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HYDRONIC PIPING**PART 1 GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Hydronic system requirements.
- B. Heating water and glycol piping, above grade.
- C. Radiant heating piping system.
- D. Equipment drains and overflows.
- E. Pipe hangers and supports.
- F. Unions, flanges, mechanical couplings, and dielectric connections.
- G. Valves:
 - 1. Ball valves.
 - 2. Butterfly valves.
 - 3. Check valves.

1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Section 07 84 00 - Firestopping.
- B. Section 08 31 00 - Access Doors and Panels.
- C. Section 23 05 53 - Identification for HVAC Piping and Equipment.
- D. Section 23 07 19 - HVAC Piping Insulation.
- E. Section 23 21 14 - Hydronic Specialties.

1.3 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- A. ASME BPVC-IX - Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX - Qualification Standard for Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Procedures; Welders; Brazers; and Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Operators 2021.
- B. ASME B16.3 - Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings: Classes 150 and 300 2021.
- C. ASME B16.15 - Cast Copper Alloy Threaded Fittings: Classes 125 and 250 2018.
- D. ASME B16.18 - Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings 2021.
- E. ASME B16.22 - Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder-Joint Pressure Fittings 2021.
- F. ASME B16.34 - Valves — Flanged, Threaded, and Welding End 2020.
- G. ASME B31.9 - Building Services Piping 2020.
- H. ASTM A53/A53M - Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless 2022.
- I. ASTM A106/A106M - Standard Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service 2019a.
- J. ASTM A183 - Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Track Bolts and Nuts 2014 (Reapproved 2020).
- K. ASTM A234/A234M - Standard Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and High Temperature Service 2023.
- L. ASTM A536 - Standard Specification for Ductile Iron Castings 1984, with Editorial Revision (2019).
- M. ASTM B32 - Standard Specification for Solder Metal 2020.
- N. ASTM B88 - Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube 2022.
- O. ASTM B88M - Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube (Metric) 2020.
- P. ASTM D2000 - Standard Classification System for Rubber Products in Automotive Applications 2018.

- Q. ASTM F876 - Standard Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing 2023.
- R. ASTM F1476 - Standard Specification for Performance of Gasketed Mechanical Couplings for Use in Piping Applications 2007 (Reapproved 2019).
- S. AWS A5.8M/A5.8 - Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding 2019.
- T. AWS D1.1/D1.1M - Structural Welding Code - Steel 2020, with Errata (2022).
- U. AWWA C110/A21.10 - Ductile-Iron and Gray-Iron Fittings 2021.
- V. AWWA C111/A21.11 - Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile-Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings 2017.
- W. AWWA C606 - Grooved and Shouldered Joints 2015.
- X. MSS SP-58 - Pipe Hangers and Supports - Materials, Design, Manufacture, Selection, Application, and Installation 2018, with Amendment (2019).

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Preinstallation Meeting: Conduct a preinstallation meeting one week prior to the start of the work of this section; require attendance by all affected installers.
- B. Sequencing: Ensure that utility connections are achieved in an orderly and expeditious manner.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. See Section 01 30 00 - Administrative Requirements, for submittal procedures.
- B. Welders Certificate: Include welders certification of compliance with ASME BPVC-IX.
- C. Product Data:
 - 1. Include data on pipe materials, pipe fittings, valves, and accessories.
 - 2. Provide manufacturers catalog information.
 - 3. Indicate valve data and ratings.
 - 4. Show grooved joint couplings, fittings, valves, and specialties on drawings and product submittals, specifically identified with the manufacturer's style or series designation.
- D. Manufacturer's Installation Instructions: Indicate hanging and support methods, joining procedures.
- E. Maintenance Data: Include installation instructions, spare parts lists, exploded assembly views.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: Company specializing in manufacturing products of the type specified in this section, with minimum three years of documented experience.
- B. Provide all grooved joint couplings, fittings, valves, specialties, and grooving tools from a single manufacturer.
- C. Date stamp all castings used for coupling housings, fittings, valve bodies, etc. for quality assurance and traceability.
- D. Coupling Manufacturer:
 - 1. Perform on-site training by factory-trained representative to the Contractor's field personnel in the proper use of grooving tools and installation of grooved joint products.
 - 2. Periodic job site visits by factory-trained representative to ensure best practices in grooved joint installation.
 - 3. A distributor's representative is not considered qualified to perform the training.
- E. Welder Qualifications: Certify in accordance with ASME BPVC-IX.
 - 1. Provide certificate of compliance from authority having jurisdiction, indicating approval of welders.

