and moments generated by the compressor and driver to the foundation.

7.7.4.7 The baseplate shall be provided with lifting lugs for at least a four-point lift. Lifting lugs attached to the equipment shall be designed using a maximum allowable stress of one-third of the specified minimum yield strength of the material. Welding applied to lifting lugs shall be full penetration, continuous welds and be in accordance with ISO 15614 (ANSI / AWS D1.1). The welds shall be 100% NDE tested in accordance with the applicable code. Lifting the baseplate complete with all equipment mounted shall not permanently distort or otherwise damage the baseplate or the equipment mounted on it.

7.7.4.8 If specified, the baseplate shall be designed for column mounting (i.e., shall have sufficient rigidity to be supported at specified points) without continuous grouting under structural members. The purchaser and the vendor shall agree on the baseplate design.

7.7.4.9 If specified, the baseplate shall be designed to facilitate the use of optical, laser-based instruments or other methods for accurate leveling in the field. The purchaser and vendor shall agree on the details of such provisions. When the requirements are met by providing leveling pads and/or targets, these shall be accessible with the baseplate on the foundation and the equipment mounted. Removable protective covers shall be provided. For column mounted baseplates (see 7.5.2.8), leveling pads and/or targets shall be located close to the support points. For non-column mounted baseplates, a pad or target should be located, as a minimum, at each corner. For baseplates longer than 6 m. (20 ft.), additional pads shall be located at intermediate points.

7.7.4.10 The bottom of the baseplate between structural members shall be open. When the baseplate is installed on a concrete foundation, accessibility shall be provided for grouting under all load bearing structural members. The members shall be shaped to lock positively into the grout. Open cavities may be either completely filled with grout, sealed or provided with drains to prevent accumulation of foreign material.

7.7.4.11 The underside mounting surfaces of the baseplate shall be in one plane to permit use of a single-level foundation. When multi-section baseplates are provided, the mounting pads shall be in one plane after the baseplate sections are doweled and bolted together.

7.7.4.12 Non-skid decking covering all walk and work areas shall be provided on the top of the baseplate. All joints, including deck plate to structural members, shall be continuously seal-welded on both sides to prevent crevice corrosion. Stitch welding, top or bottom, is unacceptable.

7.7.4.13 Supports, braces and auxiliary equipment shall be mounted on load bearing structural members.

7.7.4.14 If specified, a dynamic analysis of the baseplate, including a modal analysis and forced response analysis shall be performed. The modal analysis shall establish that mechanical natural frequencies of the baseplate are separated from the significant excitation frequencies by at least 20%. The following loads, accounting for magnitude, phase, and frequency shall be considered:

- forces and moments due to reciprocating and rotating machinery;
- acoustic-pulsation shaking forces in vessels and piping; and,
- forces due to driver torque.

The forced response analysis shall demonstrate that the calculated vibration levels at any particular forcing frequency at any point on the baseplate shall not exceed the following:

- for a vibration frequency less than or equal to 10 Hz, a maximum displacement of 100 µm 0 – peak (4 mil 0 – peak)
- for a vibration frequency greater than 10 Hz, a maximum velocity of 4.5 mm/s RMS (0.175 in./s RMS)

If specified, a written report of the analysis shall be provided.

Note: This type of analysis is typically performed for equipment mounted offshore, platforms or equipment mounted on steel columns. For equipment mounted on solid concrete foundations, dynamic skid analysis may be omitted.
7.7.5 Soleplates and Rails

- 7.7.5.1 When soleplates or rails are specified, they shall be provided by the vendor, and they shall meet the requirements of 7.5.3.1.1 and 7.5.3.1.2 in addition to those of 7.5.1.

  Note: See Annex K for a typical sketch.

7.7.5.2 Adequate working clearance shall be provided at the bolting locations to allow the use of standard socket or box wrenches and to allow the equipment to be moved using the horizontal and vertical jackscrews.

7.7.5.3 Soleplates shall be steel plates thick enough to transmit the expected loads from the equipment feet to the foundation and to facilitate grouting. In no case shall they be less than 40 mm (1 1/2 in.) thick.

7.8 CONTROLS AND INSTRUMENTATION

7.8.1 General

- 7.8.1.1 Control systems, instrumentation, electrical systems, and their installation shall conform to the purchaser’s specifications and unless otherwise specified, shall comply with the requirements of API 614, Part 1 and API 670, except as modified by the following clauses.

- 7.8.1.2 Instrumentation and controls shall be designed and manufactured for use in the area classification (class, group and division or zone) specified.

- 7.8.1.3 The vendor shall provide all instrumentation as specified. The proposal shall include a list of all instrumentation being supplied by the vendor.

- 7.8.1.4 All instrumentation furnished by the vendor shall be approved by the purchaser.

- 7.8.1.5 Instrumentation, panel and gauge board mounting details shall be agreed between the purchaser and vendor.

All instrumentation shall be securely supported to eliminate vibration and undue force on instrument piping and to prevent damage during shipment, storage, operation and maintenance.

- 7.8.1.6 When controls are shipped loose for field installation, each device shall be individually tagged with the appropriate identification information. The vendor shall provide a listing of these devices and documentation indicating location and instructions for installation. See 8.4.6 for shipment.

- 7.8.1.5 All tubing connections dismantled for shipment shall have matched stainless steel tags (initiation point, intermediate sections and application point) attached by stainless steel wire.

7.8.2 Control Systems

- 7.8.2.1 The compressor can be controlled on the basis of inlet pressure, discharge pressure, flow, or some combination of these parameters. This can be accomplished by suction throttling, valve unloaders, clearance pockets, speed variation, or a cooled bypass from discharge to suction. The control system can be mechanical, pneumatic, hydraulic, electric or electronic, or any combination thereof.

  The following shall be as specified by the purchaser:

  a. the type of control system;
  b. the control signal;
  c. the control range;
  d. control equipment to be furnished by the vendor;

- 7.8.2.2 The configuration of the control system shall be Arrangement 1, 2 or 3, in accordance with API 614, Part 2, or as specified by the purchaser.

- 7.8.2.3 The vendor shall describe the complete control system (including alarms and shutdowns) in this scope of supply by means of logic diagrams in accordance with IEC 60848. When the control system is supplied by others, the vendor shall provide logic diagrams of the critical functions associated with the compressor operation (starting, stopping, capacity control, shutdowns etc.).
7.8.2.4 The purchaser shall specify the method of capacity control for start-up and continuous operation. For constant-speed units this is typically achieved by suction valve unloading, clearance pockets, cooled recycle or a combination of these methods. Capacity control on adjustable-speed units is typically accomplished by speed control but may be used with a combination of methods. The vendor and the purchaser shall agree on the modes and duration of unloaded and partially loaded compressor operation. The vendor shall be responsible for the loading/unloading sequence.

7.6.2.5 If specified, automatic loading-delay interlock shall be provided to prevent automatic loaded starting.

7.6.2.6 If specified, automatic immediate unloading shall be supplied to permit re-acceleration of the motor after a temporary electric power failure of an agreed maximum duration.

7.6.2.7 The purchaser shall specify the load steps required from the capacity control system. Five-step suction valve unloading shall provide nominal capacities of 100%, 75%, 50%, 25% and 0%; three-step suction valve unloading shall provide nominal capacities of 100%, 50% and 0%, and two-step suction valve unloading shall provide capacities of 100% and 0%.

7.8.2.8 Capacity control on adjustable-speed units is usually accomplished by speed control, but this can be supplemented by one or more of the control methods specified in 7.6.2.5.

Note: Reciprocating compressors are usually specified for constant-speed operation (see 6.1.10).

7.8.2.9 For variable speed control the speed of the compressor shall vary linearly with the control signal and an increase in signal shall increase speed. Unless otherwise specified, the full range of the purchaser’s signal shall correspond to the required operating range of the compressor for all specified operating conditions.

7.8.2.10 Clearance pockets shall normally be of the fixed type (pocket either open or closed). The use of variable volume clearance pockets requires purchaser’s approval. Each added clearance volume shall be included in the data sheets to indicate the clearance it adds to the cylinder.

7.8.2.11 When a machine-mounted capacity control system is specified, the vendor shall provide a panel complete with
a. a master selector device (one for each service on multi-service compressors) to provide the specified load steps such as positive-detent-type selector, push buttons or HMI activated and,
b. indicators to show at which step the machine is operating.

7.8.3 Instrument and Control Panels

Interconnecting shop-fabricated piping, tubing and wiring for controls and instrumentation, when furnished and installed by the vendor, shall be disassembled only as necessary for shipment.

7.8.4 Instrumentation

7.8.4.1 General

Instruments shall be furnished and mounted locally or on a panel, as specified. Instrument mounting details shall be mutually agreed.

7.8.4.2 Speed Indication

If specified, a phase reference transducer shall be provided. Purchaser shall specify single or dual probes. A tachometer shall be provided for variable speed units. The purchaser shall specify the type, range, and indicator provisions of the tachometer. Unless otherwise specified, the tachometer shall be supplied by the driver vendor and shall be furnished with a minimum range of 0% – 125% of maximum continuous speed.

7.8.4.3 Temperature Measurement

7.8.4.3.1 Dial type temperature gauges shall be heavy duty and corrosion resistant. They shall be at least 100 mm (4 in.) diameter, bimetallic liquid-filled types and, unless otherwise agreed, shall have black marking on a white background.

7.8.4.3.2 If specified, packing, main bearing and/or valve temperature detectors shall be supplied. Details of the monitoring requirements and auxiliary equipment to be furnished (thermocouples, resistance temperature detectors (RTD), intrinsically safe systems, etc.) shall be jointly agreed to by the purchaser and the vendor.
If specified, the vendor shall supply a temperature monitoring system installed and calibrated in accordance with API 670.

7.8.5 Relief Valves

Relief valves shall be set to operate at not more than the maximum allowable working pressure, but not less than the values listed in Table 4.

![Table 4—Relief Valve Settings](image)

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*For rated discharge gauge pressures above 345 bar (5000 psig), the relief valve setting shall be agreed on by the purchaser and the vendor.*

7.8.6 Alarms and Shutdowns

- **7.8.6.1** If specified, an alarm/shutdown system shall be provided. The alarm/shutdown system shall initiate an alarm if any one of the specified parameters reaches an alarm point and shall initiate shutdown of the equipment if any one of the specified parameters reaches the shutdown point.
- **7.8.6.2** The purchaser shall specify the alarms and shutdowns required. Minimum recommendations are listed in Table 5.

![Table 5—Minimum Alarm and Shutdown Recommendations](image)

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Note: The “X” indicates when the condition occurs, alarm or shutdown is recommended; “—” indicates when the condition occurs, alarm or shutdown is not recommended.

- **7.8.6.3** The vendor shall advise the purchaser of any additional alarms and/or shutdowns considered essential to safeguard the equipment.
- **7.8.6.4** The purchaser shall specify whether alarm and shutdown circuits shall be designed to open (de-energize) or to close (energize) to initiate alarms and shutdowns.
- **7.8.6.5** If specified, crossheads shall be equipped with a high crosshead-pin temperature sensor. The type of system shall be agreed.
- **7.8.6.6** It is recommended that start-up permissives (interlocks) be used for barring/locking device, low lube oil temperature, low lube oil pressure, cylinder lubricator, frame oil level, and separator level. Purchaser shall specify who is to supply sensing devices for these.
7.8.7  Vibration and Position Detectors

- **7.8.7.1**  If specified, the vendor shall furnish and mount vibration transducers. Devices and mounting shall conform to API 670. Ball-and-seat or magnetic-type switches shall not be supplied. The type, number, and location of the devices shall be agreed.

- **7.8.7.2**  If specified, the vendor shall furnish and mount piston rod drop detectors of the non-contacting type to measure the vertical movement of each piston rod (piston rod drop). The probe and the associated oscillator-demodulator and connecting cable shall be installed and calibrated in accordance with API 670.

- **7.8.7.3**  A one-event-per-revolution machined mark on the crankshaft and a phase-reference transducer shall be supplied. If specified, a redundant phase-reference transducer shall be provided. The transducer(s) shall be supplied, installed and calibrated in accordance with API 670.

- **7.8.7.4**  Contacting-type piston rod drop detectors (such as a mechanical roller or fuse metal plug) if used shall be approved by the purchaser.

7.8.8  Temperature Monitoring Systems

If specified, the vendor shall supply a temperature monitoring system installed and calibrated in accordance with API 670. The temperatures monitored shall be as specified by the purchaser and may include but are not limited to:

a. main bearing temperatures;
b. valve cover temperatures.
c. packing temperatures;

7.9  PIPING

7.9.1  General

- **7.9.1.1**  Piping shall comply with the requirements of API 614, Part 1, except as modified by the following clauses.

- **7.9.1.2**  The extent of process and auxiliary piping to be supplied by the vendor shall be specified.

- **7.9.1.3**  If special flanges, not in accordance with the specified standards, are unavoidable at the purchaser connection, the vendor shall supply a welding neck companion flange, bolting, and gasketing to be installed by others. The purchaser shall be advised of this situation in the proposal.

Note: Cylinder connections are discussed in 6.8.4.

- **7.9.1.4**  If specified, piping, pulsation suppression devices and knockout vessels shall have provisions for heat tracing and/or insulation.

- **7.9.1.5**  The compressor piping system shall be designed to flow liquids to a collection device. Low points shall be drainable.

- **7.9.1.6**  Termination of tubing connections shall be mutually agreed. All piping supplied by the vendor shall be prefabricated. Any piping that cannot be shipped in the assembled state shall be preserved, match marked and tagged to facilitate field assembly.

- **7.9.1.7**  Manifolded component vents and drains shall be considered piping systems and comply with the requirements of API 614, Part 1

- **7.9.1.8**  Internals of piping and components shall be accessible through openings or by dismantling for complete visual inspection and cleaning.

- **7.9.1.9**  Branch-connections DN 40 (1 1/2 NPS) and smaller shall be designed to minimize overhung weight. Connections shall be forged fittings or shall be braced back to the main pipe in at least two planes to avoid breakage due to pulsation-induced vibration.

- **7.9.1.10**  All pipe flanges mating with cast iron compressor flanges shall be flat faced and utilize full-faced gaskets.

Note: For the purposes of this clause the term compressor flanges does not include faced and studded bosses.
7.9.1.11 Threaded piping joints shall not be used for flammable or toxic fluids in accordance with 6.8.4.1.5. Where threaded joints are permitted, they shall not be seal welded unless approved by the purchaser.

Note 1: Threaded joints are typically only allowed for connections to non-weldable materials such as cast iron, instruments, or locations that are disassembled for maintenance.

Note 2: Hazardous situations can arise from the incompatibility between parallel and tapered-type thread standards.

7.9.1.12 Control valves shall have flanged ends.

7.9.1.13 Except where ring type joints are required or specified, pipe flange gaskets shall be flat, asbestos-free material up to and including ANSI Class 300 pressure ratings, and spiral wound gaskets for higher ratings. Spiral wound gaskets shall have external centering rings and windings of austenitic stainless steel or other suitable corrosion resistant materials (Monel, Inconel etc.) depending on the fluids handled.

7.9.1.14 Flared type tubing connections shall not be used.

• 7.9.1.15 Special requirements for piping, flanges, valves, and other appurtenances in services such as hydrogen, hydrogen sulfide, or other toxic services, shall be specified by the purchaser.

7.9.1.16 Inert gas purge systems shall be stainless steel downstream of the filters.

7.9.1.17 Lap-joint or slip-on flanges shall not be used

Note 1: Slip-on flanges are not used on piping and appurtenances around reciprocating compressors due to their insufficient fatigue life.

7.9.2 Frame Lubrication Oil Piping

7.9.2.1 The vendor shall specify the maximum piping distance between the main frame and any auxiliary oil console, and the required elevation difference.

7.9.2.2 Unless otherwise specified, oil piping (with the exception of cast-in-frame lines or passages) and tubing, including fittings, shall be stainless steel.

7.9.2.3 After fabrication, oil lines shall be thoroughly cleaned per API 614.

7.9.3 Forced-feed Lubricator Tubing

7.9.3.1 Oil feed lines from force-feed lubricators to cylinder and packing lubrication points shall be at least 6 mm (1/4 in.) outside diameter with a minimum wall thickness of 1.5 mm (0.065 in.). Tubing shall be seamless austenitic stainless steel. Fittings shall be austenitic stainless steel. See 6.14.3.1.7 for check valves. Tubing rating shall meet or exceed the MAWP of the lubricator system.

7.9.3.2 Tubing shall be grouped together where possible. If winterization is specified per 6.1.20, the tubing shall stand off from the machine to allow insulation to fully enclose the tubing.

7.9.4 Jacket Water Piping

7.9.4.1 The vendor shall supply piping with a single inlet and a single outlet connection on each cylinder requiring cooling (see Figure F-1, Plan C).

7.9.4.2 Both the coolant inlet line and the coolant outlet line to each compressor cylinder shall be provided with an isolation valve. A flanged globe valve shall be provided on the main outlet line from each cylinder. A sight flow indicator shall be installed in the coolant outlet line from each cylinder. Where more than one coolant inlet and outlet point exists on a cylinder, one sight flow indicator and a globe valve shall be provided for each coolant outlet point on each cylinder. Cylinder coolant piping shall be equipped with valved coolant vents and drains (see Figure F-1).

• 7.9.4.3 If specified the vendor shall supply a piping system for all equipment mounted on the compressor or compressor base. Each water circuit operating at different inlet temperature levels and shall include a single inlet connection. All water circuits shall be connected to a common outlet. Series-type circuits shall have the necessary valved bypasses to provide temperature control.
7.9.4.4  Where a thermosyphon or a static cooling system is provided (see 6.8.3), the vendor shall furnish piping with a drain valve at its lowest point and an expansion tank (complete with fill-and-vent connections and level indication) sized to prevent overflow of coolant (see Figure F-2, Plans A and B). A temperature indicator is required for a thermosyphon system.

7.9.5  Instrument Piping

Initial connections for pressure instruments and test points shall comprise a branch and an isolation valve conforming to the same requirements as the system to which it is connected. Beyond the initial isolation valve, a minimum of DN 15 (NPS 1/2) piping or 10 mm (3/8 in.) tubing shall be used. A common primary connection may be used for remotely mounted instruments that measure the same pressure. Such common connections shall not be smaller than DN 15 (NPS 1/2) and separate secondary isolation valves shall be provided for each instrument. Where a pressure gauge is to be used for testing pressure alarm or shutdown devices, common connections are required for the pressure gauge and associated devices.

7.9.6  Process Piping

- 7.9.6.1  The extent of and requirements for process piping to be supplied by the vendor shall be specified.
- 7.9.6.2  When compressor process inlet piping and pulsation suppression equipment are furnished by the vendor, provisions shall be made for the insertion of temporary start-up screens just upstream of the suction pulsation suppression device. The design of the piping system, the suction pulsation suppression device and the temporary start-up screens shall afford easy removal and reinsertion of the screens without the necessity of pipe springing.
- 7.9.6.3  Temporary startup screens shall be supplied by the vendor. The design, location, and orientation of the screens shall be agreed.
- 7.9.6.4  If specified, the vendor shall supply the removable spool pieces that accommodate temporary start-up screens. Sufficient pressure taps to allow monitoring of the pressure drop across the screen shall be provided.
- 7.9.6.5  If specified, a final stage discharge check valve shall be supplied. Valve type, size and location shall be agreed.

Note: Swing type check valves are not recommended for pulsating service.

7.9.7  Distance Piece Vent and Drain Piping

- 7.9.7.1  The vendor shall supply distance piece vent and drain piping to the extent and requirements specified. See Annex H for a typical distance piece vent and drain system.
- 7.9.7.2  Drain and vent piping serving individual cylinders shall not be less than DN 25 (NPS 1). Drain and vent tubing serving individual cylinders shall not be less than 20 mm (3/4 in.) outside diameter. Drain and vent headers shall not be less than DN 50 (NPS 2). Vent connections in the packing case and interconnecting tubing within a distance piece shall be of austenitic stainless steel and of at least 6 mm (1/4 in.) outside diameter with a minimum wall thickness of 1.24 mm (0.049 in.)

