

The background of the cover is a detailed technical line drawing of a fire sprinkler system. It features a large, complex sprinkler head on the right side, with multiple flanges and bolts. To the left of the head, there are various pipes, valves, and a pressure gauge. The entire drawing is rendered in a light gray line-art style against a solid red background.

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This edition of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, was prepared by the Technical Committees on Hanging and Bracing of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, Private Water Supply Piping Systems, Sprinkler System Discharge Criteria, and Sprinkler System Installation Criteria, released by the Correlating Committee on Automatic Sprinkler Systems, and acted on by NFPA at its June Association Technical Meeting held June 11–14, 2018, in Las Vegas, NV. It was issued by the Standards Council on August 14, 2018, with an effective date of September 3, 2018, and supersedes all previous editions.

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This edition of NFPA 13 was approved as an American National Standard on September 3, 2018.

Origin and Development of NFPA 13

NFPA 13 represents the first standard published under the auspices of the NFPA Committee on Automatic Sprinklers. Originally titled *Rules and Regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters for Sprinkler Equipments, Automatic and Open Systems*, the standard has been continuously updated to keep in step with change.

Full information about the NFPA actions on various changes will be found in the NFPA Proceedings. The dates of successive editions are as follows: 1896, 1899, 1902, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929. In 1930, a separate standard was published on Class B systems. This was integrated into the 1931 edition. Further revisions were adopted in 1934, 1935, and 1936. A two-step revision was presented in the form of a progress report in 1939 and finally adopted in 1940. Further amendments were made in 1947, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, and 1989.

The 1991 edition incorporated an entire rewrite of the standard to make the overall format user friendly. Substantive changes were made to numerous terms, definitions, and descriptions, with additional refinements made in 1994.

The centennial (1996) edition included a significant rework of the requirements pertaining to the application, placement, location, spacing, and use of various types of sprinklers. Other changes provided information on extended coverage sprinklers and recognized the benefits of fast-response sprinkler technology.

The 1999 edition encompassed a major reorganization of NFPA's Sprinkler Project that included the establishment of a Technical Correlating Committee on Automatic Sprinkler Systems and four new sprinkler systems technical committees, the consolidation of NFPA's sprinkler system design and installation requirements, and the implementation of numerous technical changes.

The scope of NFPA 13 was expanded to address all sprinkler system applications. The 1999 edition contained information on the installation of underground pipe from NFPA 24 and sprinkler system discharge criteria for on-floor and rack storage of Class I, II, III, IV, and plastic commodities, rubber tires, baled cotton, and roll paper that were previously located in NFPA 231, 231C, 231D, 231E, and 231F. Additionally, sprinkler system information for specialized hazards from over 40 NFPA documents was either brought into NFPA 13 using NFPA's extract policy or specifically referenced. A new chapter was also added to address the structural aspects of exposed and buried system piping. A table of cross-references to previous editions and material that was located in other NFPA documents was included at the end of the 1999 edition.

More specific changes included a new sprinkler identification marking system and the designation of sprinkler sizes by nominal K-factors. New criteria for the use of steel pipe in underground applications was added, as well as a new provision to guard against microbiologically influenced corrosion. Obstruction rules for specific sprinkler types and rules for locating sprinklers in concealed spaces were revised. New limitations were placed on the sprinkler sizes in storage applications, and criteria for the K-25 sprinkler was added. Additionally, the requirements for protecting sprinklers against seismic events also underwent significant revision.

The 2002 edition of NFPA 13 underwent style formatting and technical revisions. The style formatting was completed to comply with the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents* and to reorganize many of the requirements in NFPA 13 into unique chapters. Editorially, NFPA 13 eliminated all of the exceptions and reworded them as requirements where applicable, moved the mandatory references to Chapter 2, and relocated all of the definitions to Chapter 3. In reorganizing NFPA 13, several new chapters were created to consolidate requirements including the following: Chapter 10 contained all of the applicable requirements for underground piping including materials, installation, and acceptance testing; Chapter 11 contained design approaches including pipe schedule, density/area method, room design method, special design areas, residential sprinklers, exposure protection, and water curtains; Chapter 12 contained the design approaches for the protection of storage, including idle pallets, miscellaneous storage, storage less than 12 ft, palletized, solid pile, bin box, and shelf storage, rack storage less than 25 ft, rack storage greater than 25 ft, rubber tire, baled cotton, rolled paper, and special storage designs; and Chapter 13 contained all of the design and installation requirements from all of the various documents that have been extracted into NFPA 13.

The 2002 edition made specific technical changes to address several key issues. Three major areas of irregular ceiling were addressed, including skylights, stepped ceilings, and ceiling pockets. The design requirements for ESFR sprinklers were expanded to allow the user to choose the storage height and then the building height for any allowable arrangement. Design requirements for the protection of storage on solid shelves were added. Requirements for the installation of residential sprinklers were added that parallel the requirements for other types of sprinklers.

For the 2007 edition, definitions were reorganized to locate all of the storage definitions in one area, and several new definitions addressing private water supply terms were added. The definitions and requirements of Ordinary Hazard Group 1 and 2 Occupancies were clarified where storage is present. The requirements for trapeze hangers were clarified and made consistent for all components, and the seismic bracing criteria were updated to ensure that NFPA 13 contains all of the appropriate requirements for installation and design of seismic bracing of fire sprinkler systems. The requirements for storage were further reorganized and divided into separate chapters addressing general requirements for storage; miscellaneous storage; protection of Class I to Class IV commodities that are stored palletized, solid piled, bin boxes, or shelf storage; protection of plastic and rubber commodities that are stored palletized, solid piled, bin boxes, or shelf storage; protection of Class I through Class IV commodities that are stored on racks; protection of plastic and rubber commodities that are stored on racks; protection of rubber tire storage; protection of roll paper; and special designs of storage protection.

For the 2010 edition, many of the major changes related to the requirements for storage protection. First was the combination of large drop sprinkler and the specific application control mode sprinkler requirements and the revision of the terminology to identify them as Control Mode Specific Application sprinklers (CMSA). Next, new criteria for use of smoke vents were added to Chapter 12. The density/area curves in the storage chapters were reduced to a maximum 3000 ft² (278 m²) operating area; this was a significant reduction of some curves that had extended up to 6000 ft² (557 m²). Changes to rack storage in the 2010 edition included a new method to calculate the rack shelf area. Finally, the provisions for back-to-back shelf storage were added to the storage chapters.

Criteria for the protection of three new special storage arrangements were added to Chapter 20. These included protection of carton records storage with catwalk access; compact shelving of commodities consisting of paper files, magazines, books, and similar documents in folders and miscellaneous supplies with no more than 5 percent plastics up to 8 ft high; and protection of high bay record storage.

In Chapter 9, a number of changes occurred regarding sway bracing of sprinkler systems, including the introduction of new zone of influence tables for Schedule 5 steel pipe, CPVC, and Type M copper tube. Also the means for calculating the loads in the zone of influence were modified to correlate with SEI/ASCE-7, and a new Annex E was added that described this calculation.

Other areas of change included requirements for listed expansion chambers; clarification of ceiling pocket rules; and clarification of the formulas used in calculating large antifreeze systems.

The 2013 edition of NFPA 13 included changes to many technical requirements as well as the reorganization of multiple chapters. One significant change that was made to the administrative chapter of NFPA 13 was to clarify that watermist systems were not covered within NFPA 13 and that NFPA 750 should be used when looking for guidance on the design and installation of those systems. A series of new requirements addressed the need for a compatibility review where nonmetallic piping and fittings are installed in systems also using petroleum-based products such as cutting oils and corrosion inhibitors. Several modifications were made to the standard pertaining to freeze protection. The use of antifreeze in new NFPA 13 sprinkler systems was prohibited unless the solution use was listed and the listing indicated illustrated the inability for the solution to ignite. Other freeze protection modifications to the standard included clarification on the use of heat tracing, required barrel

length for dry sprinklers, and the allowance for engineering analyses to be submitted to support an alternate freeze protection scheme. New sprinkler omission requirements were added for elevator machine rooms and other elevator associated spaces where certain criteria were met. Chapter 9 included updated information on shared support structures as well as a revised seismic bracing calculation form. Chapters 16 and 17 were reorganized to make the chapters easier to follow, to create more consistency between the various storage chapters. A new chapter on alternative approaches for storage applications was added to provide guidance on performance-based approaches dealing with storage arrangements.

One of the largest changes to the 2016 edition of NFPA 13 was the review of all metric conversions. Historically the document had used an “exact” conversion process, but in the 2016 edition an approximate conversion process was used. The intent of this change was to make the document more usable outside the United States. Another major change was the inclusion of a pipe venting requirement to eliminate as much air as possible from wet pipe systems. This requirement contemplates only a single vent in each wet system.

There were a significant number of changes to the storage chapters of NFPA 13. New design criteria were included for the protection of exposed, expanded Group A plastics stored in racks. Also, a ceiling and in-rack design approach, called an “alternative protection scheme,” was added to Chapters 16 and 17. A similar concept had existed for sprinkler protection in NFPA 30 for several revision cycles.

A new section on sprinkler design where cloud ceilings are installed was added. This design scheme allows sprinklers to be omitted above cloud ceilings when the gap between clouds (or clouds and walls) meets a maximum allowable dimension based on the floor-to-cloud ceiling height. This new language was created based on a project conducted by the Fire Protection Research Foundation. Chapter 10, which is extracted from NFPA 24, was significantly revised based on the rewrite of NFPA 24. Most of the technical content remained the same, although the organization and structure were modified.

The 2019 edition of NFPA 13 has undergone a complete reorganization and is now fashioned in order of how one would approach the design of a sprinkler system. Users will now find hazard classifications, water supplies, and underground piping at the beginning of the standard. Chapter 8 has been divided into several new chapters, breaking out general rules for sprinkler locations into one chapter and several other chapters specific to sprinkler technology. The storage chapters have also been reorganized by sprinkler technology and address ceiling-only design. Chapter 25 has been revised and now contains all the requirements for in-rack sprinklers.

Requirements for vertical pipe chases have been clarified as have requirements for electrical equipment rooms where sprinklers can be omitted. Additionally, new beam rules for residential sprinklers have been added and details provided.

Due to the extensive reorganization of the 2019 edition, new features have been added to help users locate requirements and identify sections with technical changes. The 2016–2019 Roadmap comparing the section numbers of the 2016 edition to the 2019 edition has been compiled and is located after the index. It is provided for information only and should be used as a quick-reference locator. Technical changes from the last edition are also indicated and should be used as a guide. Shaded text identifies requirements that have been modified as a result of additions and deletions with the exception of tables and figures. New requirements are marked with the N symbol. Users can view complete revision details in the First and Second Draft Reports located in the NFPA 13 archived revision section at www.nfpa.org/docinfo.

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Chapter 1 Administration

1.1* Scope.

1.1.1 This standard shall provide the minimum requirements for the design and installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems and exposure protection sprinkler systems covered within this standard.

1.1.2* This standard shall not provide requirements for the design or installation of water mist fire protection systems.

N 1.1.2.1 Water mist fire protection systems shall not be considered fire sprinkler systems.

N 1.1.2.2 The design and installation of water mist fire protection systems shall comply with NFPA 750.

1.1.3* This standard is written with the assumption that the sprinkler system shall be designed to protect against a single fire originating within the building.

1.2* Purpose.

1.2.1 The purpose of this standard shall be to provide a reasonable degree of protection for life and property from fire through standardization of design, installation, and testing requirements for sprinkler systems, including private fire service mains, based on sound engineering principles, test data, and field experience.

1.2.2 Sprinkler systems and private fire service mains are specialized fire protection systems and shall require design and installation by knowledgeable and experienced personnel.

1.3 Application.

1.3.1 This standard shall apply to the following:

- (1) Character and adequacy of water supplies
- (2) Sprinklers
- (3) Fittings
- (4) Piping
- (5) Valves
- (6) All materials and accessories, including the installation of private fire service mains

N 1.3.2 Level of Protection. A building, where protected by an automatic sprinkler system installation, shall be provided with sprinklers in all areas except where specific sections of this standard permit the omission of sprinklers.

1.3.3 This standard shall also apply to “combined service mains” used to carry water for both fire service and other uses as well as to mains for fire service use only.

1.4 Retroactivity. The provisions of this standard reflect a consensus of what is necessary to provide an acceptable degree of protection from the hazards addressed in this standard at the time the standard was issued.

1.4.1 Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this standard shall not apply to facilities, equipment, structures, or installations that existed or were approved for construction or installation prior to the effective date of the standard. Where specified, the provisions of this standard shall be retroactive.

1.4.2 In those cases where the authority having jurisdiction determines that the existing situation presents an unacceptable degree of risk, the authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to apply retroactively any portions of this standard deemed appropriate.

1.4.3 The retroactive requirements of this standard shall be permitted to be modified if their application clearly would be impractical in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, and only where it is clearly evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided.

1.5 Equivalency. Nothing in this standard is intended to prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this standard.

1.5.1 Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency.

1.5.2 The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.

1.6 Units and Symbols.

1.6.1 Units.

1.6.1.1 Metric units of measurement in this standard shall be in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI).

1.6.1.2 Two units (liter and bar), outside of but recognized by SI, are commonly used in international fire protection.

1.6.1.3 These units with conversion factors shall be used as listed in Table 1.6.1.3.

1.6.1.4* If a value for measurement as given in this standard is followed by an equivalent value in other units, the first stated shall be regarded as the requirement.

1.6.2 Hydraulic Symbols. The standard abbreviations in Table 1.6.2 shall be used on the hydraulic calculation form discussed in Chapter 27.

1.6.3* Some dimensions used in this standard are exact and some are not. Nominal dimension are often used, such as the dimensions used for pipe sizes. The metric equivalent shown in this standard might not be an exact conversion to the SI unit, but the nominal metric equivalent is typically used or a reasonably equivalent value or approximate conversion is used. It shall be acceptable to use the exact conversion or the conversions stated in the standard, even though they might not be exact.

1.7 New Technology.

1.7.1 Nothing in this standard shall be intended to restrict new technologies or alternate arrangements, provided the level of safety prescribed by this standard is not lowered.

1.7.2 Materials or devices not specifically designated by this standard shall be utilized in complete accord with all conditions, requirements, and limitations of their listings.

Table 1.6.2 Hydraulic Symbols

Symbol or Abbreviation	Item
p	Pressure in psi
gpm	U.S. gallons per minute
q	Flow increment in gpm to be added at a specific location
Q	Summation of flow in gpm at a specific location
P_t	Total pressure in psi at a point in a pipe
P_f	Pressure loss due to friction between points indicated in location column
P_e	Pressure due to elevation difference between indicated points. This can be a plus value or a minus value. If minus, the (–) shall be used; if plus, no sign is needed.
P_v	Velocity pressure in psi at a point in a pipe
P_n	Normal pressure in psi at a point in a pipe
E	90-degree ell
EE	45-degree ell
Lt.E	Long-turn elbow
Cr	Cross
T	Tee-flow turned 90 degrees
GV	Gate valve
BV	Butterfly (wafer) check valve
Del V	Deluge valve
ALV	Alarm valve
DPV	Dry pipe valve
CV	Swing check valve
WCV	Butterfly (wafer) check valve
St	Strainer
psi	Pounds per square inch
v	Velocity of water in pipe in feet per second
K	K-factor
C-factor	Friction loss coefficient

Table 1.6.1.3 Conversion Factors

Name of Unit	Unit Symbol	Conversion Factor
liter	L	1 gal = 3.785 L
millimeter per minute	mm/min	1 gpm/ft ² = 40.746 mm/min = 40.746 (L/min)/m ²
cubic decimeter	dm ³	1 gal = 3.785 dm ³
pascal	Pa	1 psi = 6894.757 Pa
bar	bar	1 psi = 0.0689 bar
bar	bar	1 bar = 10 ⁵ Pa

Note: For additional conversions and information, see ASTM SI10, *Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System*.

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Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3* Listed. Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

3.2.4 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.5 Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

3.2.6 Standard. An NFPA Standard, the main text of which contains only mandatory provisions using the word “shall” to indicate requirements and that is in a form generally suitable for mandatory reference by another standard or code or for adoption into law. Nonmandatory provisions are not to be considered a part of the requirements of a standard and shall be located in an appendix, annex, footnote, informational note, or other means as permitted in the NFPA Manuals of Style. When used in a generic sense, such as in the phrase “standards development process” or “standards development activities,” the term “standards” includes all NFPA Standards, including Codes, Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guides.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 A-Class Boundary. See 3.3.119.1.

3.3.2 Air Receiver. A chamber, compatible with an air compressor, that can store air under pressure that is higher in pressure than that in the dry pipe or preaction system piping.

3.3.3 Air Reservoir. A chamber that can store air at the same pressure that is in the wet pipe system piping.

3.3.4* Aisle Width. The horizontal dimension between the face of the loads in racks under consideration.

3.3.5 Antifreeze Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.1.

3.3.6 Appurtenance. An accessory or attachment that enables the private fire service main to perform its intended function. [24, 2019]

3.3.7 Arm-Over. A horizontal pipe that extends from the branch line to a single sprinkler or a sprinkler above and below a ceiling.

3.3.8 Array.

3.3.8.1 Closed Array. A storage arrangement where air movement through the pile is restricted because of 6 in. (150 mm) or less vertical flues.

3.3.8.2 Closed Array (Rolled Paper). A vertical storage arrangement in which the distances between columns in both directions are short [not more than 2 in. (50 mm) in one direction and 1 in. (25 mm) in the other].

3.3.8.3* Open Array. A storage arrangement where air movement through the pile is enhanced because of vertical flues larger than 6 in. (150 mm).

3.3.8.4 Open Array (Rolled Paper). A vertical storage arrangement in which the distance between columns in both directions is lengthy (all vertical arrays other than closed or standard).

3.3.8.5* Standard Array (Rolled Paper). A vertical storage arrangement in which the distance between columns in one direction is short [1 in. (25 mm) or less] and is in excess of 2 in. (50 mm) in the other direction.

3.3.9 Automated Inspection and Testing. The performance of inspections and tests at a distance from the system or component being inspected or tested through the use of electronic devices or equipment installed for the purpose.

3.3.10 Automatic Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.1.

3.3.11 Automotive Components on Portable Racks. Instrument panels, windshields, metal and plastic gasoline tanks, heater housings, door panels, interior trim, bumper facia, wiring harnesses, sheet metal, body components, engines, driveline components, steering mechanisms, auxiliary motors, and lighting — all with or without expanded Group A plastic dunnage. This definition does not include the storage of air bags, tires, and seats on portable racks.

3.3.12* Back-to-Back Shelf Storage. Two solid or perforated shelves up to 30 in. (750 mm) in depth each, not exceeding a total depth of 60 in. (1.5 m), separated by a longitudinal vertical barrier such as plywood, particleboard, sheet metal, or equivalent, with a maximum 0.25 in. (6 mm) diameter penetrations and no longitudinal flue space and a maximum storage height of 15 ft (4.6 m).

3.3.13* Baled Cotton. A natural seed fiber wrapped and secured in industry-accepted materials, usually consisting of burlap, woven polypropylene, or sheet polyethylene, and secured with steel, synthetic or wire bands, or wire; also includes linters (lint removed from the cottonseed) and motes (residual materials from the ginning process). (See Table A.3.3.13.)

3.3.14 Banded Roll Paper Storage. See 3.3.182.1.

3.3.15 Banded Tires. A storage method in which a number of tires are strapped together.

3.3.16* Bathroom. Within a dwelling unit, any room or compartment dedicated to personal hygiene, containing a toilet, sink, or bathing capability such as a shower or tub.

3.3.17 B-Class Boundary. See 3.3.119.2.

3.3.18 Bin Box Storage. Storage in five-sided wood, metal, or cardboard boxes with open face on the aisles in which boxes are self-supporting or supported by a structure so designed that little or no horizontal or vertical space exists around boxes.

3.3.19 Branch Lines. The pipes supplying sprinklers, either directly or through sprigs, drops, return bends, or arm-overs.

3.3.20 Bulkhead. A vertical barrier across the rack.

3.3.21* Carton Records Storage. A Class III commodity consisting predominantly of paper records in cardboard cartons.

3.3.22 Cartoned. A method of storage consisting of corrugated cardboard or paperboard containers fully enclosing the commodity.

3.3.23 Catwalk. For the purposes of carton records storage, a storage aid consisting of either open metal grating or solid horizontal barriers supported from a rack storage system that is utilized as a walkway for access to storage at elevated levels. Catwalks are accessed using stairs and are not separate floors of a building.

3.3.24 Ceiling Height. The distance between the floor and the underside of the ceiling above (or roof deck) within the area.

3.3.25* Ceiling Pocket. An architectural ceiling feature that consists of a bounded area of ceiling located at a higher elevation than the attached lower ceiling.

3.3.26 Ceiling Types.

3.3.26.1 Flat Ceiling. A continuous ceiling in a single plane.

3.3.26.2 Horizontal Ceiling. A ceiling with a slope not exceeding 2 in 12.

3.3.26.3 Sloped Ceiling. A ceiling with a slope exceeding 2 in 12.

3.3.26.4 Smooth Ceiling. A continuous ceiling free from significant irregularities, lumps, or indentations.

3.3.27 Central Safety Station. See 3.3.119.3.

3.3.28 Check Valve. A valve that allows flow in one direction only. [24, 2019]

3.3.29 Clearance to Ceiling. The distance from the top of storage to the ceiling above.

3.3.30 Closed Array (Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, and Shelf Storage). See 3.3.8.1.

3.3.31 Closed Array (Rolled Paper). See 3.3.8.2.

3.3.32 Cloud Ceiling. Any ceiling system, not including sloped ceilings, installed in the same plane with horizontal openings to the structure above on two or more sides.

3.3.33 Column (Rolled Paper). A single vertical stack of rolls.

3.3.34 Combined Dry Pipe–Reaction Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.2.

3.3.35 Commodity. The combination of products, packing material, and container that determines commodity classification.

3.3.36 Compact Storage. Storage on solid shelves not exceeding 36 in. (900 mm) in total depth, arranged as part of a compact storage module, with no more than 30 in. (750 mm) between shelves vertically and with no internal vertical flue spaces other than those between individual shelving sections.

3.3.37 Compact Storage Module. A type of shelving unit consisting of compact storage whereby the units move to allow for storage to be pushed together creating a storage unit with no flues or minimal spaces between units. Aisles are created by moving the shelving unit. Compact storage modules can be manual or electric in operation.

3.3.38 Compartment. A space completely enclosed by walls and a ceiling. Each wall in the compartment is permitted to have openings to an adjoining space if the openings have a minimum lintel depth of 8 in. (200 mm) from the ceiling and the total width of the openings in each wall does not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m). A single opening of 36 in. (900 mm) or less in width without a lintel is permitted where there are no other openings to adjoining spaces.

3.3.39* Compartmented. The rigid separation of the products in a container by dividers that form a stable unit under fire conditions.

3.3.40 Concealed Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.3.1.

3.3.41 Construction Definitions.

3.3.41.1* Obstructed Construction. Panel construction and other construction where beams, trusses, or other members impede heat flow or water distribution in a manner that materially affects the ability of sprinklers to control or suppress a fire.

3.3.41.2* Unobstructed Construction. Construction where beams, trusses, or other members do not impede heat flow or water distribution in a manner that materially affects the ability of sprinklers to control or suppress a fire. Unobstructed construction has horizontal structural members that are not solid, where the openings are at least 70 percent of the cross-section area and the depth of the member does not exceed the least dimension of the openings, or all construction types, with the exception of panel construction, where the spacing of structural members exceeds 7½ ft (2.3 m) on center.

3.3.42* Container (Shipping, Master, or Outer Container). A receptacle strong enough, by reason of material, design, and construction, to be shipped safely without further packaging.

3.3.43 Continuous Obstruction. See 3.3.133.1.

3.3.44 Control Mode Density/Area (CMDA) Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.1.

3.3.45 Control Mode Specific Application (CMSA) Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.2.

3.3.46* Control Valve. A valve controlling flow to water-based fire protection systems and devices.

3.3.47 Conventional Pallet. See 3.3.147.1.

3.3.48 Core (Rolled Paper). The central tube around which paper is wound to form a roll.

3.3.49 Corrosion-Resistant Piping. Piping that has the property of being able to withstand deterioration of its surface or its properties when exposed to its environment. [24, 2019]

3.3.50 Corrosion-Resistant Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.3.

3.3.51 Corrosion-Retarding Material. A lining or coating material that when applied to piping or appurtenances has the property of reducing or slowing the deterioration of the object's surface or properties when exposed to its environment. [24, 2019]

3.3.52 C_p . The seismic coefficient that combines ground motion and seismic response factors from ASCE/SEI 7-10, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*.

3.3.53 Cross Mains. The pipes supplying the branch lines, either directly or through riser nipples.

3.3.54 Deluge Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.3.

N 3.3.55 Distance Monitoring. The monitoring of various conditions of a system or component from a location distant from the component through the use of electronic devices, meters, or equipment installed for the purpose.

3.3.56 Double-Row Racks. Racks less than or equal to 12 ft (3.7 m) in depth or single-row racks placed back to back having an aggregate depth up to 12 ft (3.7 m), with aisles having an aisle width of at least 3.5 ft (1.1 m) between loads on racks.

3.3.57* Draft Curtain. A continuous material protruding downward from the ceiling to create a reservoir for collecting smoke and heat.

3.3.58 Drop-Out Ceiling. A suspended ceiling system, which is installed below the sprinklers, with listed translucent or opaque panels that are heat sensitive and fall from their setting when exposed to heat.

3.3.59 Dry Barrel Hydrant (Frostproof Hydrant). See 3.3.101.1.

3.3.60 Dry Pipe Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.4.

3.3.61 Dry Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.4.

3.3.62 Dwelling Unit (for sprinkler system installations). One or more rooms arranged for the use of one or more individuals living together, as in a single housekeeping unit normally having cooking, living, sanitary, and sleeping facilities that include, but are not limited to, hotel rooms, dormitory rooms, apartments, condominiums, sleeping rooms in nursing homes, and similar living units.

3.3.63 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.5.

3.3.64* Encapsulation. A method of packaging that either consists of a plastic sheet completely enclosing the sides and top of a pallet load containing a combustible commodity, a combustible package, or a group of combustible commodities or combustible packages, or consists of combustible commodities individually wrapped in plastic sheeting and stored exposed in a pallet load.

3.3.65 Expanded (Foamed or Cellular) Plastics. Those plastics, the density of which is reduced by the presence of numerous small cavities (cells), interconnecting or not, dispersed throughout their mass.

3.3.66 Exposed Group A Plastic Commodities. Those plastics not in packaging or coverings that absorb water or otherwise appreciably retard the burning hazard of the commodity.

(Paper wrapped or encapsulated, or both, should be considered exposed.)

3.3.67 Extended Coverage Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.6.

3.3.68 Extension Fitting. A male by female adapter intended to be used with a sprinkler to adjust the final fit where the sprinkler is installed in a finished ceiling or wall.

3.3.69 Extra Hazard (Group 1) (EH1). See 3.3.134.1.

3.3.70 Extra Hazard (Group 2) (EH2). See 3.3.134.2.

3.3.71* Face Sprinklers. Standard sprinklers that are located in transverse flue spaces along the aisle or in the rack, are within 18 in. (450 mm) of the aisle face of storage, and are used to oppose vertical development of fire on the external face of storage.

3.3.72 Feed Mains. The pipes supplying cross mains, either directly or through risers.

3.3.73 Fire Control. Limiting the size of a fire by distribution of water so as to decrease the heat release rate and pre-wet adjacent combustibles, while controlling ceiling gas temperatures to avoid structural damage.

3.3.74 Fire Department Connection. A connection through which the fire department can pump supplemental water into the sprinkler system, standpipe, or other water-based fire protection systems, furnishing water for fire extinguishment to supplement existing water supplies. [24, 2019]

3.3.75 Fire Pump. A pump that is a provider of liquid flow and pressure dedicated to fire protection. [20, 2019]

3.3.76 Fire Suppression. Sharply reducing the heat release rate of a fire and preventing its regrowth by means of direct and sufficient application of water through the fire plume to the burning fuel surface.

3.3.77 Flat Ceiling. See 3.3.26.1.

3.3.78 Flexible Coupling. A listed coupling or fitting that allows axial displacement, rotation, and at least 1 degree of angular movement of the pipe without inducing harm on the pipe. For pipe diameters of 8 in. (200 mm) and larger, the angular movement is permitted to be less than 1 degree but not less than 0.5 degree.

3.3.79 Flow Hydrant. See 3.3.101.2.

3.3.80 Flow Test. A test performed by the flow and measurement of water from one hydrant and the static and residual pressures from an adjacent hydrant for the purpose of determining the available water supply at that location. [24, 2019]

3.3.81 Flush Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.3.2.

3.3.82 Flushing Test. A test of a piping system using flowrates intended to remove debris from the piping system prior to it being placed in service. [24, 2019]

3.3.83* Four-Way Bracing. Adjacent sway braces or a sway brace assembly intended to resist differential movement of the system piping in all horizontal directions.

3.3.84 F_{pu} . The horizontal force due to seismic load acting on a brace at working stress levels.

3.3.85 Free-Flowing Plastic Materials. Those plastics that fall out of their containers during a fire, fill flue spaces, and create

a smothering effect on the fire. Examples include powder, pellets, flakes, or random-packed small objects [e.g., razor blade dispensers, 1 oz to 2 oz (28 g to 57 g) bottles].

3.3.86 Fuel-Fired Heating Unit. An appliance that produces heat by burning fuel.

3.3.87 General Sprinkler Characteristics. See 3.3.205.2.

3.3.88 Gridded Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.5.

3.3.89 Hanger. A device or assembly used to support the gravity load of the system piping.

3.3.90 Heat-Sensitive Material. See 3.3.119.4.

3.3.91 Heel. See 3.3.119.5.

3.3.92 Heel Angle. See 3.3.119.6.

3.3.93 High Volume Low Speed Fan. A ceiling fan that is approximately 6 ft (1.8 m) to 24 ft (7.3 m) in diameter with a rotational speed of approximately 30 to 70 revolutions per minute.

3.3.94 High-Challenge Fire Hazard. A fire hazard typical of that produced by fires in combustible high-piled storage.

3.3.95 High-Piled Storage. Solid-piled, palletized, rack storage, bin box, and shelf storage in excess of 12 ft (3.7 m) in height.

3.3.96 Horizontal Barrier. A solid barrier in the horizontal position covering the rack at certain height increments to prevent vertical fire spread.

3.3.97 Horizontal Ceiling. See 3.3.26.2.

3.3.98 Horizontal Channel. Any uninterrupted space in excess of 5 ft (1.5 m) in length between horizontal layers of stored tires. Such channels can be formed by pallets, shelving, racks, or other storage arrangements.

3.3.99 Horizontal Roll Paper Storage. See 3.3.182.2.

3.3.100 Hose House. An enclosure located over or adjacent to a hydrant or other water supply designed to contain the necessary hose nozzles, hose wrenches, gaskets, and spanners to be used in fire fighting in conjunction with and to provide aid to the local fire department. [24, 2019]

3.3.101 Hydrant. An exterior valved connection to a water supply system that provides hose connections. [24, 2019]

3.3.101.1 Dry Barrel Hydrant (Frostproof Hydrant). A type of hydrant with the main control valve below the frost line between the footpiece and the barrel. [24, 2019]

3.3.101.2 Flow Hydrant. The hydrant that is used for the flow and flow measurement of water during a flow test. [24, 2019]

3.3.101.3 Private Fire Hydrant. A valved connection on a water supply system having one or more outlets and that is used to supply hose and fire department pumpers with water on private property. [24, 2019]

3.3.101.4 Public Hydrant. A valved connection on a water supply system having one or more outlets and that is used to supply hose and fire department pumpers with water. [24, 2019]

3.3.101.5 Residual Hydrant. The hydrant that is used for measuring static and residual pressures during a flow test. [24, 2019]

3.3.101.6 Wet Barrel Hydrant. A type of hydrant that is intended for use where there is no danger of freezing weather, where each outlet is provided with a valve and an outlet. [24, 2019]

3.3.102 Hydrant Butt. The hose connection outlet of a hydrant. [24, 2019]

3.3.103 Hydraulically Calculated Water Demand Flow Rate. The waterflow rate for a system or hose stream that has been calculated using accepted engineering practices. [24, 2019]

3.3.104 Hydraulically Designed System. A calculated sprinkler system in which pipe sizes are selected on a pressure loss basis to provide a prescribed water density, in gallons per minute per square foot (mm/min), or a prescribed minimum discharge pressure or flow per sprinkler, distributed with a reasonable degree of uniformity over a specified area.

3.3.105 Hydrostatic Test. A test of a closed piping system and its attached appurtenances consisting of subjecting the piping to an increased internal pressure for a specified period of duration to verify system integrity and leak rates. [24, 2019]

3.3.106* Indicating Valve. A valve that has components that provide the valve operating position, open or closed. [24, 2019]

3.3.107 Installation Orientation. See 3.3.205.3.

3.3.108 Institutional Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.7.

3.3.109 Intermediate-Level Sprinkler/Rack Storage Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.8.

3.3.110 International Shore Connection. See 3.3.119.7.

3.3.111 Laced Tire Storage. Tires stored where the sides of the tires overlap, creating a woven or laced appearance. [See Figure A.3.3.185(g).]

3.3.112 Lateral Brace. A sway brace intended to resist differential movement perpendicular to the axis of the system piping.

3.3.113 Light Hazard. See 3.3.134.3.

3.3.114* Limited-Combustible (Material). See Section 4.10.

3.3.115 Longitudinal Brace. A sway brace intended to resist differential movement parallel to the axis of the system piping.

3.3.116* Longitudinal Flue Space. The space between rows of storage perpendicular to the direction of loading with a width not exceeding 24 in. (600 mm) between storage.

3.3.117 Looped Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.6.

3.3.118* Low-Piled Storage. Solid-piled, palletized, rack storage, bin box, and shelf storage up to 12 ft (3.7 m) in height.

3.3.119 Marine Definitions. These definitions apply to Chapter 30 only.

3.3.119.1 A-Class Boundary. A boundary designed to resist the passage of smoke and flame for 1 hour when tested in accordance with ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, or UL 263, *Standard for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*.

3.3.119.2 B-Class Boundary. A boundary designed to resist the passage of flame for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour when tested in accordance with ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, or UL 263, *Standard for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*.

3.3.119.3 Central Safety Station. A continuously manned control station from which all of the fire control equipment is monitored. If this station is not the bridge, direct communication with the bridge must be provided by means other than the ship's service telephone.

3.3.119.4* Heat-Sensitive Material. A material whose melting point is below 1700°F (927°C).

3.3.119.5 Heel. The inclination of a ship to one side.

3.3.119.6 Heel Angle. The angle defined by the intersection of a vertical line through the center of a vessel and a line perpendicular to the surface of the water.

3.3.119.7* International Shore Connection. A universal connection to the vessel's fire main to which a shoreside fire-fighting water supply can be connected.

3.3.119.8* Marine System. A sprinkler system installed on a ship, boat, or other floating structure that takes its supply from the water on which the vessel floats.

3.3.119.9* Marine Thermal Barrier. An assembly that is constructed of noncombustible materials and made intact with the main structure of the vessel, such as shell, structural bulkheads, and decks; meets the requirements of a B-Class boundary; and is insulated such that, if tested in accordance with ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, or UL 263, *Standard for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, for 15 minutes, the average temperature of the unexposed side does not rise more than 250°F (121°C) above the original temperature, nor does the temperature at any one point, including any joint, rise more than 405°F (207°C) above the original temperature.

3.3.119.10 Marine Water Supply. The supply portion of the sprinkler system from the water pressure tank or the sea suction of the designated sprinkler system pump up to and including the valve that isolates the sprinkler system from these two water sources.

3.3.119.11 Supervision. A visual and audible alarm signal given at the central safety station to indicate when the system is in operation or when a condition that would impair the satisfactory operation of the system exists. Supervisory alarms must give a distinct indication for each individual system component that is monitored.

3.3.119.12 Survival Angle. The maximum angle to which a vessel is permitted to heel after the assumed damage required by stability regulations is imposed.

3.3.119.13 Type 1 Stair. A fully enclosed stair that serves all levels of a vessel in which persons can be employed.

3.3.120 Marine System. See 3.3.119.8.

3.3.121 Marine Thermal Barrier. See 3.3.119.9.

3.3.122 Marine Water Supply. See 3.3.119.10.

3.3.123* Miscellaneous Storage. Storage that does not exceed 12 ft (3.66 m) in height, is incidental to another occupancy use

group, does not constitute more than 10 percent of the building area or 4000 ft² (370 m²) of the sprinklered area, whichever is greater, does not exceed 1000 ft² (93 m²) in one pile or area, and is separated from other storage areas by at least 25 ft (7.62 m).

3.3.124* Miscellaneous Tire Storage. The storage of rubber tires that is incidental to the main use of the building; storage areas do not exceed 2000 ft² (186 m²), and on-tread storage piles, regardless of storage method, do not exceed 25 ft (7.6 m) in the direction of the wheel holes. Acceptable storage arrangements include (a) on-floor, on-side storage up to 12 ft (3.7 m) high; (b) on-floor, on-tread storage up to 5 ft (1.5 m) high; (c) double-row or multirow fixed or portable rack storage on-side or on-tread up to 5 ft (1.5 m) high; (d) single-row fixed or portable rack storage on-side or on-tread up to 12 ft (3.7 m) high; and (e) laced tires in racks up to 5 ft (1.5 m) in height.

3.3.125 Movable Racks. Racks on fixed rails or guides that can be moved back and forth only in a horizontal, two-dimensional plane. A moving aisle is created as abutting racks are either loaded or unloaded, then moved across the aisle to abut other racks.

3.3.126 Multicycle System. See 3.3.206.7.

3.3.127 Multiple-Row Racks. Racks greater than 12 ft (3.7 m) in depth or single- or double-row racks separated by aisles less than 3.5 ft (1.1 m) wide having an overall width greater than 12 ft (3.7 m).

3.3.128 Net Vertical Force. The vertical reaction due to the angle of installation of sway braces on system piping resulting from earthquake motion.

3.3.129 Noncombustible Material. See Section 4.10.

3.3.130 Noncontinuous Obstruction. See 3.3.133.2.

3.3.131 Nozzles. See 3.3.205.4.9.

3.3.132 Obstructed Construction. See 3.3.41.1.

3.3.133 Obstruction.

3.3.133.1 Continuous Obstruction. An obstruction located at or below the level of sprinkler deflectors that affect the discharge pattern of two or more adjacent sprinklers.

3.3.133.2 Noncontinuous Obstruction. An obstruction at or below the level of the sprinkler deflector that affects the discharge pattern of a single sprinkler.

3.3.134 Occupancies.

3.3.134.1 Extra Hazard (Group 1) (EH1). Occupancies or portions of other occupancies where the quantity and combustibility of contents are very high and dust, lint, or other materials are present, introducing the probability of rapidly developing fires with high rates of heat release but with little or no combustible or flammable liquids.

3.3.134.2 Extra Hazard (Group 2) (EH2). Occupancies or portions of other occupancies with moderate to substantial amounts of flammable or combustible liquids or occupancies where shielding of combustibles is extensive.

3.3.134.3 Light Hazard Occupancies. Occupancies or portions of other occupancies where the quantity and/or combustibility of contents is low and fires with relatively low rates of heat release are expected.

3.3.134.4 Ordinary Hazard (Group 1) (OH1). Occupancies or portions of other occupancies where the quantity and combustibility of the contents does not exceed the amount of miscellaneous storage of Class 2, 3, 4, plastics, tires, and roll paper provided in Table 4.3.1.7.1.

3.3.134.5 Ordinary Hazard (Group 2) (OH2). Occupancies or portions of other occupancies where the quantity and combustibility of contents are moderate to high, stockpiles of contents with moderate rates of heat release do not exceed 12 ft (3.66 m), and stockpiles of contents with high rates of heat release do not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m).

3.3.135 Old-Style/Conventional Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.10.

3.3.136 On-Side Tire Storage. Tires stored horizontally or flat.

3.3.137 On-Tread Tire Storage. Tires stored vertically or on their treads.

3.3.138 Open Array (Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, and Shelf Storage). See 3.3.8.3.

3.3.139 Open Array (Rolled Paper). See 3.3.8.4.

3.3.140 Open Rack. Racks without shelving or with shelving in racks that are fixed in place with shelves having a solid surface and a shelf area equal to or less than 20 ft² (1.9 m²) or with shelves having a wire mesh, slatted surface, or other material with openings representing at least 50 percent of the shelf area including the horizontal area of rack members and where the flue spaces are maintained.

3.3.141 Open Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.11.

3.3.142* Open-Top Container. A container of any shape that is entirely or partially open on the top and arranged so as to allow for the collection of discharging sprinkler water cascading through the storage array.

3.3.143 Ordinary Hazard (Group 1) (OH1). See 3.3.134.4.

3.3.144 Ordinary Hazard (Group 2) (OH2). See 3.3.134.5.

3.3.145 Ornamental/Decorative Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.12.

3.3.146 Packaging. A commodity wrapping, cushioning, or container.

N 3.3.147 Pallet.

3.3.147.1* Conventional Pallets. A material-handling aid designed to support a unit load with openings to provide access for material-handling devices. (See Figure A.3.3.147.1.)

3.3.147.2 Plastic Pallet. A pallet having any portion of its construction consisting of a plastic material.

3.3.147.3* Reinforced Plastic Pallet. A plastic pallet incorporating a secondary reinforcing material (such as steel or fiberglass) within the pallet.

3.3.147.4 Slave Pallet. A special pallet captive to a material-handling system. (See Figure A.3.3.147.1.)

3.3.147.5 Wood Pallet. A pallet constructed entirely of wood with metal fasteners.

3.3.148 Palletized Storage. Storage of commodities on pallets or other storage aids that form horizontal spaces between tiers of storage.

3.3.149 Palletized Tire Storage. Storage on portable racks of various types utilizing a conventional pallet as a base.

3.3.150 Paper (General Term). The term for all kinds of felted sheets made from natural fibrous materials, usually vegetable but sometimes mineral or animal, and formed on a fine wire screen from water suspension.

3.3.151 Pendent Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.3.3.

3.3.152* Pile Stability, Stable Piles. Those arrays where collapse, spillage of content, or leaning of stacks across flue spaces is not likely to occur soon after initial fire development.

3.3.153* Pile Stability, Unstable Piles. Those arrays where collapse, spillage of contents, or leaning of stacks across flue spaces occurs soon after initial fire development.

3.3.154 Pilot Line Detector. See 3.3.205.4.13.

3.3.155 Pipe Schedule System. See 3.3.206.8.

3.3.156 Plastic Pallet. See 3.3.147.2.

3.3.157 Portable Racks. Racks that are not fixed in place and can be arranged in any number of configurations.

3.3.158* Post-Installed Anchors. A device used for fastening pipe to the building structure, installed in hardened concrete.

3.3.159 Preaction Sprinkler System. See 3.3.206.9.

3.3.160 Premixed Antifreeze Solution. A mixture of an anti-freeze material with water that is prepared and factory-mixed by the manufacturer with a quality control procedure in place that ensures that the antifreeze solution remains homogeneous and that the concentration is as specified.

3.3.161 Pressure Regulating Device. A device designed for the purpose of reducing, regulating, controlling, or restricting water pressure. [24, 2019]

3.3.162 Private Fire Hydrant. See 3.3.101.3.

3.3.163* Private Fire Service Main. Private fire service main, as used in this standard, is that pipe and its appurtenances on private property (1) between a source of water and the base of the system riser for water-based fire protection systems, (2) between a source of water and inlets to foam-making systems, (3) between a source of water and the base elbow of private hydrants or monitor nozzles, and (4) used as fire pump suction and discharge piping, (5) beginning at the inlet side of the check valve on a gravity or pressure tank. [24, 2019]

3.3.164* Prying Factor. A factor based on fitting geometry and brace angle from vertical that results in an increase in tension load due to the effects of prying between the upper seismic brace attachment fitting and the structure.

3.3.165 Public Hydrant. See 3.3.101.4.

3.3.166 Pumper Outlet. The hydrant outlet intended to be connected to a fire department pumper for use in taking supply from the hydrant for pumps. [24, 2019]

3.3.167 Pyramid Tire Storage. On-floor storage in which tires are formed into a pyramid to provide pile stability.

3.3.168 Quick-Response Early Suppression (QRES) Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.14.

3.3.169 Quick-Response Extended Coverage Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.15.

3.3.170 Quick-Response (QR) Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.16.

3.3.171* Rack. Any combination of vertical, horizontal, and diagonal members that supports stored materials. [1, 2018]

3.3.172 Rack Shelf Area. The area of the horizontal surface of a shelf in a rack defined by perimeter aisle(s) or nominal 6 in. (150 mm) flue spaces on all four sides, or by the placement of loads that block openings that would otherwise serve as the required flue spaces.

3.3.173 Rated Capacity. The flow available from a hydrant at the designated residual pressure (rated pressure) either measured or calculated. [24, 2019]

3.3.174* Raw Water Source. A water supply that has not been treated and could contain foreign material that could enter the sprinkler system.

3.3.175 Recessed Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.3.4.

3.3.176 Reinforced Plastic Pallet. See 3.3.147.3.

3.3.177 Residential Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.17.

3.3.178 Residual Hydrant. See 3.3.101.5.

3.3.179 Residual Pressure. The pressure that exists in the distribution system, measured at the residual hydrant at the time the flow readings are taken at the flow hydrants. [24, 2019]

3.3.180 Riser Nipple. A vertical pipe between the cross main and branch line.

3.3.181 Risers. The vertical supply pipes in a sprinkler system.

3.3.182 Roll Paper Storage.

3.3.182.1 Banded Roll Paper Storage. Rolls provided with a circumferential steel strap [$\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) or wider] at each end of the roll.

3.3.182.2 Horizontal Roll Paper Storage. Rolls stored with the cores in the horizontal plane (on-side storage).

3.3.182.3* Roll Paper Storage Height. The maximum vertical distance above the floor at which roll paper is normally stored.

3.3.182.4 Vertical Roll Paper Storage. Rolls stored with the cores in the vertical plane (on-end storage).

3.3.182.5* Wrapped Roll Paper Storage. Rolls provided with a complete heavy kraft covering around both sides and ends.

3.3.183 Roll Paper Storage Height. See 3.3.182.3.

3.3.184 Roof Height. The distance between the floor and the underside of the roof deck within the storage area.

3.3.185* Rubber Tire Rack Illustrations. See Figure A.3.3.185(a) through Figure A.3.3.185(g).

3.3.186 Rubber Tires. Pneumatic tires for passenger automobiles, aircraft, light and heavy trucks, trailers, farm equipment, construction equipment (off-the-road), and buses.

3.3.187* Seismic Separation Assembly. An assembly of fittings, pipe, flexible pipe, and/or couplings that permits movement in all directions to accommodate seismic differential movement across building seismic separation joints.

3.3.188* Shelf Storage. Storage on structures up to and including 30 in. (750 mm) deep and separated by aisles at least 30 in. (750 mm) wide.

3.3.189 Shop-Welded. As used in this standard, *shop* in the term *shop-welded* means either (1) a sprinkler contractor's or fabricator's premise or (2) an area specifically designed or authorized for welding, such as a detached outside location, maintenance shop, or other area (either temporary or permanent) of noncombustible or fire-resistive construction free of combustible and flammable contents and suitably segregated from adjacent areas.

3.3.190 Sidewall Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.3.5.

3.3.191* Single-Row Racks. Racks that have no longitudinal flue space and that have a depth up to 6 ft (1.8 m) with aisles having a width of at least 3.5 ft (1.1 m) between loads on racks.

3.3.192 Slatted Shelf Rack. A rack where shelves are fixed in place with a series of narrow individual solid supports used as the shelf material and spaced apart with regular openings.

3.3.193 Slave Pallet. See 3.3.147.4.

3.3.194 Sloped Ceiling. See 3.3.26.3.

3.3.195* Small Openings. Openings in the ceiling or construction features of a concealed space that allow limited amounts of heat to enter the concealed space.

3.3.196 Small Room. A compartment of light hazard occupancy classification having unobstructed construction and a floor area not exceeding 800 ft² (74 m²).

3.3.197 Smooth Ceiling. See 3.3.26.4.

3.3.198 Solid Shelf Rack. A rack that is not defined as an open rack where shelves are fixed in place with a solid, slatted, or wire mesh barrier used as the shelf material and having limited openings in the shelf area.

3.3.199* Solid Shelving. Shelving that is fixed in place, slatted, wire mesh, or other type of shelves located within racks. The area of a solid shelf is defined by perimeter aisle or flue space on all four sides or by the placement of loads that block openings that would otherwise serve as the required flue spaces. Solid shelves having an area equal to or less than 20 ft² (1.9 m²) are defined as open racks. Shelves of wire mesh, slats, or other materials more than 50 percent open and where the flue spaces are maintained are defined as open racks.

3.3.200 Solid Unit Load of Nonexpanded Plastic (Either Cartoned or Exposed). A load that does not have voids (air) within the load and that burns only on the exterior of the load; water from sprinklers might reach most surfaces available to burn.

3.3.201 Solid-Piled Storage. Storage of commodities stacked on each other.

3.3.202 Special Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.18.

3.3.203 Spray Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.19.

3.3.204 Sprig. A pipe that rises vertically and supplies a single sprinkler.

3.3.205 Sprinkler Definitions.

3.3.205.1 Automatic Sprinkler. A fire suppression or control device that operates automatically when its heat-activated

element is heated to its thermal rating or above, allowing water to discharge over a specified area.

3.3.205.2* General Sprinkler Characteristics. The following are characteristics of a sprinkler that define its ability to control or extinguish a fire. (1) Thermal sensitivity. A measure of the rapidity with which the thermal element operates as installed in a specific sprinkler or sprinkler assembly. One measure of thermal sensitivity is the response time index (RTI) as measured under standardized test conditions. (a) Sprinklers defined as fast response have a thermal element with an RTI of 50 (meters-seconds)^½ or less. (b) Sprinklers defined as standard response have a thermal element with an RTI of 80 (meters-seconds)^½ or more. (2) Temperature rating. (3) K-factor (*see Chapter 7*). (4) Installation orientation (*see 3.3.205.3*). (5) Water distribution characteristics (i.e., application rate, wall wetting). (6) Special service conditions.

3.3.205.3 Installation Orientation. The following sprinklers are defined according to orientation.

3.3.205.3.1 Concealed Sprinkler. A recessed sprinkler with cover plate.

3.3.205.3.2 Flush Sprinkler. A sprinkler in which all or part of the body, including the shank thread, is mounted above the lower plane of the ceiling.

3.3.205.3.3 Pendent Sprinkler. A sprinkler designed to be installed in such a way that the water stream is directed downward against the deflector.

3.3.205.3.4 Recessed Sprinkler. A sprinkler in which all or part of the body, other than the shank thread, is mounted within a recessed housing.

3.3.205.3.5 Sidewall Sprinkler. A sprinkler having special deflectors that are designed to discharge most of the water away from the nearby wall in a pattern resembling one-quarter of a sphere, with a small portion of the discharge directed at the wall behind the sprinkler.

3.3.205.3.6 Upright Sprinkler. A sprinkler designed to be installed in such a way that the water spray is directed upwards against the deflector.

3.3.205.4 Sprinkler Types. The following sprinklers are defined according to design and/or performance characteristics.

3.3.205.4.1* Control Mode Density/Area (CMDA) Sprinkler. A type of spray sprinkler intended to provide fire control in storage applications using the design density/area criteria described in this standard.

3.3.205.4.2* Control Mode Specific Application (CMSA) Sprinkler. A type of spray sprinkler that is capable of producing characteristic large water droplets and that is listed for its capability to provide fire control of specific high-challenge fire hazards.

3.3.205.4.3 Corrosion-Resistant Sprinkler. A sprinkler fabricated with corrosion-resistant material, or with special coatings or platings, to be used in an atmosphere that would normally corrode sprinklers.

3.3.205.4.4* Dry Sprinkler. A sprinkler secured in an extension nipple that has a seal at the inlet end to prevent water from entering the nipple until the sprinkler operates.

3.3.205.4.5* Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinkler. A type of fast-response sprinkler that has a thermal element with an RTI of 50 (meters-seconds)^½ or less and is listed for its capability to provide fire suppression of specific high-challenge fire hazards.

3.3.205.4.6 Extended Coverage Sprinkler. A type of spray sprinkler with maximum coverage areas as specified in Sections 11.2 and 11.3.

3.3.205.4.7 Institutional Sprinkler. A sprinkler specially designed for resistance to load-bearing purposes and with components not readily converted for use as weapons.

3.3.205.4.8 Intermediate-Level Sprinkler/Rack Storage Sprinkler. A sprinkler equipped with integral shields to protect its operating elements from the discharge of sprinklers installed at higher elevations.

3.3.205.4.9 Nozzle. A device for use in applications requiring special water discharge patterns, directional spray, or other unusual discharge characteristics.

3.3.205.4.10 Old-Style/Conventional Sprinkler. A sprinkler that directs from 40 percent to 60 percent of the total water initially in a downward direction and that is designed to be installed with the deflector either upright or pendent.

3.3.205.4.11 Open Sprinkler. A sprinkler that does not have actuators or heat-responsive elements.

3.3.205.4.12 Ornamental/Decorative Sprinkler. A sprinkler that has been painted or plated by the manufacturer.

3.3.205.4.13 Pilot Line Detector. A standard spray sprinkler or thermostatic fixed-temperature release device used as a detector to pneumatically or hydraulically release the main valve, controlling the flow of water into a fire protection system.

3.3.205.4.14* Quick-Response Early Suppression (QRES) Sprinkler. A type of quick-response sprinkler that has a thermal element with an RTI of 50 (meter-seconds)^½ or less and is listed for its capability to provide fire suppression of specific fire hazards.

3.3.205.4.15 Quick-Response Extended Coverage Sprinkler. A type of quick-response sprinkler that has a thermal element with an RTI of 50 (meter-seconds)^½ or less and complies with the extended protection areas defined in Chapter 11.

3.3.205.4.16* Quick-Response (QR) Sprinkler. A type of spray sprinkler that has a thermal element with an RTI of 50 (meter-seconds)^½ or less and is listed as a quick-response sprinkler for its intended use.

3.3.205.4.17 Residential Sprinkler. A type of fast-response sprinkler having a thermal element with an RTI of 50 (meters-seconds)^½ or less that has been specifically investigated for its ability to enhance survivability in the room of fire origin and that is listed for use in the protection of dwelling units.

3.3.205.4.18 Special Sprinkler. A sprinkler that has been tested and listed as prescribed in Section 15.2.

3.3.205.4.19 Spray Sprinkler. A type of sprinkler listed for its capability to provide fire control for a wide range of fire hazards.

3.3.205.4.20 Standard Spray Sprinkler. A spray sprinkler with maximum coverage areas as specified in Sections 10.2 and 10.3.

3.3.206* Sprinkler System. A system, commonly activated by heat from a fire and discharges water over the fire area, that consists of an integrated network of piping designed in accordance with fire protection engineering standards that includes a water supply source, a water control valve, a waterflow alarm, and a drain. The portion of the sprinkler system above ground is a network of specifically sized or hydraulically designed piping installed in a building, structure, or area, generally overhead, and to which sprinklers are attached in a systematic pattern.

3.3.206.1 Antifreeze Sprinkler System. A wet pipe system using automatic sprinklers that contains a liquid solution to prevent freezing of the system, intended to discharge the solution upon sprinkler operation, followed immediately by water from a water supply.

3.3.206.2 Combined Dry Pipe-Reaction Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system employing automatic sprinklers attached to a piping system containing air under pressure with a supplemental detection system installed in the same areas as the sprinklers. Operation of the detection system actuates tripping devices that open dry pipe valves simultaneously and without loss of air pressure in the system. The detection system also serves as an automatic fire alarm system.

3.3.206.3 Deluge Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system employing open sprinklers or nozzles that are attached to a piping system that is connected to a water supply through a valve that is opened by the operation of a detection system installed in the same areas as the sprinklers or the nozzles. When this valve opens, water flows into the piping system and discharges from all sprinklers or nozzles attached thereto.

3.3.206.4 Dry Pipe Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system employing automatic sprinklers that are attached to a piping system containing air or nitrogen under pressure, the release of which (as from the opening of a sprinkler) permits the water pressure to open a valve known as a dry pipe valve, and the water then flows into the piping system and out the opened sprinklers.

N 3.3.206.4.1 Differential Dry Pipe Valve. A valve that is held in the closed position by the system gas pressure exposed to the larger surface area on the air/nitrogen side of the clapper where it is at least 5 times that of the surface area on the water supply side.

N 3.3.206.4.2 Mechanical Dry Pipe Valve. A valve that uses a series of mechanical devices such as levers, springs, diaphragms, and latches to hold the valve in the closed position with air/nitrogen pressure and without using the clapper surface areas to provide a differential between air/nitrogen and water pressures.

3.3.206.5* Gridded Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system in which parallel cross mains are connected by multiple branch lines, causing an operating sprinkler to receive water from both ends of its branch line while other branch lines help transfer water between cross mains.

3.3.206.6* Looped Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system in which multiple cross mains are tied together so as to provide more than one path for water to flow to an operating sprinkler and branch lines are not tied together.

3.3.206.7 Multicycle System. A type of sprinkler system capable of repeated on-off flow cycles in response to heat.

3.3.206.8 Pipe Schedule System. A sprinkler system in which the pipe sizing is selected from a schedule that is determined by the occupancy classification and in which a given number of sprinklers are allowed to be supplied from specific sizes of pipe.

3.3.206.9* Preaction Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system employing automatic sprinklers that are attached to a piping system that contains air that might or might not be under pressure, with a supplemental detection system installed in the same areas as the sprinklers.

3.3.206.10 Wet Pipe Sprinkler System. A sprinkler system employing automatic sprinklers attached to a piping system containing water and connected to a water supply so that water discharges immediately from sprinklers opened by heat from a fire.

3.3.207 S_g. The maximum considered earthquake ground motion for 0.2-second spectral response acceleration (5 percent of critical damping), site Class B for a specific site.

3.3.208 Standard Array (Rolled Paper). See 3.3.8.5.

3.3.209 Standard Spray Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.4.20.

3.3.210 Static Pressure. The pressure that exists at a given point under normal distribution system conditions measured at the residual hydrant with no hydrants flowing. [24, 2019]

3.3.211 Storage Aids. Commodity storage devices, such as pallets, dunnage, separators, and skids.

3.3.212 Supervision (Marine System). See 3.3.119.11.

3.3.213 Supervisory Device. A device arranged to supervise the operative condition of automatic sprinkler systems.

3.3.214 Survival Angle. See 3.3.119.12.

3.3.215 System Riser. The aboveground horizontal or vertical pipe between the water supply and the mains (cross or feed) that contains a control valve (either directly or within its supply pipe), a pressure gauge, a drain, and a waterflow alarm device.

3.3.216 System Working Pressure. The maximum anticipated static (nonflowing) or flowing pressure applied to sprinkler system components exclusive of surge pressures and exclusive of pressure from the fire department connection.

3.3.217 Sway Brace. An assembly intended to be attached to the system piping to resist horizontal earthquake loads in two directions.

3.3.218 Thermal Barrier. A material that limits the average temperature rise of the unexposed surface to not more than 250°F (121°C) above ambient for a specified fire exposure duration using the standard time–temperature curve of ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, or UL 263, *Standard for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*.

3.3.219* Tiered Storage (Baled Cotton). An arrangement in which bales are stored directly on the floor, two or more bales high.

3.3.220 Transverse Flue Space. The space between rows of storage parallel to the direction of loading. (See Figure A.3.3.116.)

3.3.221 Type 1 Stair. See 3.3.119.13.

3.3.222 Unit Load. A pallet load or module held together in some manner and normally transported by material-handling equipment.

3.3.223 Unobstructed Construction. See 3.3.41.2.

3.3.224 Upright Sprinkler. See 3.3.205.3.6.

3.3.225 Vertical Roll Paper Storage. See 3.3.182.4.

3.3.226 Waterflow Alarm Device. An attachment to the sprinkler system that detects a predetermined water flow and is connected to a fire alarm system to initiate an alarm condition or is used to mechanically or electrically initiate a fire pump or local audible or visual alarm.

Chapter 4 General Requirements

4.1 Level of Protection.

4.1.1 A building, where protected by an automatic sprinkler system installation, shall be provided with sprinklers in all areas except where specific sections of this standard permit the omission of sprinklers.

4.1.2 Limited Area Systems.

4.1.2.1 When partial sprinkler systems are installed, the requirements of this standard shall be used insofar as they are applicable.

4.1.2.2 The authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted in each case.

4.2* Owner's Certificate. The owner(s) of a building or structure where the fire sprinkler system is going to be installed or their authorized agent shall provide the sprinkler system installer with the following information prior to the layout and detailing of the fire sprinkler system [see Figure A.27.1(b)]:

- (1) Intended use of the building including the materials within the building and the maximum height of any storage
- (2) A preliminary plan of the building or structure along with the design concepts necessary to perform the layout and detail for the fire sprinkler system
- (3) Water supply information as identified in 5.2.2
- (4)* Any special knowledge of the water supply, including known environmental conditions that might be responsible for corrosion, including microbiologically influenced corrosion (MIC)

4.3* Classification of Hazard.

N 4.3.1 General.

4.3.1.1 Occupancy classifications for this standard shall relate to sprinkler design, installation, and water supply requirements only.

4.3.1.2 Occupancy classifications shall not be intended to be a general classification of occupancy hazards.

N 4.3.1.3 Commodity classification and storage arrangements for miscellaneous and low-piled storage specified in 4.3.1.5 through 4.3.1.8 shall be determined in accordance with Sections 20.3 through 20.5.

N 4.3.1.4* Miscellaneous Storage.

N 4.3.1.4.1 Miscellaneous storage shall not constitute more than 10 percent of the building area or 4000 ft² (370 m²) of the sprinklered area, whichever is greater.

N 4.3.1.4.2 Miscellaneous storage shall not exceed 1000 ft² (93 m²) in one pile or area.

N 4.3.1.4.3 Miscellaneous storage shall be separated from other storage piles or areas by at least 25 ft (7.6 m).

4.3.1.5 Low-Piled Storage.

4.3.1.5.1 For storage of Class I through Class IV commodities 12 ft (3.7 m) or less in height that do not meet the definition of *Miscellaneous Storage* that is on solid shelf racks, in-rack sprinklers shall be provided in accordance with 25.6.1, and ceiling

sprinkler protection shall be provided in accordance with this chapter for the applicable occupancy hazard criteria.

4.3.1.5.2 For storage of Group A plastic commodities 5 ft (1.5 m) or less in height that do not meet the definition of *Miscellaneous Storage* that is on solid shelf racks, in-rack sprinklers shall be provided in accordance with 25.6.1, and ceiling sprinkler protection shall be provided in accordance with this chapter for the applicable occupancy hazard criteria.

N 4.3.1.6 Miscellaneous Tire Storage.

N 4.3.1.6.1 Miscellaneous tire storage shall not exceed 2000 ft² (185 m²).

N 4.3.1.6.2 Miscellaneous tire storage piles on-tread, regardless of storage method, shall not exceed 25 ft (7.6 m) in the direction of the wheel holes.

N 4.3.1.7 Protection Criteria for Miscellaneous and Low-Piled Storage.

N 4.3.1.7.1 The protection criteria for miscellaneous and low-piled storage protected by ceiling sprinklers only shall be selected from Table 4.3.1.7.1 and Figure 19.3.3.1.1 in accordance with the density/area method of 19.3.3.2.

N 4.3.1.7.1.1 The protection criteria for rack storage of miscellaneous and low-piled storage with in-rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with 25.2.2.

N 4.3.1.7.2 Except as provided in 4.3.1.6.1, the maximum design area for miscellaneous and low-piled storage shall not exceed 3000 ft² (279 m²).

4.3.1.8 In-Rack Sprinklers. Miscellaneous and low-piled storage per 4.3.1.5 through 4.3.1.7 that require in-rack sprinklers shall follow Chapter 25 for their installation and design requirements.

4.3.2* Light Hazard. The following shall be protected with light hazard occupancy criteria in this standard:

- (1) Spaces with low quantity and combustibility of contents

4.3.3* Ordinary Hazard (Group 1). The following shall be protected with OH1 occupancy criteria in this standard:

- (1) Spaces with moderate quantity and low combustibility of contents
- (2) Stockpiles of contents with low combustibility that do not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m)

4.3.4* Ordinary Hazard (Group 2). The following shall be protected with OH2 occupancy criteria in this standard:

- (1) Spaces with moderate to high quantity and combustibility of contents
- (2) Stockpiles of contents with moderate to high combustibility that do not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m)

4.3.5* Extra Hazard (Group 1) (EH1). The following shall be protected with EH1 occupancy criteria in this standard:

- (1) Spaces with very high quantity and combustibility of contents
- (2) Spaces where dust, lint, or other materials are present, introducing the probability of rapidly developing fires

Table 4.3.1.7.1 Discharge Criteria for Miscellaneous Storage Up to 12 ft (3.7 m) in Height

Commodity		Type of Storage	Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling Height		Design Curve Figure 19.3.3.1.1	Note	Inside Hose		Total Combined Inside and Outside Hose		Duration (minutes)
			ft	m	ft	m			gpm	L/min	gpm	L/min	
Class I to Class IV													
Class I	Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, single-, double-, multiple-row rack, and back-to-back shelf storage	≤12	≤3.7	—	—	OH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Class II		≤10	≤3.0	—	—	OH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Class II		>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Class III		≤12	≤3.7	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Class IV		≤10	≤3.0	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Class IV	Palletized, bin box, shelf, and solid-piled	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	32	10	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
	Single-, double-, multiple-row rack and back-to-back shelf storage	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	32	10	EH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120	
	Single-, double-, multiple-row rack	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	32	10	See Chapter 25.	+1 level of in-rack	0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Group A Plastic Storage													
Cartoned	Nonexpanded and expanded	Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, single-, double-, multiple-row rack, and back-to-back shelf storage	≤5	≤1.5	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90
			>5 to ≤10	>1.5 to ≤3.0	15	4.6	EH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
			>5 to ≤10	>1.5 to ≤3.0	20	6.1	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
			>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	17	5.2	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
		Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, and back-to-back shelf storage	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	32	10	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
		Single-, double-, multiple-row rack	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	32	10	See Chapter 25.	+1 level of in-rack	0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90

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Table 4.3.1.7.1 *Continued*

Commodity		Type of Storage	Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling Height		Design Curve Figure 19.3.3.1.1	Note	Inside Hose		Total Combined Inside and Outside Hose		Duration (minutes)
			ft	m	ft	m			gpm	L/min	gpm	L/min	
Exposed	Nonexpanded and expanded	Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, single-, double-, multiple-row rack, and back-to-back shelf storage	≤5	≤1.5	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90
		Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, and back-to-back shelf storage	>5 to ≤8	>1.5 to ≤2.4	28	8.5	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
		Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, single-, double-, multiple-row rack, and back-to-back shelf storage	>5 to ≤10	>1.5 to ≤3.0	15	4.6	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
	Nonexpanded	Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, single-, double-, multiple-row rack, and back-to-back shelf storage	>5 to ≤10	>1.5 to ≤3.0	20	6.1	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
	Expanded	Single-, double-, multiple-row rack	>5 to ≤10	>1.5 to ≤3.0	20	6.1	See Chapter 25.	+1 level of in-rack	0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90
	Nonexpanded and expanded	Solid-piled, palletized, bin box, shelf, and back-to-back shelf storage	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	17	5.2	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
		Single-, double-, multiple-row rack	>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	17	5.2	EH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120
			>10 to ≤12	>3.0 to ≤3.7	32	10	See Chapter 25.	+1 level of in-rack	0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90
Tire Storage													
Tires	On floor, on side	>5 to ≤12	>1.5 to ≤3.7	32	10	EH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120	
	On floor, on tread, or on side	≤5	≤1.5	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
	Single-, double-, or multiple-row racks on tread or on side	≤5	≤1.5	—	—	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
	Single-row rack, portable, on tread or on side	>5 to ≤12	>1.5 to ≤3.7	32	10	EH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	1900	120	
	Single-row rack, fixed, on tread or on side	>5 to ≤12	>1.5 to ≤3.7	32	10	EH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	500	950	120	
		>5 to ≤12	>1.5 to ≤3.7	32	10	See Chapter 25.	+1 level of in-rack	0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Rolled Paper Storage													
Heavyweight and mediumweight	On end	≤10	≤3.0	30	9.1	OH2		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	90	
Tissue and lightweight	On end	≤10	≤3.0	30	9.1	EH1		0, 50, 100	0, 190, 380	250	950	120	

4.3.6* Extra Hazard (Group 2) (EH2). The following shall be protected with EH2 occupancy criteria in this standard:

- (1) Spaces with very high quantity and combustibility of contents
- (2) Spaces with substantial amounts of combustible or flammable liquids
- (3) Spaces where shielding of combustibles is extensive

N 4.3.7 High-Piled Storage. Storage arrangements that do not meet the requirements of 4.3.1.5 through 4.3.1.8 shall be protected in accordance with Chapters 20 through 25.

4.3.8* Special Occupancy Hazards. (Reserved)

N 4.3.9 Where K-11.2 (160) or larger sprinklers are used with EH1 or EH2 design curves, the design area shall be permitted to be reduced by 25 percent but not below 2000 ft² (185 m²), regardless of temperature rating.

4.4 Hose Connections. Hose connections shall not be required for the protection of miscellaneous storage.

4.5 System Protection Area Limitations.

4.5.1 The maximum floor area on any one floor to be protected by sprinklers supplied by any one sprinkler system riser or combined system riser shall be as follows:

- (1) Light hazard — 52,000 ft² (4830 m²)
- (2) Ordinary hazard — 52,000 ft² (4830 m²)
- (3)* Extra hazard — Hydraulically calculated — 40,000 ft² (3720 m²)
- (4) High-piled Storage — High-piled storage (as defined in 3.3.95) and storage covered by other NFPA standards — 40,000 ft² (3720 m²)
- (5) In-rack Storage — 40,000 ft² (3720 m²)

N 4.5.2 The floor area occupied by mezzanines shall comply with 4.5.2.1, 4.5.2.2, or 4.5.2.3.

N 4.5.2.1 In a building with only one sprinkler system, the floor area occupied by mezzanines shall not be included in the area limits of 4.5.1.

N 4.5.2.2 In a building with more than one sprinkler system, if a mezzanine is located entirely within the same sprinkler system boundary as the sprinklers protecting the ceiling above, the floor area occupied by mezzanine(s) shall not be included in the area limits of 4.5.1.

N 4.5.2.3 In a building with more than one sprinkler system, if any portion of the mezzanine floor area that is located outside the system boundary of the riser supplying the sprinklers under the mezzanine, the area of the mezzanine of the system boundary shall be added to the system area from which it is supplied, and the total system area shall meet the limits of 4.5.1.

4.5.3 Where single systems protect extra hazard, high-piled storage, or storage covered by other NFPA standards, and ordinary or light hazard areas, the extra hazard or storage area coverage shall not exceed the floor area specified for that hazard and the total area coverage shall not exceed 52,000 ft² (4830 m²).

N 4.5.4 The area protected by a single in-rack system includes all of the floor area occupied by the racks, including aisles, regardless of the number of levels of in-rack sprinklers.

N 4.5.4.1 Multiple buildings attached by canopies, covered breezeways, common roofs, or a common wall(s) shall be permitted to be supplied by a single fire sprinkler riser.

4.5.5 The maximum system size shall comply with 4.5.1.

4.5.6* Detached Buildings.

4.5.6.1 Unless the requirements of 4.5.6.2 apply, detached buildings, regardless of separation distance, that do not meet the criteria of 4.5.4 shall be provided with separate fire sprinkler systems.

4.5.6.2 When acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, detached structures shall be permitted to be supplied by the fire sprinkler system of an adjacent building.

4.6 Water Supply Information.

4.6.1 Water Supply Capacity Information. The following information shall be included:

- (1) Location and elevation of static and residual test gauge with relation to the riser reference point
- (2) Flow location
- (3) Static pressure, psi (bar)
- (4) Residual pressure, psi (bar)
- (5) Flow, gpm (L/min)
- (6) Date
- (7) Time
- (8) Name of person who conducted the test or supplied the information
- (9) Other sources of water supply, with pressure or elevation

4.6.1.1* Where a waterflow test is used for the purposes of system design, the test shall be conducted no more than 12 months prior to working plan submittal unless otherwise approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.2 Water Supply Treatment Information. The following information shall be included when water supply treatment is provided in accordance with 5.1.5:

- (1) Type of condition that requires treatment
- (2) Type of treatment needed to address the problem
- (3) Details of treatment plan

4.7* Additives. Additives or chemicals intended to stop leaks, such as sodium silicate or derivatives of sodium silicate, brine, or similar acting chemicals, shall not be used in sprinkler systems.

4.8 Air, Nitrogen, or Other Approved Gas. Where air is used to charge, maintain, or supervise sprinkler systems, nitrogen or other approved gas shall also be permitted to be used.

4.9* Support of Nonsprinkler System Components. Sprinkler system components shall not be used to support nonsprinkler system components unless expressly permitted by this standard.

4.10 Noncombustible Materials and Limited-Combustible Materials.

4.10.1* Noncombustible Material.

4.10.1.1 A material that complies with any of the following shall be considered a noncombustible material:

- (1)* The material, in the form in which it is used, and under the conditions anticipated, will not ignite, burn, support combustion, or release flammable vapors when subjected to fire or heat.

- (2) The material is reported as passing ASTM E136, *Standard Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750°C*.
- (3) The material is reported as complying with the pass/fail criteria of ASTM E136 when tested in accordance with the test method and procedure in ASTM E2652, *Standard Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Tube Furnace with a Cone-shaped Airflow Stabilizer, at 750°C*.

[5000:7.1.4.1.1]

4.10.1.2 Where the term *limited-combustible* is used in this standard, it shall also include the term *noncombustible*.
[5000:7.1.4.1.2]

4.10.2* Limited-Combustible Material. A material shall be considered a limited-combustible material where both of the following conditions of 4.10.2(1) and 4.10.2(2), and the conditions of either 4.10.2.1 or 4.10.2.2, are met:

- (1) The material does not comply with the requirements for a noncombustible material in accordance with 4.10.1.
- (2) The material, in the form in which it is used, exhibits a potential heat value not exceeding 3500 Btu/lb (8141 kJ/kg), when tested in accordance with NFPA 259.

[5000:7.1.4.2]

4.10.2.1 The material shall have a structural base of noncombustible material with a surfacing not exceeding a thickness of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) where the surfacing exhibits a flame spread index not greater than 50 when tested in accordance with

ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*. [5000:7.1.4.2.1]

4.10.2.2 The material shall be composed of materials that in the form and thickness used, neither exhibit a flame spread index greater than 25 nor evidence of continued progressive combustion when tested in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723 and are of such composition that all surfaces that would be exposed by cutting through the material on any plane would neither exhibit a flame spread index greater than 25 nor exhibit evidence of continued progressive combustion when tested in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723.
[5000:7.1.4.2.2]

4.10.2.3 Materials shall be considered limited-combustible materials where tested in accordance with ASTM E2965, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Low Levels of Heat Release Rate for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter*, at an incident flux of 75 kW/m² for a 20-minute exposure, and both the following conditions are met:

- (1) The peak heat release rate shall not exceed 150 kW/m² for longer than 10 seconds.
- (2) The total heat released shall not exceed 8 MJ/m².

[5000:7.1.4.2.3]

4.10.2.4 Where the term *limited-combustible* is used in this standard, it shall also include the term *noncombustible*.
[5000:7.1.4.2.4]

Chapter 5 Water Supplies

5.1 General.

5.1.1 Number of Supplies. Every automatic sprinkler system shall have at least one automatic water supply.

5.1.2 Capacity. Water supplies shall be capable of providing the required flow and pressure for the remote design area determined using the requirements and procedures as specified in Chapters 19 through 26 including hose stream allowance where applicable for the required duration.

5.1.3* Size of Fire Mains.

5.1.3.1 Except as provided in 5.1.3.2 or 5.1.3.3, no pipe smaller than 6 in. (150 mm) in diameter shall be installed as a private service main.

