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**Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas  
industries — Lubrication, shaft-sealing  
and control-oil systems and auxiliaries —**

**Part 1:  
General requirements**

*Industries du pétrole, de la pétrochimie et du gaz naturel — Systèmes  
de lubrification, systèmes d'étanchéité, systèmes d'huile de régulation  
et leurs auxiliaires —*

*Partie 1: Exigences générales*



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## Foreword

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- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Special-purpose oil systems*
- *Part 3: General-purpose oil systems*
- *Part 4: Self-acting gas seal support systems*

## Introduction

This part of ISO 10438 was developed jointly with API 614, 5th edition, together with the other three parts of ISO 10438.

NOTE API 614 is equivalent to ISO 10438 (all parts).

Users of this part of ISO 10438 should be aware that further or differing requirements can be needed for individual applications. This part of ISO 10438 is not intended to inhibit a vendor from offering, or the purchaser from accepting, alternative equipment or engineering solutions for the individual application. This can be particularly appropriate where there is innovative or developing technology. Where an alternative is offered, the vendor should identify any variations from this part of ISO 10438 and provide details.

This part of ISO 10438 requires the purchaser to specify certain details and features.

A bullet (•) at the beginning of a clause or subclause indicates that either a decision is required or further information is to be provided by the purchaser. This information should be indicated on the datasheet(s); otherwise it should be stated in the quotation request or in the order.

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# Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Lubrication, shaft-sealing and control-oil systems and auxiliaries —

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10438 specifies general requirements for lubrication systems, oil-type shaft-sealing systems, dry-gas face-type shaft-sealing systems and control-oil systems for general- or special-purpose applications. General-purpose applications are limited to lubrication systems. These systems can serve equipment such as compressors, gears, pumps and drivers.

This part of ISO 10438 is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 10438-2, ISO 10438-3 or ISO 10438-4, as appropriate.

### 2 Normative references

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.

ISO 7-1, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads — Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation*

ISO 10434, *Bolted bonnet steel gate valves for the petroleum, petrochemical and allied industries*

ISO 13706, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Air-cooled heat exchangers*

ISO 15649, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Piping*

ISO 15761, *Steel gate, globe and check valves for sizes DN 100 and smaller, for the petroleum and natural gas industries*

ISO 16812, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Shell-and-tube heat exchangers*

IEC 60079 (all parts), *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

ANSI/API RP 551, *Process Measurement Instrumentation*

API RP 520 (all parts), *Sizing, Selection, and Installation of Pressure-Relieving Devices in Refineries*

API STD 526, *Flanged Steel Pressure Relief Valves*

API STD 611, *General-Purpose Steam Turbines for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services*

API RP 686-96, *Machinery Installation and Installation Design*

ASME B1.1, *Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN and UNR Thread Form)*

ASME B16.5, *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: NPS 1/2 through 24*

ANSI/ASME B16.11, *Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded*

ANSI/ASME Y14.2M, *Line Conventions and Lettering*

ASTM A193/A193M-07, *Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for High Temperature or High Pressure Service and Other Special Purpose Applications*

ASTM A194/A194M-07, *Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts for Bolts for High Pressure or High Temperature Service, or Both*

ASTM E94, *Standard Guide for Radiographic Examination*

ASTM E709, *Standard Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination*

ANSI/AWS D1.1/D1.1M, *Structural Welding Code — Steel*

ISA 18.1, *Annunciator Sequences and Specifications*

NEMA 250, *Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1 000 Volts Maximum)*

TEMA, *Standards of the Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association*, 8th ed.

### 3 Terms, abbreviated terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **alarm point**

preset value of a parameter at which an alarm warns of a condition requiring corrective action

##### 3.1.2

##### **block-in time**

period required after the driver is tripped to isolate a piece of equipment, such as a compressor, from its system and to depressurize it

##### 3.1.3

##### **booster pump**

oil pump that takes suction from the discharge of another pump to provide oil at a higher pressure

##### 3.1.4

##### **coast-down time**

period required after the driver is tripped for the equipment to come to rest

##### 3.1.5

##### **components**

machinery and hardware items, such as reservoirs, pumps, coolers, filters, valves, and instruments, that are part of the system

**3.1.6****console**

total system whose components and controls are packaged as a single unit on a continuous or joined baseplate

NOTE 1 With a console, the purchaser is required only to make external connections.

NOTE 2 Rundown tanks and seal-oil tanks that are separately mounted, as well as other items such as instrumentation mounted on the equipment, are not part of the console.

**3.1.7****continuous-flow transfer valve**

valve that can simultaneously divert both inlet and outlet flows from one component to its installed spare equipment without altering the continuity of full flow through the transfer valve to the equipment

**3.1.8****control oil**

oil required to operate such components as relays, servomotors and power pistons on the main equipment

**3.1.9****cool-off time**

period during which oil has to be circulated through the equipment to prevent heat damage after the driver is tripped

**3.1.10****device position****3.1.10.1****normally open**

de-energized position of a device (e.g. automatically controlled electric switch or valve) remaining in an open position during operation unless energized

NOTE During operation of the equipment, the positions of these devices are not necessarily the same as their on-the-shelf positions.

**3.1.10.2****normally closed**

de-energized position of a device (e.g. automatically controlled electric switch or valve) remaining in a closed position during operation unless energized

NOTE During operation of the equipment, the positions of these devices are not necessarily the same as their on-the-shelf positions.

**3.1.11****double seal**

seal arrangement that utilizes two seal faces in an opposed configuration, whereby sealing gas is injected between the seal faces

NOTE See tandem seal (3.1.49).

**3.1.12****dry gas seal system**

self-acting dry gas seal module and all other components necessary for operation of the self-acting dry gas seal

**3.1.13****equipment**

main machinery served by the oil or gas system

**3.1.14**

**fail safe**

system or component that 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

**3.1.15**

**gas-seal module**

arrangement of piping, filters and instrumentation used to control and monitor the pressure or flow of seal, buffer or separation gas to the equipment shaft end seals

**3.1.16**

**gauge board**

unenclosed bracket or plate used to support and display gauges, switches and other instruments

NOTE A gauge board is not a panel. A panel is an enclosure. Refer to 3.1.31 for the definition of a panel.

**3.1.17**

**general-purpose**

usually spared or in non-critical service

**3.1.18**

**local**

mounted on or near the equipment or console

**3.1.19**

**mission time**

duration of the mission

NOTE Mission time begins when the equipment or system is 100 % operational, i.e. equipment or system capability has returned to engineered capability, and the equipment or system is ready for service. The mission time ends when the equipment or system can no longer meet the defined mission objectives. To meet the business plan, it is necessary that the actual mission time be equal to or greater than the planned mission time.

**3.1.20**

**main oil pump**

oil pump that is normally in operation

**3.1.21**

**maximum allowable temperature**

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 pressure

**3.1.22**

**maximum allowable working pressure**

maximum continuous pressure for which the manufacturer has designed the console or components when handling the specified fluid at the maximum allowable temperature

**3.1.23**

**maximum discharge pressure**

(centrifugal pump) maximum specified suction pressure plus the maximum differential pressure the pump with the finished impeller is able to develop when operating at rated speed with fluid of the specified normal relative density (specific gravity)

**3.1.24**

**maximum sealing pressure**

highest pressure expected at the seals during any specified static or operating conditions and during start-up and shutdown

NOTE Considerations should include both relief valve settings and relief-valve accumulation pressure.

**3.1.25****multiple-package**

total oil supply system whose components are separated into individually packaged units

NOTE With this arrangement, the purchaser is required only to install the interconnections between the packages and the external connections.

**3.1.26****normal flow**

total amount of fluid required by equipment components such as bearings, seals, couplings and steady-state controls excluding transient flow for controls or fluid bypassed directly back to the reservoir

**3.1.27****normal operating point**

point at which normal operation is expected and optimum efficiency is desired

NOTE This point is usually the point at which the vendor certifies that the performance is within the tolerances stated in the relevant standard.

**3.1.28****observed**

when the purchaser is notified of the timing of the inspection or test and the inspection or test is performed as scheduled, whether or not the purchaser or his representative is present

**3.1.29****owner**

final recipient of the equipment, who may delegate another agent as the purchaser of the equipment

**3.1.30****package**

total system, or part of a system, whose components are mounted on a single baseplate

NOTE A package is complete in all respects, including controls and instrumentation.

**3.1.31****panel**

enclosure used to mount, display and protect gauges, switches and other instruments

NOTE Instruments in a panel may be open or enclosed by the panel. (See 3.1.16.)

**3.1.32****pressure-limiting valve****PLV**

automatic pressure-limiting device, which opens in proportion to the increase in pressure over the opening set pressure and automatically closes when the upstream pressure is reduced below the set pressure, and which is actuated by the static pressure upstream of the valve

NOTE 1 These devices are not necessarily tight shutoff when closed, i.e. they may have a small leakage flow when closed. These devices are designed for liquid service only and are normally used for limiting the discharge pressure of positive-displacement-type oil pumps and the downstream pressure of fail-open oil-pressure regulating valves when necessary.

NOTE 2 PLVs require a flowing test system in order to test. Normally, these valves are, therefore, tested in the system on which they are installed.

**3.1.33**

**pressure safety valve  
relief valve  
PSV**

automatic pressure-relieving device, which opens in proportion to the increase in pressure over the opening set pressure, has a rapid full opening or pop action characteristic and is actuated by the static pressure upstream of the valve

NOTE The device automatically closes when the upstream pressure is reduced below the set pressure. These devices are considered to be tight shutoff when closed and are normally used in gas, vapour or liquid service.

**3.1.34**

**purchaser**

agency that issues the order and specification to the vendor

NOTE The purchaser can be the owner of the plant in which the equipment is installed or the owner's appointed agent.

**3.1.35**

**remote**

located away from the equipment or the console, typically in a control house

**3.1.36**

**seal buffer gas**

clean gas supplied to the high-pressure side of a seal

NOTE 1 This term was originally used on oil seals and has been replaced with the term "seal gas supply" for clean gas that also serves as the sealing gas for a dry gas seal.

NOTE 2 See ISO 10438-4:2007, Figures D.1 to D.4.

**3.1.37**

**seal gas**

dry, filtered gas supplied to the high-pressure side of a self-acting gas seal

NOTE See ISO 10438-4:2007, Figures D.1 to D.4.

**3.1.38**

**seal gas leakage**

gas that flows from the high-pressure side of the seal to the low-pressure side of the seal

**3.1.39**

**secondary seal-gas supply**

clean purge gas supplied to the area between the seals of a tandem self-acting gas seal having an intermediate labyrinth

NOTE This gas is at a pressure lower than the process pressure.

**3.1.40**

**self-contained regulator**

regulating valve assembly that utilizes or internally senses the controlling pressure or temperature

**3.1.41**

**separation gas**

supply of inert gas or air fed into the region between the seal and the shaft bearing

**3.1.42**

**settling-out pressure**

maximum pressure the system can reach under static conditions

**3.1.43****shaft-driven pump**

oil pump driven by the shaft of one of the main machines served by the oil system

**3.1.44****shutdown point**

preset value of a parameter at which automatic or manual shutdown of the system is required

**3.1.45****special-purpose application**

application for which the equipment is designed for uninterrupted, continuous operation in critical service and for which there is usually no spare equipment

**3.1.46****standby pump**

oil pump that is capable, either automatically or manually, of being immediately brought up to operating speed, and that is capable of operating continuously

**3.1.47****standby service**

normally idle piece of equipment that is capable of immediate automatic or manual start-up and continuous operation

**3.1.48****stilling tube**

pipe extending into the reservoir from the connection to below pump suction-loss level to prevent splashing and provide free release of foam and gas

NOTE 1 A stilling tube is typically used for non-pressurized returns and has an open top or vent holes to equalize to reservoir pressure.

NOTE 2 See ISO 10438-2:2007, Figure B.24.

**3.1.49****tandem seal**

seal arrangement which utilizes two seal faces oriented in the same direction, whereby the outboard seal face acts as a backup seal to the inboard or primary seal face

NOTE 1 A special arrangement of this seal incorporates an intermediate labyrinth seal to allow an inert sealing gas to be injected between the seal faces. In this arrangement, the backup or outboard seal face seals against the inert sealing gas and is not exposed to the process gas.