7.10  INTERCOOLERS, AFTERCOOLERS, AND SEPARATORS

- 7.10.1  Intercoolers and Aftercoolers
  - 7.10.1.1  If specified, the vendor shall furnish an intercooler between each compression stage.
  - 7.10.1.2  Coolers shall be air cooled or water cooled as specified.
  - 7.10.1.3  Intercoolers and aftercoolers shall be furnished in accordance with Section VIII, Division 1, of the ASME Code or other purchaser specified pressure design code
  - 7.10.1.4  Water-cooled shell-and-tube intercoolers and aftercoolers shall be designed and constructed in accordance with TEMA Class C or R, as specified. When TEMA Class R has been specified, the heat exchanger shall be in accordance with API Standard 660.
  - 7.10.1.5  When air coolers are specified, they shall be in accordance with API Standard 661.
  - 7.10.1.6  If specified, aftercoolers shall be furnished by the vendor.
  - 7.10.1.7  Unless otherwise specified, the water side of heat exchangers shall be designed in accordance with 6.1.7.
7.10.1.8 The choice of water on the tube or shell side of shell and tube heat exchangers shall be agreed between the vendor and purchaser, with due consideration to pulsations, pressure levels, corrosion and maintainability.

7.10.1.9 The purchaser may specify that the vendor shall furnish the fabricated piping between the compressor stages and the intercoolers and aftercoolers.

7.10.2 Separators

7.10.2.1 If specified, liquid separation and collection facilities in accordance with 7.8.2.2 through 7.8.2.8 shall be provided upstream of the compressor, and after every intercooler.

Note: Intercooling may result in condensation.

7.10.2.2 The design of a compressor piping system, separator and equipment location should consider the following factors:

— operation with a gas at or near saturation
— liquid separator close to the compressor suction;
— sufficient separator volume to handle incoming slugs;
— sufficient gas velocity in the line from the separator to the cylinder to minimize liquid dropout;
— elimination of low points between the separator and cylinder;
— slope of lines to allow liquids to flow to a collection device
— insulation to minimize heat loss
— heat tracing to maintain the gas at or above the dew point.

7.10.2.3 The type of liquid separation device and whether it is to be arranged in a separate vessel, or integral with the pulsation suppression device, or integral with the intercooler, shall be agreed upon by the vendor and purchaser. In the case of cylinders handling gases that are or can become saturated or are within 10°C (20°F) of any anticipated dew point temperature a stand alone separator should be used. An integral moisture removal section, is permitted if the gas is more than 10°C (20°F) away from any anticipated dew point. Special attention should be paid to integral separators in pulsation suppression devices to avoid mechanical vibration in the separator pack.

7.10.2.4 The liquid separation device shall remove 99% of all droplets of 10 microns or larger over the entire flow range. Pressure drop shall be as defined in 7.9.4.2.5.3.1

7.10.2.5 Integral moisture removal sections shall have a drain sump or boot extending below the device shell into which the separated liquid is directed.

Note: Drain sumps on pulsation suppression devices can lead to longer cylinder connection nozzles, and can result in high vibrations on the drain sump instrumentation.

7.10.2.6 The capacity of the sump or boot of an integral separator, or lower part of the stand alone separation vessel, shall be sufficient to contain the maximum expected liquid flow from any specified operating condition for not less than 15 minutes, without activating any alarm.

7.10.2.7 The liquid separation device shall be equipped with a drain connection of not less than DN 25 (NPS 1), level indication connections, and a high level shutdown device connection. The capacity of the vessel or boot between the alarm and shutdown levels shall be equivalent to the maximum expected liquid flow for not less than 5 minutes. The connections shall be flanged and fitted with blinds.

7.10.2.8 If specified, an automatic drainage system shall be provided. For air or inert gas service, this automatic drainage system may comprise a float-operated trap with a manual bypass. In all other cases, the drainage system shall comprise a separate level control valve with a manual bypass, operated by a level controller of an agreed type.

7.10.2.9 If specified, the drain sump or boot or lower part of the stand alone separation vessel shall be provided with a level indicator and alarm and shutdown devices.

7.11 PULSATION AND VIBRATION CONTROL

7.11.1 General

Refer to API 688 for guidance on the application of pulsation and vibration control requirements.
7.11.1.1 The basic techniques used for control of detrimental pulsations and vibrations are the following:

a. system design based on analysis of the interactive effects of pulsations and the attenuation requirements for satisfactory levels of piping vibration, compressor performance, valve life, and operation of equipment sensitive to flow pulsation;
b. utilization of pulsation suppression devices such as: pulsation filters and attenuators; volume bottles, with or without internals; choke tubes; orifice systems; and selected piping configurations;
c. mechanical restraint design; specifically including such things as: type, location, and number of pipe and equipment clamps and supports.

7.11.1.2 If specified for preliminary sizing, pulsation suppression devices shall have minimum suction surge volume and minimum discharge surge volume (not taking into account liquid collection chambers), as determined from Equations 3, 4 and 5, but in no case shall either volume be less than 0.03 m³ (1 ft³).

In SI units

\[ V_s = 8.1 \times PD \left( \frac{kT_s}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \]  

\[ V_d = 1.6 \times \left( \frac{V_s}{r^k} \right) \]  

\[ V_s \text{ and } V_d \geq 0.03 \]  

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In USC units

\[ V_s = 7 \times PD \left( \frac{kT_s}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \]  

\[ V_d = 1.6 \times \left( \frac{V_s}{r^k} \right) \]  

\[ V_s \text{ and } V_d \geq 1.0 \]

\[ \text{where} \]

\[ V_s \] is the minimum required suction surge volume in m³ (ft³);
\[ V_d \] is the minimum required discharge surge volume in m³ (ft³);
\[ k \] is the isentropic compression exponent at average operating gas pressure and temperature;
\[ R \] is the stage pressure ratio at cylinder flanges (absolute discharge pressure divided by absolute suction pressure);
\[ T_s \] is the absolute suction temperature in K (ºR);
\[ M \] is the molecular weight;
\[ PD \] is the total net displaced volume per revolution of all compressor cylinders to be manifolded in the surge volume in m³ (ft³).

The internal diameter of the surge volume shall be based on the minimum surge volume overall length required to manifold the compressor cylinders. For a single-cylinder surge volume, the ratio of surge volume length to internal diameter shall not exceed 4.0. The inside diameter of spherical volumes shall be calculated directly from the volumes determined by Equations 3, 4 and 5.

Note 1: Equations 3, 4 and 5 are intended to ensure that reasonably sized pulsation suppression devices are included with the compressor vendor’s proposal. The sizes can be altered according to the simulation analysis employed by Design Approaches 2 and 3. Sizing requirements...
can be substantially influenced by operating parameters, interaction among elements of the overall system, and mechanical characteristics of the compressor system. The magnitude of the effects of these factors cannot be accurately predicted at the outset.

Note 2: Some compressor applications require the use of properly designed low-pass acoustic filters which can affect preliminary sizing.

7.11.1.3 When acceptance criteria defined in sections 7.9.z.z.z to 7.9.z.z.z cannot be met the purchaser and vendor shall agree on acceptable limits and control methods.

7.11.1.4 The purchaser shall specify if the analysis is to be performed by the vendor or a third party. If a third party is selected to perform the analysis, the compressor vendor shall provide the necessary information required for the third party vendor to complete the analysis.

• 7.11.2 Alternate Operating Conditions

Analysis shall be performed for all specified alternative gases, operating conditions, and loading steps. For compressor systems with extensive alternate operating conditions the extent of the analysis shall be defined in the proposal.

Note: It may be impractical or unnecessary to analyze every combination of operating conditions. The number of analysis points may be reduced based on experience.

7.11.2.1 When a compressor is to be operated on two or more gases of dissimilar molecular weights (for example, hydrogen and nitrogen), pulsation levels shall be optimized for the gas on which the unit will operate for the greater length of time.

7.11.3 Multiple Unit Additive Effects

The scope of the analysis shall be based on agreement between the purchaser and vendor.

• 7.11.3.1 The purchaser shall specify when multiple compressors are to be operated in parallel.

• 7.11.3.2 The purchaser shall specify when the compressor is to be operated in conjunction with existing compressor units and their associated piping systems. Modifications to an existing system to obtain acceptable pulsation levels shall be mutually agreed upon.

Note: In some cases it may be necessary to impose tighter limits for each new compressor than those defined in 7.9.4.2.5 in order for the combined system to achieve acceptable pulsation levels.

7.11.4 Design Approaches

Table 6 shall be utilized to determine the Design Approach.

Note: Design Approach 1 has been removed and the sizing equations are used for initial sizing as defined in 7.11.1.2
Table 6—Design Approach Selection

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7.11.5 Design Approach 2—Acoustic Simulation and Piping Restraint Analysis

Design Approach 2 is pulsation control through the use of pulsation suppression devices and proven acoustic techniques in conjunction with mechanical review of pipe runs and anchoring systems (clamp design and spacing) to achieve control of vibrational response. This approach includes the evaluation of acoustic interaction between the compressor, pulsation suppression devices and associated piping, including pulsation effects on compressor performance and an evaluation of acoustic shaking forces in the pulsation suppression devices. The evaluation is accomplished by modeling the compressor system and the piping and then performing an acoustic simulation to determine the response.

7.11.5.1 Compressor System Model

Pulsation suppression devices are analyzed using acoustic simulation. The compressor system model shall include piston and valve motion, cylinder passages, pulsation suppression device(s) and terminates at the line-side nozzle flange. This model is only used for the acoustic simulation. There is no mechanical modeling of the compressor system to evaluate mechanical resonances in Design Approach 2.

7.11.5.2 Piping System Model

7.11.5.3 Pre-study

When the acoustic simulation is performed prior to completion of the piping system model, the maximum allowable pressure pulsation level at the pulsation suppression device line-side nozzle flange shall be 70% of the allowable value defined by Equation 8. The 70% limit may not ensure Equation 8 pulsation allowable levels will be met in the final design without use of other acoustical measures (orifices, increased diameters, piping modifications, etc). Pressure drop requirements in 7.9.4.2.5.3.1 and shaking force requirements in 7.9.4.2.5.2.3.3 shall apply.

Note 1: The 70% limit may not ensure Equation 8 pulsation allowable levels will be met in the final design without use of other acoustical measures (orifices, increased diameters, piping modifications, etc).

Note 2: In order to meet contract delivery, all parties should cooperate to schedule the design of the pulsation suppression device, the pulsation analysis, and piping design. Ordering components after the pre-study can facilitate the procurement of long delivery components of the pulsation suppression devices such as end caps, nozzles and cylindrical sections. However, the final length, nozzle orientation and need for vessel internals cannot be optimized until the piping system is added to the acoustic model.

Note 3: If the pulsation suppression devices are fabricated prior to finalizing the piping configuration the only remaining system design optimization methods available to the designer are the installation of orifices, piping modifications, and stiffening of the piping system.

7.11.5.4 Mechanical Review and Piping Restraint Analysis
A mechanical review shall be performed using span and basic vessel mechanical natural frequency calculations to avoid mechanical resonance. This review shall result in a table of various pipe sizes that indicates the maximum allowable span (based on the maximum compressor operating speed) between piping supports as a function of pipe diameter, and the separation margin requirements of 7.9.4.2.5.2.3.3.

### 7.11.6 Design Approach 3—Acoustic Simulation and Piping Restraint Analysis Plus Mechanical Analysis

#### 7.11.6.1 General

This acoustic simulation approach is identical to Design Approach 2, with the addition of a mechanical analysis of the compressor cylinder, pulsation suppression devices and associated piping systems including interaction between acoustic and mechanical system responses. Forced mechanical response is included when necessary.

**7.11.6.1.1** If specified, an analysis of the stresses found in the pulsation suppression device internals shall be completed in accordance with 7.9.5.1.22 and 7.9.5.1.23.

#### 7.11.6.2 Step 3a—Mechanical Natural Frequency Analysis of the Compressor and Piping System

a) An analysis of the compressor and piping system shall be done to predict the mechanical natural frequencies. The mechanical and acoustic system shall be designed to meet the separation margin criteria of 7.9.4.2.5.3.2 and the shaking forces shall not exceed the limits found in 7.9.4.2.5.2.3.

b) The starting point of the compressor mechanical model shall be the crosshead guide-to-crankcase interface. This location shall be relatively rigid when compared to the rest of the compressor mechanical model and it shall be accurately described by a six degree of freedom spring. The compressor mechanical model end point shall be the second pipe clamp on the suction and discharge piping moving away from the line side nozzles of the pulsation suppression devices.

Note: The intent is to avoid mechanical resonance of the compressor cylinders, pulsation suppression devices, and piping system at frequencies where high shaking forces also exist.

#### 7.11.6.3 Step 3b1—Forced Mechanical Response Analysis of the Compressor Mechanical Model

When the excitation frequency separation margins or the shaking force amplitude guidelines for pulsation suppression devices cannot be met, a forced-mechanical-response analysis of the compressor mechanical model to the pulsation-induced forces and cylinder-gas forces shall be performed. The allowable cyclic stress criteria in 7.9.4.2.5.2.5 shall apply.

Note: It is not intended that analysis of the cyclic stresses in the compressor components be included in this design approach. The compressor components are included in the model only for the purpose of enabling the analysis of the effects of their flexibility and dynamic movement on the pulsation suppression devices.

**7.11.6.3.1** The compressor vendor shall supply the allowable vibration limits for compressor components such as cylinders, distance pieces and crankcases.

Note 1: European Forum on Reciprocating Compressors (EFRC) guidelines can be used if the allowable vibration limits are not supplied by compressor vendor

Note 2: The allowable compressor vibration levels are generally the limiting design criteria.
7.11.6.4 Step 3b2—Forced Mechanical Response of the Piping System Model

When the excitation frequency separation margins or the shaking force amplitude guidelines for the piping system cannot be met, a forced-mechanical response analysis of the piping system to acoustic shaking forces shall be performed. The allowable vibration and cyclic stress limits in 7.9.4.2.5.2.4 and 7.9.4.2.5.2.5 respectively shall apply. The piping system model end points shall be defined by the analyst in agreement with the purchaser. The piping system model should include all of the piping that was included in the acoustic simulation.

When forced mechanical response analysis of the piping system is performed without doing a forced mechanical response analysis of the compressor mechanical model, the starting point of the piping system is at the compressor cylinder flanges, which are assumed to be rigid.

Note: As with Step 3b1, the vibration is generally the limiting design consideration, because when the vibration levels are within the recommended allowable limits, the allowable stress levels are usually not approached. The exception is where high stress concentrations occur at large diameter reductions such as nozzle connections and weldolets for small piping on significantly larger piping.

7.11.7 Design Criteria

7.11.7.1 General

Pulsation suppression devices and techniques applied in accordance with Design Approaches 2 and 3 shall satisfy the basic criteria in 7.9.4.2.5.2, and the other criteria in 7.9.4.2.5.3.

7.11.7.2 Allowable Compressor Cylinder Flange Pressure Pulsation

Unless other criteria (such as loss of compressor efficiency) are specified, the unfiltered peak-to-peak pulsation level at the compressor cylinder flange, as a percentage of mean absolute line pressure, shall be limited to the lesser of 7\% or the value computed from Equation 6.

\[
P_{cf} = 3R\%
\]  

(6)

where

\(P_{cf}\) is the maximum allowable unfiltered peak-to-peak pulsation level, as a percentage of mean absolute line pressure at the compressor cylinder flange;

\(R\) is the stage pressure ratio.

7.11.7.3 Allowable Pulsation Levels at and Beyond Line-Side Connections of Pulsation Suppression Devices

Based on normal operating conditions, the peak-to-peak pulsation levels in the initial suction, interstage and final discharge piping systems beyond pulsation suppression devices shall satisfy the requirements specified in a and b.

a. For systems operating at absolute line pressures above 3.5 bar (50 psia), the peak-to-peak pulsation level of each individual frequency component shall be limited to that calculated by Equation 8.

In SI units

\[
P_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{350}} \left( \frac{400}{P_L \times D_f \times f} \right)^{0.5}
\]  

(8)

In USC units

\[
P_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{1150}} \left( \frac{300}{P_L \times D_f \times f} \right)^{0.5}
\]  

where

\(P_1\) is the maximum allowable peak-to-peak level of each individual frequency component expressed as a percentage of mean absolute line pressure;
a is the speed of sound for the gas in m/s (ft/s);

$P_L$ is the mean absolute line pressure in bara (psia);

$D_I$ is the inside diameter of line pipe in mm (in.);

$f$ is the pulsation frequency in Hz.

The pulsation frequency $f$ is derived from Equation 9.

$$f = \frac{Nz}{60} \quad (9)$$

where

$N$ is the shaft speed in r/min;

$z$ is the 1, 2, 3,…, corresponding to the fundamental frequency and higher order frequencies.

b. For absolute pressures less than 3.5 bara (50 psia), equation 8 shall be multiplied by equation 8b

In SI units

$$\sqrt{3.5/PL} \quad (8b)$$

In USC units

$$\sqrt{50/PL}$$

7.11.7.3.1 If pulsation levels exceed the limits defined by 7.9.4.2.5.2.1 and 7.9.4.2.5.2.2, the shaking force (7.9.4.2.5.2.3) or vibration levels (7.9.4.2.5.2.4) or cyclic stress levels (7.9.4.2.5.2.5) shall be met. as noted in 7.9.4.2.5.2. Maximum pulsation levels shall be approved by the purchaser.

7.11.7.3.2 Flow pulsations in elements sensitive to such phenomena (e.g. check valves, cyclone separators) shall be limited to mutually agreed criteria.

7.11.7.4 Allowable Acoustic Shaking Force

7.11.7.4.1 General

The allowable non-resonant peak-to-peak shaking force based on the design vibration guideline shall be determined from Equation 10.

$$SF_k = k_{eff} \times V \quad (10)$$

where

$SF_k$ is the non-resonant peak-to-peak force guideline relative to static structural stiffness in N (lbf);

$k_{eff}$ is the effective static stiffness along the piping or pulsation suppression device axis where the shaking force acts in N/mm (lbf/in.). See API RP 688 for a detailed discussion of $k_{eff}$.

$V$ is the design peak-to-peak vibration guideline in mm (in.) (see Figure 4).
The shaking force guideline \( SF_k \) applies to non-resonant vibration. Shaking forces near resonance shall be reduced well below the above shaking force guideline. This guideline is simplified from a complex analysis, contains many inherent assumptions, and should be applied with care.

Various support types provide ranges of support stiffness as follows:
- elevated un-braced rack supports: 900 N/mm – 2700 N/mm (5000 lbf/in. – 15,000 lbf/in.)
- grade level typical supports and clamps: 2700 N/mm – 27,000 N/mm (15,000 lbf/in. – 150,000 lbf/in.)
- grade level heavy supports and clamps: 27000 N/mm – 45,000 N/mm (150,000 lbf/in. – 250,000 lbf/in.)

### 7.11.7.4.2 Allowable Piping System Non-resonant Acoustic Shaking Force

The allowable piping non-resonant peak-to-peak shaking forces shall be the lower of the values calculated from Equation \( 10 \) or from Equation \( 11 \).