5.1.3.2 For mains that do not supply hydrants, sizes smaller than 6 in. (150 mm) shall be permitted to be used subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The main supplies only automatic sprinkler systems, open sprinkler systems, water spray fixed systems, foam systems, or Class II standpipe systems.
- (2) Hydraulic calculations show that the main will supply the total demand at the appropriate pressure. Systems that are not hydraulically calculated shall have a main at least as large as the system riser.

5.1.3.3 Where a single main less than 4 in. (100 mm) in diameter serves both fire systems and other uses, the non-fire demand shall be added to the hydraulic calculations for the fire system at the point of connection unless provisions have been made to automatically isolate the non-fire demand during a fire event.

5.1.4 Underground Supply Pipe. For pipe schedule systems, the underground supply pipe shall be at least as large as the system riser.

5.1.5* Water Supply Treatment.

5.1.5.1 Water supplies and environmental conditions shall be evaluated for the existence of microbes and conditions that contribute to microbiologically influenced corrosion (MIC). Where conditions are found that contribute to MIC, the owner(s) shall notify the sprinkler system installer and a plan shall be developed to treat the system using one of the following methods:

- (1) Install a water pipe that will not be affected by the MIC microbes
- (2) Treat all water that enters the system using an approved bacterial inhibitor
- (3) Implement an approved plan for monitoring the interior conditions of the pipe at established time intervals and locations
- (4) Install corrosion monitoring station and monitor at established intervals

5.1.5.2 Water supplies and environmental conditions shall be evaluated for conditions that contribute to unusual corrosive properties. Where conditions are found that contribute to unusual corrosive properties, the owner(s) shall notify the sprinkler system installer and a plan shall be developed to treat the system using one of the following methods:

- (1) Install a water pipe that is corrosion resistant.

- (2) Treat water that enters the system using a listed corrosion inhibitor.
- (3) Implement an approved plan for monitoring the interior conditions of the pipe at established intervals and locations.
- (4) Install corrosion monitoring station and monitor at established intervals.
- (5) Fill dry-pipe or preaction systems with nitrogen as a supervisory gas to mitigate against corrosion.
- (6) When using a generator, use an approved nitrogen generator.

5.1.5.3 Where listed bacterial inhibitors and/or corrosion inhibitors are used, they shall be compatible with system components. Where used together, they shall also be compatible with each other.

5.1.6 Arrangement.

5.1.6.1 Connection Between Underground and Aboveground Piping.

5.1.6.1.1 The connection between the system piping and underground piping shall be made with a suitable transition piece and shall be properly strapped or fastened by approved devices.

5.1.6.1.2 Where required due to specific mechanical or environmental conditions, the transition piece shall be protected against possible damage from corrosive agents, solvent attack, or mechanical damage.

5.1.6.2* Connection Passing Through or Under Foundation Walls. When system piping pierces a foundation wall below grade or is located under the foundation wall, clearance shall be provided to prevent breakage of the piping due to building settlement.

5.1.7* Meters. Where meters are required by other authorities, they shall be listed.

5.1.8* Connection from Waterworks System.

5.1.8.1 The requirements of the public health authority having jurisdiction shall be determined and followed.

5.1.8.2 Where equipment is installed to guard against possible contamination of the public water system, such equipment and devices shall be listed for fire protection service.

5.2 Types.

5.2.1* Water supplies for sprinkler systems shall be one of the following or any combination:

- (1) A connection to an approved public or private waterworks system in accordance with 5.2.2
- (2) A connection including a fire pump in accordance with 5.2.3
- (3) A connection to a water storage tank at grade or below grade installed in accordance with NFPA 22 and filled from an approved source
- (4) A connection to a pressure tank in accordance with 5.2.4 and filled from an approved source
- (5) A connection to a gravity tank in accordance with 5.2.5 and filled from an approved source
- (6) A penstock, flume, river, lake, pond, or reservoir in accordance with 5.2.6
- (7)* A source of recycled or reclaimed water where the building owner (or their agent) has analyzed the source of the

water and the treatment process (if any) that the water undergoes before being made available to the sprinkler system and determined that any materials, chemicals, or contaminants in the water will not be detrimental to the components of the sprinkler system it comes in contact with

5.2.2* Connections to Waterworks Systems.

5.2.2.1 A connection to a reliable waterworks system shall be an acceptable water supply source.

5.2.2.2* The volume and pressure of a public water supply shall be determined from waterflow test data or other approved method.

5.2.3* Pumps. A single automatically controlled fire pump installed in accordance with NFPA 20 shall be an acceptable water supply source.

5.2.4 Pressure Tanks.

5.2.4.1 Acceptability.

5.2.4.1.1 A pressure tank installed in accordance with NFPA 22 shall be an acceptable water supply source.

5.2.4.1.2 Pressure tanks shall be provided with an approved means for automatically maintaining the required air pressure.

5.2.4.1.3 Where a pressure tank is the sole water supply, an approved trouble alarm shall also be provided to indicate low air pressure and low water level with the alarm supplied from an electrical branch circuit independent of the air compressor.

5.2.4.1.4 Pressure tanks shall not be used to supply other than sprinklers and hand hose attached to sprinkler piping.

5.2.4.2 Capacity.

5.2.4.2.1 In addition to the requirements of 5.1.2, the water capacity of a pressure tank shall include the extra capacity needed to fill dry pipe or preaction systems where installed.

5.2.4.2.2 The total volume shall be based on the water capacity plus the air capacity required by 5.2.4.3.

5.2.4.3* Water Level and Air Pressure.

5.2.4.3.1 Pressure tanks shall be kept with a sufficient supply of water to meet the demand of the fire protection system as calculated in Chapter 27 for the duration required by Chapter 19, Chapter 20, or Chapter 26.

5.2.4.3.2 The pressure shall be sufficient to push all of the water out of the tank while maintaining the necessary residual pressure (required by Chapter 27) at the top of the system.

5.2.5 Gravity Tanks. An elevated tank installed in accordance with NFPA 22 shall be an acceptable water supply source.

5.2.6 Penstocks, Flumes, Rivers, or Lakes. Water supply connections from penstocks, flumes, rivers, lakes, or reservoirs shall be arranged to avoid mud and sediment and shall be provided with approved double removable screens or approved strainers installed in an approved manner.

Chapter 6 Installation Underground Piping

6.1* Piping. [24:10.1]

6.1.1* All piping used in private fire service mains shall be in accordance with 6.1.1.1, 6.1.1.2, or 6.1.1.3. [24:10.1.1]

6.1.1.1 Listing. Piping manufactured in accordance with Table 6.1.1.1 shall be permitted to be used. [24:10.1.1.1]

6.1.1.2 Piping specifically listed for use in private fire service mains shall be permitted to be used. [24:10.1.1.2]

6.1.1.2.1 Where listed pipe is used, it shall be installed in accordance with the listing limitations including installation instructions. [24:10.1.1.2.1]

6.1.1.2.2 Where listing limitations or installation instructions differ from the requirements of this standard, the listing limitations and installation instructions shall apply. [24:10.1.1.2.2]

6.1.1.3 Steel piping manufactured in accordance with Table 6.1.1.3 that is externally coated and wrapped and internally galvanized shall be permitted to be used between the hose coupling(s) on the fire department connection and the check valve installed in the fire department connection piping. [24:10.1.1.3]

6.1.1.3.1 External coating and wrapping as required by 6.1.1.3 shall be approved. [24:10.1.1.3.1]

6.1.1.4 Dry Pipe Underground.

6.1.1.4.1 Where necessary to place pipe that will be under air pressure underground, the pipe shall be protected against corrosion.

6.1.1.4.2 Unprotected cast-iron or ductile-iron pipe shall be permitted where joined with a gasketed joint listed for air service underground.

Table 6.1.1.1 Manufacturing Standards for Underground Pipe

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Ductile Iron	
<i>Cement-Mortar Lining for Ductile-Iron Pipe and Fittings</i>	AWWA C104/A21.4
<i>Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile-Iron Pipe Systems</i>	AWWA C105/A21.5
<i>Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile-Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings</i>	AWWA C111/A21.11
<i>Flanged Ductile-Iron Pipe with Ductile-Iron or Gray-Iron Threaded Flanges</i>	AWWA C115/A21.15
<i>Thickness Design of Ductile-Iron Pipe</i>	AWWA C150/A21.50
<i>Ductile-Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast</i>	AWWA C151/A21.51
<i>Standard for the Installation of Ductile Iron Water Mains and Their Appurtenances</i>	AWWA C600
Concrete	
<i>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type</i>	AWWA C300
<i>Prestressed Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type</i>	AWWA C301
<i>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Non-Cylinder Type</i>	AWWA C302
<i>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, Pretensioned</i>	AWWA C303
<i>Cement-Mortar Lining of Water Pipe Lines in Place, 4 in. (100 mm) and Larger</i>	AWWA C602
Plastic	
<i>Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe, 4 in. Through 12 in. (100 mm Through 300 mm), for Water Transmission and Distribution</i>	AWWA C900
<i>Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe and Fabricated Fittings, 14 in. Through 48 in. (350 mm Through 1200 mm), for Water Transmission and Distribution</i>	AWWA C905
<i>Polyethylene (PE) Pressure Pipe and Fittings, 4 in. (100 mm) Through 63 in. (1575 mm) for Waterworks</i>	AWWA C906
<i>Molecularly Oriented Polyvinyl Chloride (PVCO) 4 in. Through 24 in. (100 mm Through 600 mm) for Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Service</i>	AWWA C909
Brass	
<i>Specification for Seamless Red Brass Pipe, Standard Sizes</i>	ASTM B43
Copper	
<i>Specification for Seamless Copper Tube</i>	ASTM B75/B75M
<i>Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube</i>	ASTM B88
<i>Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube</i>	ASTM B251
Stainless Steel	
<i>Specification for Standard Specification for Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes</i>	ASTM A312/312M

[24:Table 10.1.1.1]

Table 6.1.1.3 Steel Piping for Fire Department Connections

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
<i>Standard Specification for Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Fire Protection Use</i>	ASTM A795/A795M
<i>Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless</i>	ASTM A53/A53M
<i>Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe</i>	ASTM A135/A135M

[24:Table 10.1.1.3]

6.1.2* All piping used in private fire service mains shall be rated for the maximum system working pressure to which the piping is exposed to but shall not be rated at less than 150 psi (10.3 bar). [24:10.1.2]

6.1.3* When lined piping is used, the manufacturer's literature for internal diameter shall be used for all hydraulic calculations. [24:10.1.3]

N 6.1.4* Underground piping shall be permitted to extend into the building through the slab or wall not more than 24 in. (600 mm). [24:10.1.4]

6.2 Fittings. [24:10.2]

6.2.1 All fittings used in private fire service mains shall be in accordance with 6.2.1.1 or 6.2.1.2. [24:10.2.1]

6.2.1.1 Fittings manufactured in accordance with Table 6.2.1.1 shall be permitted to be used. [24:10.2.1.1]

6.2.1.2 Special Listed Fittings. Fittings specifically listed for use in private fire service mains shall be permitted to be used. [24:10.2.1.2]

6.2.1.2.1 Where listed fittings are used, they shall be installed in accordance with their listing limitations including installation instructions. [24:10.2.1.2.1]

Table 6.2.1.1 Fittings Materials and Dimensions

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Cast Iron	
<i>Gray Iron Threaded Fittings, Classes 125 and 250</i>	ASME B16.4
<i>Gray Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Classes 25, 125, and 250</i>	ASME B16.1
Ductile Iron	
<i>Ductile-Iron and Gray-Iron Fittings</i>	AWWA C110/A21.10
<i>Ductile-Iron Compact Fittings</i>	AWWA C153/A21.53
Malleable Iron	
<i>Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Classes 150 and 300</i>	ASME B16.3

[24:Table 10.2.1.1]

6.2.1.2.2 Where listing limitations or installation instructions differ from the requirements of this standard, the listing limitations and installation instructions shall apply. [24:10.2.1.2.2]

6.2.2 All fittings used in private fire service mains shall be rated for the maximum system working pressure to which the fittings are exposed, but shall not be rated at less than 150 psi (10.3 bar). [24:10.2.2]

6.2.3 Where fittings installed in a private fire service main must be installed above grade, the fittings shall conform to NFPA 13. [24:10.2.3]

6.2.3.1 Fittings in accordance with 6.2.1 shall be permitted for the transition to the above ground piping or fittings. [24:10.2.3.1]

6.3 Connection of Pipe, Fittings, and Appurtenances. [24:10.3]

6.3.1* Connection of all fittings and appurtenances to piping shall be in accordance with Section 6.3. [24:10.3.1]

6.3.2 Connections of pipe and fittings indicated in Table 6.1.1.1 and Table 6.2.1.1 shall be in accordance with the referenced standard in the table. [24:10.3.2]

6.3.3 Listed Connections. Connections utilizing listed products shall be in accordance with the listing limitations and the manufacturer's installation instructions. [24:10.3.3]

6.3.3.1 Where listing limitations or installation instructions differ from the requirements of this standard, the listing limitations and installation instructions shall apply. [24:10.3.3.1]

6.3.4 Threaded Pipe and Fittings. Where pipe, fittings or appurtenances are connected using threads, all threads shall be in accordance with ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*. [24:10.3.4]

6.3.5 Grooved Connections. Where pipe, fittings, or appurtenances are connected using grooves, they shall be connected in accordance with 6.3.5.1 through 6.3.5.3. [24:10.3.5]

6.3.5.1 Pipe, fittings, and appurtenances to be joined with grooved couplings shall contain cut, rolled, or cast grooves that are dimensionally compatible with the couplings. [24:10.3.5.1]

6.3.5.2 Pipe, fittings, and appurtenances that are connected with grooved couplings and are part of a listed assembly shall be permitted to be used. [24:10.3.5.2]

6.3.5.3* Pipe joined with grooved fittings shall be joined by a listed combination of fittings, gaskets, and grooves. [24:10.3.5.3]

6.3.6 Copper Tube. All joints for the connection of copper tube shall be brazed or joined using pressure fittings as specified in Table 6.2.1.1. [24:10.3.6]

6.4 Protection of Private Fire Service Mains. [24:10.4]

6.4.1 Protection from Corrosion. [24:10.4.1]

6.4.1.1 Coatings. All bolted joint accessories shall be cleaned and thoroughly coated with asphalt or other corrosion-retarding material after installation. [24:10.4.1.1]

6.4.1.2 The requirements of 6.3.5.3 shall not apply to epoxy-coated fittings, valves, glands, or other accessories. [24:10.4.1.2]

6.4.1.3* Where it is necessary to join metal pipe with pipe of dissimilar metal, the joint shall be insulated against the passage of an electric current using an approved method. [24:10.4.1.3]

6.4.2* Protection of Piping. [24:10.4.2]

6.4.2.1 Protection from Freezing. The depth of cover for private fire service mains and their appurtenances to protect against freezing shall be in accordance with 6.4.2. [24:10.4.2.1]

6.4.2.1.1* The top of the pipe shall be buried not less than 1 ft (300 mm) below the frost line for the locality. [24:10.4.2.1.1]

6.4.2.1.2 The depth of piping shall be measured from the top of the piping to the final grade. [24:10.4.2.1.2]

6.4.2.1.3 Where listed piping is used and the bury depth differs from this standard, the listing limitations shall apply. [24:10.4.2.1.3]

6.4.2.1.4 Where private fire service mains are installed above ground, they shall be protected from freezing in accordance with NFPA 13. [24:10.4.2.1.4]

6.4.2.1.5 Private fire service mains installed in water raceways or shallow streams shall be installed so that the piping will remain in the running water throughout the year. [24:10.4.2.1.5]

6.4.2.1.6 Where piping is installed adjacent to a vertical face, it shall be installed from the vertical face at the same distance as if the piping were buried. [24:10.4.2.1.6]

6.4.2.1.7 Protection of private fire service mains from freezing using heat tracing shall be permitted when the heat tracing is specifically listed for underground use. [24:10.4.2.1.7]

6.4.2.1.7.1 Heat tracing not listed for underground use shall be permitted when piping is installed in accordance with 6.1.4. [24:10.4.2.1.7.1]

6.4.2.2 Protection from Mechanical Damage. The depth of cover for private fire service mains and their appurtenances to protect against mechanical damage shall be in accordance with 6.4.2.2. [24:10.4.2.2]

6.4.2.2.1 The depth of piping shall be measured from the top of the piping to the final grade. [24:10.4.2.2.1]

6.4.2.2.2 In locations where freezing is not a factor, the depth of cover shall not be less than 30 in. (750 mm) below grade to prevent mechanical damage. [24:10.4.2.2.2]

6.4.2.2.2.1 Where listed piping is used and the bury depth differs from this standard, the listing limitations shall apply. [24:10.4.2.2.2.1]

6.4.2.2.3 Private fire service mains installed under driveways or roadways shall be buried at a minimum depth of 3 ft (900 mm). [24:10.4.2.2.3]

6.4.2.2.3.1 Sidewalks, walkways, and other paved or concrete pedestrian passageways shall not be required to comply with 6.4.2.2.3. [24:10.4.2.2.3.1]

6.4.2.2.4 Private fire service mains installed under railroad tracks shall be buried at a minimum depth of 4 ft (1.2 m). [24:10.4.2.2.4]

6.4.2.2.4.1 Where railroad operators require a greater depth of bury, the greater depth shall apply. [24:10.4.2.2.4.1]

6.4.2.2.5 Private fire service mains installed under large piles of heavy commodities or subject to heavy shock and vibrations shall be buried at a minimum depth of 4 ft (1.2 m). [24:10.4.2.2.5]

6.4.2.2.6 Where private fire service mains are installed above ground, they shall be protected with bollards or other means as approved by the AHJ when subject to mechanical damage. [24:10.4.2.2.6]

6.4.3 Private Fire Service Mains Under Buildings. Except as allowed by 6.4.3, private fire service mains shall not be allowed to run under buildings. [24:10.4.3]

6.4.3.1* Private fire service mains supplying fire protection systems within the building shall be permitted to extend no more than 10 ft (3.0 m), as measured from the outside of the building, under the building to the riser location. [24:10.4.3.1]

6.4.3.1.1* Pipe joints shall not be located directly under foundation footings. [24:10.4.3.1.1]

6.4.3.1.2* Piping shall be installed a minimum of 12 in. (300 mm) below the bottom of building foundations or footers. [24:10.4.3.1.2]

6.4.3.1.2.1 The requirements of 6.4.3.1.2 shall not apply when the piping is sleeved with an approved material. [24:10.4.3.1.2.1]

6.4.3.2* Private fire service mains shall not be permitted to extend more than 10 ft (3 m) under the building except as allowed in 6.4.3.2.1. [24:10.4.3.2]

N 6.4.3.2.1 Where private fire service mains extend more than 10 ft (3 m) into the building, they shall be run in a covered trench. [24:10.4.3.2.1]

N 6.4.3.2.1.1* The trench shall be accessible from within the building. [24:10.4.3.2.1.1]

6.4.3.2.1.2 The trench shall have rigid walls and a base. [24:10.4.3.2.1.2]

N 6.4.3.2.1.3 The trench shall be constructed of noncombustible materials. [24:10.4.3.2.1.3]

N 6.4.3.2.1.4* Provisions for draining water shall be provided for the trench. [24:10.4.3.2.1.4]

N 6.4.3.2.1.5 Where the piping in the trench is installed under foundations or footers, clearance shall be provided in accordance with 6.4.3.1.2 or 6.4.3.1.2.1. [24:10.4.3.2.1.5]

N 6.4.3.2.2 Piping in the trench shall be permitted to be in accordance with 6.1.1. [24:10.4.3.2.2]

N 6.4.3.2.2.1 Aboveground piping in accordance with NFPA 13 shall be permitted to be used. [24:10.4.3.2.2.1]

N 6.4.3.2.2.2 Where piping installed in the trench is in accordance with 6.1.1, all joints shall be restrained in accordance with 6.6.2 or 6.6.3. [24:10.4.3.2.2.2]

N 6.4.3.2.3* Where piping is installed in a trench as permitted by 6.4.3.2.1, a valve shall be provided where the underground piping enters the trench. [24:10.4.3.2.3]

N 6.4.3.2.4 When piping is installed in a trench, bury depths of 6.4.2.2 shall not apply. [24:10.4.3.2.4]

N 6.4.3.2.4.1 Piping in the trench shall be protected from freezing in accordance with 6.4.2.1.4. [24:10.4.3.2.4.1]

6.5 Grounding and Bonding. [24:10.5]

6.5.1* In no case shall the underground piping be used as a grounding electrode for electrical systems. [24:10.5.1]

6.5.1.1* The requirement of 6.5.1 shall not preclude the bonding of the underground piping to the lightning protection grounding system as required by NFPA 780 in those cases where lightning protection is provided for the structure. [24:10.5.1.1]

6.6* Restraint. Private fire service mains shall be restrained against movement at changes in direction in accordance with 6.6.1, 6.6.2, or 6.6.3. [24:10.6]

6.6.1* Thrust Blocks.

6.6.1.1 Thrust blocks shall be permitted where soil is stable and capable of resisting the anticipated thrust forces. [24:10.6.1.1]

6.6.1.2 Thrust blocks shall be concrete of a mix not leaner than one part cement, two and one-half parts sand, and five parts stone. [24:10.6.1.2]

6.6.1.3 Thrust blocks shall be placed between undisturbed earth and the fitting to be restrained and shall be capable of resisting the calculated thrust forces. [24:10.6.1.3]

6.6.1.4 Wherever possible, thrust blocks shall be located so that the joints are accessible for repair. [24:10.6.1.4]

6.6.2* Restrained Joint Systems. Private fire service mains using restrained joint systems shall include one or more of the following:

- (1) Locking mechanical or push-on joints
 - (2) Mechanical joints utilizing setscrew retainer glands
 - (3) Bolted flange joints
 - (4) Pipe clamps and tie rods
 - (5) Other approved methods or devices
- [24:10.6.2]

6.6.2.1 Sizing Clamps, Rods, Bolts, and Washers. [24:10.6.2.1]

6.6.2.1.1 Clamps. [24:10.6.2.1.1]

6.6.2.1.1.1 Clamps shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $\times$ 2 in. (13 mm $\times$ 50 mm) for 4 in. (100 mm) to 6 in. (150 mm) pipe
 - (2) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. $\times$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. (16 mm $\times$ 65 mm) for 8 in. (200 mm) to 10 in. (250 mm) pipe
 - (3) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. $\times$ 3 in. (16 mm $\times$ 75 mm) for 12 in. (300 mm) pipe
- [24:10.6.2.1.1.1]

6.6.2.1.1.2 The diameter of a bolt hole shall be $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) larger than that of the corresponding bolt. [24:10.6.2.1.1.2]

6.6.2.1.2 Rods. [24:10.6.2.1.2]

6.6.2.1.2.1 Rods shall be not less than $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (16 mm) in diameter. [24:10.6.2.1.2.1]

6.6.2.1.2.2 Table 6.6.2.1.2.2 provides the numbers of various diameter rods that shall be used for a given pipe size. [24:10.6.2.1.2.2]

6.6.2.1.2.3 When using bolting rods, the diameter of mechanical joint bolts shall limit the diameter of rods to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm). [24:10.6.2.1.2.3]

6.6.2.1.2.4 Threaded sections of rods shall not be formed or bent. [24:10.6.2.1.2.4]

6.6.2.1.2.5 Where using clamps, rods shall be used in pairs for each clamp. [24:10.6.2.1.2.5]

6.6.2.1.2.6 Assemblies in which a restraint is made by means of two clamps canted on the barrel of the pipe shall be permitted to use one rod per clamp if approved for the specific installation by the AHJ. [24:10.6.2.1.2.6]

6.6.2.1.2.7 Where using combinations of rods, the rods shall be symmetrically spaced. [24:10.6.2.1.2.7]

6.6.2.1.3 Clamp Bolts. Clamp bolts shall have the following diameters:

- (1) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (16 mm) for pipe 4 in. (100 mm), 6 in. (150 mm), and 8 in. (200 mm)
 - (2) $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) for 10 in. (250 mm) pipe
 - (3) $\frac{7}{8}$ in. (22 mm) for 12 in. (300 mm) pipe
- [24:10.6.2.1.3]

6.6.2.1.4 Washers. [24:10.6.2.1.4]

6.6.2.1.4.1 Washers shall be permitted to be cast iron or steel and round or square. [24:10.6.2.1.4.1]

6.6.2.1.4.2 Cast-iron washers shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. $\times$ 3 in. (16 mm $\times$ 75 mm) for 4 in. (100 mm), 6 in. (150 mm), 8 in. (200 mm), and 10 in. (250 mm) pipe
 - (2) $\frac{3}{4}$ in. $\times$ $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. (20 mm $\times$ 90 mm) for 12 in. (300 mm) pipe
- [24:10.6.2.1.4.2]

Table 6.6.2.1.2.2 Rod Number — Diameter Combinations

Nominal Pipe Size (in.) (mm)	$\frac{5}{8}$ in. (16 mm)	$\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm)	$\frac{7}{8}$ in. (22 mm)	1 in. (25 mm)
4 (100)	2	—	—	—
6 (150)	2	—	—	—
8 (200)	3	2	—	—
10 (250)	4	3	2	—
12 (300)	6	4	3	2
14 (350)	8	5	4	3
16 (400)	10	7	5	4

Note: This table has been derived using pressure of 225 psi (15.5 bar) and design stress of 25,000 psi (172.4 MPa).
[24:Table 10.6.2.1.2.2]

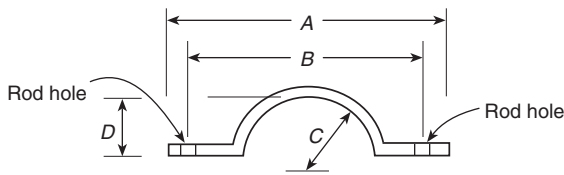


FIGURE 6.6.2.2.3 Restraint Straps for Tees. [24:Figure 10.6.2.2.3]

6.6.2.1.4.3 Steel washers shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $\times$ 3 in. (12 mm $\times$ 75 mm) for 4 in. (100 mm), 6 in. (150 mm), 8 in. (200 mm), and 10 in. (250 mm) pipe
- (2) $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $\times$ $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. (12 mm $\times$ 90 mm) for 12 in. (300 mm) pipe

6.6.2.1.4.4 The diameter of holes shall be $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3 mm) larger than that of bolts or rods. [24:10.6.2.1.4.4]

6.6.2.2 Sizes of Restraint Straps for Tees. [24:10.6.2.2]

6.6.2.2.1 Restraint straps for tees shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (16 mm) thick and $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. (65 mm) wide for 4 in. (100 mm), 6 in. (150 mm), 8 in. (200 mm), and 10 in. (250 mm) pipe
- (2) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (16 mm) thick and 3 in. (75 mm) wide for 12 in. (300 mm) pipe

6.6.2.2.2 The diameter of rod holes shall be $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) larger than that of rods. [24:10.6.2.2.2]

6.6.2.2.3 Figure 6.6.2.2.3 and Table 6.6.2.2.3 shall be used in sizing the restraint straps for both mechanical and push-on joint tee fittings. [24:10.6.2.2.3]

6.6.2.3 Sizes of Plug Strap for Bell End of Pipe. [24:10.6.2.3]

6.6.2.3.1 The strap shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) thick and $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. (65 mm) wide. [24:10.6.2.3.1]

6.6.2.3.2 The strap length shall be the same as dimension A for tee straps as shown in Figure 6.6.2.2.3. [24:10.6.2.3.2]

6.6.2.3.3 The distance between the centers of rod holes shall be the same as dimension B for tee straps as shown in Figure 6.6.2.2.3. [24:10.6.2.3.3]

6.6.2.4 Material. Clamps, rods, rod couplings or turnbuckles, bolts, washers, restraint straps, and plug straps shall be of a material that has physical and chemical characteristics that

indicate its deterioration under stress can be predicted with reliability. [24:10.6.2.4]

6.6.2.5* Corrosion Resistance. After installation, rods, nuts, bolts, washers, clamps, and other restraining devices shall be cleaned and thoroughly coated with a bituminous or other acceptable corrosion-retarding material. [24:10.6.2.5]

6.6.2.5.1 The requirements of 6.6.2.5 shall not apply to epoxy-coated fittings, valves, glands, or other accessories. [24:10.6.2.5.1]

6.6.3* Private fire service mains utilizing one or more of the following connection methods shall not require additional restraint, provided that such joints can pass the hydrostatic test of 6.10.2.2 without shifting of piping.

- (1) Threaded connections
- (2) Grooved connections
- (3) Welded connections
- (4) Heat-fused connections
- (5) Chemical or solvent cemented connections

6.7 Steep Grades. [24:10.7]

6.7.1 On steep grades, mains shall be additionally restrained to prevent slipping. [24:10.7.1]

6.7.1.1 Pipe shall be restrained at the bottom of a hill and at any turns (lateral or vertical). [24:10.7.1.1]

6.7.1.1.1 The restraint specified in 6.7.1.1 shall be to natural rock or to suitable piers built on the downhill side of the bell. [24:10.7.1.1.1]

6.7.1.2 Bell ends shall be installed facing uphill. [24:10.7.1.2]

6.7.1.3 Straight runs on hills shall be restrained as determined by a design professional. [24:10.7.1.3]

6.8 Installation Requirements. [24:10.8]

6.8.1 Piping, valves, hydrants, gaskets, and fittings shall be inspected for damage when received and shall be inspected prior to installation. [24:10.8.1]

6.8.2 The tightness of bolted joints shall be verified by the bolt torque or by the method described in the listing information or manufacturer's installation instructions. [24:10.8.2]

6.8.3 Pipe, valves, hydrants, and fittings shall be clean and free from internal debris. [24:10.8.3]

6.8.4 When work is stopped, the open ends of piping, valves, hydrants, and fittings shall be plugged or covered to prevent foreign materials from entering. [24:10.8.4]

Table 6.6.2.2.3 Restraint Straps for Tees

Nominal Pipe Size		A		B		C		D	
in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
4	100	$12\frac{1}{2}$	318	$10\frac{1}{8}$	257	$2\frac{1}{2}$	64	$1\frac{3}{4}$	44
6	150	$14\frac{1}{2}$	368	$12\frac{1}{8}$	308	$3\frac{9}{16}$	90	$2\frac{13}{16}$	71
8	200	$16\frac{3}{4}$	425	$14\frac{3}{8}$	365	$4\frac{21}{32}$	118	$3\frac{29}{32}$	99
10	250	$19\frac{1}{16}$	484	$16\frac{11}{16}$	424	$5\frac{3}{4}$	146	5	127
12	300	$22\frac{5}{16}$	567	$19\frac{3}{16}$	487	$6\frac{3}{4}$	171	$5\frac{7}{8}$	149

[24:Table 10.6.2.2.3]

6.8.5 All piping, fittings, valves, and hydrants shall be examined for cracks or other defects while suspended above the trench and lowered into the trench using appropriate equipment. [24:10.8.5]

6.8.6 Plain ends shall be inspected for signs of damage prior to installation. [24:10.8.6]

6.8.7 Piping, fittings, valves, hydrants, and appurtenances shall not be dropped, dumped or rolled or skidded against other materials. [24:10.8.7]

6.8.8 Pipes shall be supported in the trench throughout their full length and shall not be supported by the bell ends only or by blocks. [24:10.8.8]

6.8.9 If the ground is soft, other means shall be provided to support the pipe. [24:10.8.9]

6.8.10 Valves and fittings used with nonmetallic pipe shall be supported and restrained in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. [24:10.8.10]

6.9 Backfilling. [24:10.9]

6.9.1 Backfill material shall be tamped in layers or in puddles under and around pipes to prevent settlement or lateral movement and shall contain no ashes, cinders, refuse, organic matter, or other corrosive materials. [24:10.9.1]

6.9.2 Backfill material shall not contain ash, cinders, refuse, organic matter or other corrosive materials. [24:10.9.2]

N 6.9.3* In the absence of specific guidelines or specifications, the maximum allowable particle size for backfill within 1 ft (300 mm) of the pipe shall not be larger than 1½ in. (40 mm). [24:10.9.3]

N 6.9.3.1 Nominal pipe sizes of 4 in. (100 mm) or smaller shall not exceed ½ in. (13 mm) maximum particle size. [24:10.9.3.1]

N 6.9.3.2 Nominal pipe sizes of 6 in. to 12 in. (150 mm to 300 mm) shall not exceed ¾ in. (19 mm) maximum particle size. [24:10.9.3.2]

6.9.4 Frozen earth shall not be used as backfill material. [24:10.9.4]

6.9.5 In trenches cut through rock, tamped backfill shall be used for at least 6 in. (150 mm) under and around the pipe and for at least 2 ft (600 mm) above the pipe. [24:10.9.5]

6.9.6 Where using piping listed for private fire service mains, the manufacturer's installation instructions for backfill shall be followed. [24:10.9.6]

6.10 Testing and Acceptance. [24:10.10]

6.10.1 Approval of Underground Piping. The installing contractor shall be responsible for the following:

- (1) Notifying the AHJ and the owner's representative of the time and date testing is to be performed
- (2) Performing all required acceptance tests
- (3) Completing and signing the contractor's material and test certificate(s) shown in Figure 6.10.1

[24:10.10.1]

6.10.2 Acceptance Requirements. [24:10.10.2]

6.10.2.1* Flushing of Piping. [24:10.10.2.1]

6.10.2.1.1 Underground piping, from the water supply to the system riser, and lead-in connections to the system riser, including all hydrants, shall be completely flushed before connection is made to downstream fire protection system piping. [24:10.10.2.1.1]

6.10.2.1.2 The flushing operation shall continue until water flow is verified to be clear of debris. [24:10.10.2.1.2]

6.10.2.1.3* The minimum rate of flow shall be in accordance with Table 6.10.2.1.3. [24:10.10.2.1.3]

Table 6.10.2.1.3 Flow Required to Produce Velocity of 10 ft/sec (3.0 m/sec) in Pipes

Nominal Pipe Size		Flow Rate	
in.	mm	gpm	L/min
2	50	100	380
2½	65	150	568
3	75	220	833
4	100	390	1,500
5	125	610	2,300
6	150	880	3,350
8	200	1,560	5,900
10	250	2,440	9,250
12	300	3,520	13,300

[24:Table 10.10.2.1.3]

6.10.2.1.3.1 Where the flow rates established in Table 6.10.2.1.3 are not attainable, the maximum flow rate available to the system shall be acceptable. [24:10.10.2.1.3.1]

6.10.2.1.4 Provision shall be made for the proper disposal of water used for flushing or testing. [24:10.10.2.1.4]

6.10.2.2 Hydrostatic Test. [24:10.10.2.2]

6.10.2.2.1* All piping and attached appurtenances subjected to system working pressure shall be hydrostatically tested at gauge pressure of 200 psi (13.8 bar) or 50 psi (3.4 bar) in excess of the system working pressure, whichever is greater, and shall maintain that pressure at gauge pressure of ±5 psi (0.34 bar) for 2 hours. [24:10.10.2.2.1]

6.10.2.2.2 Acceptable test results shall be determined by indication of either a pressure loss less than gauge pressure of 5 psi or by no visual leakage. [24:10.10.2.2.2]

6.10.2.2.3 The test pressure shall be read from one of the following, located at the lowest elevation of the system or the portion of the system being tested:

- (1) A gauge located at one of the hydrant outlets
- (2) A gauge located at the lowest point where no hydrants are provided

[24:10.10.2.2.3]

6.10.2.2.4* The trench shall be backfilled between joints before testing to prevent movement of pipe. [24:10.10.2.2.4]

6.10.2.2.5 Where required for safety measures presented by the hazards of open trenches, the pipe and joints shall be permitted to be backfilled, provided the installing contractor takes the responsibility for locating and correcting leakage. [24:10.10.2.2.5]

Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping			
PROCEDURE Upon completion of work, inspection and tests shall be made by the contractor's representative and witnessed by an owner's representative. All defects shall be corrected and system left in service before contractor's personnel finally leave the job. A certificate shall be filled out and signed by both representatives. Copies shall be prepared for approving authorities, owners, and contractor. It is understood the owner's representative's signature in no way prejudices any claim against contractor for faulty material, poor workmanship, or failure to comply with approving authority's requirements or local ordinances.			
Property name			Date
Property address			
Plans	Accepted by approving authorities (names)		
	Address		
	Installation conforms to accepted plans		☐ Yes ☐ No
	Equipment used is approved If no, state deviations		☐ Yes ☐ No
Instructions	Has person in charge of fire equipment been instructed as to location of control valves and care and maintenance of this new equipment? If no, explain		☐ Yes ☐ No
	Have copies of appropriate instructions and care and maintenance charts been provided to the owner or owner's representative? If no, explain		☐ Yes ☐ No
Location	Supplies buildings		
Underground pipes and joints	Pipe types and class		Type joint
	Pipe conforms to _____ standard		☐ Yes ☐ No
	Fittings conform to _____ standard If no, explain		☐ Yes ☐ No
	Joints needing anchorage clamped, strapped, or blocked in accordance with _____ standard If no, explain		☐ Yes ☐ No
Test description	Flushing: Flow the required rate until water is verified to be clear of debris at outlets such as hydrants and blow-offs. Flush at one of the flow rates as specified in 6.10.2.1.3. Hydrostatic: All piping and attached appurtenances subjected to system working pressure shall be hydrostatically tested at 200 psi (13.8 bar) or 50 psi (3.4 bar) in excess of the system working pressure, whichever is greater, and shall maintain that pressure ± 5 psi (0.34 bar) for 2 hours. Hydrostatic Testing Allowance: Where additional water is added to the system to maintain the test pressures required by 6.10.2.2.1, the amount of water shall be measured and shall not exceed the limits of the following equation (for metric equation, see 6.10.2.2.6): $L = \frac{SD\sqrt{P}}{148,000}$ L = testing allowance (makeup water), in gallons per hour (lpm) S = length of pipe tested, in feet (m) D = nominal diameter of the pipe, in inches (mm) P = average test pressure during the hydrostatic test, in pounds per square inch (gauge) (bar)		
Flushing tests	New underground piping flushed according to _____ standard by (company) If no, explain		☐ Yes ☐ No
	How flushing flow was obtained ☐ Public water ☐ Tank or reservoir ☐ Fire pump		Through what type opening ☐ Hydrant butt ☐ Open pipe
	Lead-ins flushed according to _____ standard by (company) If no, explain		☐ Yes ☐ No
	How flushing flow was obtained ☐ Public water ☐ Tank or reservoir ☐ Fire pump		Through what type opening ☐ Y connection to flange and spigot ☐ Open pipe

FIGURE 6.10.1 Sample of Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping. [24:Figure 10.10.1]

Hydrostatic test	All new underground piping hydrostatically tested at _____ psi (bar) for _____ hours		Joints covered ☐ Yes ☐ No
Leakage test	Total amount of leakage measured _____ gallons (liters) _____ hours		
	Allowable leakage _____ gallons (liters) _____ hours		
Forward flow test of backflow preventer	Forward flow test performed in accordance with 6.10.2.5.2: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Hydrants	Number installed	Type and make	All operate satisfactorily ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Water control valves left wide open If no, state reason		☐ Yes ☐ No
Control valves	Hose threads of fire department connections and hydrants interchangeable with those of fire department answering alarm		☐ Yes ☐ No
	Date left in service		
Remarks			
Signatures	Name of installing contractor		
	Tests witnessed by		
	For property owner (signed)	Title	Date
	For installing contractor (signed)	Title	Date
Additional explanation and notes			
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FIGURE 6.10.1 *Continued*

6.10.2.2.6* Hydrostatic Testing Allowance. Where additional water is added to the system to maintain the test pressures required by 6.10.2.2.1, the amount of water shall be measured and shall not exceed the limits of Table 6.10.2.2.6, which are based upon the following equations:

U.S. Customary Units:

[6.10.2.2.6a]

$$L = \frac{SD\sqrt{P}}{148,000}$$

where:

L = testing allowance (makeup water) [gph (gal/hr)]

S = length of pipe tested (ft)

D = nominal diameter of pipe (in.)

P = average test pressure during hydrostatic test (gauge psi)

Metric Units:

[6.10.2.2.6b]

$$L = \frac{SD\sqrt{P}}{794,797}$$

where:

L = testing allowance (makeup water) (L/hr)

S = length of pipe tested (m)

D = nominal diameter of pipe (mm)

P = average test pressure during hydrostatic test (kPa)

[24:10.10.2.2.6]

6.10.2.3* Other Means of Hydrostatic Tests. Where acceptable to the AHJ, hydrostatic tests shall be permitted to be completed in accordance with the guidelines provided in AWWA C600, *Installation of Ductile-Iron Mains and Their Appurtenances*, AWWA M9, *Concrete Pressure Pipe*, AWWA M23, *PVC Pipe — Design and Installation*, or AWWA M55, *PE Pipe — Design and Installation*, as long as the test pressure and test duration requirements of 6.10.2.2.1 are still employed. [24:10.10.2.3]

6.10.2.4 Operating Test. [24:10.10.2.4]

6.10.2.4.1 Each hydrant shall be fully opened and closed under system water pressure. [24:10.10.2.4.1]

6.10.2.4.2 Dry barrel hydrants shall be checked for proper drainage. [24:10.10.2.4.2]

6.10.2.4.3 All control valves shall be fully closed and opened under system water pressure to ensure proper operation. [24:10.10.2.4.3]

6.10.2.4.4 Where fire pumps supply the private fire service main, the operating tests required by 6.10.2.4 shall be completed with the pumps running. [24:10.10.2.4.4]

6.10.2.5 Backflow Prevention Assemblies. [24:10.10.2.5]

6.10.2.5.1 The backflow prevention assembly shall be forward flow tested to ensure proper operation. [24:10.10.2.5.1]

6.10.2.5.2 The minimum flow rate tested in 6.10.2.5.1 shall be the system demand, including hose stream demand where applicable. [24:10.10.2.5.2]

Table 6.10.2.2.6 Hydrostatic Testing Allowance at 200 psi (13.8 bar) (gph/100 ft of Pipe) (lph/100 m of Pipe)

Nominal Pipe Diameter [in. (mm)]	Testing Allowance [gph/100 ft of pipe (lph/100 m of pipe)]
2 (50)	0.019 (0.475)
4 (100)	0.038 (0.95)
6 (150)	0.057 (1.425)
8 (200)	0.076 (1.9)
10 (250)	0.096 (2.58)
12 (300)	0.115 (3.09)
14 (350)	0.134 (3.35)
16 (400)	0.153 (3.83)
18 (450)	0.172 (4.3)
20 (500)	0.191 (4.78)
24 (600)	0.229 (5.73)

Notes:

(1) For other length, diameters, and pressures, utilize Equation 6.10.2.2.6a or 6.10.2.2.6b to determine the appropriate testing allowance.

(2) For test sections that contain various sizes and sections of pipe, the testing allowance is the sum of the testing allowances for each size and section.

[24:Table 10.10.2.2.6]

Chapter 7 Requirements for System Components and Hardware

7.1 General. This chapter shall provide requirements for correct use of sprinkler system components and hardware.

7.1.1* Listing.

7.1.1.1 Materials or devices not specifically designated by this standard shall be used in accordance with all conditions, requirements, and limitations of their special listing.

7.1.1.1.1 All special listing requirements shall be included and identified in the product submittal literature and installation instructions.

7.1.1.2 Unless the requirements of 7.1.1.3, 7.1.1.4, or 7.1.1.5 are met, all materials and devices essential to successful system operation shall be listed.

7.1.1.2.1 Valve components (including valve trim, internal parts, gaskets, and the like) shall not be required to be individually listed.

7.1.1.3 Equipment as permitted in Table 7.3.1.1 and Table 7.4.1 shall not be required to be listed.

7.1.1.3.1 Nonmetallic pipe and fittings included in Table 7.3.1.1 and Table 7.4.1 shall be listed.

7.1.1.4 Materials meeting the requirements of 17.1.2, 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.3, and 17.1.7.3 shall not be required to be listed.

7.1.1.5* Components that do not affect system performance shall not be required to be listed.

7.1.2 Rated Pressure. System components shall be rated for the maximum system working pressure to which they are exposed but shall not be rated at less than 175 psi (12 bar) for components installed above ground and 150 psi (10 bar) for components installed underground.

7.2 Sprinklers.

7.2.1* Sprinkler Identification. All sprinklers shall be permanently marked with one or two English uppercase alphabetic characters to identify the manufacturer, immediately followed by three or four numbers, to uniquely identify a sprinkler as to K-factor, deflector characteristic, pressure rating, and thermal sensitivity.

7.2.2 Sprinkler Discharge Characteristics.

7.2.2.1* General. Unless the requirements of 7.2.2.2, 7.2.2.3, or 7.2.2.4 are met, the K-factor, relative discharge, and marking identification for sprinklers having different K-factors shall be in accordance with Table 7.2.2.1.

7.2.2.2 Pipe Threads. Listed sprinklers having pipe threads different from those shown in Table 7.2.2.1 shall be permitted.

7.2.2.3 K-Factors Greater than K-28 (400). Sprinklers listed with nominal K-factors greater than K-28 (400) shall increase the flow by 100 percent increments when compared with a nominal K-5.6 (80) sprinkler.

7.2.2.4 Residential Sprinklers. Residential sprinklers shall be permitted with K-factors other than those specified in Table 7.2.2.1.

7.2.2.5 CMSA and ESFR K-Factors. Control mode specific application (CMSA) and early suppression fast-response (ESFR) sprinklers shall have a minimum nominal K-factor of K-11.2 (160).

7.2.2.6 ESFR K-Factor. ESFR sprinkler K-factor shall be selected as appropriate for the hazard. (See Chapter 20.)

7.2.3 Occupancy Limitations. Unless the requirements of 7.2.3.1 or 7.2.3.2 are met, sprinklers shall not be listed for protection of a portion of an occupancy classification.

7.2.3.1 Residential Sprinklers. Residential sprinklers shall be permitted to be listed for portions of residential occupancies as defined in 12.1.1.

Table 7.2.2.1 Sprinkler Discharge Characteristics Identification

Nominal K-Factor [gpm/(psi) ^{1/2}]	Nominal K-Factor [L/min/(bar) ^{1/2}]	K-Factor Range [gpm/(psi) ^{1/2}]	K-Factor Range [L/min/(bar) ^{1/2}]	Percent of Nominal K-5.6 Discharge	Thread Type
1.4	20	1.3–1.5	19–22	25	½ in. (15 mm) NPT
1.9	27	1.8–2.0	26–29	33.3	½ in. (15 mm) NPT
2.8	40	2.6–2.9	38–42	50	½ in. (15 mm) NPT
4.2	60	4.0–4.4	57–63	75	½ in. (15 mm) NPT
5.6	80	5.3–5.8	76–84	100	½ in. (15 mm) NPT
8.0	115	7.4–8.2	107–118	140	¾ in. (20 mm) NPT or ½ in. (15 mm) NPT
11.2	160	10.7–11.7	159–166	200	½ in. (15 mm) NPT or ¾ in. (20 mm) NPT
14.0	200	13.5–14.5	195–209	250	¾ in. (20 mm) NPT
16.8	240	16.0–17.6	231–254	300	¾ in. (20 mm) NPT
19.6	280	18.6–20.6	272–301	350	1 in. (25 mm) NPT
22.4	320	21.3–23.5	311–343	400	1 in. (25 mm) NPT
25.2	360	23.9–26.5	349–387	450	1 in. (25 mm) NPT
28.0	400	26.6–29.4	389–430	500	1 in. (25 mm) NPT

Note: The nominal K-factor for dry-type sprinklers are used for sprinkler selection. See 27.2.4.10.3 for use of adjusted dry-type sprinkler K-factors for hydraulic calculation purposes.

7.2.3.2 Special Sprinklers. Special sprinklers shall be permitted to be listed for protection of a specific construction feature in a portion of an occupancy classification. (See Section 15.2.)

7.2.4* Temperature Characteristics.

7.2.4.1 Automatic sprinklers shall have their frame arms, deflector, coating material, or liquid bulb colored in accordance with the requirements of Table 7.2.4.1 or the requirements of 7.2.4.2, 7.2.4.3, 7.2.4.4, or 7.2.4.5.

7.2.4.2 A dot on the top of the deflector, the color of the coating material, or colored frame arms shall be permitted for color identification of corrosion-resistant sprinklers.

7.2.4.3 Color identification shall not be required for ornamental sprinklers such as factory-plated or factory-painted sprinklers or for recessed, flush, or concealed sprinklers.

7.2.4.4 The frame arms of bulb-type sprinklers shall not be required to be color coded.

7.2.4.5 The liquid in bulb-type sprinklers shall be color coded in accordance with Table 7.2.4.1.

7.2.5 Special Coatings.

7.2.5.1* Corrosion Resistant.

7.2.5.2* Painting. Sprinklers shall only be painted by the sprinkler manufacturer.

7.2.5.3 Ornamental Finishes.

7.2.5.3.1 Ornamental finishes shall only be applied to sprinklers and, if applicable, their concealed cover plates, by the sprinkler manufacturer.

7.2.5.3.2 Sprinklers with ornamental finishes where utilized shall be specifically listed.

7.2.6 Escutcheons and Cover Plates.

7.2.6.1 Plates, escutcheons, or other devices used to cover the annular space around a sprinkler shall be metallic or shall be listed for use around a sprinkler.

7.2.6.2* Escutcheons used with recessed, flush-type, or concealed sprinklers shall be part of a listed sprinkler assembly.

7.2.6.3 Cover plates used with concealed sprinklers shall be part of the listed sprinkler assembly.

7.3 Aboveground Pipe and Tube.

7.3.1 General.

7.3.1.1 Pipe or tube shall meet or exceed one of the standards in Table 7.3.1.1 or be in accordance with 7.3.3.

7.3.2* Nonmetallic Pipe and Tubing.

7.3.2.1 Nonmetallic pipe in accordance with Table 7.3.1.1 shall be investigated for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service.

7.3.2.1.1 Other types of nonmetallic pipe or tube investigated for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service, including but not limited to CPVC, and differing from that provided in Table 7.3.1.1 shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing limitations.

7.3.2.1.2 Manufacturer's installation instructions shall include its listing limitations.

7.3.2.2 Nonmetallic pipe shall not be listed for portions of an occupancy classification.

7.3.3* Listed Metallic Pipe and Tubing.

7.3.3.1 Other types of pipe or tube investigated for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service, including steel, and differing from that provided in Table 7.3.1.1 shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

7.3.3.2 Pipe or tube shall not be listed for portions of an occupancy classification.

7.3.4 Pipe and Tube Identification.

7.3.4.1* All pipe shall be marked along its length by the manufacturer in such a way as to properly identify the type of pipe.

7.3.4.2 The marking shall be visible on every piece of pipe over 2 ft (600 mm) long.

7.3.4.3 Pipe identification shall include the manufacturer's name, model designation, or schedule.

7.4 Fittings.

7.4.1 Fittings used in sprinkler systems shall meet or exceed the standards in Table 7.4.1 or be in accordance with 7.4.2 or 7.4.4.

7.4.2 In addition to the standards in Table 7.4.1, nonmetallic fittings shall also be in accordance with 7.4.4.

Table 7.2.4.1 Temperature Ratings, Classifications, and Color Codings

Maximum Ceiling Temperature		Temperature Rating		Temperature Classification	Color Code	Glass Bulb Colors
°F	°C	°F	°C			
100	38	135–170	57–77	Ordinary	Uncolored or black	Orange or red
150	66	175–225	79–107	Intermediate	White	Yellow or green
225	107	250–300	121–149	High	Blue	Blue
300	149	325–375	163–191	Extra high	Red	Purple
375	191	400–475	204–246	Very extra high	Green	Black
475	246	500–575	260–302	Ultra high	Orange	Black
625	329	650	343	Ultra high	Orange	Black

Table 7.3.1.1 Pipe or Tube Materials and Dimensions

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Ferrous Piping (Welded and Seamless)	
<i>Standard Specification for Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Fire Protection Use</i>	ASTM A795/A795M
<i>Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless</i>	ASTM A53/A53M
<i>Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe</i>	ASME B36.10M
<i>Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe</i>	ASTM A135/A135M
Copper Tube (Drawn, Seamless)	
<i>Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube</i>	ASTM B75/B75M
<i>Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube</i>	ASTM B88
<i>Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube</i>	ASTM B251
<i>Standard Specification for Liquid and Paste Fluxes for Soldering of Copper and Copper Alloy Tube</i>	ASTM B813
<i>Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding (Classification BCuP-3 or BCuP-4)</i>	AWS A5.8M/A5.8
<i>Standard Specification for Solder Metal, Section 1: Solder Alloys Containing Less Than 0.2% Lead and Having Solidus Temperatures Greater than 400°F</i>	ASTM B32
Alloy Materials	ASTM B446
CPVC	
<i>Standard Specification for Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe (SDR-PR)</i>	ASTM F442/F442M
Brass Pipe	
<i>Standard Specification for Seamless Red Brass Pipe, Standard Sizes</i>	ASTM B43
Stainless Steel	
<i>Standard Specification for Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes</i>	ASTM A312/A312M

7.4.3 Nonmetallic Fittings. Nonmetallic fittings in accordance with Table 7.4.1 shall be investigated for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service. Listed nonmetallic fittings shall be installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

7.4.4* Other types of fittings investigated for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service, including but not limited to CPVC and steel, and differing from that provided in Table 7.4.1 shall be permitted when installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

Table 7.4.1 Fittings Materials and Dimensions

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Cast Iron	
<i>Gray Iron Threaded Fittings, Classes 125 and 250</i>	ASME B16.4
<i>Gray Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Classes 25, 125, and 250</i>	ASME B16.1
Malleable Iron	
<i>Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Classes 150 and 300</i>	ASME B16.3
Steel	
<i>Factory-Made Wrought Buttwelding Fittings</i>	ASME B16.9
<i>Buttwelding Ends</i>	ASME B16.25
<i>Standard Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and High Temperature Service</i>	ASTM A234/A234M
<i>Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, NPS ½ through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard</i>	ASME B16.5
<i>Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded</i>	ASME B16.11
Copper	
<i>Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings</i>	ASME B16.22
<i>Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings</i>	ASME B16.18
CPVC	
<i>Standard Specification for Threaded Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80</i>	ASTM F437
<i>Standard Specification for Socket-Type Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 40</i>	ASTM F438
<i>Standard Specification for Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80</i>	ASTM F439
Bronze Fittings	
<i>Cast Copper Alloy Threaded Fittings, Classes 125 and 250</i>	ASME B16.15
Stainless Steel	
<i>Standard Specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings</i>	ASTM A403/A403M

7.5 Joining of Pipe and Fittings.

7.5.1 Threaded Pipe and Fittings.

7.5.1.1 All threaded pipe and fittings shall have threads cut to ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*.

7.5.1.2* Steel pipe with wall thicknesses less than Schedule 30 [in sizes 8 in. (200 mm) and larger] or Schedule 40 [in sizes less than 8 in. (200 mm)] shall only be permitted to be joined by threaded fittings where the threaded assembly is investigated

for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service.

7.5.1.3 Joint compound or tape shall be applied only to male threads.

7.5.2 Welded Pipe and Fittings.

7.5.2.1 General.

7.5.2.1.1 Welding shall be permitted as a means of joining sprinkler piping in accordance with 7.5.2.2 through 7.5.2.6.

7.5.2.2* Fabrication.

7.5.2.2.1 When welding sprinkler pipe, the pipe shall be shop welded unless the requirements of 7.5.2.2 or 7.5.2.3 are met.

7.5.2.2.2 Where the design specifications require any part of the piping system to be welded in place, welding of sprinkler piping shall be permitted where the welding process is performed in accordance with NFPA 51B and the mechanical fittings required by 16.9.11.5 and Section 16.6 are provided.

7.5.2.2.3 Tabs for longitudinal earthquake bracing shall be permitted to be welded to in-place piping where the welding process is performed in accordance with NFPA 51B.

7.5.2.2.4 Welding shall not be performed where there is impingement of rain, snow, sleet, or high wind on the weld area of the pipe product.

7.5.2.2.5 Torch cutting and welding shall not be permitted as a means of modifying or repairing sprinkler systems.

7.5.2.3 Fittings.

7.5.2.3.1* Welded fittings used to join pipe shall be listed fabricated fittings or manufactured in accordance with Table 7.4.1.

7.5.2.3.2 Fittings referenced in 7.5.2.3.1 shall be joined in conformance with a qualified welding procedure as set forth in this section and shall be an acceptable product under this standard, provided that materials and wall thickness are compatible with other sections of this standard.

7.5.2.3.3 Fittings shall not be required where pipe ends are butt welded in accordance with the requirements of 7.5.2.4.3.

7.5.2.3.4 When the pipe size in a run of piping is reduced, a reducing fitting designed for that purpose shall be used in accordance with the requirements of 7.5.2.3.1.

7.5.2.4 Welding Requirements.

7.5.2.4.1* Welds between pipe and welding outlet fittings shall be permitted to be attached by full penetration welds, partial penetration groove welds, or fillet welds.

7.5.2.4.2* The minimum throat thickness shall be not less than the thickness of the pipe, the thickness of the welding fitting, or $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (5 mm), whichever is least.

7.5.2.4.3* Circumferential butt joints shall be cut, beveled, and fit so that full penetration is achievable.

7.5.2.4.4 Full penetration welding shall not be required.

7.5.2.4.5 Where slip-on flanges are welded to pipe with a single fillet weld, the weld shall be on the hub side of the flange and the minimum throat weld thickness shall not be less

than 1.25 times the pipe wall thickness or the hub thickness, whichever is less.

7.5.2.4.6 Face welds on the internal face of the flange shall be permitted as a water seal in addition to the hub weld required in 7.5.2.4.5.

7.5.2.4.7 Tabs for longitudinal earthquake bracing shall have minimum throat weld thickness not less than 1.25 times the pipe wall thickness and welded on both sides of the longest dimension.

7.5.2.4.8 When welding is performed, the following shall apply:

- (1) Holes in piping for outlets shall be cut to the full inside diameter of fittings prior to welding in place of the fittings.
- (2) Discs shall be retrieved.
- (3) Openings cut into piping shall be smooth bore, and all internal slag and welding residue shall be removed.
- (4) Fittings shall not penetrate the internal diameter of the piping.
- (5) Steel plates shall not be welded to the ends of piping or fittings.
- (6) Fittings shall not be modified.
- (7) Nuts, clips, eye rods, angle brackets, or other fasteners shall not be welded to pipe or fittings, except as permitted in 7.5.2.2.3 and 7.5.2.4.7.
- (8) Completed welds shall be free from cracks, incomplete fusion, surface porosity greater than $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) diameter, and undercut deeper than 25 percent of the wall thickness or $\frac{1}{32}$ in. (0.8 mm), whichever is less.
- (9) Completed circumferential butt weld reinforcement shall not exceed $\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm).

7.5.2.5 Qualifications.

7.5.2.5.1 A welding procedure shall be prepared and qualified by the contractor or fabricator before any welding is done.

7.5.2.5.2 Qualification of the welding procedure to be used and the performance of all welders and welding operators shall be required and shall meet or exceed the requirements of AWS B2.1/**B2.1M**, *Specification for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification*; ASME *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, Section IX, "Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Qualifications"; or other applicable qualification standard as required by the authority having jurisdiction, except as permitted by 7.5.2.5.3.

7.5.2.5.3 Successful procedure qualification of complete joint penetration groove welds shall qualify partial joint penetration (groove/fillet) welds and fillet welds in accordance with the provisions of this standard.

7.5.2.5.4 Welding procedures qualified under standards recognized by previous editions of this standard shall be permitted to be continued in use.

7.5.2.5.5 Contractors or fabricators shall be responsible for all welding they produce.

7.5.2.5.6 Each contractor or fabricator shall have available to the authority having jurisdiction an established written quality assurance procedure ensuring compliance with the requirements of 7.5.2.4.

7.5.2.6 Records.

7.5.2.6.1 Welders or welding machine operators shall, upon completion of each welded pipe, place their identifiable mark or label onto each piece adjacent to a weld.

7.5.2.6.2 Contractors or fabricators shall maintain certified records, which shall be available to the authority having jurisdiction, of the procedures used and the welders or welding machine operators employed by them, along with their welding identification.

7.5.2.6.3 Records shall show the date and the results of procedure and performance qualifications.

7.5.3 Groove Joining Methods.

7.5.3.1* Pipe, fittings, valves, and devices to be joined with grooved couplings shall contain cut, rolled, or cast grooves that are dimensionally compatible with the couplings.

7.5.3.1.1* Pipe, fittings, valves, devices, and couplings that conform with or are listed in compliance with standardized groove specifications shall be considered compatible.

7.5.3.1.2 Other groove dimensions and grooving methods shall be acceptable in accordance with 7.5.5.1.

7.5.3.2 Grooved couplings, including gaskets used on dry pipe, preaction, and deluge systems, shall be listed for dry service.

7.5.4* Brazed and Soldered Joints.

7.5.4.1 Solder joints, where permitted, shall be fabricated in accordance with the methods and procedures listed in ASTM B828, *Standard Practice for Making Capillary Joints by Soldering of Copper and Copper Alloy Tube and Fittings*.

7.5.4.2 Unless the requirements of 7.5.4.3 or 7.5.4.4 are met, joints for the connection of copper tube shall be brazed.

7.5.4.3 Solder joints shall be permitted for exposed wet pipe systems in light hazard occupancies where the temperature classification of the installed sprinklers is of the ordinary- or intermediate-temperature classification.

7.5.4.4 Solder joints shall be permitted for wet pipe systems in light hazard and ordinary hazard (Group 1) occupancies where the piping is concealed, irrespective of sprinkler temperature ratings.

7.5.4.5* Soldering fluxes shall be in accordance with Table 7.3.1.1.

7.5.4.6 Brazing fluxes, if used, shall not be of a highly corrosive type.

7.5.5 Other Joining Methods.

7.5.5.1 Other joining methods investigated for suitability in sprinkler installations and listed for this service shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

7.5.5.2 Outlet Fittings. Rubber-gasketed outlet fittings that are used on sprinkler systems shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be installed in accordance with the listing and manufacturer's installation instructions
- (2) Have all disks retrieved
- (3) Have smooth bores cut into the pipe, with all cutting residue removed
- (4) Not be modified

7.5.6 End Treatment.

7.5.6.1 After cutting, pipe ends shall have burrs and fins removed.

7.5.6.2 Pipe used with listed fittings and its end treatment shall be in accordance with the fitting manufacturer's installation instructions and the fitting's listing.

7.6 Valves.

7.6.1 Valve Closure Time. Listed indicating valves shall not close in less than 5 seconds when operated at maximum possible speed from the fully open position.

7.7 Waterflow Alarm Devices. Waterflow alarm devices shall be listed for the service and so constructed and installed that any flow of water from a sprinkler system equal to or greater than that from a single automatic sprinkler of the smallest K-factor installed on the system will result in an audible alarm on the premises within 5 minutes after such flow begins and until such flow stops.

7.8 Additives and Coatings.

7.8.1 Additives to the water supply intended for control of microbiological or other corrosion shall be listed for use within fire sprinkler systems.

7.8.2 Internal pipe coatings, excluding galvanizing, intended for control of microbiological or other corrosion shall be listed for use within fire sprinkler systems.

Chapter 8 System Types and Requirements

8.1 Wet Pipe Systems.

8.1.1 Pressure Gauges.

8.1.1.1 An approved pressure gauge conforming to Section 16.13 shall be installed in each system riser.

8.1.1.2* Pressure gauges shall be installed above and below each alarm check valve or system riser check valve where such devices are present.

N 8.1.1.2.1 A single pressure gauge shall be permitted to be installed on a manifold below multiple riser check valves or alarm check valves.

8.1.1.2.2 Pressure gauges below check valves required by 16.9.11 and 16.15.2.2(1) shall not be required.

8.1.2 Relief Valves.

8.1.2.1 Unless the requirements of 8.1.2.2 are met, a wet pipe system shall be provided with a listed relief valve not less than ½ in. (15 mm) in size and set to operate at 175 psi (12 bar) or 10 psi (0.7 bar) in excess of the maximum system pressure, whichever is greater.

8.1.2.2 Where auxiliary air reservoirs are installed to absorb pressure increases, a relief valve shall not be required.

8.1.2.3 A relief valve per 8.1.2.1 shall be required downstream of check valves required by 16.15.2.2(1).

8.1.3 Auxiliary Systems. A wet pipe system shall be permitted to supply an auxiliary dry pipe, preaction, or deluge system, provided the water supply is adequate.

8.1.4 Heat tracing shall not be used in lieu of heated valve enclosures to protect the valve and supply pipe from freezing.

8.1.5 Air Venting. A single air vent with a connection conforming to Section 16.7 shall be provided on each wet pipe system utilizing metallic pipe. (See A.16.7.)

8.1.5.1 Venting from multiple points on each system shall not be required.

8.2* Dry Pipe Systems.

8.2.1 Pressure Gauges. Approved pressure gauges in accordance with Section 16.13 shall be connected as follows:

- (1) On the water side and air side of the dry pipe valve
- (2) At the air pump supplying the air receiver where one is provided
- (3) At the air receiver where one is provided
- (4) In each independent pipe from air supply to dry pipe system
- (5) At quick-opening devices

8.2.2 Sprinklers. The following sprinkler orientations and arrangements shall be permitted for dry pipe systems:

- (1) Upright sprinklers
- (2)* Listed dry sprinklers
- (3) Pendent sprinklers and sidewall sprinklers installed on return bends, where the sprinklers, return bend, and branch line piping are in an area maintained at or above 40°F (4°C)
- (4) Horizontal sidewall sprinklers installed so that water is not trapped

- (5) Pendent sprinklers and sidewall sprinklers, where the sprinklers and branch line piping are in an area maintained at or above 40°F (4°C), the water supply is potable, and the piping for the dry pipe system is copper or CPVC specifically listed for dry pipe applications

8.2.3* Size of Systems.

8.2.3.1* The system capacity (volume) controlled by a dry pipe valve shall be determined by 8.2.3.2, 8.2.3.3, 8.2.3.4, 8.2.3.5, or 8.2.3.7.

8.2.3.1.1 For dry pipe systems protecting dwelling unit portions of any occupancy, system size shall be such that initial water is discharged from the system test connection in not more than 15 seconds, starting at the normal air pressure on the system and at the time of fully opened inspection test connection.

8.2.3.1.1.1 Dry pipe systems protecting dwelling unit portions of any occupancy shall not be permitted to use the options outlined in 8.2.3.2, 8.2.3.3, or 8.2.3.4.

8.2.3.2 System size shall be such that initial water is discharged from the system test connection in not more than 60 seconds, starting at the normal air pressure on the system and at the time of fully opened inspection test connection.

8.2.3.3 A system size of not more than 500 gal (1900 L) shall be permitted without a quick-opening device and shall not be required to meet any specific water delivery requirement to the inspection test connection.

8.2.3.4 A system size of not more than 750 gal (2850 L) shall be permitted with a quick-opening device and shall not be required to meet any specific water delivery requirement to the inspection test connection.

8.2.3.5 System size shall be based on dry pipe systems being calculated for water delivery in accordance with 8.2.3.6.

8.2.3.6 Dry Pipe System Water Delivery.

8.2.3.6.1 Calculations for dry pipe system water delivery shall be based on the hazard shown in Table 8.2.3.6.1.

8.2.3.6.2 The calculation program and method shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

8.2.3.6.3 For dry pipe systems protecting dwelling unit portions of any occupancy, the sprinklers in the dwelling unit shall have a maximum water delivery time of 15 seconds to the single most remote sprinkler.

8.2.3.6.4 Residential sprinklers shall be listed for dry pipe applications.

Table 8.2.3.6.1 Dry Pipe System Water Delivery

Hazard	Number of Most Remote Sprinklers Initially Open	Maximum Time of Water Delivery (seconds)
Light	1	60
Ordinary I	2	50
Ordinary II	2	50
Extra I	4	45
Extra II	4	45
High piled	4	40

8.2.3.7* System size shall be such that initial water discharge from the system trip test connection or manifold outlets is not more than the maximum time of water delivery specified in Table 8.2.3.6.1, starting at normal air pressure on the system and at the time of fully opened test connection.

8.2.3.7.1 When flow is from four sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on each of two sprinkler branch lines.

8.2.3.7.2 When flow is from three sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on the most remote branch line and one sprinkler on the next adjacent branch line.

8.2.3.7.3 When flow is from two sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on the most remote branch line.

8.2.3.7.4 When flow is from one sprinkler, the test manifold shall be installed as per the requirements for a trip test connection in accordance with 16.14.2.

8.2.3.7.5 A system meeting the requirements of this section shall not be required to also meet the requirements of 8.2.3.2 or 8.2.3.5.

8.2.3.8 Dry pipe systems with water delivery times other than 8.2.3.2, 8.2.3.5, and 8.2.3.7 shall be acceptable where listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

8.2.3.9 Unless installed in a heated enclosure, check valves shall not be used to subdivide the dry pipe systems.

8.2.3.9.1 When check valves are used to subdivide dry pipe systems in accordance with 8.2.3.9, a hole $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3 mm) in diameter shall be drilled in the clapper of each check valve to permit equalization of air pressure among the various parts of the system.

8.2.3.9.2 Where auxiliary drains are not provided for each subdivided section, an approved indicating drain valve supervised in the closed position in accordance with 16.9.3.3, connected to a bypass around each check valve, shall be provided as a means for draining the system.

8.2.3.10 Gridded dry pipe systems shall not be installed.

8.2.4 Quick-Opening Devices.

8.2.4.1 A listed quick-opening device shall be permitted to help meet the requirements of 8.2.3.2, 8.2.3.5, 8.2.3.7, or 8.2.3.8.

8.2.4.2 The quick-opening device shall be located as close as practical to the dry pipe valve.

8.2.4.3 To protect the restriction orifice and other operating parts of the quick-opening device against submergence, the connection to the riser shall be above the point at which water (priming water and back drainage) is expected when the dry pipe valve and quick-opening device are set, except where design features of the particular quick-opening device make these requirements unnecessary.

8.2.4.4 Where a valve is installed in the connection between a dry pipe sprinkler riser and a quick-opening device, it shall be an indicating-type valve that is sealed, locked, or electrically supervised in the open position.

8.2.4.5 A check valve shall be installed between the quick-opening device and the intermediate chamber of the dry pipe valve, where the quick-opening device requires protection against submergence after system operation.

8.2.4.6 If the quick-opening device requires pressure feedback from the intermediate chamber, a valve type that will clearly indicate whether it is opened or closed shall be permitted in place of that check valve.

8.2.4.7 Where a valve is utilized in accordance with 8.2.4.6, the valve shall be constructed so that it can be locked or sealed in the open position.

8.2.4.8 Antiflooding Device.

8.2.4.8.1 Unless the requirements of 8.2.4.8.2 are met, a listed antiflooding device shall be installed in the connection between the dry pipe sprinkler riser and the quick-opening device.

8.2.4.8.2 A listed antiflooding device shall not be required where the quick-opening device has built-in antiflooding design features or the quick-opening device is listed or approved without the use of an antiflooding device.

8.2.5* Location and Protection of Dry Pipe Valve.

8.2.5.1* General. The dry pipe valve and supply pipe shall be protected against freezing and mechanical injury.

8.2.5.2 Valve Rooms.

8.2.5.2.1 Valve rooms shall be lighted and heated.

8.2.5.2.2 The source of heat shall be of a permanently installed type.

8.2.5.2.3 Heat tape shall not be used in lieu of heated valve enclosures to protect the dry pipe valve and supply pipe against freezing.

8.2.5.3 Supply. The supply for the sprinkler in the dry pipe valve enclosure shall be either from the dry side of the system or from a wet pipe sprinkler system that protects the area where the dry pipe valve is located.

8.2.5.4 High Water Level Protection.

8.2.5.4.1 Where it is possible to reseal the dry valve after actuation without first draining the system, protection against occurrence of water above the clapper shall be permitted in accordance with 8.2.5.4.3.

8.2.5.4.2 Differential Dry Pipe Valve. Protection against accumulation of water above the clapper shall be provided for differential dry pipe valves in accordance with 8.2.5.4.3.

8.2.5.4.3 High Water Level Device. An automatic high water level signaling device or an automatic drain shall be permitted.

8.2.6 Air Pressure and Supply.

8.2.6.1 Where the term *air* is used throughout this standard, it shall also include the use of nitrogen or other approved gas.

8.2.6.2 Maintenance of Air Pressure. Air or nitrogen or other approved gas pressure shall be maintained on dry pipe systems throughout the year.

8.2.6.3* Air Supply.

8.2.6.3.1 The compressed air supply shall be from a source available at all times.

8.2.6.3.2* The air supply shall have a capacity capable of restoring normal air pressure in the system within 30 minutes.

8.2.6.3.3 The requirements of 8.2.6.3.2 shall not apply in refrigerated spaces maintained below 5°F (–15°C), where normal system air pressure shall be permitted to be restored within 60 minutes.

8.2.6.4 Air Supply Connections.

8.2.6.4.1* The connection from the air supply to the dry pipe valve shall not be less than ½ in. (15 mm) in diameter and shall enter the system above the priming water level of the dry pipe valve.

8.2.6.4.2 A check valve shall be installed in the air filling connection.

8.2.6.4.2.1 A listed or approved shutoff valve of either the renewable disc or ball valve type shall be installed on the supply side of this check valve.

8.2.6.5 Relief Valve. An approved relief valve shall be provided between the air supply and the shutoff valve and shall be set to relieve pressure no less than 10 psi (0.7 bar) in excess of system air pressure provided in 8.2.6.7.1 and shall not exceed the manufacturer's limitations.

8.2.6.6 Automatic Air Maintenance.

8.2.6.6.1* Unless the requirements of 8.2.6.6.2 are met, where the air supply to a dry pipe system is maintained automatically, the air supply shall be from a dependable plant system or an air compressor with an air receiver, and shall utilize an air maintenance device specifically listed for such service and capable of controlling the required air pressure on, and maximum airflow to, the dry pipe system.

8.2.6.6.2 Where the air compressor supplying the dry pipe system has a capacity less than 5.5 ft³/min (160 L/min) at 10 psi (0.7 bar), an air receiver or air maintenance device shall not be required.

8.2.6.6.3 The automatic air supply to more than one dry pipe system shall be connected to enable individual maintenance of air pressure in each system.

8.2.6.6.3.1 Each dry pipe system shall have a dedicated air maintenance device.

8.2.6.6.4 A check valve or other positive backflow prevention device shall be installed in the air supply to each system to prevent airflow or waterflow from one system to another.

8.2.6.6.5 Where an air compressor is the dedicated air supply, it shall be installed in accordance with *NFPA 70*, Article 430.

8.2.6.6.5.1 The disconnecting means for an automatic air compressor shall not be a general-use light switch or a cord-and-plug connected motor.

8.2.6.7 System Air Pressure.

8.2.6.7.1 The system air pressure shall be maintained in accordance with the instruction sheet furnished with the dry pipe valve, or shall be 20 psi (1.4 bar) in excess of the calcula-

ted trip pressure of the dry pipe valve, based on the highest normal water pressure of the system supply.

8.2.6.7.2 The permitted rate of air leakage shall be as specified in 28.2.2.

8.2.6.8 Nitrogen or Other Approved Gas.

8.2.6.8.1* Where nitrogen or other approved gas is used, the supply shall be from a reliable source.

8.2.6.8.2 Where stored nitrogen or other approved gas is used, the gas shall be introduced through a pressure regulator and shall be in accordance with 8.2.6.6.

8.2.6.8.3 A low pressure alarm shall be provided on gas storage containers to notify the need for refilling.

N 8.2.6.8.4* When nitrogen or other approved gas is the only source of gas for pressurizing a system, it shall have a capacity capable of restoring normal gas pressure in the system within 30 minutes.

N 8.2.6.8.5 The requirements of 8.2.6.8.4 shall not apply in refrigerated spaces maintained below 5°F (–15°C), where normal system air pressure shall be permitted to be restored within 60 minutes.

8.3 Preaction Systems and Deluge Systems.

8.3.1* General.

8.3.1.1* All components of pneumatic, hydraulic, or electrical systems shall be compatible.

8.3.1.2 The automatic water control valve shall be provided with hydraulic, pneumatic, or mechanical manual means for operation that is independent of detection devices and of the sprinklers.