NOTE 2 See double seal (3.1.11).

**3.1.50****unit responsibility**

responsibility for coordinating the technical aspects of the equipment and all auxiliary systems included in the scope of the order

NOTE Responsibility for such factors as the power requirements, speed, rotation, general arrangement, couplings, dynamics, noise, lubrication, sealing system, material test reports, instrumentation, piping and testing of components is included.

**3.1.51****vendor  
supplier**

agency that manufactures, sells and provides service support for the equipment

NOTE The vendor may be the manufacturer of the equipment or the manufacturer's agent and normally is responsible for service support.

**3.1.52**

**vent gas**

seal gas leakage that is taken away by the vent system

**3.1.53**

**vent system**

arrangement of piping and valves used to take gas to a safe location

**3.1.54**

**witnessed**

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 his representative is in attendance

**3.2 Abbreviated terms**

|      |                                              |
|------|----------------------------------------------|
| AS   | air supply                                   |
| BWG  | Birmingham wire gauge                        |
| DN   | nominal diameter                             |
| DP   | differential pressure indicator              |
| FAL  | flow alarm low                               |
| FC   | fail closed                                  |
| FCV  | flow control valve                           |
| FE   | flow element                                 |
| FG   | flow glass                                   |
| FI   | flow indicator                               |
| FIC  | flow indicator controller                    |
| FL   | fail locked (when labelling a valve)         |
| FO   | fail open (when labelling a valve)           |
| FRO  | flow restriction orifice                     |
| FT   | flow transmitter                             |
| FY   | I/P (current to pneumatic) interposing relay |
| LC   | level controller                             |
| LG   | level gauge                                  |
| LIC  | level indicator controller                   |
| LSH  | level switch high                            |
| LSHH | level switch high high                       |
| LSL  | level switch low                             |

|       |                                         |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| LSSL  | level switch low low                    |
| LT    | level transmitter                       |
| LV    | level valve                             |
| LY    | level relay                             |
| NC    | normally closed                         |
| NDT   | non-destructive testing                 |
| NO    | normally open                           |
| NPS   | nominal pipe size                       |
| NPT   | national pipe thread (tapered)          |
| P&ID  | process (piping) and instrument drawing |
| PCV   | pressure control valve                  |
| PDCV  | pressure differential control valve     |
| PDI   | pressure differential indicator         |
| PDS   | pressure differential switch            |
| PDSH  | pressure differential switch high       |
| PDSL  | pressure differential switch low        |
| PDSLL | pressure differential switch low low    |
| PDT   | pressure differential transmitter       |
| PI    | pressure indicator                      |
| PLV   | pressure-limiting valve                 |
| PN    | nominal pressure                        |
| PSH   | pressure switch high                    |
| PSHH  | pressure switch high high               |
| PSL   | pressure switch low                     |
| PSLL  | pressure switch low low                 |
| PSV   | pressure safety (relief) valve          |
| PT    | pressure transmitter                    |
| TC    | temperature controller                  |
| TCV   | temperature control valve               |
| TI    | temperature indicator                   |

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| TIC  | temperature indicator controller     |
| TS   | temperature switch                   |
| TSH  | temperature switch high              |
| TSL  | temperature switch low               |
| UNC  | unified national coarse thread       |
| VDDR | vendor drawing and data requirements |

## 4 General

### 4.1 Dimensions and units

- Drawings and maintenance dimensions shall be in SI units or United States customary (USC) units. Use of an SI datasheet indicates that SI units shall be used. Use of an USC datasheet indicates that USC units shall be used.

NOTE Dedicated datasheets for SI units and for USC units are provided in Annex A in each of the four parts of ISO 10438.

### 4.2 Design

The term “design” shall apply solely to parameters or features of the equipment supplied by the manufacturer. The term “design” should not be used in the purchaser's enquiry or specifications because it can create confusion in understanding the order.

EXAMPLES Design power, design pressure, design temperature, design speed.

### 4.3 System selection

- **4.3.1** Annexes in ISO 10438-2, ISO 10438-3 and ISO 10438-4 provide schemas and diagrams of typical complete lubrication, oil-type shaft-sealing, dry gas face-type shaft-sealing and control-oil systems. These schematics and diagrams illustrate the general philosophy and requirements of this part of ISO 10438 and are included to assist the purchaser in the selection of an appropriate system. Symbols shown on these schematics and diagrams are identified in Annex B of this part of ISO 10438. The purchaser and the vendor shall agree upon a mutually acceptable system before the order is released.
- **4.3.2** The purchaser shall define the scope of supply, the level of quality or the brand of components, the system type, the general arrangement (including plan and elevation views of the console orientation), the space available for the console, the service (special purpose or general purpose) and other requirements. Annexes C and D of this part of ISO 10438 are intended to assist in this definition.

### 4.4 Pressure design code

- The pressure design code shall be specified or agreed by the purchaser. Pressure components shall comply with the pressure design code and the supplementary requirements in this part of ISO 10438.

### 4.5 Basic design

**4.5.1** Equipment shall be designed for installation in accordance with API 686.

- **4.5.2** 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.

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

**4.5.4** Spare and replacement parts shall meet all the criteria of the furnished system.

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

**4.5.6** Where drilled check valves are provided, they shall be labelled with stainless steel tags stamped indicating that they are drilled and the size of the drilled hole.

NOTE Drilled check valves are sometimes utilized with shaft-driven pumps or atmospheric rundown tanks.

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

It is recommended that this be done as early as possible and preferably in the inquiry stage.

## 4.6 Welding

**4.6.1** Welding of piping and pressure-containing parts, as well as any dissimilar-metal welds and weld repairs, shall be performed and inspected by operators and procedures qualified in accordance with the pressure design code or the piping system design code as appropriate.

- **4.6.2** In addition to the requirements of 4.6.1 and the applicable piping code, the purchaser may specify that additional radiography, magnetic particle inspection or liquid-penetrant inspection of specific welds on equipment and/or piping is required.

NOTE 1 ISO 15649 already includes a level of NDT inspection for piping.

NOTE 2 ISO 10438-3 systems do not require radiography of piping (see ISO 10438-3:2007, 5.1.2).

**4.6.3** All welding other than that covered by the pressure design code or the piping systems design code such as welding on baseplates, non-pressure ducting, lagging and control panels shall be in accordance with a structural welding standard such as AWS D1.1, unless otherwise specified.

## 4.7 Statutory requirements

The purchaser and the vendor shall mutually determine the measures to be taken to comply with any governmental codes, regulations, ordinances or rules that are applicable to the equipment, its packaging and any preservatives used.

## 4.8 Documentation requirements

The hierarchy of documents shall be specified.

NOTE Typical documents include company and industry specifications, meeting notes and modifications to these documents.

# 5 Piping

## 5.1 General

**5.1.1** Piping design and joint fabrication examination and inspection shall comply with ISO 15649.

NOTE 1 ISO 15649 includes ASME B31.3 as a normative reference, and for the purposes of this part of ISO 10438, the provisions are identical. See also CEN/TR 14549.

NOTE 2 The alphanumeric designation of size used for reference purposes for components of a pipework system, when using the DN system, comprises the letters DN followed by a dimensionless whole number that is indirectly related to the nominal physical size in millimetres. The number following the letters DN does not represent a measurable value and it is not appropriate that they be used for calculation purposes except where specified in the relevant standard.

NOTE 3 The alphanumeric designation relating to pressure used for reference purposes for components of a pipework system, when using the PN system, comprises the letters PN followed by a convenient round, dimensionless number. For further information, see ISO 7268.

NOTE 4 It is intended that all equipment of the same nominal size (DN) designated by the same PN number have the same mating dimensions appropriate to the type of end connections.

The permissible working pressure depends upon the materials, design and working temperature and shall be selected from the pressure/temperature rating tables in corresponding standards.

**5.1.2** Auxiliary systems are defined as piping systems that are in the following services:

a) Group I, Auxiliary process fluids (see Table 1):

- 1) sealing fluid,
- 2) gland and flushing fluid,
- 3) recirculation fluid,
- 4) balance gas,
- 5) buffer gas,
- 6) fuel gas or oil,
- 7) drains and vents associated with group I systems,
- 8) starting gas,
- 9) separation gas,
- 10) solvents injection;

b) Group II, Steam and air (see Table 2):

- 1) sealing steam,
- 2) steam injection,
- 3) water injection,
- 4) starting air,
- 5) instrument and control air,
- 6) drains and vents associated with group II systems;

c) Group III, Cooling water (see Table 3):

- 1) cooling water,
- 2) liquid wash (water based),
- 3) drains and vents associated with group III systems;

d) Group IV, Lubricating, control and seal oil (see Table 4):

- 1) lubricating oil,
- 2) control oil,
- 3) seal oil (see 5.4 for seal oil contaminated with process fluid),
- 4) drains and vents associated with group IV systems.

Auxiliary systems shall comply with the requirements of Tables 1 through 6, except as modified in referencing standards, including references to Tables 1 through 6 in ISO 10438-2, ISO 10438-3 and ISO 10438-4.

NOTE Casing connections are covered in the associated equipment standards.

**Table 1 — Minimum requirements for piping materials — Auxiliary process fluid**

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pipe                                                                                                                                               | Austenitic stainless steel, (e.g. ASTM A312 type 304 or 316 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E). Seamless, except Schedule 10S and 40S may be electric fusion welded. Seamless carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A106-B, A53-B or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Pipe fitting                                                                                                                                       | Austenitic stainless steel, (e.g. ASTM A403 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E, type 304 or 316 stainless steel). Seamless, except Schedule 10S and 40S may be electric fusion welded. Austenitic stainless steel, (e.g. ASTM A182 type 304 or 316 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), class 3000. Seamless carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A234 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E). Carbon steel, (e.g. ASTM A105 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), class 3000 |
| Flange                                                                                                                                             | Austenitic stainless steel, (e.g. ASTM A182 type 304 or 316 or the equivalent code material designation located in Annex E) weld neck or slip-on. Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A105) or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E, weld neck or slip-on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tubing                                                                                                                                             | Stainless steel, (ASTM A269 type 304 or 316 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Tube fittings                                                                                                                                      | Austenitic stainless steel type 304 or 316 (vendor's standard with purchaser's approval)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Gaskets                                                                                                                                            | For less than or equal to ANSI class 300: flat, non-asbestos type<br>For greater than or equal to ANSI class 600: spiral wound with non-asbestos filler, 304 or 316 windings and external centring ring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Flange bolting                                                                                                                                     | Refer to 5.1.28 and 5.1.29.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Valves                                                                                                                                             | Refer to 5.1.22, 5.1.23 and 5.1.24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| NOTE Threaded joints require seal welding; however, seal welding is not permitted on instruments or where disassembly is required for maintenance. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Table 2 — Minimum requirements for piping materials — Steam and air**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pipe           | Seamless, carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A106-B, A53-B) or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E                                                                                              |
| Pipe fitting   | Seamless, carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A234 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E)<br>Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A105 class 3000 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E) |
| Flange         | Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A105 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), weld neck or slip-on                                                                                           |
| Tubing         | Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A269 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), type 304 or 316                                                                                             |
| Tube fittings  | Stainless steel type 304 or 316 (vendor's standard)                                                                                                                                                     |
| Gaskets        | For less than or equal to ANSI class 300: flat, non-asbestos type<br>For greater than or equal to ANSI class 600: spiral wound with non-asbestos filler, 304 or 316 windings and external centring ring |
| Flange bolting | Refer to 5.1.28 and 5.1.29.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Valves         | Refer to 5.1.22, 5.1.23 and 5.1.24.                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Table 3 — Minimum requirements for piping materials — Cooling water**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pipe           | Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A106-B & A53-B or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), seamless                                                                                   |
| Pipe fitting   | Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A234 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), seamless<br>Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A105 or the material designation located in Annex E), class 3000 |
| Flange         | Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A105 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), weld neck or slip-on                                                                                 |
| Tubing         | Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A269 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), type 304 or 316                                                                                   |
| Tube fittings  | Stainless steel type 304 or 316 (vendor's standard)                                                                                                                                           |
| Gaskets        | Flat, non-asbestos type                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Flange bolting | Refer to 5.1.28 and 5.1.29.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Valves         | Refer to 5.1.22, 5.1.23 and 5.1.24.                                                                                                                                                           |