#### In SI units

\[
SF_{p_{\text{max}}} = 45 \times \text{NPS} \quad (11)
\]

#### In USC units

\[
SF_{p_{\text{max}}} = 250 \times \text{NPS}
\]

where
- \( SF_{p_{\text{max}}} \) is the maximum piping non-resonant peak-to-peak shaking force guideline based on support strength in N (lbf);
- NPS is the nominal pipe size in mm (in.).
7.11.7.4.3 Allowable Cylinder Mounted Pulsation Suppression Device Non-resonant Shaking Force

The allowable non-resonant peak-to-peak shaking forces for cylinder mounted pulsation suppression devices shall be the lower of the values calculated from Equation 10 or from Equation 12. For Design Approach 2, since the shaking force levels are not evaluated using Equation 10, the maximum allowable level shall be 10% of Equation 12. For frequencies within ±20% of the calculated pulsation suppression device mechanical natural frequency, the allowable level shall be 1% of Equation 12.

In SI units

\[ SF_{d \text{ max}} = 45000 \]  \hspace{1cm} (12)

In USC units

\[ SF_{d \text{ max}} = 10000 \]

where \( SF_{d \text{ max}} \) is the maximum pulsation suppression device non-resonant peak-to-peak shaking force guideline based on structural strength in N (lbf).

Note: The shaking force criteria are intended as design criteria for shaking forces that act along the pulsation suppression device axis.

7.11.7.5 Piping Design Vibration Criteria

The predicted piping vibration magnitude for each discrete frequency shall be limited to the design level in Figure 4. These design levels are according to the design levels (Zone A) of the EFRC Guidelines for Vibrations in Reciprocating Compressor Systems. The diagram in Figure 4 is based on the following:

a. a constant allowable vibration amplitude of 0.57 mm peak-to-peak (2.25 mils peak-to-peak) for frequencies below 10 Hz
b. a constant allowable vibration velocity of approximately 36 mm/s peak-to-peak (1.41 in./s peak-to-peak) for frequencies between 10 and 200 Hz.

The limits in Figure 4 are intended as a design trigger level for analysis in accordance with 7.9.4.2.5.2.1.

Note 1 Field acceptance criteria may differ from the design levels. Refer to EFRC Zone B for field acceptance criteria.

Note: The requirements in this subclause are considered to be conservative. There are however situations in which high stress risers and un-braced small diameter attached piping can pose a problem even though the main pipe exhibits acceptable vibration limits. There are no criteria conservative enough to be used without a significant understanding of vibrational mechanics.

7.11.7.6 Allowable Cyclic Stress

7.11.7.6.1 For Design Approach 3, Steps 3b1 and 3b2, pulsation and/or mechanically induced vibration shall not cause a cyclic stress level in the piping and pulsation suppression devices in excess of the endurance limits of materials used for components subject to these cyclic loads. For carbon steel with an operating temperature below 370ºC (700ºF), the peak-to-peak cyclic stress shall be less than 180 N/mm² (26,000 psi) considering all stress concentration factors present and with all other stresses within applicable code limits. Endurance limits for materials other than carbon steel shall be as defined in the specified pressure vessel code.

7.11.7.6.2 If specified, a piping system flexibility analysis that predicts forces, moments and stresses resulting from thermal gradients, thermal transients, pipe and fitting weights, static pressure, and bolt-up strains shall be performed. The specified piping code shall provide the design criteria.

Modeling should include the effects of thermal expansion, pressure and dead weight on the compressor frame, pulsation suppression devices, heat exchangers, and other equipment within the system.

7.11.8 Other Criteria

7.11.8.1 Allowable Pressure Drop

Allowable pressure drop through the pulsation control devices for each suction and discharge system of each compression stage is defined below:
a. Steady flow pressure drop shall not exceed 0.5% of mean absolute line pressure at pressure ratios less than or equal to 1.4. At pressure ratios greater than 1.4, the value shall be determined by Equation 13. The allowable limits shall be increased by a factor of two when the pressure drop is calculated using the total flow, where total flow is the sum of the steady state and dynamic flow components, provided that the steady flow component still meets the above criteria.

\[
\Delta P = 1.67 \left( \frac{R - 1}{R} \right) \% \tag{13}
\]

where

\[
\Delta P \quad \text{is the allowable pressure drop based on steady flow through devices installed for pulsation control, expressed as a percentage of mean absolute line pressure}
\]

\[
R \quad \text{is the stage pressure ratio.}
\]

b. When a moisture separator is an integral part of the pulsation suppression device, steady flow pressure drop shall not exceed 0.6% of mean absolute line pressure at pressure ratios less than or equal to 1.4. At pressure ratios greater than 1.4, the value shall be determined by Equation 14. The allowable limits shall be increased by a factor of two when the pressure drop is calculated using the total flow, where total flow is the sum of the steady state and dynamic flow components, provided that the steady flow component still meets the above criteria.

\[
\Delta P = 2.17 \left( \frac{R - 1}{R} \right) \% \tag{14}
\]

Note: Pressure drops specified in this clause can be exceeded by mutual agreement between purchaser and vendor, when this is the consequence of the preferred pulsation control.

### 7.11.8.2 Separation Margins

The guidelines described below are to be used to avoid coincidence of excitation frequencies with mechanical natural frequencies of the compressor, pulsation suppression devices and piping system.

In certain compressor configurations, there can be significant excitation energy at frequencies above second order and the system design shall take this into account. When the minimum mechanical natural frequency guideline is not met or when there is significant excitation energy at frequencies above second order, the separation margins as defined in b) shall be maintained.

a. The minimum mechanical natural frequency of any compressor or piping system element shall be designed to be greater than 2.4 times the fundamental frequency at maximum rated speed.

Note: The intent is to be above twice running speed, because there is generally sufficient excitation energy at the first and second orders to excite resonances to an unacceptable level.

b. The predicted mechanical natural frequencies shall be designed to be separated from significant excitation frequencies by at least 20%.

Note: Significant excitation sources include cylinder gas loads (stretch) and can also include pulsation shaking forces at frequencies above second order.

### 7.11.8.3 Flow Measurement Error

For flow meters located in the piping system, the maximum flow measurement error caused by flow pulsations shall not exceed the following:

a. For Non-custody Transfer meters: 1.00% error.

b. For Custody Transfer meters: 0.125% error.

### 7.11.9 Documentation Requirements

A written report on the control of pulsation and vibration shall be furnished to the purchaser. Compliance with the requirements of 7.9 for the specified design approach shall be documented. The report shall define the analysis scope, including analysis
guidelines, compressor configuration, load steps, gas composition, and extent of the piping system analyzed. The report shall include the recommendations resulting from the analysis. The documentation shall also present results applicable to each type of analysis performed. Acoustic simulation results include cylinder nozzle and piping pulsation, acoustic shaking forces and flow pulsation at equipment sensitive to this in spectrum form. Separation Margin analysis results include natural frequencies and mode shapes. Forced mechanical response results include vibration and cyclic stress. The format of the results presentation should permit easy comparison with the analysis guidelines.

7.12 Pulsation Suppression Devices

7.12.1 General

- **7.12.1.1** Pulsation suppression equipment shall be designed and fabricated in accordance with the specified pressure vessel code. If specified, the pulsation suppressors shall be stamped with the symbol as required by the specified pressure vessel code (e.g. ASME Code) and registered with the required jurisdiction.

- **7.12.1.2** The maximum allowable working pressure for any component shall not be less than the set pressure of the relief valve serving that component and, in any case, shall not be less than a gauge pressure of 4 bar (60 psig).

- **7.12.1.3** Suction pulsation suppression devices shall be rated for individual stage discharge pressure.

- **7.12.1.4** All materials in contact with process gases shall be compatible with the gases being handled. The corrosion allowance for shells and internals of carbon-steel pulsation suppression equipment shall be a minimum of 3 mm (1/8 in.) unless otherwise specified.

Regardless of materials, all shells, heads, baffles, and partitions shall have a minimum thickness of 10 mm (3/8 in.). Welding procedures shall be provided (see Vendor Data section in Annex E, Item 17).

- **7.12.1.5** If specified, all butt welds shall be 100% radiographed.

- **7.12.1.6** All flanged branch connections shall be reinforced so that the reinforcement provides a metal area equal to the cut-away area removed from the shell or head regardless of the metal thickness in the branch connection wall. Stress concentration factors shall be considered to assure compliance with 7.9.4.2.5.2.5.

- **7.12.1.7** Suction pulsation suppression devices, not provided with an integral moisture removal section, shall be designed to prevent trapping of liquid.

Note: Internal baffle drain may affect acoustical performance of the pulsation device.

- **7.12.1.8** If specified, the suction pulsation suppression device(s) shall include a final moisture removal section as an integral part of the vessel. This device shall be equipped as detailed in 7.8.

- **7.12.1.9** The nozzle length from the shell of the pulsation suppression device to the cylinder flange shall be adequate to allow for maintenance of the cylinder including insulation. The nozzle area shall be at least equal to the area for the nominal compressor cylinder flange size.

Note: The thermal flexibility and pulsation study can affect the nozzle length

- **7.12.1.10** The orientation of the pulsation suppression devices and their nozzles shall be approved by the purchaser. Ratings, types, and arrangements of all connections shall be agreed.

- **7.12.1.11** A DN 20 (3/4 NPS) pressure test connection shall be provided at each pulsation suppressor inlet and outlet nozzle. An external drain connection of at least DN 25, (1 NPS) shall be provided for each compartment. Circular notched openings in the baffles that are located at the low point of the vessel wall may be used with the purchaser’s approval. Arrangement of internals shall ensure that liquids will flow to drain connections under all operating conditions.

Note: Internal baffle drain may affect acoustical performance of the pulsation device.

- **7.12.1.12** If discharge temperature instruments shall be mounted in the pulsation suppression device cylinder nozzles. The cylinder nozzle of each discharge pulsation suppression device shall be provided with two connections located to permit, without interference, the purchaser’s installation of thermowells of at least DN 25, (NPS 1) for a high-temperature alarm or shutdown element and a dial thermometer. If specified, a thermowell connection of at least DN 25, (NPS 1) shall also be provided for the cylinder nozzle of each suction pulsation suppressor.
7.12.1.13 Flanged connections DN 50, (NPS 2) and smaller, shall be gusseted back to the pulsation suppression device or reinforcing pad in at least two planes. Maximum length shall be limited to that of a long weld-neck flange.

7.12.1.14 Main connections to the compressor cylinder(s) and to process line shall be weld-neck flanges. For non-standard connections, see 6.8.4.2.1 and 6.8.4.1.12.

7.12.1.15 Pulsation suppressor devices with an internal diameter equal to or greater than 450 mm (18 in.) shall have studded pad-type inspection openings of at least 150 mm (6 in.) in diameter, complete with blind flanges and gaskets to provide access to each compartment. For pulsation suppressor devices with an internal diameter less than 450 mm (18 in.), 100 mm (4 in.) studded pad-type inspection openings may be used. Inspection openings shall be located in a position that provides maximum visual inspection capability of critical welds such as both sides of the baffles. The purchaser shall specify if larger or additional openings are required for inspection or cleaning.

7.12.1.16 Pulsation suppression device connections other than those covered by 7.9.5.1.13 and 7.9.5.1.14 shall be weld neck flanges. When threaded fittings are provided, they shall have a minimum rating of Class 6000.

7.12.1.17 Flanges shall be in accordance with ISO 7005-1 or ASME B16.5; however, lap-joint and slip-on flanges shall not be used.

7.12.1.18 If specified, provisions shall be made for attaching insulation. All connections and nameplates shall be arranged to clear the insulation.

7.12.1.19 All internals of pulsation suppression devices shall be designed, fabricated, and supported considering the possibility of high acoustic shaking forces. Dished baffles in lieu of flat baffles shall be used. The same welding procedures as applicable to external welds shall be followed. Full penetration continuous welds shall be used for the attachment of the baffles to the pulsation suppressor shell.

7.12.1.20 All butt welds shall be full penetration welds.

7.12.1.21 If specified, internal surfaces of carbon steel pulsation suppression devices shall be covered with a coating of phenolic or vinyl resins that are suitable for the service conditions.

7.12.1.22 A stainless steel nameplate shall be provided on each pulsation suppression device. The manufacturer’s standard data, purchaser’s equipment item number and purchase order number shall be included.

7.12.1.23 If specified, the dynamic and static stresses on the pulsation suppression device internals that result from pulsation-induced shaking forces and pressure-induced static forces shall be analyzed to confirm compliance with the specified pressure vessel code.

7.12.1.24 If required by the specified pressure vessel code a low cycle fatigue analysis shall be performed to predict the stresses from thermal gradients, thermal transients, and pressure cycles on the pulsation suppression devices and internal components.

7.12.2 Fabrication and Thermally Induced Stresses in the Pulsation Suppression Device

7.12.2.1 When two or more cylinders are to be connected to the same pulsation suppression device the flanges shall be fitted up to aligned cylinders at the compressor vendor’s shop and welded in place to assure proper final alignment. An alignment fixture may be used if approved by the purchaser. An acoustic and mechanical analysis of the pulsation suppression devices shall be conducted, taking into account stresses induced by thermal growth and by relative motion of the cylinders (e.g.: cylinder stretch).

Note: An alignment fixture may be necessary on larger, block-mounted units.

7.12.2.2 The forces induced by thermal expansion of the pulsation suppression devices shall be taken into account to avoid intolerable misalignment and excessive stresses during operation.

7.12.3 Supports for Pulsation Suppression Devices

Supports for the pulsation suppression devices shall be furnished by the vendor. The supports shall be designed considering static loading (including piping loads), acoustic shaking forces, and mechanical responses; and shall not impose harmful stresses
on the compressor, piping system, or pulsation suppression devices to which they are attached. In calculating stress levels, the compressor frame growth and the flexibilities of the frame, crosshead guide, distance piece, flange, and branch connection shall be considered. Compliant (resilient) supports having inherent vibratory damping characteristics are preferred as they accommodate thermal expansion. Loading of compliant supports shall be adjustable. Noncompliant supports shall be designed to allow adjustment by the purchaser while in operation. Spring supports shall not be used unless specifically approved by the purchaser.

Note: The foundation of the supports are typically integral with the compressor foundation.

7.13  AIR INTAKE FILTERS

7.13.1 Unless otherwise specified air compressors taking suction from the atmosphere, shall be provided with a dry-type air intake filter-silencer suitable for outdoor mounting provided by the vendor. Special design details shall be as specified by the purchaser.

7.13.2 As a minimum, the following features should be considered in the design of the filter-silencer:
   a. micron particle rating;
   b. ease of cleaning during in-service conditions;
   c. corrosion protection of filter and of internal surfaces of inlet piping;
   d. avoidance of internal threaded fasteners;
   e. connections for measuring pressure differential across the filter.

7.14  SPECIAL TOOLS

7.14.1 When special tools or fixtures are required to disassemble, assemble or maintain the equipment, they shall be included in the quotation and furnished as part of the initial supply of the equipment complete with instructions for their use. For multiple-unit installations, the requirements for quantities of special tools and fixtures shall be agreed but no less than one complete set of tools for three units. These special tools shall be used, and their use demonstrated, during shop assembly and post-test disassembly of the equipment.

7.14.2 Special tools for reciprocating compressors shall include, as a minimum:
   a. mandrels for fitting solid rider bands on non-segmental pistons;
   b. a lifting and lowering device for removal and insertion of valve assemblies with a mass greater than 15 kg (335 lb);
   c. a crosshead removal and installation tool;
   d. sleeve/cone to enable piston rod to be passed through completely assembled packing (see 6.13.1.7);
   e. hydraulic tensioning tools.

7.14.3 When special tools are provided, they shall be packaged in a separate, rugged metal box or boxes and shall be marked “special tools for (tag/item number).” Each tool shall be stamped or metal tagged to indicate its intended use.

7.14.4 All compressors shall be provided with suitable means of barring for maintenance. For compressors with driver power equal to or greater than 750 kW (1000 hp), and for compressors with a peak bar-over torque requirement equal to or greater than 1600 Newton-meters (1200 ft-lb), a unidirectional power driven barring device with automatic disengagement and a limit switch shall be furnished. The vendor shall furnish a complete description of the barring device including a procedure for reverse rotation, method of operation, lockout signals required, location, guards and power required.

7.14.5 If specified, each compressor shall be fitted with a device to lock the shaft in position during maintenance. The device shall allow locking of the shaft in multiple positions, as necessary for maintenance. The device shall be fitted with a limit switch.

7.14.6 Barring device and shaft locking limit switches shall be permissive to start.

8  Inspection and Testing

8.1  GENERAL

8.1.1 The extent of the purchaser’s participation in the inspection and testing shall be as specified.
8.1.2 If specified, the purchaser's representative, the vendor's representative or both shall indicate compliance in accordance with the inspector's checklist (Annex J) by initialing, dating and submitting the completed checklist to the purchaser before shipment.

8.1.3 After advance notification to the vendor, the purchaser's representative shall have entry to all vendor and sub-vendor plants where manufacturing, testing or inspection of the equipment is in progress.

8.1.4 The vendor shall notify sub-vendors of the purchaser's inspection and testing requirements.

8.1.5 The expected dates of testing shall be communicated at least 30 days in advance of testing and the actual dates confirmed as agreed. The vendor shall give at least five working days advanced notification of a witnessed or observed inspection or test.

Note: For an observed test, the purchaser should expect to be in the factory longer than is required for a witnessed test.

8.1.6 When shop inspection and testing have been specified, the purchaser and the vendor shall coordinate manufacturing hold points and inspectors' visits.

8.1.7 Prior to a witnessed mechanical running or performance test, confirmation of the successful completion of the applicable preliminary test shall be provided.

Note: Confirmation of a successful preliminary test is expected prior to beginning of travel

8.1.8 Equipment, materials and utilities for the specified inspections and tests shall be provided by the vendor.

8.1.9 The purchaser's representative shall have access to the vendor's quality program for review.

8.2 INSPECTION

8.2.1 General

8.2.1.1 The vendor shall keep the following data available for at least 20 years:

a. necessary or specified certification of materials, such as mill test reports;
b. test data and results to verify that the requirements of the specification have been met;
c. fully identified records of all heat treatment whether performed in the normal course of manufacture or as part of a repair procedure;
d. results of quality control tests and inspections;
e. details of all repairs;
f. final assembly maintenance and running clearances;
g. other data specified or required by applicable codes and regulations (see 5.2 and 9.3.1.1).

8.2.1.2 Pressure-containing parts shall not be painted until the specified inspection and testing of the parts is complete.

8.2.1.3 In addition to the requirements of 6.15.7.1, the purchaser shall specify the following:

a. parts that are to be subjected to surface and subsurface examination;
b. the type of examination required, such as magnetic particle, liquid penetrant, radiographic and ultrasonic examination.

8.2.2 Material Inspection

8.2.2.1 General

8.2.2.1.1 When radiographic ultrasonic, magnetic particle or liquid penetrant inspection of welds or materials is required or specified, the criteria in 8.2.2.2 through 8.2.2.5 shall apply unless other corresponding procedures and acceptance criteria have been specified. Cast iron may be inspected only in accordance with 8.2.2.4 and/or 8.2.2.5. Welds, cast steel, and wrought material shall be inspected in accordance with 8.2.2.2 through 8.2.2.5.

Note: The material inspection of pressure-containing parts is covered in 6.4.17.

8.2.2.1.2 Defects that exceed the limits imposed in 8.2.2 shall be removed to meet the quality standards cited, as determined by the inspection method specified.

8.2.2.1.3 Acceptance standards for 8.2.2.2 through 8.2.2.5 shall be agreed.
8.2.2.2 Radiography
8.2.2.2.1 Radiography shall be performed in accordance with ASTM E 94.

8.2.2.3 Ultrasonic Inspection
8.2.2.3.1 Ultrasonic inspection shall be based upon the procedures ASTM A609 (castings), ASTM A388 (forgings), or ASTM A578 (plate).
8.2.2.3.2 All crankshafts shall be ultrasonically tested in accordance with ASTM A 503.

8.2.2.4 Magnetic Particle Inspection
8.2.2.4.1 Both wet and dry methods of magnetic particle inspection shall be performed in accordance with ASTM E 709. To prevent buildup of potential voltage in the equipment, all components shall be demagnetized to the free air gauss levels in Table 7 when measured with a calibrated Hall effect probe.