N 8.3.1.2.1 Actuator Supervision. Effective January 1, 2021, removal of an electric actuator from the preaction or deluge valve that it controls shall result in an audible and visual indication of system impairment at the system releasing control panel.

8.3.1.3 Pressure Gauges. Approved pressure gauges conforming with Section 16.13 shall be installed as follows:

- (1) Above and below preaction valve and below deluge valve
- (2) On air supply to preaction and deluge valves

8.3.1.4 A supply of spare fusible elements for heat-responsive devices, not less than two of each temperature rating, shall be maintained on the premises for replacement purposes.

8.3.1.5 Hydraulic release systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with manufacturer's requirements and listing for height limitations above deluge valves or deluge valve actuators to prevent water column.

8.3.1.6 Location and Spacing of Releasing Devices.

8.3.1.6.1 Spacing of releasing devices, including automatic sprinklers used as releasing devices, shall be in accordance with their listing and manufacturer's specifications.

8.3.1.6.2 The release system shall serve all areas that the preaction system protects.

8.3.1.6.3 Where thermal activation is utilized, the activation temperature of the release system shall be lower than the activation temperature of the sprinkler.

8.3.1.7 Devices for Test Purposes and Testing Apparatus.

8.3.1.7.1 Where detection devices installed in circuits are located where not accessible for testing, an additional detection device shall be provided on each circuit for test purposes at an accessible location and shall be connected to the circuit at a point that will ensure a proper test of the circuit.

8.3.1.7.2 Testing apparatus capable of producing the heat or impulse necessary to operate any normal detection device shall be furnished to the owner of the property with each installation.

8.3.1.7.3 Where explosive vapors or materials are present, hot water, steam, or other methods of testing not involving an ignition source shall be used.

8.3.1.7.4* A separate additional indicating control valve, supervised in accordance with 16.9.3.3, shall be permitted to be installed in the riser assembly above a preaction or deluge valve to permit full function trip testing as required by NFPA 25, without flooding the system.

8.3.1.8 Location and Protection of System Water Control Valves.

8.3.1.8.1 System water control valves and supply pipes shall be protected against freezing and mechanical injury.

8.3.1.8.2 Valve Rooms.

8.3.1.8.2.1 Valve rooms shall be lighted and heated.

8.3.1.8.2.2 The source of heat shall be of a permanently installed type.

8.3.1.8.2.3 Heat tracing shall not be used in lieu of heated valve enclosure rooms to protect preaction and deluge valves and supply pipe against freezing.

8.3.2 Praction Systems.

8.3.2.1 Praction systems shall be one of the following types:

- (1) A single interlock system, which admits water to sprinkler piping upon operation of detection devices
- (2) A non-interlock system, which admits water to sprinkler piping upon operation of detection devices or automatic sprinklers
- (3) A double interlock system, which admits water to sprinkler piping upon operation of both detection devices and automatic sprinklers

8.3.2.2 Size of Systems — Single and Non-Interlock Praction Systems. Not more than 1000 automatic sprinklers shall be controlled by any one preaction valve.

8.3.2.3 Size of Systems — Double Interlock Praction Systems.

8.3.2.3.1 The system size controlled by a double interlock preaction valve shall be determined by either 8.3.2.3.1.1, 8.3.2.3.1.2, 8.3.2.3.1.3, or 8.3.2.3.1.4.

8.3.2.3.1.1 A system size for double interlock preaction systems of not more than 500 gal (1900 L) shall be permitted and shall not be required to meet any specific water delivery requirement to the trip test connection.

8.3.2.3.1.2 The system size for double interlock preaction systems shall be designed to deliver water to the system test connection in no more than 60 seconds, starting at the normal air pressure on the system, with the detection system activated and the inspection test connection fully opened simultaneously.

8.3.2.3.1.3 The system size for double interlock preaction systems shall be based on calculating water delivery in accordance with 8.2.3.6, anticipating that the detection system activation and sprinkler operation will be simultaneous.

8.3.2.3.1.4* The system size for double interlock preaction systems shall be designed to deliver water to the system trip test connection or manifold outlets in not more than the maximum time of water delivery specified in Table 8.2.3.6.1, starting at the normal air pressure on the system, with the detection system activated and the inspection trip test connection or manifold opened simultaneously.

8.3.2.3.2 A listed quick-opening device shall be permitted to be used to help meet the requirements of 8.3.2.3.1.2, 8.3.2.3.1.3, and 8.3.2.3.1.4.

8.3.2.4* Supervision.

8.3.2.4.1 Sprinkler piping and fire detection devices shall be automatically supervised where more than 20 sprinklers are on the system.

8.3.2.4.2 Except as permitted by 8.3.2.4.3, air or nitrogen supervising pressure for preaction systems shall be installed in conformance with the dry pipe system air pressure and supply rules of 8.2.6.

8.3.2.4.3 The relief valves required by 8.2.6 shall be permitted to be omitted for the type of preaction system described in 8.3.2.1(1) when the air pressure is supplied from a source that is not capable of developing pressures in excess of 15 psi (1.0 bar).

8.3.2.4.4 All preaction system types described in 8.3.2.1(2) and 8.3.2.1(3) shall maintain a minimum supervising air or nitrogen pressure of 7 psi (0.5 bar).

8.3.2.5 Sprinklers. The following sprinkler orientations and arrangements shall be permitted for preaction systems:

- (1) Upright sprinklers
- (2)* Listed dry sprinklers
- (3) Pendent sprinklers and sidewall sprinklers installed on return bends, where the sprinklers, return bend, and branch line piping are in an area maintained at or above 40°F (4°C)
- (4) Horizontal sidewall sprinklers, installed so that water is not trapped
- (5) Pendent sprinklers and sidewall sprinklers, where the sprinklers and branch line piping are in an area maintained at or above 40°F (4°C), the water supply is potable, and the piping for the preaction system is copper or CPVC specifically listed for dry pipe applications

8.3.2.6 System Configuration. Praction systems of the type described in 8.3.2.1(3) and all preaction systems protecting storage occupancies, excluding miscellaneous storage, shall not be gridded.

8.3.3* Deluge Systems.

8.3.3.1 The detection devices or systems shall be automatically supervised.

8.3.3.2 Deluge systems shall be hydraulically calculated.

8.4 Combined Dry Pipe and Preaction Systems for Piers, Terminals, and Wharves.

8.4.1 In addition to the requirements of Section 8.4, design and installation requirements for piers, terminals, and wharves shall be in accordance with Section 26.22.

8.4.2* General.

8.4.2.1* Combined automatic dry pipe and preaction systems shall be so constructed that failure of the detection system shall not prevent the system from functioning as a conventional automatic dry pipe system.

8.4.2.2 Combined automatic dry pipe and preaction systems shall be so constructed that failure of the dry pipe system of automatic sprinklers shall not prevent the detection system from properly functioning as an automatic fire alarm system.

8.4.2.3 Provisions shall be made for the manual operation of the detection system at locations requiring not more than 200 ft (61 m) of travel.

8.4.2.4 **Sprinklers.** The following types of sprinklers and arrangements shall be permitted for combined dry pipe and preaction systems:

- (1) Upright sprinklers
- (2)* Listed dry sprinklers
- (3) Pendent sprinklers and sidewall sprinklers installed on return bends, where both the sprinklers and the return bends are located in a heated area
- (4) Horizontal sidewall sprinklers, installed so that water is not trapped

8.4.3 Dry Pipe Valves in Combined Systems.

8.4.3.1 Where the system consists of more than 600 sprinklers or has more than 275 sprinklers in any fire area, the entire system shall be controlled through two 6 in. (150 mm) dry pipe valves connected in parallel and shall feed into a common feed main.

8.4.3.2* Where parallel dry pipe valves are required by 8.4.3.1, these valves shall be checked against each other.

8.4.3.3 Each dry pipe valve shall be provided with a listed tripping device actuated by the detection system.

8.4.3.4 Dry pipe valves shall be cross-connected through a 1 in. (25 mm) pipe connection to permit simultaneous tripping of both dry pipe valves.

8.4.3.5 The 1 in. (25 mm) cross-connection pipe shall be equipped with an indicating valve so that either dry pipe valve can be shut off and worked on while the other remains in service.

8.4.3.6 The check valves between the dry pipe valves and the common feed main shall be equipped with ½ in. (15 mm) bypasses so that a loss of air from leakage in the trimmings of a dry pipe valve will not cause the valve to trip until the pressure in the feed main is reduced to the tripping point.

8.4.3.7 An indicating valve shall be installed in each of these bypasses so that either dry pipe valve can be completely isolated from the main riser or feed main and from the other dry pipe valve.

8.4.3.8 Each combined dry pipe and preaction system shall be provided with listed quick-opening devices at the dry pipe valves.

8.4.4 Subdivision of System Using Check Valves.

8.4.4.1 Where more than 275 sprinklers are required in a single fire area, the system shall be divided into sections of 275 sprinklers or fewer by means of check valves.

8.4.4.2 Where the system is installed in more than one fire area or story, not more than 600 sprinklers shall be supplied through any one check valve.

8.4.4.3 Each section shall have a ¼ in. (32 mm) drain on the system side of each check valve supplemented by a dry pipe system auxiliary drain.

8.4.4.4 Section drain lines and dry pipe system auxiliary drains shall be located in heated areas or inside heated cabinets to enclose drain valves and auxiliary drains for each section.

8.4.5 Time Limitation.

8.4.5.1 The sprinkler system shall be so constructed and the number of sprinklers controlled shall be so limited that water shall reach the farthest sprinkler within a period of time not exceeding 1 minute for each 400 ft (120 m) of common feed main from the time the heat-responsive system operates.

8.4.5.2 The maximum time permitted shall not exceed 3 minutes.

8.4.6 **System Test Connection.** The end section shall have a system test connection as required for dry pipe systems.

8.5 Multi-Cycle Systems.

8.5.1 All multi-cycle systems shall be specifically tested and listed as systems.

8.5.2 All multi-cycle systems shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

8.6* Antifreeze Systems.

8.6.1* General.

8.6.1.1 The use of antifreeze solutions shall be in conformity with state and local health regulations.

8.6.1.2 Antifreeze shall not be used in ESFR systems unless the ESFR sprinkler is listed for use with the antifreeze solution.

8.6.1.3 Where pendent sprinklers are utilized, the water shall be drained from the entire system after hydrostatic testing with water.

8.6.1.3.1 The requirements of 8.6.1.3 shall not apply where the system is hydrostatically tested with properly mixed antifreeze solution.

8.6.1.4 Where antifreeze systems are remote from the system riser, a placard shall be mounted on the system riser that indicates the number and location of all remote antifreeze systems supplied by that riser.

8.6.1.5 A placard shall be placed on the antifreeze system main valve that indicates the manufacture type and brand of the antifreeze solution, the concentration by volume of the antifreeze solution used, and the volume of the antifreeze solution used in the system.

8.6.2* Antifreeze Solutions.

8.6.2.1* Except as permitted in 8.6.2.2, antifreeze solutions shall be listed for use in sprinkler systems.

8.6.2.2 Premixed antifreeze solutions of propylene glycol shall be permitted to be used with ESFR sprinklers where the ESFR sprinklers are listed for such use in a specific application.

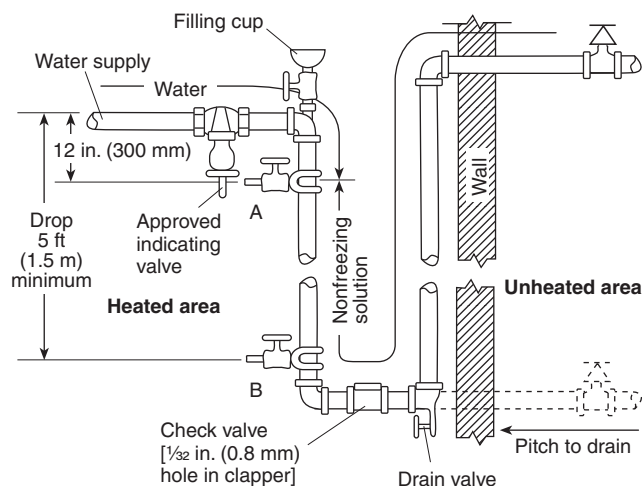
8.6.3 Arrangement of Supply Piping and Valves.

8.6.3.1 Where the connection between the antifreeze system and the wet pipe system does not incorporate a backflow prevention device, and the conditions of 8.6.3.5 are not met, piping and valves shall be installed as illustrated in Figure 8.6.3.1.

8.6.3.2* Where the connection between the antifreeze system and the supply piping incorporates a backflow prevention device, and the conditions of 8.6.3.5 are not met, piping and valves shall be installed as illustrated in Figure 8.6.3.3 or Figure 8.6.3.4.

8.6.3.2.1 A means shall be provided to perform a full forward flow test in accordance with 16.14.5.

8.6.3.3* Where the connection between the antifreeze system and the wet pipe system incorporates a backflow prevention device, and the conditions of 8.6.3.5 are not met, a listed expansion chamber shall be provided to compensate for thermal expansion of the antifreeze solution as illustrated in Figure 8.6.3.3.



Notes:

1. Check valves are permitted to be omitted where sprinklers are below the level of valve A.
2. The $\frac{1}{32}$ in. (0.8 mm) hole in the check valve clapper is needed to allow for expansion of the solution during a temperature rise, thus preventing damage to sprinklers.

FIGURE 8.6.3.1 Arrangement of Supply Piping and Valves.

8.6.3.3.1 When determining the size of the expansion chamber, the precharge air temperature and precharge air pressure shall be included.

8.6.3.3.2 The size of the expansion chamber shall be such that the maximum system pressure does not exceed the rated pressure for any components of the antifreeze system.

8.6.3.4 A listed $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (15 mm) relief valve shall be permitted in lieu of the expansion chamber required in 8.6.3.3, and as illustrated in Figure 8.6.3.4, provided the antifreeze system volume does not exceed 40 gal (150 L).

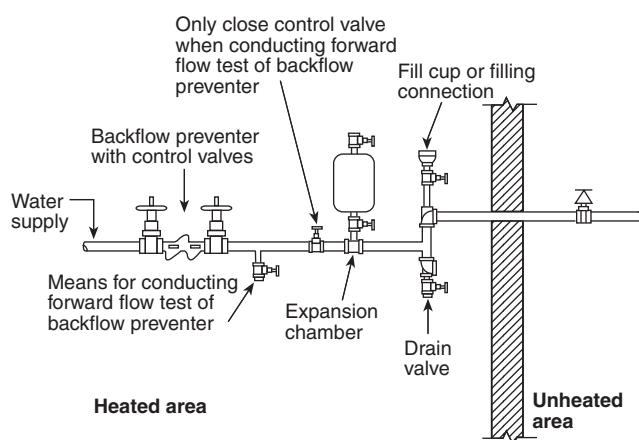
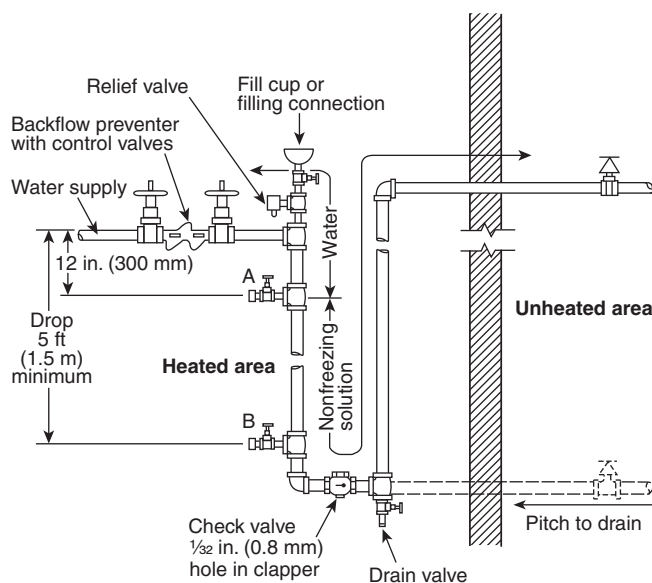


FIGURE 8.6.3.3 Arrangement of Supply Piping with Backflow Device.



Notes:

1. Check valve can be omitted where sprinklers are below the level of valve A.
2. The $\frac{1}{32}$ in. (0.8 mm) hole in the check valve clapper is needed to allow for expansion of the solution during a temperature rise, thus preventing damage to sprinklers.

FIGURE 8.6.3.4 Arrangement of Supply Piping with Relief Valve and Backflow Device.

8.6.3.5 The requirements of 8.6.3.1, 8.6.3.2, and 8.6.3.3 shall not apply where the following three conditions are met:

- (1) The antifreeze system is provided with an automatic pressure pump or other device or apparatus to automatically maintain a higher pressure on the system side than on the supply side of the water supply check valve separating the antifreeze system from the water supply.
- (2) Provision is made to automatically release solution to prevent overpressurization due to thermal expansion of the solution.
- (3) Provision is made to automatically supply premixed solution as needed to restore system pressure due to thermal contraction.

8.6.3.6* A drain/test connection shall be installed at the most remote portion of the system.

8.6.3.7 For systems with a capacity larger than 150 gal (570 L), an additional test connection shall be provided for every 100 gal (380 L).

8.7 Outside Sprinklers for Protection Against Exposure Fires (Exposure Protection Sprinkler Systems).

8.7.1 Applications.

8.7.1.1 Exposure protection sprinkler systems shall be permitted on buildings and structures regardless of whether the building's interior is protected by a sprinkler system.

8.7.1.2 Where exposure protection systems are required, they shall be installed to provide protection of windows and other openings within masonry walls, complete protection of walls, protection of roofs, or any combination thereof.

8.7.2 Water Supply and Control.

8.7.2.1 Unless the requirements of 8.7.2.2 are met, sprinklers installed for protection against exposure fires shall be supplied from a standard water supply as outlined in Chapter 5.

8.7.2.2 Where approved, other supplies, such as manual valves or pumps or fire department connections, shall be permitted to supply water to sprinklers for exposure protection.

8.7.2.3 Where fire department connections are used for water supply, they shall be so located that they will not be affected by the exposing fire.

8.7.3 Control.

8.7.3.1 Each system of outside sprinklers shall have an independent control valve.

8.7.3.2 Manually controlled open sprinklers shall be used only where constant supervision is present.

8.7.3.3 Sprinklers shall be of the open or automatic type.

8.7.3.4 Automatic sprinklers in areas subject to freezing shall be on dry pipe systems conforming to Section 8.2 or antifreeze systems conforming to Section 8.6, or be dry sprinklers of an adequate length connected to wet pipe systems located in heated areas.

8.7.3.5 Automatic systems of open sprinklers shall be controlled by the operation of fire detection devices designed for the specific application.

8.7.4 System Components.

8.7.4.1 Drain Valves. Each system of outside sprinklers shall have a separate drain valve installed on the system side of each control valve, except where an open sprinkler, top-fed system is arranged to facilitate drainage.

8.7.4.2 Check Valves.

8.7.4.2.1* Where sprinklers are installed on two adjacent sides of a building, protecting against two separate and distinct exposures, with separate control valves for each side, the end lines shall be connected with check valves located so that one sprinkler around the corner will operate.

8.7.4.2.2 The intermediate pipe between the two check valves shall be arranged to drain.

8.7.4.2.3* As an alternate solution, an additional sprinkler shall be installed on each system located around the corner from the system involved.

8.7.4.3 System Arrangement. Where one exposure affects two sides of the protected structure, the system shall not be subdivided between the two sides but rather shall be arranged to operate as a single system.

8.7.5 Pipe and Fittings. Pipe and fittings installed on the exterior of the building or structure shall be corrosion resistant.

8.7.6 Strainers. A listed strainer shall be provided in the riser or feed main that supplies sprinklers having nominal K-factors smaller than K-2.8 (40).

8.7.7 Gauge Connections. A pressure gauge conforming to Section 16.13 shall be installed immediately below the control valve of each system.

8.7.8 Sprinklers.

8.7.8.1 A single line of sprinklers is permitted to protect a maximum of two stories of wall area or two levels of vertically aligned windows where architectural features are sufficiently flush to allow rundown.

8.7.8.2 Where window sills or similar features result in recesses or projections exceeding 1 in. (25 mm) in depth, separate sprinklers shall be provided for each window on each level, regardless of whether protection is being provided for windows or complete walls.

8.7.8.3 For wall protection systems, sprinklers shall be located 6 in. to 12 in. (150 mm to 300 mm) from the wall surface and within 6 in. (150 mm) of the top of the wall, with maximum spacing of 8 ft (2.4 m) or as indicated in the sprinkler listing for exposure protection use.

8.7.8.4 For protection of window and similar openings, listed window sprinklers shall be positioned within 2 in. (50 mm) of the top of the window sash in accordance with Table 8.7.8.4.

8.7.8.5 Where exposure protection sprinkler systems are installed, listed cornice sprinklers shall be used to protect combustible cornices exceeding 12 in. (300 mm) in depth.

8.7.8.5.1 Cornice sprinklers shall be installed in each bay formed by cornice features and shall be spaced up to a maximum distance of 10 ft (3.0 m) apart, with deflectors 8 in. (200 mm) below the underside of the roof sheathing.

Table 8.7.8.4 Position of Window Sprinklers

Width of Window (ft)	Nominal K-Factor		Nominal Distance from Window	
	U.S.	Metric	in.	mm
Up to 3	2.8	40	7	175
>3 to 4	2.8	40	8	200
>4 to 5	2.8	40	9	225
	5.6	80	12	300
>5 to 7	11.2	160	12	300
	Two 2.8	40	7	175
>7 to 9.5	14.0	200	12	300
	Two 2.8	40	9	225
>9.5 to 12	Two 5.6	80	12	300

For SI units, 1 ft = 0.3048 m.

8.7.8.6 Open spray sprinklers (upright, pendent, or sidewall) shall be permitted for application in roof protection when installed in accordance with ordinary hazard Group 1 protection areas and discharge criteria, with deflectors aligned parallel to the slope and positioned a minimum 18 in. (450 mm) above the roof surface.

8.7.8.6.1 Upright sprinklers positioned as ridge pole sprinklers shall be permitted with their deflectors horizontal and minimum 6 in. (150 mm) above the ridge, with their maximum spacing and protection areas determined in the plan view rather than along the slope.

8.7.9* Exposure Protection Sprinkler Systems.

8.7.9.1 Exposure protection sprinkler systems shall be hydraulically calculated using Table 8.7.9.1 based on severity of exposure as indicated by a relative classification of guide number or other approved source.

8.7.9.2 In no case shall compliance with Table 8.7.9.1 result in a sprinkler discharge pressure below 7 psi (0.5 bar).

8.7.9.3 Only half of the flow from upright, pendent, and other nondirectional sprinklers shall be used in determining the minimum average application rate over the protected surface.

8.7.9.4 The water supply shall be capable of simultaneously supplying the total demand of sprinklers along an exposure to a maximum length of 300 ft (91 m). Where systems of open sprinklers are used, the water supply shall be capable of simultaneously flowing all sprinklers that would flow as part of all systems that could be actuated within any 300 ft (91 m) length.

8.7.9.5 The water supply duration for an exposure protection sprinkler system shall be a minimum of 60 minutes.

8.7.9.6 A level of window sprinklers as described in Table 8.7.9.1 shall be defined as a floor level of the building being protected.

8.7.9.7 Window sprinklers shall be permitted to cover more than 25 ft² (2.3 m²) of window area per level.

8.7.9.7.1 The starting pressure shall be calculated based on the application rate over 25 ft² (2.3 m²) of window area as indicated in Table 8.7.9.1.

8.7.9.7.2 The maximum spacing between window sprinklers shall not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m) unless listed for a greater distance.

8.8* Refrigerated Spaces.

8.8.1 Spaces Maintained at Temperatures Above 32°F (0°C). Where temperatures are maintained above 32°F (0°C) in refrigerated spaces, the requirements in this section shall not apply.

Table 8.7.9.1 Exposure Protection

Section A — Wall and Window Sprinklers						
Exposure Severity	Guide Number	Level of Wall or Window Sprinklers	Minimum Nominal K-Factor	Discharge Coefficient (K-Factor)	Minimum Average Application Rate Over Protected Surface	
					gpm/ft²	mm/min
Light	1.50 or less	Top 2 levels	2.8 (40)	2.8 (40)	0.20	8.1
		Next lower 2 levels	1.9 (27)	1.9 (27)	0.15	6.1
		Next lower 2 levels	1.4 (20)	1.4 (20)	0.10	4.1
Moderate	1.5–2.20	Top 2 levels	5.6 (80)	5.6 (80)	0.30	12.2
		Next lower 2 levels	4.2 (60)	4.2 (60)	0.25	10.2
		Next lower 2 levels	2.8 (40)	2.8 (40)	0.20	8.2
Severe	>2.20	Top 2 levels	11.2 (161)	11.2 (161)	0.40	16.3
		Next lower 2 levels	8.0 (115)	8.0 (115)	0.35	14.3
		Next lower 2 levels	5.6 (80)	5.6 (80)	0.30	12.2
Section B — Cornice Sprinklers						
Guide Number	Cornice Sprinkler Minimal Nominal K-Factor	Application Rate per Lineal Foot (gpm)		Application Rate per Lineal Meter (L/min)		
1.50 or less	2.8 (40)	0.75		9.3		
>1.51–2.20	5.6 (80)	1.50		18.6		
>2.20	11.2 (161)	3.00		37.3		

8.8.2* Spaces Maintained at Temperatures Below 32°F (0°C).**8.8.2.1 General.**

8.8.2.1.1* Where sprinkler pipe passes through a wall or floor into the refrigerated space, a section of pipe arranged for removal shall be provided immediately inside the space.

8.8.2.1.2 The removable length of pipe required in 8.8.2.1.1 shall be a minimum of 30 in. (750 mm).

8.8.2.2 Low Air Pressure Alarm.

8.8.2.2.1 Unless the requirements of 8.8.2.2.2 are met, a low air pressure alarm to a constantly attended location shall be installed.

8.8.2.2.2 Systems equipped with local low pressure alarms and an automatic air maintenance device shall not be required to alarm to a constantly attended location.

8.8.2.3 Piping Pitch. Piping in refrigerated spaces shall be installed with pitch as outlined in 16.10.3.3.

8.8.2.4* Air or Nitrogen Supply. Air or nitrogen supply for systems shall be one of the following:

- (1) Air from the room of lowest temperature to reduce the moisture content
- (2) Air compressor/dryer package listed for the application utilizing ambient air
- (3) Compressed nitrogen gas from cylinders used in lieu of compressed air

8.8.2.5* Control Valve. An indicating-type control valve for operational testing of the system shall be provided on each sprinkler riser outside of the refrigerated space.

8.8.2.6* Check Valve.

8.8.2.6.1 Unless the requirements of 8.8.2.6.2 are met, a check valve with a $\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm) diameter hole in the clapper shall be installed in the system riser below the test valve required in 8.8.2.5.

8.8.2.6.2 Check valves shall not be required where dry pipe or preaction valves are used and designed to completely drain all water above the seat and that are listed for installation without priming water remaining and where priming water is not used in the system riser.

8.8.2.7 Air or Nitrogen Supply Piping.

8.8.2.7.1* The air or nitrogen supply piping entering the freezer area shall be as stated in 8.8.2.7.1.1 and 8.8.2.7.1.2.

8.8.2.7.1.1 Air Supply. The supply piping shall be equipped with two easily removable supply lines at least 6 ft (1.8 m) long and at least 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter as shown in Figure 8.8.2.7.1.1(a) or Figure 8.8.2.7.1.1(b).

8.8.2.7.1.2 Nitrogen Supply. The supply piping shall be equipped with a single easily removable supply line at least 6 ft (1.8 m) long and at least 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter.

8.8.2.7.2 Each supply line shall be equipped with control valves located in the warm area.

8.8.2.7.3 Only one air supply line shall be open to supply the system air at any one time.

8.8.2.8 Fire Detection for Praction Release.**8.8.2.8.1 Detectors for Praction Systems.**

8.8.2.8.1.1* The release system shall be designed to operate prior to sprinkler operation, unless detectors meet the requirements of 8.8.2.8.1.2.

(A) Detectors shall be electric or pneumatic fixed temperature type with temperature ratings less than that of the sprinklers.

(B) Detection devices shall not be rate-of-rise type.

8.8.2.8.1.2 Where the system is a double interlock preaction system or single interlock preaction antifreeze system, detection devices shall be permitted to be any type specifically approved for use in a refrigerated area if installed in accordance with their listing requirements and *NFPA 72*.

8.8.2.8.2 Detector Location at Ceiling.

8.8.2.8.2.1 Under smooth ceilings, detectors shall be spaced not exceeding their listed spacing.

8.8.2.8.2.2 For other than smooth ceilings, detectors shall not exceed one-half of the listed linear detector spacing or full allowable sprinkler spacing, whichever is greater.

8.8.2.8.3 Detector Location in Racks.

8.8.2.8.3.1 Unless conditions in 8.8.2.8.4 are met, one level of detectors shall be installed for each level of sprinklers.

8.8.2.8.3.2 Detectors shall be installed vertically within one storage level of the rack sprinklers and as follows:

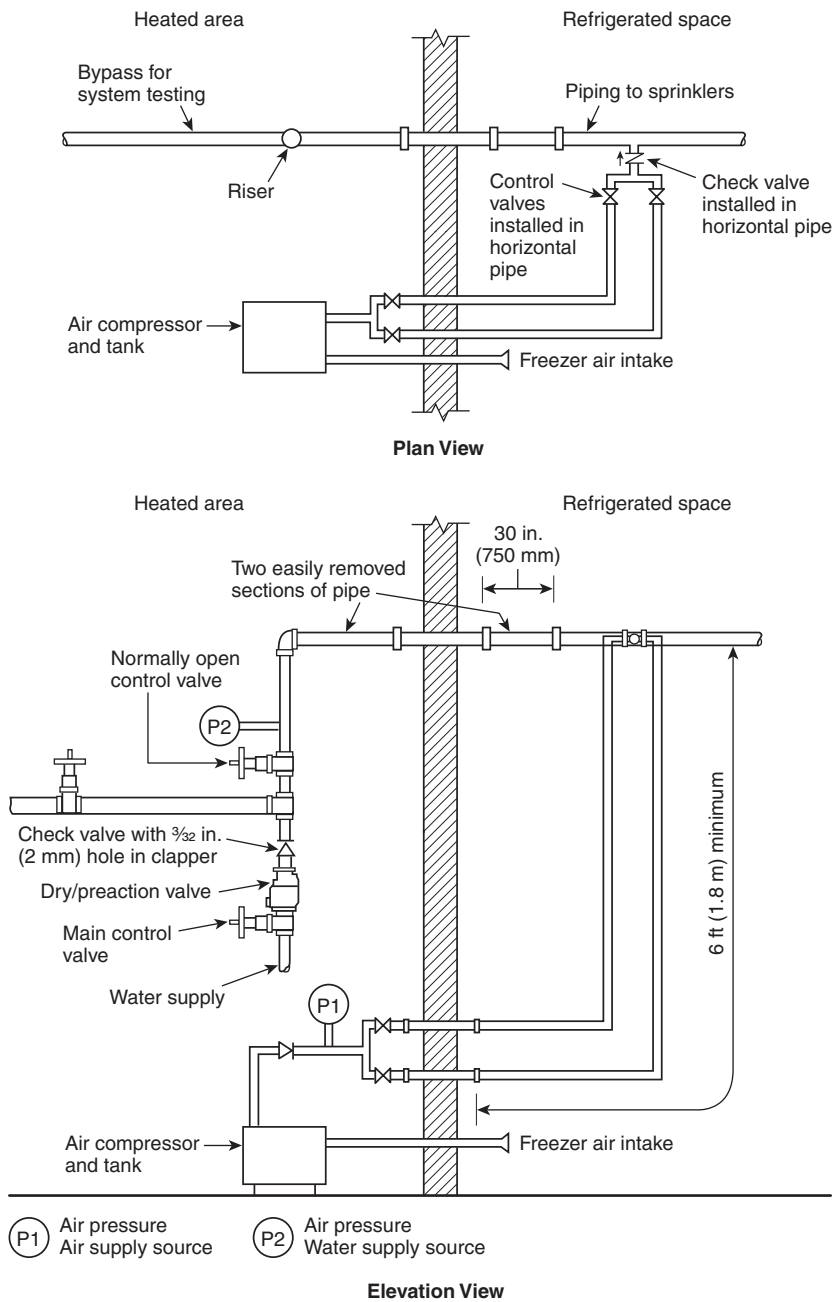
- (1) Detectors shall be located in the transverse flue in single-row racks and in the longitudinal flue in double-row racks.
- (2) For multiple-row racks, detectors shall be located in either longitudinal or transverse flue space and shall be within 5 ft (1.5 m) horizontally of each sprinkler.
- (3) Separate detection systems shall be installed for ceiling sprinkler systems and in-rack sprinkler systems.
- (4) Where system is double interlock preaction type, ceiling detection system shall operate solenoid valves on both ceiling and in-rack preaction systems.

8.8.2.8.4 Single Detection System for Ceiling and In-Rack Sprinklers. Ceiling detection only shall be permitted where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) Maximum storage height is 35 ft (11 m).
- (2) Maximum ceiling height is 40 ft (12.0 m).
- (3) Maximum hazard of storage is Class III.
- (4) No solid shelves are present.
- (5) One preaction valve is used for both ceiling and in-rack sprinklers protecting the same area, with separate indicating control valves and check valves provided downstream as shown in Figure 8.8.2.8.4.
- (6) Detectors at the ceiling are spaced at a maximum of one-half the listed detector spacing but not less than the sprinkler spacing.

8.9 Commercial-Type Cooking Equipment and Ventilation.

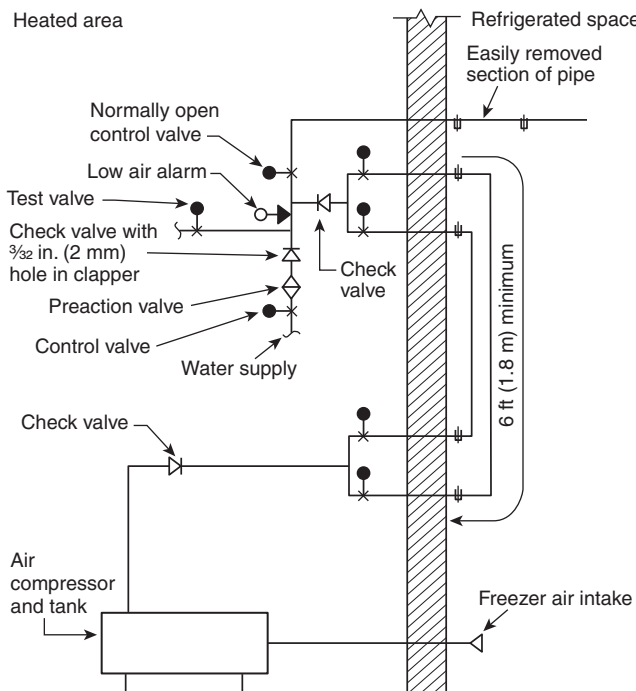
8.9.1 General. In cooking areas protected by automatic sprinklers, additional sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles shall be provided to protect commercial-type cooking equipment and ventilation systems that are designed to carry away grease-laden vapors unless otherwise protected.



Notes:

1. Check valve with 3/32 in. (2 mm) hole in clapper not required if prime water not used.
2. Supply air to be connected to top or side of system pipe.
3. Each removable air line to be a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) diameter and a minimum of 6 ft (1.8 m) long.

FIGURE 8.8.2.7.1.1(a) Refrigerator Area Sprinkler System Used to Minimize the Chances of Developing Ice Plugs.



Notes:

1. Check valve with $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (2 mm) hole in clapper not required if prime water not used.
2. Each removable air line is to be installed a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter and a minimum of 6 ft (1.8 m) long.

FIGURE 8.8.2.7.1.1(b) Preaction System Arrangement.

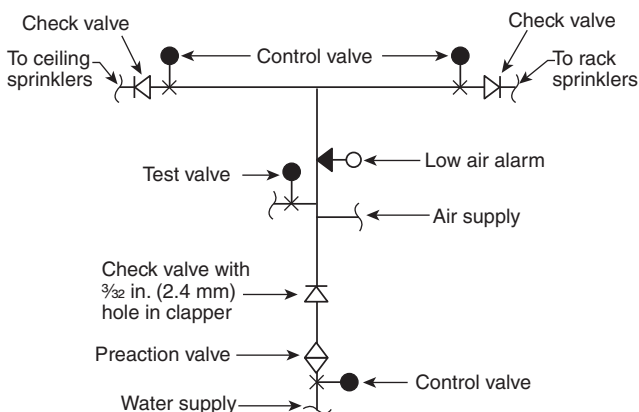


FIGURE 8.8.2.8.4 Valve Arrangement.

8.9.2* Sprinklers and Automatic Spray Nozzles.

8.9.2.1 Standard spray sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles shall be so located as to provide for the protection of exhaust ducts, hood exhaust duct collars, and hood exhaust plenum chambers.

8.9.2.2 Unless the requirements of 8.9.2.4 are met, standard spray sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles shall be so located as to provide for the protection of cooking equipment and cooking surfaces.

8.9.2.3 Hoods containing automatic fire-extinguishing systems are protected areas; therefore, these hoods are not considered obstructions to overhead sprinkler systems and shall not require floor coverage underneath.

8.9.2.4 Cooking equipment below hoods that contain automatic fire-extinguishing equipment is protected and shall not require protection from the overhead sprinkler system.

8.9.3 Sprinkler and Automatic Spray Nozzle Location — Ducts.

8.9.3.1 Unless the requirements of 8.9.3.2 or 8.9.3.4 are met, exhaust ducts shall have one sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle located at the top of each vertical riser and at the midpoint of each offset.

8.9.3.2 Sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles shall not be required in a vertical riser located outside of a building, provided the riser does not expose combustible material or provided the interior of the building and the horizontal distance between the hood outlet and the vertical riser is at least 25 ft (7.6 m).

8.9.3.3 Unless the requirements of 8.9.3.4 are met, horizontal exhaust ducts shall have sprinklers or automatic spray nozzle devices located on 10 ft (3.0 m) centers beginning no more than 5 ft (1.5 m) from the duct entrance.

8.9.3.4 Sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles shall be required in ducts.

8.9.3.4.1 Where ducts do not exceed 75 ft (23 m) in length and the entire exhaust duct is protected in accordance with NFPA 96, sprinkler(s) or automatic spray nozzle(s) shall not be required.

8.9.3.5 A sprinkler(s) or an automatic spray nozzle(s) in exhaust ducts subject to freezing shall be properly protected against freezing by approved means. (See 16.4.1.)

8.9.4 Sprinkler and Automatic Spray Nozzle Location — Duct Collar.

8.9.4.1 Each hood exhaust duct collar shall have one sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle located 1 in. minimum to 12 in. maximum (25 mm minimum to 300 mm maximum) above the point of duct collar connection in the hood plenum.

8.9.4.2 Hoods that have listed fire dampers located in the duct collar shall be protected with a sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle located on the discharge side of the damper and shall be so positioned as not to interfere with damper operation.

8.9.5 Sprinkler and Automatic Spray Nozzle Location — Exhaust Plenum Chambers.

8.9.5.1 Hood exhaust plenum chambers shall have one sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle centered in each chamber not exceeding 10 ft (3.0 m) in length.

8.9.5.2 Plenum chambers greater than 10 ft (3.0 m) in length shall have two sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles evenly spaced, with the maximum distance between the two sprinklers not to exceed 10 ft (3.0 m).

8.9.6 Sprinkler and Automatic Spray Nozzle Temperature Ratings and K-Factors.

8.9.6.1 Where the exposed temperature is expected to be 300°F (149°C) or less, sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles being used in duct, duct collar, and plenum areas shall be of

the extra high-temperature classification [325°F to 375°F (163°C to 191°C)].

8.9.6.2 When use of a temperature-measuring device indicates temperatures above 300°F (149°C), a sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle of higher classification shall be used.

8.9.6.3 Sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles being used in duct, duct collar, and plenum areas shall have orifices with K-factors not less than K-1.4 (20) and not more than K-5.6 (80).

8.9.7 Sprinkler and Automatic Spray Nozzle. Access shall be provided to all sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles for examination and replacement.

8.9.8 Cooking Equipment.

8.9.8.1 General. Cooking equipment (such as deep fat fryers, ranges, griddles, and broilers) that is considered to be a source of ignition shall be protected in accordance with the provisions of 8.9.1.

8.9.8.2 Deep Fat Fryers.

8.9.8.2.1 A sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle used for protection of deep fat fryers shall be listed for that application.

8.9.8.2.2 The position, arrangement, location, and water supply for each sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle shall be in accordance with its listing.

8.9.8.3 Fuel and Heat Shutoff.

8.9.8.3.1 The operation of any cooking equipment sprinkler or automatic spray nozzle shall automatically shut off all sources of fuel and heat to all equipment requiring protection.

8.9.8.3.2 Any gas appliance not requiring protection but located under ventilating equipment shall also be shut off.

8.9.8.3.3 All shutdown devices shall be of the type that requires manual resetting prior to fuel or power being restored.

8.9.9 Indicating Valves. A listed indicating valve shall be installed in the water supply line to the sprinklers and spray nozzles protecting the cooking and ventilating system.

8.9.10 Strainers. A listed line strainer shall be installed in the main water supply preceding sprinklers or automatic spray nozzles having nominal K-factors smaller than K-2.8 (40).

8.9.11 Test Connection. A system test connection shall be provided to verify proper operation of equipment specified in 8.9.8.3.

8.10 Pilot Line Detectors.

8.10.1 Pilot line detectors and related components including pipe and fittings shall be corrosion resistant when installed in areas exposed to weather or corrosive conditions.

8.10.2 Where subject to mechanical or physical damage, pilot line detectors and related detection system components shall be protected.

8.10.3 Where spray sprinklers are used as pilot line detectors, they shall be installed in accordance with Section 8.10 and the spacing and location rules of Section 10.2, except that the obstruction to water distribution rules for automatic sprinklers shall not be required to be followed.

8.10.3.1 Where located under a ceiling, pilot sprinklers shall be positioned in accordance with the requirements of Section 10.2.

8.10.4 The temperature rating of spray sprinklers utilized as pilot line detectors shall be selected in accordance with 9.4.2.

8.10.5 Maximum horizontal spacing for indoor locations shall not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).

8.10.6 Pilot line detectors shall be permitted to be spaced more than 22 in. (550 mm) below a ceiling or deck where the maximum spacing between pilot line detectors is 10 ft (3.0 m) or less.

8.10.6.1 Other maximum horizontal spacing differing from those required in 8.10.5 shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing.

8.10.7 Pilot line detectors located outdoors, such as in open process structures, shall be spaced such that the elevation of a single level of pilot line detectors and between additional levels of pilot line detectors shall not exceed 17 ft (5.2 m).

8.10.8 The maximum distance between pilot line detectors installed outdoors shall not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m).

8.10.8.1 The horizontal distance between pilot line detectors installed outdoors on a given level shall be permitted to be increased to 10 ft (3.0 m) when all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The elevation of the first level does not exceed 15 ft (4.6 m).
- (2) The distance between additional levels does not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).
- (3) The pilot line actuators are staggered vertically.

8.10.8.2 Alternate vertical spacing of pilot line detectors differing from those required in 8.10.8.1 shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing.

8.10.9 Pilot line detectors located in open-sided buildings shall follow the indoor spacing rules.

8.10.9.1 A row of pilot line detectors spaced in accordance with the outdoor pilot line detector spacing rules shall be located along the open sides of open-sided buildings.

8.10.9.2 Pilot line detectors located under open gratings shall be spaced in accordance with the outdoor rules.

8.10.9.3 Where two or more adjacent water spray systems in one fire area are controlled by separate pilot line detector systems, the detectors on each system shall be spaced independently as if the dividing line between the systems were a wall or draft curtain.

8.10.9.4 Where pilot line detectors are installed in water cooling tower applications, they shall be in accordance with Section 26.21.

8.10.10 Pipe supplying pilot line detectors shall be permitted to be supported from the same points of hanger attachment as the piping system it serves.

8.10.10.1 Pipe supplying pilot line detectors shall not be required to meet the requirements of Section 18.5.

Chapter 9 Sprinkler Location Requirements

9.1* Basic Requirements.

9.1.1* The requirements for spacing, location, and position of sprinklers shall be based on the following principles:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be installed throughout the premises.
- (2) Sprinklers shall be located so as not to exceed the maximum protection area per sprinkler.
- (3)* Sprinklers shall be positioned and located so as to provide satisfactory performance with respect to activation time and distribution.
- (4) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from areas specifically allowed by this standard.
- (5) When sprinklers are specifically tested and test results demonstrate that deviations from clearance requirements to structural members do not impair the ability of the sprinkler to control or suppress a fire, their positioning and locating in accordance with the test results shall be permitted.
- (6) Clearance between sprinklers and ceilings exceeding the maximums specified in this standard shall be permitted, provided that tests or calculations demonstrate comparable sensitivity and performance of the sprinklers to those installed in conformance with these sections.

N 9.2 Allowable Sprinkler Omission Locations.

9.2.1* Concealed Spaces Not Requiring Sprinkler Protection.

9.2.1.1* Concealed spaces of noncombustible and limited-combustible construction with minimal combustible loading having no access shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.1.1 The space shall be considered a concealed space even with small openings such as those used as return air for a plenum.

9.2.1.1.2 Small openings with both of the following limits shall be permitted:

- (1) A combined total area of not more than 20 percent of the ceiling, construction feature, or plane shall be used to determine the boundaries of the concealed space.
- (2) Gaps greater than 4 ft (1.2 m) long shall not be more than 8 in. (200 mm) wide.

9.2.1.1.2 Concealed spaces of noncombustible and limited-combustible construction with limited access and not permitting occupancy or storage of combustibles shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.2.1 The space shall be considered a concealed space even with small openings such as those used as return air for a plenum.

9.2.1.3 Concealed spaces formed by studs or joists with less than 6 in. (150 mm) between the inside or near edges of the studs or joists shall not require sprinkler protection. (See Figure 10.2.6.1.5.1.)

9.2.1.4 Concealed spaces formed by bar joists with less than 6 in. (150 mm) between the roof or floor deck and ceiling shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.5* Concealed spaces formed by ceilings attached directly to or within 6 in. (150 mm) of wood joist or similar solid member construction shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.6* Concealed spaces formed by ceilings attached to composite wood joist construction either directly or onto metal channels not exceeding 1 in. (25 mm) in depth, provided the joist channels as measured from the top of the batt insulation are separated into volumes each not exceeding 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) using materials equivalent to the web construction and at least 3½ in. (90 mm) of batt insulation is installed at the bottom of the joist channels when the ceiling is attached utilizing metal channels, shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.7 Concealed spaces filled with noncombustible insulation shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.7.1 A maximum 2 in. (50 mm) air gap at the top of the space shall be permitted.

9.2.1.8 Concealed spaces within wood joist construction having noncombustible insulation filling the space from the ceiling up to the bottom edge of the joist of the roof or floor deck shall not require sprinkler protection.

N 9.2.1.9 Concealed spaces within composite wood joist construction having noncombustible insulation filling the space from the ceiling up to the bottom edge of the composite wood joist of the roof or floor deck and with the joist channels separated into volumes each not exceeding 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) to the full depth of the composite wood joist, with material equivalent to the web construction, shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.10 Concealed spaces over isolated small compartments not exceeding 55 ft² (5.1 m²) in area shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.11 Concealed spaces where rigid materials are used and the exposed surfaces, in the form in which they are installed, comply with one of the following shall not require sprinkler protection:

- (1) The surface materials have a flame spread index of 25 or less, and the materials have been demonstrated not to propagate fire more than 10.5 ft (3.2 m) when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, extended for an additional 20 minutes.
- (2) The surface materials comply with the requirements of ASTM E2768, *Standard Test Method for Extended Duration Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials (30 min Tunnel Test)*.

9.2.1.12* Concealed spaces in which the exposed materials are constructed entirely of fire retardant-treated wood as defined by NFPA 703 shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.13 Noncombustible concealed spaces having exposed combustible insulation where the heat content of the facing and substrate of the insulation material does not exceed 1000 Btu/ft² (11,400 kJ/m²) shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.14 Concealed spaces below insulation that is laid directly on top of or within wood joists or composite wood joists used as ceiling joists in an otherwise sprinklered concealed space, with the ceiling attached directly to the bottom of the joists, shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.15 Sprinklers shall not be required in vertical pipe chases under 10 ft² (0.9 m²).

N 9.2.1.15.1 Pipe chases in accordance with 9.2.1.15 shall contain no sources of ignition.

N 9.2.1.15.2 In buildings having more than a single story, pipe penetrations at each floor shall be firestopped using materials equivalent to the floor construction.

9.2.1.16 Exterior columns under 10 ft² (0.9 m²) in area, formed by studs or wood joist supporting exterior canopies that are fully protected with a sprinkler system, shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.17* Concealed spaces formed by noncombustible or limited-combustible ceilings suspended from the bottom of wood joists, composite wood joists, wood bar joists, or wood trusses that have insulation filling all of the gaps between the bottom of the trusses or joists, and where sprinklers are present in the space above the insulation within the trusses or joists, shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.2.1.17.1 The heat content of the facing, substrate, and support of the insulation material shall not exceed 1000 Btu/ft² (11,400 kJ/m²).

9.2.1.18* Concealed spaces formed by noncombustible or limited-combustible ceilings suspended from the bottom of wood joists and composite wood joists with a maximum nominal chord width of 2 in. (50 mm), where joist spaces are full of noncombustible batt insulation with a maximum 2 in. (50 mm) air space between the decking material and the top of the batt insulation shall not require sprinklers.

9.2.1.18.1 Facing that meets the requirements for noncombustible or limited-combustible material covering the surface of the bottom chord of each joist and secured in place per the manufacturer's recommendations shall not require sprinklers.

9.2.1.19 Exterior Soffits, Eaves, Overhangs, and Decorative Frame Elements.

9.2.1.19.1 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from within combustible soffits, eaves, overhangs, and decorative frame elements that are constructed in accordance with 9.2.1.19.2 through 9.2.1.19.5.

9.2.1.19.2 Combustible soffits, eaves, overhangs, and decorative frame elements shall not exceed 4 ft 0 in. (1.2 m) in width.

9.2.1.19.3 Combustible soffits, eaves, overhangs, and decorative frame elements shall be draftstopped, with a material equivalent to that of the soffit, into volumes not exceeding 160 ft³ (4.5 m³).

9.2.1.19.4 Combustible soffits, eaves, overhangs, and decorative frame elements shall be separated from the interior of the building by walls or roofs of noncombustible or limited-combustible construction.

9.2.1.19.5 Combustible soffits, eaves, overhangs, and decorative frame elements shall have no openings or unprotected penetrations directly into the building.

9.2.2 Spaces Under Ground Floors, Exterior Docks, and Platforms. Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from spaces under ground floors, exterior docks, and platforms where all of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The space is not accessible for storage purposes and is protected against accumulation of wind-borne debris.
- (2) The space contains no equipment such as conveyors or fuel-fired heating units.
- (3) The floor over the space is of tight construction.
- (4) No combustible or flammable liquids or materials that under fire conditions would convert into combustible or flammable liquids are processed, handled, or stored on the floor above the space.

N 9.2.3* Exterior Projections.

N 9.2.3.1 Unless the requirements of 9.2.3.2, 9.2.3.3, or 9.2.3.4 are met, sprinklers shall be installed under exterior projections exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in width.

9.2.3.2* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted where the exterior canopies, roofs, porte-cochères, balconies, decks, and similar projections are constructed with materials that are noncombustible, limited-combustible, or fire retardant-treated wood as defined in NFPA 703, or where the projections are constructed utilizing a noncombustible frame, limited-combustibles, or fire retardant-treated wood with an inherently flame-resistant fabric overlay as demonstrated by Test Method 2 in accordance with NFPA 701.

9.2.3.3 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from below the exterior projections of combustible construction, provided the exposed finish material on the exterior projections are noncombustible, limited-combustible, or fire retardant-treated wood as defined in NFPA 703, and the exterior projections contain only sprinklered concealed spaces or any of the following unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces:

- (1) Combustible concealed spaces filled entirely with noncombustible insulation
- (2) Light or ordinary hazard occupancies where noncombustible or limited-combustible ceilings are directly attached to the bottom of solid wood joists so as to create enclosed joist spaces 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) or less in volume, including space below insulation that is laid directly on top or within the ceiling joists in an otherwise sprinklered attic [see 19.3.3.1.5.2(4)]
- (3) Concealed spaces over isolated small exterior projections not exceeding 55 ft² (5.1 m²) in area

9.2.3.4 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from an exterior exit corridor where the exterior wall of the corridor is at least 50 percent open and where the corridor is entirely of noncombustible construction.

N 9.2.3.5 Sprinklers shall be installed under all exterior projections greater than 2 ft (600 mm) where combustibles are stored.

9.2.4 Dwelling Units.

9.2.4.1 Bathrooms.

9.2.4.1.1* Unless sprinklers are required by 9.2.4.1.2 or 9.2.4.1.3, sprinklers shall not be required in bathrooms that are located within dwelling units, that do not exceed 55 ft² (5.1 m²) in area, and that have walls and ceilings of noncombustible or limited-combustible materials with a 15-minute thermal barrier rating, including the walls and ceilings behind any shower enclosure or tub.

9.2.4.1.2 Sprinklers shall be required in bathrooms of limited care facilities and nursing homes, as defined in NFPA 101.

9.2.4.1.3 Sprinklers shall be required in bathrooms opening directly onto public corridors or exitways.

9.2.4.2* Closets and Pantries. Sprinklers are not required in clothes closets, linen closets, and pantries within dwelling units in hotels and motels where the area of the space does not exceed 24 ft² (2.2 m²) and the walls and ceilings are surfaced with noncombustible or limited-combustible materials.

9.2.5* Hospital Clothes Closets. Sprinklers shall not be required in clothes closets of patient sleeping rooms in hospitals where the area of the closet does not exceed 6 ft² (.6 m²), provided the distance from the sprinkler in the patient sleeping room to the back wall of the closet does not exceed the maximum distance permitted by 9.5.3.2.

9.2.6* Sprinklers shall not be required in electrical equipment rooms where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The room is dedicated to electrical equipment only.
- (2) Only dry-type or liquid-type with listed K-class fluid electrical equipment is used.
- (3) Equipment is installed in a 2-hour fire-rated enclosure including protection for penetrations.
- (4) Storage is not permitted in the room.

9.2.7 Cloud Ceilings.

9.2.7.1* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted above cloud ceilings where all of the following apply:

- (1)* The combined total area of the openings around the cloud are less than or equal to 20 percent of the area of the ceiling, construction feature, or plane used to determine the boundaries of the compartment.
- (2) The width of the gap and the maximum sprinkler protection area are in accordance with Table 9.2.7.1.
- (3) The requirements of 9.2.7.2 are met.
- (4) Spaces above cloud ceilings contain either noncombustible or limited-combustible construction with minimal combustible loading.

9.2.7.2 When sprinklers are omitted from above a cloud ceiling in accordance with 9.2.7.1, the requirements of this section shall apply.

9.2.7.2.1 All sprinklers shall be quick response standard spray or extended coverage pendent or upright sprinklers.

9.2.7.2.2 Maximum cloud ceiling height shall not exceed 20 ft (6.1 m).

9.2.7.2.3 Maximum spacing and area of protection shall not exceed the maximum requirements of Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) for light hazard and Table 10.2.4.2.1(b) for ordinary hazard.

Table 9.2.7.1 Maximum Sprinkler Protection Area Based on Ceiling Cloud Width and Opening Width

Ceiling Cloud — Minimum Width Dimension (ft)	Maximum Area (ft ²) — Opening Width ≤0.5 in./ft of Ceiling Height	Maximum Area (ft ²) — Opening Width ≤0.75 in./ft of Ceiling Height	Maximum Area (ft ²) — Opening Width ≤1 in./ft of Ceiling Height
2–<2.5	175	70	NP
2.5–4	225	120	70
>4	225	150	150

N 9.2.7.2.3.1 Where extended coverage sprinklers are used, the maximum distance between sprinklers shall not exceed 16 ft (4.9 m).

9.2.7.2.4 Cloud ceilings shall be of smooth ceiling construction.

9.2.7.2.5* For irregular shaped ceiling clouds (not rectangular) the minimum width dimension shall be the smallest width dimension of the cloud and for the gap shall be the greatest dimension between clouds or adjacent walls as applicable.

9.2.8 Revolving Doors Enclosures. Sprinkler protection shall not be required within revolving door enclosures.

N 9.2.9 Sprinklers shall not be required to be installed in furniture such as portable wardrobe units, cabinets, trophy cases, and similar items not intended for occupancy. This type of feature shall be permitted to be attached to the finished structure.

N 9.2.10* Equipment Enclosures. Sprinklers shall not be required to be installed within electrical equipment, mechanical equipment, or air handling units not intended for occupancy.

N 9.2.11 Noncombustible Vertical Shafts. Sprinklers shall not be required at the top of noncombustible or limited-combustible, nonaccessible vertical duct, electric, and mechanical shafts as permitted by 9.3.3.1.1 and 9.3.3.1.2.

N 9.2.12 Noncombustible Stairways.

N 9.2.12.1 Sprinklers shall not be required at the bottom of stairwells complying with the provisions of 9.3.4.2.3.1.

N 9.2.12.2 Sprinklers shall not be required for exterior stair towers complying with the provisions of 9.3.4.2.4.

N 9.2.13 Elevator Hoistways and Machine Rooms. Sprinklers shall not be required in locations complying with 9.3.6.4, 9.3.6.5, or 9.3.6.6.

N 9.2.14 Duct Protection. Sprinklers shall not be required in vertical duct risers complying with 9.3.9.1.2.

N 9.2.15 Open-Grid Ceilings. Sprinklers shall not be required below open grid ceiling installations complying with 9.3.10.

N 9.2.16 Drop-Out Ceilings. Sprinklers shall not be required below drop-out ceilings complying with 9.3.11.

N 9.2.17 Skylights. Sprinklers shall not be required in skylights complying with 9.3.16.

N 9.2.17.1 Skylights that allow venting, other than smoke and heat venting per 20.6.5, shall be provided with sprinkler protection installed in the skylight.

9.3 Special Situations.

9.3.1 Heat-Producing Devices with Composite Wood Joist Construction. Where heat-producing devices such as furnaces or process equipment are located in the joist channels above a ceiling attached directly to the underside of composite wood joist construction that would not otherwise require sprinkler protection of the spaces, the joist channel containing the heat-producing devices shall be sprinklered by installing sprinklers in each joist channel, on each side, adjacent to the heat-producing device.

9.3.2 Unless the requirements of 9.2.1.18 are met, sprinklers used in horizontal combustible concealed spaces (with a slope not exceeding 2 in 12) with combustible wood truss, wood joist construction, or bar joist construction having a combustible upper surface and where the depth of the space is less than 36 in. (900 mm) from deck to deck, from deck to ceiling, or with double wood joist construction with a maximum of 36 in. (900 mm) between the top of the bottom joist and the bottom of the upper joist shall be listed for such use.

9.3.2.1 Sprinklers specifically listed to provide protection of combustible concealed spaces described in 9.3.2 shall be permitted to be used in accordance with 9.4.1.2 where the space is less than 12 in. (300 mm) from deck to deck or deck to ceiling.

9.3.2.2 Sprinklers specifically listed to provide protection of combustible concealed spaces described in 9.3.2 shall be permitted to be used in accordance with 9.4.1.2 throughout the area when a portion of the area exceeds a depth of 36 in. (900 mm).

9.3.2.3 Sprinklers specifically listed to provide protection of combustible concealed spaces described in 9.3.2 shall be permitted to be used in accordance with 9.4.1.2 to protect composite wood joist construction.

9.3.3 Vertical Shafts.

9.3.3.1 General. Unless the requirements of 9.3.3.1.1 or 9.3.3.1.2 are met, one sprinkler shall be installed at the top of shafts.

9.3.3.1.1 Noncombustible or limited-combustible, nonaccessible vertical duct shafts shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.3.3.1.2 Noncombustible or limited-combustible, nonaccessible vertical electrical or mechanical shafts shall not require sprinkler protection.

9.3.3.2* Shafts with Combustible Surfaces.

9.3.3.2.1 Where vertical shafts have combustible surfaces, one sprinkler shall be installed at each alternate floor level.

9.3.3.2.2 Where a shaft having combustible surfaces is trapped, an additional sprinkler shall be installed at the top of each trapped section.

9.3.3.3 Accessible Shafts with Noncombustible Surfaces. Where accessible vertical shafts have noncombustible surfaces, one sprinkler shall be installed near the bottom.

9.3.4 Stairways.

9.3.4.1 Combustible Construction. Sprinklers shall be installed beneath all stairways of combustible construction.

9.3.4.1.1 Sprinklers shall be installed at the top of combustible stair shafts.

9.3.4.1.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under the landings at each floor level.

9.3.4.1.3 Sprinklers shall be installed beneath the lowest intermediate landing.

9.3.4.2 Noncombustible Construction.

9.3.4.2.1 In noncombustible stair shafts having noncombustible stairs with noncombustible or limited-combustible finishes,

sprinklers shall be installed at the top of the shaft and under the first accessible landing above the bottom of the shaft.

9.3.4.2.2 Where noncombustible stair shafts are divided by walls or doors, sprinklers shall be provided on each side of the separation.

9.3.4.2.3 Sprinklers shall be installed beneath landings or stairways where the area beneath is used for storage.

9.3.4.2.3.1 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from the bottom of the stairwell when the space under the stairs at the bottom is blocked off so that storage cannot occur.

9.3.4.2.4 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from exterior stair towers when the exterior walls of the stair tower are at least 50 percent open and when the stair tower is entirely of noncombustible construction.

9.3.4.3* Stairs Serving Two or More Areas. When stairs have openings to each side of a fire wall(s), sprinklers shall be installed in the stair shaft at each floor landing with multiple openings.

9.3.5* Vertical Openings.

9.3.5.1* General. Unless the requirements of 9.3.5.4 are met, where moving stairways, staircases, or similar floor openings are unenclosed and where sprinkler protection is serving as the alternative to enclosure of the vertical opening, the floor openings involved shall be protected by closely spaced sprinklers in combination with draft stops in accordance with 9.3.5.2 and 9.3.5.3.

9.3.5.2 Draft Stops. Draft stops shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) The draft stops shall be located immediately adjacent to the opening.
- (2) The draft stops shall be at least 18 in. (450 mm) deep.
- (3) The draft stops shall be of noncombustible or limited-combustible material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.

9.3.5.3 Sprinklers.

9.3.5.3.1 Sprinklers shall be spaced not more than 6 ft (1.8 m) apart and placed 6 in. to 12 in. (150 mm to 300 mm) from the draft stop on the side away from the opening.

9.3.5.3.2 Where sprinklers are closer than 6 ft (1.8 m), cross baffles shall be provided in accordance with 10.2.5.4.2.

9.3.5.4 Large Openings. Closely spaced sprinklers and draft stops are not required around large openings such as those found in shopping malls, atrium buildings, and similar structures where all adjoining levels and spaces are protected by automatic sprinklers in accordance with this standard and where the openings have all horizontal dimensions between opposite edges of 20 ft (6.1 m) or greater and an area of 1000 ft² (93 m²) or greater.

9.3.6 Elevator Hoistways and Machine Rooms.

9.3.6.1* Sidewall spray sprinklers shall be installed at the bottom of each elevator hoistway not more than 2 ft (600 mm) above the floor of the pit.

9.3.6.2 The sprinkler required at the bottom of the elevator hoistway by 9.3.6.1 shall not be required for enclosed, noncom-

bustible elevator shafts that do not contain combustible hydraulic fluids.

9.3.6.3 Automatic fire sprinklers shall not be required in elevator machine rooms, elevator machinery spaces, control spaces, or hoistways of traction elevators installed in accordance with the applicable provisions in NFPA 101, or the applicable building code, where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The elevator machine room, machinery space, control room, control space, or hoistway of traction elevator is dedicated to elevator equipment only.
- (2) The elevator machine room, machine room, machinery space, control room, control space, or hoistway of traction elevators are protected by smoke detectors, or other automatic fire detection, installed in accordance with NFPA 72.
- (3) The elevator machinery space, control room, control space, or hoistway of traction elevators is separated from the remainder of the building by walls and floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies having a fire resistance rating of not less than that specified by the applicable building code.
- (4) No materials unrelated to elevator equipment are permitted to be stored in elevator machine rooms, machinery spaces, control rooms, control spaces, or hoistways of traction elevators.
- (5) The elevator machinery is not of the hydraulic type.

9.3.6.4* Automatic sprinklers in elevator machine rooms or at the tops of hoistways shall be of ordinary- or intermediate-temperature rating.

9.3.6.5* Upright, pendent, or sidewall spray sprinklers shall be installed at the top of elevator hoistways.

9.3.6.6 The sprinkler required at the top of the elevator hoistway by 9.3.6.5 shall not be required where the hoistway for passenger elevators is noncombustible or limited-combustible and the car enclosure materials meet the requirements of ASME A17.1, *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*.

9.3.6.7 Combustible Suspension in Elevators.

9.3.6.7.1 Sprinklers shall be installed at the top and bottom of elevator hoistways where elevators utilize combustible suspension means such as noncircular elastomeric-coated or polyurethane-coated steel belts.

9.3.6.7.2 The sprinklers in the elevator hoistway shall not be required when the suspension means provide not less than an FT-1 rating when tested to the vertical burn test requirements of UL 62, *Flexible Cords and Cables*, and UL 1581, *Reference Standard for Electrical Wires, Cables, and Flexible Cords*.

9.3.7* Library Stack Areas and Record Storage. Where books or records are stored in fixed open book shelves, sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed without regard to aisles where clearance between sprinkler deflectors and tops of stacks is 18 in. (450 mm) or more.
- (2) Where the 18 in. (450 mm) clearance between sprinkler deflectors and tops of stacks cannot be maintained, sprinklers shall be installed in every aisle and at every tier of stacks with distance between sprinklers along aisles not to exceed 12 ft (3.7 m) in accordance with Figure 9.3.7(a).

- (3) Where the 18 in. (450 mm) clearance between sprinkler deflectors and tops of stacks cannot be maintained and where vertical shelf dividers are incomplete and allow water distribution to adjacent aisles, sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted in alternate aisles on each tier, and where ventilation openings are also provided in tier floors, sprinklers shall be staggered vertically in accordance with Figure 9.3.7(b).

9.3.8* Industrial Ovens and Furnaces.

9.3.9 Duct Protection. Duct protection shall be required to meet the requirements of 9.3.8 where required by the authority having jurisdiction or the applicable referenced code or standard.

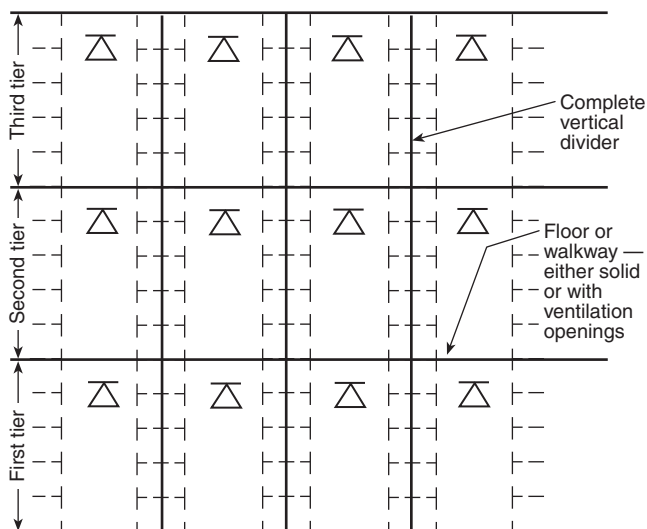


FIGURE 9.3.7(a) Sprinklers in Multitier Bookstacks with Complete Vertical Dividers.

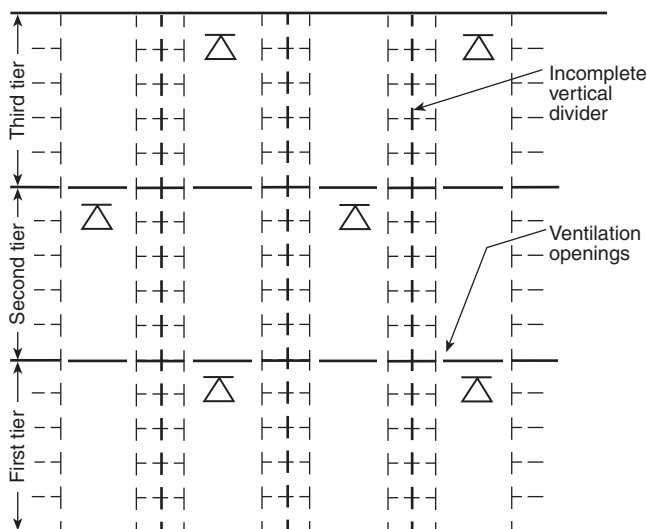


FIGURE 9.3.7(b) Sprinklers in Multitier Bookstacks with Incomplete Vertical Dividers.

9.3.9.1 Sprinkler Location.

9.3.9.1.1 Unless the requirements of 9.3.9.1.2 or 9.3.9.1.3 are met, ducts shall have one sprinkler located at the top of each vertical riser and at the midpoint of each offset.

9.3.9.1.2 Sprinklers shall not be required in a vertical riser located outside of a building, provided the riser does not expose combustible material or provided the interior of the building and the horizontal distance between the hood outlet and the vertical riser is at least 25 ft (7.6 m).

9.3.9.1.3 Horizontal exhaust ducts shall have sprinklers located on 10 ft (3.0 m) centers beginning no more than 5 ft (1.5 m) from the duct entrance.

9.3.9.2 Protection Against Freezing. Sprinklers in exhaust ducts subject to freezing shall be properly protected against freezing. (See 16.4.1.)

9.3.9.3 Sprinkler Access. Access shall be provided to all sprinklers for inspection, testing, and maintenance.

9.3.9.4 Strainers. A listed line strainer shall be installed in the main water supply preceding sprinklers having nominal K-factors smaller than K-2.8 (40).

9.3.10* Open-Grid Ceilings. Open-grid ceilings shall only be installed beneath sprinklers where one of the following is met:

- (1) Open-grid ceilings in which the openings are $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) or larger in the least dimension, where the thickness or depth of the material does not exceed the least dimension of the opening, and where such openings constitute 70 percent of the area of the ceiling material. The spacing of the sprinklers over the open-grid ceiling shall then comply with the following:
 - (a) In light hazard occupancies where sprinkler spacing (either spray or old-style sprinklers) is less than 10 ft $\times$ 10 ft (3 m $\times$ 3 m), a minimum clearance of at least 18 in. (450 mm) shall be provided between the sprinkler deflectors and the upper surface of the open-grid ceiling. Where spacing is greater than 10 ft $\times$ 10 ft (3 m $\times$ 3 m) but less than 10 ft $\times$ 12 ft (3 m $\times$ 3.7 m), a clearance of at least 24 in. (600 mm) shall be provided from spray sprinklers and at least 36 in. (900 mm) from old-style sprinklers. Where spacing is greater than 10 ft $\times$ 12 ft (3 m $\times$ 3.7 m), a clearance of at least 48 in. (1.2 m) shall be provided.
 - (b) In ordinary hazard occupancies, open-grid ceilings shall be permitted to be installed beneath spray sprinklers only. Where sprinkler spacing is less than 10 ft $\times$ 10 ft (3 m $\times$ 3 m), a minimum clearance of at least 24 in. (600 mm) shall be provided between the sprinkler deflectors and the upper surface of the open-grid ceiling. Where spacing is greater than 10 ft $\times$ 10 ft (3 m $\times$ 3 m), a clearance of at least 36 in. (900 mm) shall be provided.
- (2) Other types of open-grid ceilings shall be permitted to be installed beneath sprinklers where they are listed for such service and are installed in accordance with instructions contained in each package of ceiling material.

9.3.11 Drop-Out Ceilings and Ceiling Materials.

9.3.11.1* Drop-out ceilings and ceiling materials shall be permitted to be installed beneath sprinklers where the ceiling

panels or ceiling materials are listed for that service and are installed in accordance with their listings.

9.3.11.2 Drop-out ceilings and ceiling materials meeting the criteria in 9.3.11.1 shall not be installed below quick-response or extended coverage sprinklers unless specifically listed for that application.

9.3.11.3 Drop-out ceilings and ceiling materials meeting the criteria in 9.3.11.1 shall not be considered ceilings within the context of this standard.

9.3.11.4* Piping installed above drop-out ceilings and ceiling materials meeting the criteria in 9.3.11.1 shall not be considered concealed piping.

9.3.11.5* Sprinklers shall not be installed beneath drop-out ceilings or ceiling materials meeting the criteria in 9.3.11.1.

9.3.12* Old-style sprinklers shall be installed in fur storage vaults.

9.3.13 Stages.

9.3.13.1 Sprinklers shall be installed under the roof at the ceiling, in spaces under the stage either containing combustible materials or constructed of combustible materials, and in all adjacent spaces and dressing rooms, storerooms, and work-shops.

9.3.13.2 Where proscenium opening protection is required, a deluge system shall be provided with open sprinklers located not more than 3 ft (900 mm) away from the stage side of the proscenium arch and spaced up to a maximum of 6 ft (1.8 m) on center. (See Chapter 11 for design criteria.)

9.3.14 Spaces Above Ceilings.

9.3.14.1 Where spaces have ceilings that are lower than the rest of the area, the space above this lower ceiling shall be sprinklered unless it complies with the rules of 9.2.1 for allowable unsprinklered concealed spaces.

9.3.14.2 Where the space above a drop ceiling is sprinklered, the sprinkler system shall conform to the rules of 19.2.2 and Section 20.10.

9.3.14.3* Where there is a noncombustible space above a noncombustible or limited-combustible drop ceiling that is sprinklered because it is open to an adjacent sprinklered space and where there is no possibility for storage above the drop ceiling, the sprinkler system shall be permitted to extend only as far into the space as 0.6 times the square root of the design area of the sprinkler system in the adjacent space.

9.3.14.3.1 The sprinkler system shall extend at least 24 ft (7.3 m) into the space above the ceiling.

9.3.15* Sprinkler-Protected Glazing. Where sprinklers are used in combination with glazing as an alternative to a required fire-rated wall or window assembly, the sprinkler-protected assembly shall comply with the following:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be listed as specific application window sprinklers unless the standard spray sprinklers are specifically permitted by the building code.
- (2) Sprinklers shall be supplied by a wet pipe system.
- (3) Glazing shall be heat-strengthened, tempered, or glass ceramic and shall be fixed.

- (4) Where the assembly is required to be protected from both sides, sprinklers shall be installed on both sides of the glazing.
- (5) The use of sprinkler-protected glazing shall be limited to non-load-bearing walls.
- (6) The glazed assembly shall not have any horizontal members that would interfere with uniform distribution of water over the surface of the glazing, and there shall be no obstructions between sprinklers and glazing that would obstruct water distribution.
- (7) The water supply duration for the design area that includes the window sprinklers shall not be less than the required rating of the assembly

9.3.16 Skylights.

9.3.16.1 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from skylights not exceeding 32 ft² (3.0 m²) in area, regardless of hazard classification, that are separated by at least 10 ft (3.0 m) horizontally from any other unprotected skylight or unprotected ceiling pocket.

9.3.16.1.1 When a sprinkler is installed directly beneath a skylight not exceeding 32 ft² (3.0 m²), the distance to the ceiling shall be measured to the plane of the ceiling as if the skylight was not present.

9.3.16.2 Skylights not exceeding 32 ft² (3.0 m²) shall be permitted to have a plastic cover.

9.3.17 Concealed Spaces.

9.3.17.1 Concealed Spaces Requiring Sprinkler Protection. Concealed spaces of exposed combustible construction shall be protected by sprinklers except in concealed spaces where sprinklers are not required to be installed by 9.2.1.1 through 9.2.1.19 and 9.2.2.