1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Accept valves on site in shipping containers with labeling in place. Inspect for damage.
- B. Provide temporary protective coating on cast iron and steel valves.
- C. Provide temporary end caps and closures on piping and fittings. Maintain in place until installation.
- D. Protect piping systems from entry of foreign materials by temporary covers, completing sections of the work, and isolating parts of completed system.

1.8 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Do not install underground piping when bedding is wet or frozen.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 HYDRONIC SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Comply with ASME B31.9 and applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
- B. Piping: Provide piping, fittings, hangers, and supports as required, as indicated, and as follows:
 - 1. Where more than one piping system material is specified, provide joining fittings that are compatible with piping materials and ensure that the integrity of the system is not jeopardized.
 - 2. Use non-conducting dielectric connections whenever jointing dissimilar metals.
 - 3. Grooved mechanical joints may be used in accessible locations only.
 - a. Accessible locations include those exposed on interior of building, in pipe chases, and in mechanical rooms, aboveground outdoors, and as approved by Architect.
 - b. Grooved mechanical connections and joints comply with AWWA C606.
 - 1) Ductile Iron: Comply with ASTM A536, Grade 65-45-12.
 - 2) Steel: Comply with ASTM A106/A106M, Grade B or ASTM A53/A53M.
 - c. Use rigid joints unless otherwise indicated.
 - d. Use gaskets of molded synthetic rubber with central cavity, pressure-responsive configuration, and complying with ASTM D2000, Grade 2CA615A15B44F17Z for circulating medium up to maximum 230 degrees F or Grade M3BA610A15B44Z for circulating medium up to maximum 200 degrees F.
 - e. Provide steel coupling nuts and bolts complying with ASTM A183.
 - 4. Provide pipe hangers and supports in accordance with ASME B31.9 or MSS SP-58 unless indicated otherwise.
- C. Pipe-to-Valve and Pipe-to-Equipment Connections: Use flanges, unions, or grooved couplings to allow disconnection of components for servicing; do not use direct welded, soldered, or threaded connections.
 - 1. Where grooved joints are used in piping, provide grooved valve/equipment connections if available; if not available, provide flanged ends and grooved flange adapters.
- D. Valves: Provide valves where indicated:
 - 1. Provide drain valves where indicated, and if not indicated, provide at least at main shut-off, low points of piping, bases of vertical risers, and at equipment. Use 3/4 inch gate valves with cap; pipe to nearest floor drain.
 - 2. Isolate equipment using butterfly valves with lug end flanges or grooved mechanical couplings.
 - 3. For throttling, bypass, or manual flow control services, use globe, ball, or butterfly valves.
 - 4. For shut-off and to isolate parts of systems or vertical risers, use gate, ball, or butterfly valves.
 - 5. For throttling service, use plug cocks. Use non-lubricated plug cocks only when shut-off or isolating valves are also provided.

- E. Welding Materials and Procedures: Comply with ASME BPVC-IX.

2.2 HEATING WATER AND GLYCOL PIPING, ABOVE GRADE

- A. Steel Pipe: ASTM A53/A53M, Schedule 40, black, using one of the following joint types:
1. Welded Joints: ASTM A234/A234M, wrought steel welding type fittings; AWS D1.1/D1.1M welded.
 2. Threaded Joints: ASME B16.3, malleable iron fittings.
 3. Grooved Joints: AWWA C606 grooved pipe, fittings of same material, and mechanical couplings.
- B. Copper Tube: ASTM B88 (ASTM B88M), Type L (B), drawn, using one of the following joint types:
1. Solder Joints: ASME B16.18 cast brass/bronze or ASME B16.22 solder wrought copper fittings.
 - a. Solder: ASTM B32 lead-free solder, HB alloy (95-5 tin-antimony) or tin and silver.
 - b. Braze: AWS A5.8M/A5.8 BCuP copper/silver alloy.
 2. Grooved Joints: AWWA C606 grooved tube, fittings of same material, and copper-tube-dimension mechanical couplings.
 3. Tee Connections: Mechanically extracted collars with notched and dimpled branch tube.
 4. Mechanical Press Sealed Fittings: Double pressed type complying with ASME B16.22, utilizing EPDM, nontoxic synthetic rubber sealing elements.
 - a. Manufacturers:
 - 1) Viega LLC: www.viega.us/#sle.
 - 2) Substitutions: See Section 01 60 00 - Product Requirements.