8.2.2.5 Liquid Penetrant Inspection
8.2.2.5.1 Liquid penetrant inspection shall be based upon the procedures of ASTM E 165 and ASTM E 1417.

8.3 TESTING
8.3.1 General
8.3.1.1 Equipment shall be tested in accordance with 8.3.2 and 8.3.3. Other tests that may be specified are described in 8.3.4.
8.3.1.2 At least six weeks before the first scheduled running test the vendor shall submit to the purchaser, for his review and comment, detailed procedures for the mechanical running test and all specified running optional tests (8.3.4) including acceptance criteria for all monitored parameters.
8.3.1.3 Testing notification requirements are covered in 8.1.5 If the testing is rescheduled, the vendor shall notify the purchaser. A new date shall be agreed upon with 5 working days advanced notification.

8.3.2 Hydrostatic and Gas Leakage Tests

8.3.2.1 Pressure-containing parts (including auxiliaries) shall be tested hydrostatically with liquid at a higher temperature than the nil-ductility transition temperature of the material being tested and at the following minimum test pressures:

a. cylinder gas passages and bore: 11/2 times maximum allowable working pressure, but not less than a gauge pressure of 1.5 bar (20 psig);

b. cylinder cooling jackets and packing cases: 11/2 times maximum allowable working pressure;

c. piping, pressure vessels, filters and other pressure-containing components: 11/2 times maximum allowable working pressure or in accordance with the specified pressure code, but not less than a gauge pressure of 1.5 bar (20 psig).

The tests specified in Items a and b shall be performed prior to the installation of the cylinder liner.

Compressor cylinders shall be tested as assembled components using the heads, valve covers, clearance pockets, and fasteners to be supplied with the finished cylinder.

Note: For gas pressure-containing parts, the hydrostatic test is a test of the mechanical integrity of the component and is not a valid gas leakage test.

8.3.2.2 If specified, distance pieces shall be hydrotested at 1.5 times MAWP.

Note: See 6.12.2.3 for MAWP requirements.

8.3.2.3 The following gas test shall be performed to ensure that the components do not leak process gas. The leakage tests shall be conducted with the components thoroughly dried and unpainted. Compressor cylinders shall be leak-tested without liners, but with the following job components: heads, valve covers, clearance pockets and fasteners.

a. Pressure-containing parts such as compressor cylinders and clearance pockets handling gases with a molecular weight equal to or less than 12 or gases containing a mol percentage of H₂S equal to or greater than 0.1%, shall undergo, in addition to the hydrostatic test specified in 8.3.2.1, a pressure test with helium performed at the maximum allowable working pressure. Leak detection shall be by helium probe or by submergence in water. The water shall be at a higher temperature than the nil-ductility transition temperature of the material being tested. The internal pressure shall be maintained, while submerged, at the maximum allowable working pressure. Zero leakage is required (see 8.3.2.6). In the case of testing by helium probe, the procedure, the sensitivity of the instrument and the acceptance criteria shall be by prior agreement.

b. Cylinders handling gases other than those described above in Item a shall undergo a gas leakage test as described in Item a, with either air or nitrogen used as the test gas.

8.3.2.4 The chlorine content of liquids used to test austenitic stainless steel materials shall not exceed 50 ppm. To prevent deposition of chlorides on austenitic stainless steel as a result of evaporative drying, all residual liquid shall be removed from tested parts at the conclusion of the test.

Note: Chloride content is limited in order to prevent stress corrosion cracking.

8.3.2.5 Test duration shall be sufficient to allow complete examination of parts under pressure. The hydrostatic and gas leakage tests shall be considered satisfactory when neither leaks nor seepage through the pressure containing parts or joints is observed for a minimum of 30 minutes. Large, heavy pressure containing parts of complex systems can require a longer testing period to be agreed upon by the purchaser and the vendor.

8.3.2.6 Gaskets used during test of an assembled casing shall be of the same design as supplied with the casing.

8.3.3 Mechanical Running Test

8.3.3.1 The shop test of the compressor shall comprise a 4-hour continuous unloaded running test.

Pre-tests, intermediate stops and inspections which are required prior to the 4-hour continuous test shall be defined in the test procedure.

8.3.3.2 If specified, packaged units, including integral auxiliary system packages, shall undergo a 4-hour mechanical running test prior to shipment. The test shall prove mechanical operation of all auxiliary equipment, as well as the compressor, reduction gear, if any, and driver as a complete unit.
The compressor need not be pressure-loaded for this test. The procedure for this running test shall be agreed.

8.3.3.3 All oil pressures, viscosities, and temperatures shall be within the range of operating values recommended in the vendor's operating instructions for the specific unit being tested.

8.3.3.4 Main bearing and packing temperature devices supplied by the vendor shall be recorded during the running test.

8.3.3.5 Oil temperature, oil pressure (at the normal sensing point), speed, and piston rod temperature shall be recorded during the running test.

• 8.3.3.6 If specified frame and cylinder vibration data shall be recorded during run test.

• 8.3.3.7 If replacement or modification of bearings, or dismantling to replace or modify other parts are required to correct mechanical or performance deficiencies, the initial test shall be deemed not acceptable and the final shop tests shall be run after these deficiencies are corrected.

Additional dismantling is required if evidence of malfunction is found.

8.3.3.8 Auxiliary equipment not integral with the unit, such as auxiliary oil pumps, oil coolers, filters, intercoolers and aftercoolers need not be used for any compressor shop tests unless specified. If specified, auxiliary system consoles shall receive both an operational test and a 4-hour mechanical running test prior to shipment. The procedure for this running test shall be as agreed.

8.3.4 Other Tests

8.3.4.1 A bar-over test of the frame and cylinders shall be made in the vendor’s shop to verify piston end clearances and rod runout. The final bar-over test shall be performed with all compressor cylinder valves in place to demonstrate no piston interference. Vertical and horizontal piston-rod runout (cold) at packing case flanges shall also be measured during this test (see 6.3.1 and 6.10.4.6). Bar-over test results shall become a part of the purchaser’s records (Annex E, Item 59).

• 8.3.4.2 If specified, all machine-mounted equipment, prefabricated piping and appurtenances furnished by the vendor shall be fitted and assembled in the vendor’s shop. The vendor shall be prepared to demonstrate that the equipment is free of harmful strains.

8.3.4.3 All compressor suction and discharge cylinder valves shall be leak-tested in accordance with the vendor’s standard procedure.

• 8.3.4.4 If specified, the compressor shall be subject to a performance test in accordance with ISO 1217 or the applicable ASME power test code.

8.4 PREPARATION FOR SHIPMENT

• 8.4.1 Equipment shall be suitably prepared for the type of shipment specified, including blocking of the crankshaft. The preparation shall make the equipment suitable for 6 months of outdoor storage from the time of shipment. If storage for a longer period is specified, the purchaser will consult with the vendor regarding recommended procedures to be followed.

8.4.2 The vendor shall provide the purchaser with the instructions necessary to preserve the integrity of the storage preparation after the equipment arrives at the job site and before start-up, as described in API 686.

Note: It is recognized that failure to follow these instructions can jeopardize the successful operation of the equipment.

8.4.3 The equipment shall be prepared for shipment after all testing and inspection have been completed and the equipment has been released by the purchaser. The preparation shall include provisions of 8.4.4 through 8.4.18.

8.4.4 Equipment shall be completely free of water prior to any shipment preparation.

8.4.5 Except for mating machined surfaces, all exterior surfaces that may corrode during shipment, storage or in service, shall be given at least one coat of the manufacturer's standard paint. The paint shall not contain lead or chromates.

Note: Corrosion resistant materials are typically not painted.

8.4.6 Exterior mating machined surfaces, except for corrosion-resistant material, shall be coated with a rust preventive.
8.4.7 The interior of the equipment, including pulsation suppression devices, shall be clean; free from scale, welding spatter and foreign objects; and sprayed or flushed with a suitable rust preventive that is oil soluble or can be removed with solvent. In lieu of a soluble rust preventive, a permanently applied rust preventive may be used with prior approval by the purchaser.

Note: Non-lubricated services can require special preservation procedures.

8.4.8 Internal areas of frames, bearing housings, and oil system equipment such as reservoirs, vessels, and piping shall be coated with an oil-soluble rust preventive or, with the purchaser’s prior approval, a permanent rust preventive.

Rust preventive coatings shall be compatible with the lubricating oil.

8.4.9 Any paint exposed to lubricants shall be oil-resistant. When synthetic lubricants are specified (6.14.3.1.9), the paint shall be compatible.

8.4.10 Flanged openings shall be provided with metal closures of a thickness equal to or greater than 5 mm (\(\frac{3}{16}\) in.) with elastomer gaskets and at least four full-diameter bolts. For studded openings, all nuts needed for the intended services shall be used to secure closures.

8.4.11 Threaded openings shall be provided with steel caps or round-head steel plugs in accordance with ASME B16.11. The caps or plugs shall be of the same material as that of the pressure casing. Nonmetallic (such as plastic) caps or plugs shall not be used.

8.4.12 Openings that have been beveled for welding shall be provided with closures designed to prevent the entrance of moisture and foreign materials and damage to the bevel.

8.4.13 Lifting points and the center of gravity shall be clearly identified on the equipment package. The vendor shall recommend the lifting arrangement.

8.4.14 The equipment shall be packed for domestic or export shipment as specified. Lifting, load-out and handling instructions shall be securely attached to the exterior of the largest package in a well-marked weatherproof container. Where special lifting devices, such as spreader bars, are required, the supply of these shall be subject to agreement. Upright position, lifting points, weight and dimensions shall be clearly marked on each package.

8.4.15 The equipment shall be identified with item and serial numbers. Material shipped separately shall be identified with securely affixed, corrosion-resistant metal tags indicating the item and serial number of the equipment for which it is intended. Crated equipment shall be shipped with duplicate packing lists, one inside and one on the outside of the shipping container.

8.4.16 Any cylinders, heads, packing cases, packing, pistons, rods, crossheads and shoes, crosshead pins, bushings and connecting rods that are dismantled for the purpose of separate shipment, or that are shipped as spare parts, shall be sprayed with rust preventive, wrapped with moisture-proof sheeting and packed to prevent damage in shipment to, or storage at, the job site.

8.4.17 Exposed shafts and shaft couplings shall be protected from corrosion.

8.4.18 Auxiliary piping connections furnished with the purchased equipment shall be impression stamped or permanently tagged to agree with the vendor's connection table or general arrangement drawing. Service and connection designations shall be indicated.

8.4.19 Bearing assemblies shall be fully protected from the entry of moisture and dirt. If volatile-corrosion-inhibitor crystals in bags are installed in large cavities, the bags shall be attached in an accessible area for ease of removal. Where applicable, bags shall be installed in wire cages attached to flanged covers and bag location shall be indicated by corrosion-resistant tags attached with stainless steel wire.

8.4.20 One copy of the manufacturer's installation instructions shall be packed and shipped with the equipment.

9 Vendor’s Data

9.1 GENERAL

9.1.1 VDDR Form

The information to be furnished by the vendor is specified in 9.2 and 9.3. The vendor shall complete and return the Vendor Drawing and Data Requirements (VDDR) form (see Annex E) to the address(es) noted on the inquiry or order. This form shall
detail the schedule for transmission of drawings, curves, data and manuals as agreed to at the time of the proposal or order as well as the number and type of copies required by the purchaser.

9.1.2 Data Identification

The data shall be identified on the transmittal (cover) letters and the title blocks or title pages with the following information:

a. purchaser/user’s corporate name;
b. job/project number;
c. equipment item number and service name;
d. inquiry or purchase order number;
e. any other identification specified in the inquiry or purchase order;
f. vendor’s identifying proposal number, shop order number, serial number or other reference required to completely identify return correspondence.

9.1.3 Coordination Meeting

A coordination meeting shall be held, preferably at the vendor’s plant, within 4 – 6 weeks after the purchase commitment. The purchaser and vendor shall jointly agree on an agenda for this meeting which, as a minimum, shall include the following items:

a. purchase order, scope of supply and sub-vendor items (including spare parts);
b. review of applicable specifications and previously agreed exceptions to specifications;
c. data sheets;
d. compressor performance (including operating limitations);
e. pulsation suppression devices;
f. schematics and bills of material (for major items) of lube-oil systems, cooling systems, distance pieces and similar auxiliaries;
g. preliminary physical orientation of the equipment, piping and auxiliary systems;
h. drive arrangement and driver details;
i. instrumentation and controls;
j. scope and detail of pulsation and vibration analysis and control requirements (7.9.4.1);
k. inspection, expediting and testing reports;
l. details of functional testing;
m. other technical items;
n. start-up planning and training;
o. schedules for (1) transmittal of data, (2) production, (3) testing, and (4) delivery;
p. review details of vendor's quality control program.

9.2 PROPOSALS

9.2.1 General

The vendor shall forward the original proposal, with the specified number of copies, to the addressee specified in the inquiry documents. The proposal shall include, as a minimum, a written scope of supply, the data specified in 9.2.2 through 9.2.4, and a specific statement that the equipment and all its components and auxiliaries are in strict accordance with this standard. If the equipment or any of its components or auxiliaries is not in strict accordance, the vendor shall include a list that details and explains each deviation. The vendor shall provide sufficient detail to enable the purchaser to evaluate any proposed alternative designs. All correspondence shall be clearly identified in accordance with 9.1.2.

9.2.2 Drawings

9.2.2.1 Drawings indicated on the Vendor Drawing and Data Requirements (VDDR) form (see Annex F) shall be included in the proposal. As a minimum, the following shall be included.

a. A general arrangement or outline drawing for each machine train or baseplate-mounted package, showing overall dimensions, maintenance clearance dimensions, overall weights, erection weights, and the largest maintenance weight for each item. The direction of rotation and the size and location of major purchaser connections shall also be indicated.
b. Cross-sectional drawings showing the details of the proposed equipment.
c. Schematics of vendor supplied process gas and all auxiliary systems, including the lube-oil system(s), the cooling system, and the distance-piece vent-and-drain system (when supplied). Auxiliary system schematic diagrams shall be marked to show which
portions of the system are integral with or mounted on the major equipment and which are separate. Schematics shall indicate the limits of scope of supply.

9.2.2.2 If “typical” drawings, schematics and bills of material are used, they shall be marked up to show the estimated weight and nominal dimension data to reflect the equipment and scope proposed.

9.2.3 Technical Data

The following data shall be included in the proposal:

a. Copies of the purchaser’s data sheets complete with the vendor’s information required for the proposal and literature to fully describe details of the offering(s).

b. The predicted noise data as required by the purchaser in the inquiry.

c. A copy of the Vendor Drawing and Data Requirements form (see Annex E) indicating the schedule according to which the vendor agrees to furnish the data requested by the purchaser (see 9.3).

d. For a compressor with a variable-speed drive, the preliminary speed range over which the unit can be operated continuously under the specified operating conditions.

e. The vendor shall specifically identify volumetric efficiency of the active end of any cylinder if it is less than 40% at any specified operating condition.

Note: Performance predictions with volumetric efficiencies below 40% are often not reliable.

f. A schedule for shipment of the equipment in weeks after receipt of the order.

g. A list of “start-up” spares, to include as a minimum, three lube-oil filter cartridge sets, plates and springs for each valve, one set of packing rings for each rod, one set of rings and rider bands for each piston, plus all O-rings and gaskets necessary for a complete change-out of all packing rings, all piston rings and all valves. The vendor shall add any items that his experience indicates are likely to be required on start-up.

h. Complete tabulation of utility requirements, such as steam, water, electricity, air, gas and lube oil; including the quantity of lube oil required and the supply pressure, the heat load to be removed by the oil and the nameplate power rating and operating power requirements of auxiliary drivers. Approximate data shall be defined and clearly identified as such. This information shall be entered on the data sheets.

i. A description of the tests and inspection procedures of materials in accordance with 6.15.1.4.

j. Details of any proposed air-cooled heat exchanger.

k. A list of spare parts recommended that the purchaser should stock for normal maintenance purpose. (Any special requirements for long term storage shall be as specified).

l. An itemized list of the special tools included in the proposal.

m. Materials of major components of the compressor (see 6.15.1.1 and 6.15.1.2).

n. A full description of the standard shop tests identified in 8.3. Special tests as specified shall also be fully described.

o. A list of relief valves supplied by the vendor.

p. If specified, a list of similar machines installed and operating under similar conditions to that proposed.

q. Any start-up, shutdown, or operating restrictions required to protect the integrity of the equipment.

r. An outline of all necessary special weather and winterizing protection required by the equipment, its auxiliaries and the driver (if furnished by the vendor) for start-up, operation and idleness. The vendor shall list separately the protective items he proposes to furnish.

s. Preliminary rod and gas load tabulation in accordance with 6.6.3.

9.2.4 Optional Tests

The vendor shall furnish an outline of the procedures to be used for each of the special or optional tests that have been specified, or have been proposed by the vendor.

9.3 CONTRACT DATA

9.3.1 General

9.3.1.1 Contract data shall be furnished by the vendor in accordance with the agreed VDDR form.
9.3.1.2 Each drawing shall have a title block in the lower right-hand corner with the date of certification, identification data specified in 9.1.2, revision number and data and title. Similar information shall be provided on all other documents including sub-vendor items.

9.3.1.3 The time allowed for the purchaser’s review of vendor’s data shall be as specified and agreed. Purchaser’s review of vendor’s data shall not constitute permission to deviate from any requirements in the order unless specifically agreed upon in writing. After the data have been reviewed and accepted, the vendor shall furnish certified copies in the quantities specified.

9.3.1.4 A complete list of vendor data shall be included with the first issue of major drawings. This list shall contain titles, drawing numbers, and a schedule for transmittal of each item listed. This list shall cross-reference data with respect to the VDDR form in Annex F.

9.3.2 Drawings

The drawing(s) furnished shall contain sufficient information so that when combined with the manuals covered in 9.3.7, the purchaser can properly install, operate and maintain the ordered equipment. Drawings shall be clearly legible and reproducible. (8-point minimum font size even if reduced from a larger size drawing). Drawings made specifically for the order shall be identified in accordance with 9.1.2.

9.3.3 Performance Data

9.3.3.1 If specified, the vendor shall submit performance curves or tables of power and capacity versus suction pressure with parameters of discharge pressure, showing the effects of unloading devices and showing any operating limitation and with calculation input and output data identified, all as agreed.

9.3.3.2 Crosshead pin load and gas load charts for each load step, complete in accordance with 6.6, including inertial forces and rod reversal magnitude and duration shall be furnished.

9.3.3.3 If specified, the vendor shall furnish the data required for independent crosshead pin load, gas load, and reversal calculations.

9.3.3.4 If specified, the effect of valve failure on crosshead pin loads and reversal shall be calculated and furnished. The required specifics of this study shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and vendor.

9.3.3.5 Curves of starting torque vs. speed shall be furnished for the compressor, for the motor at the specified voltage reduction. The curve sheet shall also state separately the moment of inertia of the motor alone and the resultant moment of inertia of the driven equipment referred to the motor shaft speed plus the calculated time for acceleration to full speed at the specified voltages (see 7.1.2.) and specified operating conditions (see 7.1.1.6 and 7.1.2.1). All curves shall be scaled in finite values. Values expressed in percentage terms alone shall not be provided.

9.3.3.6 If specified, operating envelop graphs shall be supplied that define the acceptable operating ranges and limitations.

9.3.4 Technical Data

Data shall be submitted in accordance with the VDDR form. The vendor shall provide data sheets, first “as purchased” and then “as built”.

If any drawing comments or specification revisions lead to a change in the data, the vendor shall acknowledge and include in the as-built data sheets.

9.3.5 Progress Reports

The vendor shall submit progress reports to the purchaser at intervals specified.