9.3.17.1.1* Concealed Space Design Requirements. Sprinklers in concealed spaces having no access for storage or other use shall be installed in accordance with the requirements for light hazard occupancy.

9.3.17.1.2 Localized Protection of Exposed Combustible Construction or Exposed Combustibles. When otherwise noncombustible or limited-combustible concealed spaces that would not require sprinkler protection have localized exposed combustible construction, or contain localized areas of exposed combustibles, the combustibles shall be permitted to be protected as follows:

- (1) If the exposed combustibles are in the vertical partitions or walls around all or a portion of the enclosure, a single row of sprinklers spaced not over 12 ft (3.7 m) apart nor more than 6 ft (1.8 m) from the inside of the partition shall be permitted to protect the surface. The first and last sprinklers in such a row shall not be over 5 ft (1.5 m) from the ends of the partitions.
- (2) If the exposed combustibles are in the horizontal plane, the area of the combustibles shall be permitted to be protected with sprinklers on a light hazard spacing. Additional sprinklers shall be installed no more than 6 ft (1.8 m) outside the outline of the area and not more than 12 ft (3.7 m) on center along the outline. When the outline returns to a wall or other obstruction, the last sprinkler shall not be more than 6 ft (1.8 m) from the wall or obstruction.

9.3.18 Spaces Under Ground Floors, Exterior Docks, and Platforms.

9.3.18.1 Unless the requirements of 9.2.2 are met, sprinklers shall be installed in spaces under all combustible ground floors and combustible exterior docks and platforms.

9.3.19 Exterior Projections.

9.3.19.1* Unless the requirements of 9.2.3.2, 9.2.3.3, or 9.2.3.4 are met, sprinklers shall be installed under exterior projections exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in width.

9.3.19.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under all exterior projections greater than 4 ft (1.2 m) where combustibles are stored.

9.3.20 Electrical Equipment.

N 9.3.20.1* Unless the requirements of 9.2.6 are met, sprinkler protection shall be required in electrical equipment rooms.

9.4 Use of Sprinklers.

9.4.1 General.

9.4.1.1* Sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with their listing.

9.4.1.2 Where no sprinklers are specifically listed for construction features or other special situations that require unusual water distribution, the requirements of 9.4.1.1 shall not apply and listed sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed in positions other than anticipated by their listing to achieve specific results.

9.4.1.3* Upright sprinklers shall be installed with the frame arms parallel to the branch line, unless specifically listed for other orientation.

9.4.1.4 Where solvent cement is used as the pipe and fittings bonding agent, sprinklers shall not be installed in the fittings prior to the fittings being cemented in place.

9.4.1.5 Protective Caps and Straps.

9.4.1.5.1* Protective caps and straps shall be removed using means that are in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

9.4.1.5.2* Protective caps and straps shall be removed from all sprinklers prior to the time when the sprinkler system is placed in service.

9.4.1.5.3 Protective caps and straps on all upright sprinklers or on any sprinklers installed more than 10 ft (3.0 m) above the floor shall be permitted to be removed from sprinklers immediately following their installation.

9.4.2 Temperature Ratings.

9.4.2.1* Unless the requirements of 9.4.2.2, 9.4.2.3, 9.4.2.4, or 9.4.2.5 are met, ordinary- and intermediate-temperature sprinklers shall be used throughout buildings.

9.4.2.2 Where maximum ceiling temperatures exceed 100°F (38°C), sprinklers with temperature ratings in accordance with the maximum ceiling temperatures of Table 7.2.4.1 shall be used.

9.4.2.3 High-temperature sprinklers shall be permitted to be used throughout ordinary and extra hazard occupancies, storage occupancies, and as allowed in this standard and other NFPA codes and standards.

9.4.2.4 Sprinklers of intermediate- and high-temperature classifications shall be installed in specific locations as required by 9.4.2.5.

9.4.2.5* The following practices shall be observed to provide sprinklers of other than ordinary-temperature classification unless other temperatures are determined or unless high-temperature sprinklers are used throughout, and temperature selection shall be in accordance with Table 9.4.2.5(a), Table 9.4.2.5(b), Table 9.4.2.5(c), and Figure 9.4.2.5:

- (1)* Sprinklers in the high-temperature zone shall be of the high-temperature classification, and sprinklers in the intermediate-temperature zone shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification.
- (2) Sprinklers located within 12 in. (300 mm) to one side or 30 in. (750 mm) above an uncovered steam main, heating coil, or radiator shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification.
- (3) Sprinklers within 7 ft (2.1 m) of a low-pressure blowoff valve that discharges free in a large room shall be of the high-temperature classification.
- (4) Sprinklers under glass or plastic skylights exposed to the direct rays of the sun shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification.
- (5) Sprinklers in an unventilated, concealed space, under an uninsulated roof, or in an unventilated attic shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification.
- (6) Sprinklers in unventilated show windows having high-powered electric lights near the ceiling shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification.
- (7) Sprinklers protecting commercial-type cooking equipment and ventilation systems shall be of the high- or extra high-temperature classification as determined by use of a temperature-measuring device. (See 8.9.6.)
- (8) Sprinklers protecting residential areas installed near specific heat sources identified in Table 9.4.2.5(c) shall be installed in accordance with Table 9.4.2.5(c).
- (9) Ordinary-temperature sprinklers located adjacent to a heating duct that discharges air that is less than 100°F (38°C) are not required to be separated in accordance with Table 9.4.2.5(a) or Table 9.4.2.5(c).
- (10) Sprinklers in walk-in type coolers and freezers with automatic defrosting shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification or higher.
- (11) Sprinklers in closets containing ventless clothes dryers shall be of the intermediate-temperature classification or higher.

9.4.2.6 In case of occupancy change involving temperature change, the sprinklers shall be changed accordingly.

9.4.2.7* The minimum temperature rating of ceiling sprinklers in general storage, rack storage, rubber tire storage, roll paper storage, and baled cotton storage applications shall be 150°F (66°C).

9.4.3 Thermal Sensitivity.

9.4.3.1* Sprinklers in light hazard occupancies shall be one of the following:

- (1) Quick-response type as defined in 3.3.205.4.16

- (2) Residential sprinklers in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 12
- (3) Quick response CMSA sprinklers
- (4) ESFR sprinklers
- (5) Standard-response sprinklers used for modifications or additions to existing light hazard systems equipped with standard-response sprinklers
- (6) Standard-response sprinklers used where individual standard-response sprinklers are replaced in existing light hazard systems

9.4.3.2 Where quick-response sprinklers are installed, all sprinklers within a compartment shall be quick-response unless otherwise permitted in 9.4.3.3, 9.4.3.4, or 9.4.3.5.

9.4.3.3 Where there are no listed quick-response sprinklers in the temperature range required, standard-response sprinklers shall be permitted to be used.

9.4.3.4 The provisions of 9.4.3.2 shall not apply to in-rack sprinklers.

9.4.3.5 In other than light hazard occupancies, where a sprinkler carries a listing for both standard-response protection and quick-response protection at different coverage areas, that sprinkler shall be permitted to be installed within a compartment at the spacing for both the quick-response and standard-response listings without any separation between the areas so covered.

9.4.3.6 When existing light hazard systems are converted to use quick-response or residential sprinklers, all sprinklers in a compartment shall be changed.

9.4.4 Sprinklers with K-Factors Less than K-5.6 (80).

9.4.4.1 Sprinklers shall have a minimum nominal K-factor of 5.6 (80) unless otherwise permitted by 9.4.4.

9.4.4.2 For light hazard occupancies, sprinklers having a nominal K-factor smaller than K-5.6 (80) shall be permitted, subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The system shall be hydraulically calculated.
- (2) Sprinklers with nominal K-factors of less than K-5.6 (80) shall be installed only in wet pipe sprinkler systems or in accordance with the limitations of 9.4.4.3 or 9.4.4.4.
- (3) A listed strainer shall be provided on the supply side of sprinklers with nominal K-factors of less than K-2.8 (40).

9.4.4.3 Sprinklers with nominal K-factors of less than K-5.6 (80) shall be permitted to be installed in conformance with 19.4.2 for protection against exposure fires.

9.4.4.4 Sprinklers with nominal K-factors of K-4.2 (57) shall be permitted to be installed on dry pipe and preaction systems protecting light hazard occupancies where piping is corrosion resistant or internally galvanized.

9.4.5 Thread Size Limitations. Sprinklers having a K-factor exceeding K-5.6 (80) and having ½ in. (15 mm) National Pipe Thread (NPT) shall not be installed in new sprinkler systems.

9.5 Position, Location, Spacing, and Use of Sprinklers.

9.5.1 General.

9.5.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located, spaced, and positioned in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.5.

Table 9.4.2.5(a) Temperature Ratings of Sprinklers Based on Distance from Heat Sources

Type of Heat Condition	Ordinary-Temperature Rating	Intermediate-Temperature Rating	High-Temperature Rating
(1) Heating ducts			
(a) Above	More than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	2 ft 6 in. or less (750 mm)	
(b) Side and below	More than 1 ft 0 in. (300 mm)	1 ft 0 in. or less (300 mm)	
(c) Diffuser	Any distance except as shown under Intermediate-Temperature Rating column	<i>Downward discharge:</i> Cylinder with 1 ft 0 in. (300 mm) radius from edge extending 1 ft 0 in. (300 mm) below and 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) above <i>Horizontal discharge:</i> Semicylinder or cylinder with 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) radius in direction of flow extending 1 ft 0 in. (300 mm) below and 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) above	
(2) Unit heater and radiant heater			
(a) Horizontal discharge		<i>Discharge side:</i> 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) to 20 ft 0 in. (6.1 m) radius pie-shaped cylinder (<i>see Figure 9.4.2.5</i>) extending 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) above and 2 ft 0 in. (600 mm) below heater; also 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) radius cylinder more than 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) above unit heater	7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) radius cylinder extending 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) above and 2 ft 0 in. (600 mm) below unit heater
(b) Vertical downward discharge (<i>for sprinklers below unit heater, see Figure 9.4.2.5</i>)		7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) radius cylinder extending upward from an elevation 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) above unit heater	7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) radius cylinder extending from the top of the unit heater to an elevation 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m) above unit heater
(3) Steam mains (uncovered)			
(a) Above	More than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	2 ft 6 in. or less (750 mm)	
(b) Side and below	More than 1 ft 0 in. (300 mm)	1 ft 0 in. or less (300 mm)	
(c) Blowoff valve	More than 7 ft 0 in. (2.1 m)		7 ft 0 in. or less (2.1 m)

Table 9.4.2.5(b) Temperature Ratings of Sprinklers in Specified Locations

Location	Ordinary-Temperature Rating	Intermediate-Temperature Rating	High-Temperature Rating
Skylights		Glass or plastic	
Attics	Do not use	Ventilated or unventilated	
Peaked roof: metal or thin boards, concealed or not concealed, insulated or uninsulated	Ventilated	Unventilated	
Flat roof: metal, not concealed	Ventilated or unventilated	Note: For uninsulated roof, climate and insulated or uninsulated occupancy can necessitate intermediate sprinklers. Check on job.	
Flat roof: metal, concealed, insulated or uninsulated	Ventilated	Unventilated	
Show windows	Ventilated	Unventilated	

Note: A check of job condition by means of thermometers might be necessary.

Table 9.4.2.5(c) Temperature Ratings of Sprinklers in Specified Residential Areas

Heat Source	Minimum Distance from Edge of Source to Ordinary-Temperature Sprinkler		Minimum Distance from Edge of Source to Intermediate-Temperature Sprinkler	
	in.	mm	in.	mm
Side of open or recessed fireplace	36	900	12	300
Front of recessed fireplace	60	1500	36	900
Coal- or wood-burning stove	42	1050	12	300
Kitchen range	18	450	9	225
Wall oven	18	450	9	225
Hot air flues	18	450	9	225
Uninsulated heat ducts	18	450	9	225
Uninsulated hot water pipes	12	300	6	150
Side of ceiling- or wall-mounted hot air diffusers	24	600	12	300
Front of wall-mounted hot air diffusers	36	900	18	450
Hot water heater or furnace	6	150	3	75
Light fixture:				
0 W–250 W	6	150	3	75
250 W–499 W	12	300	6	150

9.5.1.2 Sprinklers shall be positioned to provide protection of the area consistent with the overall objectives of this standard by controlling the positioning and allowable area of coverage for each sprinkler.

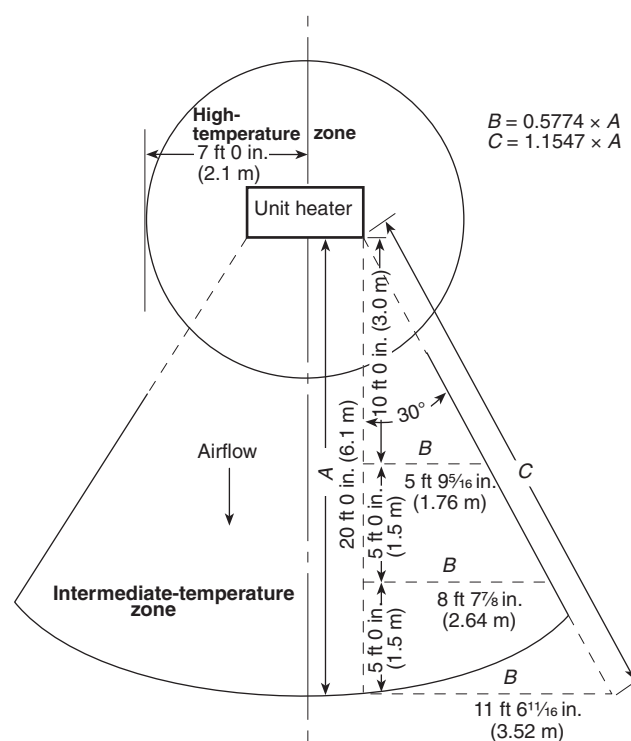
9.5.1.3 The requirements of 9.5.2 through 9.5.5 shall apply to all sprinkler types unless modified by more restrictive rules in Chapters 10 through 15.

9.5.2 Protection Areas per Sprinkler.

9.5.2.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage.

9.5.2.1.1 The protection area of coverage per sprinkler (A_s) shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Along branch lines as follows:
 - (a) Determine distance between sprinklers (or to wall or obstruction in the case of the end sprinkler on the branch line) upstream and downstream
 - (b) Choose the larger of either twice the distance to the wall or the distance to the next sprinkler
 - (c) Define dimension as S
- (2) Between branch lines as follows:
 - (a) Determine perpendicular distance to the sprinkler on the adjacent branch line (or to a wall or obstruction in the case of the last branch line) on each side of the branch line on which the subject sprinkler is positioned
 - (b) Choose the larger of either twice the distance to the wall or obstruction or the distance to the next sprinkler
 - (c) Define dimension as L

**FIGURE 9.4.2.5 High-Temperature and Intermediate-Temperature Zones at Unit Heaters and Radiant Heaters.**

9.5.2.1.2 The protection area of coverage of the sprinkler shall be established by multiplying the S dimension by the L dimension, as follows:

[9.5.2.1.2]

$$A_s = S \times L$$

9.5.2.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

9.5.2.2.1 The maximum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in the section for each type or style of sprinkler.

9.5.2.2.2 The maximum area of coverage of any sprinkler shall not exceed 400 ft² (37 m²).

9.5.3 Sprinkler Spacing.

9.5.3.1 Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers.

9.5.3.1.1 The maximum distance permitted between sprinklers shall be based on the centerline distance between adjacent sprinklers.

9.5.3.1.2 The maximum distance shall be measured along the slope of the ceiling.

9.5.3.1.3 The maximum distance permitted between sprinklers shall comply with the value indicated in the applicable section for each type or style of sprinkler.

9.5.3.2 Maximum Distance from Walls.

9.5.3.2.1 The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable maximum distance between sprinklers.

9.5.3.2.2 The distance from the wall to the sprinkler shall be measured perpendicular to the wall.

9.5.3.2.3 The distance from the wall to the sprinkler shall be measured to the wall behind furniture, such as wardrobes, cabinets, and trophy cases.

9.5.3.2.4 The distance from the wall to the sprinkler shall be measured to the wall when sprinklers are spaced near windows and no additional floor space is created.

9.5.3.3 Minimum Distance from Walls.

9.5.3.3.1 The minimum distance permitted between a sprinkler and the wall shall comply with the value indicated in the applicable section for each type or style of sprinkler.

9.5.3.3.2 The distance from the wall to the sprinkler shall be measured perpendicular to the wall.

9.5.3.4 Minimum Distance Between Sprinklers.

9.5.3.4.1 A minimum distance shall be maintained between sprinklers to prevent operating sprinklers from wetting adjacent sprinklers and to prevent skipping of sprinklers.

9.5.3.4.2 The minimum distance permitted between sprinklers shall comply with the value indicated in the applicable section for each type or style of sprinkler.

9.5.4 Deflector Position.

9.5.4.1* Distance Below Ceilings.

9.5.4.1.1 The distances between the sprinkler deflector and the ceiling above shall be selected based on the type of sprinkler and the type of construction.

9.5.4.1.2 Corrugated Metal Deck Roofs.

9.5.4.1.2.1 For corrugated metal deck roofs up to 3 in. (75 mm) in depth, the distance shall be measured to the sprinkler from the bottom of the deck.

9.5.4.1.2.2 For decks deeper than 3 in. (75 mm), the distance shall be measured to the highest point on the deck.

9.5.4.1.3 For ceilings that have insulation installed directly against underside of the ceiling or roof structure, the deflector distance shall be measured from the bottom of the insulation and shall be in accordance with 9.5.4.1.3.1, 9.5.4.1.3.2, and 9.5.4.1.3.3.

9.5.4.1.3.1 Insulation used to measure sprinkler deflector distance shall be batt insulation or insulation that withstands 3 lb/ft² (0.13 kg/m²) uplift force.

9.5.4.1.3.2 For insulation that is installed directly against the ceiling or roof structure and is installed flat and parallel to the ceiling or roof structure, the deflector distance shall be measured to the underside of the insulation.

9.5.4.1.3.3 For insulation that is installed in a manner that causes it to deflect or sag down from the ceiling or roof structure, the deflector distance shall be measured as half of the distance of the deflection from the insulation high point to the insulation low point.

(A) If the deflection or sag in the insulation exceeds 6 in. (150 mm), the deflector distance shall be measured to the high point of the insulation.

(B) The deflector shall not be positioned above the low point of the insulation.

9.5.4.1.4* Heat collectors shall not be used as a means to assist the activation of a sprinkler.

9.5.4.2 Deflector Orientation. Deflectors of sprinklers shall be aligned parallel to ceilings, roofs, or the incline of stairs.

9.5.5 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge.

9.5.5.1* Performance Objective. Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 9.5.5.2 and 9.5.5.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard. (See Figure A.9.5.5.1.)

9.5.5.2* Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

9.5.5.2.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with 9.5.5.2.

9.5.5.2.2 Sprinklers shall be positioned in accordance with the minimum distances and special requirements of Section 10.2 through Section 14.2 so that they are located sufficiently away from obstructions such as truss webs and chords, pipes, columns, and fixtures.

9.5.5.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard. Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with 9.5.5.3.

9.5.5.3.1* Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) in width.

N 9.5.5.3.1.1* Open grate flooring over 4 ft (1.2 m) in width shall require sprinkler protection below the grating.

9.5.5.3.1.2* Sprinklers located under obstructions shall comply with one of the following:

- (1) Installed below the obstruction
- (2) Installed adjacent to the obstruction not more than 3 in. (75 mm) from the outside edge of the obstruction

9.5.5.3.1.3 Where sprinklers are located adjacent to the obstruction, they shall be of the intermediate level rack type.

9.5.5.3.1.4 The deflector of automatic sprinklers installed under fixed obstructions shall be positioned no more than 12 in. (300 mm) below the bottom of the obstruction.

9.5.5.3.1.5 Sprinklers shall not be required under noncombustible obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide where the bottom of the obstruction is 24 in. (600 mm) or less above the floor or deck.

9.5.5.3.2* Sprinklers shall not be required under obstructions that are not fixed in place, such as conference tables.

9.5.5.3.3 Sprinklers installed under obstructions shall be of the same type (spray, CMSA, ESFR, residential) as installed at the ceiling except as permitted by 9.5.5.3.3.1.

9.5.5.3.3.1 Spray sprinklers shall be permitted to be utilized under overhead doors.

9.5.5.3.4* Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be of the intermediate level/rack storage type or otherwise shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

9.5.5.4 Closets. In all closets and compartments, including those closets housing mechanical equipment, that are not larger than 400 ft³ (11 m³) in size, a single sprinkler at the highest ceiling level shall be sufficient without regard to obstructions or minimum distance to the wall.

Chapter 10 Installation Requirements for Standard Pendent, Upright, and Sidewall Spray Sprinklers

10.1 General. Standard pendent, upright, and sidewall sprinklers shall be selected for use and installation as indicated in this chapter and shall be positioned and spaced in accordance with Section 9.5.

10.2 Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers.

10.2.1 General. All requirements of Section 9.5 shall apply to standard pendent and upright spray sprinklers except as modified in Section 10.2.

10.2.2 Upright and pendent spray sprinklers shall be permitted in all occupancy hazard classifications and building construction types unless the requirements of 9.3.2 apply.

10.2.3 Quick-response sprinklers shall not be permitted for use in extra hazard occupancies under the density/area design method.

10.2.4 Protection Areas per Sprinkler (Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers).

10.2.4.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage.

10.2.4.1.1 Except as permitted by 10.2.4.1.2, the protection area of coverage per sprinkler (A_s) shall be determined in accordance with 9.5.2.1.

Table 10.2.4.2.1(b) Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing of Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers for Ordinary Hazard

Construction Type	System Type	Protection Area		Maximum Spacing	
		ft ²	m ²	ft	m
All	All	130	12	15	4.6

10.2.4.1.2 The requirements of 10.2.4.1.1 shall not apply in a small room as defined in 3.3.196.

10.2.4.1.2.1 The protection area of coverage for each sprinkler in the small room shall be the area of the room divided by the number of sprinklers in the room.

10.2.4.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

10.2.4.2.1* The maximum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) through Table 10.2.4.2.1(d).

10.2.4.2.2 In any case, the maximum area of coverage of a sprinkler shall not exceed 225 ft² (20 m²).

Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing of Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers for Light Hazard

Construction Type	System Type	Maximum Protection Area		Maximum Spacing	
		ft ²	m ²	ft	m
Noncombustible unobstructed	Hydraulically calculated	225	20	15	4.6
Noncombustible unobstructed	Pipe schedule	200	18	15	4.6
Noncombustible obstructed	Hydraulically calculated	225	20	15	4.6
Noncombustible obstructed	Pipe schedule	200	18	15	4.6
Combustible unobstructed with no exposed members	Hydraulically calculated	225	20	15	4.6
Combustible unobstructed with no exposed members	Pipe schedule	200	18	15	4.6
Combustible unobstructed with exposed members 3 ft (910 mm) or more on center	Hydraulically calculated	225	20	15	4.6
Combustible unobstructed with exposed members 3 ft (910 mm) or more on center	Pipe schedule	200	18	15	4.6
Combustible unobstructed with members less than 3 ft (910 mm) on center	All	130	12	15	4.6
Combustible obstructed with exposed members 3 ft (910 mm) or more on center	All	168	16	15	4.6
Combustible obstructed with members less than 3 ft (910 mm) on center	All	130	12	15	4.6
Combustible concealed spaces in accordance with 10.2.6.1.4	All	120	11	15 parallel to the slope 10 perpendicular to the slope*	4.6 parallel to the slope 3.0 perpendicular to the slope*

*See 10.2.6.1.4.4.

Table 10.2.4.2.1(c) Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing of Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers for Extra Hazard

Construction Type	System Type	Protection Area		Maximum Spacing	
		ft ²	m ²	ft	m
All	Pipe schedule	90	8.4	12*	3.7*
All	Hydraulically calculated with density ≥ 0.25 gpm/ft ² (10.2 mm/min)	100	9	12*	3.7*
All	Hydraulically calculated with density < 0.25 gpm/ft ² (10.2 mm/min)	130	12	15	4.6

*In buildings where solid structural members create bays up to 25 ft (7.6 m) wide, maximum spacing between sprinklers is permitted up to 12 ft 6 in. (3.8 m).

Table 10.2.4.2.1(d) Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing of Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers for High-Piled Storage

Construction Type	System Type	Protection Area		Maximum Spacing	
		ft ²	m ²	ft	m
All	Hydraulically calculated with density ≥ 0.25 gpm/ft ² (10.2 mm/min)	100	9	12*	3.7*
All	Hydraulically calculated with density < 0.25 gpm/ft ² (10.2 mm/min)	130	12	15	4.6

*In buildings where solid structural members create bays up to 25 ft (7.6 m) wide, maximum spacing between sprinklers is permitted up to 12 ft 6 in. (3.8 m).

10.2.5 Sprinkler Spacing (Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers).

10.2.5.1 Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers. The maximum distance permitted between sprinklers shall comply with Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) through Table 10.2.4.2.1(d).

10.2.5.2 Maximum Distance from Walls.

10.2.5.2.1 The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance between sprinklers as indicated in Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) through Table 10.2.4.2.1(d).

10.2.5.2.2* The requirements of 10.2.5.2.1 shall not apply where walls are angled or irregular, and the maximum horizontal distance between a sprinkler and any point of floor area protected by that sprinkler shall not exceed 0.75 times the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers, provided the maximum perpendicular distance is not exceeded.

10.2.5.2.3* The requirements of 10.2.5.2.1 shall not apply within small rooms as defined in 3.3.196.

10.2.5.2.3.1 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be located not more than 9 ft (2.7 m) from any single wall.

10.2.5.2.3.2 Sprinkler spacing limitations of 10.2.5 and area limitations of Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) shall not be exceeded.

10.2.5.2.4 Under curved surfaces, the horizontal distance shall be measured at the floor level from the wall, or the intersection of the curved surface and the floor to the nearest sprinkler shall not be greater than one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.

10.2.5.3 Minimum Distances from Walls. Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from a wall.

10.2.5.4 Minimum Distances Between Sprinklers.

10.2.5.4.1 Unless the requirements of 10.2.5.4.2 or 10.2.5.4.3 are met, sprinklers shall be spaced not less than 6 ft (1.8 m) on center.

10.2.5.4.2 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed less than 6 ft (1.8 m) on center where the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors of upright sprinklers.
- (5) The bottoms of baffles shall extend downward to a level at least even with the deflectors of pendent sprinklers.

10.2.5.4.3 In-rack sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed less than 6 ft (1.8 m) on center.

10.2.6 Deflector Position (Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers).

10.2.6.1 Distance Below Ceilings.

10.2.6.1.1 Unobstructed Construction.

10.2.6.1.1.1 Under unobstructed construction, the distance between the sprinkler deflector and the ceiling shall be a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) and a maximum of 12 in. (300 mm) throughout the area of coverage of the sprinkler.

10.2.6.1.1.2 The requirements of 10.2.6.1.1.1 shall not apply where ceiling-type sprinklers (concealed, recessed, and flush types) have the operating element above the ceiling and the deflector located nearer to the ceiling where installed in accordance with their listing.

10.2.6.1.1.3 The requirements of 10.2.6.1.1.1 shall not apply for light and ordinary hazard occupancies with ceilings of noncombustible or limited-combustible construction where either 10.2.6.1.1.3(A) or 10.2.6.1.1.3(B) applies.

(A) Where a vertical change in ceiling elevation within the area of coverage of the sprinkler creates a distance of more than 36 in. (900 mm) between the upper ceiling and the sprinkler deflector, a vertical plane extending down from the ceiling at the change in elevation shall be considered a wall for the purpose of sprinkler spacing as shown in Figure 10.2.6.1.1.3(A).

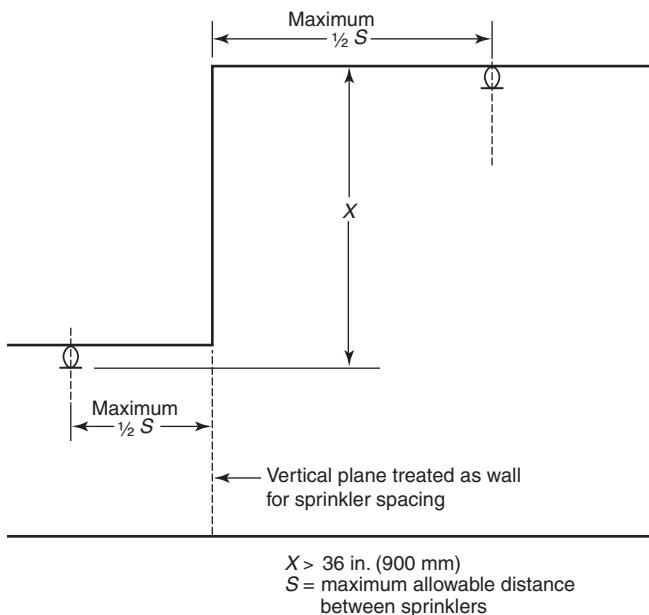


FIGURE 10.2.6.1.1.3(A) Vertical Change in Ceiling Elevation Greater Than 36 in. (900 mm).

(B) Where the distance between the upper ceiling and the sprinkler deflector is less than or equal to 36 in. (900 mm), the sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced as though the ceiling was flat, provided the obstruction rules are observed as shown in Figure 10.2.6.1.1.3(B).

10.2.6.1.2 Obstructed Construction. Under obstructed construction, the sprinkler deflector shall be located in accordance with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Installed with the deflectors within the horizontal planes of 1 in. to 6 in. (25 mm to 150 mm) below the structural members and a maximum distance of 22 in. (550 mm) below the ceiling/roof deck
- (2) Installed with the deflectors at or above the bottom of the structural member to a maximum of 22 in. (550 mm) below the ceiling/roof deck where the sprinkler is installed in conformance with 10.2.7.1.2
- (3) Installed in each bay of obstructed construction, with the deflectors located a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) and a maximum of 12 in. (300 mm) below the ceiling
- (4) Installed with the deflectors within the horizontal planes 1 in. to 6 in. (25 mm to 150 mm) below composite wood

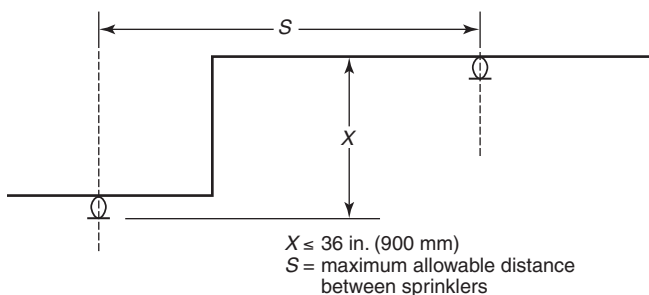


FIGURE 10.2.6.1.1.3(B) Vertical Change in Ceiling Elevation Less Than or Equal to 36 in. (900 mm).

joists to a maximum distance of 22 in. (550 mm) below the ceiling/roof deck only where joist channels are fire-stopped to the full depth of the joists with material equivalent to the web construction so that individual channel areas do not exceed 300 ft² (28 m²)

- (5)* Installed with deflectors of sprinklers under concrete tee construction with stems spaced less than 7½ ft (2.3 m) on centers, regardless of the depth of the tee, located at or above a horizontal plane 1 in. (25 mm) below the bottom of the stems of the tees and complying with Table 10.2.7.1.2

10.2.6.1.3 Peaked Roofs and Ceilings.

10.2.6.1.3.1 Unless the requirements of 10.2.6.1.3.2 or 10.2.6.1.3.3 are met, sprinklers under or near the peak of a roof or ceiling shall have deflectors located not more than 36 in. (900 mm) vertically down from the peak as indicated in Figure 10.2.6.1.3.1(a) and Figure 10.2.6.1.3.1(b).

10.2.6.1.3.2* Under saw-toothed roofs, sprinklers at the highest elevation shall not exceed a distance of 36 in. (900 mm) measured down the slope from the peak.

10.2.6.1.3.3* Under a steeply pitched surface, the distance from the peak to the deflectors shall be permitted to be increased to maintain a horizontal clearance of not less than 24 in. (600 mm) from other structural members as indicated in Figure 10.2.6.1.3.3.

10.2.6.1.4 Sprinklers under a roof or ceiling in combustible concealed spaces of wood joist or wood truss construction with members less than 3 ft (900 mm) on center with a slope having a pitch of 4 in 12 or greater shall be positioned in accordance with Figure 10.2.6.1.4 and the requirements of 10.2.6.1.4.1 through 10.2.6.1.4.6.

10.2.6.1.4.1 Sprinklers shall be quick-response.

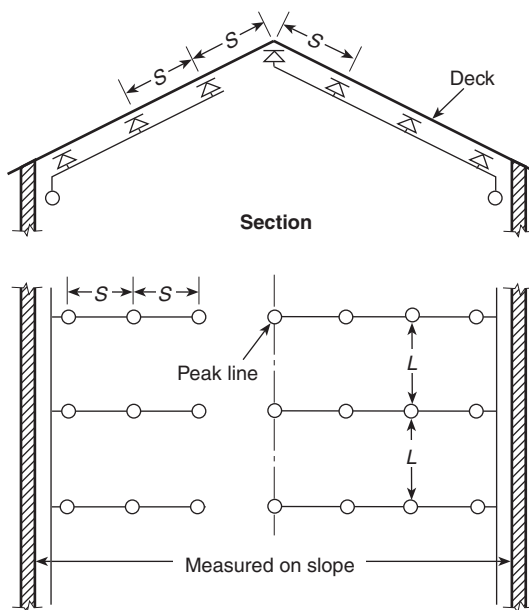


FIGURE 10.2.6.1.3.1(a) Sprinklers Under Pitched Roof with Sprinkler Directly Under Peak; Branch Lines Run Up Slopes.

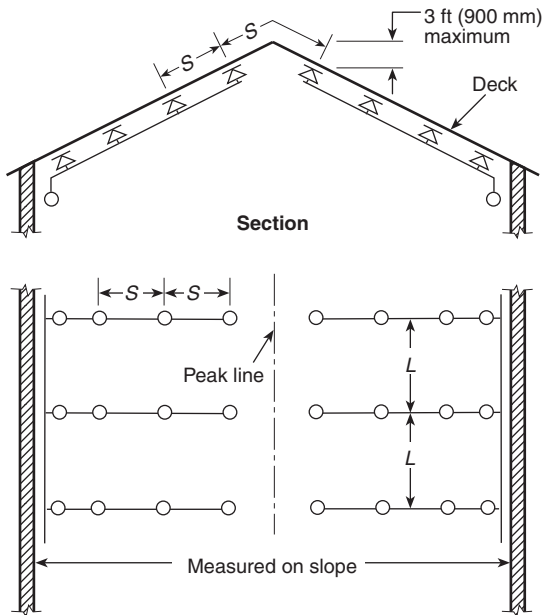


FIGURE 10.2.6.1.3.1(b) Sprinklers at Pitched Roof; Branch Lines Run Up Slopes.

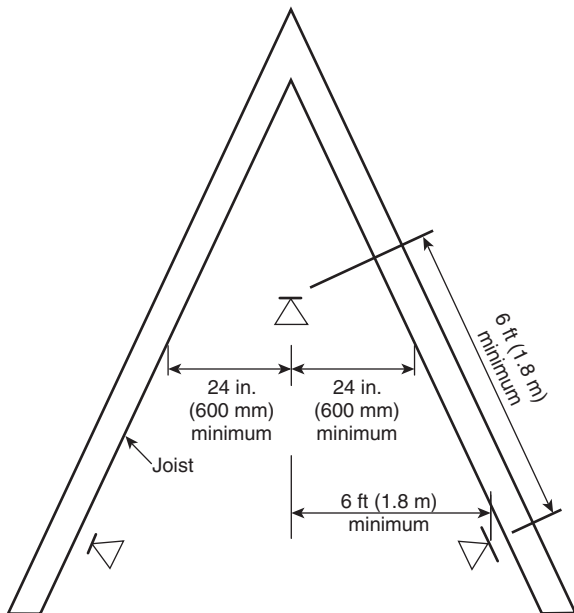


FIGURE 10.2.6.1.3.3 Horizontal Clearance for Sprinkler at Peak of Pitched Roof.

10.2.6.1.4.2 Sprinklers shall be installed so that a row of sprinklers is installed within 12 in. (300 mm) horizontally of the peak and between 1 in. and 12 in. (25 mm and 300 mm) down from the bottom of the top chord member.

10.2.6.1.4.3* Sprinklers shall be installed so that the sprinklers installed along the eave are located not less than 5 ft (1.5 m) from the intersection of the upper and lower truss chords or the wood rafters and ceiling joists.

10.2.6.1.4.4* Sprinklers installed where the dimension perpendicular to the slope exceeds 8 ft (2.4 m) shall have a minimum pressure of 20 psi (1.4 bar).

10.2.6.1.4.5* The requirements of 10.2.6.1.4.3 or 10.2.6.1.4.4 shall not apply to sprinklers installed at the corner of the eave of a hip type roof where located directly under the hip line spaced in accordance with 10.2.5.2.2 or located on the slope plane not less than 5 ft (1.5 m) from the intersection of the upper and lower truss chords or the wood rafters and ceiling joists on the eave and no more than 5 ft (1.5 m) from the hip line.

10.2.6.1.4.6 The special requirements of 10.2.4.2.1 and 10.2.6.1.4 shall not apply when the exposed combustible sheathing in the roof or ceiling space are constructed of pressure impregnated fire retardant-treated wood as defined by NFPA 703.

10.2.6.1.5 Double Joist Obstructions.

10.2.6.1.5.1 Unless the requirements of 10.2.6.1.5.2 are met, where two sets of joists are under a roof or ceiling, and no flooring is over the lower set, sprinklers shall be installed above and below the lower set of joists where a clearance of 6 in. (150 mm) or more is between the top of the lower joist and the bottom of the upper joist as indicated in Figure 10.2.6.1.5.1.

10.2.6.1.5.2 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from below the lower set of joists where at least 18 in. (450 mm) is maintained between the sprinkler deflector and the top of the lower joist.

10.2.6.2 Deflector Orientation.

10.2.6.2.1 Unless the requirements of 10.2.6.2.2 or 10.2.6.2.3 are met, deflectors of sprinklers shall be aligned parallel to ceilings, roofs, hips, or the incline of stairs.

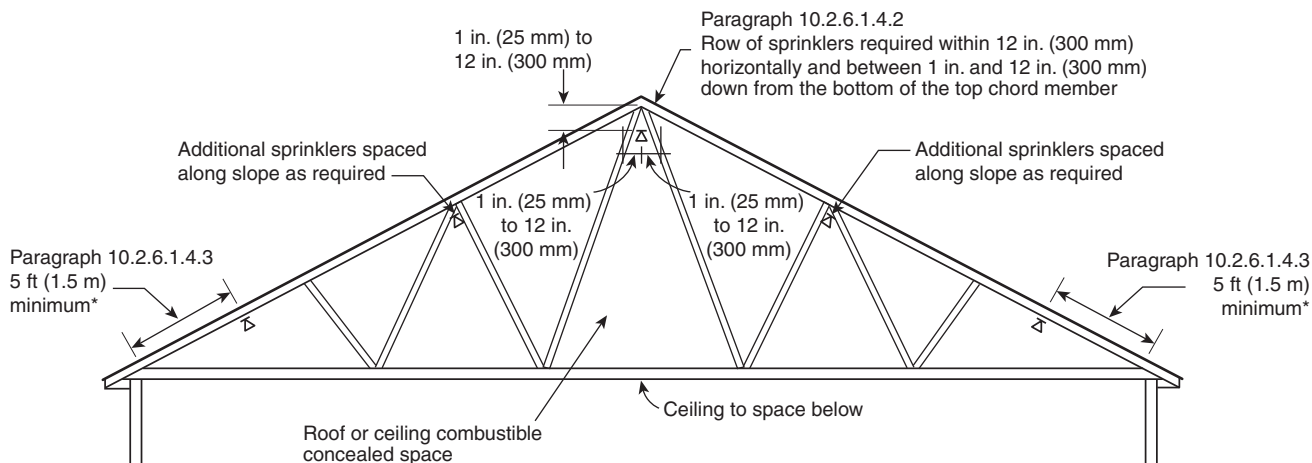
10.2.6.2.2 Where sprinklers are installed in the peak below a sloped ceiling or roof surface, the sprinkler shall be installed with the deflector horizontal.

10.2.6.2.3 Roofs having a pitch not exceeding 2 in 12 (16.7 percent) are considered horizontal in the application of 10.2.6.2, and sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed with deflectors horizontal.

10.2.7 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers).

10.2.7.1 Performance Objective.

10.2.7.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 10.2.7.2 and 10.2.7.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.



*The 5 ft minimum dimension is measured from the intersection of the upper and lower truss chords or the wood rafters and ceiling joists.

FIGURE 10.2.6.1.4 Sprinklers Under Roof or Ceiling in Combustible Concealed Spaces of Wood Joist or Wood Truss Construction with Members Less Than 3 ft (900 mm) on Center with a Slope Having a Pitch of 4 in 12 or Greater.

10.2.7.1.2* Sprinklers shall be arranged to comply with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Subsection 9.5.5.2, Table 10.2.7.1.2, and Figure 10.2.7.1.2(a) shall be followed.
- (2) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of obstructions not exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in width, provided the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers.
- (3) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 30 in. (750 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 10.2.7.1.2(b).
- (4) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 24 in. (600 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 10.2.7.1.2(c). The maximum distance between the sprinkler and the wall shall be measured from the sprinkler to the wall behind the obstruction and not to the face of the obstruction.

10.2.7.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

10.2.7.2.1 General.

10.2.7.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with 10.2.7.2.

10.2.7.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of 10.2.7.2, solid continuous obstructions, where the top of the obstruction is level with or above the plane of the deflector, shall meet the applicable requirements of 10.2.7.1.2.

10.2.7.2.1.3* Minimum Distance from Obstructions. Unless the requirements of 10.2.7.2.1.4 through 10.2.7.2.1.9 are met, sprinklers shall be positioned away from obstructions a minimum distance of three times the maximum dimension of the obstruction (e.g., structural members, pipe, columns, and

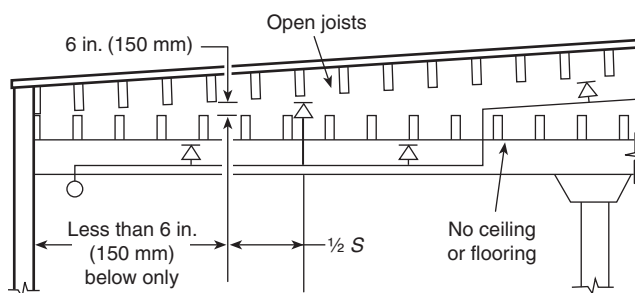


FIGURE 10.2.6.1.5.1 Arrangement of Sprinklers Under Two Sets of Open Joists — No Sheathing on Lower Joists.

fixtures) in accordance with Figure 10.2.7.2.1.3(a) and Figure 10.2.7.2.1.3(b).

(A) The maximum clear distance required shall be 24 in. (600 mm).

(B) The maximum clear distance shall not be applied to obstructions in the vertical orientation (e.g., columns).

10.2.7.2.1.4* For light and ordinary hazard occupancies, structural members only shall be considered when applying the requirements of 10.2.7.2.1.3.

10.2.7.2.1.5 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of the obstruction not exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in width, where the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.

10.2.7.2.1.6 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be located one-half the distance between the obstructions where the obstruction consists of open trusses 20 in. (500 mm) or greater apart [24 in. (600 mm) on center], provided that all truss members are not greater than 4 in. (100 mm) (nominal) in width.

Table 10.2.7.1.2 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions to Discharge [Standard Spray Upright/Standard Spray Pendent (SSU/SSP)]

Distance from Sprinklers to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft (300 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft (300 mm) to less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	2½ (65)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 2 ft (600 mm)	3½ (90)
2 ft (600 mm) to less than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	5½ (140)
2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	7½ (190)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m)	9½ (240)
3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	12 (300)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	14 (350)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	16½ (415)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	18 (450)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	20 (500)
6 ft (1.8 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m)	24 (600)
6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m) to less than 7 ft (2.1 m)	30 (750)
7 ft (2.1 m) to less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m)	35 (875)

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 0.3048 m.

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 10.2.7.1.2(a).

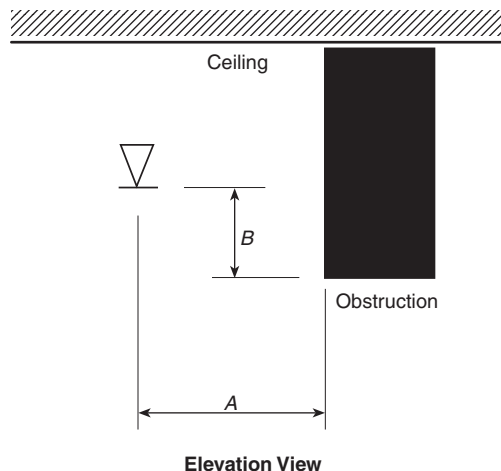


FIGURE 10.2.7.1.2(a) Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction to Discharge (SSU/SSP).

10.2.7.2.1.7 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed on the centerline of a truss or bar joist or directly above a beam, provided that the truss chord or beam dimension is not more than 8 in. (200 mm) and the sprinkler deflector is located at least 6 in. (150 mm) above the structural member and where the sprinkler is positioned at a distance three times greater than the maximum dimension of the web members away from the web members.

10.2.7.2.1.8 The requirements of 10.2.7.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinkler system piping less than 3 in. (80 mm) in diameter.

10.2.7.2.1.9 The requirements of 10.2.7.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinklers positioned with respect to obstructions in accordance with 10.2.7.1.2.

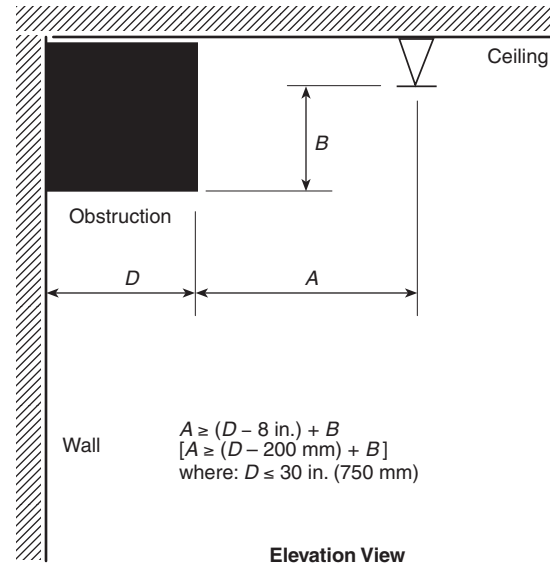


FIGURE 10.2.7.1.2(b) Obstruction Against Wall (SSU/SSP).

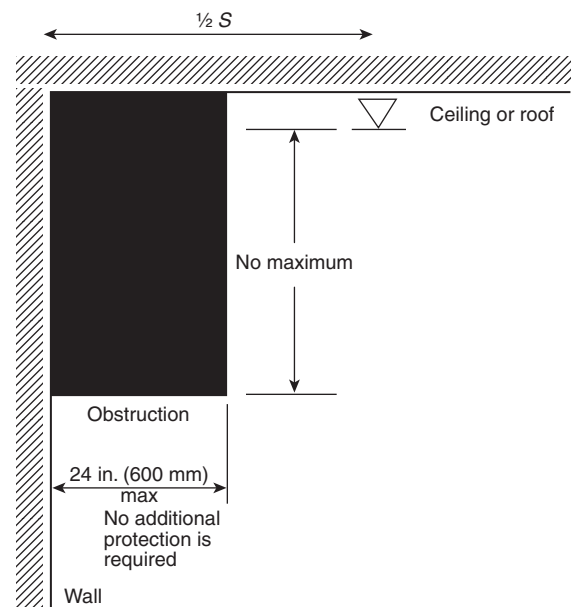


FIGURE 10.2.7.1.2(c) Obstructions Against Walls (SSU/SSP).

10.2.7.2.1.10* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed without regard to the blades of ceiling fans less than 60 in. (1.5 m) in diameter, provided the plan view of the fan is at least 50 percent open.

10.2.7.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Vertical Obstructions. The distance from sprinklers to privacy curtains, freestanding partitions, room dividers, and similar obstructions in light hazard occupancies shall be in accordance with Table 10.2.7.2.2 and Figure 10.2.7.2.2.

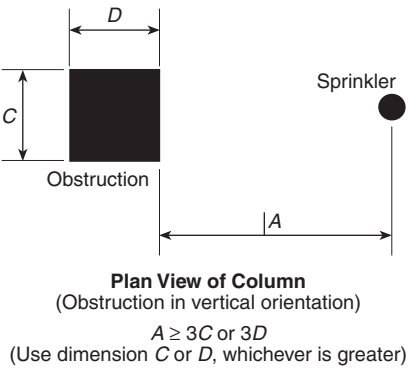


FIGURE 10.2.7.2.1.3(a) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Vertical Orientation (SSU/SSP).

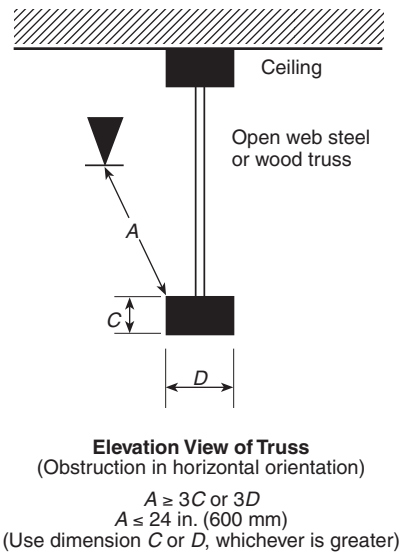


FIGURE 10.2.7.2.1.3(b) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Horizontal Orientation (SSU/SSP).

Table 10.2.7.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions in Light Hazard Occupancies Only (SSU/SSP)

Horizontal Distance (A)	Minimum Vertical Distance Below Deflector (B) [in. (mm)]
6 in. (150 mm) or less	3 (75)
More than 6 in. (150 mm) to 9 in. (225 mm)	4 (100)
More than 9 in. (225 mm) to 12 in. (300 mm)	6 (150)
More than 12 in. (300 mm) to 15 in. (375 mm)	8 (200)
More than 15 in. (375 mm) to 18 in. (450 mm)	9½ (240)
More than 18 in. (450 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm)	12½ (315)
More than 24 in. (600 mm) to 30 in. (750 mm)	15½ (390)
More than 30 in. (750 mm)	18 (450)

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 10.2.7.2.2.

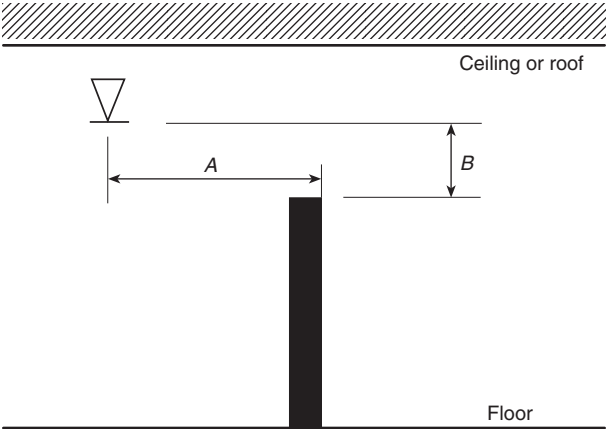


FIGURE 10.2.7.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstruction in Light Hazard Occupancies Only (SSU/SSP).

10.2.7.2.2.1* In light hazard occupancies, privacy curtains, as shown in Figure 10.2.7.2.2, shall not be considered obstructions where all of the following are met:

- (1) The curtains are supported by fabric mesh on ceiling track.
- (2) Openings in the mesh are equal to 70 percent or greater.
- (3) The mesh extends a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm) down from ceiling.

10.2.7.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

10.2.7.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with 10.2.7.3.

10.2.7.3.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide.

10.2.7.3.3 Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be of the intermediate level/rack storage type or otherwise shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

10.2.7.3.4 The deflector of automatic sprinklers installed under fixed obstructions shall be positioned no more than 12 in. (300 mm) below the bottom of the obstruction.

10.2.7.3.5 Sprinklers installed under round ducts shall be of the intermediate level/rack storage type or otherwise shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

10.2.8 Clearance to Storage (Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers).

10.2.8.1* The clearance between the deflector and the top of storage shall be 18 in. (450 mm) or greater.

10.2.8.2 The 18 in. (450 mm) dimension shall not limit the height of shelving on a wall or shelving against a wall in accordance with 10.2.8, 10.3.7, 11.2.6, and Sections 11.3 and 12.1.

10.2.8.2.1 Where shelving is installed on a wall and is not directly below sprinklers, the shelves, including storage thereon, shall be permitted to extend above the level of a plane located 18 in. (450 mm) below ceiling sprinkler deflectors.

10.2.8.2.2 Shelving, and any storage thereon, directly below the sprinklers shall not extend above a plane located 18 in. (450 mm) below the ceiling sprinkler deflectors.

10.2.8.3 Where other standards specify greater clearance to storage minimums, they shall be followed.

10.2.9 Ceiling Pockets (Standard Pendent and Upright Spray Sprinklers).

10.2.9.1* Except as provided in 10.2.9.2 and 10.2.9.3, sprinklers shall be required in all ceiling pockets.

10.2.9.2 Sprinklers shall not be required in ceiling pockets where all of the following are met:

- (1) The total volume of the unprotected ceiling pocket does not exceed 1000 ft³ (28 m³).
- (2) The depth of the unprotected ceiling pocket does not exceed 36 in. (900 mm).
- (3) The entire floor under the unprotected ceiling pocket is protected by sprinklers at the lower ceiling elevation.
- (4)* The total size of all unprotected ceiling pockets in the same compartment within 10 ft (3 m) of each other does not exceed 1000 ft³ (28 m³).
- (5) The unprotected ceiling pocket has noncombustible or limited-combustible finishes.
- (6) Quick-response sprinklers are utilized throughout the compartment.

10.2.9.3 Sprinklers shall not be required in skylights and similar pockets in accordance with 9.3.16.

10.3 Sidewall Standard Spray Sprinklers.

10.3.1 General. All requirements of Section 9.5 shall apply to sidewall standard spray sprinklers except as modified in Section 10.3.

10.3.2 Sidewall Spray Sprinklers. Sidewall sprinklers shall only be installed as follows:

- (1) Light hazard occupancies with smooth, horizontal or sloped, flat ceilings
- (2) Ordinary hazard occupancies with smooth, flat ceilings where specifically listed for such use
- (3) To protect areas below overhead doors
- (4) At the top and bottom of elevator hoistways
- (5) For the protection of steel building columns
- (6) Under obstructions that require sprinklers

10.3.3 Protection Areas per Sprinkler (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

10.3.3.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage.

10.3.3.1.1 The protection area of coverage per sprinkler (A_s) shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Along the wall as follows:
 - (a) Determine the distance between sprinklers along the wall (or to the end wall or obstruction in the case of the end sprinkler on the branch line) upstream and downstream
 - (b) Choose the larger of either twice the distance to the end wall or the distance to the next sprinkler
 - (c) Define dimension as S
- (2) Across the room as follows:
 - (a) Determine the distance from the wall on which the sprinkler is installed to the wall opposite the sprin-

klers or to the midpoint of the room where sprinklers are installed on two opposite walls (*see 10.3.4.1.5 and 10.3.4.1.6*)

- (b) Define dimension as L

10.3.3.1.2 The protection area of the sprinkler shall be established by multiplying the S dimension by the L dimension, as follows:

[10.3.3.1.2]

$$A_s = S \times L$$

10.3.3.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

10.3.3.2.1 The maximum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in Table 10.3.3.2.1.

10.3.3.2.2 In any case, the maximum area of coverage of a sprinkler shall not exceed 196 ft² (18 m²).

10.3.4 Sprinkler Spacing (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

10.3.4.1 Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers.

10.3.4.1.1 The maximum distance permitted between sidewall spray sprinklers shall be based on the centerline distance between sprinklers on the branch line.

10.3.4.1.2 The maximum distance between sidewall spray sprinklers or to a wall shall be measured along the slope of the ceiling.

10.3.4.1.3 Where sidewall spray sprinklers are installed along the length of a single wall of rooms or bays, they shall be spaced in accordance with the maximum spacing provisions of Table 10.3.3.2.1.

10.3.4.1.4 Sidewall spray sprinklers shall not be installed back-to-back without being separated by a continuous lintel or soffit.

10.3.4.1.4.1 The maximum width of the lintel or soffit shall not exceed 16 in. (400 mm).

10.3.4.1.4.2 The maximum width of the lintel or soffit can exceed 16 in. (400 mm) when a pendent sprinkler is installed under the lintel or soffit.

10.3.4.1.5 Where sidewall spray sprinklers are installed on two opposite walls or sides of bays, the maximum width of the room or bay shall be permitted to be up to 24 ft (7.3 m) for light hazard occupancy or 20 ft (6.1 m) for ordinary hazard occupancy, with spacing as required by Table 10.3.3.2.1.

10.3.4.1.6 Sidewall spray sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed on opposing or adjacent walls, provided no sprinkler is located within the maximum protection area of another sprinkler.

10.3.4.1.7 Where sidewall standard spray sprinklers are installed to protect areas below overhead doors within ordinary hazard occupancy spaces or rooms, protection area and maximum sprinkler spacing for light hazard as specified in Table 10.3.3.2.1 shall be permitted under the overhead doors.

10.3.4.2 Maximum Distance from Walls. The distance from sprinklers to the end walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers as indicated in Table 10.3.3.2.1.

10.3.4.3 Minimum Distance from Walls.

10.3.4.3.1 Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from an end wall.

10.3.4.4 Minimum Distance Between Sprinklers. Sprinklers shall be spaced not less than 6 ft (1.8 m) on center unless required by 10.3.5.1.3.1 or unless the sprinklers are separated by baffles that comply with the following:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors.
- (5) The bottoms of baffles shall extend downward to a level at least even with the deflectors.

10.3.5 Deflector Position from Ceilings and Walls (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

10.3.5.1 Distance Below Ceilings and from Walls.

10.3.5.1.1 Ceilings.

10.3.5.1.1.1 Unless the requirements of 10.3.5.1.1.2 are met, sidewall sprinkler deflectors shall be located not more than 6 in. (150 mm) or less than 4 in. (100 mm) from ceilings.

10.3.5.1.1.2 Horizontal sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be located in a zone 6 in. to 12 in. (150 mm to 300 mm) or 12 in. to 18 in. (300 mm to 450 mm) below noncombustible and limited-combustible ceilings where listed for such use.

10.3.5.1.2 Walls.

10.3.5.1.2.1* Vertical sidewall sprinkler deflectors shall be located not more than 6 in. (150 mm) or less than 4 in. (100 mm) from the wall from which they are projecting.

10.3.5.1.2.2 Horizontal sidewall sprinkler deflectors shall be located no more than 6 in. (150 mm), and shall be permitted to be located with their deflectors less than 4 in. (100 mm), from the wall on which they are mounted.

10.3.5.1.3 Lintels and Soffits.

10.3.5.1.3.1 Where soffits used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers exceed 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, additional sprinklers shall be installed below the soffit.

10.3.5.1.3.2* Where soffits used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers are less than or equal to 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, additional sprinklers shall not be required below the soffit when the sidewall sprinkler is installed on the soffit.

10.3.5.1.3.3* A sidewall sprinkler shall be permitted to be installed under a soffit when both the minimum distance from the sprinkler deflector to the bottom of the soffit and maximum distance from the sprinkler deflector to the high ceiling is maintained.

10.3.5.1.4* Soffits and Cabinets. Where soffits are used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers, the sprinklers and soffits shall be installed in accordance with 10.3.5.1.4.1, 10.3.5.1.4.2, or 10.3.5.1.4.3.

10.3.5.1.4.1 Where soffits exceed more than 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, pendent sprinklers shall be installed under the soffit.

10.3.5.1.4.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed in the face of a soffit located directly over cabinets, without requiring additional sprinklers below the soffit or cabinets, where the soffit does not project horizontally more than 12 in. (300 mm) from the wall.

10.3.5.1.4.3 Where sidewall sprinklers are more than 36 in. (900 mm) above the top of cabinets, the sprinkler shall be permitted to be installed on the wall above the cabinets where the cabinets are no greater than 12 in. (300 mm) from the wall.

10.3.5.2 Deflector Orientation.

10.3.5.2.1 Sidewall sprinklers, where installed under a sloped ceiling with a slope exceeding 2 in 12, shall be located at the high point of the slope and positioned to discharge downward along the slope.

10.3.6 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

10.3.6.1 Performance Objective.

10.3.6.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 9.5.5.2 and 9.5.5.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.

10.3.6.1.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall not be installed less than 4 ft (1.2 m) from light fixtures or similar obstructions unless the requirements of 10.3.6.1.2.1 or 10.3.6.1.2.2 are met.

Table 10.3.3.2.1 Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinkler)

	Light Hazard		Ordinary Hazard	
	Combustible Ceiling Finish	Noncombustible or Limited-Combustible Ceiling Finish	Combustible Ceiling Finish	Noncombustible or Limited-Combustible Ceiling Finish
Maximum distance along the wall (<i>S</i>) (ft) [m]	14 [4.3]	14 [4.3]	10 [3.0]	10 [3.0]
Maximum room width (<i>L</i>) (ft) [m]	12 [3.7]	14 [4.3]	10 [3.0]	10 [3.0]
Maximum protection area (ft ²) [m ²]	120 [11]	196 [18]	80 [7.4]	100 [9.3]

10.3.6.1.2.1 For obstructions such as light fixtures, where the greatest dimension of the obstruction is less than 2 ft (0.6 m), sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed at a minimum distance of three times the greatest dimension.

10.3.6.1.2.2 The bottom of light fixtures and similar obstructions located less than 4 ft (1.2 m) from the sprinkler shall be above the plane of the sprinkler deflector.

10.3.6.1.3 The distance between light fixtures or similar obstructions located 4 ft (1.2 m) or greater from the sprinkler shall be in conformity with Table 10.3.6.1.3 and Figure 10.3.6.1.3.

10.3.6.1.4 Obstructions projecting from the same wall as the one on which the sidewall sprinkler is mounted shall be in accordance with Table 10.3.6.1.4 and Figure 10.3.6.1.4.

10.3.6.1.4.1 Isolated obstructions projecting from the same wall as the one on which the sidewall sprinkler is mounted shall

Table 10.3.6.1.3 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers)

Distance from Sidewall Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	1 (25)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	2 (50)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	3 (75)
6 ft (1.8 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m)	4 (100)
6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m) to less than 7 ft (2.1 m)	6 (150)
7 ft (2.1 m) to less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m)	7 (175)
7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m) to less than 8 ft (2.4 m)	9 (225)
8 ft (2.4 m) to less than 8 ft 6 in. (2.6 m)	11 (275)
8 ft 6 in. (2.6 m) or greater	14 (350)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 10.3.6.1.3.

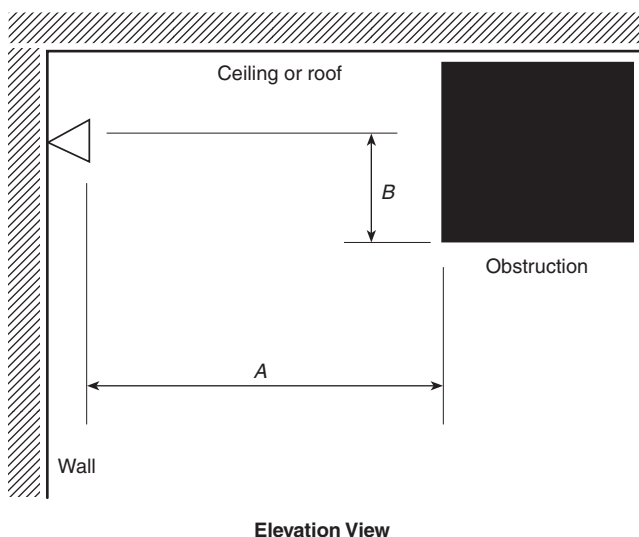


FIGURE 10.3.6.1.3 Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

Table 10.3.6.1.4 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions Along Wall (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers)

Distance from Sidewall Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
4 in. (100 mm) to less than 6 in. (150 mm)	1 (25)
6 in. (150 mm) to less than 1 ft (300 mm)	2 (50)
1 ft (300 mm) to less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	3 (75)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 2 ft (600 mm)	4½ (115)
2 ft (600 mm) to less than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	5¾ (145)
2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	7 (175)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m)	8 (200)
3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	9¼ (230)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	10 (250)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	11½ (290)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	12¾ (320)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	14 (350)
6 ft (1.8 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m)	15 (375)
6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m) to less than 7 ft (2.2 m)	16¼ (410)
7 ft (2.2 m) to less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m)	17½ (440)

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 0.3048 m.

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 10.3.6.1.4.

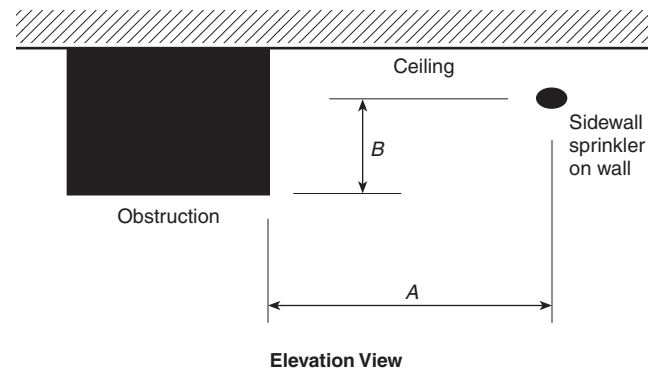


FIGURE 10.3.6.1.4 Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction Along Wall (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from the sidewall sprinkler.

10.3.6.1.5 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of obstructions less than 4 ft (1.2 m) in width where the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.

10.3.6.1.6* Obstructions on the wall opposite from the sidewall sprinkler shall be permitted where the obstruction is up to 2 ft (600 mm) deep and 2 ft (600 mm) wide.

10.3.6.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

10.3.6.2.1 General.

10.3.6.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with this section.

10.3.6.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of this section, solid continuous obstructions shall meet the requirements of 10.3.6.1.2 and 10.3.6.1.3.

10.3.6.2.1.3* Unless the requirements of 10.3.6.2.1.4 or 10.3.6.2.1.5 are met, sprinklers shall be positioned away from obstructions a minimum distance of three times the maximum dimension of the obstruction (e.g., truss webs and chords, pipe, columns, and fixtures) in accordance with Figure 10.3.6.2.1.3(a) and Figure 10.3.6.2.1.3(b).

(A) The maximum clear distance required to obstructions in the horizontal orientation (e.g., light fixtures and truss chords) shall be 24 in. (600 mm).

(B) The maximum clear distance shall not be applied to obstructions in the vertical orientation (e.g., columns).

10.3.6.2.1.4 The requirements of 10.3.6.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinkler system piping less than 3 in. (80 mm) in diameter.

10.3.6.2.1.5 The requirements of 10.3.6.2.1.3 shall not apply where sprinklers are positioned with respect to obstructions in accordance with 10.3.6.1.2, 10.3.6.1.3, and 10.3.6.1.4.

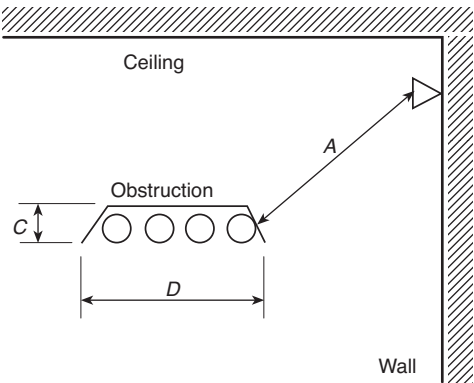
10.3.6.2.1.6* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed without regard to the blades of ceiling fans less than 60 in. (1.5 m) in diameter, provided the plan view of the fan is at least 50 percent open.

10.3.6.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Vertical Obstructions. The distance from sprinklers to privacy curtains, free-standing

partitions, room dividers, and similar obstructions in light hazard occupancies shall be in accordance with Table 10.3.6.2.2 and Figure 10.3.6.2.2.

10.3.6.2.2.1* In light hazard occupancies, privacy curtains, as shown in Figure 10.3.6.2.2, shall not be considered obstructions where all of the following are met:

- (1) The curtains are supported by fabric mesh on ceiling track.
- (2) Openings in the mesh are equal to 70 percent or greater.
- (3) The mesh extends a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm) down from ceiling.



Elevation View of Pipe Conduit or Light Fixture

$A \geq 3C \text{ or } 3D$
 $A \leq 24 \text{ in. (600 mm)}$

(Use dimension C or D, whichever is greater)

FIGURE 10.3.6.2.1.3(b) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Horizontal Orientation (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

Table 10.3.6.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers) in Light Hazard Occupancies Only

Horizontal Distance (A)	Minimum Vertical Distance Below Deflector (B) [in. (mm)]
6 in. (150 mm) or less	3 (75)
More than 6 in. (150 mm) to 9 in. (225 mm)	4 (100)
More than 9 in. (225 mm) to 12 in. (300 mm)	6 (150)
More than 12 in. (300 mm) to 15 in. (375 mm)	8 (200)
More than 15 in. (375 mm) to 18 in. (450 mm)	9½ (240)
More than 18 in. (450 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm)	12½ (315)
More than 24 in. (600 mm) to 30 in. (750 mm)	15½ (390)
More than 30 in. (750 mm)	18 (450)

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 10.3.6.2.2.

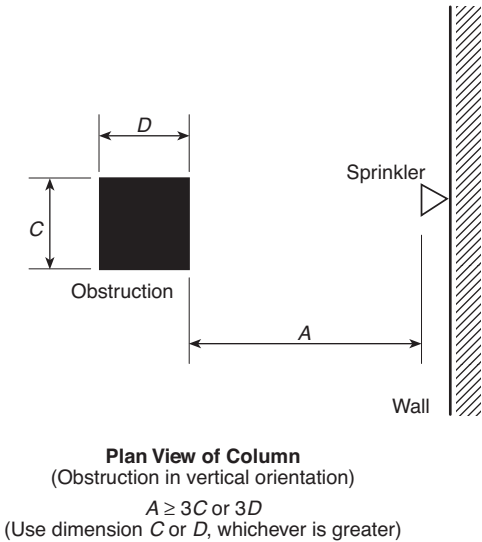


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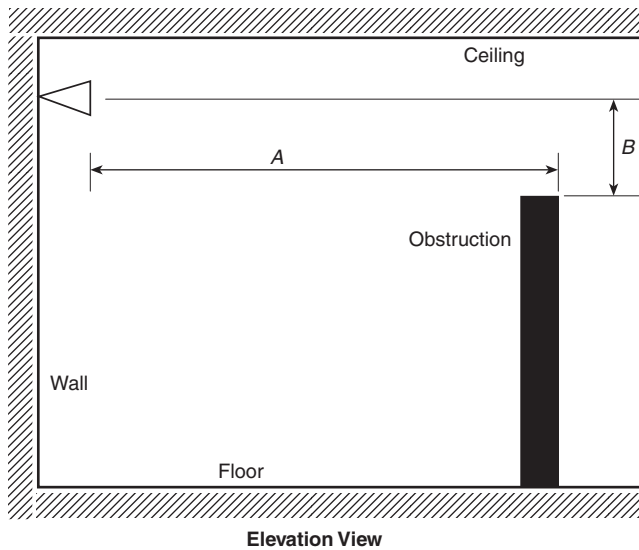


FIGURE 10.3.6.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstruction (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers) in Light Hazard Occupancy Only.

10.3.6.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

10.3.6.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with this section.

10.3.6.3.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide.

10.3.7* Clearance to Storage (Standard Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

10.3.7.1 The clearance between the deflector and the top of storage shall be 18 in. (450 mm) or greater.

10.3.7.2 The 18 in. (450 mm) dimension shall not limit the height of shelving on a wall or shelving against a wall in accordance with 10.3.7.

10.3.7.2.1 Where shelving is installed on a wall and is not directly below sprinklers, the shelves, including storage thereon, shall be permitted to extend above the level of a plane located 18 in. (450 mm) below ceiling sprinkler deflectors.

10.3.7.2.2 Shelving, and any storage thereon, directly below the sprinklers shall not extend above a plane located 18 in. (450 mm) below the ceiling sprinkler deflectors.

Chapter 11 Installation Requirements for Extended Coverage Upright, Pendent, Sidewall Spray Sprinkler

11.1 General. Extended coverage pendent, upright, and sidewall sprinklers shall be selected for use and installation as indicated in this chapter and shall be positioned and spaced in accordance with Section 9.5.

11.2 Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers.

11.2.1 Extended Coverage Sprinklers. Extended coverage sprinklers shall only be installed as follows:

- (1) In unobstructed construction consisting of flat, smooth ceilings with a slope not exceeding a pitch of 1 in 6 (a rise of 2 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 16.7 percent)
- (2) In unobstructed or noncombustible obstructed construction, where specifically listed for such use
- (3) Within trusses or bar joists having web members not greater than 1 in. (25 mm) maximum dimension or where trusses are spaced greater than 7½ ft (2.3 m) on center and where the ceiling slope does not exceed a pitch of 1 in 6 (a rise of 2 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 16.7 percent)
- (4) Extended coverage upright and pendent sprinklers installed under smooth, flat ceilings that have slopes not exceeding a pitch of 1 in 3 (a rise of 4 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 33.3 percent), where specifically listed for such use
- (5) Extended coverage sidewall sprinklers installed in accordance with 11.3.5.2.1 in slopes exceeding a ceiling pitch of 2 in 12
- (6) In each bay of obstructed construction consisting of solid structural members that extend below the deflector of the sprinkler
- (7) Extended coverage sprinklers installed to protect areas below a single overhead door(s)

11.2.2 Protection Areas per Sprinkler (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

11.2.2.1* Determination of Protection Area of Coverage.

11.2.2.1.1 The protection area of coverage (A_c) for extended coverage sprinklers shall be not less than that prescribed by the listing.

11.2.2.1.2 Listing dimensions shall be even-numbered square protection areas as shown in Table 11.2.2.1.2.

11.2.2.1.3 Determination of the protection area of coverage and sprinkler spacing for sprinklers listed for extended coverage extra hazard or high-piled storage shall be permitted to be spaced in accordance with the requirements of 9.5.2 and 9.5.3 and shall not exceed 14 ft (4.3 m) maximum spacing and 196 ft² (18 m²) maximum area per sprinkler or 15 ft (4.6 m) maximum spacing and 144 ft² (13 m²) maximum area per sprinkler.

11.2.2.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

11.2.2.2.1* The maximum allowable area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in Table 11.2.2.1.2.

11.2.2.2.2 In any case, the maximum area of coverage of a sprinkler shall not exceed 400 ft² (37 m²).

11.2.3 Sprinkler Spacing (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

11.2.3.1 Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers.

11.2.3.1.1 The maximum distance permitted between sprinklers shall be based on the centerline distance between sprinklers on the branch line or on adjacent branch lines.

11.2.3.1.2 The maximum distance shall be measured along the slope of the ceiling.

11.2.3.1.3 The maximum distance permitted between sprinklers shall comply with Table 11.2.2.1.2.

Table 11.2.2.1.2 Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers)

Construction Type	Light Hazard		Ordinary Hazard		Extra Hazard		High-Piled Storage	
	Protection Area [ft ² (m ²)]	Spacing [ft (m)]	Protection Area [ft ² (m ²)]	Spacing [ft (m)]	Protection Area [ft ² (m ²)]	Spacing [ft (m)]	Protection Area [ft ² (m ²)]	Spacing [ft (m)]
Unobstructed	400 (37)	20 (6.1)	400 (37)	20 (6.1)	—	—	—	—
	324 (30)	18 (5.5)	324 (30)	18 (5.5)	—	—	—	—
	256 (24)	16 (4.9)	256 (24)	16 (4.9)	—	—	—	—
	—	—	196 (18)	14 (4.3)	196 (18)	14 (4.3)	196 (18)	14 (4.3)
	—	—	144 (13)	12 (3.7)	144 (13)	15 (4.6)	144 (13)	15 (4.6)
Obstructed noncombustible (when specifically listed for such use)	400 (37)	20 (6.1)	400 (37)	20 (6.1)	—	—	—	—
	324 (30)	18 (5.5)	324 (30)	18 (5.5)	—	—	—	—
	256 (24)	16 (4.9)	256 (24)	16 (4.9)	—	—	—	—
	—	—	196 (18)	14 (4.3)	196 (18)	14 (4.3)	196 (18)	14 (4.3)
	—	—	144 (13)	12 (3.7)	144 (13)	15 (4.6)	144 (13)	15 (4.6)
Obstructed combustible	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11.2.3.2 Maximum Distance from Walls.