2.3 RADIANT HEATING PIPING

- A. Copper Tube: ASTM B88 (ASTM B88M), Type L (B) annealed.
1. Fittings: ASME B16.22, wrought copper.
 2. Joints: Braze, AWS A5.8M/A5.8 BCuP copper/silver alloy.
- B. Composite Polyethylene Pipe: Aluminum tube laminated between two layers of high density polyethylene.
1. Operating Pressure:
 - a. 125 psig at maximum 140 degrees F.
 2. Fittings: Brass flared compression.
 3. Joints: Fittings adapt to copper tubing or copper tube fittings, threaded pipe and fittings, and copper compression fittings.

2.4 EQUIPMENT DRAINS AND OVERFLOWS

- A. Copper Tube: ASTM B88 (ASTM B88M), Type L (B), drawn; using one of the following joint types:
1. Solder Joints: ASME B16.18 cast brass/bronze or ASME B16.22 solder wrought copper fittings; ASTM B32 lead-free solder, HB alloy (95-5 tin-antimony) or tin and silver.

2.5 PIPE HANGERS AND SUPPORTS

- A. Provide hangers and supports that comply with MSS SP-58.
1. If type of hanger or support for a particular situation is not indicated, select appropriate type using MSS SP-58 recommendations.
 2. Hangers for Pipe Sizes 1/2 to 1-1/2 Inches: Malleable iron, adjustable swivel, split ring.
 3. Hangers for Cold Pipe Sizes 2 Inches and Greater: Carbon steel, adjustable, clevis.
 4. Hangers for Hot Pipe Sizes 2 to 4 Inches: Carbon steel, adjustable, clevis.

5. Multiple or Trapeze Hangers: Steel channels with welded spacers and hanger rods.
 6. Vertical Support: Steel riser clamp.
 7. Floor Support for Hot Pipe Sizes to 4 Inches: Cast iron adjustable pipe saddle, lock nut, nipple, floor flange, and concrete pier or steel support.
 8. Copper Pipe Support: Carbon steel ring, adjustable, copper plated.
 9. Hanger Rods: Mild steel threaded both ends, threaded one end, or continuous threaded.
 10. Inserts: Malleable iron case of galvanized steel shell and expander plug for threaded connection with lateral adjustment, top slot for reinforcing rods, lugs for attaching to forms; size inserts to suit threaded hanger rods.
- B. In grooved installations, use rigid couplings with offsetting angle-pattern bolt pads or with wedge-shaped grooves in header piping to permit support and hanging in accordance with ASME B31.9.

2.6 UNIONS, FLANGES, MECHANICAL COUPLINGS, AND DIELECTRIC CONNECTIONS

- A. Unions for Pipe 2 Inches and Less:
1. Ferrous Piping: 150 psig malleable iron, threaded.
 2. Copper Pipe: Bronze, soldered joints.
- B. Flanges for Pipe 2 Inches and Greater:
1. Ferrous Piping: 150 psig forged steel, slip-on.
 2. Copper Piping: Bronze.
 3. Gaskets: 1/16 inch thick, preformed neoprene.
- C. Mechanical Couplings for Grooved and Shouldered Joints: Two or more curved housing segments with continuous key to engage pipe groove, circular C-profile gasket, and bolts to secure and compress gasket.
1. Dimensions and Testing: In accordance with AWWA C606.
 2. Mechanical Couplings: Comply with ASTM F1476.
 3. Housing Material: Ductile iron, galvanized complying with ASTM A536.
 4. Gasket Material: EPDM suitable for operating temperature range from minus 30 degrees F to 230 degrees F.
 5. Bolts and Nuts: Hot dipped galvanized or zinc-electroplated steel.
 6. When pipe is field grooved, provide coupling manufacturer's grooving tools.
 7. Manufacturers:
 - a. Victaulic Company: www.victaulic.com/#sle.
 - b. Substitutions: See Section 01 60 00 - Product Requirements.
- D. Dielectric Connections:
1. Waterways:
 - a. Water impervious insulation barrier capable of limiting galvanic current to 1 percent of short circuit current in a corresponding bimetallic joint.
 - b. Dry insulation barrier able to withstand 600-volt breakdown test.
 - c. Construct of galvanized steel with threaded end connections to match connecting piping.
 - d. Suitable for the required operating pressures and temperatures.
 2. Flanges:
 - a. Dielectric flanges with same pressure ratings as standard flanges.
 - b. Water impervious insulation barrier capable of limiting galvanic current to 1 percent of short circuit current in a corresponding bimetallic joint.

- c. Dry insulation barrier able to withstand 600-volt breakdown test.
- d. Construct of galvanized steel with threaded end connections to match connecting piping.
- e. Suitable for the required operating pressures and temperatures.