Note: See the description of item 42 in Annex E for content of these reports.

9.3.6 Recommended Spares

9.3.6.1 The vendor shall submit complete parts lists for all equipment and accessories supplied. These lists shall include part names, manufacturers’ unique part numbers, materials of construction (identified by applicable international standards). Each part shall be completely identified and shown on appropriate cross-sectional, assembly-type cutaway or exploded-view isometric drawings. Interchangeable parts shall be identified as such. Parts that have been modified from standard dimensions or finish to
satisfy specific performance requirements shall be uniquely identified by part number. Standard purchased items shall be identified by the original manufacturer's name and part number.

9.3.6.2 The vendor shall indicate on each of these complete parts lists all those parts that are recommended as start-up or maintenance spares, and the recommended stocking quantities of each. These should include spare parts recommendations from sub-suppliers that were not available for inclusion in the vendor's original proposal.

9.3.7 Installation, Operation, Maintenance and Technical Data Manuals

9.3.7.1 General
The vendor shall provide sufficient written instructions and all necessary drawings to enable the purchaser to install, operate, and maintain all of the equipment covered by the purchase order. This information shall be compiled in electronic format and/or hardcopy manual(s) with a cover sheet showing the information listed in 9.1.2, an index sheet, and a complete list of the enclosed drawings by title and drawing number. These shall be prepared specifically for the equipment covered by the purchase order.

9.3.7.2 Installation Manual
All information required for the proper installation of the equipment shall be compiled in a manual that shall be issued no later than the time of issue of final certified drawings. The installation manual may be separate from the operating and maintenance instructions. The installation manual shall contain information on alignment and grouting procedures, normal and maximum utility requirements, centers of mass, rigging provisions and procedures, and all other installation data. All drawings and data specified in 9.2.2 and 9.2.3 that are pertinent to proper installation shall be included as part of this manual (see Annex E).

9.3.7.3 Operating and Maintenance Manuals
A manual containing all required operating and maintenance instructions shall be supplied no later than two weeks after all specified tests have been successfully completed. Torque values for all studs and bolting shall be included in the manufacturer’s instruction manual.

CAUTION: Exceeding the manufacturer’s torque values on valve covers can cause damage to the valve assembly and cylinder valve seat. Also more to service manual section

9.3.7.4 Technical Data Manual
The vendor shall provide the purchaser with a technical data manual within 30 days of completion of shop testing (see Annex E for minimum requirements of this manual).
ANNEX A
(informative)

Data Sheets
## Reciprocating Compressor Data Sheet (API 618-6TH)

### U.S. Customary Units

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<td>Driver Manufacturer Type: Direct Coupled, Gear Coupled, Belt</td>
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<td>Induction Motor, Synchronous Motor, Steam Turbine, Gas Turbine, Engine</td>
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### Manufacturer's Rated Capacity (At Inlet to Compressor) &

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<th>(bhp)</th>
<th>BHP @ Certified Tolerance of ±3% for Capacity &amp; ±3% for (BHP)</th>
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### Remarks

Note 1: Capacity for NNT: Manufacturer's = Required ÷ 0.97, Therefore Required = Manufacturer's x 0.97
## Reciprocating Compressor

**Data Sheet (API 618-6th)**

**U.S. Customary Units**

### Part Load Operating Conditions

1. **Capacity Control**
   - Manufacturer's Capacity Control
   - Purchasers By-Pass

2. **For**
   - Start-Up Only
   - Both

3. **With**
   - Automatic Loading/Delay Interlock
   - Automatic Immediate Unloading

4. **Using**
   - Volume Pocket: Fixed
   - Variable

   - Suction Valve Unloaders: Finger
   - Plug
   - Other

5. **Action**
   - Direct (Air-to-Unload)
   - Reverse (Air-to-Load/Fail Safe)

6. **Number of Steps**
   - One
   - Three
   - Five
   - Other

7. **Rain Cover Required Over Unloaders**

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### Inlet and Discharge Pressure Are

- At Cylinder Flanges
- Pulsation Suppressor Flanges

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### Notes

- Show operation with the following symbols:
  - HE = Head End or CE = Crank End
  - (S = Suction Valve(s) Unloaded or F = Fixed Pocket Open)

**Example:** HE-F/CE-S = Head End Fixed Pocket Open / Crank End Suction Valve(s) Unloaded.

**Symbols:**
- **C** = Compression
- **T** = Tension
- ***X-HD** = Crosshead

**Minimum Pressure Required to Operate Cylinder Unloading Devices, (psig):**

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**NOTE 1:** Settle-out gas pressure (Data required for starting)
### Reciprocating Compressor Data Sheet (API 618-6TH)

**U.S. Customary Units**

**Stage**

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**Calculated Mol Weight**

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**Remarks / Special Requirements**

- Note: If water vapor and/or chlorides are present, every minute traces, in the gas being compressed, it must be included above.
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### DISTANCE PIECE(S) (REFERENCE FIGURE G-3)

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### CYLINDER LUBRICATION

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### REMARKS / SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Full floating packing
- Vented to: Flare @ (psig) Atmosphere
- Water cooled, Stage(s) (gpm) required
- Oil cooled, Stage(s) (gpm) required
- Water filter
- Provision for future water/oil cooling
- Vent / buffer gas seal packing arrangement
- Oil wiper packing purge
- Intermediate partition purge
- Vented, drained, purge piping by manufacturer
- NO YES
- Disposal system
- Constant
- Variable
- Buffer gas pressure
- Splash guards for wiper packing
- Heater: Electric, Steam
# Reciprocating Compressor Data Sheet (API 618-6th)

**U.S. Customary Units**

## 1. Notes:
- **Information to be completed by:** [ ] PURCHASER [ ] MANUFACTURER WITH PROPOSAL [ ] MANUFACTURER AFTER ORDER [ ] PURCHASER OR MANUFACTURER AS APPLICABLE

## 2. Inspection and Shop Tests (Ref. 8.1.5)

- **REQUIRED**
- **WITNESS**
- **OBSERVE**

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## 3. Shipment:
- Domestic [ ] Export [ ] Export Boxing Required [ ] Outdoor Storage More Than 6 Months [ ] Months

## 4. Spare Parts
- Start-up [ ] Normal Maintenance [ ]

## 5. Estimated Weights and Nominal Dimensions

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## 6. Remarks / Special Requirements:

- ANNEX K Compliance: [ ] Vendor [ ] Purchaser
### Reciprocating Compressor

**Data Sheet (API 618-6TH)**

**U.S. Customary Units**

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**Compressor Location:***
- Indoor
- Heated
- Unheated
- At Grade Level
- Elevated (ft)
- Outdoor
- No Roof
- Under Roof
- Partial Sides
- Platform
- Off-Shore
- Weather Protection Required
- Tropicalization Required
- Winterization Required
- Corrosives
- Dust
- Fumes
- Other

**Electrical Classifications**
- Main Unit: Non-Hazardous
- Hazardous Class Group Division
- Zone Group
- Temperature Class
- Utility Conditions

**Electrical Power**
- AC Volts / Phase / Hertz
- DC Volts
- Main Drivers
- Auxiliary Motors
- Heaters
- Instrument
- Alarm & Shutdown
- Drivers

**Instrument Air Pressure**:
- Normal (psig) Max (psig) Min (psig)

**Nitrogen Pressure**:
- Normal (psig) Max (psig) Min (psig)

**Steam**
- Inlet Pressure
- Temperature
- Exhaust Pressure
- Temperature

**Drivers**
- Inlet Pressure
- Temperature
- Exhaust Pressure
- Temperature

**Cooling Fluids**
- Type of Water
- Supply Pressure
- Temperature
- Return Pressure
- Temperature

**Compressor Cylinders**
- Type of Water
- Supply Pressure
- Temperature
- Return Pressure
- Temperature

**Coolers**
- Type of Fluid
- Supply Pressure
- Temperature
- Return Pressure
- Temperature

**Rod Packing**
- Supply Pressure
- Temperature

**Fuel Gas**
- Supply Pressure
- Temperature

### Remarks / Special Requirements:
**RECIPIROCATING COMPRESSOR**  
**DATA SHEET (API 618-6TH)**  
**U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS**

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- PURCHASER  
- MANUFACTURER  
- MANUFACTURER AS APPLICABLE  
- PURCHASER OR MANUFACTURER AS APPLICABLE

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### MAIN DRIVER NON-STEADY STATE AMPS AT COMPRESSOR RATED HORSEPOWER (INDUCTION ONLY)

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### REMARKS / SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. **NOTE 1:** FOR INDUCTION MOTORS SEE NOTE OF 7.1.2.6 and Motor Data Sheet
2. **NOTE 2:** ROD PACKING COOLANT MAY BE OTHER THAN WATER

### U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS

- **REMARKS / SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**
SCOPE OF BASIC SUPPLY

1. DRIVER ( ), GEAR ( ), COUPLING(S) ( )
2. BELT DRIVE ( ), SHEAVES & BELTS ( )
3. DRIVE GUARD(S) ( )
4. MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD, NON-SPARKING CALIFORNIA CODE API-671 APPENDIX G
5. PULSATION SUPPRESSORS WITH INTERNALS ( )
6. INITIAL INLET & FINAL DISCHARGE SUPPORTS ( )
7. INTERSTAGE SUPPORTS ( )
8. SUPPRESSOR(S) TO HAVE MOISTURE REMOVAL SECTION: INITIAL INLET ONLY, ALL INLET SUPPRESSORS
9. ACOUSTICAL SIMUL. STUDY ( )
10. DESIGN ( )
11. APPROACH ( )
12. 1. EMPIRICAL PULSATION SUPPRESSION DEVICE SIZING
13. 2. ACOUSTIC SIMULATION AND PIPING RESTRAINT ANALYSIS
14. 3. ACOUSTIC SIMULATION AND PIPING RESTRAINT ANALYSIS
15. STUDY TO CONSIDER: PLUS MECHANICAL ANALYSIS
16. ALL SPECIFIED LOAD COND., INCL. SINGLE ACT., PLUS COMP. OPER. IN PARALLEL ALTERNATE GASES
17. CRITICAL FLOW MEASUREMENT (7.9.4.2.5.3.3) WITH EXISTING COMP. AND PIPING SYSTEMS
18. PULSATION SUPPRESS'N DEVICE LOW CYCLE FATIGUE ANALYSIS
19. PIPING SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY
20. VENDOR REVIEW OF PURCHASER'S PIPING ARRANGEMENT
21. NOTE: SEE APPENDIX N FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR STUDY
22. PACKAGED: NO ( ) YES ( ) DEFINE BASIC SCOPE OF PACKAGING IN REMARKS SECTION, PAGE 5
23. DIRECT GROUTED CEMENTED/MORTAR GROUT EPOXY GROUT; MFG/TYPE /
24. RAILS CHOCK BLOCKS SHIMS BASEPLT. SKID SOLEPLT. BOLTS OR STUDS FOR SOLEPLT. TO FRAME
25. SUITABLE FOR COLUMN MOUNTING (UNDER SKID AND/OR BASEPLATE)
26. LEVELING SCREWS NON-SKID DECKING SUB SOLEPLATES
27. INTERCLR(S) ( ) OFF MOUNTED MACHINED MOUNTED AFTERCOOLER(S) ( )
28. SEPARATOR(S) ( ) CONDENSATE SEPARATION & COLLECTION FACILITY SYSTEM (7.8.2.1)
29. INTERSTAGE PIP. ( ) FINAL DISC. PIP. ( ) PARTIAL PRE-FAB, FIELD FIT SHOP FITTED
30. FLANGE FINISH API-618 FLANGE FINISH > 125 < 250 (7.9.5.1.16) FLANGE FINISH PER ANSI 16.5 SPECIAL FINISH
31. SPECIAL PIPING REQUIREMENTS (7.7.1.13). (DEFINE IN REMARKS SECTION NEXT PAGE)
32. INITIAL INLET, INTERSTAGE SUCTION PIPING ARR'D FOR:
33. INSULATION ( ) HEAT TRACING ( )
34. INLET STRAINER(S) ( ) INITIAL INLET SIDESTREAM INLET
35. RELIEF VALVE(S) ( ) INITIAL INLET INTERSTAGE FINAL DISCHARGE
36. RUPTURE DISC(S) ( ) TRUH STUDS IN PIPING FLANGES
37. FOR ATMOSPHERIC INLET AIR COMP.: INLET AIR FILTER ( ) INLET FILTER - SILENCER ( )
38. PREFERRED TYPE OF CYLINDER COOLING ( ) FORCED THERMOSYPHON STAGE CYL(S)
39. STATIC (STAND-PIPE) STAGE CYL(S)
40. NOTE: MANUFACTURER SHALL RECOMMEND
41. BEST TYPE OF COOLING AFTER CYL. COOLANT PIPING BY ( ) MATCH MARKED
42. FINAL ENGINEERING REVIEW OF ALL SINGLE INLET/OUTLET MANIFOLD & VALVES SIGHT GLASS(ES)
43. OPERATING CONDITIONS INDIVIDUAL INLET/OUTLET PER CYL. VALVE(S)
44. CLOSED SYSTEM WITH PUMP, COOLER, SURGE TANK, & PIPING
### Reciprocating Compressor Data Sheet (API 618-6th)

**U.S. Customary Units**

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#### Scope of Basic Supply (Con't)

1. **Separate cooling console (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - One for each unit
   - One common to all units
   - Dual pumps (aux. & main)
   - Shop run

2. **Rod pressure packing cooling system (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - Separate console
   - Combine with jkt system
   - Filters
   - Shop run

3. **Frame lube oil system (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - Aux. pump
   - Dual filters with transfer valve
   - Shop run
   - Continuous flow in sensing line to pressure switches

4. **Separate lube oil console (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - Extended to motor outboard bearing
   - Shop run

5. **Capacity control (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - See data sheet page 2 for details
   - In instrument & control panel

6. **Instrument & control panel (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - Separate machine mounted panel
   - Separate free standing panel
   - Pneumatic
   - Electric
   - Electronic
   - Hydraulic
   - Programmable controller

7. **Buffer gas control panel (☐ ☐ ☐):**
   - One for each unit
   - One common to all units
   - Machine mounted
   - Free standing (off unit)

8. **Mechanical run test:**
   - No
   - Yes
   - Mfg's standard
   - Other
   - Complete shop run test of all machine mounted equipment, piping & appurt.'s

9. **Painting:**
   - Manufacturer's standard
   - Special
   - U.S. customary units
   - SI units

10. **Shipment:**
    - Domestic
    - Export
    - Export boxing required (☐ ☐ ☐)
    - Standard 6 month storage preparation (☐ ☐ ☐)
    - Outdoor storage for over 6 months (☐ ☐ ☐)
    - Per spec

11. **Initial installation and operating temp alignment check at jobsite by vendor representative**
    - Compressor manufacturer's users list for similar service

12. **Compressor valve dynamic response**
    - Performance data required (9.3.3):
      - BHP vs. suction pressure curves
      - Rod load/gas load charts
      - Valve failure data charted
      - Speed/torque curve data

13. **BHP vs. capacity performance curves or tables required for unloading steps and/or variable suction/discharge pressures**

#### Remarks:

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### Basic Lube Oil System for Frame:
- **Splash Pressure (Forced)**
- **Heaters Required:**
  - Electric
  - Steam
- **Type Main Bearings:**
  - Tapered Roller
  - Precision Sleeve
- **Pressure System:**
  - Operational Test & 4 Hour Mech Run Test
- **Main Oil Pump Driven By:**
  - Compressor Crankshaft
  - Electric Motor
  - Other
- **Auxiliary Oil Pump Driven By:**
  - Electric Motor
  - Other
- **Hand Operated Pre-Lube Pump For Starting:**
- **Continuous Oil Flow Through Switch Sensing Line:**

### Separate Console for Pressure Lube System:
- **One Console For Each Compressor**
- **One Console For Compressors**
- **Console To Be of Deck Plate Type Construction Suitable for Multi-Point Support and Grouting With Grout & Vent Holes.**
- **Electrical Classification:** Non-Hazardous
- **Class:**
- **Group:**
- **Division:**
- **Zone:**

### Basic System Requirements (Normal Oil Flows & Volumes)

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### Remarks / Special Requirements:

Note 1: Instrumentation to be listed on Instrumentation Data Sheets.
REVISION DATE

COOLING WATER SYSTEM (NOTE 1)

BASIC COOLING SYSTEM FOR:
- COMPRESSOR CYLINDER(S)
- ROD PACKING(S)
- PROCESS COLLER(S)
- OIL COOLER(S)

5 HEATERS REQUIRED FOR PRE-HEATING:
- ELECTRIC
- STEAM

PRESSURE FORCED CIRCULATING SYSTEM:
- OPEN, PIPING BY: PURCHASER
- MANUFACTURER

SEPARATE CONSOLE FOR COOLANT SYSTEM:
- ONE CONSOLE FOR EACH COMPRESSOR
- ONE CONSOLE FOR COMPRESSORS

ONE CONSOLE FOR EACH COMPRESSOR

ELECTRICAL CLASSIFICATION:
- NON-HAZARDOUS
- CLASS
- GROUP
- DIVISION

BASIC SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS (NORMAL COOLANT FLOW DATA)

COOLANT TO BE % ETHYLENE GLYCOL

SYSTEM PRESSURES:
- DESIGN (psig)
- HYDROTEST (psig)
- RELIEF VALVE(S), SETTING (psig)

COOLANT RESERVOIR:
- SIZE
- DIAETER: (in) X HEIGHT: (in)
- CAPACITY AT NORMAL OPERATING LEVEL: (gal)

COOLANT HEAT EXCHANGER:
- DESIGN PRESSURE, (psig) @ (°F)
- MINIMUM DESIGN METAL TEMPERATURE (°F)

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

REMARKS / SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Note 1: Instrumentation to be listed on Instrumentation Data Sheets.
## Instrumentation

### Instrumentation Panel
- **Supplied by:**
  - Machine mounted
  - Local
  - Remote
  - Outdoors
  - Pneumatic
  - Electronic
  - Hydraulic
  - Programmable Controller
  - Electrical Classification: Non-Hazardous
  - Hazardous: Class, Group, Division
  - Zone, Group, Temperature Class

### Buffer Gas Control Panel
- **Supplied by:**
  - Machine mounted
  - Free standing (off unit)
  - Local
  - Remote
  - Outdoors
  - Pneumatic
  - Electronic
  - Hydraulic
  - Programmable Controller
  - Electrical Classification: Non-Hazardous
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### Instrumentation Suitable for
- **Indoors**
- **Outdoors**
- **Other**

### Preferred Instrument Suppliers
- (To be completed by purchaser). Otherwise manufacturer's standard applies.

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### Annunciator
- Manufacturer, Model, Quantity of Spare Points

### Pressure Gauges Requirements
- **Locally Mounted**
- **Panel Mounted**
- **Supplied by:**

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- **Note 2:** Each Switch Shall Be Minimum SPDT Arrangement.
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## Pulsation Suppression Devices for Reciprocating Compressors

### General Information Applicable to All Suppressors

1. **Guidelines for Compressors**
   - Compressor manufacturers should prepare pulsed suppression data for each service and/or stage of compression.