11.2.3.2.1 The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers as indicated in Table 11.2.2.1.2.

11.2.3.2.2 The distance from the wall to the sprinkler shall be measured perpendicular to the wall.

11.2.3.2.3 Where walls are angled or irregular, the maximum horizontal distance between a sprinkler and any point of floor area protected by that sprinkler shall not exceed 0.75 times the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers.

11.2.3.3 Minimum Distance from Walls. Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from a wall unless listed for distances less than 4 in. (100 mm).

11.2.3.4 Minimum Distance Between Sprinklers.

11.2.3.4.1 Unless the requirements of 11.2.3.4.2 are met, sprinklers shall be spaced not less than 8 ft (2.4 m) on center.

11.2.3.4.2 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed less than 8 ft (2.4 m) on center where the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors of upright sprinklers.
- (5) The bottoms of baffles shall extend downward to a level at least even with the deflectors of pendent sprinklers.

11.2.4 Deflector Position (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).**11.2.4.1 Distance Below Ceilings.****11.2.4.1.1 Unobstructed Construction.**

11.2.4.1.1.1 Under unobstructed construction, the distance between the sprinkler deflector and the ceiling shall be a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) and a maximum of 12 in. (300 mm) throughout the area of coverage of the sprinkler.

11.2.4.1.1.2 The requirements of 11.2.4.1.1.1 shall not apply where ceiling-type sprinklers (concealed, recessed, and flush types) have the operating element above the ceiling and the deflector located nearer to the ceiling where installed in accordance with their listing.

11.2.4.1.1.3 The requirements of 11.2.4.1.1.1 shall not apply where sprinklers are listed for use under other ceiling construction features or for different distances where they shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with their listing.

11.2.4.1.1.4 The requirements of 11.2.4.1.1.1 shall not apply for light and ordinary hazard occupancies with ceilings of noncombustible or limited-combustible construction.

(A)* Where a vertical change in ceiling elevation within the area of coverage of the sprinkler creates a distance of more than 36 in. (900 mm) between the upper ceiling and the sprinkler deflector, a vertical plane extending down from the ceiling

at the change in elevation shall be considered a wall for the purpose of sprinkler spacing.

(B)* Where the distance between the upper ceiling and the sprinkler deflector is less than or equal to 36 in. (900 mm), the sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced as though the ceiling were flat, provided the obstruction rules are observed.

11.2.4.1.2 Obstructed Construction. Under obstructed construction, the sprinkler deflector shall be located in accordance with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Installed with the deflectors within the horizontal planes of 1 in. to 6 in. (25 mm to 150 mm) below noncombustible structural members and a maximum distance of 22 in. (550 mm) below the ceiling/roof deck
- (2) Installed with the deflectors at or above the bottom of noncombustible structural member to a maximum of 22 in. (550 mm) below the noncombustible ceiling/roof deck where the sprinkler is installed in conformance with 11.2.5.1.2
- (3) Installed in each bay of combustible or noncombustible obstructed construction, with the deflectors located a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) and a maximum of 12 in. (300 mm) below the ceiling
- (4) Installed in accordance with their listing where sprinklers are listed for use under other ceiling construction features or for different distances

11.2.4.1.3* Peaked Roofs and Ceilings. Sprinklers under or near the peak of a roof or ceiling shall have deflectors located not more than 3 ft (900 mm) vertically down from the peak in accordance with Figure 10.2.6.1.3.1(a) and Figure 10.2.6.1.3.1(b).

11.2.4.2 Deflector Orientation. Deflectors of sprinklers shall be aligned parallel to ceilings or roofs.

11.2.4.2.1 Roofs and ceilings having a pitch not exceeding 2 in 12 (16.7 percent) are considered horizontal in the application of 11.2.4.2, and sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed with deflectors horizontal.

11.2.5 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).**11.2.5.1 Performance Objective.**

11.2.5.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 11.2.5.2 and 11.2.5.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.

11.2.5.1.2* Sprinklers shall be arranged to comply with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be in accordance with 9.5.5.2, Table 11.2.5.1.2, and Figure 11.2.5.1.2(a).
- (2) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of obstructions not exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in width provided the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers.
- (3) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 30 in. (750 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 11.2.5.1.2(b).
- (4) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 24 in. (600 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 11.2.5.1.2(c). The

maximum distance between the sprinkler and the wall shall be measured from the sprinkler to the wall behind the obstruction and not to the face of the obstruction.

11.2.5.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

11.2.5.2.1 General.

11.2.5.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector

Table 11.2.5.1.2 Position of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions to Discharge (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers)

Distance from Sprinklers to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft (300 m)	0 (0)
1 ft (300 m) to less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 m)	0 (0)
1 ft 6 in. (450 m) to less than 2 ft (600 m)	1 (25)
2 ft (600 m) to less than 2 ft 6 in. (750 m)	1 (25)
2 ft 6 in. (750 m) to less than 3 ft (900 m)	1 (25)
3 ft (900 m) to less than 3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m)	3 (75)
3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	3 (75)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	5 (125)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	7 (175)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	7 (175)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	7 (175)
6 ft (1.8 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2 m)	9 (225)
6 ft 6 in. (2 m) to less than 7 ft (2.1 m)	11 (275)
7 ft (2.1 m) to less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m)	14 (350)
7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m) to less than 8 ft (2.4 m)	14 (350)
8 ft (2.4 m) to less than 8 ft 6 in. (2.6 m)	15 (375)
8 ft 6 in. (2.6 m) to less than 9 ft (2.7 m)	17 (425)
9 ft (2.7 m) to less than 9 ft 6 in. (2.9 m)	19 (475)
9 ft 6 in. (2.9 m) to less than 10 ft (3.0 m)	21 (525)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 11.2.5.1.2(a).

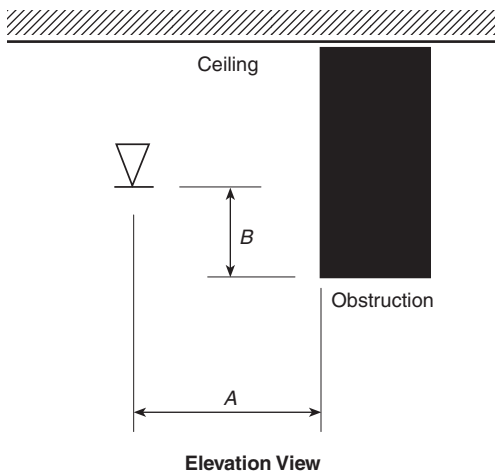


FIGURE 11.2.5.1.2(a) Position of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction to Discharge (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with 11.2.5.2.

11.2.5.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of this section, solid continuous obstructions shall meet the applicable requirements of 11.2.5.1.2.

11.2.5.2.1.3* Unless the requirements of 11.2.5.2.1.4 through 11.2.5.2.1.8 are met, sprinklers shall be positioned away from obstructions a minimum distance of four times the maximum dimension of the obstruction (e.g., truss webs and chords, pipe, columns, and fixtures) in accordance with Figure 11.2.5.2.1.3(a) and Figure 11.2.5.2.1.3(b).

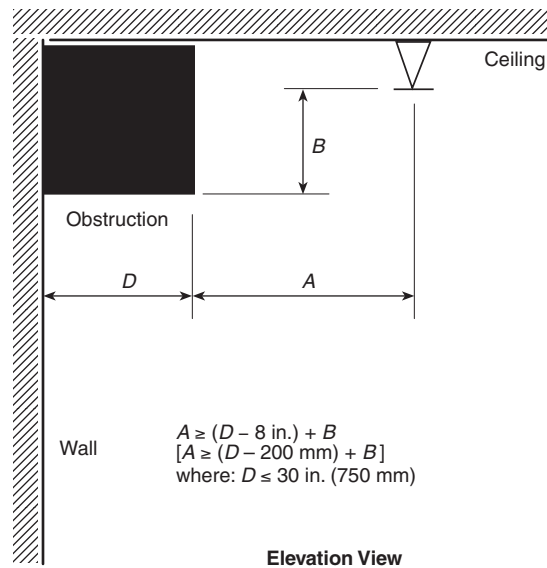


FIGURE 11.2.5.1.2(b) Obstructions Against Walls (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

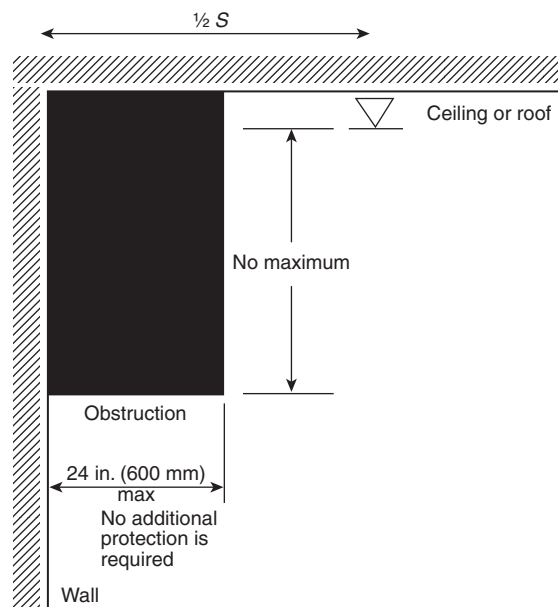


FIGURE 11.2.5.1.2(c) Obstructions Against Walls (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

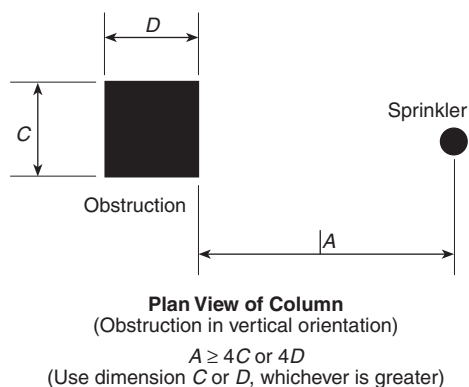


FIGURE 11.2.5.2.1.3(a) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Vertical Orientation (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinkler).

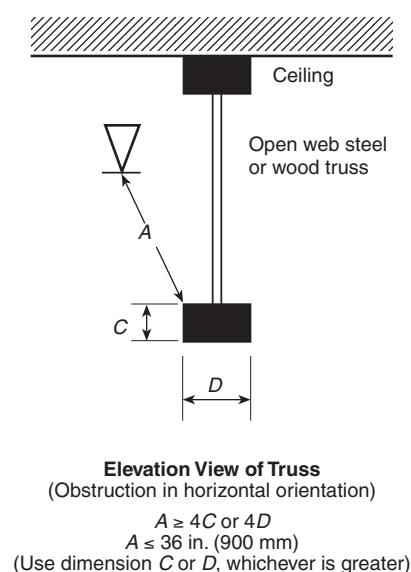


FIGURE 11.2.5.2.1.3(b) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Horizontal Orientation (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinkler).

(A) The maximum clear distance required to obstructions in the horizontal orientation (e.g., light fixtures and truss chords) shall be 36 in. (900 mm).

(B) The maximum clear distance shall not be applied to obstructions in the vertical orientation (e.g., columns).

11.2.5.2.1.4 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of the obstruction where the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.

11.2.5.2.1.5 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be located one-half the distance between the obstructions where the obstruction consists of wood bar joists 20 in. (500 mm) or greater apart, provided that the top and bottom chords of the wood bar joist are not greater than 4 in. (100 mm) (nominal) in width and bar members do not exceed 1 in. (25 mm) in width.

11.2.5.2.1.6 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed on the centerline of a truss or bar joist or directly above a beam, provided that the truss chord or beam, dimension is not more than 8 in. (200 mm) and the sprinkler deflector is located at least 6 in. (150 mm) above the structural member and where the sprinkler is positioned at a distance four times greater than the maximum dimension of the web members away from the web members.

11.2.5.2.1.7 The requirements of 11.2.5.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinkler system piping less than 3 in. (80 mm) in diameter.

11.2.5.2.1.8 The requirements of 11.2.5.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinklers positioned with respect to obstructions in accordance with 11.2.5.1.2.

11.2.5.2.1.9* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed without regard to the blades of ceiling fans less than 60 in. (1.5 m) in diameter, provided the plan view of the fan is at least 50 percent open.

11.2.5.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Vertical Obstructions. The distance from sprinklers to privacy curtains, freestanding partitions, room dividers, and similar obstructions in light hazard occupancies shall be in accordance with Table 11.2.5.2.2 and Figure 11.2.5.2.2.

11.2.5.2.2.1 In light hazard occupancies, privacy curtains, as shown in Figure 11.2.5.2.2, shall not be considered obstructions where all of the following are met:

- (1) The curtains are supported by fabric mesh on ceiling track.
- (2) Openings in the mesh are equal to 70 percent or greater.
- (3) The mesh extends a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm) down from ceiling.

11.2.5.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

11.2.5.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with 11.2.5.3.

11.2.5.3.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide.

11.2.5.3.3 Sprinklers shall not be required under obstructions that are not fixed in place such as conference tables.

11.2.5.3.4 Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be of the intermediate level/rack storage type or otherwise shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

11.2.5.3.5 Sprinklers installed under round ducts shall be of the intermediate level/rack storage type or otherwise shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

11.2.6* Clearance to Storage (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

11.2.6.1 The clearance between the deflector and the top of storage shall be 18 in. (450 mm) or greater.

11.2.6.2 Where other standards specify greater clearance to storage minimums, they shall be followed.

Table 11.2.5.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers) in Light Hazard Occupancies Only

Horizontal Distance (A)	Minimum Vertical Distance Below Deflector (B) [in. (mm)]
6 in. (150 mm) or less	3 (75)
More than 6 in. (150 mm) to 9 in. (225 mm)	4 (100)
More than 9 in. (225 mm) to 12 in. (300 mm)	6 (150)
More than 12 in. (300 mm) to 15 in. (375 mm)	8 (200)
More than 15 in. (375 mm) to 18 in. (450 mm)	9½ (240)
More than 18 in. (450 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm)	12½ (315)
More than 24 in. (600 mm) to 30 in. (750 mm)	15½ (390)
More than 30 in. (750 mm)	18 (450)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 11.2.5.2.2.

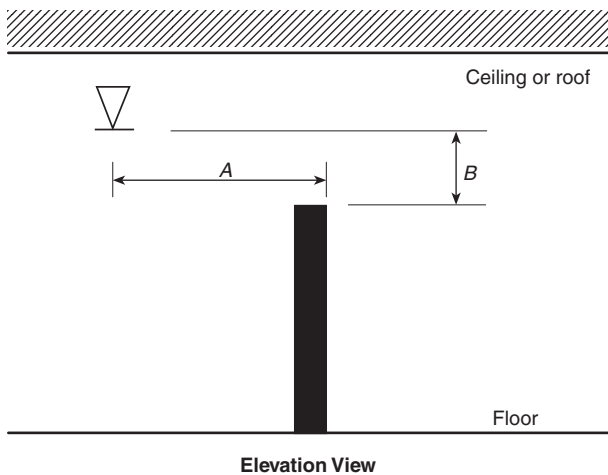


FIGURE 11.2.5.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstruction (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers) in Light Hazard Occupancy Only.

11.2.7 Clearance to Storage (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

11.2.7.1* The clearance between the deflector and top of storage shall be 18 in. (460 mm) or greater.

N 11.2.7.2 The 18 in. (460 mm) dimension shall not limit the height of shelving on a wall or shelving against a wall in accordance with 11.2.7.

N 11.2.7.2.1 Where shelving is installed on a wall and is not directly below sprinklers, the shelves, including storage thereon, shall be permitted to extend above the level of a plane located 18 in. (460 mm) below ceiling sprinkler deflectors.

N 11.2.7.2.2 Shelving, and any storage thereon, directly below the sprinklers shall not extend above a plane located 18 in. (460 mm) below the ceiling sprinkler deflectors.

11.2.8 Ceiling Pockets (Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

11.2.8.1 Except as allowed in 11.2.8.2 and 11.2.8.3, sprinklers shall be required in all ceiling pockets.

11.2.8.2 Sprinklers shall not be required in ceiling pockets where all of the following are met:

- (1) The total volume of the unprotected ceiling pocket does not exceed 1000 ft³ (28 m³).
- (2) The depth of the unprotected ceiling pocket does not exceed 36 in. (900 mm).
- (3) The entire floor under the unprotected ceiling pocket is protected by sprinklers at the lower ceiling elevation.
- (4)* The total size of all unprotected ceiling pockets in the same compartment within 10 ft (3 m) of each other does not exceed 1000 ft³ (28 m³).
- (5) The unprotected ceiling pocket has noncombustible or limited-combustible finishes.
- (6) Quick-response sprinklers are utilized throughout the compartment.

11.2.8.3 Sprinklers shall not be required in skylights and similar pockets in accordance with 9.3.16.

11.3* Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers.

11.3.1 General. All requirements of Section 9.5 shall apply to extended coverage sidewall spray sprinklers except as modified in Section 11.3.

N 11.3.2 Extended coverage sidewall spray sprinklers shall only be installed as follows:

- (1) Light hazard occupancies with smooth, horizontal or sloped, flat ceilings
- (2) Ordinary hazard occupancies with smooth, flat ceilings where specifically listed for such use
- (3) In unobstructed construction consisting of flat, smooth ceilings with a slope not exceeding a pitch of 1 in 6 (a rise of 2 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 16.7 percent)
- (4) In unobstructed or noncombustible obstructed construction, where specifically listed for such use
- (5) Within trusses or bar joists having web members not greater than 1 in. (25 mm) maximum dimension or where trusses are spaced greater than 7½ ft (2.3 m) on center and where the ceiling slope does not exceed a pitch of 1 in 6 (a rise of 2 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 16.7 percent)
- (6) Extended coverage sidewall sprinklers installed in accordance with 11.3.6.2.2 in slopes exceeding a ceiling pitch of 2 in 12
- (7) In each bay of obstructed construction consisting of solid structural members that extend below the deflector of the sprinkler
- (8) Extended coverage sprinklers installed to protect areas below a single overhead door(s)

11.3.3 Protection Areas per Sprinkler (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

11.3.3.1* Determination of Protection Area of Coverage.

11.3.3.1.1 The protection area of coverage per sprinkler (A_s) for extended coverage sidewall sprinklers shall be not less than that prescribed by the listing.

11.3.3.1.2 Listing dimensions shall be in 2 ft (600 mm) increments up to 28 ft (8.5 m).

Table 11.3.3.2.1 Protection Area and Maximum Spacing for Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers

Construction Type	Light Hazard				Ordinary Hazard			
	Protection Area		Spacing		Protection Area		Spacing	
	ft ²	m ²	ft	m	ft ²	m ²	ft	m
Unobstructed, smooth, flat	400	37	28	8.5	400	37	24	7.3

11.3.3.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

11.3.3.2.1 The maximum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in Table 11.3.3.2.1.

11.3.3.2.2 In any case, the maximum area of coverage of a sprinkler shall not exceed 400 ft² (37 m²).

11.3.4 Sprinkler Spacing (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).**11.3.4.1 Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers.**

11.3.4.1.1 The maximum distance permitted between sprinklers shall be based on the centerline distance between sprinklers on the branch line along the wall.

11.3.4.1.2 Where sprinklers are installed along the length of a single wall of rooms or bays, they shall be spaced in accordance with the maximum spacing provisions of Table 11.3.3.2.1.

11.3.4.1.3 Sidewall sprinklers shall not be installed back-to-back without being separated by a continuous lintel, soffit, or baffle.

11.3.4.1.4 Sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed on opposing or adjacent walls, provided no sprinkler is located within the maximum protection area of another sprinkler.

11.3.4.2 Maximum Distance from Walls. The distance from sprinklers to the end walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers as indicated in Table 11.3.3.2.1.

11.3.4.3 Minimum Distance from Walls.

11.3.4.3.1 Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from an end wall.

11.3.4.3.2 The distance from the wall to the sprinkler shall be measured perpendicular to the wall.

11.3.4.4 Minimum Distance Between Sprinklers. Sprinklers shall be not located within the maximum protection area of any other sprinkler unless required by 11.3.5.1.4.1 or separated by baffles that comply with the following:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors.
- (5) The bottoms of baffles shall extend downward to a level at least even with the deflectors.

11.3.5 Deflector Position from Ceilings and Walls (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).**11.3.5.1 Distance Below Ceilings and from Walls to Which Sprinklers Are Mounted.****11.3.5.1.1 Ceilings.**

11.3.5.1.1.1 Unless the requirements of 11.3.5.1.1.2 are met, sidewall sprinkler deflectors shall be located not more than 6 in. (150 mm) nor less than 4 in. (100 mm) from ceilings.

11.3.5.1.1.2 Horizontal sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be located in a zone 6 in. to 12 in. (150 mm to 300 mm) or 12 in. to 18 in. (300 mm to 450 mm) below noncombustible or limited-combustible ceilings where listed for such use.

11.3.5.1.2 Walls.

11.3.5.1.2.1* Sidewall sprinkler deflectors shall be located not more than 6 in. (150 mm) or less than 4 in. (100 mm) from walls on which they are mounted.

11.3.5.1.2.2 Horizontal sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be located with their deflectors less than 4 in. (100 mm) from the wall on which they are mounted.

11.3.5.1.3 Lintels and Soffits.

11.3.5.1.3.1* Where soffits used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers are less than or equal to 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, additional sprinklers shall not be required below the soffit.

11.3.5.1.3.2* A sidewall sprinkler shall be permitted to be installed under a soffit when both the minimum distance from the sprinkler deflector to the bottom of the soffit and the maximum distance from the sprinkler deflector to the high ceiling are maintained.

11.3.5.1.4* Soffits and Cabinets in Residential Areas/Occupancies. Where soffits are used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers, the sprinklers and soffits shall be installed in accordance with 11.3.5.1.4.1, 11.3.5.1.4.2, or 11.3.5.1.4.3.

11.3.5.1.4.1 Where soffits exceed more than 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, pendent sprinklers shall be installed under the soffit.

11.3.5.1.4.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed in the face of a soffit located directly over cabinets, without requiring additional sprinklers below the soffit or cabinets, where the soffit does not project horizontally more than 12 in. (300 mm) from the wall.

11.3.5.1.4.3 Where sidewall sprinklers are more than 3 ft (900 mm) above the top of cabinets, the sprinkler shall be permitted to be installed on the wall above the cabinets where the cabinets are no greater than 12 in. (300 mm) from the wall.

11.3.5.2 Deflector Orientation.

11.3.5.2.1 Sidewall sprinklers, where installed under a sloped ceiling with a slope exceeding 2 in 12, shall be located at the high point of the slope and positioned to discharge downward along the slope.

11.3.5.2.2 Sidewall sprinklers specifically listed for other ceiling configurations shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with the listing requirements.

11.3.6 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

11.3.6.1 Performance Objective.

11.3.6.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 9.5.5.2 and 9.5.5.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.

11.3.6.1.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall not be installed less than 8 ft (2.4 m) from light fixtures or similar obstructions unless the requirements of 11.3.6.1.2.1 or 11.3.6.1.2.2 are met.

11.3.6.1.2.1 For obstructions such as light fixtures, where the greatest dimension of the obstruction is less than 2 ft (0.6 m), sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed at a minimum distance of four times the greatest dimension.

11.3.6.1.2.2 For obstructions located 4 in. or greater above the plane of the sprinkler deflector the sprinkler shall be permitted to be located less than 8 ft (2.4 m) from the obstruction.

11.3.6.1.3 The distance between light fixtures or similar obstructions located 8 ft (2.4 m) or greater from the sprinkler shall be in conformance with Table 11.3.6.1.3 and Figure 11.3.6.1.3.

11.3.6.1.4 Continuous obstructions projecting from the same wall as the one on which the sidewall sprinkler is mounted shall be in accordance with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with Table 11.3.6.1.4 and Figure 11.3.6.1.4(a).

Table 11.3.6.1.3 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers)

Distance from Sidewall Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
8 ft (2.4 m) to less than 10 ft (3.0 m)	1 (25)
10 ft (3.0 m) to less than 11 ft (3.4 m)	2 (50)
11 ft (3.4 m) to less than 12 ft (3.7 m)	3 (75)
12 ft (3.7 m) to less than 13 ft (4.0 m)	4 (100)
13 ft (4.0 m) to less than 14 ft (4.3 m)	6 (150)
14 ft (4.3 m) to less than 15 ft (4.6 m)	7 (175)
15 ft (4.6 m) to less than 16 ft (4.9 m)	9 (225)
16 ft (4.9 m) to less than 17 ft (5.2 m)	11 (275)
17 ft (5.2 m) or greater	14 (350)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 11.3.6.1.3.

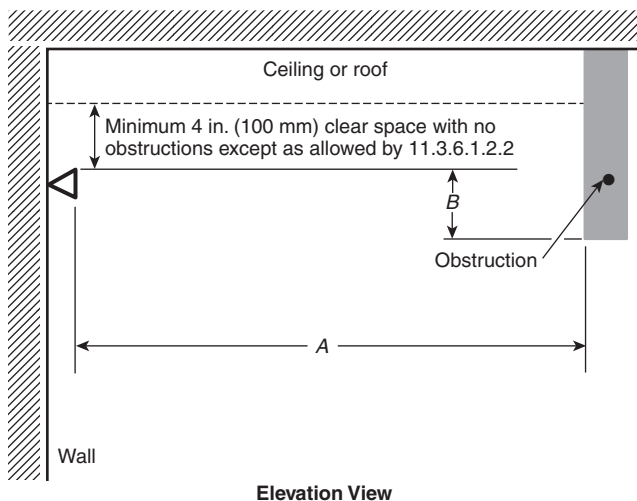


FIGURE 11.3.6.1.3 Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

- (2) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of obstructions less than 4 ft (1.2 m) in width where the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.
- (3) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 30 in. (750 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 11.3.6.1.4(b).
- (4) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 24 in. (600 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 11.3.6.1.4(c). The maximum distance between the sprinkler and the wall shall be measured from the sprinkler to the wall behind the obstruction and not to the face of the obstruction.

11.3.6.1.5 Isolated Obstructions. Isolated obstructions projecting from the same wall as the one on which the extended coverage sidewall sprinkler is mounted shall be located a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) from the sidewall sprinkler.

11.3.6.1.6* Obstructions on the wall opposite from the sidewall sprinkler shall be permitted where the obstruction is up to 2 ft (600 mm) deep and 2 ft (600 mm) wide.

11.3.6.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

11.3.6.2.1 General.

11.3.6.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with this section.

11.3.6.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of this section, solid continuous obstructions shall meet the requirements of 11.3.6.1.2 and 11.3.6.1.3.

Table 11.3.6.1.4 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions Along Wall (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers)

Distance from Sidewall Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	1 (25)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	3 (75)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	5 (125)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 6 ft (1.5 m)	7 (175)
6 ft (1.5 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m)	9 (225)
6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m) to less than 7 ft (2.1 m)	11 (275)
7 ft (2.1 m) to less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m)	14 (350)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 11.3.6.1.4(a).

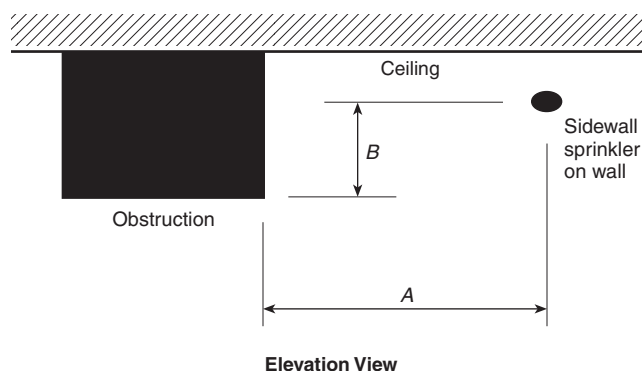


FIGURE 11.3.6.1.4(a) Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction Along Wall (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

11.3.6.2.1.3* Unless the requirements of 11.3.6.2.1.4 and 11.3.6.2.1.5 are met, sprinklers shall be positioned away from obstructions a minimum distance of four times the maximum dimension of the obstruction (e.g., truss webs and chords, pipe, columns, and fixtures) in accordance with Figure 11.3.6.2.1.3(a) and Figure 11.3.6.2.1.3(b).

(A) The maximum clear distance required to obstructions in the horizontal orientation (e.g., light fixtures and truss chords) shall be 36 in. (900 mm).

(B) The maximum clear distance shall not be applied to obstructions in the vertical orientation (e.g., columns).

11.3.6.2.1.4 The requirements of 11.3.6.2.1.3 and 11.3.6.2.1.4 shall not apply where sprinklers are positioned with respect to obstructions in accordance with 11.3.6.1.2 and 11.3.6.1.3.

11.3.6.2.1.5 The requirements of 11.3.6.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinkler system piping less than 3 in. (80 mm) in diameter.

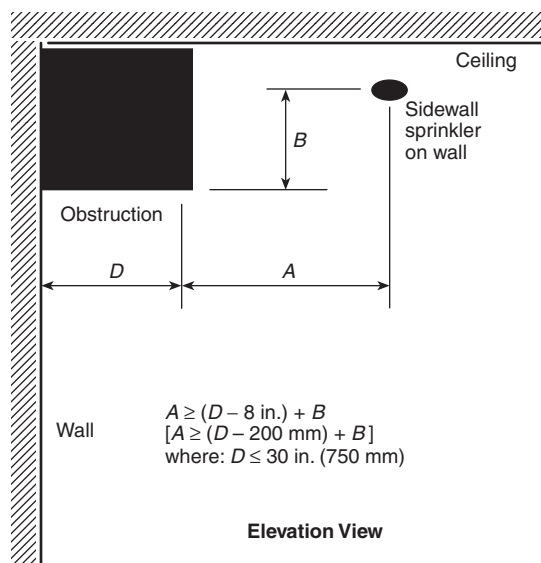


FIGURE 11.3.6.1.4(b) Obstruction Against Wall (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

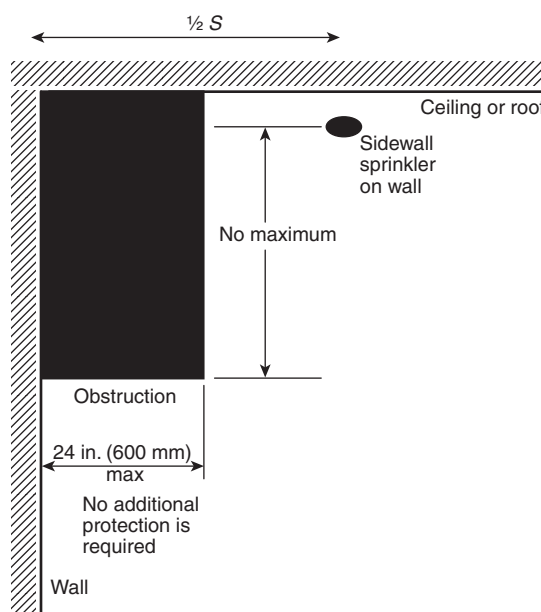
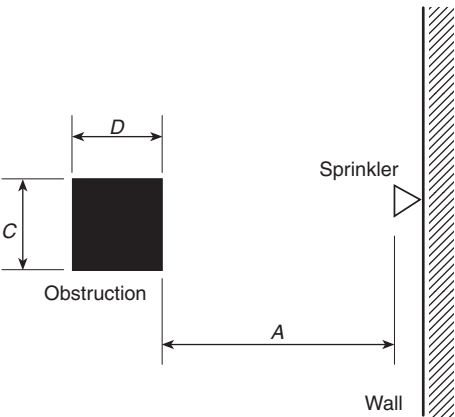


FIGURE 11.3.6.1.4(c) Obstruction Against Wall (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

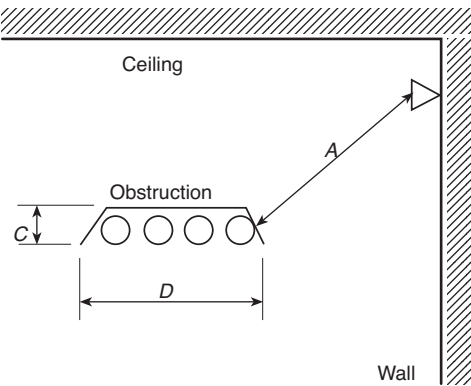
11.3.6.2.1.6* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed without regard to the blades of ceiling fans less than 60 in. (1.5 m) in diameter, provided the plan view of the fan is at least 50 percent open.

11.3.6.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Vertical Obstructions. The distance from sprinklers to privacy curtains, freestanding partitions, room dividers, and similar obstructions in light hazard occupancies shall be in accordance with Table 11.3.6.2.2 and Figure 11.3.6.2.2.



Plan View of Column
(Obstruction in vertical orientation)
 $A \geq 4C$ or $4D$
(Use dimension C or D , whichever is greater)

FIGURE 11.3.6.2.1.3(a) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Vertical Orientation (Extended Coverage Sidewall).



Elevation View of Pipe Conduit or Light Fixture
(Obstruction in horizontal orientation)
 $A \geq 4C$ or $4D$
 $A \leq 36$ in. (900 mm)
(Use dimension C or D , whichever is greater)

FIGURE 11.3.6.2.1.3(b) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Horizontal Orientation (Extended Coverage Sidewall).

11.3.6.2.2.1* In light hazard occupancies, privacy curtains, as shown in Figure 11.3.6.2.2, shall not be considered obstructions where all of the following are met:

- (1) The curtains are supported by fabric mesh on ceiling track.
- (2) Openings in the mesh are equal to 70 percent or greater.
- (3) The mesh extends a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm) down from ceiling.

Table 11.3.6.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions (Extended Coverage Sidewall Sprinklers) in Light Hazard Occupancies Only

Horizontal Distance (A)	Minimum Allowable Distance Below Deflector (B) [in. (mm)]
6 in. (150 mm) or less	3 (75)
More than 6 in. (150 mm) to 9 in. (225 mm)	4 (100)
More than 9 in. (225 mm) to 12 in. (300 mm)	6 (150)
More than 12 in. (300 mm) to 15 in. (375 mm)	8 (200)
More than 15 in. (375 mm) to 18 in. (450 mm)	9½ (240)
More than 18 in. (450 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm)	12½ (315)
More than 24 in. (600 mm) to 30 in. (750 mm)	15½ (390)
More than 30 in. (750 mm)	18 (450)

Note: For A and B , refer to Figure 11.3.6.2.2.

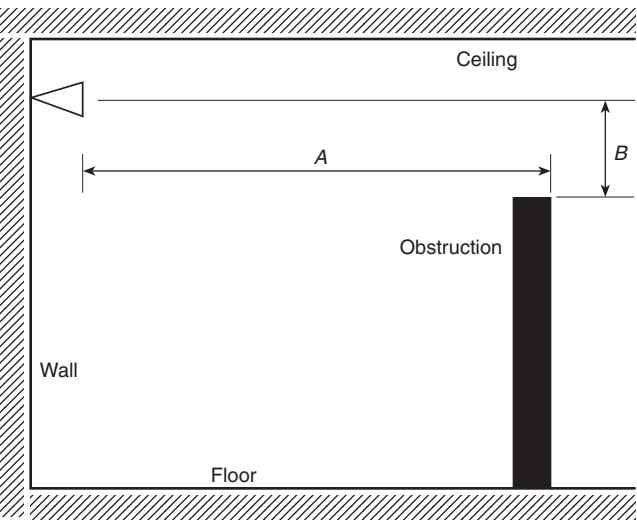


FIGURE 11.3.6.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstruction (Extended Coverage Sidewall Sprinklers) in Light Hazard Occupancy Only.

11.3.6.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

11.3.6.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with this section.

11.3.6.3.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide.

11.3.6.3.3 Sprinklers shall not be required under obstructions that are not fixed in place, such as conference tables.

N 11.3.7 Clearance to Storage (Extended Coverage Sidewall Spray Sprinklers). The clearance between the deflector and the top of storage shall be 18 in. (450 mm) or greater.

Chapter 12 Installation Requirements for Residential Sprinklers

N 12.1 General. Residential sprinklers shall be selected for use and installation as indicated in this Chapter and shall be positioned and spaced in accordance with Section 9.5.

12.1.1* Residential sprinklers shall be permitted in dwelling units and their adjoining corridors, provided they are installed in conformance with their listing and when installed under the following conditions:

- (1) A flat, smooth, horizontal ceiling with no beams up to a maximum of 24 ft (7.3 m) above the floor.
- (2) A flat, horizontal, beamed ceiling, with a maximum ceiling height of 24 ft (7.3 m), with beams up to 14 in. (355 mm) deep with pendent sprinklers under the beams. The compartment containing the beamed ceiling shall be a maximum of 600 ft² (56 m²) in area. The highest sprinkler in the compartment shall be above all openings from the compartment into any communicating spaces.
- (3) A smooth, flat, sloped ceiling with no beams up to a maximum slope of 8 in 12. The highest portion of the ceiling shall not be more than 24 ft (7.3 m) above the floor. The highest sprinkler in the sloped portion of the ceiling shall be above all openings from the compartment containing the sloped ceiling into any communicating spaces.
- (4) A sloped ceiling with beams up to 14 in. (350 mm) deep with pendent sprinklers under the beams. The compartment containing the sloped, beamed ceiling shall be a maximum of 600 ft² (56 m²) in area. The slope of the ceiling shall be between 2 in 12 and 8 in 12. The highest portion of the ceiling shall not be more than 24 ft (7.3 m) above the floor. The highest sprinkler in the sloped portion of the ceiling shall be above all openings from the compartment containing the sloped ceiling into any communicating spaces.
- (5) A sloped ceiling with beams of any depth with sidewall or pendent sprinklers in each pocket formed by the beams. The compartment containing the sloped, beamed ceiling shall be a maximum of 600 ft² (56 m²) in area. The slope of the ceiling shall be between 2 in 12 and 8 in 12. The highest portion of the ceiling shall not be more than 24 ft (7.3 m) above the floor.

N 12.1.2 Where construction features or other special conditions exist that are outside the scope of sprinkler listings, listed sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed beyond their listing limitations when acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

12.1.3 Residential sprinklers shall be used only in wet systems unless specifically listed for use in dry systems or preaction systems.

12.1.4 Where residential sprinklers are installed in a compartment as defined in 3.3.38, all sprinklers within the compartment shall be residential sprinklers.

12.1.5 Reserved.

12.1.6* Listings.

12.1.6.1 Areas of coverage shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's listing.

12.1.6.2 Residential sprinklers shall not be permitted to be used on ceilings with slopes greater than 8 in 12 or ceiling with heights greater than 24 ft (7.3 m) unless specifically listed for this purpose.

12.1.7 Distances Between Sprinklers.

12.1.7.1 Maximum distances between sprinklers shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's listing.

12.1.7.2 The distance between the sprinkler and the wall shall not exceed half the maximum allowable distance between sprinklers per the manufacturer's listing.

12.1.7.3 The minimum distance between sprinklers within a compartment shall be 8 ft (2.4 m), unless the listing of the sprinkler requires a greater distance, unless required by 12.1.11.1.5.1, or unless separated by baffles that comply with the following:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors of upright sprinklers.
- (5) The bottoms of baffles shall extend downward to a level at least even with the deflectors of pendent sprinklers.

12.1.7.4 Residential sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed on opposing or adjacent walls, provided no sprinkler is located within the maximum protection area of another sprinkler or unless separated by baffles that comply with the following:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors.
- (5) The bottoms of baffles shall extend downward to a level at least even with the deflectors.

12.1.7.5 The maximum distance shall be measured along the slope of the ceiling as shown in Figure 12.1.7.5(a) and Figure 12.1.7.5(b).

12.1.7.6 Where sprinklers are installed along sloped ceilings, the sprinklers shall maintain the minimum listed spacing, but no less than 8 ft (2.4 m), measured in the plan view from one sprinkler to another as shown in Figure 12.1.7.6(a) and Figure 12.1.7.6(b), or unless separated by baffles that comply with the following:

- (1) Baffles shall be arranged to protect the actuating elements.
- (2) Baffles shall be of solid and rigid material that will stay in place before and during sprinkler operation.
- (3) Baffles shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) long and 6 in. (150 mm) high.
- (4) The tops of baffles shall extend between 2 in. and 3 in. (50 mm and 75 mm) above the deflectors of upright sprinklers.

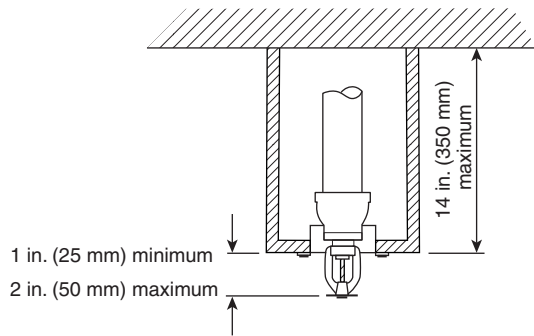


FIGURE 12.1.8.1.2(a) Position of Sprinkler Under Beam.

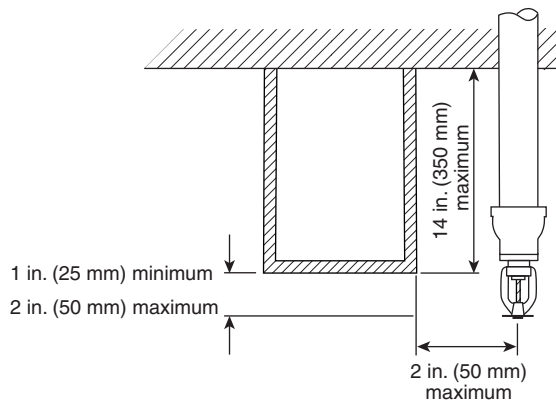


FIGURE 12.1.8.1.2(b) Position of Sprinkler Adjacent to Beam.

12.1.8.1.4 The highest sprinkler in the compartment shall be above all openings from the compartment into any communicated spaces.

12.1.8.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall be positioned so that the deflectors are within 4 in. to 6 in. (100 mm to 150 mm) from the ceiling unless the listing allows greater distances.

12.1.8.3 Where soffits used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers exceed 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, additional sprinklers shall be installed below the soffit.

12.1.8.4 Residential horizontal sidewall sprinkler deflectors shall be located no more than 6 in. (150 mm) from the wall on which they are mounted unless listed for greater distances.

12.1.8.5 The distance from sprinklers to the end walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers as indicated in the sprinkler listing.

12.1.8.6 Minimum Distance from Walls.

12.1.8.6.1 Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from an end wall.

12.1.8.7 Deflector Orientation (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray).

12.1.8.7.1 Unless the requirements of 12.1.8.7.2 or 12.1.8.7.3 are met, deflectors of upright and pendent sprinklers shall be aligned parallel to ceilings, roofs, or the incline of stairs.

12.1.8.7.2 Where upright or pendent sprinklers are installed at the peak below a sloped ceiling or roof surface, the sprinkler shall be installed with the deflector horizontal.

12.1.8.7.3 Roofs and ceilings having a pitch not exceeding 2 in 12 (16.7 percent) are considered horizontal in the application of 12.1.8.7, and upright and pendent sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed with deflectors horizontal.

12.1.9 Residential sprinklers installed in conformance with this standard shall follow the sprinkler obstruction rules of 12.1.10 or 12.1.11 as appropriate for their installation orientation (upright, pendent, or sidewall) and the obstruction criteria specified in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

12.1.10 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

12.1.10.1 Performance Objective.

12.1.10.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 12.1.10.2 and 12.1.10.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.

12.1.10.1.2 Sprinklers shall be arranged to comply with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be in accordance with 9.5.5.2, Table 12.1.10.1.2, and Figure 12.1.10.1.2(a).
- (2) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of obstructions not exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in width, provided the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers.
- (3) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 30 in. (750 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 12.1.10.1.2(b).
- (4) Obstructions that are located against the wall and that are not over 24 in. (600 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 12.1.10.1.2(c). The maximum distance between the sprinkler and the wall shall be measured from the sprinkler to the wall behind the obstruction and not to the face of the obstruction.

12.1.10.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

12.1.10.2.1 General.

12.1.10.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with 12.1.10.2.

12.1.10.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of this section, solid continuous obstructions shall meet the applicable requirements of 12.1.10.1.2.

12.1.10.2.1.3* Unless the requirements of 12.1.10.2.1.4 through 12.1.10.2.1.8 are met, sprinklers shall be positioned away from obstructions a minimum distance of four times the maximum dimension of the obstruction (e.g., truss webs and chords, pipe, columns, and fixtures) in accordance with Figure 12.1.10.2.1.3(a) and Figure 12.1.10.2.1.3(b).

(A) The maximum clear distance required to obstructions in the horizontal orientation (e.g., light fixture and truss chords) shall be 36 in. (900 mm).

Table 12.1.10.1.2 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions to Discharge (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers)

Distance from Sprinklers to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft (300 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft (300 mm) to less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 2 ft (600 mm)	1 (25)
2 ft (600 mm) to less than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	1 (25)
2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	1 (25)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m)	3 (75)
3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	3 (75)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	5 (125)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	7 (175)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	7 (175)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	7 (175)
6 ft (1.8 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m)	9 (225)
6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m) to less than 7 ft (2.1 m)	11 (275)
7 ft (2.1 m) and greater	14 (350)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 12.1.10.1.2(a).

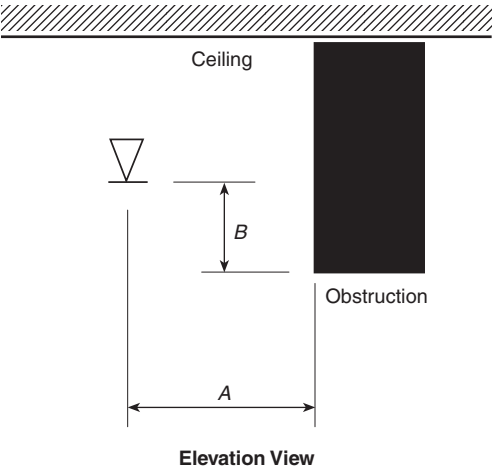


FIGURE 12.1.10.1.2(a) Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction to Discharge (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

(B) The maximum clear distance shall not be applied to obstructions in the vertical orientation (e.g., columns).

12.1.10.2.1.4 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of the obstruction where the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.

12.1.10.2.1.5 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be located one-half the distance between the obstructions where the obstruction consists of open trusses 20 in. (500 mm) or greater apart [24 in. (600 mm) on center], provided that all truss members are not greater than 4 in. (100 mm) (nominal) in width and web members do not exceed 1 in. (25 mm) in width.

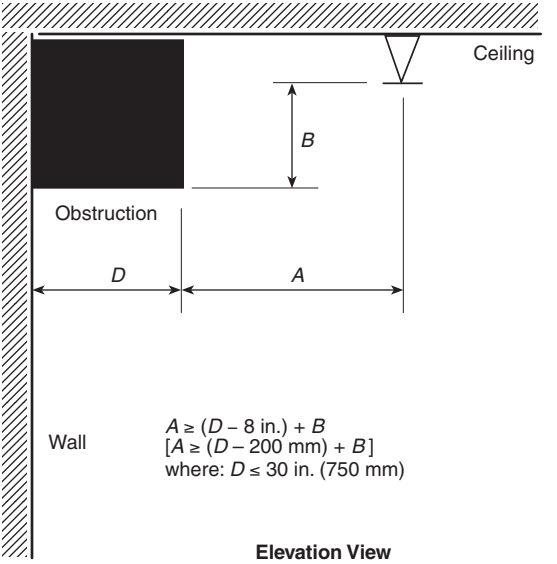


FIGURE 12.1.10.1.2(b) Obstructions Against Wall (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

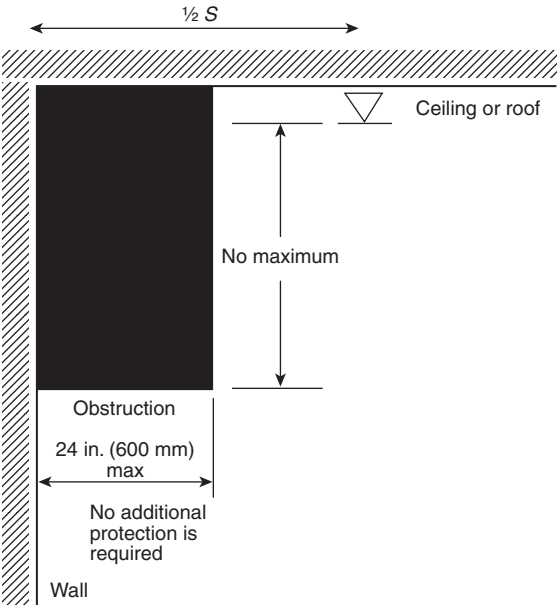
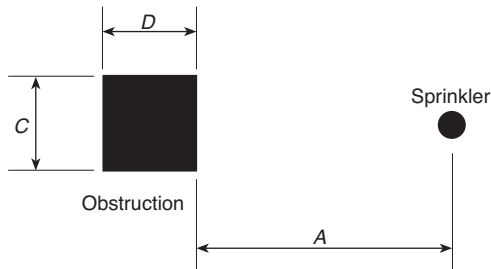


FIGURE 12.1.10.1.2(c) Obstructions Against Wall (Measurements for Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

12.1.10.2.1.6 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed on the centerline of a truss or bar joist or directly above a beam provided that the truss chord or beam dimension is not more than 8 in. (200 mm) and the sprinkler deflector is located at least 6 in. (150 mm) above the structural member and where the sprinkler is positioned at a distance four times greater than the maximum dimension of the web members away from the web members.

12.1.10.2.1.7 The requirements of 12.1.10.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinkler system piping less than 3 in. (80 mm) in diameter.

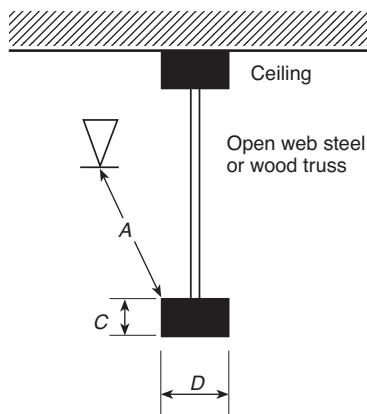


Plan View of Column
(Obstruction in vertical orientation)

$$A \geq 4C \text{ or } 4D$$

(Use dimension C or D, whichever is greater)

FIGURE 12.1.10.2.1.3(a) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Vertical Orientation (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinkler).



Elevation View of Truss

(Obstruction in horizontal orientation)

$$A \geq 4C \text{ or } 4D$$

$$A \leq 36 \text{ in. (900 mm)}$$

(Use dimension C or D, whichever is greater)

FIGURE 12.1.10.2.1.3(b) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Horizontal Orientation (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinkler).

12.1.10.2.1.8 The requirements of 12.1.10.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinklers positioned with respect to obstructions in accordance with 12.1.10.1.2.

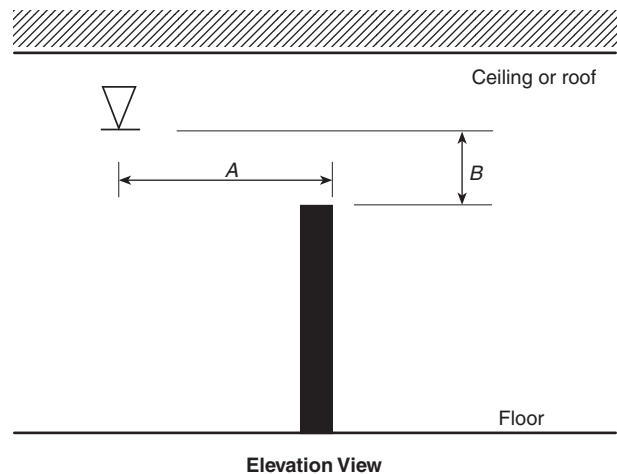
12.1.10.2.1.9* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed without regard to the blades of a ceiling fan, provided the plan view of the fan is at least 50 percent open.

12.1.10.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Vertical Obstructions. The distance from sprinklers to privacy curtains, free-standing partitions, room dividers, and similar obstructions shall be in accordance with Table 12.1.10.2.2 and Figure 12.1.10.2.2.

Table 12.1.10.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers)

Horizontal Distance (A)	Minimum Vertical Distance Below Deflector (B) [in. (mm)]
6 in. (150 mm) or less	3 (75)
More than 6 in. (150 mm) to 9 in. (225 mm)	4 (100)
More than 9 in. (225 mm) to 12 in. (300 mm)	6 (150)
More than 12 in. (300 mm) to 15 in. (375 mm)	8 (200)
More than 15 in. (375 mm) to 18 in. (450 mm)	9½ (240)
More than 18 in. (450 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm)	12½ (315)
More than 24 in. (600 mm) to 30 in. (750 mm)	15½ (390)
More than 30 in. (750 mm)	18 (450)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 12.1.10.2.2.



Elevation View

FIGURE 12.1.10.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstruction (Residential Upright and Pendent Spray Sprinklers).

N 12.1.10.2.3* Shadow Areas. Shadow areas created by walls and partitions shall be permitted in the protection area of a sprinkler as long as the cumulative dry areas do not exceed 15 ft² (1.4 m²) per sprinkler.

12.1.10.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

12.1.10.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with 12.1.10.3.

12.1.10.3.2 Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide.

12.1.10.3.3 Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

12.1.11 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Residential Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

12.1.11.1 Performance Objective.

12.1.11.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 9.5.5.2 and 9.5.5.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.

12.1.11.1.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall not be installed less than 8 ft (2.4 m) from light fixtures or similar obstructions unless the requirements of 12.1.11.1.2.1 or 12.1.11.1.2.2 are met.

N 12.1.11.1.2.1 For obstructions such as light fixtures, where the greatest dimension of the obstruction is less than 2 ft (0.6 m), sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed at a minimum distance of four times the greatest dimension.

N 12.1.11.1.2.2 For obstructions located at least 4 in. (100 mm) above the plane of the sprinkler deflector, the sprinkler shall be permitted to be located less than 8 ft (2.4 m) from the obstruction.

N 12.1.11.1.3 The distance between light fixtures or similar obstructions located 8 ft (2.4 m) or greater from the sprinkler shall be in conformance with Table 12.1.11.1.3 and Figure 12.1.11.1.3.

12.1.11.1.4 Continuous obstructions projecting from the same wall as the one on which the sidewall sprinkler is mounted shall be in accordance with one of the following arrangements:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 12.1.11.1.4 and Figure 12.1.11.1.4(a).
- (2) Sprinklers shall be permitted to be spaced on opposite sides of obstructions less than 4 ft (1.2 m) in width where the distance from the centerline of the obstruction to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.
- (3) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 30 in. (750 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 12.1.11.1.4(b).
- (4) Obstructions located against the wall and that are not over 24 in. (600 mm) in width shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Figure 12.1.11.1.4(c). The maximum distance between the sprinkler and the wall shall be measured from the sprinkler to the wall behind the obstruction and not to the face of the obstruction.

12.1.11.1.5* Soffits and Cabinets. Where soffits are used for the installation of sidewall sprinklers, the sprinklers and soffits shall be installed in accordance with 12.1.11.1.5.1, 12.1.11.1.5.2, or 12.1.11.1.5.3.

12.1.11.1.5.1 Where soffits exceed more than 8 in. (200 mm) in width or projection from the wall, pendent sprinklers shall be installed under the soffit.

12.1.11.1.5.2 Sidewall sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed in the face of a soffit located directly over cabinets, without requiring additional sprinklers below the soffit or cabinets, where the soffit does not project horizontally more than 12 in. (300 mm) from the wall.

12.1.11.1.5.3 Where sidewall sprinklers are more than 3 ft (900 mm) above the top of cabinets, the sprinkler shall be permitted to be installed on the wall above the cabinets where the cabinets are no greater than 12 in. (300 mm) from the wall.

Table 12.1.11.1.3 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions (Residential Sidewall Sprinklers)

Distance from Sidewall Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
8 ft (2.4 m) to less than 10 ft (3.0 m)	1 (25)
10 ft (3.0 m) to less than 11 ft (3.3 m)	2 (50)
11 ft (3.3 m) to less than 12 ft (3.7 m)	3 (75)
12 ft (3.7 m) to less than 13 ft (4.0 m)	4 (100)
13 ft (4.0 m) to less than 14 ft (4.3 m)	6 (150)
14 ft (4.3 m) to less than 15 ft (4.6 m)	7 (175)
15 ft (4.6 m) to less than 16 ft (4.9 m)	9 (225)
16 ft (4.9 m) to less than 17 ft (5.2 m)	11 (275)
17 ft (5.2 m) or greater	14 (350)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 12.1.11.1.3.

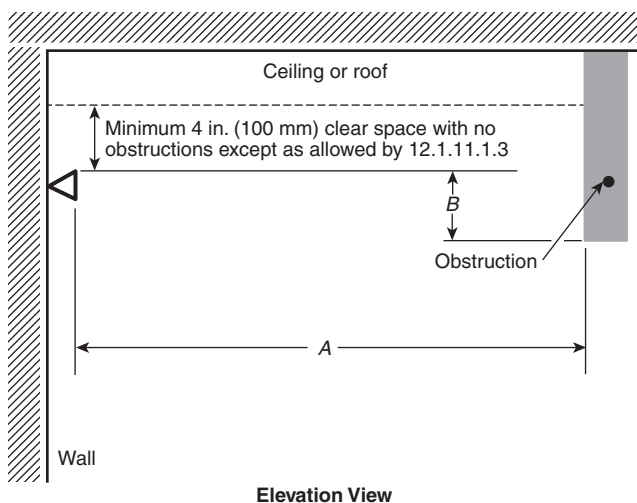


FIGURE 12.1.11.1.3 Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction (Residential Sidewall Sprinklers).

Table 12.1.11.1.4 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions Along Wall (Residential Sidewall Sprinklers)

Distance from Sidewall Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	1 (25)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	3 (75)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	5 (125)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	7 (175)
6 ft (1.8 m) to less than 6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m)	9 (225)
6 ft 6 in. (2.0 m) to less than 7 ft (2.1 m)	11 (275)
7 ft (2.1 m) to less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m)	14 (350)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 12.1.11.1.4(a).

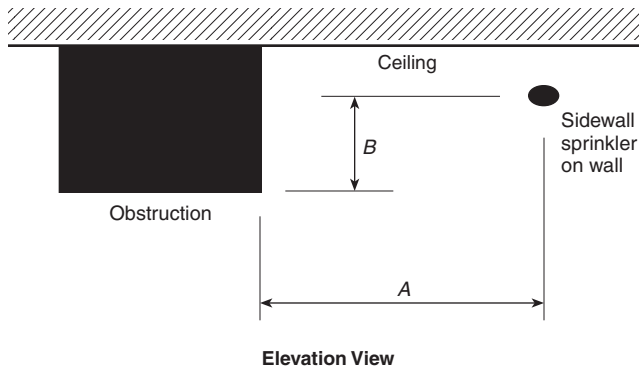


FIGURE 12.1.11.1.4(a) Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction Along Wall (Residential Sidewall Sprinklers).

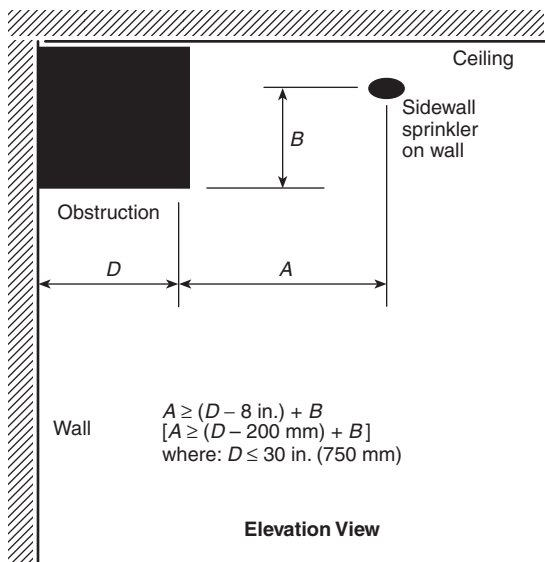


FIGURE 12.1.11.1.4(b) Obstruction Against Wall (Residential Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

12.1.11.1.6* Obstructions on the wall opposite from the sidewall sprinkler shall be permitted where the obstruction is up to 2 ft (600 mm) deep and 2 ft (600 mm) wide.

12.1.11.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

12.1.11.2.1 General.

12.1.11.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with this section.

12.1.11.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of this section, solid continuous obstructions shall meet the requirements of 12.1.11.1.2 and 12.1.11.1.3.

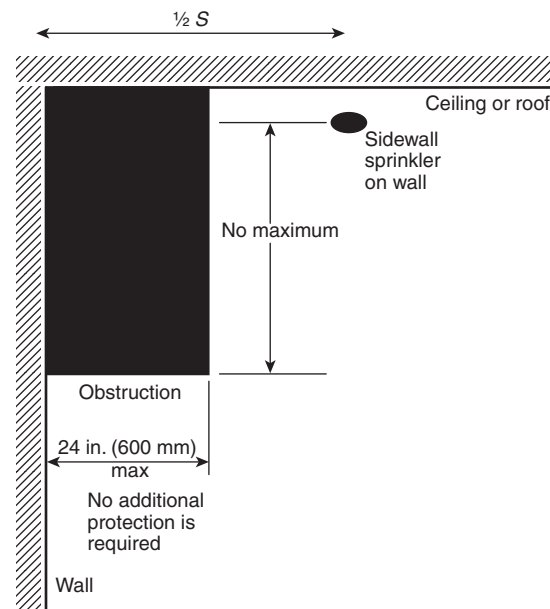


FIGURE 12.1.11.1.4(c) Obstruction Against Wall (Residential Sidewall Spray Sprinklers).

12.1.11.2.1.3* Unless the requirements of 12.1.11.2.1.4 through 12.1.11.2.1.7 are met, sprinklers shall be positioned away from obstructions a minimum distance of four times the maximum dimension of the obstruction (e.g., truss webs and chords, pipe, columns, and fixtures).

(A) The maximum clear distance required from obstructions in the horizontal orientation (e.g., light fixtures and truss chords) shall be 36 in. (900 mm).

(B) The maximum clear distance shall not be applied to obstructions in the vertical orientation (e.g., columns).

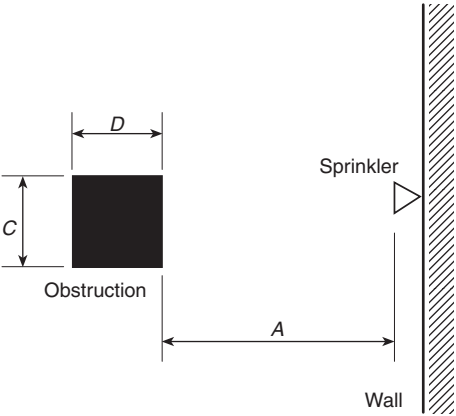
12.1.11.2.1.4 Sidewall sprinklers shall be positioned in accordance with Figure 12.1.11.2.1.4(a) and Figure 12.1.11.2.1.4(b) when obstructions are present.

12.1.11.2.1.5 The requirements of 12.1.11.2.1.3 and 12.1.11.2.1.4 shall not apply where sprinklers are positioned with respect to obstructions in accordance with 12.1.11.1.2 and 12.1.11.1.3.

12.1.11.2.1.6 The requirements of 12.1.11.2.1.3 shall not apply to sprinkler system piping less than 3 in. (80 mm) in diameter.

12.1.11.2.1.7* Sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed without regard to the blades of a ceiling fan, provided the plan view of the fan is at least 50 percent open.

12.1.11.2.2* Suspended or Floor-Mounted Vertical Obstructions. The distance from sprinklers to privacy curtains, free-standing partitions, room dividers, and similar obstructions shall be in accordance with Table 12.1.11.2.2, Figure 12.1.11.2.2(a), and Figure 12.1.11.2.2(b).



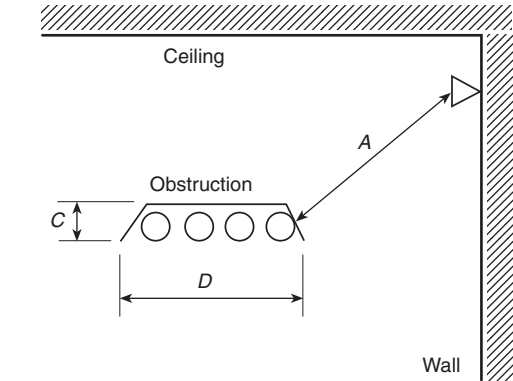
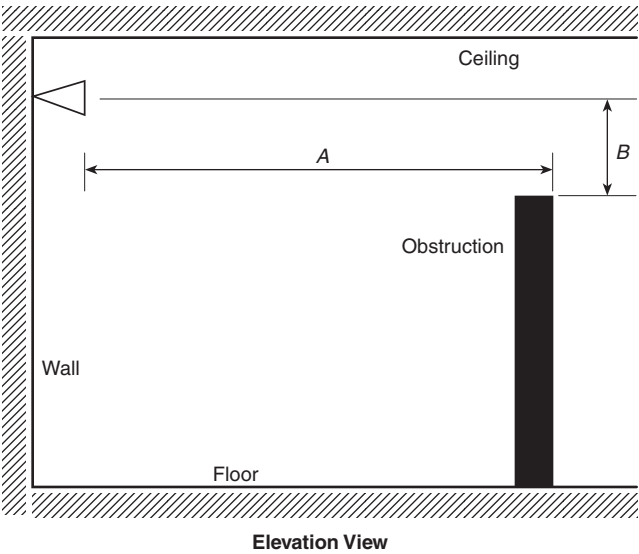
Plan View of Column
(Obstruction in vertical orientation)
 $A \geq 4C$ or $4D$
(Use dimension *C* or *D*, whichever is greater)

FIGURE 12.1.11.2.1.4(a) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Vertical Orientation (Residential Sidewall Sprinkler).

Table 12.1.11.2.2 Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions (Residential Sidewall Sprinklers)

Horizontal Distance (<i>A</i>)	Minimum Allowable Distance Below Deflector (<i>B</i>) [in. (mm)]
6 in. (150 mm) or less	3 (75)
More than 6 in. (150 mm) to 9 in. (225 mm)	4 (100)
More than 9 in. (225 mm) to 12 in. (300 mm)	6 (150)
More than 12 in. (300 mm) to 15 in. (375 mm)	8 (200)
More than 15 in. (375 mm) to 18 in. (450 mm)	9½ (240)
More than 18 in. (450 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm)	12½ (315)
More than 24 in. (600 mm) to 30 in. (750 mm)	15½ (390)
More than 30 in. (750 mm)	18 (450)

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.
Note: For *A* and *B*, refer to Figure 12.1.11.2.2.



Elevation View of Pipe Conduit or Light Fixture
(Obstruction in horizontal orientation)
 $A \geq 4C$ or $4D$
 $A \leq 36$ in. (900 mm)
(Use dimension *C* or *D*, whichever is greater)

FIGURE 12.1.11.2.1.4(b) Minimum Distance from an Obstruction in the Horizontal Orientation (Residential Sidewall Sprinkler).

FIGURE 12.1.11.2.2(a) Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstruction (Residential Sidewall Sprinklers).

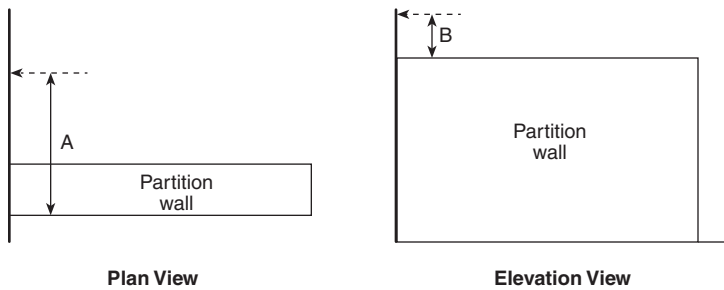


FIGURE 12.1.11.2.2(b) Suspended or Floor-Mounted Obstructions (Residential Sprinklers).

12.1.11.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

12.1.11.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with this section.

12.1.11.3.2* Sprinklers shall be installed under fixed obstructions over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide.

12.1.11.3.3 Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

12.1.11.3.4 The deflector of automatic sprinklers installed under fixed obstructions shall be positioned below the bottom of the obstruction in accordance with their listed distance below ceilings.

12.1.11.3.5 Sprinklers installed under round ducts shall be shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

12.1.12 Ceiling Pockets.

12.1.12.1 Sprinklers shall be required in all ceiling pockets.

12.1.12.2 The requirement of 12.1.12.1 shall not apply where all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The total volume of the unprotected ceiling pocket does not exceed 100 ft³ (2.8 m³).
- (2) The depth of the unprotected ceiling pocket does not exceed 12 in. (300 mm).
- (3) The entire floor of the unprotected ceiling pocket is protected by the sprinklers at the lower ceiling elevation.
- (4) The interior finish of the unprotected ceiling pocket is noncombustible or limited-combustible construction.

Chapter 13 Installation Requirements for CMSA Sprinklers

13.1 General. Control mode specific application (CMSA) sprinklers shall be selected for use and installation as indicated in this chapter and shall be positioned and spaced in accordance with Section 9.5.

13.2 CMSA Sprinklers.

13.2.1 General. All requirements of Section 9.5 shall apply to CMSA sprinklers except as modified in Section 13.2.

13.2.1.1 CMSA pendent sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with Section 9.5 and the manufacturer's installation instructions in lieu of the requirements in Section 13.2.

13.2.2 CMSA sprinklers shall be permitted to be used in wet, dry, or preaction systems and shall be installed in accordance with their listing.

13.2.3 Temperature Ratings.

13.2.3.1 Unless the requirements of 13.2.3.2, 13.2.3.3, or 13.2.3.4 are met, sprinkler temperature ratings shall be the same as those indicated in Table 9.4.2.5(a) and Table 9.4.2.5(b) or those used in large-scale fire testing to determine the protection requirements for the hazard involved.

13.2.3.2 Sprinklers of intermediate- and high-temperature ratings shall be installed in specific locations as required by 9.4.2.

13.2.3.3 In storage occupancies, ordinary, intermediate, or high temperature-rated sprinklers shall be used for wet pipe systems.

13.2.3.4 In storage occupancies, high temperature-rated sprinklers shall be used for dry pipe systems.

13.2.4 Occupancy and Hazard.

13.2.4.1 Quick-response CMSA sprinklers designed to meet any criteria in Chapter 12 through Chapter 20 shall be permitted to protect light and ordinary hazard occupancies.

13.2.4.2 Standard-response CMSA sprinklers designed to meet any criteria in Chapter 12 through Chapter 20 shall be permitted to protect ordinary hazard occupancies.

13.2.5* Protection Areas per Sprinkler (CMSA Sprinklers).

13.2.5.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage. The protection area of coverage per sprinkler (A_s) shall be determined in accordance with 9.5.2.1.

13.2.5.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

13.2.5.2.1 The maximum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in Table 13.2.5.2.1.

13.2.5.2.2 In any case, the maximum area of coverage of any sprinkler shall not exceed 130 ft² (12 m²).

13.2.5.3 Minimum Protection Area of Coverage. The minimum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be not less than 80 ft² (7.4 m²).

Table 13.2.5.2.1 Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing for CMSA Sprinklers

Construction Type	Protection Area		Maximum Spacing	
	ft ²	m ²	ft	m
Noncombustible unobstructed	130	12	12	3.7
Noncombustible obstructed	130	12	12	3.7
Combustible unobstructed	130	12	12	3.7
Combustible obstructed	100	9	10	3.0
Rack storage combustible obstructed	100	9	10	3.0
Rack storage unobstructed and noncombustible obstructed	100	9	12	3.7

13.2.6 Sprinkler Spacing (CMSA Sprinklers).

13.2.6.1* Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers.

13.2.6.1.1 Under unobstructed and obstructed noncombustible construction and unobstructed combustible construction, the distance between sprinklers shall be limited to not more than 12 ft (3.7 m) between sprinklers, as shown in Table 13.2.5.2.1.

13.2.6.1.2 Under obstructed combustible construction, the maximum distance shall be limited to 10 ft (3 m).

13.2.6.2 Maximum Distance from Walls. The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers as indicated in Table 13.2.5.2.1.

13.2.6.3 Minimum Distance from Walls. Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from a wall.

13.2.6.4 Minimum Distance Between Sprinklers. Sprinklers shall be spaced not less than 8 ft (2.4 m) on center.

13.2.7 Deflector Position (CMSA Sprinklers).

13.2.7.1* Distance Below Ceilings.

13.2.7.1.1 Unobstructed Construction. Under unobstructed construction, the distance between the sprinkler deflector and the ceiling shall be a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) and a maximum of 8 in. (200 mm).

13.2.7.1.2 Obstructed Construction. Under obstructed construction, the sprinkler deflector shall be located in accordance with one of the following arrangements:

- Installed with the deflectors located a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) and a maximum of 12 in. (300 mm) from the ceiling.

- (2) Installed with the deflectors within the horizontal planes 1 in. to 6 in. (25 mm to 150 mm) below wood joist, composite wood joist, solid obstructed noncombustible, or solid obstructed limited combustible construction, to a maximum distance of 22 in. (550 mm) below the ceiling/roof or deck. Where CMSA sprinklers are installed under open wood joist construction, their minimum operating pressure shall be 50 psi (3.4 bar) for a K-11.2 (160) sprinkler or 22 psi (1.5 bar) for a K-16.8 (240) sprinkler in accordance with 22.1.5.1.
- (3) Installed with deflectors of sprinklers under concrete tee construction with stems spaced less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m) but more than 3 ft (900 mm) on centers, regardless of the depth of the tee, located at or above a horizontal plane 1 in. (25 mm) below the bottom of the stems of the tees and in compliance with Table 13.2.8.1.2.

13.2.8* Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (CMSA Sprinklers).

13.2.8.1 Performance Objective.

13.2.8.1.1 Sprinklers shall be located so as to minimize obstructions to discharge as defined in 9.5.5.2 and 9.5.5.3, or additional sprinklers shall be provided to ensure adequate coverage of the hazard.

13.2.8.1.2 Sprinklers shall be arranged to comply with 9.5.5.2, Table 13.2.8.1.2, and Figure 13.2.8.1.2.

13.2.8.1.3 The requirements of 13.2.8.1.2 shall not apply where sprinklers are positioned on opposite sides of the obstruction.

13.2.8.2 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development.

13.2.8.2.1 General.

13.2.8.2.1.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions less than or equal to 36 in. (900 mm) below the sprinkler deflector

Table 13.2.8.1.2 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions to Discharge (CMSA Sprinklers)

Distance from Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft (300 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft (300 mm) to less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	1½ (40)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 2 ft (600 mm)	3 (75)
2 ft (600 mm) to less than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	5½ (140)
2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	8 (200)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m)	10 (250)
3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	12 (300)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	15 (375)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	18 (450)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	22 (550)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	26 (650)
6 ft (1.8 m)	31 (775)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 13.2.8.1.2.

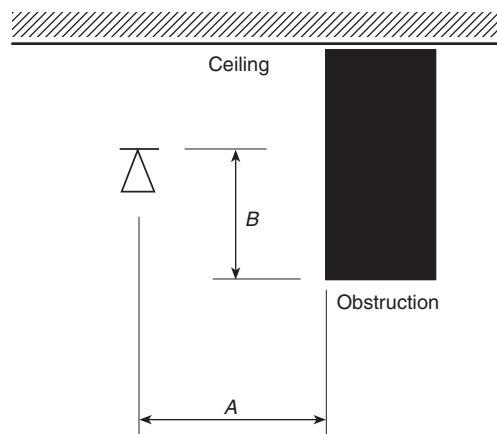


FIGURE 13.2.8.1.2 Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction to Discharge (CMSA Sprinklers).

that prevent the pattern from fully developing shall comply with 13.2.8.2.