2.7 BALL VALVES

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Apollo Valves: www.apollovalves.com/#sle.
 - 2. Grinnell Products: www.grinnell.com/#sle.
 - 3. Victaulic Company: www.victaulic.com/#sle.
 - 4. Viega LLC: www.viega.us/#sle.
 - 5. Substitutions: See Section 01 60 00 - Product Requirements.
- B. Up To and Including 2 Inches:
 - 1. Bronze one piece body, chrome plated brass ball, teflon seats and stuffing box ring, lever handle with balancing stops, solder ends with union.
- C. Over 2 Inches:
 - 1. Ductile iron body, chrome plated stainless steel ball, teflon, Virgin TFE, or _____ seat and stuffing box seals, lever handle, gear operated, or _____, flanged ends, rated to 800 psi.

2.8 BUTTERFLY VALVES

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Apollo Valves: www.apollovalves.com/#sle.
 - 2. Grinnell Products: www.grinnell.com/#sle.
 - 3. Victaulic Company: www.victaulic.com/#sle.
 - 4. Substitutions: See Section 01 60 00 - Product Requirements.
- B. Body: Cast or ductile iron with resilient replaceable EPDM seat, wafer, lug, or grooved ends, extended neck.
- C. Disc: Construct of aluminum bronze, chrome plated ductile iron, stainless steel, ductile iron with EPDM encapsulation, or Buna-N encapsulation.
- D. Operator: 10 position lever handle.

2.9 SPRING LOADED CHECK VALVES

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Victaulic Company: www.victaulic.com/#sle.
 - 2. Metra-flex.
- B. Iron body, bronze trim, split plate, hinged with stainless steel spring, resilient seal bonded to body, wafer, or threaded lug ends.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Ream pipe and tube ends. Remove burrs. Bevel plain end ferrous pipe.
- B. Prepare pipe for grooved mechanical joints as required by coupling manufacturer.
- C. Remove scale and dirt on inside and outside before assembly.
- D. Prepare piping connections to equipment using jointing system specified.
- E. Keep open ends of pipe free from scale and dirt. Protect open ends with temporary plugs or caps.

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- F. After completion, fill, clean and flush system with clean water. Remove and clean or replace all strainer screens. After cleaning and flushing, but before balancing, remove strainers in pump suction diffusers.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Route piping in orderly manner, parallel to building structure, and maintain gradient.
- C. Install piping to conserve building space and to avoid interference with use of space.
- D. Group piping whenever practical at common elevations.
- E. Sleeve pipe passing through partitions, walls, and floors.
- F. Install firestopping to preserve fire resistance rating of partitions and other elements, using materials and methods specified 078413.
- G. Slope piping and arrange to drain at low points.
- H. Grooved Joints:
 - 1. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's latest published installation instructions.
 - 2. Gaskets to be suitable for the intended service, molded, and produced by the coupling manufacturer.
- I. Inserts:
- J. Provide clearance in hangers and from structure and other equipment for installation of insulation and access to valves and fittings. See Section 23 07 19.
- K. Provide access where valves and fittings are not exposed. Coordinate size and location of access doors with Section 08 31 00 .
- L. Use eccentric reducers to maintain top of pipe level.
- M. Install valves with stems upright or horizontal, not inverted.

3.3 SCHEDULES

- A. Hanger Spacing for Copper Tubing.
 - 1. 1/2 Inch and 3/4 inch: Maximum span, 5 feet; minimum rod size, 1/4 inch.
 - 2. 1 Inch: Maximum span, 6 feet; minimum rod size, 1/4 inch.
 - 3. 1-1/2 Inches and 2 Inches: Maximum span, 8 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 4. 2-1/2 Inches: Maximum span, 9 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 5. 3 Inches: Maximum span, 10 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 6. 4 Inches: Maximum span, 12 feet; minimum rod size, 1/2 inch.
- B. Hanger Spacing for Steel Piping.
 - 1. 1/2 Inch, 3/4 Inch, and 1 Inch: Maximum span, 7 feet; minimum rod size, 1/4 inch.
 - 2. 1-1/4 Inches: Maximum span, 8 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 3. 1-1/2 Inches: Maximum span, 9 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 4. 2 Inches: Maximum span, 10 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 5. 2-1/2 Inches: Maximum span, 11 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 6. 3 Inches: Maximum span, 12 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
 - 7. 4 Inches: Maximum span, 14 feet; minimum rod size, 1/2 inch.

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