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applications — Design and testing
requirements**

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Ships and marine technology — Ball valves for use in low temperature applications — Design and testing requirements

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for design, manufacture and test methods of cryogenic ball valves in order to have an excellent quality leakage stability in a very low temperature service (–196 °C to 80 °C).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5208, *Industrial valves — Pressure testing of metallic valves*

ISO 5209, *General purpose industrial valves — Marking*

ISO 5211, *Industrial valves — Part-turn actuator attachments*

ISO 28921-1, *Industrial valves — Isolating valves for low-temperature applications — Part 1: Design, manufacturing and production testing*

API 6D, *Specification for Pipeline Valves/ Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Pipeline*

API 6FA, *Specification for Fire Test for Valves*

ASME B16.5 *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*

ASME B16.10, *Face-to-Face and End-to-End Dimensions of Valves*

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

ASME B16.25, *Butt welding Ends*

ASME B16.34:2007, *Valves — Flanged, Threaded, and Welding End*

SEC ASME VIII, *Pressure vessels*

ASTM A182/A182M, *Forged or Rolled Alloy-Steel Pipe Flanges, Forged Fittings and Valves and Parts for High-temperature Service*

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

ASTM A194/A194M, *Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts and Bolts for High-Pressure and High-Temperature Service*

ASTM A276, *Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes*

ASTM A312/A312M, *Standard Specification for Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes*

ASTM A320/A320M, *Alloys-Steel Bolting material for Low-Temperature service*

ASTM A351/A351M, *Casting, Austenitic, Austenitic-Ferritic(Duplex), for Pressure-Containing Parts*

ASTM E186, *Reference Radiographs for Heavy-Walled(2 to 4 1/2-in) Steel Castings*

ASTM E 446, *Reference Radiographs for Steel Castings up to 2in. in Thickness*

MSS-SP-44. Steel pipeline flanges

MSS-SP-55. Quality Standard for steel Castings for Valves, Flanges and Fittings and other Piping Components (Visual Method)

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 nominal diameter DN

alphanumeric designation of size for components of a pipe-work system, used for reference purposes, comprising the letters DN followed by a dimensionless whole number which is indirectly related to the physical size, in millimetres, of the bore or outside diameter of the end connections

Note 1 to entry: The number following the letters DN does not represent a measure value and shall not be used for calculation purposes except where specified in the relevant standard.

Note 2 to entry: In those standards which use the DN designation system, any relationship between DN and component dimensions shall be given, e.g. DN/OD or DN/ID.

3.2 nominal pressure PN

numerical designation relating to pressure that is a convenient round number for reference purposes

Note 1 to entry: It is intended that all equipment of the same nominal size (DN) designated by the same PN number shall have the same mating dimensions appropriate to the type of end connections. The permissible working pressure depends upon materials, design and working temperature and has to be selected from the pressure/temperature rating tables in corresponding standards.

3.3 nominal pipe size NPS

alphanumeric designation of size that is common for components used in a piping system, used for reference purposes, comprising the letters NPS followed by a dimensionless number having an indirect correspondence to the physical size of the bore or outside diameter of the component end connections

Note 1 to entry: The dimensionless number may be used as a size identifier without the prefix NPS. The dimensionless number does not represent a measurable value and is not used for calculation purposes.

Note 2 to entry: Prefix NPS usage is applicable to components bearing Class designations according to ISO 7268.

3.4 class

alphanumeric designation, used for reference purposes, related to a combination of mechanical and dimensional characteristics of a component of a pipe-work system, comprising the word "class" followed by a dimensionless whole number

4 Pressure-temperature rating

4.1 The types of typical fluid are shown in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Types of typical fluid

Type of fluid	Temperature (in atmospheric pressure)	Liquid density (density)
LNG (Liquefied natural gas)	-163 °C to -88 °C	(434 to 478) kg/m ³
NG (Natural gas)	-160 °C to -65 °C	(0,7 to 0,89) kg/m ³
LN2 (Liquefied nitrogen)	-196 °C	804 kg/m ³
N2 (Nitrogen)	-196 °C to -65 °C	1,184 kg/m ³

4.2 The valve shall be designed to operate without failure or leakage at the extreme temperature and pressure ranges expected in service. The maximum working pressure in ambient temperature are shown in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Maximum working pressure

PN	Class	Maximum working pressure MPa(psi)	Note
20	150	2,0(290)	in ambient temperature
50	300	5,2(750)	
64	400	6,62(960)	
100	600	10,3(1 500)	

NOTE The piping design condition including, but not limited to, working pressure, service temperature and fluid is provided by the purchasers.