**Table 4 — Minimum requirements for piping materials — Lubricating, control and seal oil**

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pipe                                                                                                                                               | Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A312 type 304 or 316 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E). Seamless, except Schedule 10S and 40S may be electric fusion welded.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Pipe fitting                                                                                                                                       | Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A403 type 304 or 316 stainless steel or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E). Seamless, except Schedule 10S and 40S may be electric fusion welded.<br><br>Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A182 type 304 or 316 stainless steel or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), class 3000. Socket weld fittings are prohibited. |
| Flange                                                                                                                                             | Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A181 type 304 or 316 stainless steel or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), weld neck or slip-on. Socket weld flanges are prohibited.<br><br>Carbon steel (e.g. ASTM A105 or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E), slip-on                                                                                        |
| Tubing                                                                                                                                             | Stainless steel (e.g. ASTM A269 type 304 or 316 stainless steel or the equivalent material designation located in Annex E)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tube fittings                                                                                                                                      | Stainless steel type 304 or 316 (vendor's standard with purchasers approval)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Gaskets                                                                                                                                            | For less than or equal to ANSI class 300: flat, non-asbestos type<br><br>For greater than or equal to ANSI class 600: spiral wound with non-asbestos filler, 304 or 316 windings and external centring ring                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Flange bolting                                                                                                                                     | Refer to 5.1.28 and 5.1.29.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Valves                                                                                                                                             | Refer to 5.1.22, 5.1.23 and 5.1.24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| NOTE Threaded joints require seal welding; however, seal welding is not permitted on instruments or where disassembly is required for maintenance. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Table 5 — Minimum pipe wall thicknesses**

| Materials       | Nominal pipe size minimum |                         |          |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
|                 | DN                        | in                      | Schedule |
| Carbon steel    | DN 40                     | ( $\leq 1\frac{1}{2}$ ) | 80       |
| Carbon steel    | DN 50 to 200              | (2 to 8)                | 40       |
| Carbon steel    | DN 200                    | ( $\geq 8$ )            | 20       |
| Stainless steel | DN 25                     | ( $\leq 1$ )            | 80S      |
| Stainless steel | DN 40 to 75               | ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3)  | 40S      |
| Stainless steel | DN 100                    | ( $\geq 4$ )            | 10S      |

**Table 6 — Minimum tubing wall thicknesses**

| Nominal tubing size <sup>a</sup>                                                                                                 |                                | Minimum wall thickness |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| mm                                                                                                                               | in                             | mm                     | in    |
| 6                                                                                                                                | ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) <sup>b</sup> | 1,0                    | 0.035 |
| 10                                                                                                                               | ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) <sup>b</sup> | 1,0                    | 0.035 |
| 12                                                                                                                               | ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )              | 1,5                    | 0.065 |
| 20                                                                                                                               | ( $\frac{3}{4}$ )              | 2,0                    | 0.095 |
| 25                                                                                                                               | (1)                            | 2,6                    | 0.109 |
| <sup>a</sup> The tubing size is the outside diameter.                                                                            |                                |                        |       |
| <sup>b</sup> The sizes 6 mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$ in) and 10 mm ( $\frac{3}{8}$ in) are permitted for instrument and control air only. |                                |                        |       |

**5.1.3** Piping systems shall include piping, isolating valves, control valves, relief valves, pressure reducers, orifices, temperature gauges and thermowells, pressure gauges, sight flow indicators and related vents and drains.

- **5.1.4** The vendor shall furnish all piping systems, including mounted appurtenances, located within the confines of the main unit's base area, any oil console base area or any auxiliary base area. The piping shall terminate with flanged connections at the edge of the base. When soleplates are specified for the equipment train, the extent of the piping system at the equipment train shall be defined by the purchaser. The purchaser shall furnish only interconnecting piping between equipment groupings and off-base facilities.

**5.1.5** The design of piping systems shall achieve the following:

- a) proper support and protection to prevent damage from vibration or from shipment, operation and maintenance;
- b) proper flexibility and normal accessibility for operation, maintenance and thorough cleaning;
- c) installation in a neat and orderly arrangement adapted to the contour of the machine without obstructing access openings;
- d) elimination of air pockets by the use of valved vents or non-accumulating piping arrangements;
- e) complete drainage through low points without disassembly of piping.

**5.1.6** Piping shall be fabricated by bending and welding to minimize the use of flanges and fittings where practical. Welded flanges are required at equipment connections, at the edge of any base and for ease of maintenance. Non-screwed pipe fittings are permitted to facilitate pipe layout in congested areas.

**5.1.7** Pipe bushings shall be seal welded if used. Welded pipe bushings are acceptable only at the drain connections on pump suction strainers where the strainer cannot be rotated.

NOTE Y strainers have oversized drain connections. If a bushing is not allowed, it is necessary to elevate the entire pipe and system to include a drain valve.

**5.1.8** Pipe threads shall be taper threads in accordance with ISO 7-1.

NOTE For the purposes of this provision, ANSI/ASME B1.20.1 is equivalent to ISO 7-1.

**5.1.9** Flanges shall be steel and in accordance with the pressure design code.

NOTE If ASME is specified, flanges are in accordance with ASME B16.5 (see 4.4).

**5.1.10** For socket-welded construction, there shall be a 1,5 mm (1/16 in) gap between the pipe end and the bottom of the socket before welding.

NOTE See ASME B31.3-04, Figures 328.5.2B (3) and 328.5.2C.

**5.1.11** Connections, piping, valves and fittings that are 30 mm (1 1/4 in), 65 mm (2 1/2 in), 90 mm (3 1/2 in), 125 mm (5 in), 175 mm (7 in) or 225 mm (9 in) in size shall not be used.

**5.1.12** Where space does not permit the use of DN 15 (NPS 1/2), DN 20 (NPS 3/4) or DN 25 (NPS 1) pipe, seamless tubing may be furnished in accordance with Tables 1 to 4, as applicable.

**5.1.13** Minimum connection shall be DN 15 (NPS 1/2). For instrument connections, refer to 5.3.2.

**5.1.14** Piping systems furnished by the vendor shall be fabricated, installed in the shop and properly supported. Bolt holes for flanged connections shall straddle lines parallel to the main horizontal or vertical centreline of the equipment.

**5.1.15** Tapped openings shall be plugged with solid, round-head, steel plugs furnished in accordance with ANSI/ASME B16.11. As a minimum, these plugs shall meet the material requirements of the piping system. Plugs that can require later removal shall be of corrosion-resistant material. Plastic plugs are not permitted.

**NOTE** This section refers to piping only. Plugs on instrument valves and equipment, such as filters, coolers, etc., are covered in their appropriate sections.

**5.1.16** A process-compatible thread lubricant that meets the proper temperature specification shall be used on all non-seal-welded threaded connections. Tape shall not be used.

**5.1.17** The root pass of all butt welds on stainless steel pipe shall be made by tungsten inert-gas arc welding. Filler passes may be made by tungsten inert-gas arc welding or by the shielded metal arc process. Gas metal arc welding may be used, when approved, for filler passes on DN 150 (6,0 in) and larger pipe.

- **5.1.18** Special requirements for piping, flanges, gaskets, instruments and o-rings, valves and other appurtenances in special and/or hazardous service shall be specified by the purchaser.

**5.1.19** All components, such as flanges, valves, control valve bodies or heads and relief valves, that contain oil, special and/or hazardous fluids or steam over 500 kPa (75 psig) shall be made of steel.

**5.1.20** Threaded joints for special and/or hazardous fluids or for steam pressures greater than 500 kPa (75 psig) shall be seal-welded; however, seal welding is not permitted on cast iron equipment, instruments or locations that require disassembly for maintenance. Seal-welded joints shall be made in accordance with the codes specified. Where no codes have been specified, seal-welded joints shall be in accordance with ISO 15649.

**5.1.21** Hand-operated block and bypass valves shall have bolted bonnets and glands. For service ratings greater than or equal to ANSI class 900, block valves may be of bolted bonnet, welded bonnet or no-bonnet construction with a bolted gland; these valves shall be suitable for repacking under pressure.

**5.1.22** Wafer check valves in accordance with ANSI/API 594 may be used in sizes DN 40 (NPS 1 1/2) and larger for services other than hazardous process gas and steam.

**5.1.23** Unless otherwise specified, block valves shall be supplied with nominal 13Cr stainless steel trim.

**NOTE** Certain fluid applications can require alternate trim materials (i.e. H<sub>2</sub>S service). See 5.1.18.

**5.1.24** Instrument valves for oil and gas service located in sensing lines downstream of a primary service block valve may be bar-stock instrument valves, provided the instrument valves are protected against accidental disassembly. Valves shall be stainless steel or carbon steel with corrosion-resistant plating and stainless steel stems.

**5.1.25** Plugs in instrument valves shall be the manufacturer's standard design of stainless steel material.

**5.1.26** Bleed valves provided at instruments may be the manufacturer's standard bleed fitting. Where test valves are provided according to 5.1.27, bleed valves may be omitted.

- **5.1.27** If specified, test valves shall be supplied adjacent to all of the instruments. Test valves shall terminate with a plugged DN 15 (NPS 1/2) connection (5.1.25). If specified, test valves in oil lines shall be vented back to the reservoir. Test valves may be combined with instrument valves supplied in accordance with 5.1.24.

**5.1.28** The bolting for pressure joints, valves and piping shall be in accordance with ISO 15649 or the appropriate specified code. As a minimum, according to the requirements of ASME B1.1 or the appropriate specified code, this bolting shall be ASTM A193/A193M-07, Grade B7, or the equivalent material and shall use ASTM A194/A194M-07, Grade 2H nuts or the equivalent material.

**5.1.29** Unless otherwise specified, through studs shall be used.

- **5.1.30** If specified, each utility such as air and inert-gas supply, cooling water supply and return lines and others as specified shall be manifolded to a common connection.

**5.1.31** The manifold shall be sized to handle the maximum flow through all components that can require the simultaneous use of the specified utility.

- **5.1.32** If specified, valves shall be in accordance with purchaser-specified standards in addition to the mandated requirements of this part of ISO 10438.
- **5.1.33** If specified, flanged gate valves shall be in accordance with ISO 10434 and ISO 15761 in addition to the mandated requirements of this part of ISO 10438.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this provision, ANSI/API 600 is the equivalent of ISO 10434.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this provision, API STD 602 is the equivalent of ISO 15761.

**5.1.34** Piping and components between double block valves shall be suitable for the more severe line classification on either side of the double block valve.

## 5.2 Oil piping

**5.2.1** Oil drains shall be sized to run no more than half full when flowing at normal drain operating temperature at maximum flow conditions and shall be arranged to ensure good drainage (recognizing the possibility of foaming conditions). Horizontal runs shall slope continuously, at least 40 mm/m (1/2 in/ft), toward the reservoir. If possible, laterals (not more than one in any transverse plane) should enter drain headers at 45° angles in the direction of the flow. The minimum size for most oil drains shall be DN 40 (NPS 1 1/2); however, the minimum size for inner seal-oil drains shall be DN 25 (NPS 1).

**5.2.2** Non-consumable backup rings and sleeve-type joints shall not be used. Pressure piping downstream of oil filters shall be free from internal obstructions that can accumulate dirt. (See Table 4.)

**5.2.3** Unless otherwise specified, piping and tubing, including fittings (excluding slip-on flanges), shall be made of stainless steel. (See Table 4.)

**5.2.4** Provision shall be made for bypassing the bearings (and seals if applicable) of equipment during oil system flushing operations.

## 5.3 Instrument piping and tubing

**5.3.1** The vendor shall supply all necessary piping, valves and fittings for instruments and instrument panels. Panels shall be completely assembled, requiring only connection to the purchaser's external piping and wiring circuits.

**5.3.2** Connections on equipment and piping for pressure instruments and test points shall conform to 5.1.5. A DN 20 (NPS 3/4) isolating valve shall be provided for all remote-mounted instrumentation. DN 15 (NPS 1/2) piping or tubing, valves and fittings may be used after the isolating valve. Where convenient, a common connection may be used for remotely mounted instruments that measure the same pressure. Separate secondary DN 15 (NPS 1/2) isolating valves are required for each instrument on a common connection. Where a pressure gauge is used for testing pressure alarm or shutdown devices, common connections are required for the pressure gauge and alarm or shutdown device.