13.2.8.2.1.2 Regardless of the rules of this section, solid continuous obstructions shall meet the requirements of 13.2.8.1.2 or 13.2.8.1.3.

13.2.8.2.1.3* Unless the requirements of 13.2.8.1.2 or 13.2.8.1.3 are met, for obstructions 8 in. (200 mm) or less in width, as shown in Figure 13.2.8.2.1.3, sprinklers shall be positioned such that they are located at least a distance three times greater than the maximum dimension of the obstruction from the sprinkler (e.g., webs and chord members, pipe, columns, and fixtures).

13.2.8.2.2 Branch Lines. Upright sprinklers shall be positioned with respect to branch lines in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Upright sprinklers shall be permitted to be attached directly to branch lines less than or equal to 4 in. (100 mm) nominal in diameter.
- (2) Upright sprinklers shall be permitted to be offset horizontally a minimum of 12 in. (300 mm) from the pipe.
- (3) Upright sprinklers shall be permitted to be supplied by a riser nipple (sprig) to elevate the sprinkler deflector a minimum of 12 in. (300 mm) from the centerline of any pipe over 4 in. (100 mm) nominal in diameter.

13.2.8.3* Obstructions that Prevent Sprinkler Discharge from Reaching Hazard.

13.2.8.3.1 Continuous or noncontinuous obstructions that interrupt the water discharge in a horizontal plane below the sprinkler deflector in a manner to limit the distribution from reaching the protected hazard shall comply with 13.2.8.3.

13.2.8.3.2 Sprinklers shall be positioned with respect to fluorescent lighting fixtures, ducts, and obstructions more than 24 in. (600 mm) wide and located entirely below the sprinklers so that the minimum horizontal distance from the near side of the obstruction to the center of the sprinkler is not less than the value specified in Table 13.2.8.3.2 and Figure 13.2.8.3.2.

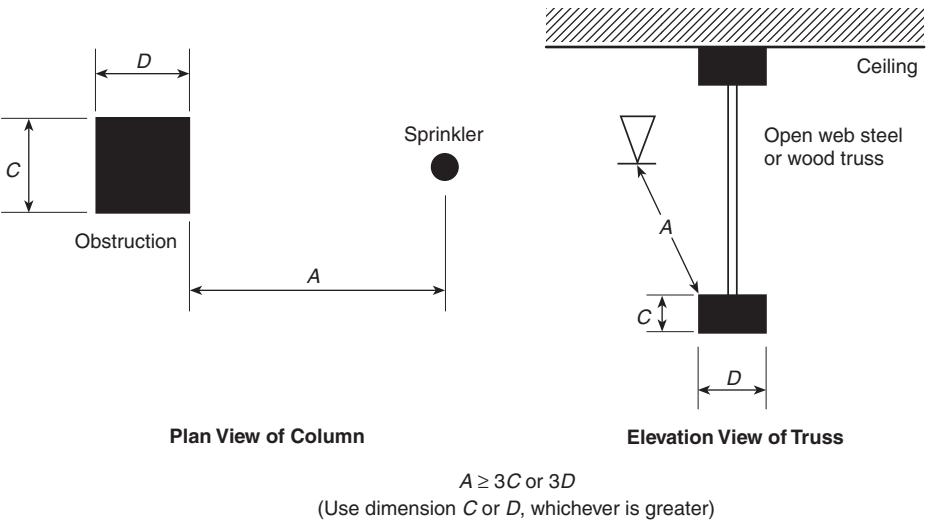


FIGURE 13.2.8.2.1.3 Minimum Distance from Obstruction (CMSA Sprinklers).

13.2.8.3.3 Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

13.2.8.3.4 Where the bottom of the obstruction is located 24 in. (600 mm) or more below the sprinkler deflectors, the following shall occur:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be positioned so that the obstruction is centered between adjacent sprinklers in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.4.
- (2) The obstruction width shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The obstruction shall be limited to a maximum width of 24 in. (600 mm) in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.4.
 - (b) Where the obstruction is greater than 24 in. (600 mm) wide, one or more lines of sprinklers shall be installed below the obstruction.
- (3) The obstruction extension shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The obstruction shall not extend more than 12 in. (300 mm) to either side of the midpoint between sprinklers in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.4.
 - (b) Where the extensions of the obstruction exceed 12 in. (300 mm), one or more lines of sprinklers shall be installed below the obstruction.
- (4) At least 18 in. (450 mm) clearance shall be maintained between the top of storage and the bottom of the obstruction in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.4.

Table 13.2.8.3.2 Obstruction Entirely Below Sprinkler (CMSA Sprinklers)

Minimum Distance to Side of Obstruction (A)	Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 6 in. (150 mm)	1½ (40)
6 in. (150 mm) to less than 12 in. (300 mm)	3 (75)
12 in. (300 mm) to less than 18 in. (450 mm)	4 (100)
18 in. (450 mm) to less than 24 in. (600 mm)	5 (125)
24 in. (600 mm) to less than 30 in. (750 mm)	5½ (140)
30 in. (750 mm) to less than 36 in. (900 mm)	6 (150)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 13.2.8.3.2.

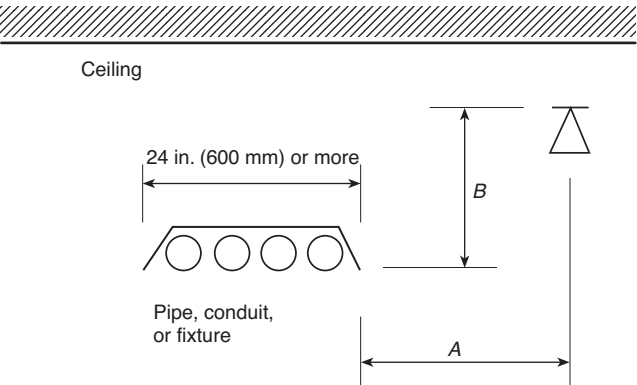


FIGURE 13.2.8.3.2 Obstruction Entirely Below Sprinkler (CMSA Sprinklers).

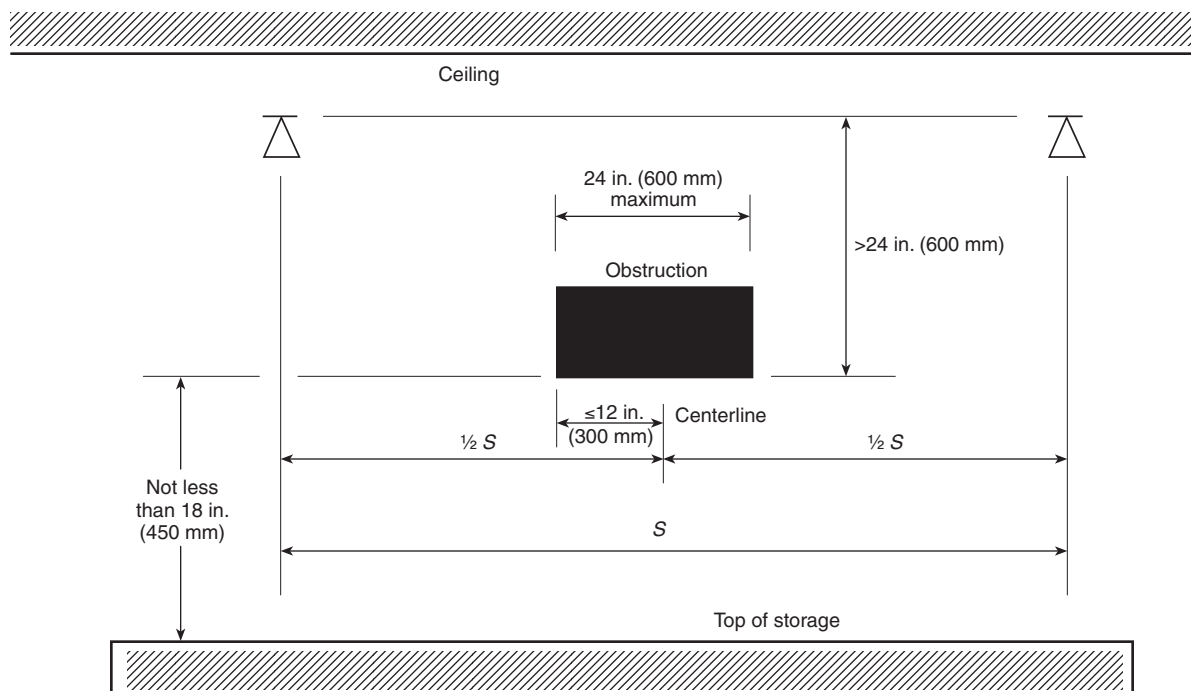


FIGURE 13.2.8.3.4 Obstruction More Than 24 in. (600 mm) Below Sprinklers (CMSA Sprinklers).

13.2.8.3.5 In the special case of an obstruction running parallel to or directly below a branch line, the following shall occur:

- (1) The sprinkler shall be located at least 36 in. (900 mm) above the top of the obstruction in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.5.
- (2) The obstruction shall be limited to a maximum width of 12 in. (300 mm) in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.5.
- (3) The obstruction shall be limited to a maximum extension of 6 in. (150 mm) to either side of the centerline of the branch line in accordance with Figure 13.2.8.3.5.

13.2.9 Clearance to Storage (CMSA Sprinklers). The clearance between the deflector and the top of storage shall be 36 in. (900 mm) or greater.

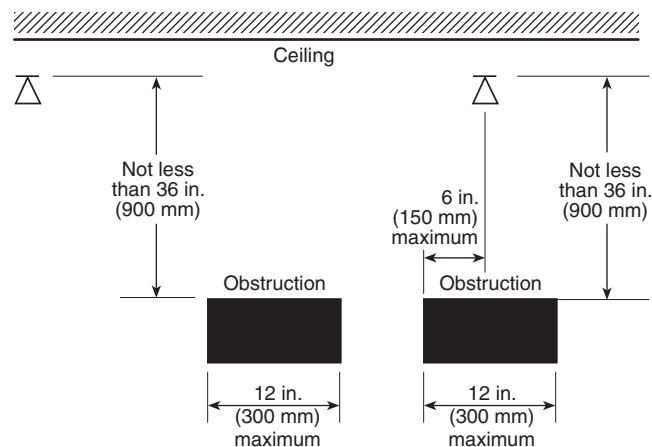


FIGURE 13.2.8.3.5 Obstruction More Than 36 in. (900 mm) Below Sprinklers (CMSA Sprinklers).

Chapter 14 Installation Requirements for Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers

14.1 General. Early suppression fast-response (ESFR) sprinklers shall be selected for use and installation as indicated in this chapter and shall be positioned and spaced in accordance with Section 9.5.

14.2 Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers.

14.2.1 General. All requirements of Section 9.5 shall apply except as modified in Section 14.2.

14.2.2 ESFR sprinklers shall be used only in wet pipe systems unless specifically listed for use in dry systems or preaction systems.

14.2.3 ESFR sprinklers shall be installed only in buildings where roof or ceiling slope above the sprinklers does not exceed a pitch of 2 in 12 (a rise of 2 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 16.7 percent).

14.2.4* ESFR sprinklers shall be permitted for use in buildings with unobstructed or obstructed construction.

14.2.4.1 Where depths of the solid structural members (beams, stem, and so forth) exceed 12 in. (300 mm), ESFR sprinklers shall be installed in each channel formed by the solid structural members.

14.2.4.2 Minimum sprinkler spacing and area of coverage shall comply with the requirements of 14.2.8 and 14.2.9.

14.2.5 Draft Curtains.

14.2.5.1 Where ESFR sprinkler systems are installed adjacent to sprinkler systems with standard-response sprinklers, a draft curtain of noncombustible construction and at least 2 ft (600 mm) in depth shall be required to separate the two areas.

14.2.5.2 A clear aisle of at least 4 ft (1.2 m) centered below the draft curtain shall be maintained for separation.

14.2.6 Temperature Ratings. Sprinkler temperature ratings for ESFR sprinklers shall be ordinary unless 9.4.2 requires intermediate- or high-temperature ratings.

14.2.7 Occupancy and Hazard. ESFR sprinklers designed to meet any criteria in Chapter 23 or 24 shall be permitted to protect light and ordinary hazard occupancies.

14.2.8 Protection Areas per Sprinkler (Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers).

14.2.8.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage. The protection area of coverage per sprinkler (A_s) shall be determined in accordance with 9.5.2.1.

14.2.8.2 Maximum Protection Area of Coverage.

14.2.8.2.1 The maximum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall be in accordance with the value indicated in Table 14.2.8.2.1.

14.2.8.2.2 Unless the requirements of 14.2.8.2.3 are met, the maximum area of coverage of any sprinkler shall not exceed 100 ft² (9.3 m²).

14.2.8.2.3* Deviations from the maximum sprinkler spacing shall be permitted to eliminate obstructions created by structural elements (such as trusses, bar joists, and wind bracing) by moving a sprinkler along the branch line a maximum of 1 ft (300 mm) from its allowable spacing, provided coverage for that sprinkler does not exceed 110 ft² (10 m²) per sprinkler where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The average actual floor area protected by the moved sprinkler and the adjacent sprinklers shall not exceed 100 ft² (9 m²).
- (2) Adjacent branch lines shall maintain the same pattern.
- (3) In no case shall the distance between sprinklers exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).

14.2.8.2.4 Deviations from the maximum sprinkler spacing shall be permitted to eliminate obstructions created by structural elements (such as trusses, bar joists, and wind bracing) by moving a single branch line a maximum of 1 ft (300 mm) from its allowable spacing, provided coverage for the sprinklers on that branch line and the sprinklers on the branch line it is moving away from does not exceed 110 ft² (10 m²) per sprinkler where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The average actual floor area protected by the sprinklers on the moved branch line and the sprinklers on the adjacent branch lines shall not exceed 100 ft² (9 m²) per sprinkler.
- (2) In no case shall the distance between sprinklers exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).
- (3) It shall not be permitted to move a branch line where there are moved sprinklers on a branch line that exceed the maximum sprinkler spacing.

Table 14.2.8.2.1 Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing of ESFR Sprinklers

Construction Type	Ceiling/Roof Heights Up to 30 ft (9.1 m)				Ceiling/Roof Heights Over 30 ft (9.1 m)			
	Protection Area		Spacing		Protection Area		Spacing	
	ft ²	m ²	ft	m	ft ²	m ²	ft	m
Noncombustible unobstructed	100	9	12	3.7	100	9	10	3.0
Noncombustible obstructed	100	9	12	3.7	100	9	10	3.0
Combustible unobstructed	100	9	12	3.7	100	9	10	3.0
Combustible obstructed	100	9	12	3.7	100	9	10	3.0

14.2.8.3 Minimum Protection Area of Coverage. The minimum allowable protection area of coverage for a sprinkler (A_s) shall not be less than 64 ft² (5.9 m²).

14.2.9 Sprinkler Spacing (Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers).

14.2.9.1 Maximum Distance Between Sprinklers. The maximum distance between sprinklers shall be in accordance with the following:

- (1) Where the storage height is less than or equal to 25 ft (7.6 m) and the ceiling height is less than or equal to 30 ft (9.1 m), the distance between sprinklers shall be limited to not more than 12 ft (3.7 m) between sprinklers as shown in Table 14.2.8.2.1.
- (2) Unless the requirements of 14.2.9.1(3) or 14.2.9.1(4) are met, where the storage height exceeds 25 ft (7.6 m) and ceiling height exceeds 30 ft (9.1 m), the distance between sprinklers shall be limited to not more than 10 ft (3.0 m) between sprinklers.
- (3)* Regardless of the storage or ceiling height arrangement, deviations from the maximum sprinkler spacing shall be permitted to eliminate obstructions created by structural elements (such as trusses, bar joists, and wind bracing) by moving a sprinkler along the branch line a maximum of 1 ft (300 mm) from its allowable spacing, provided coverage for that sprinkler does not exceed 110 ft² (10 m²) where all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The average actual floor area protected by the moved sprinkler and the adjacent sprinklers shall not exceed 100 ft² (9 m²).
 - (b) Adjacent branch lines shall maintain the same pattern.
 - (c) In no case shall the distance between sprinklers exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).
- (4) Where branch lines are parallel to trusses and bar joists, deviations from the maximum sprinkler spacing shall be permitted to eliminate obstructions created by structural elements (such as trusses, bar joists, and wind bracing) by moving a single branch line a maximum of 1 ft (300 mm) from its allowable spacing, provided coverage for the sprinklers on that branch line and the sprinklers on the branch line it is moving away from does not exceed 110 ft² (10 m²) per sprinkler where all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The average actual floor area protected by the sprinklers on the moved branch line and the sprinklers on the adjacent branch lines shall not exceed 100 ft² (9 m²) per sprinkler.
 - (b) In no case shall the distance between sprinklers exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).
 - (c) It shall not be permitted to move a branch line where there are moved sprinklers on a branch line that exceed the maximum sprinkler spacing.

14.2.9.2 Maximum Distance from Walls. The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half of the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers as indicated in Table 14.2.8.2.1.

14.2.9.3 Minimum Distance from Walls. Sprinklers shall be located a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) from a wall.

14.2.9.4 Minimum Distance Between Sprinklers. Sprinklers shall be spaced not less than 8 ft (2.4 m) on center.

14.2.10 Deflector Position (Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers).

14.2.10.1 Distance Below Ceilings.

14.2.10.1.1 Pendent sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-14 (200) shall be positioned so that deflectors are a maximum 14 in. (350 mm) and a minimum 6 in. (150 mm) below the ceiling.

14.2.10.1.2 Pendent sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-16.8 (240) shall be positioned so that deflectors are a maximum 14 in. (350 mm) and a minimum 6 in. (150 mm) below the ceiling.

14.2.10.1.3 Pendent sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-22.4 (320) and K-25.2 (360) shall be positioned so that deflectors are a maximum 18 in. (450 mm) and a minimum 6 in. (150 mm) below the ceiling.

14.2.10.1.4 Upright sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-14 (200) shall be positioned so that the deflector is 3 in. to 12 in. (75 mm to 300 mm) below the ceiling.

14.2.10.1.5 Upright sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-16.8 (240) shall be positioned so that the deflector is 3 in. to 12 in. (75 mm to 300 mm) below the ceiling.

14.2.10.1.6 With obstructed construction, the branch lines shall be permitted to be installed across the beams, but sprinklers shall be located in the bays and not under the beams.

14.2.10.2 Deflector Orientation. Deflectors of sprinklers shall be aligned parallel to ceilings or roofs.

14.2.11* Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge (Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers).

14.2.11.1 Obstructions at or Near Ceiling.

14.2.11.1.1 Sprinklers shall be arranged to comply with Table 14.2.11.1.1 and Figure 14.2.11.1.1 for obstructions at the ceiling, such as beams, ducts, lights, and top chords of trusses and bar joists.

14.2.11.1.2 The requirements of 14.2.11.1.1 shall not apply where sprinklers are spaced on opposite sides of obstructions less than 24 in. (600 mm) wide, provided the distance from the centerline on the obstructions to the sprinklers does not exceed one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers.

14.2.11.1.3 Sprinklers with a special obstruction allowance shall be installed according to their listing.

14.2.11.2* Isolated Obstructions Below Elevation of Sprinklers. Sprinklers shall be arranged with respect to obstructions in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be installed below isolated noncontinuous obstructions that restrict only one sprinkler and are located below the elevation of sprinklers such as light fixtures and unit heaters.
- (2) Additional sprinklers shall not be required where the obstruction is 2 ft (600 mm) or less in width and the sprinkler is located horizontally 1 ft (300 mm) or greater from the nearest edge of the obstruction.
- (3) Additional sprinklers shall not be required where sprinklers are positioned with respect to the bottom of obstructions in accordance with 14.2.11.1.

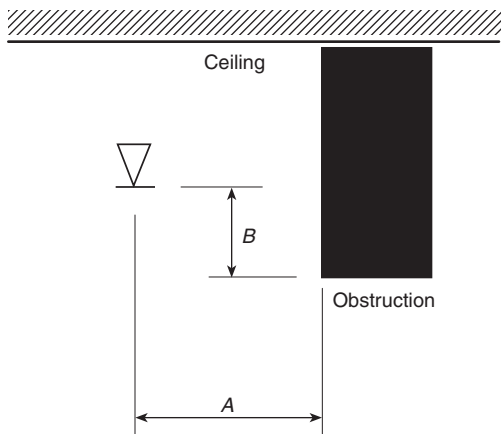


FIGURE 14.2.11.1.1 Positioning of Sprinkler to Avoid Obstruction to Discharge (ESFR Sprinklers).

- (4) Additional sprinklers shall not be required where the obstruction is 2 in. (50 mm) or less in width and is located a minimum of 2 ft (600 mm) below the elevation of the sprinkler deflector or is positioned a minimum of 1 ft (300 mm) horizontally from the sprinkler.
- (5) Sprinklers with a special obstruction allowance shall be installed according to their listing.

14.2.11.3 Continuous Obstructions Below Sprinklers.

14.2.11.3.1 General Continuous Obstructions. Sprinklers shall be arranged with respect to obstructions in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be installed below continuous obstructions, or they shall be arranged to comply with Table 14.2.11.1.1 for horizontal obstructions entirely below the elevation of sprinklers that restrict sprinkler discharge pattern for two or more adjacent sprinklers such as ducts, lights, pipes, and conveyors.

Table 14.2.11.1.1 Positioning of Sprinklers to Avoid Obstructions to Discharge (ESFR Sprinklers)

Distance from Sprinkler to Side of Obstruction (A)	Maximum Allowable Distance of Deflector Above Bottom of Obstruction (B) [in. (mm)]
Less than 1 ft (300 mm)	0 (0)
1 ft (300 mm) to less than 1 ft 6 in. (450 mm)	1½ (40)
1 ft 6 in. (450 mm) to less than 2 ft (600 mm)	3 (75)
2 ft (600 mm) to less than 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm)	5½ (140)
2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) to less than 3 ft (900 mm)	8 (200)
3 ft (900 mm) to less than 3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m)	10 (250)
3 ft 6 in. (1.1 m) to less than 4 ft (1.2 m)	12 (300)
4 ft (1.2 m) to less than 4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m)	15 (375)
4 ft 6 in. (1.4 m) to less than 5 ft (1.5 m)	18 (450)
5 ft (1.5 m) to less than 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m)	22 (550)
5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) to less than 6 ft (1.8 m)	26 (650)
6 ft (1.8 m)	31 (775)

Note: For A and B, refer to Figure 14.2.11.1.1.

- (2) Additional sprinklers shall not be required where the obstruction is 2 in. (50 mm) or less in width and is located a minimum of 2 ft (600 mm) below the elevation of the sprinkler deflector or is positioned a minimum of 1 ft (300 mm) horizontally from the sprinkler.
- (3) Additional sprinklers shall not be required where the obstruction is 1 ft (300 mm) or less in width and located a minimum of 1 ft (300 mm) horizontally from the sprinkler.
- (4) Additional sprinklers shall not be required where the obstruction is 2 ft (600 mm) or less in width and located a minimum of 2 ft (600 mm) horizontally from the sprinkler.
- (5) Ceiling sprinklers shall not be required to comply with Table 14.2.11.1.1 where a row of sprinklers is installed under the obstruction.

14.2.11.3.2 Bottom Chords of Bar Joists or Open Trusses. ESFR sprinklers shall be positioned a minimum of 1 ft (300 mm) horizontally from the nearest edge to the bottom chord of a bar joist or open truss where the bottom chord does not exceed 1 ft (300 mm) in width.

14.2.11.3.2.1 The requirements of 14.2.11.3.2 shall not apply where upright sprinklers are located over the bottom chords of bar joists or open trusses that are 4 in. (100 mm) maximum in width.

14.2.11.3.3* For pipes, conduits, or groups of pipes and conduit to be considered individual, they shall be separated from the closest adjacent pipe, conduit, cable tray, or similar obstructions by a minimum of three times the width of the adjacent pipe, conduit, cable tray, or similar obstruction.

14.2.11.3.4 Open Gratings. Sprinklers installed under open gratings shall be of the intermediate level/rack storage type or otherwise shielded from the discharge of overhead sprinklers.

14.2.11.3.5 Overhead Doors. Quick-response spray sprinklers shall be permitted to be utilized under overhead doors.

14.2.11.3.6 Special Obstruction Allowance. Sprinklers with a special obstruction allowance shall be installed according to their listing.

14.2.12 Clearance to Storage (Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers). The clearance between the deflector and the top of storage shall be 36 in. (900 mm) or greater.

Chapter 15 Installation Requirements for Special Sprinklers

15.1 Open Sprinklers.

15.1.1 Open sprinklers shall be permitted to be used in deluge systems to protect special hazards or exposures or in other special locations.

15.1.2 Open sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with all applicable requirements of this standard for their automatic counterpart.

15.2 Special Sprinklers.

15.2.1 Special sprinklers that are intended for the protection of specific hazards or construction features shall be permitted where such devices have been evaluated and listed for performance under the following conditions:

- (1) Fire tests related to the intended hazard
- (2) Distribution of the spray pattern with respect to wetting of floors and walls
- (3) Distribution of the spray pattern with respect to obstructions
- (4) Evaluation of the thermal sensitivity of the sprinkler
- (5) Performance under horizontal or sloped ceilings
- (6) Area of design
- (7) Allowable clearance to ceilings

15.2.2 Special sprinklers shall maintain the following characteristics:

- (1) K-factor size shall be in accordance with 7.2.2.
- (2) Temperature ratings shall be in accordance with Table 7.2.4.1.
- (3) The protection area of coverage shall not exceed 400 ft² (37 m²) for light hazard and ordinary hazard occupancies.
- (4) The protection area of coverage shall not exceed 196 ft² (18 m²) for extra hazard and high-piled storage occupancies.

15.3 Dry Sprinklers.

15.3.1* Where dry sprinklers are connected to wet pipe sprinkler systems protecting areas subject to freezing temperatures, the minimum exposed length of the barrel of the dry sprinkler shall be in accordance with Table 15.3.1(a) or Table 15.3.1(b).

15.3.2 The minimum exposed length shall be measured along the length of the dry sprinkler from the face of the fitting to which the dry sprinkler is installed to the inside surface of the insulation, wall, or ceiling leading to the cold space, whichever is closest to the fitting.

15.3.3* Where dry sprinklers are connected to wet pipe sprinkler systems protecting insulated freezer structures, the clearance space around the sprinkler barrel shall be sealed.

N 15.3.4* Dry sprinklers shall only be installed in fittings as specified by the manufacturer.

15.4 Old-Style Sprinklers.

15.4.1 Unless required by 9.3.12 or 15.4.2, old-style sprinklers shall not be used in a new installation.

Table 15.3.1(a) Exposed Barrel Lengths for Dry Sprinklers (U.S. Customary Units)

Ambient Temperature Exposed to Discharge End of Sprinkler (°F)	Minimum Exposed Barrel Length when Exposed to 40°F (in.)	Minimum Exposed Barrel Length when Exposed to 50°F (in.)	Minimum Exposed Barrel Length when Exposed to 60°F (in.)
40	0	0	0
30	0	0	0
20	4	0	0
10	8	1	0
0	12	3	0
-10	14	4	1
-20	14	6	3
-30	16	8	4
-40	18	8	4
-50	20	10	6
-60	20	10	6

Table 15.3.1(b) Exposed Barrel Lengths for Dry Sprinklers (Metric Units)

Ambient Temperature Exposed to Discharge End of Sprinkler (°C)	Minimum Exposed Barrel Length when Exposed to 4°C (mm)	Minimum Exposed Barrel Length when Exposed to 10°C (mm)	Minimum Exposed Barrel Length when Exposed to 16°C (mm)
4	0	0	0
-1	0	0	0
-7	100	0	0
-12	200	25	0
-18	300	75	0
-23	350	100	25
-29	350	150	75
-34	400	200	100
-40	450	200	100
-46	500	250	150
-51	500	250	150

15.4.2 Use of old-style sprinklers shall be permitted where construction features or other special situations require unique water distribution.

15.4.3 Old-style sprinklers protecting fur storage vaults shall be permitted to be placed less than 6 ft (1.8 m) on center.

Chapter 16 Installation of Piping, Valves, and Appurtenances

16.1 Basic Requirements.

16.1.1* System valves and gauges shall be accessible for operation, inspection, tests, and maintenance.

16.1.2 Materials and components shall be installed in accordance with material compatibility information that is available as a part of a listing or manufacturer's published information.

16.1.3 Reconditioned Components.

16.1.3.1 The use of reconditioned valves and devices as replacement equipment in existing systems shall be permitted.

16.1.3.2 Reconditioned sprinklers shall not be permitted to be utilized on any new or existing system.

16.2 Sprinkler Installation.

16.2.1 Only new sprinklers shall be installed.

16.2.1.1* When a sprinkler is removed from a fitting or welded outlet, it shall not be reinstalled except as permitted by 16.2.1.1.1.

16.2.1.1.1 Dry sprinklers shall be permitted to be reinstalled when removed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions.

16.2.2 Corrosion Resistant.

16.2.2.1 Listed corrosion-resistant sprinklers shall be installed in locations where chemicals, moisture, or other corrosive vapors sufficient to cause corrosion of such devices exist.

16.2.2.1.1* Unless the requirements of 16.2.2.1.2 are met, corrosion-resistant coatings shall be applied only by the manufacturer of the sprinkler and in accordance with the requirements of 16.2.2.1.2.

16.2.2.1.2 Any damage to the protective coating occurring at the time of installation shall be repaired at once using only the coating of the manufacturer of the sprinkler in the approved manner so that no part of the sprinkler will be exposed after installation has been completed.

16.2.3 Painting.

16.2.3.1 Where sprinklers have had paint applied by other than the sprinkler manufacturer, they shall be replaced with new listed sprinklers of the same characteristics, including K-factor, thermal response, and water distribution.

16.2.3.2 Where cover plates on concealed sprinklers have been painted by other than the sprinkler manufacturer, the cover plate shall be replaced.

16.2.4 Protective Coverings.

16.2.4.1 Sprinklers protecting spray areas and mixing rooms in resin application areas shall be protected against overspray residue so that they will operate in the event of fire.

16.2.4.2* Where protected in accordance with 16.2.4.1, cellophane bags having a thickness of 0.003 in. (0.08 mm) or less or thin paper bags shall be used.

16.2.4.3 Sprinklers that have been painted or coated shall be replaced in accordance with the requirements of 16.2.3.

N 16.2.5 Escutcheons and Cover Plates.

N 16.2.5.1* Plates, escutcheons, or other devices used to cover the annular space around a sprinkler shall be metallic or shall be listed for use around a sprinkler.

N 16.2.5.2* Escutcheons used with recessed, flush-type, or concealed sprinklers shall be part of a listed sprinkler assembly.

N 16.2.5.3 Cover plates used with concealed sprinklers shall be part of the listed sprinkler assembly.

16.2.5.4 The use of caulking or glue to seal the penetration or to affix the components of a recessed escutcheon or concealed cover plate shall not be permitted.

16.2.6 Sprinklers subject to mechanical injury shall be protected with listed guards.

16.2.7 Stock of Spare Sprinklers.

16.2.7.1* A supply of at least six spare sprinklers shall be maintained on the premises so that any sprinklers that have operated or been damaged in any way can be promptly replaced.

16.2.7.2 The sprinklers shall correspond to the types and temperature ratings of the sprinklers in the property.

16.2.7.3 The sprinklers shall be kept in a cabinet located where the temperature to which they are subjected will at no time exceed the maximum ceiling temperatures specified in Table 7.2.4.1 for each of the sprinklers within the cabinet.

16.2.7.4 Where dry sprinklers of different lengths are installed, spare dry sprinklers shall not be required, provided that a means of returning the system to service is furnished.

16.2.7.5 The stock of spare sprinklers shall include all types and ratings installed and shall be as follows:

- (1) For protected facilities having under 300 sprinklers — no fewer than six sprinklers
- (2) For protected facilities having 300 to 1000 sprinklers — no fewer than 12 sprinklers
- (3) For protected facilities having over 1000 sprinklers — no fewer than 24 sprinklers

16.2.7.6* One sprinkler wrench as specified by the sprinkler manufacturer shall be provided in the cabinet for each type of sprinkler installed to be used for the removal and installation of sprinklers in the system.

16.2.7.7 A list of the sprinklers installed in the property shall be posted in the sprinkler cabinet.

16.2.7.7.1* The list shall include the following:

- (1) Sprinkler Identification Number (SIN) if equipped; or the manufacturer, model, K-factor, deflector type, thermal sensitivity, and pressure rating
- (2) General description
- (3) Quantity of each type to be contained in the cabinet
- (4) Issue or revision date of the list

16.3 Piping Installation.

16.3.1 General.

16.3.1.1 Steel pipe shall be in accordance with 16.3.2, 16.3.3, or 16.3.4.

16.3.1.2 Copper tube shall be in accordance with 16.3.5.

16.3.1.3 Nonmetallic pipe shall be in accordance with 16.3.9.

16.3.1.4 Brass pipe shall be in accordance with 16.3.6.

16.3.1.5 Stainless steel pipe shall be in accordance with 16.3.7.

16.3.2* Steel Pipe — Welded or Roll-Grooved. When steel pipe referenced in Table 7.3.1.1 is used and joined by welding as referenced in 7.5.2 or by roll-grooved pipe and fittings as referenced in 7.5.3, the minimum nominal wall thickness for pressures up to 300 psi (21 bar) shall be in accordance with Schedule 10 for pipe sizes up to 5 in. (125 mm), 0.134 in. (3.4 mm) for 6 in. (150 mm) pipe, 0.188 in. (4.8 mm) for 8 in. and 10 in. (200 mm and 250 mm) pipe, and 0.330 in. (8.4 mm) for 12 in. (300 mm) pipe.

16.3.3 Steel Pipe — Threaded. When steel pipe referenced in Table 7.3.1.1 is joined by threaded fittings referenced in 7.5.1 or by fittings used with pipe having cut grooves, the minimum wall thickness shall be in accordance with Schedule 30 pipe [in sizes 8 in. (200 mm) and larger] or Schedule 40 pipe [in sizes less than 8 in. (200 mm)] for pressures up to 300 psi (21 bar).

16.3.4 Specially Listed Steel Pipe. Pressure limitations and wall thickness for steel pipe specially listed in accordance with 7.3.3 shall be permitted to be in accordance with the pipe listing requirements.

16.3.5 Copper Tube. Copper tube as specified in the standards listed in Table 7.3.1.1 shall have a wall thickness of Type K, Type L, or Type M where used in sprinkler systems.

16.3.6 Brass Pipe. Brass pipe specified in Table 7.3.1.1 shall be permitted in the standard weight in sizes up to 6 in. (150 mm) for pressures up to 175 psig (12 bar) and in the extra strong weight in sizes up to 8 in. (200 mm) for pressures up to 300 psig (21 bar).

16.3.7 Stainless Steel Pipe. Stainless steel pipe as referenced in the standards listed in Table 7.3.1.1 shall be in accordance with Schedules 10S or 40S pipe.

16.3.8 Metallic Pipe and Tube Bending.

16.3.8.1 Bending of Schedule 10 steel pipe, or any steel pipe of wall thickness equal to or greater than Schedule 10 and Types K and L copper tube, shall be permitted when bends are made with no kinks, ripples, distortions, or reductions in diameter or any noticeable deviations from round.

16.3.8.2 For Schedule 40 and copper tubing, the minimum radius of a bend shall be six pipe diameters for pipe sizes 2 in. (50 mm) and smaller and five pipe diameters for pipe sizes 2½ in. (65 mm) and larger.

16.3.8.3 For all other steel pipe, the minimum radius of a bend shall be 12 pipe diameters for all sizes.

16.3.8.4 Bending of listed pipe and tubing shall be permitted as allowed by the listing.

16.3.9 Nonmetallic Pipe and Tubing.

16.3.9.1 Listed nonmetallic pipe shall be installed in accordance with its listing limitations, including installation instructions.

16.3.9.2 When nonmetallic pipe is used in systems utilizing steel piping internally coated with corrosion inhibitors, the steel pipe coating shall be listed for compatibility with the nonmetallic pipe materials.

16.3.9.3 When nonmetallic pipe is used in systems utilizing steel pipe that is not internally coated with corrosion inhibitors, no additional evaluations shall be required.

16.3.9.4* When nonmetallic pipe is used in systems utilizing steel pipe, cutting oils and lubricants used for fabrication of the steel piping shall be compatible with the nonmetallic pipe materials in accordance with 16.1.2.

16.3.9.5 Fire-stopping materials intended for use on nonmetallic piping penetrations shall be compatible with the nonmetallic pipe materials in accordance with 16.1.2.

16.3.9.6 Nonmetallic pipe listed for light hazard occupancies shall be permitted to be installed in ordinary hazard rooms of otherwise light hazard occupancies where the room does not exceed 400 ft² (37 m²).

16.3.9.6.1 Nonmetallic pipe installed in accordance with 16.3.9.6 shall be permitted to be installed exposed, in accordance with the listing.

16.3.9.6.2 Where nonmetallic pipe installed in accordance with 16.3.9.6 supplies sprinklers in a private garage within a dwelling unit not exceeding 1000 ft² (93 m²) in area, it shall be permitted to be protected from the garage compartment by not less than the same wall or ceiling sheathing that is required by the applicable building code.

16.3.9.7 Bending of listed nonmetallic pipe or tubing shall be permitted as allowed by the listing.

16.3.10 Listed Metallic Pipe and Tubing.

16.3.10.1 Pipe or tube listed only for light hazard occupancies shall be permitted to be installed in ordinary hazard rooms of otherwise light hazard occupancies where the room does not exceed 400 ft² (37 m²).

16.3.10.1.1 Pipe or tube installed in accordance with 16.3.10.1 shall be permitted to be installed exposed, in accordance with the listing.

16.3.10.2 Bending of listed pipe and tubing shall be permitted as allowed by the listing.

16.3.11 Return Bends.

16.3.11.1 Unless the requirements of 16.3.11.3, 16.3.11.4, or 16.3.11.5 are met, return bends shall be used where pendent sprinklers are supplied from a raw water source, a mill pond, or open-top reservoirs.

16.3.11.2 Return bends shall be connected to the top of branch lines in order to avoid accumulation of sediment in the drop nipples in accordance with Figure 16.3.11.2.

16.3.11.3 Return bends shall not be required for deluge systems.

16.3.11.4 Return bends shall not be required where dry pendent sprinklers are used.

16.3.11.5 Return bends shall not be required for wet pipe systems where sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-11.2 (160) or larger are used.

16.3.12 Piping to Sprinklers Below Ceilings.

16.3.12.1* In new installations expected to supply sprinklers below a ceiling, minimum 1 in. (25 mm) outlets shall be provided.

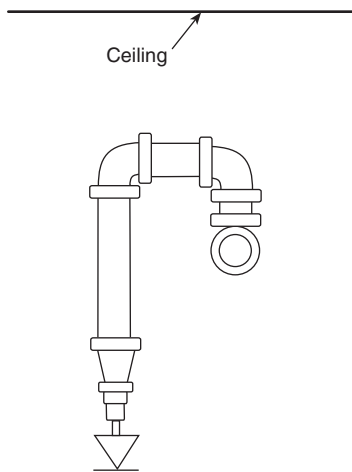


FIGURE 16.3.11.2 Return Bend Arrangement.

16.3.12.2* In new installations, it shall be permitted to provide minimum 1 in. (25 mm) outlets with hexagonal bushings to accommodate sprinklers attached directly to branch line fittings to allow for future system modifications.

16.4 Protection of Piping.

16.4.1 Protection of Piping Against Freezing.

16.4.1.1* Where any portion of a system is subject to freezing and the temperatures cannot be reliably maintained at or above 40°F (4°C), the system shall be installed as a dry pipe or preaction system.

16.4.1.1.1 The requirements of 16.4.1.1 shall not apply where alternate methods of freeze prevention are provided in accordance with one of the methods described in 16.4.1.2 through 16.4.1.4.1.

16.4.1.2 Unheated areas shall be permitted to be protected by antifreeze systems or by other systems specifically listed for the purpose.

16.4.1.3 Where aboveground water-filled supply pipes, risers, system risers, or feed mains pass through open areas, cold rooms, passageways, or other areas exposed to temperatures below 40°F (4°C), the pipe shall be permitted to be protected against freezing by insulating coverings, frostproof casings, or other means of maintaining a minimum temperature between 40°F and 120°F (4°C and 49°C).

16.4.1.4 Listed heat-tracing systems shall be permitted in accordance with 16.4.1.4.1 and 16.4.1.4.2.

16.4.1.4.1 Where used to protect branch lines, the heat-tracing system shall be specifically listed for use on branch lines.

16.4.1.4.2 Electric supervision of the heat-tracing system shall provide positive confirmation that the circuit is energized.

16.4.1.5 Water-filled piping shall be permitted to be installed in areas where the temperature is less than 40°F (4°C) when heat loss calculations performed by a professional engineer verify that the system will not freeze.

16.4.2* Protection of Piping Against Corrosion.

16.4.2.1* Where corrosive conditions are known to exist due to moisture or fumes from corrosive chemicals or both, special types of fittings, pipes, and hangers that resist corrosion shall be used, or a protective coating shall be applied to all unprotected exposed surfaces of the sprinkler system.

16.4.2.2 Where water supplies or environmental conditions are known to have unusual corrosive properties, piping shall have a corrosion resistance ratio (CRR) of 1 or more, and the system shall be treated in accordance with 5.1.5.

16.4.2.3 Where corrosive conditions exist or piping is exposed to the weather, corrosion-resistant types of pipe, fittings, and hangers or protective corrosion-resistant coatings shall be used.

16.4.2.4 Where steel pipe is used underground, the pipe shall be protected against corrosion.

16.4.3* Protection of Piping in Hazardous Areas.

16.4.3.1 Private service main aboveground piping shall not pass through hazardous areas and shall be located so that it is protected from mechanical and fire damage.

16.4.3.2 Private service main aboveground piping shall be permitted to be located in hazardous areas protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

16.5 Protection of Risers Subject to Mechanical Damage. Sprinkler risers subject to mechanical damage shall be protected by steel posts, concrete barriers, or other approved means.

16.6 Provision for Flushing Systems.

16.6.1 All sprinkler systems shall be arranged for flushing.

16.6.2 Readily removable fittings shall be provided at the end of all cross mains.

16.6.3 All cross mains shall terminate in 1¼ in. (32 mm) or larger pipe.

16.6.4 All branch lines on gridded systems shall be arranged to facilitate flushing.

16.7* Air Venting. The vent required by 8.1.5 shall be located near a high point in the system to allow air to be removed from that portion of the system by one of the following methods:

- (1) Manual valve, minimum ½ in. (15 mm) size
- (2) Automatic air vent
- (3) Remote inspector's test valve
- (4) Other approved means

N 16.8 Fitting Installation.

N 16.8.1 Metallic Fittings. (Reserved)

N 16.8.2 Nonmetallic Fittings.

16.8.2.1* When nonmetallic fittings are used in systems utilizing internally coated steel piping, the steel pipe shall be listed for compatibility with the nonmetallic fittings.

16.8.2.2* When nonmetallic fittings are used in systems utilizing steel pipe that is not internally coated with corrosion inhibitors, no additional evaluations are required.

16.8.2.3 When nonmetallic fittings are used in systems utilizing steel pipe, cutting oils and lubricants used for fabrication of

the steel piping shall be compatible with the nonmetallic fittings in accordance with 16.1.2.

16.8.2.4 Fire-stopping materials intended for use on nonmetallic fitting penetrations shall be investigated for compatibility with the nonmetallic fitting materials in accordance with 16.1.2.

16.8.3* Fitting Pressure Limits.

16.8.3.1 Standard weight pattern cast-iron fittings 2 in. (50 mm) in size and smaller shall be permitted where pressures do not exceed 300 psi (21 bar).

16.8.3.2 Standard weight pattern malleable iron fittings 6 in. (150 mm) in size and smaller shall be permitted where pressures do not exceed 300 psi (21 bar).

16.8.3.3 Fittings not meeting the requirements of 16.8.3.1 and 16.8.3.2 shall be extra-heavy pattern where pressures exceed 175 psi (12 bar).

16.8.3.4 Cast bronze threaded fittings in accordance with ASME B16.15, *Cast Copper Alloy Threaded Fittings, Classes 125 and 250*, shall be permitted where pressures do not exceed 200 psi (14 bar) for Class 125 fittings and 400 psi (28 bar) for Class 250 fittings.

16.8.3.5 Listed fittings shall be permitted for system pressures up to the limits specified in their listings.

16.8.4* Couplings and Unions.

16.8.4.1 Screwed unions shall not be used on pipe larger than 2 in. (50 mm).

16.8.4.2 Couplings and unions of other than screwed-type shall be of types listed specifically for use in sprinkler systems.

16.8.5 Reducers and Bushings.

16.8.5.1 Unless the requirements of 16.8.5.2 or 16.8.5.3 are met, a one-piece reducing fitting shall be used wherever a change is made in the size of the pipe.

16.8.5.2 Hexagonal or face bushings shall be permitted in reducing the size of openings of fittings when standard fittings of the required size are not available.

16.8.5.3 Hexagonal bushings as permitted in 16.3.12.2 shall be permitted to be used.

16.8.5.4 The requirements of 16.8.5.1 and 16.8.5.2 shall not apply to CPVC fittings.

16.8.6 Extension Fitting.

16.8.6.1 Extension fittings shall be permitted to be used with sprinklers K-8.0 or smaller.

16.8.6.2 Extension fittings shall be permitted to be used with sprinklers in light hazard and ordinary hazard occupancies only.

16.8.6.3 The internal diameter of extension fittings shall have the same nominal inlet diameter of the attached sprinkler.

16.8.6.4 A single extension fitting up to a maximum of 2 in. (50 mm) in length shall be permitted to be installed with a sprinkler.

16.8.6.4.1 Extension fittings longer than 2 in. (50 mm) shall not be permitted unless specifically listed.

16.8.6.5 Extension fittings shall be included in the hydraulic calculations.

16.8.6.5.1 Extension fittings 2 in. (50 mm) and less shall not be required to be included in the hydraulic calculations.

N 16.8.7 Threaded Pipe and Fittings.

16.9 Valves.

16.9.1 General.

16.9.1.1 Drain Valves and Test Valves. Drain valves and test valves shall be approved.

16.9.1.2 Valve Pressure Requirements. When water pressures exceed 175 psi (12 bar), valves shall be used in accordance with their pressure ratings.

16.9.2 Wafer-Type Valves. Wafer-type valves with components that extend beyond the valve body shall be installed in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of any system components.

16.9.3* Control Valves.

16.9.3.1* General.

16.9.3.1.1 Each sprinkler system shall be provided with a listed indicating valve in an accessible location, so located as to control all automatic sources of water supply.

16.9.3.1.2 At least one listed indicating valve shall be installed in each source of water supply.

16.9.3.1.3 The requirements of 16.9.3.1.2 shall not apply to the fire department connection, and there shall be no shutoff valve in the fire department connection.

16.9.3.2 Listed Indicating Valves. Unless the requirements of 16.9.3.2.1, 16.9.3.2.2, or 16.9.3.2.3 are met, all valves controlling connections to water supplies and to supply pipes to sprinklers shall be listed indicating valves.

16.9.3.2.1 A listed underground gate valve equipped with a listed indicator post shall be permitted.

16.9.3.2.2 A listed water control valve assembly with a reliable position indication connected to a remote supervisory station shall be permitted.

16.9.3.2.3 A nonindicating valve, such as an underground gate valve with approved roadway box, complete with T-wrench, and where accepted by the authority having jurisdiction, shall be permitted.

16.9.3.3* Supervision.

16.9.3.3.1 Valves on connections to water supplies, sectional control and isolation valves, and other valves in supply pipes to sprinklers and other fixed water-based fire suppression systems shall be supervised by one of the following methods:

- (1) Central station, proprietary, or remote station signaling service
- (2) Local signaling service that will cause the sounding of an audible signal at a constantly attended point
- (3) Valves locked in the correct position
- (4) Valves located within fenced enclosures under the control of the owner, sealed in the open position, and inspected weekly as part of an approved procedure

16.9.3.3.2 Floor control valves in high-rise buildings shall comply with 16.9.3.3.1(1) or 16.9.3.3.1(2).

16.9.3.3.3 The requirements of 16.9.3.3.1 shall not apply to underground gate valves with roadway boxes.

16.9.3.3.4 Where control valves are installed overhead, they shall be positioned so that the indicating feature is visible from the floor below.

16.9.3.3.5 A listed backflow prevention assembly shall be permitted to be considered a control valve, provided both control valves are listed for fire protection system use and an additional control valve shall not be required.

16.9.3.4* Control Valve Accessibility. All control valves shall be located where accessible and free of obstructions.

16.9.3.5 Control Valve Identification. Identification signs shall be provided at each valve to indicate its function and what it controls.

N 16.9.4 Automated Valves.

N 16.9.4.1 A listed indicating valve with automated controls shall be permitted.

N 16.9.4.2 A listed automated water control valve assembly with a reliable position indication connected to a remote supervisory station shall be permitted.

N 16.9.4.3 An automated water control valve shall be able to be operated manually as well as automatically.

16.9.5* Check Valves.

16.9.5.1 Where there is more than one source of water supply, a check valve shall be installed in each connection.

16.9.5.2 A listed backflow prevention device shall be considered a check valve, and an additional check valve shall not be required.

16.9.5.3 Where cushion tanks are used with automatic fire pumps, no check valve is required in the cushion tank connection.

16.9.5.4 Check valves shall be installed in a vertical (flow upwards) or horizontal position in accordance with their listing.

16.9.5.5* Where a single wet pipe sprinkler system is equipped with a fire department connection, the alarm valve is considered a check valve, and an additional check valve shall not be required.

16.9.6* Control Valves with Check Valves.

16.9.6.1 In a connection serving as one source of supply, listed indicating valves or post-indicator valves shall be installed on both sides of all check valves required in 16.9.5.

16.9.6.2 The city services control valve (non-indicating control valve) shall be permitted to serve as the supply side control valve.

16.9.6.3 The requirements of 16.9.6.1 shall not apply to the check valve located in the fire department connection piping, and there shall be no control valves in the fire department connection piping.

16.9.6.4 The requirements of 16.9.6.1 shall not apply where the city connection serves as the only automatic source of

supply to a wet pipe sprinkler system; a control valve is not required on the system side of the check valve or the alarm check valve.

16.9.6.5* Control Valves for Gravity Tanks. Gravity tanks shall have listed indicating valves installed on both sides of the check valve.

16.9.7* Pumps. When a pump is located in a combustible pump house or exposed to danger from fire or falling walls, or when a tank discharges into a private fire service main fed by another supply, either the check valve in the connection shall be located in a pit or the control valve shall be of the post-indicator type located a safe distance outside buildings.

16.9.8 Pressure-Reducing Valves.

16.9.8.1 In portions of systems where all components are not listed for pressure greater than 175 psi (12 bar) and the potential exists for normal (nonfire condition) water pressure in excess of 175 psi (12 bar), a listed pressure-reducing valve shall be installed and set for an outlet pressure not exceeding 165 psi (11 bar) at the maximum inlet pressure.

16.9.8.2 Pressure gauges shall be installed on the inlet and outlet sides of each pressure-reducing valve.

16.9.8.3* A listed relief valve of not less than ½ in. (15 mm) in size shall be provided on the discharge side of the pressure-reducing valve set to operate at a pressure not exceeding the rated pressure of the components of the system.

16.9.8.4 A listed indicating valve shall be provided on the inlet side of each pressure-reducing valve, unless the pressure-reducing valve meets the listing requirements for use as an indicating valve.

16.9.8.5 Means shall be provided downstream of all pressure-reducing valves for flow tests at sprinkler system demand.

16.9.9* Post-Indicator Valves.

16.9.9.1 Where post-indicator valves are used, they shall be set so that the top of the post is 32 in. to 40 in. (800 mm to 1000 mm) above the final grade.

16.9.9.2 Post-indicator valves shall be properly protected against mechanical damage where needed.

16.9.9.3 The requirements of 16.9.9.1 shall not apply to wall post-indicator valves.

16.9.10 Valves in Pits.

16.9.10.1 Where it is impractical to provide a post-indicator valve, valves shall be permitted to be placed in pits with permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

16.9.10.2* Valve Pit Construction.

16.9.10.2.1 When used, valve pits shall be of adequate size and accessible for inspection, operation, testing, maintenance, and removal of equipment contained therein.

16.9.10.2.2 Valve pits shall be constructed and arranged to properly protect the installed equipment from movement of earth, freezing, and accumulation of water.

16.9.10.2.3 Poured-in-place or precast concrete, with or without reinforcement, or brick (all depending upon soil conditions and size of pit) shall be appropriate materials for construction of valve pits.

16.9.10.2.4 Other approved materials shall be permitted to be used for valve pit construction.

16.9.10.2.5 Where the water table is low and the soil is porous, crushed stone or gravel shall be permitted to be used for the floor of the pit.

16.9.10.2.6 Valve pits located at or near the base of the riser of an elevated tank shall be designed in accordance with NFPA 22.

16.9.10.3 Valve Pit Marking. The location of the valve shall be clearly marked, and the cover of the pit shall be kept free of obstructions.

16.9.11 Floor Control Valve Assemblies.

16.9.11.1 Multistory buildings exceeding two stories in height shall be provided with a floor control valve, check valve, main drain valve, and flow switch for isolation, control, and annunciation of water flow for each individual floor level.

16.9.11.2 The floor control valve, check valve, main drain valve, and flow switch required by 16.9.11.1 shall not be required where sprinklers on the top level of a multistory building are supplied by piping on the floor below.

16.9.11.3 The floor control valve, check valve, main drain valve, and flow switch required by 16.9.11.1 shall not be required where the total area of all floors combined does not exceed the system protection area limitations of 4.5.1.

16.9.11.4 The requirements of 16.9.11 shall not apply to dry systems in parking garages.

16.9.11.5* Where individual floor/zone control valves are not provided, a flanged joint or mechanical coupling shall be used at the riser at each floor for connections to piping serving floor areas in excess of 5000 ft² (465 m²).

16.9.12* Identification of Valves.

16.9.12.1 All control, drain, venting, and test connection valves shall be provided with permanently marked weather-proof metal or rigid plastic identification signs.

16.9.12.2 The identification sign shall be secured with corrosion-resistant wire, chain, or other approved means.

16.9.12.3 The control valve sign shall identify the portion of the building served.

16.9.12.3.1* Systems that have more than one control valve that must be closed to work on a system or space shall have a sign referring to existence and location of other valves.

16.10 Drainage.

16.10.1 General. All sprinkler pipe and fittings shall be installed so that the system can be drained.

16.10.2 Wet Pipe Systems.

16.10.2.1 On wet pipe systems, sprinkler pipes shall be permitted to be installed level.

16.10.2.2 Trapped piping shall be drained in accordance with 16.10.5.

16.10.3 Dry Pipe and Preaction Systems. Piping shall be pitched to drain as stated in 16.10.3.1 through 16.10.3.3.

16.10.3.1 Dry Pipe Systems in Nonrefrigerated Areas. In dry pipe system, branch lines shall be pitched at least ½ in. per

10 ft (4 mm/m), and mains shall be pitched at least ¼ in. per 10 ft (2 mm/m) in nonrefrigerated areas.

16.10.3.2 Preaction Systems. In preaction systems, branch lines shall be pitched at least ½ in. per 10 ft (4 mm/m), and mains shall be pitched at least ¼ in. per 10 ft (2 mm/m).

16.10.3.3 Dry Pipe and Preaction Systems in Refrigerated Areas. Branch lines shall be pitched at least ½ in. per 10 ft (4 mm/m), and mains shall be pitched at least ½ in. per 10 ft (4 mm/m) in refrigerated areas.

16.10.4 System, Main Drain, or Sectional Drain Connections.

16.10.4.1 Provisions shall be made to properly drain all parts of the system.

16.10.4.2 Drain connections for system supply risers and mains shall be sized as shown in Table 16.10.4.2.

16.10.4.3 Where an interior sectional or floor control valve(s) is provided, it shall be provided with a drain connection having a minimum size as shown in Table 16.10.4.2 to drain that portion of the system controlled by the sectional valve.

16.10.4.4 Drains shall discharge outside or to a drain connection capable of handling the flow of the drain.

16.10.4.5 For those drains serving pressure-reducing valves, the drain, drain connection, and all other downstream drain piping shall be sized to permit a flow of at least the greatest system demand supplied by the pressure-reducing valve.

16.10.4.6* Main Drain Test Connections.

16.10.4.6.1 Main drain test connections shall be provided at locations that will permit flow tests of water supplies and connections.

16.10.4.6.2 Main drain test connections shall be installed that the valve can be opened wide for a sufficient time to assure a proper test without causing water damage.

16.10.4.6.3 Main drain connections shall be sized in accordance with 16.10.4.2.

16.10.4.7 The test connections required by 16.10.4.6 shall be permitted to be used as main drain connections.

16.10.4.8 Where drain connections for floor control valves are tied into a common drain riser, the drain riser shall be one pipe size larger downstream of each size drain connection tying into it.

16.10.4.9 Where subject to freezing, a minimum 4 ft (1.2 m) of exposed drain pipe shall be in a heated area between the drain valve and the exterior wall when drain piping extends through the wall to the outside.

Table 16.10.4.2 Drain Size

Riser or Main Size [in. (mm)]	Size of Drain Connection [in. (mm)]
Up to 2 (50)	¾ (20) or larger
2½ (65), 3 (80), 3½ (90)	1¼ (32) or larger
4 (100) and larger	2 (50) or larger

16.10.5 Auxiliary Drains.

16.10.5.1 Auxiliary drains shall be provided where a change in piping direction prevents drainage of system piping through the main drain valve.

16.10.5.2 Auxiliary Drains for Wet Pipe Systems and Preaction Systems in Areas Not Subject to Freezing.

16.10.5.2.1* Where the capacity of isolated trapped sections of pipe is 50 gal (200 L) or more, the auxiliary drain shall consist of a valve not smaller than 1 in. (25 mm), piped to an accessible location.

16.10.5.2.2 Where the capacity of isolated trapped sections of pipe is more than 5 gal (20 L) and less than 50 gal (200 L), the auxiliary drain shall consist of a valve $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) or larger and a plug or a nipple and cap.

16.10.5.2.3 Where the capacity of trapped sections of pipes in wet systems is less than 5 gal (20 L), one of the following arrangements shall be provided:

- (1) An auxiliary drain shall consist of a nipple and cap or plug not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (15 mm) in size.
- (2) An auxiliary drain shall not be required for trapped sections less than 5 gal (20 L) where the system piping can be drained by removing a single pendent sprinkler.
- (3) Where flexible couplings or other easily separated connections are used, the nipple and cap or plug shall be permitted to be omitted.

16.10.5.2.4 Tie-in drains shall not be required on wet pipe systems and preaction systems protecting nonfreezing environments.

16.10.5.3 Auxiliary Drains for Dry Pipe Systems and Preaction Systems.

16.10.5.3.1 Auxiliary drains located in areas subject to freezing shall be accessible.

16.10.5.3.2 Auxiliary drains located in areas maintained at freezing temperatures shall be accessible and shall consist of a valve not smaller than 1 in. (25 mm) and a plug or a nipple and cap.

16.10.5.3.3 Where the capacity of trapped sections of pipe is less than 5 gal (20 L), the auxiliary drain shall consist of a valve not smaller than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (15 mm) and a plug or a nipple and cap.

16.10.5.3.4 Auxiliary drains shall not be required for pipe drops supplying dry pendent sprinklers installed in accordance with 8.2.2, 8.3.2.5, and 8.7.3.4.

16.10.5.3.5 Where the capacity of isolated trapped sections of system piping is more than 5 gal (20 L), the auxiliary drain shall consist of two 1 in. (25 mm) valves and one 2 in. $\times$ 12 in. (50 mm $\times$ 300 mm) condensate nipple or equivalent, accessibly located in accordance with Figure 16.10.5.3.5, or a device listed for this service.

16.10.5.3.6 Tie-in drains shall be provided for multiple adjacent trapped branch pipes and shall be only 1 in. (25 mm). Tie-in drain lines shall be pitched a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. per 10 ft (4 mm/m).

16.10.5.3.7 Systems with low point drains shall have a sign at the dry pipe or preaction valve indicating the number of low point drains and the location of each individual drain.

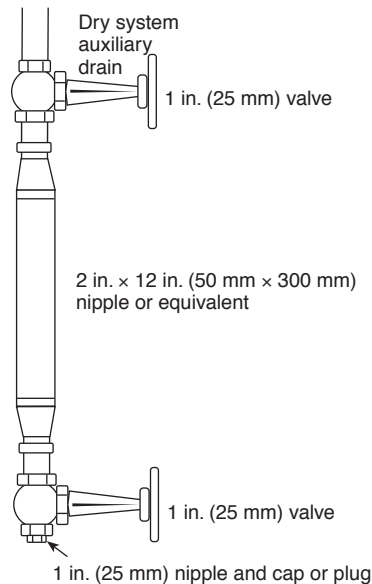


FIGURE 16.10.5.3.5 Dry System Auxiliary Drain.

16.10.6 Discharge of Drain Valves.

16.10.6.1 Direct interconnections shall not be made between sprinkler drains and sewers.

16.10.6.2 The drain discharge shall conform to any health or water department regulations.

16.10.6.3 Where drain pipes are buried underground, approved corrosion-resistant pipe shall be used.

16.10.6.4 Drain pipes shall not terminate in blind spaces under the building.

16.10.6.5 Where exposed to the atmosphere, drain pipes shall be fitted with a turned-down elbow.

16.10.6.6 Drain pipes shall be arranged to avoid exposing any of the water-filled portion of the sprinkler system to freezing conditions.

16.11 System Attachments.

16.11.1 Attachments — General.

16.11.1.1* An alarm unit shall include a listed mechanical alarm, horn, or siren or a listed electric gong, bell, speaker, horn, or siren.

16.11.1.2* Outdoor water motor-operated or electrically operated bells shall be weatherproofed and guarded.

16.11.1.3 All piping to water motor-operated devices shall be galvanized steel, brass, copper, or other approved metallic corrosion-resistant material of not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) nominal pipe size.

16.11.1.4 Piping between the sprinkler system and a pressure-actuated alarm-initiating device shall be galvanized steel, brass, copper, or other approved metallic corrosion-resistant material of not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) nominal pipe size.

16.11.2* Sprinkler Alarms/Waterflow Alarms.

16.11.2.1 Local Waterflow Alarms. A local waterflow alarm shall be provided on every sprinkler system having more than 20 sprinklers.

16.11.3 Waterflow Detection Devices.

16.11.3.1 Wet Pipe Systems. The alarm apparatus for a wet pipe system shall consist of a listed alarm check valve or other listed waterflow detection alarm device with the necessary attachments required to give an alarm.

16.11.3.2 Dry Pipe Systems.

16.11.3.2.1 The alarm apparatus for a dry pipe system shall consist of listed alarm attachments to the dry pipe valve.

16.11.3.2.2 Where a dry pipe valve is located on the system side of an alarm valve, connection of the actuating device of the alarms for the dry pipe valve to the alarms on the wet pipe system shall be permitted.

16.11.3.3 Preaction and Deluge Systems. The alarm apparatus for deluge and preaction systems shall consist of alarms actuated independently by the detection system and the flow of water.

16.11.3.3.1 Deluge and preaction systems activated by pilot sprinklers shall not require an independent detection system alarm.

16.11.3.4* Paddle-Type Waterflow Devices. Paddle-type waterflow alarm indicators shall be installed in wet systems only.

16.11.4 Retarding Devices. On each alarm check valve used under conditions of variable water pressure, a retarding device shall be installed.

16.11.5 Alarm Bypass Test Connections.

16.11.5.1 Alarm, dry pipe, preaction, and deluge valves shall be fitted with an alarm bypass test connection for an electric alarm switch, water motor gong, or both.

16.11.5.2 The alarm bypass test connection for alarm, dry pipe, preaction, and deluge valves shall be made on the water supply side of the system and provided with a control valve and drain for the alarm piping.

16.11.5.3 The alarm bypass test connection for alarm valves at the riser shall be permitted to be made on the system side of an alarm valve.

16.11.5.4 A check valve shall be installed between the intermediate chamber of a dry pipe valve and the waterflow alarm device so as to prevent flow from the alarm bypass test connection from entering the intermediate chamber of a dry pipe valve during an alarm test via the alarm bypass test connection.

16.11.6 Indicating Control Valves.

16.11.6.1 Where a control valve is installed in the connection to pressure-type contactors or water motor-operated alarm devices, it shall be of the indicating type.

16.11.6.2 Such valves shall be sealed, locked, or electrically supervised in the open position.

16.11.7* Attachments — Electrically Operated.

16.11.7.1 Electrically operated alarm attachments forming part of an auxiliary, central station, local protective, propriet-

ary, or remote station signaling system shall be installed in accordance with *NFPA 72*.

16.11.7.2 Sprinkler waterflow alarm systems that are not part of a required protective signaling system shall not be required to be supervised and shall be installed in accordance with *NFPA 70*, Article 760.

16.11.7.3 Outdoor electric alarm devices shall be listed for outdoor use.

16.11.8* Attachments — Mechanically Operated.

16.11.8.1 For all types of sprinkler systems employing water motor-operated alarms, a listed $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) strainer shall be installed at the alarm outlet of the waterflow detecting device.

16.11.8.2 Where a retarding chamber is used in connection with an alarm valve, the strainer shall be located at the outlet of the retarding chamber unless the retarding chamber is provided with an approved integral strainer in its outlet.

16.11.9 Alarm Device Drains. Drains from alarm devices shall be arranged so that there will be no overflowing at the alarm apparatus, at domestic connections, or elsewhere with the sprinkler drains wide open and under system pressure. (See *16.10.6*.)

16.11.10* Alarm Attachments — High-Rise Buildings. When a fire must be fought internally due to the height of a building, the following additional alarm apparatus shall be provided:

- (1) Each sprinkler system on each floor shall be equipped with a separate waterflow device. The waterflow device shall be connected to an alarm system in such a manner that operation of one sprinkler will actuate the alarm system, and the location of the operated flow device shall be indicated on an annunciator and/or register. The annunciator or register shall be located at grade level at the normal point of fire department access, at a constantly attended building security control center, or at both locations.
- (2) Where the location within the protected buildings where supervisory or alarm signals are received is not under constant supervision by qualified personnel in the employ of the owner, a connection shall be provided to transmit a signal to a remote central station.
- (3) A distinct trouble signal shall be provided to indicate a condition that will impair the satisfactory operation of the sprinkler system.

16.12* Fire Department Connections.

16.12.1* Unless the requirements of 16.12.2 are met, a fire department connection shall be provided as described in Section 16.12 in accordance with Figure 16.12.1.

16.12.2 The following systems shall not require a fire department connection:

- (1) Buildings located in remote areas that are inaccessible for fire department support
- (2) Large-capacity deluge systems exceeding the pumping capacity of the fire department
- (3) Single-story buildings not exceeding 2000 ft² (185 m²) in area

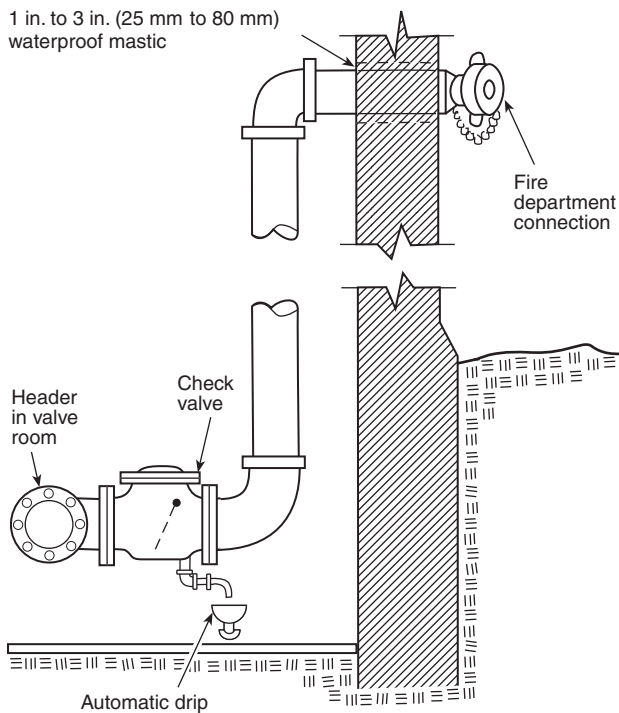


FIGURE 16.12.1 Fire Department Connection.

16.12.3 Fire Department Connection Types.

16.12.3.1* Unless the requirements of 16.12.3.1.1, 16.12.3.1.2, or 16.12.3.1.3 are met, the fire department connection(s) shall consist of two 2½ in. (65 mm) connections using NH internal threaded swivel fitting(s) with “2.5–7.5 NH standard thread,” as specified in NFPA 1963.

16.12.3.1.1 Where local fire department connections do not conform to NFPA 1963, the authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to designate the connection to be used.

16.12.3.1.2 The use of threadless couplings shall be permitted where required by the authority having jurisdiction and where listed for such use.

16.12.3.1.3 A single-outlet fire department connection shall be acceptable where piped to a 3 in. (80 mm) or smaller riser.

16.12.3.2 Fire department connections shall be equipped with approved plugs or caps, properly secured and arranged for easy removal by fire departments.

16.12.3.3 Fire department connections shall be of an approved type.

16.12.4* Size. The size of the pipe for the fire department connection shall be in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Pipe size shall be a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) for fire engine connections.
- (2) Pipe size shall be a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) for fire boat connections.
- (3) For hydraulically calculated systems, the pipe size shall be permitted to be less than 4 in. (100 mm), but not less than the largest riser being served by that connection.

16.12.5* Arrangement. The fire department connection shall be arranged in accordance with Figure 16.12.1.

16.12.5.1* The fire department connection shall be on the system side of the water supply check valve.

16.12.5.1.1 The fire department connection shall not be attached to branch line piping.

16.12.5.1.2 The fire department connection shall be located not less than 18 in. (450 mm) and not more than 4 ft (1.2 m) above the level of the adjacent grade or access level.

16.12.5.2 For single systems, the fire department connection shall be installed as follows:

- (1) Wet system — on the system side of system control, check, and alarm valves (*see Figure A.16.9.3*)
- (2) Dry system — between the system control valve and the dry pipe valve
- (3) Preaction system — between the preaction valve and the check valve on the system side of the preaction valve
- (4) Deluge system — on the system side of the deluge valve

N16.12.5.3 The fire department connection shall be permitted to be connected to the main piping on the wet pipe or deluge system it serves.

16.12.5.4 For multiple systems, the fire department connection shall be connected between the supply control valves and the system control valves.

16.12.5.5* The requirements of 16.12.5.2 and 16.12.5.4 shall not apply where the fire department connection is connected to the underground piping.

16.12.5.6 Where a fire department connection services only a portion of a building, a sign shall be attached indicating the portions of the building served.

16.12.5.7* Fire department connections shall be located at the nearest point of fire department apparatus accessibility or at a location approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

16.12.5.8 Signs.

16.12.5.8.1 Each fire department connection to sprinkler systems shall be designated by a sign having raised or engraved letters at least 1 in. (25 mm) in height on plate or fitting reading service design — for example, AUTOSPKR., OPEN SPKR., AND STANDPIPE.

16.12.5.8.2 A sign shall also indicate the pressure required at the inlets to deliver the greatest system demand.

16.12.5.8.3 The sign required in 16.12.5.8.2 shall not be required where the system demand pressure is less than 150 psi (10.3 bar).

16.12.5.9 Fire department connections shall not be connected on the suction side of fire pumps.

16.12.5.10 Fire department connections shall be properly supported.

16.12.6 Valves.

16.12.6.1 A listed check valve shall be installed in each fire department connection and shall be located in an accessible location.

16.12.6.2 There shall be no shutoff valve in the fire department connection piping.

16.12.7* Drainage. The piping between the check valve and the outside hose coupling shall be equipped with an approved automatic drain valve in areas subject to freezing.

16.12.7.1 The automatic drain valve shall be installed in a location that permits inspection and testing as required by NFPA 25.

16.13 Gauges.

16.13.1 A pressure gauge with a connection not smaller than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) shall be installed at the system main drain, at each main drain associated with a floor control valve, and on the inlet and outlet side of each pressure-reducing valve.

16.13.2 Each gauge connection shall be equipped with a shutoff valve and provisions for draining.

16.13.3 The required pressure gauges shall be approved and shall have a maximum limit not less than twice the normal system working pressure at the point where installed.

16.13.4 Gauges shall be installed to permit removal and shall be located where they will not be subject to freezing.

16.14 System Connections.

16.14.1* Wet Pipe Systems.

16.14.1.1 An alarm test connection not less than 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter, terminating in a smooth bore corrosion-resistant orifice, giving a flow equal to or less than one sprinkler of a type having the smallest K-factor installed on the particular system, shall be provided to test each waterflow alarm device for each system.

16.14.1.2 The test connection valve shall be accessible.

16.14.1.3 The discharge shall be to the outside, to a drain connection capable of accepting full flow under system pressure, or to another location where water damage will not result.

16.14.1.4 The alarm test connection shall be permitted to be installed in any location on the fire sprinkler system downstream of the waterflow alarm.

16.14.2* Dry Pipe Systems.

16.14.2.1 A trip test connection or manifold not less than 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter, terminating in a smooth bore corrosion-resistant orifice, to provide a flow equivalent to one sprinkler of a type installed on the particular system, shall be installed.

16.14.2.2 The trip test connection or manifold shall be located on the end of the most distant sprinkler pipe in the upper story and shall be equipped with an accessible shutoff valve and a plug not less than 1 in. (25 mm), of which at least one shall be brass.

16.14.2.3 In lieu of a plug, a nipple and cap shall be acceptable.

16.14.2.4 When the capacity (volume) of the dry pipe system has been determined in accordance with 8.2.3.2, 8.2.3.3, 8.2.3.4, or 8.2.3.5, a trip test connection shall be permitted to provide a flow equivalent to one sprinkler in accordance with 16.14.2.1 through 16.14.2.3.

16.14.2.5 When the capacity (volume) of the dry pipe system has been determined in accordance with 8.2.3.7, the following shall apply:

- (1) When flow is from four sprinklers, the trip test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on each of two sprinkler branch lines.
- (2) When flow is from three sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on the most remote branch line and one sprinkler on the next adjacent branch line.
- (3) When flow is from two sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on the most remote branch line.
- (4) When flow is from one sprinkler, the test manifold shall be installed per the requirements for a trip test connection in accordance with 16.14.2.1 through 16.14.2.3.

16.14.3 Preaction Systems.

16.14.3.1 A test connection shall be provided on a preaction system using supervisory air.

16.14.3.2 The connection used to control the level of priming water shall be considered adequate to test the operation of the alarms monitoring the supervisory air pressure.

16.14.3.3 For double interlock preaction systems, a trip test connection or manifold not less than 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter, terminating in a smooth bore corrosion-resistant orifice to provide a flow equivalent to one sprinkler of a type installed on the particular system, shall be installed.

16.14.3.4 For double interlock preaction systems, the trip test connection or manifold shall be located on the end of the most distant sprinkler pipe in the upper story and shall be equipped with an accessible shutoff valve and a plug not less than 1 in. (25 mm), of which at least one shall be brass.

16.14.3.5 In lieu of a plug, a nipple and cap shall be acceptable.

16.14.3.6 When the capacity (volume) of the double interlock preaction system has been determined in accordance with 8.3.2.3.1.1, 8.3.2.3.1.2, or 8.3.2.3.1.3, a trip test connection shall be permitted to provide a flow equivalent to one sprinkler in accordance with 16.14.3.3 through 16.14.3.5.