4.3 The manufacturers and purchasers may reach an agreement when Class exceeds 600.

4.4 Design temperature should be between -196 °C and 80 °C.

5 Structure

5.1 General

5.1.1 Structure

The ball valve is top-entry with bolted bonnet, extended bonnet type. The end connection of the body is 'welding ends' type or 'flange ends' type. A wheel or lever is used to apply the turning torque or thrust to open or close the valve. The ball valve may be either soft-seated or metal-seated. The sealing force can be produced by "medium piston effect" or stem pushing. If fluid trapping is possible, then the valve is to be provided with automatic cavity-pressure relief. Configuration and functions of the ball valve are shown in this document. If there are some differences from this document, the manufacturers can make a decision after reaching an agreement with the purchasers. General examples of the structure of the valve are shown in [Annex A](#).

5.1.2 Materials

Throughout this document, materials are specified for each of the various parts of the valve. In lieu of the materials specified, other materials may be used provided they are manufactured by the same process as the materials specified, such as forging, casting, bar, or seamless pipe. In addition, the material shall be suitable for the operating temperatures and pressure of the valve and the metal materials shall have

mechanical properties, including low temperature impact resistance, and resistance to corrosion equal to or better than the material specified for the specific valve part.

5.2 Design and materials of the body

5.2.1 Design

The ball valve shall be supplied with minimum internal bore as per API 6D.

5.2.2 Materials

Materials are shown in [Table 3](#). Materials for 'welding ends' type valves may be used for 'Flanged ends' type material.

Table 3 — Materials by manufacturing method

Manufacturing method	Materials		
	Flanged ends type		Welding ends type
Forging	ASTM A182	F316	ASTM A182 F316L
Casting	ASTM A351	CF8M	ASTM A351CF3M

5.2.3 Manufacturing

The valve shall be manufactured according to the following requirements except when there are purchaser's special orders.

- a) Face-to-face and end-to-end dimensions of the body shall satisfy ASME B16.10.
- b) The minimum wall thickness shall be equal to or thicker than the values shown in ASME B16.34:2007 6.1.
- c) The end connection of the body shall be manufactured as specified below:
 - 1) socket welding ends:
 - PN20(Class 150), PN50(Class 300), PN64(Class 400): to satisfy Class 3000 in ASME B16.11; and
 - PN100(Class 6000): to satisfy Class 6000 in ASME B16.11;
 - 2) butt welding ends:
 - according to the wall thickness of connected pipes which is given by the purchasers, manufactured according to ASME B16.25; and
 - the butt welding ends may add a short stub if specified in the order. The wall thickness shall conform to the requirement of the purchasers;
 - 3) flange ends type:
 - NPS 24(DN600) and under, except NPS22(DN550): to be manufactured in accordance with ASME B16.5; and
 - NPS22(DN550): to be manufactured in accordance with MSS SP-44.

5.3 Design and materials of the extended bonnet

5.3.1 Design

The extended bonnet shall meet the following:

- a) the minimum wall thickness shall conform to ASME B16.34:2007, 6.1, and the operation torque produced by actuators shall be considered when determining the neck thickness;
- b) the minimum bonnet extension length shall satisfy ISO 28921-1 or shall be sufficient to maintain the stem packing at a temperature high enough to permit operation within the normal temperature range of the packing material;
- c) drip pan may be installed by welding or clamping; the welding procedure of the drip pan is beyond the requirements of [5.11](#);
- d) lifting points are optional; the manufacturer shall ensure the necessity of lifting points and verify the suitability.

5.3.2 Materials

Materials are shown in [Table 3](#) for the valve body.

If short pipe is used for the extended bonnet, it shall be seamless and made of ASTM A312 or 316L.

5.4 Design and materials of ball

5.4.1 Design

The ball shall be integral forging, casting or formed of pieces, such as 2 spherical caps and one wedge. The top and under part shall be provided with a pivot fixing device where the ball is of a fixed type.

5.4.2 Materials

The materials of the ball shall be forging as per ASTM A182 F316. The surface of the ball or sealing part shall be adhered with hard alloy. If overlay hard surface is selected, its thickness should be at least 1,6 mm.

5.5 Design and materials of the stem

5.5.1 Design

The stem shall be as follows.