2. **Information to Complete**
   - Information to be completed by:
     - Purchaser
     - Manufacturer with proposal
     - By manufacturer after order
     - Purchaser or manufacturer as applicable

### Cylinder, Gas, Operating, and Suppressor Design Data

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### Basic Information

- **Suppressor Manufacturer**
- **Suppressor Model**
- **Suppressor Type**
- **Total Number of Services**
- **Total Number of Stages**
- **Total Number of Compressor Cylinders**
- **Total Number of Crank Throws**
- **Stroke (in)**
- **RPM**
- **ASME Code Stamp**
- **Governmental Code Regulations**
- **Suppressor Tag Number**
- **Inlet Side Operating Pressure**
- **Operating Temperature Within Suppressors**
- **Allowable Pressure Drop Through Suppressors**
- **Combination Inlet Suppressor Separation**
- **Combination Inlet Suppressor Internals**
- **Quantity of Suppressors Per Stage**
- **Allowable Peak-Peak Pulse @ Line Side Nozzle**
- **Allowable Peak-Peak Pulse @ Cylinders Flange Nozzle**
- **Design for Full Vacuum Capability**
- **Minimum Required Working Pressure & Temperature (Note 1)**
- **Initial Sizing Volume**
- **As Built Volume**
- **Basic Material Required**
- **Actual Shell Material Designation**
- **Actual Head Material Designation**
- **Shell & Heads Special Hardness Limitations, Rc**
- **Corrosion Allowance, Required**
- **Shell Wall Thickness**
- **Head Wall Thickness**
- **Nominal Shell Diameter x Overall Length**
- **Pipe or Rolled Plate Construction**
- **Actual Maximum Allowable Working Pressure, and Temperature**
- **Maximum Design Metal Temperature (6.15.8.1)**
- **Inlet Suppressor to be Same MAWP as Discharge Suppressor**
- **Maximum Pressure Drop (psi, %) Line Pressure**
- **Weight (Each)**
- **Insulated Nuts & Allowance for Insulation Required**
- **Expected P-P Pulse @ Line Side % Line Pressure**
- **Expected P-P Pulse @ Cylinder Flange % Line Pressure**
- **Supports, Type**
- **Supports, Quantity**

### Notes

1. **Note 1:** After design, the actual MAWP & temperature are to be determined based on the weakest component and stamped on the vessel. The actual MAWP is to be shown on page 14 line 12 and on the U1A Forms.

2. **Note 2:** Based on final Suppressor Design.
# Reciprocating Compressor Data Sheet (API 618-6th)

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## Outline or Drawing Numbers

- Compressor Manufacturer's Suppressor Outline or Drawing Number
- Suppressor Manufacturer's Outline or Drawing Number

## Remarks / Special Requirements:

- Additional notes or specifications not listed in the form.
ANNEX B
(INFORMATIVE)

Capacity Rating and Tolerance

The content of this informative annex refers to 3.18, 3.30, 3.48, 6.13, and 6.1.18.

This annex discusses capacity sizing of reciprocating compressors and the intent of the term “no negative tolerance (NNT)” as used in this standard to apply to the “normal capacity” of reciprocating process compressors.

The “normal operating point” is defined by the purchaser and is normally the minimum capacity at the specified pressures and temperatures required to meet the process conditions with no negative tolerance permitted (this is typically the process flow sheet material balance capacity). The purchaser completes the data sheets with a capacity, and identifies the operating conditions as “normal” or “alternate.” The purchaser also provides information on the data sheets about any proposed alternate operating conditions. The sizing of the compressor takes into account all specified operating conditions, and the manufacturer’s standard tolerances so that the resulting full-load capacity will never be less than the capacity at the certified operating point.

The compressor “manufacturer’s rated capacity” is that capacity to which the compressor is sized by the manufacturer. The acceptable standard reciprocating compressor industry tolerance of ±3% is applicable to both the capacity and power at the compressor shaft. Because of this tolerance on capacity, the manufacturer typically will increase the normal capacity by 3% prior to sizing the compressor. Frequently, the normal capacity divided by 0.97 equals the manufacturer’s rated capacity. However, due to the alternate operating conditions, in some cases the manufacturer’s rated capacity may be higher. Since this standard establishes tolerances on normal capacity, and not the manufacturer’s rated capacity, the purchaser and the manufacturer should ensure that they have a mutually understood tolerance on the manufacturer’s rated capacity.

“Total power at the compressor shaft,” as used in the data sheets under the manufacturer’s rated capacity, is intended to mean the power required at the compressor input shaft.

“Total power including power transmission losses” is the total power at the compressor shaft plus all losses in the drive system and is used for selecting the driver.

The tolerance on the manufacturer’s certified shaft power is ±3% and is calculated on the basis of manufacturer’s rated capacity. Using the manufacturer’s rated capacity and corresponding power, the proper relationship of power to unit capacity exists and will agree with calculations. (For example kilowatts per hundred cubic meters per hour or brake horsepower per hundred cubic feet per minute).
ANNEX C
(INFORMATIVE)

Piston Rod Runout

C.1 Scope
This annex describes a procedure that can be used to determine expected piston rod runout in horizontal reciprocating compressors with traditional crosshead/piston rod/piston construction. Piston rod runout, using precision dial indicators, is a measurement criterion used to determine piston rod running alignment variations in both horizontal and vertical positions relative to cylinder and crosshead alignment. While other alignment methods, such as optical, laser, or wire, may be used to determine initial assembly alignment, use of dial indicators on the piston rod verifies alignment by determining the true running variation of the rod as it passes through its stroke. Once factory alignment has been verified by correct rod runout measurement, and so recorded, it is a convenient field method of verifying alignment after installation and routine maintenance.

Manufacturers with other types of compressors, having unique or proprietary construction, may require different methods for calculating expected cold vertical rod runout.

C.2 Definition
Piston rod runout is defined in 3.40.

C.3 Maximum Allowable Runout
C.3.1 Acceptable limits of rod runout and shop test requirements and records are discussed in 6.1.28.
C.3.2 The maximum allowable horizontal runout at any side position of the dial indicators shall be zero, plus or minus 0.00015 mm/mm (0.00015 in./in.) of stroke, up to a maximum of 0.064 mm (0.0025 in.).
C.3.3 The maximum allowable vertical runout at any top position of the dial indicators shall be the calculated runout, in millimeters (thousandths of an inch), at that specific dial indicator position based on length of stroke, length of rod, rod sag, and the difference between the crosshead and cylinder running clearances, plus or minus a permissible limit of ±0.015% of stroke to allow for geometric and fit tolerances of all parts that may contribute to slight parallel offset and angular misalignment.

See remainder of this annex for an example of vertical runout calculations based on a suggested procedure.

C.4 General
C.4.1 Piston rod runout is always an inspection requirement during the shop assembly of a new compressor to verify alignment. It is almost always a purchaser’s witness test requirement of alignment to determine that geometric and fit dimensions of all parts are correct, and that these parts have been properly assembled with parallel offset and/or angular misalignment within the established runout limits. In addition, as part of new compressor field installations, rod runout is always checked and verified against shop readings. It is also a requirement of normal compressor maintenance, especially after overhaul and reassembly of the cylinders.
C.4.2 Runout shall be checked in both horizontal and vertical directions. It is best to check runout at both the crosshead and at the cylinder to verify that the crosshead and piston are running true in the crosshead guide and cylinder respectively.
C.4.3 While rod runout can be used to verify alignment, it should not be used to align compressor cylinders during the original assembly of the machine. If the measured cold runout exceeds the expected value, actual running clearances and the runout calculation should be checked. It is also recommended that all assembled components and fits be checked to confirm they are within the tolerances required for size, squareness, parallelism, and concentricity.
C.4.4 After assembly and in the field, compressor cylinders, distance pieces, and crosshead guides should never be forced into positions of harmful stresses in an attempt to satisfy rod runout requirements.
C.4.5  Due to the piston rod length, vertical runout includes the effect of rod sag when type B, C, and D distance pieces are used. In the case of older units, or new units with no distance piece, or with the very short type A distance piece, rod sag may be so minimal that it can be ignored and the basics of Figures C-1 and C-2 can be used to compute expected vertical rod runout for perfect alignment.

![Figure C-1](basic_geometry.png)

Figure  C-1—Basic Geometry with Cold Vertical Runout

![Figure C-2](vertical_runout.png)

Figure  C-2—Vertical Runout Geometric Relationships Based on No Rod Sag

C.5  Procedure

C.5.1  Rod runout should ideally be checked at both the crosshead end and at the piston end of the rod. For this purpose one dial indicator is placed as close as possible to the crosshead and the other is placed as close as possible to the piston, the latter position being in the distance piece next to the rod pressure packing case as shown in Figure C-6A. This is about
as close to the piston and cylinder as typically attainable. Normally checks are made in the cold condition, that is, when all parts are at ambient temperature.

C.5.2 Factory readings are to be recorded on a “runout table” similar to that illustrated in Figure C-3 and provided as part of the manual for rod runout reference at time of installation.
## ROD RUNOUT TABLE

Contractor/User: 
Job No.: 
Item No.: 
Purchase Order No.: 
Site/Location: 
Date: 
Compressor Mfg.: 
Type/Model: 
Ser. No.: 

Piston Rod Runout Data: Throw No. 
Stage 
Cyl. Bore Dia. 
Stroke 

Cylinder Bore Running Clearance 
Crosshead Running Clearance 

Ref: Rod Dia. 
Rod Length (Crosshead Face to CE Piston Face) 
Rod Sag 

Indicator Positions (Piston at CE) From Crosshead Face To: X C 

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Figure C-3—Rod Runout Table
C.5.3 Dial indicators for vertical runout should be placed on top of the rod at the twelve o’clock position as shown in Figure C-4, Figure C-5, and Figure C-6A. For horizontal runout, dial indicators should be placed on the “drive side” (in other words, the side toward the driver) of the rod at the three o’clock or nine o’clock position depending on which throw is being measured. For accurate readings, dial indicators should be perpendicular to the rod at these positions.

![Diagram showing rod runout and dial indicators](image)

Crosshead and cylinder clearances identical, $\Delta \text{DROP} = 0$

Note: This example is based on US customary units.

Initial deflection calculation:

- Rod diameter = 3 in.
- Density = 0.283 lb/in$^3$ (steel)
- Modulus of elasticity, $E = 30 \times 10^6$ psi
- Rod length $B = 95$ in.

Max deflection occurs at $0.4215 \times \text{rod length} = 95$ in.

$$\text{Max D} = \frac{1}{184.65} \left( \frac{WB^2}{EI} \right) = \frac{1}{184.65} \left( \frac{190 \times 95^3}{30 \times 10^6 \times 3.9761} \right) = 0.0074 \text{ in. at } 40.04 \text{ in. from free end}$$

Deflection at any point C on the rod:

$$\frac{1}{48} \times \frac{W}{EI} (3h^3 - 2h^2 = 8h^3 - 9h^3)$$

Deflection at indicator location $C = 80$ in.

$$= \frac{1}{48} \times \frac{190}{Ei \times 95} \left( 3 \times 95 \times 95^2 - 2 \times 95^3 - 95^3 \times 80 \right)$$

$$= 0.00283 \times 1.6767 \times 10^8 \times (-4,590,000) = 0.0016 \text{ in.}$$

Deflection at $C = 69$ in. (80 in. minus stroke)

$$0.00283 \times 1.6767 \times 10^8 \times (-10,868,052) = -0.0038 \text{ in.}$$

- Rod runout at packing case = 0.0016 in. - 0.0038 in. = 0.0022 in.

The same calculations for the indicator location of 14 in. from the crosshead and at 3 in. after stroking 11 in. gives a value of +0.0031 for rod runout at the crosshead.

Figure C-4—Rod Runout Attributable to Piston Rod Sag with $\Delta \text{DROP} = 0$
Figure C-5—Rod Runout Attributable to Piston Rod Sag with $\Delta \text{DROP} > 0$

To calculate rod runout at cylinder running clearances that are different than the crosshead running clearance, combine the deflection runout shown for Figure C-4 with incremental $\Delta \text{DROPS}$ at indicator positions based on Figure C-2. These calculations can be quite extensive and are best done by a suitable computer program. A printout of an example of one such program is illustrated in Figure C-6C using the calculation data shown on Figure C-6B. This particular program calculates the runout values at increments of 1 in. rod lengths, combines the values, calculates the expected runout figures at the indicator positions, and plots the curves shown in Figures C-7 through C-11.

As shown on the computer printout sheet Figure C-6C and the curve of Figure C-7, the combined rod runout would be +0.0008 in. at the packing case indicator location, and +0.0061 in. at the crosshead indicator location with a cylinder running clearance of 0.080 in., and a crosshead running clearance of 0.020 in. for a $\Delta \text{DROP}$ of 0.030 in. The effect of decreasing cylinder running clearance by 0.020 in. increments is also shown on Figure C-6C and the curves of Figure C-8 through C-11. As mentioned in C-9, this is equivalent to removing 0.010 in. of shims from the bottom shoe of the crosshead, changing the $\Delta \text{DROP}$ by 0.010 in. increments. Note that each 0.010 in. shim removal changes the rod runout by only about 0.001 in. for this example.
Figure C-6A—Data for Rod Runout Calculation

Note: The cylinder running clearance is the bore ID minus the OD across the rider rings. Use actual values for final calculations.
Figure C-6B—Rod Runout Calculation Example

Notes: The cylinder running clearance is the bore ID minus the OD across the rider rings. Use actual values for final calculations.
This example is based on US customary units.
C.5.4 For correct vertical rod runout calculations, it is important to use actual measured running clearances for the cylinder and crosshead, as well as the actual measured dimensions of the dial indicator locations along the top of the piston rod. Correct rod lengths as required by Figure C-6A are also important.

C.5.5 Rod runout should always be measured starting with the rod at the extreme end of the stroke, with the piston at the crank end of the cylinder. The dial indicators should be zeroed. Manual bar-over should be such that the connecting rod runs over (that is, over the top on the outstroke) as the crosshead, piston rod, and piston are stroked slowly outward toward the end of the stroke at the head end of the cylinder. Dial indicator readings are observed during the stroke and recorded at the end of the stroke. If this method, and the dial indicator positions noted in C.5.3 are used as the standard measurement procedure, then field runout readings can be properly compared and evaluated with factory runout readings provided in Figure C-3.

C.5.6 The dimensions shown in Figure C-1, Figure C-2, Figure C-5, and used in Figure C-6B for the calculation example, were selected for convenience in illustrating basic runout geometry and principles. Dimensions for actual compressors may vary greatly from the illustration dimensions, while some may be close or identical. Since vertical rod runout will vary according to stroke, rod length, rod sag, and the difference in running clearances between the crosshead and cylinder, different compressors with different cylinder configurations may have significantly different vertical runout readings for conditions of perfect alignment.

C.5.7 Excessive rod runout is corrected by realignment and/or squaring up some or all components involved. These may include cylinders, liners, heads, distance pieces, crossheads and crosshead guides, and rods and pistons. Crosshead threads and face, piston rod nut threads and face, and piston rod threads may have to be checked and corrected for perpendicularity. As a check for squareness at the interface of the crosshead and piston rod, both horizontal and vertical runout should be checked first with the crosshead nut loose and then tight. Certain conditions of excessive rod runout at the packing case can further be evaluated by placing an dial indicator on the rod in the cylinder through a crank end valve port to verify full length liner concentricity with the cylinder bore and/or cylinder crank end face squareness with the bore. With a dial indicator in the cylinder, full stroke runout cannot be taken since the dial indicator takes up some of the space between the crank-end head and the piston. However, the available stroke is sufficient to get a suitable reading to determine alignment status.
C.6  Horizontal Runout

Horizontal runout readings can be used as a direct indication of the horizontal alignment from the crosshead through the distance pieces to the cylinder. No calculations are necessary, as horizontal runout should be within the zero limits regardless of whether the unit is cold or hot, or of the axial location of the dial indicator along the side of the rod. It is measured by placing dial indicators on the side of the rod as close as possible to the crosshead and the pressure packing case at the locations noted in C.5.2, and shown in Figure C-6A. For perfect alignment, the dial indicators should read zero as the rod is moved slowly through the entire length of the stroke during manual bar-over. The best indication of perfect horizontal alignment is when horizontal rod runout measures zero with dial indicators set at both the crosshead end and the piston end of the rod, in other words, as close to the packing case as possible. See 6.1.28 for allowable limit.

C.7  Vertical Runout

C.7.1  COLD RUNOUT

Cold vertical runout readings other than zero are not necessarily an indication of misalignment. When all components are perfectly aligned, the normal cold vertical rod runout is the result of the difference between the cold running clearance of the piston in the bore and that of the crosshead in the crosshead guide, plus the effect of normal rod sag, the length of the stroke, the length of the rod, and the location of the dial indicators along the top of the rod. It is, therefore, important that the actual running clearances for the cylinder and crosshead are used for the calculations, as well as the rod lengths and actual dial indicator locations shown in Figure C-6A.

C.7.2  BASIC GEOMETRY

The basic geometry is illustrated in Figures C-1 and C-2. Piston and crosshead centerlines lie below the perfect alignment centerline by one half of the running clearances. In cylinders where the running clearance is greater (or less) than the crosshead running clearance, the piston will lie below (or above) the crosshead centerline by one half of the difference in the cold running clearances. The result is basic vertical rod runout that is normally something other than zero for perfect alignment. This one-half clearance difference is referred to as the differential drop ($\Delta$ DROP). The basic geometry closely approximates a right triangle condition.

Basic ideal vertical runout through the stroke length, as shown in Figure C-2, is determined by the normal running clearances and resulting $\Delta$ DROP, the rod length, and the stroke. Assuming an ideal straight-rod situation, in other words, without sag, basic cold vertical runout for perfect alignment can be calculated with sufficient accuracy using proportional right-triangle equations as shown in Figure C-2, when these values are known. The principle can also be used to calculate $\Delta$ DROP at any point on the rod, which is necessary to calculate vertical rod runout at specific dial indicator locations when combining $\Delta$ DROP with rod sag as shown in Figures C-4 and C-5.

C.7.3  ROD SAG

Since all horizontal rods sag, especially those used in Types B, C, and D distance pieces, it is necessary to incorporate the effects of deflection based on rod length, rod diameter, rod weight, and rod material into the vertical runout calculations. When vertical rod runout readings are taken at several positions along the entire length of the piston rod, the readings will generally indicate that sag for a long rod attached to a crosshead and to a piston, when installed in a compressor assembly with precise geometric parts that have been proven to be perfectly aligned, will exhibit deflection characteristics similar to that for one end supported (at the crosshead), and one end fixed (at the piston). For these reasons, it is necessary to calculate the expected vertical rod runout at the crosshead end, and at the piston end of the rod based on Figure C-6A. Note that the data includes both dial indicator positions along the top of the rod. The combined $\Delta$ DROP and deflection should be calculated at these dial indicator positions as shown in Figures C-4 and C-5.

As can be seen from Figures C-4 and C-5, rod sag will cause different vertical runout readings at different dial indicator positions along the top of the rod. For conditions of perfect alignment, at the lowest point of sag, runout readings may be nearly zero depending on cylinder clearance ($\Delta$ DROP), while at the crosshead end, readings should always be positive. Next to the cylinder packing case, readings may be positive, or they may be negative, depending on rod length, sag, and cylinder running clearance ($\Delta$ DROP). The zero vertical runout position can usually be found by placing the dial indicator along the top of the rod until the lowest point of sag is reached.
When the rod is stroked forward (that is, out toward the head end as noted in C.5.3 and shown in Figures C-4 and C-5), the dial indicator at the crosshead should normally read positive.

**C.8 Hot Runout**

For large cylinders with aluminum pistons and Fluorocarbon rider bands, there can be a significant difference between the cold rod runout and the hot runout. This is because of the high thermal expansion rate of the aluminum piston and the fluorocarbon rider band, which can result in a significant difference in the differential clearance between the piston and the crosshead. On the other hand, there may be operating conditions involving low suction temperatures such that normal operating temperatures may be no greater than the ambient temperature on which the cold vertical runout readings are taken. Expected hot runout can be determined by calculating the expected thermal growth of the cylinders, the pistons, and the rider ring radial thickness. The cylinder running clearance, affecting hot $\Delta$ DROP, is then adjusted accordingly in the vertical runout calculations.