16.14.3.7 When the capacity (volume) of the double interlock preaction system has been determined in accordance with 8.3.2.3.1.4, the following shall apply:

- (1) When flow is from four sprinklers, the trip test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on each of two sprinkler branch lines.
- (2) When flow is from three sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on the most remote branch line and one sprinkler on the next adjacent branch line.
- (3) When flow is from two sprinklers, the test manifold shall be arranged to simulate two sprinklers on the most remote branch line.
- (4) When flow is from one sprinkler, the test manifold shall be installed as per the requirements for a trip test connection in accordance with 16.14.3.3 through 16.14.3.5.

16.14.4 Deluge Systems. A test connection shall not be required on a deluge system.

16.14.5* Backflow Devices.

16.14.5.1* Backflow Prevention Valves. Means shall be provided downstream of all backflow prevention valves for forward flow tests at a minimum flow rate of the system demand including hose allowance where applicable.

- N 16.14.5.1.1** The arrangement required in 16.14.5.1 shall be serviceable without requiring the owner to modify the system to perform the test.

16.15 Hose Connections.

16.15.1 Small [1½ in. (40 mm)] Hose Connections. See Section C.5.

16.15.1.1* Where required, small [1½ in. (40 mm)] hose connections shall be installed.

16.15.1.1.1 Valves shall be available to reach all portions of the area with 100 ft (30 m) of hose plus 30 ft (9.1 m) of hose stream distance.

16.15.1.1.2 Where the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system, the presence of 1½ in. (40 mm) hose lines for use by the building occupants shall not be required, subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

16.15.1.1.3 Where approved by the authority having jurisdiction, the location of valves shall be permitted to exceed the distances specified in 16.15.1.1.1.

16.15.1.2 The hose connections shall not be required to meet the requirements of Class II hose systems defined by NFPA 14.

16.15.1.3 Hose connections shall be supplied from one of the following:

- (1) Outside hydrants
- (2) Separate piping system for small hose connections
- (3) Valved hose connections on sprinkler risers where such connections are made upstream of all sprinkler control valves
- (4) Adjacent sprinkler systems
- (5) In rack storage areas, the ceiling sprinkler system in the same area (as long as in-rack sprinklers are provided in the same area and are separately controlled)
- (6) In nonstorage occupancies that are not a part of a standpipe system, ceiling sprinkler piping in the same area as the hose connection

16.15.1.4* Hose connections used for fire purposes only shall be permitted to be connected to wet pipe sprinkler systems only, subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) Hose connection's supply pipes shall not be connected to any pipe smaller than 2½ in. (65 mm) in diameter.

- (2) The requirements of 16.15.1.4(1) shall not apply to hydraulically designed loops and grids, where the minimum size pipe between the hose connection's supply pipe and the source shall be permitted to be 2 in. (50 mm).
- (3) For piping serving a single hose connection, pipe shall be a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) for horizontal runs up to 20 ft (6.1 m), a minimum of 1¼ in. (32 mm) for the entire run for runs between 20 ft and 80 ft (6.1 m and 24 m), and a minimum of 1½ in. (40 mm) for the entire run for runs greater than 80 ft (24 m). For piping serving multiple hose connections, runs shall be a minimum of 1½ in. (40 mm) throughout.
- (4) Piping shall be at least 1 in. (25 mm) for vertical runs.
- (5) Where the residual pressure at a 1½ in. (40 mm) outlet on a hose connection exceeds 100 psi (7 bar), an approved pressure-regulating device shall be provided to limit the residual pressure at the outlet to 100 psi (7 bar).
- (6) Where the static pressure at a 1½ in. (40 mm) hose connection exceeds 175 psi (12 bar), an approved pressure-regulating device shall be provided to limit static and residual pressures at the outlet to 100 psi (7 bar).

16.15.2 Hose Connections for Fire Department Use.

16.15.2.1 In buildings of light or ordinary hazard occupancy, 2½ in. (65 mm) hose valves for fire department use shall be permitted to be attached to wet pipe sprinkler system risers.

16.15.2.2* The following restrictions shall apply:

- (1) Each connection from a standpipe that is part of a combined system to a sprinkler system shall have an individual control valve and check valve of the same size as the connection.
- (2) The minimum size of the riser shall be 4 in. (100 mm) unless hydraulic calculations indicate that a smaller size riser will satisfy sprinkler and hose stream allowances.
- (3) Each combined sprinkler and standpipe riser shall be equipped with a riser control valve to permit isolating a riser without interrupting the supply to other risers from the same source of supply. *(For fire department connections serving standpipe and sprinkler systems, refer to Section 16.12.)*

16.16 Electrical Bonding and Grounding.

16.16.1 In no case shall sprinkler system piping be used for the grounding of electrical systems.

16.16.2* The requirement of 16.16.1 shall not preclude the bonding of the sprinkler system piping to the lightning protection grounding system as required by NFPA 780 in those cases where lightning protection is provided for the structure.

16.17* Signs. (Reserved)

Chapter 17 Installation Requirements for Hanging and Support of System Piping

17.1* General.

17.1.1 Unless the requirements of 17.1.2 are met, types of hangers shall be in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 17.

17.1.2 Hangers certified by a registered professional engineer to include all of the following shall be an acceptable alternative to the requirements of Chapter 17:

- (1) Hangers shall be designed to support five times the weight of the water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg) at each point of piping support.
- (2) These points of support shall be adequate to support the system.
- (3) The spacing between hangers shall not exceed the value given for the type of pipe as indicated in Table 17.4.2.1(a) or Table 17.4.2.1(b).
- (4) Hanger components shall be ferrous.
- (5) Detailed calculations shall be submitted, when required by the reviewing authority, showing stresses developed in hangers, piping, and fittings, and safety factors allowed.

17.1.3 Support of Non-System Components.

17.1.3.1* Sprinkler piping or hangers shall not be used to support non-system components.

17.1.3.2 Sprinkler piping shall be permitted to utilize shared support structures in accordance with 17.1.4.

17.1.4 Shared support structures shall be certified by a registered professional engineer in accordance with 17.1.2 and 17.1.4.

17.1.4.1* The design of a shared support structure shall be based on either 17.1.4.1.1 or 17.1.4.1.2.

17.1.4.1.1 Sprinkler pipe and other distribution systems shall be permitted to be supported from a shared support structure designed to support five times the weight of water-filled sprinkler pipe and other supported distribution systems plus 250 lb (115 kg), based on the allowable ultimate stress.

17.1.4.1.2 Sprinkler pipe and other distribution systems shall be permitted to be supported from a shared support structure designed to support five times the weight of the water-filled sprinkler pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg), and one and one-half times the weight of all other supported distribution systems.

17.1.4.1.3 The building structure shall not be considered a shared support structure.

17.1.4.1.4* The requirements of 17.1.4.1 shall not apply to 17.4.1.3.3.

17.1.4.1.5 Systems that are incompatible with the fire sprinkler systems based on vibration, thermal expansion and contraction, or other factors shall not share support structures.

17.1.5 Where water-based fire protection systems are required to be protected against damage from earthquakes, hangers shall also meet the requirements of Section 18.7.

17.1.6 Listing.

17.1.6.1* Unless permitted by 17.1.6.2 or 17.1.6.3, the components of hanger assemblies that directly attach to the pipe, building structure, or racking structure shall be listed.

17.1.6.2* Mild steel hanger rods and hangers formed from mild steel rods shall be permitted to be not listed.

17.1.6.3* Fasteners as specified in 17.2.2, 17.2.3, and 17.2.4 shall be permitted to be not listed.

17.1.6.4 Other fasteners shall be permitted as part of a hanger assembly that has been tested, listed, and installed in accordance with the listing requirements.

17.1.7 Component Material.

17.1.7.1 Unless permitted by 17.1.7.2 or 17.1.7.3, hangers and their components shall be ferrous metal.

17.1.7.2 Nonferrous components that have been proven by fire tests to be adequate for the hazard application, that are listed for this purpose, and that are in compliance with the other requirements of this section shall be acceptable.

17.1.7.3 Holes through solid structural members shall be permitted to serve as hangers for the support of system piping, provided such holes are permitted by applicable building codes and the spacing and support provisions for hangers of this standard are satisfied.

17.2 Hanger Components.

17.2.1 Hanger Rods.

17.2.1.1 Unless the requirements of 17.2.1.2 are met, hanger rod size shall be the same as that approved for use with the hanger assembly, and the size of rods shall not be less than that given in Table 17.2.1.1.

17.2.1.2 Rods of smaller diameters than indicated in Table 17.2.1.1 shall be permitted where the hanger assembly has been tested and listed by a testing laboratory and installed within the limits of pipe sizes expressed in individual listings.

Table 17.2.1.1 Hanger Rod Sizes

Pipe Size		Diameter of Rod	
in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 4	100	$\frac{3}{8}$	10
5	125	$\frac{1}{2}$	13
6	150		
8	200		
10	250	$\frac{5}{8}$	16
12	300	$\frac{3}{4}$	20

17.2.1.3 Where the pitch of the branch line is 6 in 12 or greater, a reduction in the lateral loading on branch line hanger rods shall be done by one of the following:

- (1)* Second hanger installed in addition to the required main hangers
- (2) Lateral sway brace assemblies on the mains
- (3) Branch line hangers utilizing an articulating structural attachment
- (4) Equivalent means providing support to the branch line hanger rods

17.2.1.4 U-Hooks. The size of the rod material of U-hooks shall not be less than that given in Table 17.2.1.4.

17.2.1.5 Eye Rods.

17.2.1.5.1 The size of the rod material for eye rods shall not be less than specified in Table 17.2.1.5.1.

17.2.1.5.2 Eye rods shall be secured with lock washers to prevent lateral motion.

17.2.1.5.3 Where eye rods are fastened to wood structural members, the eye rod shall be backed with a large flat washer bearing directly against the structural member, in addition to the lock washer.

17.2.1.6 Threaded Sections of Rods. Threaded sections of rods shall not be formed or bent.

17.2.2* Fasteners in Concrete.

17.2.2.1 Unless prohibited by 17.2.2.2 or 17.2.2.3, the use of listed inserts set in concrete and listed post-installed anchors to support hangers shall be permitted for mains and branch lines.

17.2.2.2 Post-installed anchors shall not be used in cinder concrete, except for branch lines where the post-installed anchors are alternated with through-bolts or hangers attached to beams.

Table 17.2.1.4 U-Hook Rod Sizes

Pipe Size		Hook Material Diameter	
in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 2	50	$\frac{5}{16}$	8
2½ to 6	65 to 150	$\frac{3}{8}$	10
8	200	$\frac{1}{2}$	13

Table 17.2.1.5.1 Eye Rod Sizes

Pipe Size		Diameter of Rod			
		With Bent Eye		With Welded Eye	
in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 4	100	$\frac{3}{8}$	10	$\frac{3}{8}$	10
5	125	$\frac{1}{2}$	13	$\frac{1}{2}$	13
6	150	$\frac{1}{2}$	13	$\frac{1}{2}$	13
8	200	$\frac{3}{4}$	20	$\frac{1}{2}$	13

17.2.2.3 Post-installed anchors shall not be used in ceilings of gypsum or other similar soft material.

17.2.2.4 Unless the requirements of 17.2.2.5 are met, post-installed anchors shall be installed in a horizontal position in the sides of concrete beams.

17.2.2.5 Post-installed anchors shall be permitted to be installed in the vertical position under any of the following conditions:

- (1) When used in concrete having gravel or crushed stone aggregate to support pipes 4 in. (100 mm) or less in diameter
- (2) When post-installed anchors are alternated with hangers connected directly to the structural members, such as trusses and girders, or to the sides of concrete beams [to support pipe 5 in. (125 mm) or larger]
- (3) When post-installed anchors are spaced not over 10 ft (3 m) apart [to support pipe 4 in. (100 mm) or larger]

17.2.2.6 Holes for post-installed anchors in the side of beams shall be above the centerline of the beam or above the bottom reinforcement steel rods.

17.2.2.7 Holes for post-installed anchors used in the vertical position shall be drilled to provide uniform contact with the shield over its entire circumference.

17.2.2.8 The depth of the post-installed anchor hole shall not be less than specified for the type of shield used.

17.2.2.9 Powder-Driven Studs.

17.2.2.9.1 Powder-driven studs, welding studs, and the tools used for installing these devices shall be listed.

17.2.2.9.2 Pipe size, installation position, and construction material into which they are installed shall be in accordance with individual listings.

17.2.2.9.3* Representative samples of concrete into which studs are to be driven shall be tested to determine that the studs will hold a minimum load of 750 lb (340 kg) for 2 in. (50 mm) or smaller pipe; 1000 lb (454 kg) for 2½ in., 3 in., or 3½ in. (65 mm, 80 mm, or 90 mm) pipe; and 1200 lb (544 kg) for 4 in. or 5 in. (100 mm or 125 mm) pipe.

17.2.2.9.4 Increaser couplings shall be attached directly to the powder-driven studs.

17.2.2.10 Minimum Bolt or Rod Size for Concrete.

17.2.2.10.1 The size of a bolt or rod used with a hanger and installed through concrete shall not be less than specified in Table 17.2.2.10.1.

17.2.2.10.2 Holes for bolts or rods shall not exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) greater than the diameter of the bolt or rod.

17.2.2.10.3 Bolts and rods shall be provided with flat washers and nuts.

17.2.3 Fasteners in Steel.

17.2.3.1* Powder-driven studs, welding studs, and the tools used for installing these devices shall be listed.

17.2.3.2 Pipe size, installation position, and construction material into which they are installed shall be in accordance with individual listings.

Table 17.2.2.10.1 Minimum Bolt or Rod Size for Concrete

Pipe Size		Size of Bolt or Rod	
in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 4	100	$\frac{3}{8}$	10
5	125	$\frac{1}{2}$	13
6	150		
8	200		
10	250	$\frac{5}{8}$	16
12	300	$\frac{3}{4}$	20

17.2.3.3 Increaser couplings shall be attached directly to the powder-driven studs or welding studs.

17.2.3.4 Welding studs or other hanger parts shall not be attached by welding to steel less than U.S. Standard, 12 gauge (2.8 mm).

17.2.3.5 Minimum Bolt or Rod Size for Steel.

17.2.3.5.1 The size of a bolt or rod used with a hanger and installed through steel shall not be less than specified in Table 17.2.3.5.1.

17.2.3.5.2 Holes for bolts or rods shall not exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) greater than the diameter of the bolt or rod.

17.2.3.5.3 Bolts and rods shall be provided with flat washers and nuts.

17.2.4 Fasteners in Wood.

17.2.4.1 Drive Screws.

17.2.4.1.1 Drive screws shall be used only in a horizontal position as in the side of a beam and only for 2 in. (50 mm) or smaller pipe.

17.2.4.1.2 Drive screws shall only be used in conjunction with hangers that require two points of attachments.

17.2.4.2 Ceiling Flanges and U-Hooks with Screws.

17.2.4.2.1 Unless the requirements of 17.2.4.2.2 or 17.2.4.2.3 are met, for ceiling flanges and U-hooks, screw dimensions shall not be less than those given in Table 17.2.4.2.1.

Table 17.2.3.5.1 Minimum Bolt or Rod Size for Steel

Pipe Size		Size of Bolt or Rod	
in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 4	100	$\frac{3}{8}$	10
5	125	$\frac{1}{2}$	13
6	150		
8	200		
10	250	$\frac{5}{8}$	15
12	300	$\frac{3}{4}$	20

Table 17.2.4.2.1 Screw Dimensions for Ceiling Flanges and U-Hooks

Pipe Size		Two Screw Ceiling Flanges
in.	mm	
Up to and including 2	50	Wood screw No. 18 × 1½ in. or Lag screw $\frac{5}{16}$ in. × 1½ in. (8 mm × 40 mm)
		Three Screw Ceiling Flanges
Up to and including 2	50	Wood screw No. 18 × 1½ in.
2½	65	Lag screw $\frac{3}{8}$ in. × 2 in. (10 mm × 50 mm)
3	80	
3½	90	
4	100	Lag screw ½ in. × 2 in. (13 mm × 50 mm)
5	125	
6	150	
8	200	Lag screw $\frac{5}{8}$ in. × 2 in. (16 mm × 50 mm)
		Four Screw Ceiling Flanges
Up to and including 2	50	Wood screw No. 18 × 1½ in.
2½	65	Lag screw $\frac{3}{8}$ in. × 1½ in. (10 mm × 40 mm)
3	80	
3½	90	
4	100	Lag screw ½ in. × 2 in. (13 mm × 50 mm)
5	125	
6	150	
8	200	Lag screw $\frac{5}{8}$ in. × 2 in. (16 mm × 50 mm)
		U-Hooks
Up to and including 2	50	Drive screw No. 16 × 2 in.
2½	65	Lag screw $\frac{3}{8}$ in. × 2½ in. (10 mm × 65 mm)
3	80	
3½	90	
4	100	Lag screw ½ in. × 3 in. (13 mm × 75 mm)
5	125	
6	150	
8	200	Lag screw $\frac{5}{8}$ in. × 3 in. (16 mm × 75 mm)

17.2.4.2.2 When the thickness of planking and thickness of flange do not permit the use of screws 2 in. (50 mm) long, screws 1¾ in. (45 mm) long shall be permitted with hangers spaced not over 10 ft (3 m) apart.

17.2.4.2.3 When the thickness of beams or joists does not permit the use of screws 2½ in. (65 mm) long, screws 2 in. (50 mm) long shall be permitted with hangers spaced not over 10 ft (3 m) apart.

17.2.4.3 Bolts, Rods, or Lag Screws.

17.2.4.3.1 Unless the requirements of 17.2.4.3.2 are met, the size of bolt, rod, or lag screw used with a hanger and installed on the side of the beam shall not be less than specified in Table 17.2.4.3.1.

17.2.4.3.2 Where the thickness of beams or joists does not permit the use of screws 2½ in. (65 mm) long, screws 2 in. (50 mm) long shall be permitted with hangers spaced not over 10 ft (3 m) apart.

17.2.4.3.3 All holes for lag screws shall be pre-drilled ⅛ in. (3 mm) less in diameter than the maximum root diameter of the lag screw thread.

17.2.4.3.4 Holes for bolts or rods shall not exceed ⅓ in. (1.6 mm) greater than the diameter of the bolt or rod.

17.2.4.3.5 Bolts and rods shall be provided with flat washers and nuts.

17.2.4.4 Wood Screws. Wood screws shall be installed with a screwdriver.

17.2.4.5 Nails. Nails shall not be acceptable for fastening hangers.

17.2.4.6 Screws in Side of Timber or Joists.

17.2.4.6.1 Screws in the side of a timber or joist shall be not less than 2½ in. (65 mm) from the lower edge where supporting pipe is up to and including nominal 2½ in. (65 mm) and not less than 3 in. (75 mm) where supporting pipe is greater than nominal 2½ in. (65 mm).

17.2.4.6.2 The requirements of 17.2.4.6.1 shall not apply to 2 in. (50 mm) or thicker nailing strips resting on top of steel beams.

Table 17.2.4.3.1 Minimum Bolt, Rod, or Lag Screw Sizes for Side of Beam Installation

Pipe Size		Size of Bolt, Rod or Lag Screw		Length of Lag Screw Used with Wood Beams	
in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 2	50	⅜	10	2½	65
2½ to 6 (inclusive)	65 to 150	½	13	3	75
8	200	⅝	16	3	75

17.2.4.7 Coach Screw Rods.

17.2.4.7.1 Minimum Coach Screw Rod Size. The size of coach screw rods shall not be less than the requirements of Table 17.2.4.7.1.

17.2.4.7.2 The minimum plank thickness and the minimum width of the lower face of beams or joists in which coach screw rods are used shall be not less than that specified in Table 17.2.4.7.2 and shown in Figure 17.2.4.7.2.

17.2.4.7.3 Coach screw rods shall not be used for support of pipes larger than 4 in. (100 mm) in diameter.

Table 17.2.4.7.1 Minimum Coach Screw Rod Size

Pipe Size		Diameter of Rod		Minimum Penetration	
in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 4	100	⅜	10	3	75
Larger than 4	100	NP	NP	NP	NP

NP: Not permitted.

Table 17.2.4.7.2 Minimum Plank Thicknesses and Beam or Joist Widths

Pipe Size		Nominal Plank Thickness		Nominal Width of Beam or Joist Face	
in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
Up to and including 2	50	3	75	2	50
2½	65	4	100	2	50
3	80	4	100	3	75
3½	90				
4	100				

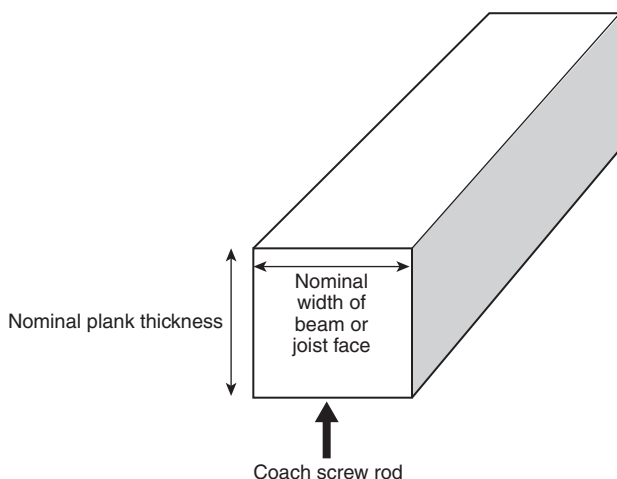


FIGURE 17.2.4.7.2 Dimensions for Structural Members with Coach Screw Rods.

17.2.4.7.4 All holes for coach screw rods shall be predrilled $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3 mm) less in diameter than the maximum root diameter of the wood screw thread.

17.3* Trapeze Hangers.

17.3.1 For trapeze hangers, the minimum size of steel angle or pipe span between structural members shall be such that the section modulus required in Table 17.3.1(a) does not exceed the available section modulus of the trapeze member from Table 17.3.1(b) or Table 17.3.1(c).

17.3.2 Any other sizes or shapes giving equal or greater section modulus shall be acceptable.

17.3.3 All angles shall be installed with the longer leg vertical.

17.3.4 The trapeze member shall be secured to prevent slip-page.

17.3.5* All components of each hanger assembly that attach to a trapeze member shall conform to 17.1.6 and be sized to support the suspended sprinkler pipe.

17.3.6 The ring, strap, or clevis installed on a pipe trapeze shall be manufactured to fit the pipe size of the trapeze member.

17.3.7 Holes for bolts or rods shall not exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) greater than the diameter of the bolt or rod.

17.3.8 Bolts and rods shall be provided with flat washers and nuts.

17.3.9 Where angles are used for trapeze hangers and slotted holes are used, the slotted holes shall meet all of the following:

- (1) The length of each slotted hole shall not exceed 3 in. (75 mm).
- (2) The width of the slotted hole shall not exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) greater than the bolt or rod diameter.
- (3) The minimum distance between slotted holes shall be 3 in. (75 mm) edge to edge.
- (4) The minimum distance from the end of the angle to the edge of the slotted hole shall be 3 in. (75 mm).
- (5) The number of slots shall be limited to three per section of angle.
- (6) The washer(s) required by 17.3.8 shall have a minimum thickness of one-half the thickness of the angle.
- (7) Washers and nuts required by 17.3.8 shall be provided on both the top and bottom of the angle.

17.4* Installation of Pipe Hangers.

17.4.1 General.

17.4.1.1 Ceiling Sheathing.

17.4.1.1.1* Unless the requirements of 17.4.1.1.2 are met, sprinkler piping shall be supported independently of the ceiling sheathing.

17.4.1.1.2 Toggle hangers shall be permitted only for the support of pipe $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. (40 mm) or smaller in size under ceilings of hollow tile or metal lath and plaster.

17.4.1.2 Storage Racks. Where sprinkler piping is installed in storage racks, piping shall be supported from the storage rack structure or building in accordance with all applicable provisions of Section 17.4 and Chapter 18.

17.4.1.3* Building Structure.

17.4.1.3.1 Sprinkler piping shall be substantially supported from the building structure, which must support the added load of the water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg) applied at the point of hanging, except where permitted by 17.4.1.1.2, 17.4.1.3.3, and 17.4.1.4.1.

17.4.1.3.2 Trapeze hangers shall be used where necessary to transfer loads to appropriate structural members.

17.4.1.3.3* Flexible Sprinkler Hose Fittings.

17.4.1.3.3.1 Listed flexible sprinkler hose fittings and their anchoring components intended for use in installations connecting the sprinkler system piping to sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the listing, including any installation instructions.

17.4.1.3.3.2 When installed and supported by suspended ceilings, the ceiling shall meet ASTM C635/C635M, *Standard Specification for the Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panel Ceilings*, and shall be installed in accordance with ASTM C636/C636M, *Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panels*.

17.4.1.3.3.3* Where flexible sprinkler hose fittings exceed 6 ft (1.8 m) in length and are supported by a suspended ceiling in accordance with 17.4.1.3.3.2, a hanger(s) attached to the structure shall be required to ensure that the maximum unsupported length does not exceed 6 ft (1.8 m).

17.4.1.3.3.4* Where flexible sprinkler hose fittings are used to connect sprinklers to branch lines in suspended ceilings, a label limiting relocation of the sprinkler shall be provided on the anchoring component.

17.4.1.4 Metal Deck.

17.4.1.4.1* Branch line hangers attached to metal deck shall be permitted only for the support of pipe 1 in. (25 mm) or smaller in size, by drilling or punching the vertical portion of the metal deck and using through bolts.

17.4.1.4.2 The distance from the bottom of the bolt hole to the bottom of the vertical member shall be not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm).

17.4.1.5 Where sprinkler piping is installed below ductwork, piping shall be supported from the building structure or from the ductwork supports, provided such supports are capable of handling both the load of the ductwork and the load specified in 17.4.1.3.1.

17.4.2* Maximum Distance Between Hangers.

17.4.2.1 The maximum distance between hangers shall not exceed that specified in Table 17.4.2.1(a) or Table 17.4.2.1(b), except where the provisions of 17.4.4 apply.

17.4.2.2 The maximum distance between hangers for listed nonmetallic pipe shall be modified as specified in the individual product listings.

17.4.3 Location of Hangers on Branch Lines.

17.4.3.1 Subsection 17.4.3 shall apply to the support of steel pipe or copper tube as specified in 7.3.1 and subject to the provisions of 17.4.2.

Table 17.3.1(a) Section Modulus Required for Trapeze Members (in.³)

Nominal Diameter of Pipe Being Supported – Schedule 10 Steel												
Span (ft)	1	1.25	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	5	6	8	10
1.5	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.26	0.34
2.0	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.20	0.24	0.34	0.45
2.5	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.30	0.36	0.50	0.69
3.0	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.31	0.36	0.51	0.67
3.5	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.36	0.42	0.60	0.78
4.0	0.22	0.22	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.30	0.32	0.34	0.41	0.48	0.68	0.89
4.5	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.36	0.38	0.46	0.54	0.77	1.01
5.0	0.27	0.28	0.30	0.31	0.34	0.37	0.40	0.43	0.51	0.60	0.85	1.12
5.5	0.30	0.31	0.33	0.34	0.37	0.41	0.44	0.47	0.56	0.66	0.94	1.23
6.0	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.38	0.41	0.44	0.48	0.51	0.61	0.71	1.02	1.34
6.5	0.35	0.36	0.38	0.41	0.44	0.48	0.52	0.56	0.66	0.77	1.11	1.45
7.0	0.38	0.39	0.41	0.44	0.47	0.52	0.56	0.60	0.71	0.83	1.19	1.56
7.5	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.47	0.51	0.55	0.60	0.64	0.76	0.89	1.28	1.68
8.0	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.50	0.54	0.59	0.63	0.68	0.82	0.95	1.36	1.79
8.5	0.46	0.48	0.50	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.67	0.73	0.87	1.01	1.45	1.90
9.0	0.49	0.50	0.53	0.56	0.61	0.66	0.71	0.77	0.92	1.07	1.53	2.01
9.5	0.52	0.53	0.56	0.60	0.64	0.70	0.75	0.81	0.97	1.13	1.62	2.12
10.0	0.54	0.56	0.59	0.63	0.68	0.74	0.79	0.85	1.02	1.19	1.70	2.23
10.5	0.57	0.59	0.62	0.66	0.71	0.78	0.83	0.90	1.07	1.25	1.79	2.35
11.0	0.60	0.62	0.65	0.69	0.74	0.81	0.87	0.94	1.12	1.31	1.87	2.46
11.5	0.63	0.64	0.68	0.72	0.78	0.85	0.91	0.98	1.17	1.37	1.96	2.57
12.0	0.65	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.81	0.89	0.95	1.02	1.22	1.43	2.04	2.68
12.5	0.68	0.70	0.74	0.78	0.85	0.92	0.99	1.07	1.27	1.49	2.13	2.79
13.0	0.71	0.73	0.77	0.81	0.88	0.96	1.03	1.11	1.33	1.55	2.21	2.90
13.5	0.73	0.76	0.80	0.85	0.91	1.00	1.07	1.15	1.38	1.61	2.30	3.02
14.0	0.76	0.78	0.83	0.88	0.95	1.03	1.11	1.20	1.43	1.67	2.38	3.13
14.5	0.79	0.81	0.86	0.91	0.98	1.07	1.15	1.24	1.48	1.73	2.47	3.24
15.0	0.82	0.84	0.89	0.94	1.02	1.11	1.19	1.28	1.53	1.79	2.56	3.35
15.5	0.84	0.87	0.92	0.97	1.05	1.14	1.23	1.32	1.58	1.85	2.64	3.46
16.0	0.87	0.90	0.95	1.00	1.08	1.18	1.27	1.37	1.63	1.91	2.73	3.58

Nominal Diameter of Pipe Being Supported – Schedule 40 Steel												
Span (ft)	1	1.25	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	5	6	8	10
1.5	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.1	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.18	0.22	0.30	0.41
2.0	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.18	0.20	0.24	0.29	0.40	0.55
2.5	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.25	0.30	0.43	0.56
3.0	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.30	0.36	0.43	0.60	0.82
3.5	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.26	0.29	0.32	0.35	0.42	0.51	0.70	0.96
4.0	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.29	0.33	0.36	0.40	0.48	0.58	0.80	1.10
4.5	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.29	0.33	0.37	0.41	0.45	0.54	0.65	0.90	1.23
5.0	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.33	0.37	0.41	0.45	0.49	0.60	0.72	1.00	1.37
5.5	0.30	0.31	0.33	0.36	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.54	0.66	0.79	1.10	1.51
6.0	0.33	0.34	0.36	0.39	0.44	0.49	0.54	0.59	0.72	0.87	1.20	1.64
6.5	0.36	0.37	0.40	0.42	0.48	0.54	0.59	0.64	0.78	0.94	1.31	1.78
7.0	0.38	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.52	0.58	0.63	0.69	0.84	1.01	1.41	1.92
7.5	0.41	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.55	0.62	0.68	0.74	0.90	1.08	1.51	2.06
8.0	0.44	0.46	0.49	0.52	0.59	0.66	0.72	0.79	0.96	1.16	1.61	2.19
8.5	0.47	0.48	0.52	0.56	0.63	0.70	0.77	0.84	1.02	1.23	1.71	2.33
9.0	0.49	0.51	0.55	0.59	0.66	0.74	0.81	0.89	1.08	1.30	1.81	2.47
9.5	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.62	0.70	0.78	0.86	0.94	1.14	1.37	1.91	2.60
10.0	0.55	0.57	0.61	0.65	0.74	0.82	0.90	0.99	1.20	1.45	2.01	2.74
10.5	0.58	0.60	0.64	0.69	0.77	0.86	0.95	1.04	1.26	1.52	2.11	2.88
11.0	0.60	0.63	0.67	0.72	0.81	0.91	0.99	1.09	1.32	1.59	2.21	3.01
11.5	0.63	0.66	0.70	0.75	0.85	0.95	1.04	1.14	1.38	1.66	2.31	3.15
12.0	0.66	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.88	0.99	1.08	1.19	1.44	1.73	2.41	3.29
12.5	0.69	0.71	0.76	0.82	0.92	1.03	1.13	1.24	1.5	1.81	2.51	3.43
13.0	0.71	0.74	0.79	0.85	0.96	1.07	1.17	1.29	1.56	1.88	2.61	3.56
13.5	0.74	0.77	0.82	0.88	0.99	1.11	1.22	1.34	1.62	1.95	2.71	3.70
14.0	0.77	0.80	0.85	0.91	1.03	1.15	1.26	1.39	1.68	2.02	2.81	3.84
14.5	0.80	0.83	0.88	0.95	1.07	1.19	1.31	1.43	1.74	2.1	2.91	3.97
15.0	0.82	0.86	0.91	0.98	1.10	1.24	1.35	1.48	1.8	2.17	3.01	4.11
15.5	0.85	0.88	0.94	1.01	1.14	1.28	1.4	1.53	1.86	2.24	3.11	4.25
16.0	0.88	0.91	0.97	1.05	1.18	1.32	1.44	1.58	1.92	2.31	3.21	4.39

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 0.3048 m.

Note: The table is based on a maximum bending stress of 15 ksi (103.4 MPa) and a midspan concentrated load from 15 ft (4.6 m) of water-filled pipe, plus 250 lb (114 kg).

Table 17.3.1(b) Available Section Modulus of Common Trapeze Hangers (in.³)

Pipe		Modulus (in. ³)	Angles (in.)	Modulus (in. ³)
in.	mm			
Schedule 10				
1	25	0.12	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.10
1¼	32	0.19	$2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{8}$	0.13
1½	40	0.26	$2 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.18
2	50	0.42	$2 \times 2 \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.19
2½	65	0.69	$2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$	0.25
3	80	1.04	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.28
3½	90	1.38	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.29
4	100	1.76	$2 \times 2 \times \frac{5}{16}$	0.30
5	125	3.03	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.30
6	150	4.35	$2 \times 2 \times \frac{3}{8}$	0.35
			$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$	0.39
			$3 \times 2 \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.41
Schedule 40				
1	25	0.13	$3 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.43
1¼	32	0.23	$3 \times 3 \times \frac{3}{16}$	0.44
1½	40	0.33	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{16}$	0.48
2	50	0.56	$3 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$	0.54
2½	65	1.06	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \frac{3}{8}$	0.55
3	80	1.72	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$	0.57
3½	90	2.39	$3 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{4}$	0.58
4	100	3.21	$3 \times 3 \times \frac{5}{16}$	0.71
5	125	5.45	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$	0.72
6	150	8.50	$3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$	0.75
			$3 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$	0.81
			$3 \times 3 \times \frac{3}{8}$	0.83
			$3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{16}$	0.93
			$3 \times 3 \times \frac{7}{16}$	0.95
			$4 \times 4 \times \frac{1}{4}$	1.05
			$3 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$	1.07
			$4 \times 3 \times \frac{5}{16}$	1.23
			$4 \times 4 \times \frac{5}{16}$	1.29
			$4 \times 3 \times \frac{3}{8}$	1.46
			$4 \times 4 \times \frac{3}{8}$	1.52
			$5 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{16}$	1.94
			$4 \times 4 \times \frac{1}{2}$	1.97
			$4 \times 4 \times \frac{5}{8}$	2.40
			$4 \times 4 \times \frac{3}{4}$	2.81
			$6 \times 4 \times \frac{3}{8}$	3.32
			$6 \times 4 \times \frac{1}{2}$	4.33
			$6 \times 4 \times \frac{3}{4}$	6.25
			$6 \times 6 \times 1$	8.57

17.4.3.2* Minimum Number of Hangers.

17.4.3.2.1 Unless the requirements of 17.4.3.2.2 through 17.4.3.2.5 are met, there shall be not less than one hanger for each section of pipe.

17.4.3.2.2* Unless the requirements of 17.4.3.2.3 are met, where sprinklers are spaced less than 6 ft (1.8 m) apart, hangers spaced up to a maximum of 12 ft (3.7 m) shall be permitted.

Table 17.3.1(c) Available Section Modulus of Common Trapeze Hangers (cm³)

Pipe		Modulus (cm ³)	Angles (mm)	Modulus (cm ³)
in.	mm			
Schedule 10				
1	25	1.97	40 × 40 × 5	1.64
1¼	32	3.11	50 × 50 × 3	2.13
1½	40	4.26	50 × 40 × 5	2.95
2	50	6.88	50 × 50 × 5	3.11
2½	65	11.3	50 × 50 × 6	4.10
3	80	17.0	65 × 40 × 5	4.59
3½	90	22.6	65 × 50 × 5	4.75
4	100	28.8	50 × 50 × 8	4.92
5	125	49.7	65 × 65 × 5	4.92
6	150	71.3	50 × 50 × 10	5.74
			65 × 65 × 6	6.39
			80× 50 × 5	6.72
Schedule 40				
1	25	2.1	80 × 65 × 10	7.05
1¼	32	3.8	3 × 3 × ¾ ₁₆	7.21
1½	40	5.4	65 × 65 × 8	7.87
2	50	9.2	3 × 2 × ¼	8.85
2½	65	17.4	65 × 50 × 10	9.01
3	80	28.2	65 × 65 × 10	9.34
3½	90	39.2	80 × 80 × 6	9.50
4	100	52.6	80 × 80 × 8	11.6
5	125	89.3	65 × 65 ×15	11.8
6	150	139.3	90 × 65 ×6	12.3
			80 × 65 × 10	13.3
			80 × 80 × 10	13.6
			90 × 65 × 8	15.2
			80 × 80 × 11	15.6
			100 × 100 × 6	17.2
			80 × 80 × 15	17.5
			100 × 80 × 8	20.2
			100 × 100 × 8	21.1
			100 × 80 × 10	23.9
			100 ×100 × 10	24.9
			125 × 90 × 8	31.8
			100 × 100 × 16	32.3
			100 × 100 × 8	39.3
			100 × 100 × 20	46.0
			150 × 100 × 10	54.4
			150 × 100 × 15	71.0
			150 × 100 × 20	102
			150 × 150 × 25	140

17.4.3.2.3 For welded or mechanical outlets on a continuous section of pipe, hanger spacing shall be according to Table 17.4.2.1(a) or Table 17.4.2.1(b).

17.4.3.2.4* Starter lengths less than 6 ft (1.8 m) shall not require a hanger, unless on the end line of a sidefeed system or where an intermediate cross main hanger has been omitted.

17.4.3.2.5* A single section of pipe shall not require a hanger when the cumulative distance between hangers on the branch line does not exceed the spacing required by Table 17.4.2.1(a) and Table 17.4.2.1(b).

17.4.3.3 Clearance to Hangers. The distance between a hanger and the centerline of an upright sprinkler shall not be less than 3 in. (75 mm).

Table 17.4.2.1(a) Maximum Distance Between Hangers (ft-in.)

	Nominal Pipe Size (in.)											
	¾	1	1¼	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	5	6	8
Steel pipe except threaded lightwall	NA	12-0	12-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0
Threaded lightwall steel pipe	NA	12-0	12-0	12-0	12-0	12-0	12-0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Copper tube	8-0	8-0	10-0	10-0	12-0	12-0	12-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0	15-0
CPVC	5-6	6-0	6-6	7-0	8-0	9-0	10-0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ductile-iron pipe	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15-0	NA	15-0	NA	15-0	15-0

NA: Not applicable.

Table 17.4.2.1(b) Maximum Distance Between Hangers (m)

	Nominal Pipe Size (mm)											
	20	25	32	40	50	65	80	90	100	125	150	200
Steel pipe except threaded lightwall	NA	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Threaded lightwall steel pipe	NA	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Copper tube	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
CPVC	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ductile-iron pipe	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.6	NA	4.6	NA	4.6	4.6

NA: Not applicable.

17.4.3.4* Unsupported Lengths.

17.4.3.4.1 For steel pipe, the unsupported horizontal length between the end sprinkler and the last hanger on the line shall not be greater than 36 in. (900 mm) for 1 in. (25 mm) pipe, 48 in. (1.2 m) for 1¼ in. (32 mm) pipe, and 60 in. (1500 mm) for 1½ in. (40 mm) or larger pipe.

17.4.3.4.2 For copper tube, the unsupported horizontal length between the end sprinkler and the last hanger on the line shall not be greater than 18 in. (450 mm) for 1 in. (25 mm) pipe, 24 in. (600 mm) for 1¼ in. (32 mm) pipe, and 30 in. (750 mm) for 1½ in. (40 mm) or larger pipe.

17.4.3.4.3 Where the limits of 17.4.3.4.1 and 17.4.3.4.2 are exceeded, the pipe shall be extended beyond the end sprinkler and shall be supported by an additional hanger.

17.4.3.4.4* Unsupported Length with Maximum Pressure Exceeding 100 psi (6.9 bar) and Branch Line Above Ceiling Supplying Sprinklers in Pendent Position Below Ceiling.

17.4.3.4.4.1 Where the maximum static or flowing pressure, whichever is greater at the sprinkler, applied other than through the fire department connection, exceeds 100 psi (6.9 bar) and a branch line above a ceiling supplies sprinklers in a pendent position below the ceiling, the hanger assembly supporting the pipe supplying an end sprinkler in a pendent position shall be of a type that **restrains** upward movement of the pipe.

17.4.3.4.4.2 The unsupported length between the end sprinkler in a pendent position or drop nipple and the last hanger on the branch line shall not be greater than 12 in. (300 mm) for steel pipe or 6 in. (150 mm) for copper pipe.

17.4.3.4.4.3 When the limit of 17.4.3.4.4.2 is exceeded, the pipe shall be extended beyond the end sprinkler and supported by an additional hanger.

17.4.3.4.4.4 Unless flexible hose fittings in accordance with 17.4.1.3.3.1 and ceilings in accordance with 17.4.1.3.3.2 are used, the hanger closest to the sprinkler shall be of a type that **restrains** the pipe from upward movement.

17.4.3.5* Unsupported Armover Length.

17.4.3.5.1 The cumulative horizontal length of an unsupported armover to a sprinkler, sprinkler drop, or sprig shall not exceed 24 in. (600 mm) for steel pipe or 12 in. (300 mm) for copper tube.

17.4.3.5.2* Unsupported Armover Length with Maximum Pressure Exceeding 100 psi (6.9 bar) and Branch Line Above Ceiling Supplying Sprinklers in Pendent Position Below Ceiling.

17.4.3.5.2.1 Where the maximum static or flowing pressure, whichever is greater at the sprinkler, applied other than through the fire department connection, exceeds 100 psi (6.9 bar) and a branch line above a ceiling supplies sprinklers in a pendent position below the ceiling, the cumulative horizontal length of an unsupported armover to a sprinkler or sprinkler drop shall not exceed 12 in. (300 mm) for steel pipe and 6 in. (150 mm) for copper tube.

17.4.3.5.2.2 Unless flexible sprinkler hose fittings in accordance with 17.4.1.3.3.1 are used, the hanger closest to the sprinkler shall be of a type that **restrains** upward movement of the pipe.

17.4.3.5.2.3 Where the armover exceeds the maximum unsupported length of 17.4.3.5.2.1, a hanger shall be installed so that the distance from the end sprinkler or drop nipple to the hanger is not greater than 12 in. (300 mm) for steel or 6 in. (150 mm) for copper, or the pipe shall be extended beyond the end sprinkler and shall be supported by an additional hanger.

17.4.3.6* Wall-mounted sidewall sprinklers shall be restrained to prevent movement.

17.4.3.7 Sprigs. Sprigs 4 ft (1.2 m) or longer shall be restrained against lateral movement.

17.4.4 Location of Hangers on Mains.

17.4.4.1 Unless any of the requirements of 17.4.4.2 through 17.4.4.7 are met, hangers for mains shall be in accordance with 17.4.2, between each branch line, or on each section of pipe, whichever is the lesser dimension.

17.4.4.2 For welded or mechanical outlets on a continuous section of pipe, hanger spacing shall be according to Table 17.4.2.1(a) or Table 17.4.2.1(b).

17.4.4.3 For cross mains in steel pipe systems in bays having two branch lines, the intermediate hanger shall be permitted to be omitted, provided that a hanger attached to a purlin is installed on each branch line located as near to the cross main as the location of the purlin permits.

17.4.4.3.1 The remaining branch line hangers shall be installed in accordance with 17.4.3.

17.4.4.4 For cross mains in steel pipe systems only in bays having three branch lines, either side or center feed, one (only) intermediate hanger shall be permitted to be omitted, provided that a hanger attached to a purlin is installed on each branch line located as near to the cross main as the location of the purlin permits.

17.4.4.4.1 The remaining branch line hangers shall be installed in accordance with 17.4.3.

17.4.4.5 For cross mains in steel pipe systems only in bays having four or more branch lines, either side or center feed, two intermediate hangers shall be permitted to be omitted, provided the maximum distance between hangers does not exceed the distances specified in 17.4.2 and a hanger attached to a purlin on each branch line is located as near to the cross main as the purlin permits.

N 17.4.4.6 The unsupported length of the end of a main shall be no greater than one half the maximum allowable hanger spacing per Table 17.4.2.1(a) and Table 17.4.2.1(b).

17.4.4.7 At the end of the main, intermediate trapeze hangers shall be installed unless the main is extended to the next framing member with a hanger installed at this point, in which event an intermediate hanger shall be permitted to be omitted in accordance with 17.4.4.3, 17.4.4.4, and 17.4.4.5.

17.4.4.8* A single section of pipe shall not require a hanger when the cumulative distance between hangers on the main does not exceed the spacing required by Table 17.4.2.1(a) and Table 17.4.2.1(b).

N 17.4.4.9 The unsupported length of the end of a main shall be no greater than one half the maximum allowable hanger spacing per Table 17.4.2.1(a) and Table 17.4.2.1(b).

17.4.5 Support of Risers.

17.4.5.1 Risers shall be supported by riser clamps or by hangers located on the horizontal connections within 24 in. (600 mm) of the centerline of the riser.

17.4.5.2 Riser clamps supporting risers by means of set screws shall not be used.

17.4.5.3* Riser clamps anchored to walls using hanger rods in the horizontal position shall not be permitted to vertically support risers.

17.4.5.4 Multistory Buildings.

17.4.5.4.1 In multistory buildings, riser supports shall be provided at the lowest level, at each alternate level above, above and below offsets, and at the top of the riser.

17.4.5.4.2* Supports above the lowest level shall also restrain the pipe to prevent movement by an upward thrust where flexible fittings are used.

17.4.5.4.3 Where risers are supported from the ground, the ground support shall constitute the first level of riser support.

17.4.5.4.4 Where risers are offset or do not rise from the ground, the first ceiling level above the offset shall constitute the first level of riser support.

17.4.5.5 Distance between supports for risers shall not exceed 25 ft (7.6 m).

17.5* Pipe Stands.

17.5.1 General.

17.5.1.1 Where pipe stands are used to support system piping, the requirements of Section 17.5 shall apply unless the requirements of 17.5.1.2 are met.

17.5.1.2 Pipe stands certified by a registered professional engineer to include all of the following shall be an acceptable alternative to the requirements of Section 17.5:

- (1) Pipe stands shall be designed to support five times the weight of water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg) at each point of piping support.
- (2) These points of support shall be adequate to support the system.
- (3) The spacing between pipe stands shall not exceed the value given for the type of pipe as indicated in Table 17.4.2.1(a) or Table 17.4.2.1(b).
- (4) Pipe stand components shall be ferrous.
- (5) Detailed calculations shall be submitted, when required by the reviewing authority, showing stresses developed in the pipe stand, the system piping and fittings, and safety factors allowed.

17.5.1.3 Where water-based fire protection systems are required to be protected against damage from earthquakes, pipe stands shall also meet the requirements of Section 18.8.

17.5.2 Component Material.

17.5.2.1 Pipe stands and their components shall be ferrous unless permitted by 17.5.2.2.

17.5.2.2 Nonferrous components that have been proven by fire tests to be adequate for the hazard application and that are in compliance with the other requirements of this section shall be acceptable.

17.5.3 Sizing.

17.5.3.1* The maximum heights for pipe stands shall be in accordance with Table 17.5.3.1 unless the requirements of 17.5.3.2 are met.

Table 17.5.3.1 Maximum Pipe Stand Heights^a

System Pipe Diameter ^c	Pipe Stand Diameter ^b					
	1½ in.	2 in.	2½ in.	3 in.	4 in.	6 in.
1½ in.	6.6 ft	9.4 ft	11.3 ft	13.8 ft	18.0 ft	26.8 ft
2 in.	4.4 ft	9.4 ft	11.3 ft	13.8 ft	18.0 ft	26.8 ft
2½ in.	—	8.1 ft	11.3 ft	13.8 ft	18.0 ft	26.8 ft
3 in.	—	5.2 ft	11.3 ft	13.8 ft	18.0 ft	26.8 ft
4 in. up to and including 8 in.	—	—	—	—	14.7 ft	26.8 ft

^aFor SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 0.305 m.

^bPipe stands are Schedule 40 pipe.

^cSystem piping is assumed to be Schedule 40 [8 in. (200 mm) is Schedule 30].

17.5.3.2* Pipe diameters up to and including 10 in. (250 mm) Schedule 40 are permitted to be supported by 2 in. (50 mm) diameter pipe stands when all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The maximum height shall be 4 ft (1.2 m), as measured from the base of the pipe stand to the centerline of the pipe being supported.
- (2)* The pipe stand shall be axially loaded.

17.5.3.3 The distance between pipe stands shall not exceed the values in Table 17.4.2.1(a) or Table 17.4.2.1(b).

17.5.4 Pipe Stand Base.

17.5.4.1 The pipe stand base shall be secured by an approved method.

17.5.4.2* Pipe stand base plates shall be threaded malleable iron flanges or welded steel flanges in accordance with Table 7.4.1.

17.5.4.2.1 Pipes stands installed in accordance with 17.5.3.2 shall be permitted to use a welded steel plate.

17.5.4.3* Pipe stands shall be fastened to a concrete floor or footing using listed concrete anchors or other approved means.

17.5.4.4 A minimum of four anchors shall be used to attach the base plate to the floor.

17.5.4.4.1 Pipe stands installed in accordance with 17.5.3.2 shall be permitted to use a minimum of two anchors to attach the base plate to the floor.

17.5.4.5 The minimum diameter for the anchors shall be ½ in. (15 mm) for pipe stand diameters up to and including 3 in. (80 mm) and ⅝ in. (16 mm) for pipe stands 4 in. (100 mm) diameter and larger.

17.5.4.5.1 Where the pipe stand complies with 17.5.3.2, ⅜ in. (10 mm) anchors shall be permitted.

17.5.5 Attaching to System Piping.

17.5.5.1 Piping shall be attached to the pipe stand with U-bolts or equivalent attachment.

17.5.5.2* Where a horizontal bracket is used to attach the system piping to the pipe stand, it shall not be more than 1 ft (0.3 m) as measured horizontally from the centerline of the pipe stand to the centerline of the supported pipe.

17.5.5.3 Horizontal support brackets shall be sized such that the section modulus required in Table 17.5.5.3 does not exceed the available section modulus from Table 17.3.1(b).

17.5.6 Thrust.

17.5.6.1* System piping shall be supported and restrained to restrict movement due to sprinkler/nozzle reaction and water surges.

17.5.6.2* Where thrust forces are anticipated to be high, a pipe ring or clamp shall secure the system piping to the pipe stand.

17.5.7 Exterior Applications.

17.5.7.1 Where required, pipe stands used in exterior applications shall be made of galvanized steel or other suitable corrosion-resistant materials.

17.5.7.2 A welded, threaded, grooved, or other approved cap shall be securely attached to the top of the pipe stand.

Table 17.5.5.3 Required Section Modulus for Pipe Stand Horizontal Support Arms (in.³)

Nominal Diameter of Pipe Being Supported (in.)	1	1 ¼	1 ½	2	2 ½	3	3 ½	4	5	6	8
Section Modulus – Schedule 10 Steel	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.30	0.36	0.42	0.49	0.66	0.85	1.40
Section Modulus – Schedule 40 Steel	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.27	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.63	0.86	1.13	1.64

For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

Note: The table is based on the controlling section modulus determined for a concentrated load at a 1 ft (0.3 m) cantilever using: a) a maximum bending stress of 15 ksi (103 MPa) and a concentrated load equal to the weight of 15 ft (4.6 m) of water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg), or b) a maximum bending stress of 28 ksi (193 MPa) and a concentrated load equal to five times the weight of 15 ft (4.6 m) of water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg).

Chapter 18 Installation Requirements for Seismic Protection

18.1* Protection of Piping Against Damage Where Subject to Earthquakes.

18.1.1 Where water-based fire protection systems are required to be protected against damage from earthquakes, the requirements of Chapter 18 shall apply, unless the requirements of 18.1.2 are met.

18.1.2 Alternative methods of providing earthquake protection of sprinkler systems based on a seismic analysis certified by a registered professional engineer such that system performance will be at least equal to that of the building structure under expected seismic forces shall be permitted.

18.1.3 Obstructions to Sprinklers. Braces and restraints shall not obstruct sprinklers and shall comply with the obstruction rules of Chapters 10 through 14.

18.2* Flexible Couplings.

18.2.1 Flexible couplings joining grooved end pipe shall be provided as flexure joints to allow individual sections of piping 2½ in. (65 mm) or larger to move differentially with the individual sections of the building to which it is attached.

18.2.2 Flexible couplings shall be arranged to coincide with structural separations within a building.

18.2.3 Systems having more flexible couplings than required by this section shall be provided with additional sway bracing as required in 18.5.5.9.

18.2.3.1 The flexible couplings shall be installed as follows:

- (1)* Within 24 in. (600 mm) of the top and bottom of all risers, unless the following provisions are met:
 - (a) In risers less than 3 ft (900 mm) in length, flexible couplings shall be permitted to be omitted.
 - (b) In risers 3 ft to 7 ft (900 mm to 2100 mm) in length, one flexible coupling shall be adequate.
- (2) Within 12 in. (300 mm) above and within 24 in. (600 mm) below the floor in multistory buildings, unless the following provision is met:
 - (a)* In risers up to 7 ft (2.1 m) in length terminating above the roof assembly or top landing, the flexible coupling shall not be required above the landing or roof assembly.
- (3) On both sides of concrete or masonry walls within 1 ft (300 mm) of the wall surface, unless clearance is provided in accordance with Section 18.4
- (4)* Within 24 in. (600 mm) of building expansion joints
- (5) Within 24 in. (600 mm) of the top of drops exceeding 15 ft (4.6 m) in length to portions of systems supplying more than one sprinkler, regardless of pipe size
- (6) Within 24 in. (600 mm) above and 24 in. (600 mm) below any intermediate points of support for a riser or other vertical pipe

18.2.3.2 When the flexible coupling below the floor is above the tie-in main to the main supplying that floor, a flexible coupling shall be provided in accordance with one of the following:

- (1)* On the horizontal portion within 24 in. (600 mm) of the tie-in where the tie-in is horizontal
- (2)* On the vertical portion of the tie-in where the tie-in incorporates a riser

18.2.4* Flexible Couplings for Drops. Flexible couplings for drops to hose lines, rack sprinklers, mezzanines, and free-standing structures shall be installed regardless of pipe sizes as follows:

- (1) Within 24 in. (600 mm) of the top of the drop
- (2) Within 24 in. (600 mm) above the uppermost drop support attachment, where drop supports are provided to the structure, rack, or mezzanine
- (3) Within 24 in. (600 mm) above the bottom of the drop where no additional drop support is provided

18.3* Seismic Separation Assembly.

18.3.1 An approved seismic separation assembly shall be installed where sprinkler piping, regardless of size, crosses building seismic separation joints at ground level and above.

18.3.2 Seismic separation assemblies shall consist of flexible fittings or flexible piping so as to allow movement sufficient to accommodate closing of the separation, opening of the separation to twice its normal size, and movement relative to the separation in the other two dimensions in an amount equal to the separation distance.

18.3.3* The seismic separation assembly shall include a four-way brace upstream and downstream within 6 ft (1.8 m) of the seismic separation assembly.

18.3.4 Bracing shall not be attached to the seismic separation assembly.

18.4* Clearance.

18.4.1* Clearance shall be provided around all piping extending through walls, floors, platforms, and foundations, including drains, fire department connections, and other auxiliary piping.

18.4.2 Unless any of the requirements of 18.4.3 through 18.4.7 or 18.4.10 are met, where pipe passes through holes in platforms, foundations, walls, or floors, the holes shall be sized such that the diameter of the holes is nominally 2 in. (50 mm) larger than the pipe for pipe 1 in. (25 mm) nominal to 3½ in. (90 mm) nominal and 4 in. (100 mm) larger than the pipe for pipe 4 in. (100 mm) nominal and larger.

18.4.3 Where clearance is provided by a pipe sleeve, a nominal diameter 2 in. (50 mm) larger than the nominal diameter of the pipe shall be acceptable for pipe sizes 1 in. (25 mm) through 3½ in. (90 mm), and the clearance provided by a pipe sleeve of nominal diameter 4 in. (100 mm) larger than the nominal diameter of the pipe shall be acceptable for pipe sizes 4 in. (100 mm) and larger.

18.4.4 No clearance shall be required for piping passing through gypsum board or equally frangible construction.

18.4.5 No clearance shall be required if flexible couplings are located within 1 ft (300 mm) of each side of a wall or if the requirements of 18.2.3.1(2) are met.

18.4.6 No clearance shall be required where horizontal piping passes perpendicularly through successive studs or joists that form a wall or floor/ceiling assembly.

18.4.7 No clearance shall be required where nonmetallic pipe has been demonstrated to have inherent flexibility equal to or greater than the minimum provided by flexible couplings located within 1 ft (300 mm) of each side of a wall, floor, platform, or foundation.

18.4.8 Where required, the clearance shall be filled with a flexible material that is compatible with the piping material.

18.4.9 The installed horizontal and upward vertical clearance between horizontal sprinkler piping and structural members not penetrated or used, collectively or independently, to support the piping shall be at least 2 in. (50 mm).

18.4.10* No clearance shall be required where piping is supported by holes through structural members as permitted by 17.1.7.3.

18.4.11* The installed clearance between a sprinkler and structural elements not used collectively or independently to support the sprinklers shall be at least 3 in. (75 mm).

18.4.11.1 Where sprinklers are installed using flexible sprinkler hose, clearance for the sprinkler shall not be required.

18.4.12 Clearance shall not be required for piping that is vertically supported by the bottom edge of holes through structural members as permitted by 17.1.7.3.

18.4.13 No horizontal clearance (tight fit) shall be provided for piping that is laterally supported by the side edges of holes through structural members.

18.4.13.1 Clearance shall be permitted where piping is secured to the structural member with an approved hanger or restraint.

18.5* Sway Bracing.

18.5.1 General.

18.5.1.1 The system piping shall be braced to resist both lateral and longitudinal horizontal seismic loads and to prevent vertical motion resulting from seismic loads.

18.5.1.2 The structural components to which bracing is attached shall be determined to be capable of resisting the added applied seismic loads.

18.5.1.3* Horizontal loads on system piping shall be determined in accordance with 18.5.9.

18.5.1.4* A shared support structure shall be permitted to support both the gravity loads addressed in 17.1.4.1 and the seismic loads addressed in 18.5.9.

18.5.1.4.1 When a shared support structure is used to support gravity and seismic loads, the structure shall be designed to support these loads for all pipe and distribution systems on the structure using either 18.5.9.3 or 18.5.9.4 with an importance factor, I_p , of 1.5 being applied to all of the distribution systems.

18.5.1.5* If a shared support structure is used to support sprinkler pipe and other distribution systems per 17.1.4.1 and that structure does not provide seismic resistance as required in 18.5.1.4, the following shall be met:

- (1) The sprinkler pipe shall be braced using the method in 18.5.6 with the zone of influence including the water-filled sprinkler pipe and all other distribution systems that are not independently equipped with seismic protection and attached to the shared support structure.

- (2) The sprinkler sway bracing attachment shall be connected to the same building or structure as the shared support structure.

18.5.1.6 Bracing requirements of Section 18.5 shall not apply to drain piping downstream of the drain valve.

18.5.2 Listing.

18.5.2.1 Sway bracing assemblies shall be listed for a maximum load rating, unless the requirements of 18.5.2.2 are met.

18.5.2.2 Where sway bracing utilizing pipe, angles, flats, or rods as shown in Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f) is used, the components shall not require listing.

18.5.2.2.1 Bracing fittings and connections used with those specific materials shall be listed.

18.5.2.3* The listed load rating shall be reduced as shown in Table 18.5.2.3 to determine the allowable load for installations where the brace is less than 90 degrees from vertical.

18.5.2.3.1* Maximum allowable horizontal loads shall be determined by testing at angles of 30, 45, 60, and 90 degrees from vertical and confirmed to be equal to or greater than those calculated using 18.5.2.3.

18.5.2.3.2 For attachments to structures, additional tests shall be performed at 0 degrees.

18.5.3 Component Material.

18.5.3.1 Unless permitted by 18.5.3.2, components of sway brace assemblies shall be ferrous.

18.5.3.2 Nonferrous components that have been proven by fire tests to be adequate for the hazard application, that are listed for this purpose, and that are in compliance with the other requirements of this section shall be acceptable.

18.5.4 Sway Bracing Design.

18.5.4.1 Sway braces shall be designed to withstand forces in tension and compression, unless the requirements of 18.5.4.2 are met.

18.5.4.2* Tension-only bracing systems shall be permitted for use where listed for this service and where installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

18.5.4.3 For all braces, whether or not listed, the maximum allowable load shall be based on the weakest component of the brace with safety factors.

Table 18.5.2.3 Listed Horizontal Load Adjustment

Brace Angle Degrees from Vertical	Allowable Horizontal Load
30 to 44	Listed load rating divided by 2.000
45 to 59	Listed load rating divided by 1.414
60 to 89	Listed load rating divided by 1.155
90	Listed load rating

18.5.5 Lateral Sway Bracing.

18.5.5.1* Lateral sway bracing shall be provided on all feed and cross mains regardless of size and all branch lines and other piping with a diameter of 2½ in. (65 mm) and larger.

18.5.5.1.1 Where branch lines are not provided with lateral sway bracing, they shall be provided with restraint in accordance with Section 18.6.

18.5.5.2* The spacing between lateral sway braces shall be in accordance with either Table 18.5.5.2(a) through Table 18.5.5.2(l) or 18.5.5.3, based on the piping material of the sprinkler system.

Table 18.5.5.2(a) Maximum Load (F_{pw}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 30$ ksi) Schedule 10 Steel Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
1	111	89	73	63	52
1¼	176	141	116	99	83
1½	241	193	158	136	114
2	390	312	256	219	183
2½	641	513	420	360	301
3	966	773	633	543	454
3½	1281	1025	840	720	603
4	1634	1307	1071	918	769
5	2814	2251	1844	1581	1324
6 and larger*	4039	3231	2647	2269	1900

Note: ASTM A106 Grade B or ASTM A53 Grade B has an $F_y = 35$ ksi. An $F_y = 30$ ksi was used as a conservative value to account for differences in material properties as well as other operational stresses.

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(b) Maximum Load (F_{pw}) in Zone of Influence (kg), ($F_y = 207$ N/mm²) Schedule 10 Steel Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (mm) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (m)				
	6.1	7.6	9.1	11	12
25	50	40	33	29	24
32	80	64	53	45	38
40	109	88	72	62	52
50	177	142	116	99	83
65	291	233	191	163	137
80	438	351	287	246	206
90	581	465	381	327	273
100	741	593	486	416	349
125	1276	1021	836	717	601
150*	1832	1466	1201	1029	862

Note: ASTM A106 Grade B or ASTM A53 Grade B has an $F_y = 241$ N/mm². An $F_y = 207$ N/mm² was used also as a conservative value to account for differences in material properties as well as other operational stresses.

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(c) Maximum Load (F_{pw}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 30$ ksi) Schedule 40 Steel Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
1	121	97	79	68	57
1¼	214	171	140	120	100
1½	306	245	201	172	144
2	520	416	341	292	245
2½	984	787	645	553	463
3	1597	1278	1047	897	751
3½	2219	1775	1455	1247	1044
4	2981	2385	1954	1675	1402
5	5061	4049	3317	2843	2381
6 and larger*	7893	6314	5173	4434	3713

Note: ASTM A106 Grade B or ASTM A53 Grade B has an $F_y = 35$ ksi. An $F_y = 30$ ksi was used as a conservative value to account for differences in material properties as well as other operational stresses.

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(d) Maximum Load (F_{pw}) in Zone of Influence (kg), ($F_y = 207$ N/mm²) Schedule 40 Steel Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (m)				
	6.1	7.6	9.1	11	12
25	55	44	36	31	26
32	97	78	63	54	45
40	139	111	91	78	65
50	236	189	155	132	111
65	446	357	293	251	210
80	724	580	475	407	341
90	1007	805	660	566	474
100	1352	1082	886	760	636
125	2296	1837	1505	1290	1080
150*	3580	2864	2346	2011	1684

Note: ASTM A106 Grade B or ASTM A53 Grade B has an $F_y = 241$ N/mm². An $F_y = 207$ N/mm² was used also as a conservative value to account for differences in material properties as well as other operational stresses.

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

18.5.5.2.1 Specially listed nonstandard pipe shall be permitted using the values in Table 18.5.5.2(e) and Table 18.5.5.2(f) or with values provided by the manufacturer.

18.5.5.2.2 Spacing shall not exceed a maximum interval of 40 ft (12 m) on center.

18.5.5.2.3 The maximum permissible load in the zone of influence of a sway brace shall not exceed the values given in Table 18.5.5.2(a) through Table 18.5.5.2(l) or the values calculated in accordance with 18.5.5.3.

Table 18.5.5.2(e) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 30$ ksi) Schedule 5 Steel Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
1	71	56	46	40	33
1¼	116	93	76	65	55
1½	154	124	101	87	73
2	246	197	161	138	116
2½	459	367	301	258	216
3	691	552	453	388	325
3½	910	728	597	511	428
4*	1160	928	760	652	546

Note: ASTM A106 Grade B or ASTM A53 Grade B has an $F_y = 35$ ksi. An $F_y = 30$ ksi was used as a conservative value to account for differences in material properties as well as other operational stresses.

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(f) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (kg), ($F_y = 207$ N/mm²) Schedule 5 Steel Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (mm) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (m)				
	6.1	7.6	9.1	11	12
25	32	25	21	18	15
32	53	42	34	29	25
40	70	56	46	39	33
50	112	89	73	63	53
65	208	166	137	117	98
80	313	250	205	176	147
90	413	330	271	232	194
100*	526	421	345	296	248

Note: ASTM A106 Grade B or ASTM A53 Grade B has an $F_y = 241$ N/mm². An $F_y = 207$ N/mm² was used also as a conservative value to account for differences in material properties as well as other operational stresses.

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(g) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 8$ ksi) CPVC Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
¾	15	12	10	8	7
1	28	22	18	15	13
1¼	56	45	37	30	26
1½	83	67	55	45	39
2	161	129	105	87	76
2½	286	229	188	154	135
3	516	413	338	278	243

Table 18.5.5.2(h) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (kg), ($F_y = 55$ N/mm²) CPVC Pipe

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (m)				
	6.1	7.6	9.1	11	12
20	7	5	5	4	3
25	13	10	8	7	6
32	25	20	17	14	12
40	38	30	25	20	18
50	73	59	48	39	34
65	130	104	85	70	61
80	234	187	153	126	110

Table 18.5.5.2(i) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 30$ ksi) Type M Copper Tube (with Soldered Joints)

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
¾	16	13	10	9	8
1	29	24	19	16	14
1¼	53	42	35	28	25
1½	86	69	56	46	41
2*	180	144	118	97	85

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(j) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (kg), ($F_y = 3207$ N/mm²) Type M Copper Tube (with Soldered Joints)

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Brace Spacing (m)				
	6.1	7.6	9.1	11	12
20	7.3	5.9	5	4.1	3.6
25	13.2	10.9	8.6	7.3	6.4
32	24	19.1	15.9	12.7	11.3
40	39	31.3	25.4	20.9	18.6
50*	81.6	65.3	53	44	38.6

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(k) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 9$ ksi) Type M Copper Tube (with Brazed Joints)

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
¾	6	5	4	3	3
1	11	9	7	6	5
1¼	20	16	13	12	10
1½	33	27	22	19	16
2*	70	56	46	39	33

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

Table 18.5.5.2(1) Maximum Load (F_{pu}) in Zone of Influence (lb), ($F_y = 9$ ksi) Red Brass Pipe (with Brazed Joints)

Diameter of Pipe (in.) Being Braced	Lateral Sway Spacing (ft)				
	20	25	30	35	40
3/4	34	27	22	19	16
1	61	49	40	35	29
1 1/4	116	93	76	65	55
1 1/2	161	129	105	90	76
2*	272	218	178	153	128

*Larger diameter pipe can be used when justified by engineering analysis.

18.5.5.2.4 When determining permissible loads in accordance with 18.5.5.2 or 18.5.5.2.1 on a main with varying sizes, the allowable load shall be based on the smallest pipe size within the zone of influence.

18.5.5.3 The maximum load (F_{pu}) in the zone of influence for specially listed pipe shall be calculated. (See Annex E.)

18.5.5.4 The requirements of 18.5.5.1 shall not apply to 2 1/2 in. (65 mm) starter pieces that do not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m) in length.

18.5.5.5 The distance between the last brace and the end of the pipe shall not exceed 6 ft (1.8 m).

18.5.5.6 Where there is a change in direction of the piping, the cumulative distance between consecutive lateral sway braces shall not exceed the maximum permitted distance in accordance with 18.5.5.2.2.

18.5.5.7 The last length of pipe at the end of a feed or cross main shall be provided with a lateral brace.

18.5.5.8 Lateral braces shall be allowed to act as longitudinal braces if they are within 24 in. (600 mm) of the centerline of the piping braced longitudinally and the lateral brace is on a pipe of equal or greater size than the pipe being braced longitudinally.

18.5.5.9 Where flexible couplings are installed on mains other than as required in Section 18.2, a lateral brace shall be provided within 24 in. (600 mm) of every other coupling, including flexible couplings at grooved fittings, but not more than 40 ft (12 m) on center.

18.5.5.10* The lateral sway bracing required by 18.5.5 shall be permitted to be omitted when 18.5.5.10.1 for branch lines or 18.5.5.10.2 for mains is met.

18.5.5.10.1 Branch lines shall comply with the following:

- (1)* The branch lines shall be individually supported within 6 in. (150 mm) of the structure, measured between the top of the pipe and the point of attachment to the building structure.
- (2) At least 75 percent of all the hangers on the branch line shall meet the requirements of 18.5.5.10.1(1).
- (3) Consecutive hangers on the branch line shall not be permitted to exceed the limitation in 18.5.5.10.1(1).

18.5.5.10.2 Mains shall comply with all the following:

- (1)* The main piping shall be individually supported within 6 in. (150 mm) of the structure, measured between the

top of the pipe and the point of attachment to the building structure.

- (2) At least 75 percent of all the hangers on the main shall meet the requirements of 18.5.5.10.2(1).
- (3) Consecutive hangers on the main shall not be permitted to exceed the limitation in 18.5.5.10.2(1).
- (4) The seismic coefficient (C_p) shall not exceed 0.5.
- (5) The nominal pipe diameter shall not exceed 6 in. (150 mm) for feed mains and 4 in. (100 mm) for cross mains.
- (6) Hangers shall not be omitted in accordance with 17.4.4.3, 17.4.4.4, or 17.4.4.5.

18.5.5.10.3 Branch lines permitted to omit lateral sway bracing by 18.5.5.10 shall not be omitted from load calculations for the mains serving them in 18.5.9.6.

18.5.5.11 The lateral sway bracing required by 18.5.5 shall be permitted to be omitted when 18.5.5.11.1 for branch lines or 18.5.5.11.2 for mains is met.

18.5.5.11.1 Branch lines shall comply with the following:

- (1) The branch lines shall be individually supported by wrap-around u-hooks or u-hooks arranged to keep pipe tight to the structural element provided the legs are bent out at least 30 degrees from the vertical and the maximum length of each leg and the rod size satisfies the conditions of Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f), or the length of the rod shall be calculated.
- (2) At least 75 percent of all the hangers on the branch line shall meet the requirements of 18.5.5.11.2(1).
- (3) Consecutive hangers on the branch line shall not be permitted to exceed the limitation in 18.5.5.11.2(1).

N 18.5.5.11.2 Mains shall comply with all the following:

- (1) The main piping shall be individually supported by wrap-around u-hooks or u-hooks arranged to keep pipe tight to the structural element provided the legs are bent out at least 30 degrees from the vertical and the maximum length of each leg and rod size satisfies the conditions of Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f).
- (2) At least 75 percent of all the hangers on the main shall meet the requirements of 18.5.5.11.2(1).
- (3) Consecutive hangers on the main shall not be permitted to exceed the limitation in 18.5.5.11.2(1).
- (4) The seismic coefficient (C_p) shall not exceed 0.5.
- (5) The nominal pipe diameter shall not exceed 6 in. (150 mm) for feed mains and 4 in. (100 mm) for cross mains.
- (6) Hangers shall not be omitted in accordance with 17.4.4.3, 17.4.4.4, or 17.4.4.5.

18.5.6 Longitudinal Sway Bracing.

18.5.6.1 Longitudinal sway bracing spaced at a maximum of 80 ft (24 m) on center shall be provided for feed and cross mains.

18.5.6.2 Longitudinal braces shall be allowed to act as lateral braces if they are within 24 in. (600 mm) of the centerline of the piping braced laterally.

18.5.6.3 The distance between the last brace and the end of the pipe or a change in direction shall not exceed 40 ft (12 m).

18.5.7 Pipe with Change(s) in Direction.

18.5.7.1 Each run of pipe between changes in direction shall be provided with both lateral and longitudinal bracing, unless the requirements of 18.5.7.2 are met.

18.5.7.2* Pipe runs less than 12 ft (3.7 m) in length shall be permitted to be supported by the braces on adjacent runs of pipe.

18.5.8 Sway Bracing of Risers.

18.5.8.1* Tops of risers exceeding 3 ft (900 mm) in length shall be provided with a four-way brace.

N18.5.8.1.1* The four-way brace shall not be required for risers up to 7 ft (2.1 m) in length that terminate above the roof assembly or top landing.

18.5.8.2 Riser nipples shall be permitted to omit the four-way brace required by 18.5.8.1.

18.5.8.3 When a four-way brace at the top of a riser is attached on the horizontal piping, it shall be within 24 in. (600 mm) of the centerline of the riser and the loads for that brace shall include both the vertical and horizontal pipe.

18.5.8.4 Distance between four-way braces for risers shall not exceed 25 ft (7.6 m).

18.5.8.5 Four-way bracing shall not be required where risers penetrate intermediate floors in multistory buildings where the clearance does not exceed the limits of Section 18.4.

18.5.9* Horizontal Seismic Loads.

18.5.9.1* The horizontal seismic load for the braces shall be as determined in 18.5.9.6 or 18.5.9.7, or as required by the authority having jurisdiction.

18.5.9.2 The weight of the system being braced (W_p) shall be taken as 1.15 times the weight of the water-filled piping. (See A.18.5.9.1.)

18.5.9.3 The horizontal force, F_{pw} , acting on the brace shall be taken as $F_{pw} = C_p W_p$, where C_p is the seismic coefficient selected in Table 18.5.9.3 utilizing the short period response parameter, S_s .

18.5.9.3.1 The value of S_s used in Table 18.5.9.3 shall be obtained from the authority having jurisdiction or from seismic hazard maps.

18.5.9.3.2* Linear interpolation shall be permitted to be used for intermediate values of S_s .

18.5.9.4* The horizontal force, F_{pw} , acting on the brace shall be permitted to be determined in accordance with 13.3.1 of ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, multiplied by 0.7 to convert to allowable stress design (ASD).

18.5.9.5* Where data for determining C_p are not available, the horizontal seismic force acting on the braces shall be determined as specified in 18.5.9.3 with $C_p = 0.5$.

18.5.9.6* The zone of influence for lateral braces shall include all branch lines, drops, sprigs, and mains tributary to the brace, except branch lines that are provided with longitudinal bracing or as prohibited by 18.5.9.6.1.