- a) It shall be of an extended type.
- b) The top and under parts shall be provided with a pivot fixing device where the ball is of a fixed type.
- c) The critical section of the stem shall be out of the valve pressure interface and designed with 1,5 times of the calculated operating torque.
- d) The ball valve shall have an anti-static device if specified by the order.
- e) The ball valve shall be designed to ensure that the stem does not eject under any internal pressure conditions or if the packing gland components and/or valve operator mounting components are removed.

5.5.2 Materials

Materials shall be forging or bars of ASTM A182 F316 and ASTM A276 316.

5.6 Stem sealing

The requirements for stem sealing shall be as follows.

- a) The stem shall be sealed with an appropriate form and structure (e.g. stem packing, lantern ring) to prevent leakage, and shall be easily adjustable.
- b) The packing materials for stem sealing may be PTFE or other materials agreed to between the manufacturer and the purchaser. However, packing materials shall not chemically react to the working fluid or otherwise create physical deposits.

5.7 Design and materials of the seat

5.7.1 Design

The seat shall be as follows.

- a) The whole seating surface shall contact with the ball when the ball valve is in open or closed position.
- b) A soft seated valve shall be designed to ensure that the packing does not eject or shift by internal pressure during opening or closing.
- c) The bore of the seat shall conform to API 6D.

5.7.2 Materials

The materials of the seat shall be as follows.

- a) The selection and use of soft seat materials shall ensure reliable performance under working temperature, for example PCTFE, etc.
- b) Where a soft seating ring is placed in a metal circle, the metal material shall be ASTM A182 F316.
- c) The base material of a metal seating ring shall be ASTM A182 F316. The seating surface needs a hard facing treatment. The thickness of a hard surface should be at least 1,6 mm.
- d) Where a seating ring contains elastic metal materials, it shall have reliable performance in low temperature conditions, such as nickel-based alloy.

5.8 Design and materials of bolting

5.8.1 Design

The types of bolting shall be as follows.

- a) The design of the body bonnet bolting shall satisfy the relevant requirements of ASME B16.34. The minimum size should be M10.
- b) The design of the actuator's bolting shall satisfy the relevant requirements of ISO 5211.
- c) The tensile stress of the packing gland bolting shall not exceed 1/3 of the maximum tensile stress of the materials.

5.8.2 Materials

The bolting materials shall be as follows.

- a) The materials of a body joint bolt shall be materials of ASTM A320 Gr.B8 Class 2 and A193 Gr.B8 Class 2 up to -196 °C. The mating nut materials shall be materials of ASTM A194 Gr. 8.

- b) The materials of other bolts shall be materials of ASTM A193 Gr.B8, and the mating nut materials shall be materials of ASTM A194 Gr. 8.

5.9 Requirement of operating device and actuators

5.9.1 Actuators can be powered by electric, hydraulic or pneumatic means. They can also be manual.

5.9.2 Manual operators shall be hand wheel or lever type and the operating effort at the end of a manual operating device shall not exceed maximum 360 N, except for valve seating and unseating only, when it shall be permissible for this value to be increased to 500 N. Also, the diameter of the hand wheel should be less than 760 mm or two times the face-to-face and end-to-end dimensions.

5.9.3 The direction of closing shall be clockwise and marked permanently.

5.9.4 Actuators shall be furnished with a visible indicator to show the open and the closed position of the closure. For a manual valve, the position indicator shall be in line with the pipeline.

5.9.5 Valves shall be supplied with locking devices if specified by the purchaser.

5.9.6 Actuators and drive trains shall have enough strength under the differential pressure condition of nominal pressure.

5.9.7 The explosion class of auto-operating devices (especially electric explosion proof devices) shall satisfy the criteria of the hazardous area where the valve is installed.

5.9.8 If an actuator is too heavy, it shall be designed to be a self-supported structure to prevent damage to the valve stem and extended bonnet.

5.10 Surface treatment

Stainless steel surface treatment, except seating surfaces, shall be passivation.

5.11 Welding and heat treatment

5.11.1 Welding

The requirements for welding are as follows.

- a) The welding shall be conducted as per a Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) and Procedure Qualification Record (PQR).
- b) Any repair welding shall be conducted as per a Repair Welding Procedure Specification (RWPS) agreed to between the purchasers and manufacturers.
- c) The manufacturers shall write a defect record regarding the main part of the valve before any repair work, and provide it to inspectors prior to inspection.

5.11.2 Heat treatment

Heat treatment shall be conducted as per a recognized heat treatment standard which is classified by the materials and/or approved by the purchasers.

5.12 Repair welding

Repair of defects is allowed only once on the same position provided that the welding repair procedure is approved. Parts shall be examined using an NDE method after welding repair, and the repair position shall be recorded.