Design and construction shall be aimed to achieve zero hot vertical rod runout at the packing case. Due to the effects of rod sag, this may not always be attainable under conditions of perfect alignment; and it is necessary to determine whether the value should be positive or negative. This can be seen from a study of Figure C-5C and the five curves illustrated by Figures C-7 through C-11. Sometimes this requirement can be attained by shim adjustment of the crosshead shoes (see C.9), but a thorough study of cold readings compared to expected results from computer calculations is required to determine what adjustments, if any, are needed, or should be done to obtain the ideal desired vertical runout at operating temperatures. In many cases, where there is considerable sag, it may be better to operate as is than attempt to adjust the vertical runout, particularly if the cylinder and crosshead guide alignments are near perfect.
ROD RUNOUT

EXAMPLE OF COMPUTERIZED PRINTOUT USING THE CYLINDER DATA OF FIGURE C-5B

U.S. customary units

Piston rod runout calculation By: Engineering Ref: Runout sample
Customer: Runout Size unit: 11 in. stroke

Piston rod runout calculation data
☐ Throw number 1 Ref: rod runout
☐ Stage 1 At crosshead
☐ Cylinder bore diameter 20.00 At cylinder
  • Cylinder running clearance 0.080
  • Crosshead running clearance 0.020
  • Stroke 11 Ref: piston Δ DROP = 0.030
  • Total rod length A 110 Enter rod lengths as integers only

Standard calculated rod runout per Figure C-2
Vert rod runout - basis no sag 0.0030 0.0047 0.0014
Hor rod runout 0 0.0017 -0.0017

Rod sag calculation data
☐ Rod diameter 3
☐ Rod length B 95
☐ Material density lb/in³ 0.2830
☐ Modulus of elasticity E 3.00e+07

Moments of inertia I
Total rod weight 190.0

Maximum deflection piston end fixed per Figure C-3
0.007398 Max at D = 0.4215 x length = 40.04 in. from free end (crosshead)
Ref: nominal runout due to sag = 0.0026

Calculated Runout Runout Limits
 Rod runout at cylinder 0.0008 0.0025 -0.0008
 Rod runout at crosshead 0.0061 0.0077 0.0044
 Horz runout 0 0.0017 -0.0017

ROD RUNOUT AT DIFFERENT CYLINDER CLEARANCES

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Note: See Figures C-6 through C-10

Figure C-6C—Sample Printout for Rod Runout
Figure C-7—Graphical Illustration of Rod Runout at 0.080 in. Cylinder Running Clearance
Figure C-8—Graphical Illustration of Rod Runout at 0.060 in. Cylinder Running Clearance
Figure C-9—Graphical Illustration of Rod Runout at 0.040 in. Cylinder Running Clearance
Figure C-10—Graphical Illustration of Rod Runout at 0.020 in. Cylinder Running Clearance
C.9 Vertical Runout Adjustment

C.9.1 If it is believed that some adjustment is necessary to the vertical runout readings, it should first be assured that cylinder alignment and cylinder level are properly set so that the components are free of harmful stresses at operating conditions. If crosshead shim adjustment is then considered necessary by interchanging shims under the crosshead shoes, it should be remembered that taking shims from the bottom shoe and placing them under the top shoe drops the crosshead centerline further below the perfect alignment centerline. This decreases the $\Delta \text{DROP}$ and thus decreases the positive rod runout at the crosshead, but may actually increase negative runout at the packing case due to sag. This is illustrated on Figure C-5C and in the series of five runout curves of Figures C-6 through C-10.

With reference to Figures C-6 and C-9, note that a 0.76 mm (0.030 in.) change of shims, that would put the crosshead and piston on the same centerline such that $\Delta \text{DROP} = 0.00$, changes the runout by only 0.076 mm (0.003 in.), that is, the crosshead runout goes to $+0.079$ mm ($+0.0031$ in.) from $+0.155$ mm ($+0.0061$ in.), and the runout at the packing case goes to $-0.056$ mm ($-0.0022$ in.) from $+0.020$ mm ($+0.0008$ in.). In other words, for this example, rod runout is changed by only 0.0254 mm (0.001 in.) for each 0.254 mm (0.010 in.) of shims removed from the bottom shoe in an attempt to lower the crosshead closer to the centerline of the cylinder. Because rod length and rod diameter, which affect sag, and cylinder
size, which affects running clearance, can significantly affect vertical runout, every compressor cylinder assembly should be fully evaluated for expected vertical runout based on perfect alignment conditions. If crosshead shims are shifted in an attempt to adjust vertical runout, it is important that the crosshead always be installed with the “top” side up following removal for maintenance.

These illustrations also demonstrate the importance of using the actual measured running clearances of the cylinder and crosshead when calculating and evaluating vertical rod runout since a change of cylinder running clearance will affect $\Delta$ DROP which in turn affects vertical runout. For some combinations of cylinder size, rod length, and stroke, the cylinder clearance will have a greater effect on vertical rod runout than other combinations. As illustrated in Figures C-1 and C-2, it can be seen that the longer the stroke, the greater the runout; and the shorter the piston rod, the greater the runout, for the same $\Delta$ DROP.

To see the effect of rider ring wear on vertical rod runout, use Figure C-10 as the initial reference and compare it to Figure C-9, which has a $\Delta$ DROP of 0.254 mm (0.010 in.). The 0.254 mm (0.010 in.) drop is representative of 0.254 mm (0.010 in.) rider ring wear, which changes the vertical rod runout by 0.0254 mm (0.001 in.) to 0.030 mm (0.0012 in.) from 0.056 mm (0.0022 in.).

Where there is much concern about rod runout, each application needs to be studied carefully in order to fully understand what the vertical rod runout should be under conditions of perfect alignment in order to make the right decision and proper adjustment.

**C.9.2** If crosshead shim adjustment has been considered necessary by interchanging shims under the crosshead shoes, the final arrangement shall be recorded in the as-built data sheet included in the operation and maintenance manual.
Annex D
(informative)

Correct clause numbers at final format/editing

Purchaser’s Checklist

This checklist may be used to indicate the purchaser’s specific requirements when this standard indicates, with a bullet (●), that a decision or information is required from the purchaser.

The checklist should be used in conjunction with the data sheets (Annex A.1). Below, the purchaser should circle yes or no, or mark the appropriate space with an X, or fill in the requirements.

Note: The use of this checklist is optional where these items are covered by a narrative specification.

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<td>Has the amount of hydrogen sulfide been specified on the data sheet page 2?</td>
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<td>Is additional inspection required for specific welds?</td>
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<td>Shall the proposed welding designs of fabricated cylinders be available for purchaser’s review?</td>
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<td>Shall purchaser be given notice of repairs to major components?</td>
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<td>Shall proposed connection sketches be submitted to the purchaser before fabrication?</td>
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<td>Has the minimum design metal temperature related to the expected operating conditions been specified?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Shall US Customary or SI units be shown on the nameplates?</td>
<td>US Customary units / SI units</td>
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<td>Has the type of driver been specified on the data sheet page 1?</td>
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<td>Are there process-variation or start-up conditions that affect driver selection?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Are the driver starting conditions specified on the data sheet?</td>
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<td>Have the type of motor, its characteristics and accessories been specified on the data sheets</td>
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<td>Has the reduced voltage for starting-torque requirements been specified?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Shall hydrodynamic motor bearings be supplied with oil from compressor frame lubrication system?</td>
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<td>Has the standard for turbine drivers been specified?</td>
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<td>Is a separate lube oil system for turbine drive train in accordance with ISO 10 438 (or API Std.614) required?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Are couplings required to comply with API-671? (data sheet 4)</td>
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<td>Are couplings for auxiliary drives required to comply with API-671? (data sheet 4)</td>
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<td>Have chock blocks been specified on the data sheet page 4?</td>
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<td>Have leveling plates been specified on data sheet page 4?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Has the major equipment to mounted on a baseplate been indicated on the data sheet page 4?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>7.5.2.8</td>
<td>Has a baseplate suitable for column mounting been specified on the data sheet page 4?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>7.5.2.9</td>
<td>Shall the baseplate be designed to facilitate optical, laser, or other accurate leveling in the field?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>7.5.2.14</td>
<td>Shall a dynamic response analysis of the skid be performed?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Shall sub-soleplates be provided with the baseplate?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Have soleplates or rails been specified on the data sheet page 4?</td>
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<td>Shall sub-soleplate be supplied for soleplates?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Are all auxiliary system instrumentation be provided by the vendor specified?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Which sensing lines handling hazardous fluids require transduced signals? Source of the control signal and its sensitivity and range?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>7.6.2.2</td>
<td>Has the configuration of the control system neen specified?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Is an automatic loading-delay interlock required?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Have instruments for local, gauge board, or instrument panel been specified?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Has a tachometer to indicate compressor speed been specified on the data sheet page 17?</td>
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<td>Have temperature detectors for packing been specified on the data sheet page 16?</td>
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<td>Have temperature detectors for main bearings and valves been specified on data sheet page</td>
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<td>Has the extent of the alarm/shutdown system to be supplied by the vendor been specified on data sheet page 16?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.6.6.6</td>
<td>Has the design of alarm and shutdown circuits been specified?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.6.6.7</td>
<td>Have high temperature alarms for crosshead pins been specified on data sheet page 16?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.6.7.1</td>
<td>Shall the vendor furnish and mount vibration detection and transducing devices?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.6.7.2</td>
<td>Shall a non-contacting proximity device to measure vertical movement of each piston rod be installed?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.6.7.3</td>
<td>Shall a one-event-per-revolution mark be provided on the crankshaft?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall the vendor provide piston rod drop detectors?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall the vendor supply a temperature monitoring system in accordance with API 670?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Has the extent of piping system to be supplied by the vendor been specified on data sheet page 4?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.7.1.4</td>
<td>Shall piping, pulsation suppression devices and knockout vessels be arranged for heat tracing and insulation?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.7.1.6</td>
<td>Shall the vendor review the drawings of all upstream and downstream piping, appurtenances, vessels and supports?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.7.1.13</td>
<td>Special requirements for piping, flanges, valves and other appurtenances for hydrogen, hydrogen sulphide or toxic services?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.7.2.5</td>
<td>Is a continuous through flow for instrument sensing lines to safety switches required?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall coolant piping on the compressor be furnished by the vendor?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Extent of process piping to be furnished by the vendor?</td>
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<td>Have design, location, and orientation of start-up screens been agreed?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall a removable spool pieces for start-up screens by supplied?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Has the type of intercoolers to be furnished by the vendor been specified?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Has the type of aftercoolers to be furnished by the vendor been specified?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall liquid separation and collection facilities be provided?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall an automatic drainage system be provided?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.8.5.7</td>
<td>Shall level indicator and alarm and shutdown devices be provided?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Have alternate gases, conditions of service or start-up been specified?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.9.1.3</td>
<td>Will compressor be operated in conjunction with other compressor units (data sheet page 4)?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>7.9.1.4</td>
<td>Has Design Approach 1 been specified (data sheet page 4)?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall the analysis be performed by the vendor or a third party?</td>
<td>Vendor / Third party</td>
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<td>Has criteria for flow pulsations in systems with sensitive elements been agree?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall a piping system flexibility analysis be performed?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall the pulsation suppressors be stamped with the symbol of the specified pressure vessel code?</td>
<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Shall butt welds of pulsation suppression devices be 100 % radiographed?</td>
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<td>Shall a final moisture removal section be included in the suction suppression device?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.9.3.10</td>
<td>Has purchaser approved use of circular notched baffles?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.9.3.11</td>
<td>Shall a thermowell connection for the cylinder nozzle of each suction pulsation suppressor be provided?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.9.3.17</td>
<td>Has provision for insulation at pulsation suppression devices been specified on the data sheet page 14?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.9.3.20</td>
<td>Shall internals of carbon steel suppressors be coated with phenolic or vinyl resin?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.9.3.22</td>
<td>Shall dynamic and static stresses from pulsation-induced forces be analysed?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Shall the vendor supply supports for the pulsation suppression devices and for vendor supplied piping?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Has purchaser specified special design details for air intake filters?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.11.2</td>
<td>Shall hydraulic tensioning tools be included in special tools?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>7.11.5</td>
<td>Shall the compressor be fitted with a device to lock the shaft in position during maintenance?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Is purchaser’s inspector to submit completed inspection checklist before shipment?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Has the extent of purchaser’s participation in the inspection and testing and amount of advance notification been specified on the data sheet page 9?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Shall the vendor keep available for at least 20 years final-assembly, maintenance and running clearances?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Which parts shall be subjected to surface and subsurface examination?: ___________________________________________ and which type of examination is required?: ___________________________________________</td>
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<td>Required radiographic, ultrasonic, magnetic particle or liquid penetrant inspection of welds or materials?</td>
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<td>Shall the oil system to be run in the manufacturer’s shop?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Has inspection for cleanliness of the equipment and all piping and appurtenances by the purchaser been specified on the data sheet page 9?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Shall the hardness of parts, welds and heat-affected zones be tested?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Has a 4-hour running test of the compressor been specified on the data sheet page 9?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Is an operational test and a 4-hour mechanical running test prior to shipment for auxiliary system consoles required?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>8.3.3.7</td>
<td>Is dismantling for inspection required?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>8.3.4.2</td>
<td>Shall all machine-mounted equipment, prefabricated piping and appurtenances furnished by the vendor be fitted and assembled in the vendor’s shop?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>8.3.4.4</td>
<td>Shall the compressor be performance tested in accordance with ISO 1217?</td>
<td>Yes / No</td>
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<td>Time for storage for a longer period than 6 months?</td>
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<td>Shall the equipment be packed for domestic or export shipment?</td>
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<td>Special requirements for long term storage of spare parts?</td>
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<td>9.2.3.s</td>
<td>Is a list of similar machines installed to be attached to the proposal required?</td>
<td>Yes  No</td>
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<td>Has time allowed for the purchaser to review vendor’s data been specified and agreed? (see VDDR form in Annex F)</td>
<td>Yes  No</td>
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<td>Shall the vendor submit performance curves or tables etc.?</td>
<td>Yes  No</td>
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<td>Shall the vendor furnish data required for independent rod-load, gas-load and rod-load reversal calculations?</td>
<td>Yes  No</td>
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<td>Shall the effect of valve failure on rod loads and reversals be calculated and furnished?</td>
<td>Yes  No</td>
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ANNEX E
(NORMATIVE)

VENDOR DRAWING AND DATA REQUIREMENTS

E.1 General

This annex consists of a sample vendor drawing and data requirement form (VDDR), followed by a list of possible Items that may be included on the form and representative descriptions of those Items. Since different manufacturers will use different names for the same drawing, the Items in the description column of the VDDR should be modified in the early stages of the order using the drawing names supplied by the manufacturer.

Correct clause numbers at final format/ editing

E2 Items for VDDR Form

Items to be entered on the VDDR should be selected from the following list as appropriate. However, this list is not necessarily all-inclusive.

1. Certified dimensional outline drawing (general arrangement) and list of connections.
2. Foundation plan showing anchor bolt locations.
3. Allowable flange loading (either cylinder or pulsation suppression device) and coordinates.
4. Driver outline.
5. Drive arrangement drawing.
6. Dimensional outline for all vendor-supplied major accessory equipment.
7. Performance data.
8. Pressure packing drawing(s).
9. Gas load, rod load, and crosshead load reversal and duration charts.
10. Starting torque versus speed curves (for driver and compressor.)
11. Motor driver performance characteristics.
12. Tabulation of utility requirements.
13. List of unsafe or undesirable speeds.
14. Gear data.
15. Other driver data.
17. Weld procedures for fabrication and repair, including those for pulsation suppression devices.
18. Intercooler and aftercooler data.
19. Parts list with sectional drawings.
20. “Start-up” spares list.
21. Recommended normal maintenance spare parts.
23. Frame and cylinder lube oil schematics and bills of materials.
24. Lube oil system assembly drawings and list of connections.
25. Lube oil system component drawings and data.
27. Cooling system assembly drawings and list of connections.
28. Cooling system component drawings and data.
29. Distance piece vent, drain and buffer schematics and list of connections.
30. Capacity control schematics and bill of materials.
31. Instrumentation and electrical schematics and bills of materials.
32. Instrumentation and electrical arrangement drawing and list of connections.
33. Instrumentation and electrical wiring diagrams.
34. Instrumentation set-point list.
35. Instrumentation data sheets.
36. Pulsation suppression device detail drawings and final pressure code calculations.
37. Special tools list.
38. Fabrication, testing and delivery schedule.
39. Drawing list.
40. Weather protection and climatization required.
41. Comments on purchaser’s piping and foundation drawings.
42. Progress reports.
43. Torsional analysis report.
44. Data for an independent torsional analysis.
45. Acoustic and mechanical analysis report.
46. Data required for third-party acoustic and mechanical analysis.
47. Engineering analysis for fabricated cylinders.
49. Valve dynamics report.
50. Data for an independent valve dynamic analysis.
51. Connection sketches.
52. Shaft alignment diagram.
53. As-built dimensions and data.
54. Hydrostatic and gas test certificates.
55. Certified mechanical run test data (if test ordered).
56. Certified performance test data (if test ordered).
57. Non-destructive test procedures for fabricated cylinders.
58. Procedures for special or optional tests (if tests ordered).
59. Certified data from special or optional tests (if tests ordered).
60. Certified mill test reports.
61. Crankshaft ultrasonic test certificate.
62. Valve leak test certificate.
63. As-built data sheets.
64. Installation manual.
65. Operation and maintenance manual.
67. Procedures for preservation, packing and shipping.
68. Shipping list.
69. Material Safety Data Sheets.
70. Quality plan.
71. Control logic diagrams.

E3 Description of VDDR Items

1. Certified dimensional outline drawings (general arrangement) and tables include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. Size, type, rating, location and identification of all customer connections; including vents, drains, lubricating oil, conduits, conduit boxes, electrical and pneumatic junction boxes and instruments. The vendor’s plugged connections shall be identified. Details of special connections are required. See 6.6.4.11.
   b. The mass (weight) of each assembly, of the heaviest piece of equipment which must be handled for erection and of significant items to be handled for maintenance.
   c. All principal dimensions, including those required for piping design, maintenance clearances and dismantling clearances, Including valve maintenance clearance if pulsation suppression devices are not supplied.
   d. Shaft center line height.
   e. Shaft end separation.
   f. Center of mass (gravity), vertical and plan location.
   g. Direction of rotation.
   h. When applicable, the make, size and type of couplings and the location of guards and their coverage.
2. Foundation plan including:
   a. Dimensions of mounting plates for the complete train and auxiliary systems complete with diameter, number and location of both holes and thickness of metal through which bolts must pass.
   b. Speed, critical speed (if any),
   c. Location and direction in the x, y, z-coordinate system of static and the first and 2nd order dynamic (unbalanced) forces and moments
   d. Location of the center of mass.
   e. Leveling jackscrew location.

3. Allowable flange loading (either cylinder or pulsation suppression device) and coordinates. See 6.6.5 Allowable flange loading(s) for all cylinder (or pulsation bottle) connections, including anticipated thermal movements referenced to a defined point, and x, y, z-coordinate system.

4. Driver outline. Certified dimensional outline drawing for the driver and all its auxiliary equipment including:
   a. Size, location, orientation and purpose of all customer connections, including conduit boxes, conduit, instrumentation and any piping or ducting.
   b. Type, rating and facing for any flanged connections.
   c. Size and location of anchor bolt holes and leveling jackscrews and thickness of sections through which bolts must pass.
   d. Total mass of each item of equipment (driver and auxiliary equipment). plus loading diagrams, heaviest weight, and name of the part
   e. Overall dimensions and all horizontal and vertical clearances necessary for dismantling and the approximate location of lifting lugs.
   f. Shaft center line height.
   g. Shaft end dimensions, plus tolerances for the coupling.
   h. Direction of rotation

5. Drive arrangement drawing, including, but not limited to the following:
   a. Flywheel data.
   b. Driver and mechanical transmission mass.
   c. Moments of inertia.
   d. Stator shift.
   e. Air gap.