**5.3.3** Tubing valves shall be the manufacturer's standard tube-end or instrument valve and shall be stainless steel, as approved by the purchaser.

## 5.4 Process piping

- **5.4.1** The extent of, and requirements for, process piping to be supplied by the vendor shall be specified.

- **5.4.2** If specified, the vendor shall review all piping, appurtenances (pulsation suppression devices, intercoolers, aftercoolers, separators, knockout drums, air intake filters, expansion joints) and supports immediately upstream and downstream of the equipment and supports. The purchaser and the vendor shall mutually agree on the scope of this review.

## 5.5 Intercoolers and aftercoolers

- **5.5.1** If specified, the vendor shall furnish an intercooler between each compression stage.
- **5.5.2** Intercoolers shall be air-cooled or water-cooled as specified.
- **5.5.3** The purchaser shall specify whether aftercoolers shall be furnished by the vendor.
- **5.5.4** Intercoolers and aftercoolers shall be furnished in accordance with the pressure design code.
- **5.5.5** 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 is specified, the heat exchanger shall be in accordance with ISO 16812 as specified.

NOTE 1 It is necessary to exercise caution regarding the susceptibility of heat exchangers and their supporting structures to pulsation-induced vibration.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this provision, ANSI/API 660 is equivalent to ISO 16812.

**5.5.6** Unless otherwise approved by the purchaser, intercoolers and aftercoolers shall be constructed and arranged to allow removal of tube bundles without dismantling piping or compressor components. Water shall be on the tube side.

**5.5.7** Fixed tube-sheet exchangers shall have inspection openings into their gas passages. Rupture disks on the shell side (to protect the shell in case of tube failures) shall be used only when specifically approved by the purchaser.

**5.5.8** When air coolers are specified, they shall be in accordance with ISO 13706.

NOTE For the purposes of this provision, ANSI/API 661 is the equivalent of ISO 13706.

**5.5.9** Unless otherwise specified, air-cooled heat exchangers used for intercoolers shall have automatic temperature control. This control may be accomplished by means of louvers, variable-speed fans, variable-pitch fans, bypass valves or any combination of these. Proposed control systems are approved by the purchaser.

- **5.5.10** If specified, water-cooled double-pipe intercoolers and aftercoolers shall be furnished. A finned double-pipe design may be furnished only when specifically approved by the purchaser.
- **5.5.11** Intercoolers shall be either integrally mounted on a skid or separately mounted, as specified.
- **5.5.12** Materials of construction shall be those specified.

**5.5.13** When condensate separation and collection facilities are furnished by the vendor, they shall include the following:

- a) automatic drain trap with a manual bypass;
- b) armoured gauge glass with isolation valves and blowdown valves on the collection pot;
- c) separate connections and level switches for high-level alarm and trip on the collection pot;
- d) collection pots sized to provide an agreed-upon holding capacity and a 5 min interval between high-level alarm and trip, based on the expected normal liquid condensate rate;
- e) separate connections and level switches for the high-level alarm and trip on the collection pot.

- **5.5.14** If specified, the vendor shall furnish the fabricated piping between the compressor stages (or the nozzles of centrifugal compressor bodies) and the intercoolers and aftercoolers. Interstage piping shall conform to the piping design code (e.g. ISO 15649).

## 6 Instrumentation, control and electrical systems

### 6.1 General

**6.1.1** Systems shall be instrumented and controlled for orderly start-up, stable operation, warning of abnormal conditions and shutdown of the main equipment in the event of impending damage.

**6.1.2** Instrumentation and installation shall conform to the purchaser's specifications and, unless otherwise specified, shall conform to the requirements of this part of ISO 10438.

**6.1.3** Unless otherwise specified, controls and instrumentation shall be designed for outdoor installation and shall meet the requirements of IP65 as detailed in IEC 60529 and NEMA 250, Type 4.

**6.1.4** Unless otherwise specified, instrument and control terminal boxes shall be IP66 as detailed in IEC 60529 and NEMA 250, Type 4X.

**6.1.5** Where applicable, controls and instrumentation shall conform to ANSI/API RP 551.

**6.1.6** All controls and instruments shall be located and arranged to permit easy visibility for the operators, as well as accessibility for tests, adjustments and maintenance.

**6.1.7** Unless otherwise specified, all wetted metallic parts of all instruments shall be made of an austenitic Type 300 stainless steel.

NOTE Certain fluid applications can require alternate trim materials (i.e. H<sub>2</sub>S service). See 5.1.18.

### 6.2 Alarm, shutdown and control systems

#### 6.2.1 General

**6.2.1.1** Unless otherwise specified, the necessary valving, switches, bridging links (jumpers) or other approved protocol shall be provided to enable all instruments and other components except shutdown-sensing devices to be replaced with the equipment in operation.

- **6.2.1.2** If specified, shutdown-sensing devices shall be provided with valving, bridging links or other approved protocol to allow replacement with the equipment in operation. Isolation valves for shutdown-sensing devices shall be provided with a means of locking the valves in the open position.
- **6.2.1.3** If specified, a hand-auto (HA) or hand-off-auto (HOA) starting switch for the pump motor(s) shall be provided. The HA switch shall contain manual-on and automatic-start positions only, with a separate manual reset button. When an HOA switch is provided, there shall be a separate set of contacts to indicate or alarm that it is in the off position.

NOTE The manual reset button of the HA control allows the standby pump to be manually shut down while the switch is in the automatic-start position only if the primary pump is providing sufficient pressure (that is, if the pressure-rising limit relay of the low-pressure switch [PSL] has been satisfied).

A separate electrical disconnect switch with a lockable off position should be provided at a remote location and should be used only for pump maintenance or during the time the equipment is shut down. This is normally accomplished in the motor control center.

## 6.2.2 Alarm and shutdown systems

**6.2.2.1** An alarm/shutdown system shall be provided which initiates an alarm if any one of the specified parameters reaches an alarm point and initiates shutdown of the equipment if any one of the specified parameters reaches the shutdown point.

- **6.2.2.2** The purchaser shall specify the alarms and shutdowns required which, as a minimum, should include those listed in ISO 10438-2:2007, Table 1; ISO 10438-3:2007, Table 3; ISO 10438-4:2007, Table 1.

NOTE Guidance for the use of various specified arrangements can be found in IEC 61511 (all parts).

**6.2.2.3** The vendor shall advise the purchaser of any additional alarms and/or shutdowns considered essential to safeguard the equipment.

- **6.2.2.4** The purchaser shall specify the extent to which alarm/shutdown systems are supplied and installed by the equipment vendor.

**6.2.2.5** Unless otherwise specified, the alarm/shutdown system shall comply with the following requirements.

- a) For every shutdown parameter, an alarm shall be provided with the alarm point set at a lesser deviation from the normal condition than the associated shutdown point.
- b) Any alarm parameter, reaching the alarm point, shall initiate an audible warning or flashing light or both, as specified. It shall be possible to determine which parameter initiated the alarm.
- c) Any shutdown parameter, reaching the shutdown point, shall cause the equipment to shutdown and shall initiate an audible warning or a flashing light or both, as specified, which shall be distinguishable from those associated with an alarm. It shall be possible to determine which parameter initiated the shutdown.
- d) When any component of the alarm/shutdown system malfunctions, an alarm shall be initiated and shall be distinguishable from alarms resulting from malfunction of the equipment.

NOTE To accomplish this, redundant sensors can be required.

- e) When any malfunction of a component of the shutdown system results in the system being unable to recognize a shutdown condition, the equipment shall automatically shutdown and an alarm shall be initiated. This alarm shall be distinguishable from shutdowns resulting from malfunction of the equipment (fail-safe system).
- f) When a non-fail-safe system is specified, a failure that results in the system being unable to recognize an alarm condition shall also result in all other alarms and shutdowns remaining functional.
- g) It shall be possible to test every component of every alarm function while the equipment is in operation. Such testing shall not require the disarming of any shutdown function.
- h) With the exception of the final shutdown device (circuit breaker, steam trip and throttle valve, fuel valve, etc.), it shall be possible to test every component of every shutdown function while the equipment is in operation. The testing of components associated with a shutdown function shall not require disarming of any other shutdown function nor any alarm function.

NOTE This allows all alarms to be bypassed during testing of switches.

**6.2.2.6** When shutdown bypass functions are furnished in a vendor-supplied panel, the vendor shall provide a clearly visible light on the panel to indicate when trip circuits are in a test bypass mode. Unless otherwise specified, shutdown systems shall be provided with key lock switches or another suitable means to permit testing without shutting down the unit.

### 6.2.3 Alarm and shutdown arrangements

- Alarm and shutdown arrangements shall be one of the following as specified.

#### 6.2.3.1 Arrangement 1

Both shutdown and alarm switches shall be connected through normally energized, fail-safe circuits. The shutdown circuit wiring shall be completely independent from the alarm circuit wiring and shall be mechanically protected.

#### 6.2.3.2 Arrangement 2

**6.2.3.2.1** Shutdown functions shall be initiated by local, direct-acting switches connected in a normally de-energized circuit.

**6.2.3.2.2** Alarm functions shall be comprised of locally mounted transmitters (electronic or pneumatic, as specified) connected to either separate, panel-mounted switches or to a multi-point, scanning-type monitor.

**6.2.3.2.3** Where multi-point, scanning-type monitors are used, the alarm setting for each function shall be separately and independently adjustable.

#### 6.2.3.3 Arrangement 3

**6.2.3.3.1** Each function for which both an alarm and a shutdown have been specified shall be provided with three separate and independent transmitters (electronic unless agreed to otherwise). The detail arrangement should be jointly developed between the purchaser and the vendor or vendors of the system and the served equipment.

**6.2.3.3.2** Each transmitter shall be independently connected to one of three independent, multi-point, electronic, scanning-type monitors for each transmitter input.

**6.2.3.3.3** The shutdown and alarm function outputs from the three instruments shall be connected through "two-out-of-three" voting logic and shall allow the operation of any one alarm or shutdown function to initiate an alarm. Operation of two shutdown functions monitoring the same parameter initiates a separate alarm and shall cause the served equipment to shutdown. If any one transmitter is faulty, then the remaining two transmitters vote "one-out-of-two" for shutdown. If a second transmitter becomes faulty, then the system shuts down the served equipment.

**6.2.3.3.4** Alarm functions not associated with a shutdown function shall be provided with one single transmitter. The detailed arrangement should be jointly developed by the purchaser and the vendor or vendors of the system and the served equipment.

NOTE This arrangement (Arrangement 3) has the following advantages.

- a) Any shutdown or alarm function can be tested at any time with the equipment in service without the need to disarm any part of the system.
- b) Failure of any one component initiates an alarm but does not result in equipment shutdown.
- c) The use of modern, digital instrument technology is facilitated.

### 6.2.4 Annunciators

- **6.2.4.1** If specified, the vendor shall provide a console-gauge-board-mounted and/or a control-panel-mounted annunciator.

- **6.2.4.2** The vendor shall furnish a first-out annunciator when an annunciator system is specified. The annunciator shall contain a minimum of 25 % spare points and, if specified, shall be arranged for purging. A summary (or common) output circuit shall be provided, as a minimum, for actuation of a remote signal when any function alarms or trips. The sequence of operation shall be as specified below.
  - a) The first parameter to reach alarm or shutdown shall cause the flashing of a light and the sounding of an audible device.
  - b) The alarm or shutdown condition shall be acknowledged by operating an alarm silencing button, common to all alarms and shutdowns.
  - c) When the alarm or shutdown is acknowledged, the audible device shall be silenced but the light shall remain steadily lit as long as that alarm or shutdown condition exists.
  - d) If another parameter reaches an alarm or shutdown level the light shall return to the flashing condition and the audible device shall sound, even if the previous alarm/shutdown condition has been acknowledged but still exists.
- **6.2.4.3** If specified, the annunciator sequence shall be selected from ISA 18.1 by the purchaser.
- **6.2.4.4** If specified, a separate first-out indication shall be provided.