The record of repairs shall be retained by the manufacturer for a minimum of five years.

6 Test and inspection

6.1 General

All tests and inspections shall be conducted as per related standards, test procedures, inspection procedures and working drawings which are agreed to between the purchasers and the manufacturers. Also these procedures may be conducted by the purchasers or third parties whom the purchasers select.

6.2 Material test

Mill certificates and cryogenic impact test reports, which specify chemical analysis and physical test results about main components (body, ball, pup piece, seat metal ring, extended bonnet, stem), shall be submitted and approved, and the test results shall meet the requirements of related standards.

6.3 Non-destructive inspection

6.3.1 General

The purchasers and manufacturers may reach an agreement before inspections. Radiographic testing radiographs and non-destructive inspection interpretation result reports shall be stored and maintained at least for five years. Related radiographs and reports shall be submitted upon the purchaser's request.

6.3.2 Radiographic testing (RT)

6.3.2.1 The test scope is as follows.

- a) It shall satisfy ASME B16.34 Chapter 8. Radiographic testing shall be conducted at the welding parts of all casting valves. Critical areas, as well as joint welds of the body and short pipe, and butt-welded end part of bodies, shall be inspected before machining bevels.
- b) In case of casting valves, 5 % (at least one valve) of all the numbers (casting parts) are sampled and then tested about the critical areas shown in ASME 16.34. If there are defects, an additional 10 % of all the numbers (casting parts) are sampled and tested. If defects are revealed at this time, all casting parts are considered to fail.

6.3.2.2 The test procedure and acceptance criteria are as follows:

- a) the test procedure shall satisfy ASME SEC. V and ASME B16.34 Appendix I;
- b) in case of casting parts, they shall be compared with reference radiographs which satisfy ASTM E446 (wall thickness: less than 50,8 mm) and ASTM E186 (wall thickness: between 50,8 mm and 114,3 mm), and then radiograph interpretation shall be conducted;
- c) acceptance criteria of casting parts are shown in ASME B16.34 Appendix I; and
- d) acceptance criteria of welding parts shall satisfy ASME Sec. VIII Div.1, UW-51 and Appendix 4.

6.3.3 Penetrant testing (PT)

6.3.3.1 The test scope is as follows:

- a) penetrant testing shall be conducted 100 % on each body, the outside surface of the bonnet and the inside surface of the bonnet which can be inspected, machined surface of bevels at the end, sockets and welded fillets (lifting lug, supporting leg etc.) where radiographic testing is impossible;
- b) when a casting crack exists, penetrant testing shall be conducted 100 % on repair position of crack;
- c) penetrant testing shall be conducted 100 % on bolts which are over 25,4 mm diameter;
- d) penetrant testing shall be conducted 100 % on the ball and body seat ring. Also it shall be conducted after surface machining on a ball and body seat ring where hard surface treating is conducted for high hardness materials; and
- e) penetrant testing shall be conducted 100 % on every welded sealing area.

6.3.3.2 The test procedure shall satisfy ASME Sec. V and ASME B16.34 Appendix III.

6.3.3.3 Acceptance criteria are as follows:

- a) casting, forging : ASME B16.34 Appendix III;
- b) welded areas : ASME Sec. VIII Div.1 Appendix 8.

6.3.4 Ultrasonic testing (UT)

6.3.4.1 The test scope is as follows:

- a) ultrasonic testing shall be conducted 100 % on the forging parts of valves in accordance with ASME B16.34 Chapter 8;
- b) ultrasonic testing shall be conducted 100 % on forging stems of every valve; and
- c) ultrasonic testing may not be carried out if radiographic testing and dye penetrant testing are thoroughly carried out.

6.3.4.2 The test procedure shall satisfy ASME Sec. V and ASME B16.34 Appendix IV.

6.3.4.3 The acceptance criteria shall satisfy ASME B16.34 Appendix IV.

6.3.5 Retest

If the inspection result fails, relevant areas shall be retested after repair work.

6.3.6 Submission of inspection results

The manufacturers shall submit an inspection result of tests and inspection reports to the purchasers. Inspection reports shall include drawings that show inspection areas.

6.4 Dimension check

It shall be checked that the main dimensions are matched with the relevant standards and the drawings which the manufacturers submit.