6. Dimensional outline for all vendor supplied major accessory equipment.

7. Performance data. See 9.3.3.1.

8. Pressure packing drawing(s). (One for each packing type).

9. Gas load, rod load and crosshead load reversal and duration charts. See 9.3.3.2.

10. Starting torque versus speed curves. (For driver and compressor - on the same chart). Acceleration time. See 9.3.3.5.

11. Motor driver performance characteristics and performance data including:
   a. For induction motors 150 kW (200 hp) and smaller:
      1. Efficiency and power factors at one-half, three-quarter and full load.
      2. Torque-speed curves.
   b. For induction motors larger than 150 kW (200 hp), certified test reports for all tests run and performance curves as follows:
      1. Time-current heating curve.
      2. Torque-speed curves at 70, 80, 90 and 100 percent of rated voltage.
      3. Efficiency and power factor curves from 0 to rated service factor.
      4. Current versus load curves from 0 to rated service factor.
      5. Current versus speed curves from 0 to 100 percent of rated speed.
      6. Permissible safe stall time and repeated start capability (hot and cold).
   c. For synchronous motors.
1. Torque-speed, current-speed and power factor-speed curves at 70, 80, 90 and 100 percent of rated voltage.
2. Pull-in and pull-out torque.
3. Permissible safe stall time and repeated start capability (hot and cold).
4. Efficiency and power factor curves from 0 to rated service factor.

12. Tabulation of utility requirements (may be on data sheets).
13. List of unsafe or undesirable speeds. See 6.1.10.

   a. Certified dimensional outline drawings and list of connections including:
      1. The size, rating, location and identification of all customer connections including vents, drains, lube oil, conduit boxes, junction boxes and instruments.
      2. All principal dimensions, including those required for the purchaser’s foundation, piping design, maintenance clearances and dismantling clearances.
      3. Overall and handling masses.
      4. Shaft center line heights.
      5. Shaft end dimensions and tolerances for the couplings.
      6. Direction of rotation.
      7. Location of the center of mass of the gear unit.
      8. The size and location of anchor bolt holes and thickness of sections through which bolts must pass.
      9. Thermal and mechanical movements of casings and shafts.
   b. Cross-sectional drawing and bill of materials including axial gear and pinion float.
   c. As-built data sheets including:
      1. Data for torsional analysis.
      2. Lateral critical speed reports when specified.
      3. Certified mechanical running test data.
   d. Certified gear manufacturer’s standard test data including gear contact test data.
   e. Optional test data and reports agreed upon by the purchaser and the gear manufacturer.
   f. Spare parts recommendations.

15. Other driver data, including:
   a. Cross-sectional drawing and bill of materials, including the axial rotor float.
   b. As-built data sheets.
   c. Certified drawings of driver auxiliary systems including wiring diagrams for each auxiliary system supplied.
      The drawings shall clearly indicate the extent of the system to be supplied by the manufacturer and the extent to be supplied by others.
   d. Spare parts recommendations.
   e. Other driver data per driver VDDR.

16. Shaft coupling assembly drawing and bill of materials, including:
   a. Allowable misalignment.
   b. Hydraulic mounting procedure.
   c. Shaft end gap and tolerance.
   d. Coupling guards.

17. Weld procedures for fabrication and/or repair, including those for pulsation suppression devices. See 7.9.3.3.
18. Intercooler and aftercooler data, including, but not limited to:
   a. Dimensional outline drawings.
   b. Data sheets (e.g. TEMA).
   c. Final calculation in accordance with the specified pressure code.

19. Parts list with sectional drawings. The parts list shall include pattern number, stock or production drawing numbers and the materials of construction. The list shall completely identify each part so that the purchaser may determine interchangeability of parts with other equipment furnished by the same manufacturer. Standard purchased items shall
be identified by the original manufacturer’s name and part number. Materials shall be identified as specified in 6.13.1.2.

20. “Start-up” spares list. See 9.2.3i.

22. Process schematic:
Schematic diagram of the process fluids flowing through the machine, including:
   a. Steady-state and transient gas flow rates, temperatures and pressures.
   b. Cooler heat loads.
   c. Pipe, tubing and valve sizes of equipment provided by the vendor.
   d. Instrumentation, safety devices and control schemes.
   e. Bill of materials.

23. Frame and cylinder lube oil schematics, including the following:
   a. Steady-state and transient oil flows and pressures at each point.
   b. Control, alarm and trip settings (pressure and recommended temperatures).
   c. Total heat loads.
   d. Utility requirements, including electrical, water and air.
   e. Pipe, tubing and valve sizes.
   f. Instrumentation, safety devices and control schemes.
   g. Bills of materials.

24. Lube-oil system assembly drawings and list of connections.
Lube-oil system assembly and arrangement drawing(s), including size, rating and location of all customer connections.

25. Lube-oil system component drawings and data, including:
   a. Outline and sectional drawings and data sheets for auxiliary pumps and drivers.
   b. Outline and sectional drawings and data sheets for coolers, filters and reservoir.
   c. Instrumentation.
   d. Spare parts lists and recommendations.

Cooling (including packing cooling) or heating schematic and bill of materials including cooling or heating fluid, fluid flows, pressure, pipe and valve sizes, instrumentation and orifice sizes.

27. Cooling system assembly drawings and list of connections.
Cooling (including packing cooling) or heating system assembly and arrangement drawing(s), including size, rating and location of all customer connections.

28. Cooling system component drawings and data.
   a. Outline and sectional drawings and data sheets for pumps and coolers.
   b. Outline and sectional drawings and data sheets for coolers, filters and reservoir.
   c. Instrumentation.
   d. Spare parts lists and recommendations.

29. Distance piece vent, drain and buffer schematics and list of connections.
Distance piece vent, drain and purge schematic and bill of materials including fluid, fluid flows, pressure, pipe, tube and valve sizes and instrumentation.

30. Capacity control schematics and bill of materials.
31. Instrumentation and electrical schematics and bills of materials for all systems, including pneumatic and hydraulic systems (including bar over device limit switch).

32. Instrumentation and electrical arrangement drawing and list of connections, including pneumatic and hydraulic systems and including but not limited to:
a. Control panel general arrangement.
b. Control panel certified outline.
c. Control panel bill of materials.

33. Instrumentation and electrical wiring diagrams for all systems.

34. Instrumentation set-point list, including set points for all alarm, shutdown and control devices, including:
   a. Vibration alarm and shutdown limits.
   b. Bearing temperature alarm and shutdown limits.
   c. Lube oil temperature alarm and shutdown limits.
   d. Lube oil pressure alarm and shutdown limits.
   e. Gas discharge temperature alarm and shutdown limits.
   f. Frame oil level alarm limit.
   g. Rod packing temperature alarm.
   h. Oil filter differential pressure alarm.
   i. Inlet separator level shutdown.
   j. Cylinder lubrication protection.
   k. Jacket water protection

35. Instrumentation data sheets.

36. Pulsation suppression device detail drawings and final pressure code calculations.

37. Special tools list. See 7.11.1. List of special tools furnished for maintenance.

38. Fabrication, testing and delivery schedule. See item 42. Milestone fabrication, testing and delivery schedule, including vendor buyouts.

39. Drawing list including latest revision numbers and dates.

40. Weather protection and climatization required.

41. Comments on purchaser’s piping and foundation drawings. See 6.1.16 and 7.7.1.6.

42. Progress reports. See 9.3.5. See item 38. Including:
   a. Planned and actual milestone dates.
   b. Engineering and manufacturing information on all major components.
   c. Details of causes of delays.

43. Torsional analysis report, (see 6.5.1 and 7.1.2.6) including but not limited to the following:
   a. Complete description of method used.
   b. Graphic display of mass elastic system.
   c. Tabulation identifying the mass moment and torsional stiffness for each component identified in the mass elastic system.
   d. Graphic display of exciting forces versus speed and frequency.
   e. Graphic display of torsional critical speeds and deflections (mode shape diagram).
   f. Effects of proposed changes on analysis.
   g. Current pulsation analysis.

44. Data for an independent torsional analysis.

45. Acoustic and mechanical analysis report, (see 7.9 and Annex M) including but not limited to:
   a. Design approach (see 7.9.2.2.1) and method used (complete description), including description of design techniques used.
   b. Findings and comparison with permitted values.
   c. Effects of required modifications; and marked up drawings showing changes.
   d. Other information as required by Annex M.

46. Data required for third-party acoustic and mechanical analysis. Information described in Annex M.
   Note: It is the purchaser’s responsibility to provide some of the information described.

47. Engineering analysis for fabricated cylinders. See 6.13.5.1
48. Balancing data tabulation. Listing of mass balance data for each throw, including piston, rod, crosshead, nuts, bushings, bearings and balance masses and including both design target masses and actual assembly masses. The allowable mass tolerance per throw shall be stated.

49. Valve dynamics report. See 6.7.9.

50. Data for an independent valve dynamic analysis.

51. Connection sketches. See 6.13.7.4.2.

52. Coupling-to-shaft alignment diagram. Shaft alignment diagrams (vertical and horizontal), including recommended coupling limits during operation. Note all shaft-end position changes and support growths from 15°C (60°F) ambient reference temperature or other reference temperature specified by the purchaser. Include the recommended alignment method and cold setting targets.

53. As-built dimensions and data, including:
   a. Fits, clearances and runouts measured during final assembly.
   b. Nameplate data for each cylinder.
   c. Cylinder minimum and design clearances for each end of each cylinder.
   d. Volume of all clearance pockets, plugs or bottles installed on each cylinder.
   e. Crank angle phasing.

54. Hydrostatic and gas test certificates. See 8.3.2.

55. Certified mechanical run test data (if test ordered).

56. Certified performance test data (if test ordered).

57. Non-destructive test procedures for fabricated cylinders.

58. Procedures for any special or optional tests (if tests ordered).

59. Certified data from special or optional tests (if test ordered). See 8.3.4.1.

60. Certified mill test reports of items as agreed in the pre-commitment or pre-inspection meeting(s). Physical and chemical data.

61. Crankshaft ultrasonic test certificate. See 8.2.2.3.3.

62. Valve leak test certificate.

63. As-built data sheets for compressor, gear, driver and auxiliary equipment, including gas data. See 6.1.23.

64. Installation manual (see 9.3.7.2) describing the installation requirements for the complete train, including the drawings necessary for assembly of the equipment and location of field connections and including but not limited to the following:
   a. Section 1 - Compressor
      1. Items 1, 2, 3, 40, 52.
      2. Grouting (see 7.5.1.4f).
      3. Setting equipment, rigging procedures, component masses and lifting diagram.
      4. Dismantling clearances.
      5. Preservation and storage requirements (see 8.4.2).
      6. Field assembly procedures, including frame and cylinder alignment requirements.
   b. Section 2 - Driver
      1. Storage and preservation.
      2. Setting gear, rigging procedures, component masses and lifting diagram.
      3. Piping recommendations.
      4. Composite outline drawing for driver including anchor bolt hole locations.
      5. Dismantling clearances.
      6. Thermal and mechanical movements of frame and shaft.
      7. Motor air gap data (see 7.1.2.13)
   c. Section 3 - Gear
      1. Storage and preservation.
      2. Setting gear, rigging procedures, component masses and lifting diagram.
      3. Piping recommendations.
      4. Composite outline drawing for gear including anchor bolt hole locations.
      5. Dismantling clearances.
      6. Thermal and mechanical movements of casing and shaft.
   d. Section 4 - Auxiliary equipment
1. Storage and preservation.
2. Setting equipment, rigging procedures, component masses and lifting diagram.
3. Piping recommendation.

65. Operation and maintenance manual, (see 9.3.7.3) describing the operating and maintenance procedures, requirements and limitations for the complete train and auxiliary equipment, including but not limited to the following:
   a. Section 1 - Operation
      1. Initial commissioning and start-up, including final tests and checks.
      2. Normal start-up.
      3. Normal shutdown.
      4. Emergency shutdown.
      5. Operating limits, including item 13 above.
      6. Lube-oil recommendations, including injection rates and specifications.
      7. Routine operational procedures.
      8. Items 22, 30, 34 and 71.
   b. Section 2 - Maintenance, disassembly, repair and reassembly instructions for the complete train and auxiliary and accessory equipment including but not limited to the following:
      1. Valve overhaul data.
      2. Cylinder overhaul data.
      3. Table of bolt torques. The required torque values or elongations for tensioning the valve cover, valve hold down bolts, connecting rod and main bearing bolts, piston and crosshead nuts, flange bolts and any other bolts that the vendor feels are critical. Data should be included for fasteners in both the lubricated and non-lubricated condition.
      4. Fits and clearances for wearing parts, recommended, maximum and minimum.
      5. Items 4, 8, 19, 21, 37, 48, 52, 53 and 63.
      6. Routine maintenance requirements.
      7. Maximum allowable crankshaft web deflection.
   c. Section 3 - Performance Data. Items 7, 9 and 10.
   d. Section 4 - As Built Data. Items 53 and 63.
   e. Section 5 - Drawing and Data
      1. Drawings in the manual shall be for the specific equipment supplied. Typical drawings are unacceptable.
      2. Items 1, 5, 6, 8, 11, 15, 16, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36 and 39.

   Technical and quality control data for technical support personnel for the complete train and auxiliary equipment, including but not limited to:
   Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63.

67. Procedures for preservation, packing and shipping.
68. Shipping list, including all major components that will ship separately.
69. Material safety data sheets. Description of the hazardous and potentially hazardous materials included in the scope of supply.
70. Quality plan. In accordance with ISO 9000 series.
71. Control logic diagram. See 7.6.2.3.
ANNEX F
(NORMATIVE)

FIGURES AND SCHEMATICS

F.1 General

The schematics presented here illustrate the general philosophy and requirements of this standard and are typical of commonly used systems: they are not intended to include all details such as vent and drain details and minor piping connections to permit disassembly. The systems may be modified as necessary with the agreement of the purchaser and vendor.

Instrument piping and valving details are not shown on typical schematics. Such requirements, including on-line testing requirements, shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and vendor.

Requirements for all of the systems illustrated here are covered in the main text, as indicated by the cross-references in the notes accompanying each figure. Further elaboration on the details of pressure packing to minimize process gas emissions is given in Annex I.
Figure F-1—Cylinder Cooling System
Figure F-3—Distance Piece and Packing Arrangements
Figure F-4—Typical Self-Contained Cooling System for Piston Rod Pressure Packing
Figure F-5—Typical Pressurized Frame Lube Oil System
Figure F-6—Conceptual Direct Rod Connection

Figure F-7—Conceptual Indirect Rod Connection

Figure F-8—Conceptual Indirect Clamped Rod Connection
Annex G  
(informative)

Typical Materials for major component parts

Table G.1—Typical Material Specifications for Reciprocating Compressor Parts

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ANNEX H
(INFORMATIVE)

Distance Piece Vent, Drain and Buffer Systems to Minimize Process Gas Leakage

H.1 Scope

This annex contains a general philosophy for the design of reciprocating compressor distance piece vent, drain, and gas buffer systems, which are typical of systems commonly used to minimize process gas leakage. This annex is not intended to cover all possible situations; rather, it focuses on providing an approach, which can be used to design successful systems.

Note: The piping, tubing, and components external to the distance piece may be supplied by either the purchaser or vendor. It is good practice for the vendor and purchaser to discuss the vent and drain system, and agree on its design (see 6.12.2). Instrument piping and valving details are not shown on typical schematics.

H.2 Abbreviation and Symbols

The abbreviations and symbols used in the schematics in this annex are shown in Annex G.

H.3 The Purpose of Distance Piece Vent, Drain and Buffer systems

A distance piece vent and drain system working in conjunction with packing, buffer system and partitions, accomplishes several functions, including:

a. confining and collecting leakage from compressor rod pressure packing and carrying the leakage to a safe location;

b. minimizing process gas, toxic gas or hazardous gas leakage into the area around the machine;

c. minimizing contamination of the crankcase lube oil;

d. atmospheric fugitive emission control;

e. minimizing the potential for a hazardous atmosphere in the crankcase;

f. minimizing liquid accumulation in the distance piece;

g. avoiding gas leakage to sewer systems;

h. allowing the operator to monitor and determine the condition of compressor rod pressure packing.
H.4 Minimizing Process Gas Leakage

Figures I-1 and I-2 illustrate the arrangement of two typical distance piece types that may be used when it is necessary to reduce the leakage of process gas to a minimum. The accompanying packing detail drawing, Figure I-3, shows the arrangement of the packing rings and the direction of flow and typical pressures of the buffer gas.

Side-loaded packing rings provide constant mechanical axial loading towards the sealing face of the cup. This mechanical axial loading, added to a buffer gas pressure at least 1 bar higher than the vent system pressure, hold the rings positively against their sealing faces minimizing buffer gas leakage and, at the same time, assures that all the process gas that leaks past the cylinder pressure packing cups will be forced into the vent system.

When proper differential buffer gas pressures are maintained, process gas leakage into the distance pieces is minimal; process gas is prevented from entering the compressor frame. To minimize gas emissions, special packing and long distance pieces should be specified (see 6.13.1.6).

H.5 Design Consideration

In addition to meeting the purposes described in I.3 the following factors should be considered when designing a distance piece vent, drain and buffer system:

a. Small diameter vent and drain piping will tend to foul and corrode over time, inhibiting their function. Consider using large [e.g., DN 50 (NPS 2)] vent and drain headers and corrosion-resistant materials.

b. On two-compartment distance piece systems, external cross connections between the inner and outer compartment vents and drains should be avoided.

c. On multiple machine systems, it should be possible to isolate each machine for maintenance.

d. Effective control of gas leakage requires the specification of gasketed solid metal covers on distance pieces (see 6.12.2.1).

e. Where vents, drains, liquid collection pots and distance pieces are connected to disposal systems, such as a flare or closed drain system, they should be designed to withstand the maximum disposal system pressure (e.g., flare back pressure under relieving conditions). See 6.12.2.3.

Note: Distance pieces are typically designed for a maximum gauge pressure of 2 bar (25 psi). Special designs are required for higher pressures.

f. Typically, the common vent and drain from the pressure packing (connection G in Figure I-1 and I-2) will be carrying a mixture of liquid and gas. The system should be designed to separate these phases to avoid liquid blockage of the vent system.

g. Leaks from the stems of valve unloaders and clearance pockets may also need to be collected and controlled. These can be integrated with the distance piece vent and drain system.

h. Except for the pressure packing combined vent and drain, which is a pressure driven flow, separate vent and drain lines are necessary between the distance piece and liquid collection pot to pressure balance the system and allow free drainage. Sloped headers, without pockets, assist draining.

i. Manifolding and cross-connections with drains and blowoffs from other equipment should be avoided.

j. The buffer gas purge pressure should be limited to the maximum allowable pressure for the distance piece components (see 6.10.4). Some buffer gas will flow into the compressor crankcase and should be vented.

k. Where climatic conditions require, drains should be heat-traced and insulated.
Figure H-1—Typical Buffered Single Compartment Distance Piece Vent, Drain, and Buffer Arrangement to Minimize Process Gas Leakage

Figure H-2—Typical Buffered Two Compartment Distance Piece Vent, Drain, and Buffer Arrangement to Minimize Process Gas Leakage
Figure H-3—Typical Purged Packing Arrangements
ANNEX I
(INFORMATIVE)

Reciprocating Compressor Nomenclature

Figure I-1—Reciprocating Compressor Nomenclature
ANNEX J
(INFORMATIVE)

Inspector’s Checklist

This inspector’s checklist represents a summary of the potential inspection points mentioned in the main text. The final inspection plan shall be agreed between purchaser and vendor and reflected in the quality plan.

Table J-1—Inspector’s Checklist

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Annex K  
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Typical mounting plate arrangement

Figure K-1—Typical Mounting Plate Arrangement
Annex L
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Design Approach Work Process Flowcharts