### 6.3 Instrumentation

#### 6.3.1 Instrument installation and gauge boards

- **6.3.1.1** Instruments for the console, gas seal module and equipment may be local or gauge-board mounted as specified.
- 6.3.1.2** The gauge boards shall have individually labelled instruments and be located as mutually agreed on by the purchaser and the vendor.
- **6.3.1.3** If specified, a common panel shall be provided and shall include all panel-mounted instruments for the driven equipment and the driver. Such panels shall be designed and fabricated in accordance with the purchaser's description. The panel shall be freestanding, located on the base of the package or machine baseplate or in another location, as specified. The instruments on the panel shall be clearly visible to the operator from the driver control location. A lamp test push button shall be provided if the panel contains indication lamps. The instruments mounted on the panel shall be specified. Wiring inside of the panel shall be neatly run in wire ducting.
- **6.3.1.4** Unless otherwise specified, panel fronts shall be made of steel plate at least 3 mm (1/8 in) thick, reinforced, self-supporting and closed on the top and sides. Tops and sides shall be a minimum of 12 gauge. If specified, panels shall be totally enclosed to minimize electrical hazards, to prevent tampering or to allow purging for safety or corrosion protection. All instruments shall be mounted flush on the front of the panel and all separate fasteners shall be of corrosion-resistant metal. All interior and exterior surfaces of carbon steel panels shall be suitably prepared and coated with an industrial grade painting system.
- **6.3.1.5** Panel-mounted and console-gauge-board-mounted instruments shall be specified by the purchaser. (See datasheets for an equipment instrumentation list.)
- 6.3.1.6** Gauge boards and panels shall be completely assembled, piped and wired, requiring only connection to the purchaser's external piping and wiring circuits.
- 6.3.1.7** When more than one wiring point is required on a unit for control or instrumentation, the wiring to each electrical control device or instrument shall be provided from common terminal boxes with terminal posts. Unless otherwise specified, multiple terminal boxes are required for segregation of different AC and DC electrical signals.

- **6.3.1.8** If specified, signal-segregation requirements in addition to the requirements defined in 6.3.1.7 shall be provided.

**6.3.1.9** Unless otherwise specified, each terminal box shall be mounted on the package or baseplate.

NOTE Some soleplate-mounted equipment can result in maintenance access problems, which can be addressed by shipping terminal boxes loose for field wiring to a nearby location.

- **6.3.1.10** All wiring shall be installed in metal conduits, cable trays or enclosures, as specified.

**6.3.1.11** All leads and posts on terminal strips, switches and instruments shall be tagged for identification. If specified, purchaser's tagging shall be applied in addition to or in place of the vendor's standard tagging.

**6.3.1.12** Except for instrument air service, bleed valves are required between instruments and their isolation valves. Combination isolation/bleed valves may be used.

**6.3.1.13** Low-pressure alarms and shutdowns, which are activated by falling pressure, shall be equipped with a valved bleed or vent connection to allow controlled depressurizing so that the operator can note the alarm set pressure on the associated pressure gauge. High-pressure alarms and shutdowns, which are activated by rising pressure, shall be equipped with valved test connections so that a portable test pump can be used to raise the pressure.

## **6.3.2 Switches**

**6.3.2.1** Where alarm and/or shutdown functions are initiated by locally mounted switches, such switches shall comply with 6.3.2.2 through 6.3.2.7.

**6.3.2.2** Each alarm switch and each shutdown switch shall be furnished in a separate housing located to facilitate inspection and maintenance.

**6.3.2.3** Switches shall be hermetically sealed, single-pole, double-throw type with a minimum capacity of 5 A at 120 V AC and 0,5 A at 120 V DC. Mercury switches shall not be used.

- **6.3.2.4** The purchaser shall specify whether switches shall be connected to either open (de-energize) or close (energize) to initiate alarms and shutdowns.

**6.3.2.5** Alarm and shutdown switches shall not be adjustable from outside the housing.

- **6.3.2.6** If specified or approved, multi-point instruments may be used, except that alarms and shutdowns shall be connected to separate instruments, and separate alarm or shutdown contacts (switches) shall be provided. Each alarm and shutdown level shall be separately adjustable.

**6.3.2.7** Alarm and shutdown switches shall be arranged to permit testing of the control circuit, including, when possible, the actuating element, without interfering with normal equipment operation.

## **6.3.3 Transmitters**

- **6.3.3.1** If specified transmitters shall be provided.

- **6.3.3.2** The purchaser shall specify output signal type, indicating or non-indicating (blind) type, housing type and power supply requirements.

- **6.3.3.3** Transmitters shall be of analogue or digital type, as specified.

- **6.3.3.4** The purchaser shall specify transmitters that are non-hazardous, non-incendive, explosion-proof or intrinsically safe (IS), as required by the electrical area classification.

NOTE Transmitters for normally hazardous electrical area classifications can be satisfied by more than one transmitter configuration, i.e. intrinsically safe or explosion proof.

**6.3.3.5** Unless otherwise specified, transmitters shall be analogue, two-wire type and have an output of 4 mA to 20 mA.

**6.3.3.6** Each transmitter shall be located to facilitate inspection and maintenance.

**6.3.3.7** Each indicating transmitter shall be located to facilitate unobstructed viewing. Readout units shall be specified.

**6.3.3.8** Each transmitter shall be arranged to permit testing of the control circuit, including, when possible, the actuating element, without interfering with normal equipment operation.

**6.3.3.9** For transmitters that provide alarm/trip signals, transmitters with the shortest response time of those available shall be purchased.

### **6.3.4 Temperature indicators**

**6.3.4.1** Temperature-sensing elements shall be configured to extend adequately into the measured fluid.

It should be noted that this is particularly important for lines that can run partially full, such as drain lines.

**6.3.4.2** Temperature-sensing elements may be located in oil-flow sight glasses.

**6.3.4.3** Dial-type temperature indicators shall be heavy-duty and corrosion-resistant. They should be at least 125 mm (5 in) in diameter and bimetallic-type or fluid-filled. Black printing on a white background is standard for gauges. Temperature indicators shall be located per the datasheets.

### **6.3.5 Thermowells**

Temperature indicators or sensing elements that are in contact with process fluids or are located in pressurized or flooded liquid lines shall be furnished with DN 20 (NPS 3/4), series 300 stainless steel, separable, solid-bar thermowells. Thermowells in flammable or toxic gas service shall use flanged connections. When considering pipe size, it should be noted that larger pipe sizes can be required to compensate for the restriction of flow by the thermowells.

### **6.3.6 Thermocouples and resistance temperature detectors**

**6.3.6.1** Where practical, the design and location of thermocouples and resistance temperature detectors shall permit replacement while the unit is operating. The lead wires of the thermocouples or resistance temperature detectors shall terminate in the thermocouple or resistance detector conduit head. The vendor shall install wiring from the temperature detector conduit head to an on-base terminal box.

**6.3.6.2** If temperature element heads are exposed to temperatures above 60 °C (140 °F), a 20 mm (3/4 NPT) bronze hose with four-wall interlocking construction and joints with packed-on (heatproof) couplings shall be used.

### **6.3.7 Level instruments**

Direct-acting level instruments may be operated by displacers, floats, capacitance, ultrasonic, transmitter, guided wave radar or other means as approved. Unless otherwise specified, sensing elements shall be made of austenitic stainless steel. See Annex F for explanation of reservoir levels.

### **6.3.8 Pressure indicators**

- **6.3.8.1** Pressure indicators shall be located per the datasheets.

**NOTE** This refers to local indication of pressure and can be accomplished by indicators and/or pressure indicating transmitters.

**6.3.8.2** Pressure indicators (not including built-in instrument-air indicators) shall be furnished with AISI standard type 316 stainless steel bourdon tubes and stainless steel movements, 110 mm (4 1/2 in) dials and 15 mm (1/2 NPT) male stainless steel connections. Black printing on a white background is standard for gauges. Pressure-sensing elements shall be made of AISI standard type 300 stainless steel.

NOTE Special sensing element materials can be required for some caustic process fluid applications (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>S service).

- **6.3.8.3** If specified, liquid-filled gauges or dampened movement gauges shall be furnished in locations subject to vibration.

**6.3.8.4** Pressure indicator ranges shall preferably be selected so that the normal operating pressure is in the middle of their range. In no case, however, shall the maximum reading on the dial be less than the applicable relief valve setting plus 10 %.

**6.3.8.5** Each pressure indicator shall be provided with a device, such as a disk insert or blowout back, designed to relieve excess case pressure.

- **6.3.8.6** The vendor shall supply all pressure indicators and transmitters as defined on the datasheets.

**6.3.8.7** Local differential pressure indication shall be provided at the filter.

NOTE This can be by local gauge or indicator or by indicating transmitters.

**6.3.8.8** Differential pressure indicators shall be furnished with carbon or stainless steel pressure-containing housings and stainless steel movements. Differential pressure indicators shall be designed to prevent damage by over-ranging. Dial size shall be 110 mm (4 1/2 in) minimum with black printing on a white background.

NOTE Direct pressure-sensing, non-magnetic-drive differential pressure indicators can be damaged by over-ranging. Precautions can be required to prevent damage if they are selected for systems with operating pressures higher than their differential range.

### 6.3.9 Oil sight flow indicators

**6.3.9.1** Flow indicators shall be furnished in the atmospheric oil-drain return line from each bearing, gear and oil seal, and, unless otherwise specified, in the outlet piping of each continuously lubricated coupling. Flow indicators shall not be installed in pressurized lines except as indicated in 6.3.9.5.

NOTE Oil-drain indicators might not be practical for units where the oil reservoir or sump is part of the equipment or part of a compact package.

- **6.3.9.2** If specified, flow indicators shall also be installed in the drain lines of totally enclosed, dry coupling guards.

NOTE Flow indicators in dry coupling drain lines can be used to detect excessive oil leakage into the dry coupling guard.

**6.3.9.3** Unless otherwise specified, the flow indicator shall

- a) be flanged,
- b) be of the bulls-eye type with glass on both sides,
- c) have a steel body construction,
- d) have a diameter of not less than one half the inside diameter of the oil pipe, and
- e) clearly show the minimum oil flow.

To facilitate viewing of the flow of oil through the line, each flow indicator should be installed with its bulls-eye glass in a vertical plane.

**6.3.9.4** If flow indicators are provided for oil filter and cooler vent tubing, they may utilize screwed connections.

- **6.3.9.5** If specified, restrictive flow indicators shall be installed in the pressurized inlet line to each continuously lubricated coupling.

### **6.3.10 Solenoid valves**

**6.3.10.1** Direct solenoid-operated valves shall be used only in clean, dry instrument-air or control-oil service, shall have Class F insulation or better and a continuous service rating. When required for other services, the solenoid shall act as a pilot valve to pneumatic valves, hydraulic valves and the like.

**6.3.10.2** Single-coil solenoid valves shall not be used in continuous services that can affect normal operations; they may be used in intermittent instrument services.

- **6.3.10.3** When continuously energized solenoids are specified for trip circuits, the vendor shall provide the purchaser with the coil rating and estimated service life of each solenoid coil based on continuously energized operation. Dual-coil solenoids may be specified for any trip function. Each coil shall be capable of keeping the solenoid in its energized condition. Separate circuits shall energize each coil.

### **6.3.11 Pressure-limiting valves and pressure safety relief valves**

**6.3.11.1** The vendor shall furnish the pressure-limiting valves and pressure safety valves that are installed on components or in piping that is supplied by the vendor. Other pressure safety valves are furnished by the purchaser. Only pressure safety valves for gas or steam service are required to meet the pressure-limiting requirements defined in API RP 520 (all parts), and in API STD 526.

**6.3.11.2** The vendor shall determine the size and set pressure of all pressure-limiting valves and pressure safety valves associated with the system components. Pressure-limiting settings, including accumulation, shall take into consideration all possible types of equipment and component failures and the protection of oil-system or gas-seal-module components and piping.

**6.3.11.3** Pressure safety valves shall not have an accumulation exceeding 10 % of set pressure.

**6.3.11.4** Pressure-limiting valves shall not have an accumulation exceeding 10 % of the system design pressure.

- **6.3.11.5** If specified, thermal relief valves shall be provided for components that can be blocked in by isolation valves.

### **6.3.12 Control valves and regulators**

**6.3.12.1** Control valve(s) and self-contained regulators shall be installed to maintain system pressure, reduce pressure, regulate flow, maintain a differential pressure or regulate temperature.