6.5 Visual inspection

All valves shall be checked for scratches, cracks, creases, contractions, spurs, moulding sand and corrosion etc., on the surface of the valve in accordance with MSS-SP-55. Damage to machining/seat ring surface shall be checked. There shall not be flaws, under-cut, arc strikes, etc., on the welding parts, and the height of beads on welding parts shall not be lower than the basic material surface.

6.6 Heat treatment inspection

Heat treatment inspection shall be conducted as per standards on which the purchasers and manufacturers reach an agreement. Heating temperature, heating methods, heating time, holding time, cooling speed and cooling methods are indicated in the standards. When conducting heat treatment, the temperature shall be recorded by an auto-temperature recorder.

The heat treatment records may be provided at the purchaser's request. The records should be retained at the factory for at least five years.

6.7 Operating tests

Operating tests of finished valves shall be conducted more than five times. Tests shall be conducted without any pressure for the first two times, then with nominal pressure the next three times. The tests shall verify that there are no errors in the operation. Also an operating test shall be conducted more than one time under differential pressure conditions (test medium given in [Table 4](#)), and the proper operation shall be verified. The operating effort shall satisfy the requirements of [5.9.2](#).

6.8 Pressure test

Each valve shall be tested prior to shipment in ambient temperature. Test results shall be recorded. Any fixtures and tools needed shall not impair functionality or sealing.

6.8.1 Pressure test in ambient temperature

Requirements are specified in [Table 4](#).

Table 4 — Pressure test in ambient temperature

Clause	Shell pressure test	Low pressure closure test	High pressure closure test
Test medium	pure water, dried air or nitrogen.	dried air or nitrogen.	dried air or nitrogen.
Test pressure	1,5 times maximum working pressure in ambient environment.	0,7 MPa	1,1 times maximum working pressure in ambient environment.
Test time	≥ 5 min	≥ 5 min	≥ 5 min
Acceptable criteria	no visible leakage	soft seated valve: no visible leakage hard seated valve: ISO 5208 D	soft seated valve: no visible leakage metal seated valve: ISO 5208 D

NOTE Dry the samples completely before cryogenic testing if pure water is used.

6.8.2 Test procedure and method

The test procedure and method are specified as follows.

- a) Shell pressure test: Valve ends shall be closed off with the valve half open during the test. Fill the valve with test fluid and then apply the test pressure.

b) Seat test procedures:

- 1) Unidirectional: With the valve closed, fill the valve completely with test fluid. The test pressure is applied to the appropriate end of the valve. Leakage from the downstream seat shall be monitored.
- 2) Bidirectional: With the valve closed, the test pressure is applied successively to both ends of the valve. The valve and its cavity shall be completely filled with test fluid. Seat leakage shall be monitored from each seat.
- 3) If the purchaser specifies the functionality for the valve to be that of a double-block-and-bleed (DBB) valve: With the valve half-open, the valve and its cavity shall be completely filled with test fluid. The valve shall then be closed and the valve body vent valve opened to allow excess test fluid to overflow from the valve-cavity test connection. The test pressure shall be applied simultaneously from both valve ends. Seat tightness shall be monitored via overflow through the valve cavity connection.

6.8.3 Test of cavity pressure relief

If fluid trapping is possible, then a cavity relief test shall be conducted. Test pressure shall be between 1,1 times and 1,33 times the valve pressure rating for material at 38 °C (100 °F). Close valve and then open valve after both ends are emptied. If there is pressure medium flowing out then the valve is unqualified.

6.9 Fire-resistance test (if necessary)

The fire-resistance design of valves shall be qualified by fire type-testing in accordance with API 6FA. Purchaser and manufacturer can reach an agreement to approve certificate as per other acceptable standards.

6.10 Anti-static testing

The electrical resistance for a soft seat valve between the ball and the valve body, and between the stem/shaft and the valve body, shall be measured using a direct-current power source not exceeding 12 V when anti-static properties are required by order. The resistance shall be measured on dry valves before pressure testing and shall not exceed 10 Ω.

6.11 Cryogenic tests**6.11.1 General**

It shall be conducted as specified below. If necessary, other test requirements which are not mentioned in this paragraph shall satisfy ISO 28921-1.

6.11.2 Scope of tests

The scope of tests shall be as follows.

- a) 5 % (at least one) of all the numbers which are classified by type, size and pressure class are sampled and tested.
- b) If there is a failure, an additional 10 % of all the numbers are sampled and tested. If further defects are shown at this time, all valves fail. (Acceptable criteria of cryogenic tests means that the test results for the initial proving test, cryogenic performance test, returning ambient temperature test, disassembly test, etc., satisfy all acceptance criteria).