**6.3.12.2** Control valve(s) and self-contained regulators shall have steel bodies with stainless steel trim. All air supply or pressure-sensing tubing shall be made of stainless steel. The pressure rating of the body and head shall not be less than the maximum pressure to which the component can be exposed in its failed position.

**6.3.12.3** Unless otherwise specified on the schematics, failure modes for control valves and self-contained regulators are the following:

- a) back-pressure fail closed;
- b) pressure reducing fail open;
- c) temperature control valves fail mode to divert all flow through the coolers.

**6.3.12.4** Direct-acting control valves and self-contained regulators shall be sized to limit proportional offset to 10 % based on steady state and 25 % for maximum transients.

**6.3.12.5** Control valve(s) may be either direct-acting or pneumatically operated with the following characteristics.

- a) Pneumatic-control valves shall be sized to be no less than 10 % open with the minimum flow through the valve and no more than 90 % open with the maximum flow expected through the valve.
- b) Pneumatic-control valve(s) actuator and spring shall be sized to open or close against the maximum pressure (relief valve plus accumulation) expected in the system.
- c) Direct-acting control valves shall have an external sensing line.
- d) Control valves shall have visual valve stem position indication.

**6.3.12.6** When a failure or a malfunction of a pressure control valve can create a hazard or result in damage to equipment or components, an additional pressure-limiting valve discharging to the reservoir or drain header shall be furnished. (See ISO 10438-2:2007, Figures B.10 and B.11, for typical arrangements.) The design criteria for sizing this additional pressure-limiting valve depends only on the sizing of the pressure control valve in a fail-open mode; fail-open modes include oil starvation, overpressure and flooding of bearing housings. Other methods for limiting pressure may be employed, e.g. short-stroke valve with a mechanical stop.

## 6.4 Electrical systems

**6.4.1** Motors, electrical instrumentation, components and electrical installations shall be suitable for the area classification (class, group and division or zone) specified by the purchaser and shall meet the requirements of the applicable parts of IEC 60079 (NFPA 70:2007, Articles 500, 501, 502 and 504) as well as any local codes specified and furnished on request by the purchaser.

- **6.4.2** The characteristics of electrical power supplies for motors, heaters and instrumentation shall be specified.

**6.4.3** A pilot light shall be provided on the incoming side of each supply circuit to indicate that the circuit is energized. The pilot lights shall be installed on the control panel.

**6.4.4** Power, control and instrument wiring within the confines of the baseplate or module shall be flame retardant and resistant to oil, heat, moisture and abrasion.

**6.4.5** Stranded conductors shall be used within the confines of the baseplate and in other areas subject to vibration.

- **6.4.6** If specified, instrument and control wiring may be solid conductors in areas not subject to vibration.

**6.4.7** Where rubber insulation is used, a neoprene rubber or high-temperature thermoplastic sheath shall be provided for insulation protection.

**6.4.8** Wiring shall be suitable for environmental temperatures.

**6.4.9** Unless otherwise specified, all leads on terminal strips and electrical components shall be permanently tagged for identification. All terminal boards in terminal boxes and control panels shall have at least 20 % spare terminal points.

**6.4.10** To facilitate maintenance, adequate clearances shall be provided for all energized parts (such as terminal blocks and relays) on all components. The clearances required for 600 V service shall also be provided for lower voltages. Enclosures shall be provided for all energized parts to guard against accidental contact.

- **6.4.11** Electrical materials, including insulation, shall be corrosion resistant and non-hygroscopic insofar as is possible. If specified for tropical location, materials shall be given the treatments specified as follows.

a) Parts (such as coils and windings) shall be protected from fungus attack.

b) Unpainted surfaces shall be protected from corrosion by plating or another suitable coating.

**6.4.12** Circuits for AC and DC shall be clearly labelled, connected to separate terminal blocks and isolated from each other.

- **6.4.13** Control, instrumentation and power wiring (including temperature element leads) within the limits of the baseplate shall be installed in rigid metallic conduits, cable trays or enclosures, as specified, properly bracketed to minimize vibration and isolated or shielded to prevent interference between voltage levels.

**6.4.14** Conduits shall be arranged to permit removal of elements without conduit removal. Conduits may terminate with a flexible metallic conduit, suitable for the electrical class and long enough to permit access to the unit for maintenance without removal of the conduit.

**6.4.15** For Division 2 locations, flexible metallic conduits shall have a liquid-tight thermosetting or thermoplastic outer jacket and approved fittings.

**6.4.16** All conduits shall be grouped and mounted above the baseplate to prevent the formation of a dam, which can limit the free drainage of fluids. The conduit shall not be located in a maintenance access area.

**6.4.17** Conduit drains shall be installed in all conduit low points for outdoor installations.

- **6.4.18** If specified, conduit drains shall be provided in all conduit low points for indoor installations.

## **7 Inspection testing, and preparation for shipment**

### **7.1 General**

- **7.1.1** The purchaser shall specify the extent of participation in the inspection and testing.
- **7.1.2** If specified, the purchaser's representative, the vendor's representative or both shall indicate compliance in accordance with the inspector's checklist in the applicable chapter by initialling, dating and submitting the completed checklist to the purchaser before shipment.

**7.1.3** After advance notification to the vendor, the purchaser's representative shall have entry to all vendor and subvendor plants where manufacturing, testing or inspection of the equipment is in progress.

**7.1.4** The vendor shall notify subvendors of the purchaser's inspection and testing requirements.

- **7.1.5** The purchaser shall specify the amount of advanced notification required for a witnessed or observed inspection.

**7.1.6** When shop inspection has been specified, the purchaser and the vendor shall coordinate manufacturing hold points and inspectors' visits.

**7.1.7** A witnessed mechanical running or performance test requires confirmation of the successful completion of a preliminary test.

**7.1.8** Equipment, materials and utilities for the specified inspections and tests shall be provided by the vendor.

**7.1.9** The purchaser's representative shall have access to the vendor's quality programme for review.

## **7.2 Inspection**

### **7.2.1 General**

**7.2.1.1** 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) other data specified by the purchaser or required by applicable codes and regulations;
- g) purchase specifications for all items on bills of material;
- h) results of documented tests and inspections, including fully identified records of all heat treatment and radiography.

**7.2.1.2** Pressure-containing parts shall not be painted until the specified inspection and testing of the parts is complete.

NOTE This refers to individual pressure-containing equipment. The assembled system pressure test can be performed with painted components.

- **7.2.1.3** In addition to the requirements of the governing piping, pressure vessel and welding code or standard, the purchaser may specify the following:

- a) that parts shall be subjected to surface and subsurface examination;
- b) the type of examination required, such as magnetic particle, liquid penetrant, radiographic and ultrasonic examination.

### **7.2.2 Material inspection of pressure vessels and piping systems**

#### **7.2.2.1 General**

When radiographic, ultrasonic, magnetic particle or liquid penetrant inspection of welds or materials is required or specified, the criteria in 7.2.2.2 to 7.2.2.5 shall apply unless other criteria are specified by the purchaser. Welds, cast steel and wrought material may be inspected in accordance with 7.2.2.2 to 7.2.2.5.

#### **7.2.2.2 Radiography**

**7.2.2.2.1** Radiography shall be in accordance with ASTM E94.

**7.2.2.2.2** The acceptance standard used for welded fabrications shall be in accordance with the pressure design code. The acceptance standard used for castings shall be in accordance with the pressure design code.

### **7.2.2.3 Ultrasonic inspection**

**7.2.2.3.1** Ultrasonic inspection shall be in accordance with the pressure design code.

**7.2.2.3.2** The acceptance standard used for welded fabrications shall be in accordance with the pressure design code.

### **7.2.2.4 Magnetic particle inspection**

**7.2.2.4.1** Both wet and dry methods of magnetic particle inspection shall be in accordance with ASTM E709.

**7.2.2.4.2** The acceptance standard used for welded fabrications shall be in accordance with the pressure design code.

### **7.2.2.5 Liquid penetrant inspection**

**7.2.2.5.1** Liquid penetrant inspection shall be in accordance with the pressure design code.

**7.2.2.5.2** The acceptance standard used for welded fabrications shall be in accordance with the pressure design code.

### **7.2.2.6 Positive material identification (PMI)**

NOTE Additional information on PMI testing can be found in API RP 578.

- **7.2.2.6.1** If specified, the following alloy items shall be subject to PMI testing:
  - a) overhead seal tank;
  - b) rundown oil tank.
- **7.2.2.6.2** In addition to the components outlined in 7.2.2.6.1, other materials, welds, fabrications and piping shall be PMI tested as specified and fully defined, including any sampling requirements.

**7.2.2.6.3** When PMI testing has been specified for a pressurized fabrication, the components comprising the fabrication, including welds, shall be checked after the fabrication is complete. Testing may be performed prior to any heat treatment.

NOTE Pressurized fabrications in the context of this International Standard are overhead seal-oil tanks and certain pressurized rundown tanks. Other components are covered by 7.2.2.6.2, for which it is necessary to specify the extent of testing.

**7.2.2.6.4** When PMI is specified, techniques providing quantitative results shall be used.

**7.2.2.6.5** Mill test reports, material composite certificates, visual stamps or markings shall not be considered as substitutes for PMI testing.

**7.2.2.6.6** PMI results shall be within ASTM governing standard limits with allowance for the accuracy of the PMI device as specified by the device manufacturer.

### 7.2.3 Mechanical inspection

**7.2.3.1** During assembly of the system and before testing, each component and all piping and appurtenances shall be inspected to ensure they have been cleaned and are free of foreign materials, corrosion products and mill scale.

- **7.2.3.2** If specified, the purchaser may inspect the equipment and all piping and appurtenances for cleanliness before heads are welded onto vessels, openings in vessels or exchangers are closed or piping is finally assembled.
- **7.2.3.3** If specified, the hardness of parts, welds and heat-affected zones shall be verified as being within the allowable values by testing. The method, extent, documentation and witnessing of the testing shall be mutually agreed upon by the purchaser and the vendor.

## 7.3 Testing

### 7.3.1 General

**7.3.1.1** At least six weeks prior to the first scheduled test, the vendor shall submit to the purchaser, for review and comment, detailed procedures for all running tests, including acceptance criteria for all monitored parameters.

**7.3.1.2** Notification requirements are covered in 7.1.5; however, hydrotest and running test requirements shall not be less than five working days before the date the equipment will be ready for testing. If the testing is rescheduled, the vendor shall notify the purchaser not less than five working days before the revised test date.

### 7.3.2 Hydrostatic test

**7.3.2.1** Pressure-containing parts (including auxiliaries) shall be tested hydrostatically with liquid at a minimum of 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) unless limited by the hydrotest pressure of a component in the system that has been hydrotested to 1,3 times its MAWP. In this case, hydrotest shall be a minimum of 1,3 times the MAWP. Minimum hydrotest pressure shall not be less than 150 kPa (1,5 bar; 20 psi). The test liquid shall be at a higher temperature than the nil-ductility transition temperature of the material being tested. See ASTM E1003.

NOTE 1 The nil-ductility temperature is the highest temperature at which a material experiences complete brittle fracture without appreciable plastic deformation.

NOTE 2 The ASME pressure vessel code and other pressure vessel codes allow hydrotesting to 1,3 times MAWP.

**7.3.2.2** The assembled piping system, in each package, shall be hydrostatically tested as per 7.3.2.1. Alternately, by prior agreement, the piping spools may be tested individually instead of an assembled hydro test.

Removal of spools, screens or the loosening of flanges does not void the original hydro test.

**7.3.2.3** If the part tested is to operate at a temperature at which the strength of a material is below the strength of that material at the testing temperature, the hydrostatic test pressure shall be multiplied by a factor obtained by dividing the allowable working stress for the material at the testing temperature by that at the rated operating temperature. The stress values used shall conform to those given in the piping system design code for piping or in the pressure design code for vessels. The pressure thus obtained shall then be the minimum pressure at which the hydrostatic test shall be performed. The datasheets shall list actual hydrostatic test pressures.

It is advisable to verify the applicability of this requirement to the material being tested before hydrotest, as the properties of many grades of steel do not change appreciably at temperatures up to 200 °C (400 °F).

**7.3.2.4** The chloride content of liquids used to test austenitic stainless steel materials shall not exceed 50 µg/g (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.

**7.3.2.5** Tests shall be maintained for a sufficient period of time to permit complete examination of parts under pressure. The hydrostatic test shall be considered satisfactory when neither leaks nor seepage through the pressure-containing parts or joints is observed for a minimum of 30 min.

## 7.4 Preparation for shipment

**7.4.1** Equipment shall be suitably prepared for the type of shipment specified. The preparation shall make the equipment suitable for six months of outdoor storage from the time of shipment, with no disassembly required before operation, except for inspection of bearings and seals. If storage for a longer period is contemplated, it is necessary that the purchaser consult with the vendor regarding the recommended procedures.

**7.4.2** 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 RP 686-96, Chapter 3.

**7.4.3** 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 that specified as follows.

- a) Except for machined surfaces, all exterior surfaces that can 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 Austenitic stainless steels are typically not painted.

- b) Exterior machined surfaces except for corrosion-resistant material shall be coated with a suitable rust preventive.
- c) The interior of the equipment shall be clean; free from scale, welding spatter and foreign objects; and sprayed or flushed with a rust preventive that can be removed with solvent.
- d) Internal surfaces of bearing housings and carbon steel oil systems' components shall be coated with an oil-soluble rust preventive that is compatible with the lubricating oil.
- e) Flanged openings shall be provided with metal closures at least 5 mm (3/16 in) thick with elastomer gaskets and at least four full-diameter bolts. For studed openings, all nuts required for the intended service shall be used to secure closures. Each opening shall be car sealed so that the protective cover cannot be removed without the seal being broken.
- f) Threaded openings shall be provided with steel caps or round-head steel plugs in accordance with ANSI/ASME B16.11. The caps or plugs shall be of material equal to or better than that of the pressure casing. In no case shall non-metallic (such as plastic) caps or plugs be used.
- g) Openings that have been bevelled for welding shall be provided with closures designed to prevent entrance of foreign material and damage to the bevel.
- h) Lifting points and lifting lugs shall be clearly identified on the equipment package. The recommended lifting arrangement shall be as described in the installation manual.
- i) The equipment shall be identified with securely affixed, corrosion-resistant metal tags indicating the item and serial number of the equipment for which it is intended. In addition, crated equipment shall be shipped with duplicate packing lists, one inside and one on the outside of the shipping container.

- j) The base and all components and piping of a package or an assembled oil system or dry gas seal module shall be shipped as a single assembly and shall be temporarily braced as necessary to prevent damage during shipment. To minimize the entrance of contaminants, no component shall be disassembled for shipment except as required for protection against vibration or other damage during handling and shipment.
- k) Pumps and drivers shall be uncoupled and exposed shafts and shaft couplings shall be wrapped with waterproof, mouldable waxed cloth or volatile corrosion inhibitor paper. The seams shall be sealed with oil-proof adhesive tape.
- l) Each filter shall be shipped with clean elements installed and shall carry outside a securely affixed all-weather tag stating "SHIPPED WITH CLEAN ELEMENTS INSTALLED".

**7.4.4** Turbine drivers shall be dried thoroughly and prepared for shipment in accordance with API STD 611.

**7.4.5** Auxiliary piping connections furnished for 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.

**7.4.6** Assemblies and components shall be fully protected from entry of moisture and dirt. If vapour-phase inhibitor crystals in bags are installed in large cavities to absorb moisture, the bags shall be attached in an accessible area for ease of removal. When applicable, bags shall be installed in wire cages attached to flanged covers and bag locations shall be indicated in corrosion-resistant tags attached with stainless steel wire.

- **7.4.7** If specified, one copy of the manufacturer's standard installation instructions shall be packed and shipped with the equipment.

**7.4.8** Connections on auxiliary piping removed for shipment shall be match-marked for ease of assembly.

**7.4.9** Loose components shall be dipped in wax or placed in plastic bags and contained by cardboard boxes. Loose boxes are to be securely blocked in the shipping container.

## **8 Vendor's data**

### **8.1 General**

**8.1.1** The information that the vendors furnish is specified in 8.2 and 8.3. The vendor shall complete and forward the vendor drawing and data requirements form (see Annex C) to the address or addresses noted on the inquiry or order. This form shall detail the schedule for transmission of drawings, curves and data as agreed to at the time of the order, as well as the number and type of copies required by the purchaser.

**8.1.2** The data shall be identified on transmittal (cover) letters, in title blocks and title pages or other prominent position on drawings, with the following information:

- a) purchaser's/owner'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.

**8.1.3** A coordination meeting shall be held, preferably at the vendor's plant, within four to six weeks after order commitment. Unless otherwise specified, the vendor shall prepare and distribute an agenda prior to this meeting, which, as a minimum, shall include a review of the following items:

- a) purchase order, scope of supply, unit responsibility, subvendor items and lines of communication;
- b) datasheets;
- c) applicable specifications and previously agreed exceptions;
- d) schedules for transmittal of data, production and testing;
- e) quality assurance programme and procedures;
- f) inspection, expediting and testing;
- g) schematics and bills of materials;
- h) physical orientation of the equipment and piping, including access for operation and maintenance;
- i) other technical items.

## **8.2 Proposals**

### **8.2.1 General**

**8.2.1.1** The vendor shall forward the original proposal, with the specified number of copies, to the addressee specified in the inquiry documents. As a minimum, the proposal shall include the data specified in 8.2.2 and 8.2.3, as well as a specific statement that the system and all its components are in strict accordance with this part of ISO 10438. If the system and components are 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 8.1.2.

**8.2.1.2** The materials of construction of 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. When no such designation is available, the vendor's material specification, giving physical properties and chemical composition, and test requirements shall be included in the proposal. Where International Standards are not available, internationally recognized national or other standards may be used.

### **8.2.2 Drawings**

**8.2.2.1** The drawings indicated on the vendor drawing and data requirements form (see Annex C) shall be included in the proposal. As a minimum, the following shall be included:

- a) general arrangement or outline drawing for skid-mounted package, showing overall dimensions, maintenance clearance dimensions, overall masses, erection masses and the largest maintenance mass for each item, as well as the size and location of major purchaser connections;
- b) cross-sectional drawings showing the details of the proposed equipment;
- c) schematics of all auxiliary systems, including the fuel, lube-oil, control and electrical systems, as well as bills of material;
- d) sketches that show methods of lifting the assembled machine or machines and major components and auxiliaries. [This information may be included on the drawings specified in item a) above.]

**8.2.2.2** If "typical" drawings, schematics and bills of material are used, they shall be marked up to show the correct mass and dimension data and to reflect the actual equipment and scope proposed.

### 8.2.3 Technical data

8.2.3.1 The following data shall be included in the proposal:

- purchaser's datasheets, with complete vendor's information entered thereon and literature to fully describe details of the offering;
- predicted noise data (6.1.5);
- VDDR form (see Annex C), indicating the schedule according to which the vendor agrees to transmit all the data specified as part of the contract;
- schedule for shipment of the equipment, in weeks after receipt of the order;
- list of spare parts recommended for start-up and normal maintenance purposes;
- list of the special tools furnished for maintenance;
- description of any special weather protection and winterization required for start-up, operation and periods of idleness under the site conditions specified on the datasheets (the list shall clearly indicate the protection to be furnished by the purchaser, as well as that included in the vendor's scope of supply);
- complete tabulation of utility requirements, e.g. steam, water, electricity, air, gas, lube oil (including the quantity and supply pressure of the oil required and 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);
- description of any special requirements specified in the purchaser's inquiry;
- any start-up, shutdown or operating restrictions required to protect the integrity of the equipment;
- list of components that can be construed as being of alternative design, hence requiring the purchaser's acceptance.

- 8.2.3.2 If specified by the purchaser, procurement of components shall not proceed without the purchaser's review and acceptance of the components selected. If specified by the purchaser, the manufacture of the console shall not proceed without the purchaser's review of the layout of components and piping.

### 8.2.4 Optional tests

The vendor shall furnish an outline of the procedures used for each of the special or optional tests that have been specified by the purchaser or proposed by the vendor.

## 8.3 Contract data

### 8.3.1 General

8.3.1.1 The contract data shall be furnished by the vendor in accordance with the agreed VDDR form. Each drawing shall have a title block in its lower right-hand corner with the date of certification, identification data specified in 8.1.2, the revision number and date, and the title. Similar information shall be provided on all other documents including subvendor items.

8.3.1.2 The purchaser will promptly review the vendor's data when received; however, this review 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 quantity specified.

**8.3.1.3** A complete list of vendor data shall be included with the first issue of the major drawings. This list shall contain titles, drawing numbers and a schedule for transmission of each item listed. This list shall cross-reference data with respect to the VDDR form in Annex C.

### **8.3.2 Drawings**

The drawings furnished shall contain sufficient information so that, with the drawings and the manuals specified in 8.3.6, the purchaser can properly install, operate and maintain the ordered equipment. Drawings shall be clearly legible (8-point minimum font size even if reduced from a larger-size drawing), shall be identified in accordance with 8.3.1.1 and shall be in accordance with ANSI/ASME Y14.2M. As a minimum, each drawing shall include the details for that drawing listed in Annex C.

### **8.3.3 Technical data**

**8.3.3.1** The data shall be submitted in accordance with Annex C and identified in accordance with 8.3.1.1. Any comments on the drawings or revisions of specifications that necessitate a change in the data shall be noted by the vendor. These notations shall result in the purchaser's issue of completed, corrected datasheets as part of the order specifications.

- **8.3.3.2** If specified, the vendor shall submit certified copies of the test data to the purchaser before shipment.

### **8.3.4 Progress reports**

- If specified, the vendor shall submit progress reports to the purchaser at the intervals specified.

NOTE Refer to the description of item m) in Annex C for the content of these reports.

### **8.3.5 Parts lists and recommended spares**

**8.3.5.1** The vendor shall submit complete parts lists for all equipment and accessories supplied. These lists shall include part names, manufacturer's unique part numbers and 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.

**8.3.5.2** 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 of sub-suppliers that were not available for inclusion in the vendor's original proposal. The vendor shall forward the lists to the purchaser promptly after receipt of the reviewed drawings and in time to permit order and delivery of the parts before field start-up. The transmittal letter shall be identified with the data specified in 8.1.3.

### **8.3.6 Installation, operation, maintenance and technical data manuals**

#### **8.3.6.1 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 a manual or manuals with a cover sheet showing the information listed in 8.1.3, an index sheet and a complete list of the enclosed drawings by title and drawing number. The manual or manuals shall be prepared specifically for the equipment covered by the purchase order. "Typical" manuals are unacceptable.

#### 8.3.6.2 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. For this reason, it may be separate from the operating and maintenance instructions. This manual shall contain information on alignment and grouting procedures, normal and maximum utility requirements, centres of mass, rigging provisions and procedures and all other installation data. All drawings and data specified in 8.2.2 and 8.2.3 that are pertinent to proper installation shall be included as part of this manual.

#### 8.3.6.3 Operation and maintenance manual

A manual containing all required operating and maintenance instructions shall be supplied after all specified tests have been successfully completed. In addition to covering operation at all specified process conditions, this manual shall also contain separate sections covering operation under any specified extreme environmental conditions. Manuals shall be furnished within a reasonable time after shipment, as mutually agreed.

NOTE VDDR allows for input of required document dates.

#### 8.3.6.4 Technical data manual

- If specified, the vendor shall provide the purchaser with a technical data manual within 30 days of completion of shop testing.

## **Annex A**

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### **Datasheets**

This annex contains a link to datasheets in both SI and USC units, together with an explanatory note. To access the appropriate datasheet, click on "[Datasheet](#)", then the page tab for the corresponding figure (Figure A.1 — Scope and attachments; Figure A.2 — Instrument suppliers; Figure A.3 — Local instruments and panel). Select the appropriate set of units from the menu available on the first page for Figure A.1.

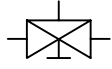
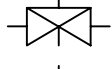
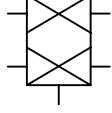
The options for units are as follows:

- USC units;
- SI units (MPa);
- SI units (kPa);
- metric (kg/cm<sup>2</sup>);
- hybrid.

## Annex B (informative)

### Symbols

|  |                                                           |  |                                                |
|--|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------|
|  | Actuator, diaphragm                                       |  | Line, hydraulic                                |
|  | Actuator, diaphragm, with hand jack                       |  | Line, pneumatic                                |
|  | Actuator, differential pressure diaphragm                 |  | Line strainer                                  |
|  | Actuator solenoid                                         |  | Manual reset feature                           |
|  | Connections by purchaser                                  |  | Orifice, flow restriction                      |
|  | Control switch, manual, with hand/off/automatic positions |  | Piping, oil and gas                            |
|  | Coupling, continuously lubricated                         |  | Line reduction                                 |
|  | Device, purging                                           |  | Spectacle blind                                |
|  | Flange, blind, or plug                                    |  | Trap                                           |
|  | Flow indicator, rotameter type                            |  | Tubing, capillary (filled systems)             |
|  | Instrument, combined arrangement                          |  | Valve, atmospheric breather                    |
|  | Instrument, externally connected                          |  | Valve, check                                   |
|  | Instrument, locally mounted                               |  | Valve, gate or valve, two-way actuator-mounted |
|  | Instrument, pad mounted (flush)                           |  | Valve, globe                                   |
|  | Instrument, panel mounted                                 |  | Valve, needle                                  |
|  | Instrument, single, with two functions                    |  | Valve, pressure-control                        |
|  | Line, electrical                                          |  | Valve, pressure-limiting, PLV or-PSV           |

|    |                                  |                                                                                   |                                                             |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| FC | Ports failing closed             | NC                                                                                | Normally closed                                             |
| FI | Ports failing indeterminately    |  | Valve, ball                                                 |
| FL | Ports failing locked in position |  | Valve, three-port manual                                    |
| FO | Ports failing open               |  | Valve, three-port, for actuator                             |
| NO | Normally open                    |  | Valve, six-port continuous-flow transfer, manually operated |

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**Annex C**  
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**Vendor drawing and data requirements (VDDR)**

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Details of each numbered item of the description list given in Table C.1 are as follows:

- a) certified dimensional outline drawing and list of connections for oil or dry-gas support system, including the following:
  - size, rating and location of all customer connections;
  - approximate overall handling mass;
  - overall dimensions, maintenance clearances and dismantling clearances;
  - dimensions of baseplates from a fixed control point complete with diameter, number and locations of bolt holes; thickness of the metal through which it is necessary that the bolts pass and recommended clearance; centres of gravity; and details for foundation design;
- b) component drawings and bills of materials for oil or dry-gas support system, including the following:
  - filter outline drawings;
  - cooler outline drawings (oil systems);
  - rundown tank and/or overhead seal tank outline drawings (oil systems);
  - instrumentation cut sheets with dimensions;
  - oil-pump outline drawings (oil systems);
  - oil-pump coupling drawings (oil systems);
- c) system schematic and bill of materials, including component-sizing criteria for oil or dry-gas support system, which includes the following:
  - steady-state and transient flows and pressures at each use point;
  - control, alarm and trip settings (pressures, temperatures and flows as applicable);
  - supply temperatures and heat loads at each point at maximum load;
  - utility requirements, including electricity, steam, water and air;
  - pipe and valve sizes;
  - instrumentation, safety devices and control schemes;
- d) individual component datasheets as applicable on the following:
  - pump datasheets;
  - filter datasheets;
  - cooler datasheets;
- e) electrical and instrumentation wiring diagram and bill of materials; the schematics shall show all alarm and shutdown limits (set points);
- f) electrical and instrumentation arrangement drawings, including terminal box layout and list of connections;

- g) console test procedures, including any special or optional tests to be performed;
- h) welding procedures for fabrication and repair;
- i) certified hydrostatic test logs;
- j) operational test logs;
- k) as-built datasheets;
- l) installation, operating and maintenance manuals describing the following:
  - start-up;
  - normal shutdown;
  - emergency shutdown;
  - operating limits [see item e)];
  - oil recommendations and specifications;
  - routine operational procedures;
  - instructions for maintenance of purchased mechanical components such as pump, pump seals, etc.;
  - performance data, including flows, pressures, temperatures and heat loads;
  - as-built data, including datasheets [see item k)] and test logs.
- m) progress reports and delivery schedule, including vendor buyouts and milestones; the reports shall include engineering, purchasing, manufacturing and testing schedules for all major components; planned and actual dates and the percentage completed shall be indicated for each milestone in the schedule;
- n) spare parts list with stocking level recommendations;
- o) pressure vessel certification data, including pressure vessel calculations, hydrotest reports and material mill test reports for filters, coolers and rundown tanks in the system.

## **Annex D** (informative)

### **Oil or gas filter performance and oil-system cleanliness testing**

#### **D.1 General considerations**

This annex is intended to provide users of ISO 10438 (all parts) with information relative to oil or gas filter performance and oil-system cleanliness testing.

#### **D.2 Filter specifications**

##### **D.2.1 General characteristics**

The primary requirement of filtration is to reliably remove contaminants in a different phase from a liquid or gas stream. ISO 10438-2 describes filters necessary to remove from the oil particles that can be detrimental to special-purpose machine bearings, gears or oil seals over an extended operating period. ISO 10438-3 describes filters that are intended to remove sufficient solid particles from lubricating oil to provide an economical measure of protection for general-purpose equipment bearings and gears. ISO 10438-4 describes filters necessary to remove from the seal gas liquid-phase contaminants and particles that can be detrimental to a dry gas seal.

##### **D.2.2 Filter element reliability**

The filters shall be reliable, not fail or plug off during normal operation of the system and be able to retain contaminants during extreme upsets and even pulsating pressures. For this reason, it is necessary that filter elements for ISO 10438 systems be able to withstand high differentials without collapse or release of trapped particles. (See the other parts of ISO 10438 for specific allowable collapse pressures.)

##### **D.2.3 Water contamination**

A requirement has been added to ISO 10438-2 and ISO 10438-3 that the filters be water resistant up to a water content of 5 % at elevated temperatures to further assure filter element integrity. Water contamination of the oil can initiate the deterioration of some elements due to the incompatibility of the filter media with water at operating temperatures.

Elements can also absorb water and experience high differential pressures caused by the swelling of the filter medium. An optional requirement has been added for non-hygroscopic media that, over an extended exposure period, clean elements do not double their pressure drop. Users of oil systems for which water contamination can be a problem should consider non-hygroscopic filters. The user should keep in mind that water contamination should not persist on a routine basis. If water contamination is experienced, the source of the water should be determined and corrected. When correction is not feasible, a separate water-removal system or a slip stream filter/coalescer should be considered to keep the water contamination under control.

Water contamination can be a problem for an oil system serving a steam turbine. Other systems commonly exposed to water contamination include the following:

- oil systems where make-up oil is provided from bulk storage or storage drums that are inadequately protected;
- oil systems where the water pressure in the cooler(s) can exceed the oil pressure;

- oil systems located at humid sites, especially if the equipment served is in intermittent service and can also experience problems with water contamination.

## D.2.4 Beta ratio

Of primary importance in the selection of filters for ISO 10438 (all parts) systems is the filter element micron size rating. In earlier standards, the requirement was 10 µm *nominal* rating. In a clarification note (see the third edition of API 614), *nominal* was implied to be 90 % efficient for 10 µm spherical particles and *absolute* was presumed for 15 µm particles for a 10 µm *nominal* rated element. The words “nominal” and “absolute” are not applied uniformly by vendors and there can be significant performance differences from one filter to another with 10 µm *nominal* filters.

It is more precise to rate filter elements by the beta ratio of the element for a given size particle and larger. The beta ratio expressed as  $\beta_x \geq y$ , where  $x$  is the filter element rating, expressed in micrometres, and  $y$  is the ratio of particles  $x$  µm or larger entering a filter; divided by the number of particles  $x$  µm or larger exiting a filter.

EXAMPLE 1 Display a beta ratio of equal to or greater than 10 for a 10 µm rated filter:  $x = 10$  µm;  $y \geq 10$ .

$$\beta_{10} \geq 10$$

EXAMPLE 2 Display a beta ratio of equal to or greater than 200 for a 25 µm rated filter:  $x = 25$  µm;  $y \geq 200$ .

$$\beta_{25} \geq 200$$

In order to determine the particle-removal efficiency,  $E_{PR}$ , expressed in percent, for a filter with a known beta ratio, use Equation (D.1):

$$E_{PR} = \left[ 1 - \left( 1/y \right) \right] \times 100 \quad (D.1)$$

For Example 1, where  $\beta_{10} \geq 10$  and  $y \geq 10$  for particles 10 µm and larger, the minimum  $E_{PR}$  is calculated as

$$E_{PR}(10 \mu\text{m}) = \left[ 1 - \left( 1/10 \right) \right] \times 100$$

$$E_{PR}(10 \mu\text{m}) = 90 \%$$

For Example 2, where  $\beta_{25} \geq 200$  and  $y \geq 200$  for particles 25 µm and larger, the minimum  $E_{PR}$  is calculated as

$$E_{PR}(25 \mu\text{m}) = \left[ 1 - \left( 1/200 \right) \right] \times 100$$

$$E_{PR}(25 \mu\text{m}) = 99,5 \%$$

For every type of filter element, a curve of the beta ratio plotted against the micron size can be developed. The position and shape of this curve is significantly affected by the construction features of the filter element. Some filter elements can have a very wide band of performance and others can have a narrow band. An example of a filter element, A, with a wide performance band can have a series of ratios  $\beta_2 \geq 2$ ,  $\beta_{10} \geq 10$ ;  $\beta_{15} \geq 200$  and a  $\beta_{25} \geq 1\,000$ . Another filter element, B, with a narrower band can have a series of ratios  $\beta_5 \geq 2$ ;  $\beta_{10} \geq 10$ ; and a  $\beta_{15} \geq 1\,000$ .

In both examples A and B, the filter element is acceptable for special-purpose systems. The main issue is that the manufacturer of both A and B may give a different nominal rating. It is not until the beta ratio for a given micron size is greater than or equal to the specified beta ratio that the filter is acceptable.

There are many factors in determining the performance of a filter on a range of particles. Factors such as pressure, flow differential pressure, particle size, particle shape, fluid and degree of loading can result in different beta ratios for the same type of element. There is a widely used standard hydraulic filter test that is relatively similar to the conditions encountered in API STD 614 lube and seal systems. For the purpose of ISO 10438-2 and ISO 10438-3, ISO 16889 or equal multi-pass-method type testing is required for passing the filter rating. A more detailed description of ISO 16889 testing is outlined in D.2.8.2. Filter vendors who supply type-tested elements have and can make available the test data for the elements being considered by ISO 10438-2 and ISO 10438-3.

### D.2.5 Relative size of particles

In order to provide protection for equipment, it is necessary that the filter be able to remove particles that are in the range of the clearance of the component. For some insight into film thickness and particle sizes, see Tables D.1 and D.2. For the majority of systems covered by ISO 10438-2, ISO 10438-3 and ISO 10438-4, the filter ratings provide sufficient removal of the particles of concern as well as a reasonable installed life.

Based on the data presented in Tables D.1 and D.2, it can be tempting to use a finer filtration specification; but this can be inappropriate in many cases. Over-specification of the filter requirements can result in costly filter systems and frequent and expensive element changes.

Users of ISO 10438 filter specifications should be aware that filters remove particles smaller than the specified size. The filtration efficiency,  $E_{PR}$ , or beta ratio, for 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  particles can be low, but some are captured by the element. It only takes more passes through the filter before the levels reach an equilibrium state where the filter removes the same number as ingress into the system. How small a particle below the specified size that be captured effectively is a function of the filter construction.

There are some exceptions where fine filtration can be necessary. These include, but are not limited to, control-oil systems with electrical-hydraulic pilot valves that have very close internal clearances and the oil-supply systems for high-speed gear-type couplings. In these applications, it can be appropriate to install separate duplex filter(s) in the branch stream(s) just ahead of the sensitive component(s). The  $E_{PR}$  for these filters should be mutually agreed based on the requirements of the component.

**Table D.1 — Relative size comparison of particles of some common materials**

| Particle size<br>$\mu\text{m}$ | Comparison                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 159                            | 100 mesh screen opening     |
| 100                            | Table salt                  |
| 74                             | 200 mesh screen opening     |
| 60                             | Pollen                      |
| 40                             | Lower limit of human vision |
| 2                              | Bacteria                    |