Table 18.5.9.3 Seismic Coefficient Table

S_s	C_p	S_s	C_p
0.33 or less	0.35	2.2	1.03
0.4	0.38	2.3	1.07
0.5	0.4	2.4	1.12
0.6	0.42	2.5	1.17
0.7	0.42	2.6	1.21
0.8	0.44	2.7	1.26
0.9	0.48	2.8	1.31
1	0.51	2.9	1.35
1.1	0.54	3	1.4
1.2	0.57	3.1	1.45
1.3	0.61	3.2	1.49
1.4	0.65	3.3	1.54
1.5	0.7	3.4	1.59
1.6	0.75	3.5	1.63
1.7	0.79	3.6	1.68
1.8	0.84	3.7	1.73
1.9	0.89	3.8	1.77
2	0.93	3.9	1.82
2.1	0.98	4	1.87

18.5.9.6.1* When riser nipples are provided in systems requiring seismic protection, they shall satisfy the following equation, unless one of the following conditions is met:

- (1) Where riser nipples are 4 ft (1.2 m) or less in length and C_p is 0.50 or less
- (2) Where riser nipples are 3 ft (900 mm) or less in length and C_p is less than 0.67
- (3) Where riser nipples are 2 ft (600 mm) in length or less and C_p is less than 1.0

[18.5.9.6.1]

$$\frac{(H_r \cdot W_p \cdot C_p)}{S} \leq F_y$$

where:

H_r = length of riser nipple piping (in inches)

W_p = tributary weight (in pounds) for the branch line or portion of branch line within the zone of influence including the riser nipple

C_p = seismic coefficient

S = sectional modulus of the riser nipple pipe

F_y = allowable yield strength of 30,000 psi (2070 bar) for steel, 30,000 psi for copper (soldered), 8000 psi (550 bar) for CPVC

18.5.9.6.2 If the calculated value is equal to or greater than the yield strength of the riser nipple, the longitudinal seismic load of each line shall be evaluated individually, and branch lines shall be provided with longitudinal sway bracing per 18.5.6.

18.5.9.7 The zone of influence for longitudinal braces shall include all mains tributary to the brace.

18.5.10 Net Vertical Reaction Forces. Where the horizontal seismic loads used exceed $0.5 W_p$ and the brace angle is less than 45 degrees from vertical or where the horizontal seismic load exceeds $1.0 W_p$ and the brace angle is less than 60 degrees from vertical, the braces shall be arranged to resist the net vertical reaction produced by the horizontal load.

18.5.11* Sway Brace Installation.

18.5.11.1* Bracing shall be attached directly to the system pipe.

18.5.11.2 Sway bracing shall be tight.

18.5.11.3 For individual braces, the slenderness ratio (l/r) shall not exceed 300, where l is the length of the brace and r is the least radius of gyration.

18.5.11.4 Where threaded pipe is used as part of a sway brace assembly, it shall not be less than Schedule 30.

18.5.11.5 All parts and fittings of a brace shall lie in a straight line to avoid eccentric loadings on fittings and fasteners.

18.5.11.6 For longitudinal braces only, the brace shall be permitted to be connected to a tab welded to the pipe in conformance to 7.5.2.

18.5.11.7 For tension-only braces, two tension-only brace components opposing each other must be installed at each lateral or longitudinal brace location.

18.5.11.8 The loads determined in 18.5.9 shall not exceed the lesser of the maximum allowable loads provided in Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f), and the manufactur-

er's certified maximum allowable horizontal loads for brace angles of 30 to 44 degrees, 45 to 59 degrees, 60 to 89 degrees, or 90 degrees.

18.5.11.9* Other pipe schedules and materials not specifically included in Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f) shall be permitted to be used if certified by a registered professional engineer to support the loads determined in accordance with the criteria in the tables.

18.5.11.9.1 Calculations shall be submitted where required by the authority having jurisdiction.

18.5.11.10 C-type clamps including beam and large flange clamps, with or without restraining straps, shall not be used to attach braces to the building structure.

18.5.11.11 Powder-driven fasteners shall not be used to attach braces to the building structure, unless they are specifically listed for service in resisting lateral loads in areas subject to earthquakes.

18.5.12* Fasteners.

18.5.12.1 The designated angle category for the fastener(s) used in the sway brace installation shall be determined in accordance with Figure 18.5.12.1.

18.5.12.2* For individual fasteners, unless alternative allowable loads are determined and certified by a registered professional engineer, the loads determined in 18.5.9 shall not exceed the allowable loads provided in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(m) or 18.5.12.7.

Table 18.5.11.8(a) Maximum Horizontal Loads for Sway Braces with $l/r = 100$ for Steel Braces with $F_y = 36$ ksi

Brace Shape and Size (in.)		Area (in. ²)	Least Radius of Gyration (<i>r</i>) (in.)	Maximum Length for <i>l/r</i> = 100		Maximum Horizontal Load (lb)		
						Brace Angle		
				ft	in.	30° to 44° Angle from Vertical	45° to 59° Angle from Vertical	60° to 90° Angle from Vertical
Pipe Schedule 40	1	0.494	0.421	3	6	3,150	4,455	5,456
	1¼	0.669	0.540	4	6	4,266	6,033	7,389
	1½	0.799	0.623	5	2	5,095	7,206	8,825
	2	1.07	0.787	6	6	6,823	9,650	11,818
Angles	1½ × 1½ × ¼	0.688	0.292	2	5	4,387	6,205	7,599
	2 × 2 × ¼	0.938	0.391	3	3	5,982	8,459	10,360
	2½ × 2 × ¼	1.06	0.424	3	6	6,760	9,560	11,708
	2½ × 2½ × ¼	1.19	0.491	4	1	7,589	10,732	13,144
	3 × 2½ × ¼	1.31	0.528	4	4	8,354	11,814	14,469
	3 × 3 × ¼	1.44	0.592	4	11	9,183	12,987	15,905
Rods (all thread)	⅜	0.07	0.075	0	7	446	631	773
	½	0.129	0.101	0	10	823	1,163	1,425
	⅝	0.207	0.128	1	0	1,320	1,867	2,286
	¾	0.309	0.157	1	3	1,970	2,787	3,413
	⅞	0.429	0.185	1	6	2,736	3,869	4,738
Rods (threaded at ends only)	⅜	0.11	0.094	0	9	701	992	1,215
	½	0.196	0.125	1	0	1,250	1,768	2,165
	⅝	0.307	0.156	1	3	1,958	2,769	3,391
	¾	0.442	0.188	1	6	2,819	3,986	4,882
	⅞	0.601	0.219	1	9	3,833	5,420	6,638
Flats	1½ × ¼	0.375	0.0722	0	7	2,391	3,382	4,142
	2 × ¼	0.5	0.0722	0	7	3,189	4,509	5,523
	2 × ⅜	0.75	0.1082	0	10	4,783	6,764	8,284

Table 18.5.11.8(b) Maximum Horizontal Loads for Sway Braces with $l/r = 200$ for Steel Braces with $F_y = 36$ ksi

Brace Shape and Size (in.)		Area (in. ²)	Least Radius of Gyration (r) (in.)	Maximum Length for $l/r = 200$		Maximum Horizontal Load (lb)		
				ft	in.	Brace Angle		
						30° to 44° Angle from Vertical	45° to 59° Angle from Vertical	60° to 90° Angle from Vertical
Pipe Schedule 40	1	0.494	0.421	7	0	926	1310	1604
	1¼	0.669	0.540	9	0	1254	1774	2173
	1½	0.799	0.623	10	4	1498	2119	2595
	2	1.07	0.787	13	1	2006	2837	3475
Angles	1½ × 1½ × ¼	0.688	0.292	4	10	1290	1824	2234
	2 × 2 × ¼	0.938	0.391	6	6	1759	2487	3046
	2½ × 2 × ¼	1.06	0.424	7	0	1988	2811	3442
	2½ × 2½ × ¼	1.19	0.491	8	2	2231	3155	3865
	3 × 2½ × ¼	1.31	0.528	8	9	2456	3474	4254
	3 × 3 × ¼	1.44	0.592	9	10	2700	3818	4677
Rods (all thread)	⅜	0.07	0.075	1	2	131	186	227
	½	0.129	0.101	1	8	242	342	419
	⅝	0.207	0.128	2	1	388	549	672
	¾	0.309	0.157	2	7	579	819	1004
	⅞	0.429	0.185	3	0	804	1138	1393
Rods (threaded at ends only)	⅜	0.11	0.094	1	6	206	292	357
	½	0.196	0.125	2	0	368	520	637
	⅝	0.307	0.156	2	7	576	814	997
	¾	0.442	0.188	3	1	829	1172	1435
	⅞	0.601	0.219	3	7	1127	1594	1952
Flats	1½ × ¼	0.375	0.0722	1	2	703	994	1218
	2 × ¼	0.5	0.0722	1	2	938	1326	1624
	2 × ⅜	0.75	0.1082	1	9	1406	1989	2436

Table 18.5.11.8(c) Maximum Horizontal Loads for Sway Braces with $l/r = 300$ for Steel Braces with $F_y = 36$ ksi

Brace Shape and Size (in.)		Area (in. ²)	Least Radius of Gyration (r) (in.)	Maximum Length for $l/r = 300$		Maximum Horizontal Load (lb)		
				ft	in.	Brace Angle		
						30° to 44° Angle from Vertical	45° to 59° Angle from Vertical	60° to 90° Angle from Vertical
Pipe Schedule 40	1	0.494	0.421	10	6	412	582	713
	1¼	0.669	0.540	13	6	558	788	966
	1½	0.799	0.623	15	6	666	942	1153
	2	1.07	0.787	19	8	892	1261	1544
Angles	1½ × 1½ × ¼	0.688	0.292	7	3	573	811	993
	2 × 2 × ¼	0.938	0.391	9	9	782	1105	1354
	2½ × 2 × ¼	1.06	0.424	10	7	883	1249	1530
	2½ × 2½ × ¼	1.19	0.491	12	3	992	1402	1718
	3 × 2½ × ¼	1.31	0.528	13	2	1092	1544	1891
	3 × 3 × ¼	1.44	0.592	14	9	1200	1697	2078
Rods (all thread)	⅜	0.07	0.075	1	10	58	82	101
	½	0.129	0.101	2	6	108	152	186
	⅝	0.207	0.128	3	2	173	244	299
	¾	0.309	0.157	3	11	258	364	446
	⅞	0.429	0.185	4	7	358	506	619
Rods (threaded at ends only)	⅜	0.11	0.094	2	4	92	130	159
	½	0.196	0.125	3	1	163	231	283
	⅝	0.307	0.156	3	10	256	362	443
	¾	0.442	0.188	4	8	368	521	638
	⅞	0.601	0.219	5	5	501	708	867
Flats	1½ × ¼	0.375	0.0722	1	9	313	442	541
	2 × ¼	0.5	0.0722	1	9	417	589	722
	2 × ⅜	0.75	0.1082	2	8	625	884	1083

Table 18.5.11.8(d) Maximum Horizontal Loads for Sway Braces with $l/r = 100$ for Steel Braces with $F_y = 248 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Brace Shape and Size (mm)		Area (mm ²)	Least Radius of Gyration (r) (mm)	Maximum Length for $l/r = 100$		Maximum Horizontal Load (kg)		
						Brace Angle		
				meters	mm	30° to 44° Angle from Vertical	45° to 59° Angle from Vertical	60° to 90° Angle from Vertical
Pipe Schedule 40	25	318.7	11	1.0	150	1,429	2,021	2,475
	32	431.6	14	1.2	150	1,935	2,737	3,352
	40	515.5	16	1.5	50	2,311	3,269	4,003
	50	690.3	20	1.8	150	3,095	4,377	5,361
Angles	40 × 40 × 6	443.9	7	0.6	125	1,990	2,815	3,447
	50 × 50 × 6	605.2	10	1.0	75	2,713	3,837	4,699
	65 × 50 × 6	683.9	11	1.0	150	3,066	4,336	5,311
	65 × 65 × 6	767.7	12	1.2	25	3,442	4,868	5,962
	80 × 65 × 6	845.2	13	1.2	100	3,789	5,359	6,563
	80 × 80 × 6	929.0	15	1.2	275	4,165	5,891	7,214
Rods (all thread)	10	45.2	2	0.0	175	202	286	351
	15	83.2	3	0.0	250	373	528	646
	16	133.5	3	0.3	0	599	847	1,037
	20	199.4	4	0.3	75	894	1,264	1,548
	22	276.8	5	0.3	150	1,241	1,755	2,149
Rods (threaded at ends only)	10	71.0	2	0.0	225	318	450	551
	15	126.5	3	0.3	0	567	802	982
	16	198.1	4	0.3	75	888	1,256	1,538
	20	285.2	5	0.3	150	1,279	1,808	2,214
	22	387.7	5	0.3	225	1,739	2,458	3,011
Flats	40 × 6	241.9	2	0.0	175	1,085	1,534	1,879
	50 × 6	322.6	2	0.0	175	1,447	2,045	2,505
	50 × 10	483.9	3	0.0	250	2,170	3,068	3,758

Table 18.5.11.8(e) Maximum Horizontal Loads for Sway Braces with $l/r = 200$ for Steel Braces with $F_y = 248 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Brace Shape and Size (mm)		Area (mm ²)	Least Radius of Gyration (r) (mm)	Maximum Length for $l/r = 200$		Maximum Horizontal Load (kg)		
						Brace Angle		
				meters	mm	30° to 44° Angle from Vertical	45° to 59° Angle from Vertical	60° to 90° Angle from Vertical
Pipe Schedule 40	25	318.7	11	2.1	0	420	594	728
	32	431.6	14	2.7	0	569	805	986
	40	515.5	16	3	100	679	961	1,177
	50	690.3	20	4.0	25	910	1,287	1,576
Angles	40 × 40 × 6	443.9	7	1.2	250	585	827	1,013
	50 × 50 × 6	605.2	10	1.8	150	798	1,128	1,382
	65 × 50 × 6	683.9	11	2.1	0	902	1,275	1,561
	65 × 65 × 6	767.7	12	2.4	50	1,012	1,431	1,753
	80 × 65 × 6	845.2	13	2.4	225	1,114	1,576	1,930
	80 × 80 × 6	929.0	15	2.7	250	1,225	1,732	2,121
Rods (all thread)	10	45.2	2	0.3	50	59	84	103
	15	83.2	3	0.3	200	110	155	190
	16	133.5	3	0.6	25	176	249	305
	20	199.4	4	0.6	175	263	371	455
	22	276.8	5	0.9	0	365	516	632
Rods (threaded at ends only)	10	71.0	2	0.3	150	93	132	162
	15	126.5	3	0.6	0	167	236	289
	16	198.1	4	0.6	175	261	369	452
	20	285.2	5	0.9	25	376	532	651
	22	387.7	5	0.9	175	511	723	885
Flats	40 × 6	241.9	2	0.3	50	319	451	552
	50 × 6	322.6	2	0.3	50	425	601	737
	50 × 10	483.9	3	0.3	225	638	902	1,105

Table 18.5.11.8(f) Maximum Horizontal Loads for Sway Braces with $l/r = 300$ for Steel Braces with $F_y = 248 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Brace Shape and Size (mm)		Area (mm ²)	Least Radius of Gyration (r) (mm)	Maximum Length for $l/r = 300$		Maximum Horizontal Load (kg)		
				meters	mm	Brace Angle		
						30° to 44° Angle from Vertical	45° to 59° Angle from Vertical	60° to 90° Angle from Vertical
Pipe Schedule 40	25	318.7	10.5	3	150	187	264	323
	32	431.6	13.5	4	150	253	357	438
	40	515.5	15.6	4.6	150	302	427	523
	50	690.3	19.7	5.8	200	405	572	700
Angles	40 × 40 × 6	443.9	7.3	2.1	75	260	368	450
	50 × 50 × 6	605.2	9.8	2.7	225	355	501	614
	65 × 50 × 6	683.9	10.6	3	175	401	567	694
	65 × 65 × 6	767.7	12.3	3.7	75	450	636	779
	80 × 65 × 6	845.2	13.2	4	50	495	700	858
	80 × 80 × 6	929.0	14.8	4.3	225	544	770	943
Rods (all thread)	10	45.2	1.9	0.3	250	26	37	46
	15	83.2	2.5	0.6	150	49	69	84
	16	133.5	3.2	0.9	50	79	111	136
	20	199.4	3.9	0.9	275	117	165	202
	22	276.8	4.6	1.2	175	162	230	281
Rods (threaded at ends only)	10	71.0	2.4	0.6	100	42	59	72
	15	126.5	3.1	0.9	25	74	105	128
	16	198.1	3.9	0.9	250	116	164	201
	20	285.2	4.7	1.2	200	167	236	289
	22	387.7	5.5	1.5	125	227	321	393
Flats	40 × 6	241.9	1.8	0.3	225	142	200	245
	50 × 6	322.6	1.8	0.3	225	189	267	327
	50 × 10	483.9	2.7	0.6	200	283	401	491

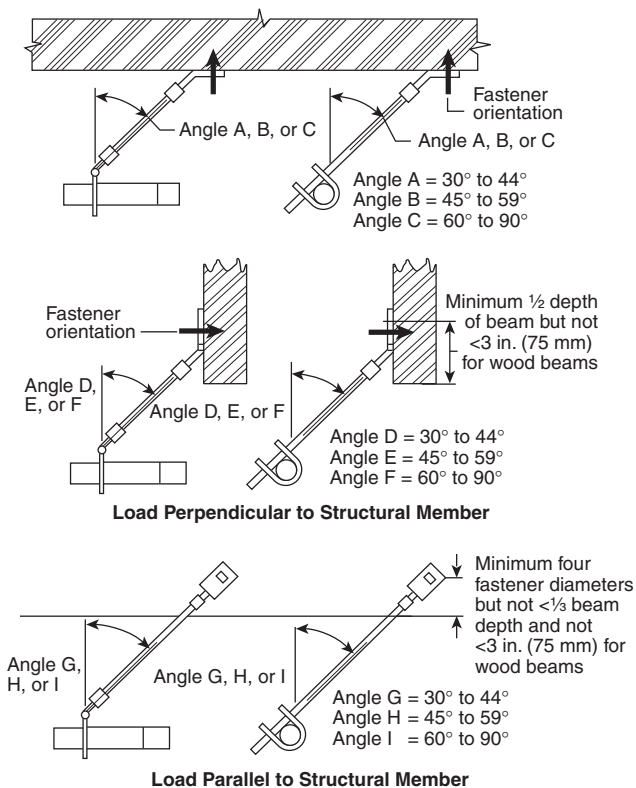
**FIGURE 18.5.12.1 Designation of Angle Category Based on Angle of Sway Brace and Fastener Orientation.**

Table 18.5.12.2(a) Maximum Load for Wedge Anchors in 3000 psi (207 bar) Lightweight Cracked Concrete on Metal Deck

Wedge Anchors in 3000 psi Sand Lightweight Cracked Concrete on 4½ in. Flute Width Metal Deck (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> ≤ 2.0	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.7	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.2	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.4	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.9	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.8
⅜	2.375	6.25	1	123	183	233	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	3.750	6.25	1	147	231	310	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	3.875	6.25	1	188	292	387	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	4.500	6.25	1	255	380	486	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
⅜	2.375	6.25	1	79	133	193	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	3.750	6.25	1	86	160	247	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	3.875	6.25	1	113	204	311	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	4.500	6.25	1	165	275	402	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
⅜	2.375	6.25	1	56	104	165	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	3.750	6.25	1	60	121	205	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	3.875	6.25	1	79	157	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	4.500	6.25	1	116	216	343	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
⅜	2.375	6.25	1	43	85	144	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	3.750	6.25	1	46	94	175	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	3.875	6.25	1	60	124	224	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	4.500	6.25	1	89	177	299	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(b) Maximum Load for Wedge Anchors in 3000 psi (207 bar) Lightweight Cracked Concrete

Wedge Anchors in 3000 psi Lightweight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> ≤ 2.0	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.7	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.2	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.4	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.9	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.8
3/8	2.375	5	4	142	216	280	162	216	256	139	208	244
1/2	3.750	6	6	200	314	419	243	314	362	209	312	365
5/8	3.875	6	6	259	394	512	297	394	467	255	380	446
3/4	4.500	7	8	356	552	731	424	552	641	365	544	636
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
3/8	2.375	5	4	89	154	229	133	154	157	117	170	204
1/2	3.750	6	6	119	218	335	195	218	209	172	250	299
5/8	3.875	6	6	163	281	418	244	281	286	215	311	373
3/4	4.500	7	8	214	386	588	343	386	376	303	438	525
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
3/8	2.375	5	4	62	119	194	113	119	108	101	144	175
1/2	3.750	6	6	83	167	279	163	167	144	147	208	254
5/8	3.875	6	6	113	218	354	207	218	197	186	263	320
3/4	4.500	7	8	150	297	492	288	297	259	259	367	447
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
3/8	2.375	5	4	47	97	168	98	97	82	89	125	154
1/2	3.750	6	6	63	130	239	140	130	109	128	178	220
5/8	3.875	6	6	87	178	306	179	178	150	163	228	281
3/4	4.500	7	8	115	234	422	248	234	197	226	315	389

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(c) Maximum Load for Wedge Anchors in 3000 psi (207 bar) Normal Weight Cracked Concrete

Wedge Anchors in 3000 psi Normal Weight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> < 2.0	<i>Pr</i> < 1.1	<i>Pr</i> < 0.7	<i>Pr</i> < 1.2	<i>Pr</i> < 1.1	<i>Pr</i> < 1.1	<i>Pr</i> < 1.4	<i>Pr</i> < 0.9	<i>Pr</i> < 0.8
3/8	2.375	5	4	189	274	342	197	274	340	170	251	297
1/2	3.750	6	6	272	423	563	326	423	490	281	419	490
5/8	3.875	6	6	407	623	814	472	623	733	406	605	709
3/4	4.500	7	8	613	940	1232	715	940	1104	615	916	1073
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
3/8	2.375	5	4	125	203	288	167	203	219	147	212	256
1/2	3.750	6	6	162	295	451	263	295	285	233	337	403
5/8	3.875	6	6	252	441	662	386	441	442	341	492	590
3/4	4.500	7	8	378	665	999	583	665	662	515	744	892
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
3/8	2.375	5	4	92	162	249	145	162	159	130	184	225
1/2	3.750	6	6	113	226	377	220	226	196	199	281	342
5/8	3.875	6	6	176	341	557	326	341	304	293	415	506
3/4	4.500	7	8	264	514	841	493	514	456	443	627	763
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
3/8	2.375	5	4	70	134	220	128	134	121	116	162	200
1/2	3.750	6	6	87	178	323	190	178	149	173	241	298
5/8	3.875	6	6	135	276	481	283	276	232	258	359	442
3/4	4.500	7	8	203	413	725	426	413	348	389	541	667

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(d) Maximum Load for Wedge Anchors in 4000 psi (276 bar) Normal Weight Cracked Concrete

Wedge Anchors in 4000 psi Normal Weight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> ≤ 2.0	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.7	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.2	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.4	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.9	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.8
3/8	2.375	5	4	206	293	360	208	293	370	179	264	313
1/2	3.750	6	6	304	466	610	353	466	548	304	453	531
5/8	3.875	6	6	469	716	935	542	716	844	467	694	814
3/4	4.500	7	8	657	997	1293	750	997	1182	646	959	1125
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
3/8	2.375	5	4	138	221	307	178	221	242	157	226	272
1/2	3.750	6	6	188	330	495	289	330	330	255	368	442
5/8	3.875	6	6	291	508	761	444	508	511	392	566	678
3/4	4.500	7	8	414	711	1057	617	711	725	544	786	942
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
3/8	2.375	5	4	103	177	268	156	177	179	139	197	241
1/2	3.750	6	6	131	255	417	244	255	227	219	310	378
5/8	3.875	6	6	203	393	641	375	393	352	337	477	582
3/4	4.500	7	8	289	553	894	524	553	500	470	665	810
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
3/8	2.375	5	4	80	148	237	139	148	138	125	175	216
1/2	3.750	6	6	100	205	360	211	205	173	192	268	330
5/8	3.875	6	6	156	319	554	325	319	268	296	413	509
3/4	4.500	7	8	222	452	774	455	452	381	414	577	711

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(e) Maximum Load for Wedge Anchors in 6000 psi (414 bar) Normal Weight Cracked Concrete

Wedge Anchors in 6000 psi Normal Weight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr \leq 2.0$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 0.7$	$Pr \leq 1.2$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 1.4$	$Pr \leq 0.9$	$Pr \leq 0.8$
$\frac{3}{8}$	2.375	5	4	225	313	379	219	313	402	189	277	329
$\frac{1}{2}$	3.750	6	6	354	529	676	392	529	637	337	500	589
$\frac{5}{8}$	3.875	6	6	546	812	1036	601	812	981	517	766	902
$\frac{3}{4}$	4.500	7	8	763	1127	1429	829	1127	1370	714	1055	1243
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr 2.1-3.5$	$Pr 1.2-1.8$	$Pr 0.8-1.0$	$Pr 1.3-1.7$	$Pr 1.2-1.8$	$Pr 1.2-2.0$	$Pr 1.5-1.9$	$Pr 1.0-1.3$	$Pr 0.9-1.1$
$\frac{3}{8}$	2.375	5	4	153	240	327	190	240	267	167	240	289
$\frac{1}{2}$	3.750	6	6	228	382	559	326	382	400	287	414	498
$\frac{5}{8}$	3.875	6	6	353	589	859	500	589	617	441	636	764
$\frac{3}{4}$	4.500	7	8	496	822	1190	693	822	868	611	881	1058
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr 3.6-5.0$	$Pr 1.9-2.5$	$Pr 1.1-1.3$	$Pr 1.8-2.2$	$Pr 1.9-2.5$	$Pr 2.1-2.9$	$Pr 2.0-2.4$	$Pr 1.4-1.7$	$Pr 1.2-1.4$
$\frac{3}{8}$	2.375	5	4	115	194	288	168	194	200	149	211	258
$\frac{1}{2}$	3.750	6	6	161	299	477	279	299	278	250	354	431
$\frac{5}{8}$	3.875	6	6	249	462	733	429	462	431	384	544	663
$\frac{3}{4}$	4.500	7	8	354	647	1019	596	647	612	534	756	921
Diameter (in.)	Min. Nom. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr 5.1-6.5$	$Pr 2.6-3.2$	$Pr 1.4-1.6$	$Pr 2.3-2.7$	$Pr 2.6-3.2$	$Pr 3.0-3.8$	$Pr 2.5-2.9$	$Pr 1.8-2.1$	$Pr 1.5-1.7$
$\frac{3}{8}$	2.375	5	4	91	163	257	150	163	157	135	189	233
$\frac{1}{2}$	3.750	6	6	123	246	415	243	246	212	221	308	380
$\frac{5}{8}$	3.875	6	6	192	380	639	375	380	329	341	475	585
$\frac{3}{4}$	4.500	7	8	272	533	891	523	533	467	475	662	815

* Pr = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(f) Maximum Load for Metal Deck Inserts in 3000 psi (207 bar) Lightweight Cracked Concrete on Metal Deck

Metal Deck Inserts in 3000 psi Sand Lightweight Cracked Concrete on 4½ in. Flute Width Metal Deck (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> ≤ 2.0	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.7	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.2	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.4	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.9	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.8
⅜	1.750	6.25	1	135	192	236	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	1.750	6.25	1	138	199	247	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	1.750	6.25	1	138	199	247	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	1.750	6.25	1	164	257	344						
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
⅜	1.750	6.25	1	90	144	201	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	1.750	6.25	1	91	148	209	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	1.750	6.25	1	91	148	209	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	1.750	6.25	1	97	178	275	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
⅜	1.750	6.25	1	67	115	175	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	1.750	6.25	1	67	118	181	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	1.750	6.25	1	67	118	181	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	1.750	6.25	1	67	136	229	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Max. Flute Center Offset (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
⅜	1.750	6.25	1	52	96	155	—	—	—	—	—	—
½	1.750	6.25	1	52	98	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
⅝	1.750	6.25	1	52	98	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
¾	1.750	6.25	1	52	106	196	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(g) Maximum Load for Wood Form Inserts in 3000 psi (207 bar) Lightweight Cracked Concrete

Wood Form Inserts in 3000 psi Lightweight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr \leq 2.0$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 0.7$	$Pr \leq 1.2$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 1.4$	$Pr \leq 0.9$	$Pr \leq 0.8$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	224	316	387	223	316	401	193	283	336
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	252	376	480	278	376	454	239	355	418
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	252	376	480	278	376	454	239	355	418
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	252	376	480	278	376	454	239	355	418
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr 2.1-3.5$	$Pr 1.2-1.8$	$Pr 0.8-1.0$	$Pr 1.3-1.7$	$Pr 1.2-1.8$	$Pr 1.2-2.0$	$Pr 1.5-1.9$	$Pr 1.0-1.3$	$Pr 0.9-1.1$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	150	239	331	192	239	264	169	243	293
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	163	272	398	231	272	286	204	294	354
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	163	272	398	231	272	286	204	294	354
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	163	272	398	231	272	286	204	294	354
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr 3.6-5.0$	$Pr 1.9-2.5$	$Pr 1.1-1.3$	$Pr 1.8-2.2$	$Pr 1.9-2.5$	$Pr 2.1-2.9$	$Pr 2.0-2.4$	$Pr 1.4-1.7$	$Pr 1.2-1.4$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	113	193	290	169	193	196	150	213	260
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	115	213	339	198	213	199	178	251	307
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	115	213	339	198	213	199	178	251	307
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	115	213	339	198	213	199	178	251	307
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr 5.1-6.5$	$Pr 2.6-3.2$	$Pr 1.4-1.6$	$Pr 2.3-2.7$	$Pr 2.6-3.2$	$Pr 3.0-3.8$	$Pr 2.5-2.9$	$Pr 1.8-2.1$	$Pr 1.5-1.7$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	88	161	257	150	161	152	135	190	234
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	88	175	296	173	175	152	157	219	271
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	88	175	296	173	175	152	157	219	271
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	88	175	296	173	175	152	157	219	271

* Pr = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(h) Maximum Load for Wood Form Inserts in 3000 psi (207 bar) Normal Weight Cracked Concrete

Wood Form Inserts in 3000 psi Normal Weight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> ≤ 2.0	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.7	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.2	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.4	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.9	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.8
3/8	1.100	4	6	248	342	411	237	342	444	205	300	357
1/2	1.690	4	6	297	443	565	327	443	535	282	418	492
5/8	1.750	4	8	297	443	565	327	443	535	282	418	492
3/4	1.750	4	8	297	443	565	327	443	535	282	418	492
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
3/8	1.100	4	6	170	264	357	207	264	298	182	261	315
1/2	1.690	4	6	192	321	468	272	321	336	240	347	416
5/8	1.750	4	8	192	321	468	272	321	336	240	347	416
3/4	1.750	4	8	192	321	468	272	321	336	240	347	416
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
3/8	1.100	4	6	129	215	315	184	215	224	163	231	282
1/2	1.690	4	6	135	251	399	233	251	235	209	296	361
5/8	1.750	4	8	135	251	399	233	251	235	209	296	361
3/4	1.750	4	8	135	251	399	233	251	235	209	296	361
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
3/8	1.100	4	6	104	181	282	165	181	179	148	208	256
1/2	1.690	4	6	104	207	348	204	207	179	185	258	319
5/8	1.750	4	8	104	207	348	204	207	179	185	258	319
3/4	1.750	4	8	104	207	348	204	207	179	185	258	319

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(i) Maximum Load for Wood Form Inserts in 4000 psi (276 bar) Normal Weight Cracked Concrete

Wood Form Inserts in 4000 psi Normal Weight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr \leq 2.0$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 0.7$	$Pr \leq 1.2$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 1.1$	$Pr \leq 1.4$	$Pr \leq 0.9$	$Pr \leq 0.8$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	270	364	431	249	364	482	215	313	374
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	335	493	623	361	493	602	311	459	541
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	344	511	653	378	511	618	326	482	568
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	344	511	653	378	511	618	326	482	568
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr\ 2.1-3.5$	$Pr\ 1.2-1.8$	$Pr\ 0.8-1.0$	$Pr\ 1.3-1.7$	$Pr\ 1.2-1.8$	$Pr\ 1.2-2.0$	$Pr\ 1.5-1.9$	$Pr\ 1.0-1.3$	$Pr\ 0.9-1.1$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	188	287	379	220	287	330	193	277	334
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	218	361	520	303	361	382	266	384	462
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	222	371	541	315	371	389	278	400	481
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	222	371	541	315	371	389	278	400	481
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr\ 3.6-5.0$	$Pr\ 1.9-2.5$	$Pr\ 1.1-1.3$	$Pr\ 1.8-2.2$	$Pr\ 1.9-2.5$	$Pr\ 2.1-2.9$	$Pr\ 2.0-2.4$	$Pr\ 1.4-1.7$	$Pr\ 1.2-1.4$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	145	236	338	197	236	251	175	247	302
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	157	284	446	261	284	271	233	330	403
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	157	290	461	270	290	271	242	342	417
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	157	290	461	270	290	271	242	342	417
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				$Pr\ 5.1-6.5$	$Pr\ 2.6-3.2$	$Pr\ 1.4-1.6$	$Pr\ 2.3-2.7$	$Pr\ 2.6-3.2$	$Pr\ 3.0-3.8$	$Pr\ 2.5-2.9$	$Pr\ 1.8-2.1$	$Pr\ 1.5-1.7$
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.100	4	6	117	201	305	178	201	202	160	224	275
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.690	4	6	120	234	390	229	234	207	207	290	357
$\frac{5}{8}$	1.750	4	8	120	239	402	236	239	207	214	299	368
$\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	4	8	120	239	402	236	239	207	214	299	368

* Pr = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(j) Maximum Load for Wood Form Inserts in 6000 psi (414 bar) Normal Weight Cracked Concrete

Wood Form Inserts in 6000 psi Normal Weight Cracked Concrete (lb)												
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> ≤ 2.0	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.7	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.2	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.1	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 1.4	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.9	<i>Pr</i> ≤ 0.8
3/8	1.100	4	6	302	395	458	264	395	537	228	332	397
1/2	1.690	4	6	385	551	680	394	551	690	339	499	591
5/8	1.750	4	8	421	627	800	463	627	756	399	591	696
3/4	1.750	4	8	421	627	800	463	627	756	399	591	696
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 2.1–3.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 0.8–1.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.3–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.8	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–2.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.0–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 0.9–1.1
3/8	1.100	4	6	216	319	409	237	319	379	207	297	360
1/2	1.690	4	6	256	413	578	336	413	449	296	426	512
5/8	1.750	4	8	272	454	662	386	454	476	340	491	589
3/4	1.750	4	8	272	454	662	386	454	476	340	491	589
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 3.6–5.0	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 1.1–1.3	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.9–2.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.1–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 2.0–2.4	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.7	<i>Pr</i> 1.2–1.4
3/8	1.100	4	6	169	267	370	215	267	292	190	270	329
1/2	1.690	4	6	192	330	503	293	330	332	262	371	452
5/8	1.750	4	8	192	356	565	331	356	332	296	419	511
3/4	1.750	4	8	192	356	565	331	356	332	296	419	511
Diameter (in.)	Min. Effect. Embedment (in.)	Min. Slab Thickness (in.)	Min. Edge Distance (in.)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
				<i>Pr</i> 5.1–6.5	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 1.4–1.6	<i>Pr</i> 2.3–2.7	<i>Pr</i> 2.6–3.2	<i>Pr</i> 3.0–3.8	<i>Pr</i> 2.5–2.9	<i>Pr</i> 1.8–2.1	<i>Pr</i> 1.5–1.7
3/8	1.100	4	6	138	229	337	196	229	238	176	246	303
1/2	1.690	4	6	147	275	445	260	275	253	235	328	405
5/8	1.750	4	8	147	293	493	289	293	253	263	366	451
3/4	1.750	4	8	147	293	493	289	293	253	263	366	451

**Pr* = Prying factor range. (Refer to A.18.5.12.2 for additional information.)

Table 18.5.12.2(k) Maximum Load for Connections to Steel Using Unfinished Steel Bolts

Connections to Steel (Values Assume Bolt Perpendicular to Mounting Surface)																	
Diameter of Unfinished Steel Bolt (in.)																	
1/4									3/8								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
400	500	600	300	500	650	325	458	565	900	1200	1400	800	1200	1550	735	1035	1278
Diameter of Unfinished Steel Bolt (in.)																	
1/2									5/8								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1600	2050	2550	1450	2050	2850	1300	1830	2260	2500	3300	3950	2250	3300	4400	2045	2880	3557

Table 18.5.12.2(l) Maximum Load for Through-Bolts in Sawn Lumber or Glue-Laminated Timbers

Through-Bolts in Sawn Lumber or Glue-Laminated Timbers (Load Perpendicular to Grain)																												
Length of Bolt in Timber (in.)		Bolt Diameter (in.)																										
		½									⅝									¾								
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	1½	115	165	200	135	230	395	130	215	310	135	190	235	155	270	460	155	255	380	155	220	270	180	310	530	170	300	450
2¼	140	200	240	160	280	480	165	275	410	160	225	280	185	320	550	190	320	495	180	255	310	205	360	615	215	365	575	
3½	175	250	305	200	350	600	200	330	485	200	285	345	230	400	685	235	405	635	220	310	380	255	440	755	260	455	730	
5½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	280	395	485	325	560	960	315	515	735	310	440	535	360	620	1065	360	610	925

Note: Wood fastener maximum capacity values are based on the 2001 National Design Specifications (NDS) for wood with a specific gravity of 0.35. Values for other types of wood can be obtained by multiplying the above values by the factors in Table 18.5.12.2(n).

Table 18.5.12.2(m) Maximum Load for Lag Screws and Lag Bolts in Wood

Lag Screws and Lag Bolts in Wood (Load Perpendicular to Grain — Holes Predrilled Using Good Practice)																											
Length of Bolt in Timber (in.)	Lag Bolt Diameter (in.)																										
	1/2									5/8									3/4								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	3½	165	190	200	170	220	310	80	120	170	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	4½	180	200	200	175	235	350	80	120	170	300	355	380	315	400	550	145	230	325	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5½	190	200	200	175	245	380	80	120	170	320	370	380	320	420	610	145	230	325	435	525	555	425	550	775	195	320	460
6½	195	205	200	175	250	400	80	120	170	340	375	380	325	435	650	145	230	325	465	540	555	430	570	840	195	320	460

Note: Wood fastener maximum capacity values are based on the 2001 National Design Specifications (NDS) for wood with a specific gravity of 0.35. Values for other types of wood can be obtained by multiplying the above values by the factors in Table 18.5.12.2(n).

18.5.12.3* The type of fasteners used to secure the bracing assembly to the structure shall be limited to those shown in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(m) or to listed devices.

18.5.12.4* For connections to wood, through-bolts with washers on each end shall be used, unless the requirements of 18.5.12.5 are met.

18.5.12.5 Where it is not practical to install through-bolts due to the thickness of the wood member in excess of 12 in. (300 mm) or inaccessibility, lag screws shall be permitted and holes shall be pre-drilled 1/8 in. (3 mm) smaller than the maximum root diameter of the lag screw.

18.5.12.6 Holes for through-bolts and similar listed attachments shall be 1/16 in. (1.6 mm) greater than the diameter of the bolt.

18.5.12.6.1 The requirements of 18.5.12 shall not apply to other fastening methods, which shall be acceptable for use if certified by a registered professional engineer to support the loads determined in accordance with the criteria in 18.5.9.

18.5.12.6.2 Calculations shall be submitted where required by the authority having jurisdiction.

18.5.12.7 Concrete Anchors.

18.5.12.7.1* Post-installed concrete anchors shall be prequalified for seismic applications in accordance with ACI 355.2, *Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary*, and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

18.5.12.7.2 Unless the requirements of 18.5.12.7.3 are met, concrete anchors shall be based on concrete strength, anchor type, designated angle category A through I, prying factor (P_r) range, and allowable maximum load.

Table 18.5.12.2(n) Factors for Wood Based on Specific Gravity

Specific Gravity of Wood	Multiplier
0.36 thru 0.49	1.17
0.50 thru 0.65	1.25
0.66 thru 0.73	1.50

(A) Sway brace manufacturers shall provide prying factors (P_r) based on geometry of the structure attachment fitting and the designated angle category A through I as shown in Figure 18.5.12.1.

(B) Where the prying factor for the fitting is unknown, the largest prying factor range in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(j) for the concrete strength and designated angle category A through I shall be used.

18.5.12.7.3 The allowable maximum load shall be permitted to be calculated.

(A) Allowable concrete anchor loads shall be permitted to be determined using approved software that considers the effects of prying for concrete anchors.

(B) Anchors shall be seismically prequalified per 18.5.12.7.1.

(C) Allowable maximum loads shall be based on the anchor capacities given in approved evaluation service reports, where the calculation of ASD allowable shear and tension values are determined in accordance with Chapter 17 of ACI 318, *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary*, and include the effects of prying, brace angle, and the over strength factor ($\Omega=2.0$).

(D)* The shear and tension values determined in 18.5.12.7.3(C) using Chapter 17 of ACI 318, *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary*, shall be multiplied by 0.43.

18.5.12.7.4 Concrete anchors shall be acceptable for use where designed in accordance with the requirements of the building code and certified by a registered professional engineer.

N 18.5.12.7.5 Headed cast-in specialty inserts (concrete inserts) as prescribed in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(j) shall be prequalified for seismic applications in accordance with ICC-ES AC446, *Acceptance Criteria for Headed Cast-in Specialty Inserts in Concrete*, and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

18.5.13 Braces to Buildings with Differential Movement. A length of pipe shall not be braced to sections of the building that will move differentially.

18.6 Restraint of Branch Lines.

18.6.1* Restraint is considered a lesser degree of resisting loads than bracing and shall be provided by use of one of the following:

- (1) Listed sway brace assembly
- (2) Wraparound U-hook satisfying the requirements of 18.5.5.11
- (3) No. 12, 440 lb (200 kg) wire installed at least 45 degrees from the vertical plane and anchored on both sides of the pipe
- (4) CPVC hangers listed to provide restraint
- (5)* Hanger not less than 45 degrees from vertical installed within 6 in. (150 mm) of the vertical hanger arranged for restraint against upward movement, provided it is utilized such that l/r does not exceed 400, where the rod extends to the pipe or a surge clip has been installed
- (6) Other approved means

18.6.2 Wire Restraint.

18.6.2.1 Wire used for restraint shall be located within 2 ft (600 mm) of a hanger.

18.6.2.2 The hanger closest to a wire restraint shall be of a type that resists upward movement of a branch line.

18.6.3 The end sprinkler on a branch line shall be restrained.

N 18.6.3.1 The location of the restraint from end of the line shall not be greater than 36 in. (900 mm) for 1 in. (25 mm) pipe, 48 in. (1200 mm) for 1¼ in. (32 mm) pipe, and 60 in. (1.5 m) for 1½ in. (40 mm) or larger pipe.

18.6.4* Branch lines shall be laterally restrained at intervals not exceeding those specified in Table 18.6.4(a) or Table 18.6.4(b) based on branch line diameter and the value of C_p .

18.6.5 Where the branch lines are supported by rods less than 6 in. (150 mm) long measured between the top of the pipe and the point of attachment to the building structure, the requirements of 18.6.1 through 18.6.4 shall not apply and additional restraint shall not be required for the branch lines.

18.6.6* Sprigs 4 ft (1.2 m) or longer shall be restrained against lateral movement.

18.6.7 Drops and armovers shall not require restraint.

18.7 Hangers and Fasteners Subject to Earthquakes.

18.7.1 Where seismic protection is provided, C-type clamps (including beam and large flange clamps) used to attach hangers to the building structure shall be equipped with a restraining strap unless the provisions of 18.7.1.1 are satisfied.

18.7.1.1 As an alternative to the installation of a required restraining strap, a device investigated and specifically listed to restrain the clamp to the structure is permitted where the intent of the device is to resist the worst-case expected horizontal load.

Table 18.6.4(a) Maximum Spacing [ft (m)] of Steel Pipe Restraints

Pipe [in. (mm)]	Seismic Coefficient, C_p			
	$C_p \leq 0.50$	$0.5 < C_p \leq 0.71$	$0.71 < C_p \leq 1.40$	$C_p > 1.40$
½ (15)	34 (10.3)	29 (8.8)	20 (6.1)	18 (5.5)
¾ (20)	38 (11.6)	32 (9.7)	23 (7.0)	20 (6.1)
1 (25)	43 (13.1)	36 (11.0)	26 (7.9)	22 (6.7)
1¼ (32)	46 (14.0)	39 (11.9)	27 (8.2)	24 (7.3)
1½ (40)	49 (14.9)	41 (12.5)	29 (8.8)	25 (7.6)
2 (50)	53 (16.1)	45 (13.7)	31 (9.4)	27 (8.2)

Table 18.6.4(b) Maximum Spacing [ft (m)] of CPVC, Copper, and Red Brass Pipe Restraints

Pipe [in. (mm)]	Seismic Coefficient, C_p			
	$C_p \leq 0.50$	$0.5 < C_p \leq 0.71$	$0.71 < C_p \leq 1.40$	$C_p > 1.40$
½ (15)	26 (7.9)	22 (6.7)	16 (4.9)	13 (4.0)
¾ (20)	31 (9.4)	26 (7.9)	18 (5.5)	15 (4.6)
1 (25)	34 (10.3)	28 (8.5)	20 (6.1)	17 (5.2)
1¼ (32)	37 (11.3)	31 (9.4)	22 (6.7)	19 (5.8)
1½ (40)	40 (12.2)	34 (10.3)	24 (7.3)	20 (6.1)
2 (50)	45 (13.7)	38 (11.6)	27 (8.2)	23 (7.0)

18.7.2 The restraining strap shall be listed for use with a C-type clamp or shall be a steel strap of not less than 16 gauge (1.57 mm) thickness and not less than 1 in. (25 mm) wide for pipe diameters 8 in. (200 mm) or less and 14 gauge (1.98 mm) thickness and not less than 1¼ in. (32 mm) wide for pipe diameters greater than 8 in. (200 mm).

18.7.3 The restraining strap shall wrap around the beam flange not less than 1 in. (25 mm).

18.7.4 A lock nut on a C-type clamp shall not be used as a method of restraint.

18.7.5 A lip on a “C” or “Z” purlin shall not be used as a method of restraint.

18.7.6 Where purlins or beams do not provide a secure lip to a restraining strap, the strap shall be through-bolted or secured by a self-tapping screw.

18.7.7 In areas where the horizontal force factor exceeds 0.50 W_p , powder-driven studs shall be permitted to attach hangers to the building structure where they are specifically listed for use in areas subject to earthquakes.

18.7.8* Where seismic protection is provided, concrete anchors used to secure hangers to the building structure shall be in accordance with ACI 355.2, *Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary*, and installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

N 18.7.9 Where seismic protection is provided, cast-in-place anchors used to secure hangers to the building structure shall be in accordance with ICC-ES AC446, *Acceptance Criteria for Headed Cast-in Specialty Inserts in Concrete*, and installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

18.8* Pipe Stands Subject to Earthquakes.

18.8.1 In areas where the horizontal force factor exceeds 0.5 W_p , pipe stands over 4 ft (1.2 m) in height shall be certified by a registered professional engineer to be adequate for the seismic forces.

18.8.2 Where seismic protection is provided, concrete anchors used to secure pipe stands to their bases shall be in accordance with ACI 355.2, *Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary*, and shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Chapter 19 Design Approaches

19.1 General. Chapter 19 shall be utilized for design approaches.

19.2 General Design Approaches. The requirements of Section 19.2 shall apply to all sprinkler systems unless modified by a specific section of Chapter 19 or Chapter 20.

19.2.1 A building or portion thereof shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with any applicable design approach at the discretion of the designer.

19.2.2* Adjacent Hazards or Design Methods. For buildings with two or more adjacent hazards or design methods, the following shall apply:

- (1) Where areas are not physically separated by a draft curtain, barrier, or partition capable of delaying heat from a fire in one area from fusing sprinklers in the adjacent area, the required sprinkler protection for the more demanding design basis shall extend 15 ft (4.6 m) beyond its perimeter.
- (2) The requirements of 19.2.2(1) shall not apply where the areas are separated by a draft curtain, or barrier located above an aisle, where the aisle has a minimum 2 ft (600 mm) horizontal separation from the adjacent hazard on each side, or a partition that is capable of delaying heat from a fire in one area from fusing sprinklers in the adjacent area.
- (3) The requirements of 19.2.2(1) shall not apply to the extension of more demanding criteria from an upper ceiling level to beneath a lower ceiling level where the difference in height between the ceiling levels is at least 2 ft (600 mm), located above an aisle, where the aisle has a minimum 2 ft (600 mm) horizontal separation from the adjacent hazard on each side.

19.2.3 For hydraulically calculated systems, the total system water supply requirements for each design basis shall be determined in accordance with the procedures of Section 27.2 unless modified by a section of Chapter 19 or Chapter 20.

19.2.4 Water Demand.

19.2.4.1* The water demand requirements shall be determined from the following:

- (1) Occupancy hazard fire control approach and special design approaches of Chapter 19
- (2) Storage design approaches of Chapter 20 through Chapter 25
- (3) Special occupancy approaches of Chapter 26

19.2.4.2* The minimum water demand requirements for a sprinkler system shall be determined by adding the hose stream allowance to the water demand for sprinklers.

19.2.5 Water Supplies.

19.2.5.1 The minimum water supply shall be available for the minimum duration specified in Chapter 19.

19.2.5.2* Tanks shall be sized to supply the equipment that they serve.

19.2.5.3* Pumps shall be sized to supply the equipment that they serve.

19.2.6 Hose Allowance.

19.2.6.1 Systems with Multiple Hazard Classifications. For systems with multiple hazard classifications, the hose stream allowance and water supply duration shall be in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) The water supply requirements for the highest hazard classification within the system shall be used.
- (2) The water supply requirements for each individual hazard classification shall be used in the calculations for the design area for that hazard.
- (3)* For systems with multiple hazard classifications where the higher classification only lies within single rooms less than or equal to 400 ft² (37 m²) in area with no such rooms adjacent, the water supply requirements for the principal occupancy shall be used for the remainder of the system.

19.2.6.2* Water allowance for outside hose shall be added to the sprinkler requirement at the connection to the city main or a private fire hydrant, whichever is closer to the system riser.

19.2.6.3 Where inside hose connections are planned or are required, the following shall apply:

- (1) A total water allowance of 50 gpm (190 L/min) for a single hose connection installation shall be added to the sprinkler requirements.
- (2) A total water allowance of 100 gpm (380 L/min) for a multiple hose connection installation shall be added to the sprinkler requirements.
- (3) The water allowance shall be added in 50 gpm (190 L/min) increments beginning at the most remote hose connection, with each increment added at the pressure required by the sprinkler system design at that point.

19.2.6.3.1 Where the system is a combined sprinkler/standpipe system (Class I or Class III) and the building is fully sprinklered in accordance with NFPA 13, no inside hose demand shall be required at any of the standpipe outlets.

19.2.6.4* When hose valves for fire department use are attached to wet pipe sprinkler system risers in accordance with 16.15.2, the following shall apply:

- (1) The sprinkler system demand shall not be required to be added to standpipe demand as determined from NFPA 14.
- (2) Where the combined sprinkler system demand and hose stream allowance of Table 19.3.3.1.2 exceeds the requirements of NFPA 14, this higher demand shall be used.
- (3) For partially sprinklered buildings, the sprinkler demand, not including hose stream allowance, as indicated in Figure 19.3.3.1.1 shall be added to the requirements given in NFPA 14.

19.2.7* High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) Fans. The installation of HVLS fans in buildings equipped with sprinklers, including ESFR sprinklers, shall comply with the following:

- (1) The maximum fan diameter shall be 24 ft (7.3 m).
- (2) The HVLS fan shall be centered approximately between four adjacent sprinklers.
- (3) The vertical clearance from the HVLS fan to sprinkler deflector shall be a minimum of 3 ft (0.9 m).

- (4) All HVLS fans shall be interlocked to shut down immediately upon a waterflow alarm. Where the building is protected with a fire alarm system, this interlock shall be in accordance with the requirements of *NFPA 72*.

19.3 Occupancy Hazard Fire Control Approach for Spray Sprinklers.

19.3.1 General.

19.3.1.1* The water demand requirements shall be determined by either the pipe schedule method in accordance with 19.3.2 or the hydraulic calculation method in accordance with 19.3.3.

19.3.1.2 Occupancy Classifications.

19.3.1.2.1 Occupancy classifications for this standard shall relate to sprinkler installations and their water supplies only.

19.3.1.2.2 Occupancy classifications shall not be used as a general classification of occupancy hazards.

19.3.1.2.3 Occupancies or portions of occupancies shall be classified according to the quantity and combustibility of contents, the expected rates of heat release, the total potential for energy release, the heights of stockpiles, and the presence of flammable and combustible liquids, using the definitions contained in 4.3.2 through 4.3.7.

19.3.1.2.4 Classifications shall be as follows:

- (1) Light hazard
- (2) Ordinary hazard (Groups 1 and 2)
- (3) Extra hazard (Groups 1 and 2)
- (4) Special occupancy hazard (*see Chapter 26*)

19.3.2 Water Demand Requirements — Pipe Schedule Method.

19.3.2.1 Table 19.3.2.1 shall be used in determining the minimum water supply requirements for light and ordinary hazard occupancies protected by systems with pipe sized according to the pipe schedules of Section 27.5.

19.3.2.2 Pressure and flow requirements for extra hazard occupancies shall be based on the hydraulic calculation methods of 19.3.3.

19.3.2.3 The pipe schedule method shall be permitted as follows:

- (1) Additions or modifications to existing pipe schedule systems sized according to the pipe schedules of Section 27.5
- (2) Additions or modifications to existing extra hazard pipe schedule systems
- (3) New systems of 5000 ft² (465 m²) or less

Table 19.3.2.1 Water Supply Requirements for Pipe Schedule Sprinkler Systems

Occupancy Classification	Minimum Residual Pressure Required		Acceptable Flow at Base of Riser (Including Hose Stream Allowance)		Duration (minutes)
	psi	bar	gpm	L/min	
Light hazard	15	1	500–750	1900–2850	30–60
Ordinary hazard	20	1.4	850–1500	3200–5700	60–90

- (4) New systems exceeding 5000 ft² (465 m²) where the flows required in Table 19.3.2.1 are available at a minimum residual pressure of 50 psi (3.4 bar) at the highest elevation of sprinkler

19.3.2.4 Table 19.3.2.1 shall be used in determining the minimum water supply requirements.

19.3.2.5 The lower duration value of Table 19.3.2.1 shall be acceptable only where the sprinkler system waterflow alarm device(s) and supervisory device(s) are electrically supervised and such supervision is monitored at an approved, constantly attended location.

19.3.2.6* Residual Pressure.

19.3.2.6.1 The residual pressure requirement of Table 19.3.2.1 shall be met at the elevation of the highest sprinkler.

19.3.2.6.2 Friction Loss Due to Backflow Prevention Valves.

19.3.2.6.2.1 When backflow prevention valves are installed on pipe schedule systems, the friction losses of the device shall be accounted for when determining acceptable residual pressure at the top level of sprinklers.

19.3.2.6.2.2 The friction loss of this device [in psi (bar)] shall be added to the elevation loss and the residual pressure at the top row of sprinklers to determine the total pressure needed at the water supply.

19.3.2.7 The lower flow figure of Table 19.3.2.1 shall be permitted only where the building is of noncombustible construction or the potential areas of fire are limited by building size or compartmentation such that no open areas exceed 3000 ft² (280 m²) for light hazard or 4000 ft² (370 m²) for ordinary hazard.

19.3.3 Water Demand Requirements — Hydraulic Calculation Methods.

19.3.3.1 General.

19.3.3.1.1 The water demand for sprinklers shall be determined only from one of the following, at the discretion of the designer:

- (1) Density/area curves of Figure 19.3.3.1.1 in accordance with the density/area method of 19.3.3.2
- (2) The room that creates the greatest demand in accordance with the room design method of 19.3.3.3
- (3) Special design areas in accordance with 19.3.3.4

19.3.3.1.2 The minimum water supply shall be available for the minimum duration specified in Table 19.3.3.1.2.

19.3.3.1.3 The lower duration values in Table 19.3.3.1.2 shall be permitted where the sprinkler system waterflow alarm device(s) and supervisory device(s) are electrically supervised and such supervision is monitored at an approved, constantly attended location.

19.3.3.1.4 Restrictions. When either the density/area method or room design method is used, the following shall apply:

- (1)* For areas of sprinkler operation less than 1500 ft² (140 m²) used for light and ordinary hazard occupancies, the density for 1500 ft² (140 m²) shall be used.
- (2) For areas of sprinkler operation less than 2500 ft² (230 m²) for extra hazard occupancies, the density for 2500 ft² (230 m²) shall be used.

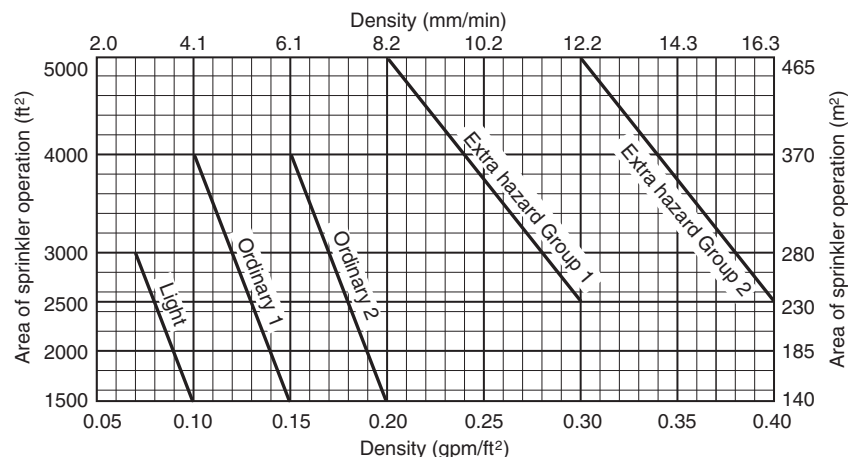


FIGURE 19.3.3.1.1 Density/Area Curves.

19.3.3.1.5 Unsprinklered Combustible Concealed Spaces.

19.3.3.1.5.1* When using the density/area or room design method, unless the requirements of 19.3.3.1.5.2 are met for buildings having unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces, as described in 9.2.1 and 9.3.18, the minimum area of sprinkler operation for that portion of the building shall be 3000 ft² (280 m²).

(A) The design area of 3000 ft² (280 m²) shall be applied only to the sprinkler system or portions of the sprinkler system that are adjacent to the qualifying combustible concealed space.

(B) The term *adjacent* shall apply to any sprinkler system protecting a space above, below, or next to the qualifying concealed space except where a barrier with a fire resistance rating at least equivalent to the water supply duration completely separates the concealed space from the sprinklered area.

19.3.3.1.5.2 The following unsprinklered concealed spaces shall not require a minimum area of sprinkler operation of 3000 ft² (280 m²):

- (1) Noncombustible and limited-combustible concealed spaces with minimal combustible loading having no access. The space shall be considered a concealed space even with small openings such as those used as return air for a plenum.
- (2) Noncombustible and limited-combustible concealed spaces with limited access and not permitting occupancy or storage of combustibles. The space shall be considered a concealed space even with small openings such as those used as return air for a plenum.
- (3) Combustible concealed spaces filled entirely with noncombustible insulation.
- (4)* Light or ordinary hazard occupancies where noncombustible or limited-combustible ceilings are directly attached to the bottom of solid wood joists or solid limited-combustible construction or noncombustible construction so as to create enclosed joist spaces 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) or less in volume, including space below insulation that is laid directly on top or within the ceiling joists in an otherwise sprinklered concealed space.

Table 19.3.3.1.2 Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration Requirements for Hydraulically Calculated Systems

Occupancy	Inside Hose		Total Combined Inside and Outside Hose		Duration (minutes)
	gpm	L/min	gpm	L/min	
Light hazard	0, 50, or 100	0, 190, or 380	100	380	30
Ordinary hazard	0, 50, or 100	0, 190, or 380	250	950	60–90
Extra hazard	0, 50, or 100	0, 190, or 380	500	1900	90–120

(5) Concealed spaces where rigid materials are used and the exposed surfaces comply with one of the following in the form in which they are installed in the space:

- (a) The surface materials have a flame spread index of 25 or less and the materials have been demonstrated to not propagate fire more than 10.5 ft (3.2 m) when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, extended for an additional 20 minutes in the form in which they are installed in the space or
- (b) The surface materials comply with the requirements of ASTM E2768, *Standard Test Method for Extended Duration Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials (30 min Tunnel Test)*.
- (6) Concealed spaces in which the exposed materials are constructed entirely of fire-retardant-treated wood as defined by NFPA 703.
- (7) Concealed spaces over isolated small rooms not exceeding 55 ft² (5.1 m²) in area.

- (8) Vertical pipe chases under 10 ft² (0.9 m²), provided that in multifloor buildings the chases are firestopped at each floor using materials equivalent to the floor construction, and where such pipe chases contain no sources of ignition, piping shall be noncombustible, and pipe penetrations at each floor shall be properly sealed.
- (9) Exterior columns under 10 ft² (0.9 m²) in area formed by studs or wood joists, supporting exterior canopies that are fully protected with a sprinkler system.
- (10)* Light or ordinary hazard occupancies where noncombustible or limited-combustible ceilings are attached to the bottom of composite wood joists either directly or on to metal channels not exceeding 1 in. (25 mm) in depth, provided the adjacent joist channels are firestopped into volumes not exceeding 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) using materials equivalent to ½ in. (13 mm) gypsum board, and at least 3½ in. (90 mm) of batt insulation is installed at the bottom of the joist channels when the ceiling is attached utilizing metal channels.
- (11) Cavities within unsprinklered wall spaces.

19.3.3.2 Density/Area Method.

19.3.3.2.1 Water Supply.

19.3.3.2.1.1 The water supply requirement for sprinklers only shall be calculated from the density/area curves of Figure 19.3.3.1.1 or from Chapter 26 where density/area criteria are specified for special occupancy hazards.

19.3.3.2.1.2 When using Figure 19.3.3.1.1, the calculations shall satisfy any single point on the appropriate density/area curve.

19.3.3.2.1.3 When using Figure 19.3.3.1.1, it shall not be necessary to meet all points on the selected curves.

19.3.3.2.2 Sprinklers.

19.3.3.2.2.1 The densities and areas provided in Figure 19.3.3.1.1 shall be for use only with spray sprinklers.

19.3.3.2.2.2 Quick-response sprinklers shall not be permitted for use in extra hazard occupancies or other occupancies where there are substantial amounts of flammable liquids or combustible dusts.

19.3.3.2.2.3 For extended coverage sprinklers, the minimum design area shall be that corresponding to the hazard in Figure 19.3.3.1.1 or the area protected by five sprinklers, whichever is greater.

19.3.3.2.2.4 Extended coverage sprinklers shall be listed with and designed for the minimum flow corresponding to the density for the hazard as specified in Figure 19.3.3.1.1.

19.3.3.2.3 Quick-Response Sprinklers.

19.3.3.2.3.1 Where listed quick-response sprinklers, including extended coverage quick-response sprinklers, are used throughout a system or portion of a system having the same hydraulic design basis, the system area of operation shall be permitted to be reduced without revising the density as indicated in Figure 19.3.3.2.3.1 when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) Wet pipe system
- (2) Light hazard or ordinary hazard occupancy
- (3) 20 ft (6.1 m) maximum ceiling height

- (4) No unprotected ceiling pockets as allowed by 10.2.9 and 11.2.8 exceeding 32 ft² (3.0 m²)
- (5) No unprotected areas above cloud ceilings as allowed by 9.2.7

19.3.3.2.3.2 The number of sprinklers in the design area shall never be less than five.

19.3.3.2.3.3 Where quick-response sprinklers are used on a sloped ceiling or roof, the maximum ceiling or roof height shall be used for determining the percent reduction in design area.

19.3.3.2.3.4 Sloped Ceilings. The system area of operation shall be increased by 30 percent without revising the density when the following types of sprinklers are used on sloped ceilings with a pitch exceeding 1 in 6 (a rise of 2 units in a run of 12 units, a roof slope of 16.7 percent) in nonstorage applications:

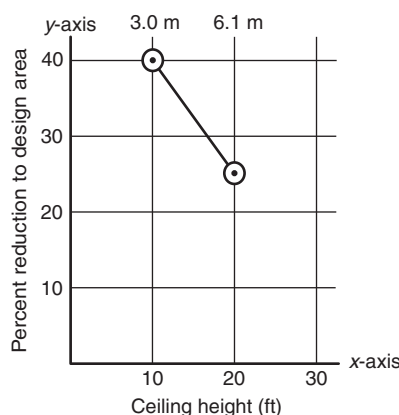
- (1) Spray sprinklers, including extended coverage sprinklers listed in accordance with 11.2.1(4), and quick-response sprinklers
- (2) CMSA sprinklers

19.3.3.2.5* Dry Pipe and Double Interlock Preaction Systems.

For dry pipe systems and double interlock preaction systems, the area of sprinkler operation shall be increased by 30 percent without revising the density.

19.3.3.2.6 High-Temperature Sprinklers. Where high-temperature sprinklers are used for extra hazard occupancies, the area of sprinkler operation shall be permitted to be reduced by 25 percent without revising the density, but not to less than 2000 ft² (185 m²).

19.3.3.2.7 Where K-11.2 (160) or larger sprinklers are used with Extra Hazard Group 1 or Extra Hazard Group 2 design curves and 19.3.3.1.1, the design area shall be permitted to be reduced by 25 percent but not below 2000 ft² (185 m²), regardless of temperature rating.



Note: $y = \frac{-3x}{2} + 55$ for U.S. Customary Units

Note: $y = -4.8x + 54.6$ for S.I. Units

For ceiling height ≥ 10 ft and ≤ 20 ft, $y = \frac{-3x}{2} + 55$

For ceiling height < 10 ft, $y = 40$

For ceiling height > 20 , $y = 0$

For SI units, 1 ft = 0.31 m.

FIGURE 19.3.3.2.3.1 Design Area Reduction for Quick-Response Sprinklers.

19.3.3.2.8* Multiple Adjustments.

19.3.3.2.8.1 Where multiple adjustments to the area of operation are required to be made in accordance with 19.3.3.2.3, 19.3.3.2.4, 19.3.3.2.5, or 19.3.3.2.6, these adjustments shall be compounded based on the area of operation originally selected from Figure 19.3.3.1.1.

19.3.3.2.8.2 If the building has unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces, the rules of 19.3.3.1.5 shall be applied after all other modifications have been made.

19.3.3.3 Room Design Method.

19.3.3.3.1* The water supply requirements for sprinklers only shall be based upon the room that creates the greatest demand.

19.3.3.3.2 The density selected shall be that from Figure 19.3.3.1.1 corresponding to the occupancy hazard classification and room size.

19.3.3.3.3 To utilize the room design method, all rooms shall be enclosed with walls having a fire-resistance rating equal to the water supply duration indicated in Table 19.3.3.1.2.

19.3.3.3.4 If the room is smaller than the area specified in Figure 19.3.3.1.1, the provisions of 19.3.3.1.4(1) and 19.3.3.1.4(2) shall apply.

19.3.3.3.5 Minimum protection of openings shall be as follows:

- (1) Light hazard — Nonrated automatic or self-closing doors.
- (2) Light hazard with no opening protection — Where openings are not protected, calculations shall include the sprinklers in the room plus two sprinklers in the communicating space nearest each such unprotected opening unless the communicating space has only one sprinkler, in which case calculations shall be extended to the operation of that sprinkler. The selection of the room and communicating space sprinklers to be calculated shall be that which produces the greatest hydraulic demand. For light hazard occupancies with unprotected openings in walls, a minimum lintel of depth of 8 in. (200 mm) is required for openings and the opening shall not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m) in width. It shall be permitted to have a single opening of 36 in. (900 mm) or less without a lintel, provided there are no other openings to adjoining spaces.
- (3) Ordinary and extra hazard — Automatic or self-closing doors with appropriate fire resistance ratings for the enclosure.

19.3.3.3.6 Where the room design method is used and the area under consideration is a corridor protected by a single row of sprinklers with protected openings in accordance with 19.3.3.3.5, the maximum number of sprinklers that needs to be calculated is five or, when extended coverage sprinklers are installed, all sprinklers contained within 75 linear feet (23 linear meters) of the corridor.

19.3.3.3.7 Where the area under consideration is a corridor protected by a single row of sprinklers with unprotected openings, in a light hazard occupancy, the design area shall include all sprinklers in the corridor to a maximum of five or, when extended coverage sprinklers are installed, all sprinklers within 75 linear feet (23 linear meters) of the corridor.

19.3.3.4 Special Design Areas.

19.3.3.4.1 Where the design area consists of a building service chute supplied by a separate riser, the maximum number of sprinklers that needs to be calculated is three, each with a minimum discharge of 15 gpm (57 L/min).

19.3.3.4.2* Where an area is to be protected by a single line of sprinklers, the design area shall include all sprinklers on the line up to a maximum of seven.

19.3.3.4.3 Sprinklers in ducts as described in Section 8.9 and 9.3.9 shall be hydraulically designed to provide a discharge pressure of not less than 7 psi (0.5 bar) at each sprinkler with all sprinklers within the duct flowing.

19.3.3.4.4 Stair Towers. Stair towers, or other construction with incomplete floors, if piped on independent risers, shall be treated as one area with reference to pipe sizes.

19.4 Special Design Approaches.

19.4.1 Residential Sprinklers.

19.4.1.1* The design area shall be the area that includes the four adjacent sprinklers that produce the greatest hydraulic demand.

19.4.1.2* Unless the requirements of 19.3.3.1.5.2 are met for buildings having unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces, as described in 9.2.1 and 9.3.18, the minimum design area of sprinkler operation for that portion of the building shall be eight sprinklers.

19.4.1.2.1* The design area of eight sprinklers shall be applied only to the portion of the residential sprinklers that are adjacent to the qualifying combustible concealed space.

19.4.1.2.2 The term *adjacent* shall apply to any sprinkler system protecting a space above, below, or next to the qualifying concealed space except where a barrier with a fire resistance rating at least equivalent to the water supply duration completely separates the concealed space from the sprinklered area.

19.4.1.3 Unless the requirements of 19.4.1.4 are met, the minimum required discharge from each design area sprinkler shall be the greater of the following:

- (1) In accordance with minimum flow rates indicated in the sprinkler listings
- (2) In rooms or compartments greater than 800 ft² (74 m²), calculated based on delivering a minimum of 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) over the design area in accordance with the provisions of 9.5.2.1
- (3) In rooms or compartments 800 ft² (74 m²) or less calculated based on delivering a minimum of 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) over the room or the compartment using the area of the room divided by the number of sprinklers in the room

19.4.1.4 For modifications or additions to existing systems equipped with residential sprinklers, the listed discharge criteria less than 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) shall be permitted to be used.

19.4.1.4.1 Where replacing residential sprinklers manufactured prior to 2003 that are no longer available from the manufacturer and that are installed using a design density less than 0.05 gpm/ft² (2.04 mm/min), a residential sprinkler with an

equivalent K-factor (± 5 percent) shall be permitted to be used provided the currently listed coverage area for the replacement sprinkler is not exceeded.

19.4.1.5 Where areas such as attics, basements, or other types of occupancies are outside of dwelling units but within the same structure, these areas shall be protected as a separate design basis in accordance with Section 19.2.

19.4.1.6 Hose stream allowance and water supply duration requirements shall be in accordance with those for light hazard occupancies in Table 19.3.3.1.2.

19.4.2 Exposure Protection.

19.4.2.1* Piping shall be hydraulically calculated in accordance with Section 27.2 to furnish a minimum of 7 psi (0.5 bar) at any sprinkler with all sprinklers facing the exposure operating.

19.4.2.2 Where the water supply feeds other fire protection systems, it shall be capable of furnishing total demand for such systems as well as the exposure system demand.

19.4.3 Water Curtains.

19.4.3.1 Sprinklers in a water curtain such as described in 9.3.5 or 9.3.13.2 shall be hydraulically designed to provide a discharge of 3 gpm per lineal foot (37 L/min per lineal meter) of water curtain, with no sprinklers discharging less than 15 gpm (57 L/min).

19.4.3.2 For water curtains employing automatic sprinklers, the number of sprinklers calculated in this water curtain shall be the number in the length corresponding to the length parallel to the branch lines in the area determined by 27.2.4.2.

N 19.4.3.3 For a deluge system water curtain providing proscenium opening protection in accordance with 9.3.13.2, the water curtain shall be calculated to supply all of the open sprinklers attached thereto.

19.4.3.4 Sprinklers Under Roof or Ceiling in Combustible Concealed Spaces of Wood Joist or Wood Truss Construction with Members 3 ft (0.9 m) or Less on Center and Slope Having Pitch of 4 in 12 or Greater.

19.4.3.4.1 Where sprinkler spacing does not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m) measured perpendicular to the slope, the minimum sprinkler discharge pressure shall be 7 psi (0.5 bar).

19.4.3.4.2 Where sprinkler spacing exceeds 8 ft (2.4 m) measured perpendicular to the slope, the minimum sprinkler discharge pressure shall be 20 psi (1.4 bar).

19.4.3.4.3 Hose stream allowance and water supply duration requirements shall be in accordance with those for light hazard occupancies in Table 19.3.3.1.2.

19.4.3.5 If a single fire can be expected to operate sprinklers within the water curtain and within the design area of a hydraulically calculated system, the water supply to the water curtain shall be added to the water demand of the hydraulic calculations and shall be balanced to the calculated area demand.

19.4.4 Sprinkler-Protected Glazing. Where the sprinkler-protected glazing is required to comply with 9.3.15, the water supply duration for the design area that includes the window sprinklers shall be not less than the required rating of the assembly.

N 19.4.4.1 For sprinkler-protected glazing, the number of sprinklers calculated for the glazing shall be the number in the length corresponding to the length parallel to the branch lines in the area determined by 27.2.4.2.

N 19.4.4.2 If a single fire can be expected to operate sprinklers for the sprinkler-protected glazing and within the design area of a hydraulically calculated system, the water supply to the sprinkler-protected glazing shall be added to the water demand of the hydraulic calculations and shall be balanced to the calculated area demand.

N 19.4.4.3 Hydraulic design calculations shall include a design area selected to include ceiling sprinklers adjacent to the sprinkler-protected glazing.

19.5 Deluge Systems. Open sprinkler and deluge systems shall be hydraulically calculated according to applicable standards.

Chapter 20 General Requirements for Storage

N 20.1 General. This chapter shall provide the necessary steps for identifying commodity, storage arrangements, storage heights, and clearances as well as general protection criteria for storage conditions relative to Chapters 21 through 25.

N 20.1.1 Miscellaneous and low-piled storage, meeting the criteria of Chapter 4, shall be protected in accordance with the relative occupancy hazard criteria reference in that section.

N 20.2 Protection of Storage. Protection of storage shall follow the following criteria:

- (1) Identify the storage commodity class in accordance with Sections 20.3 and 20.4.
- (2) Identify the method of storage in accordance with Section 20.5.
- (3) Establish storage height, building height, and associated clearances in accordance with Section 20.6.
- (4) Define the general protection criteria that are common to all storage protection options in accordance with Sections 20.7 through 20.15.
- (5) Select the appropriate system/sprinkler technology for protection criteria (Chapters 21 through 25).
- (6) Design and install system in accordance with the remainder of this document.

20.3* Classification of Commodities.

20.3.1* Commodity classification and the corresponding protection requirements shall be determined based on the makeup of individual storage units.

20.3.1.1 The type and amount of materials used as part of the product and its primary packaging as well as the storage pallet shall be considered in the classification of the commodity.

20.3.1.2 When specific test data of commodity classification by a nationally recognized testing agency are available, the data shall be permitted to be used in determining classification of commodities.

20.3.2 Pallet Types.

20.3.2.1 General. When loads are palletized, the use of wood or metal pallets, or listed pallets equivalent to wood, shall be assumed in the classification of commodities.

N 20.3.2.2 Plastic Pallet. A pallet having any portion of its construction consisting of a plastic material that has not been listed as equivalent to wood shall increase the class of commodity determined for a storage load in accordance with 20.3.2.2.1 or 20.3.2.2.2.

20.3.2.2.1* Unreinforced Plastic Pallets. Plastic pallets that have no secondary reinforcing shall be treated as unreinforced plastic pallets.

N 20.3.2.2.1.1 For Class I through Class IV commodities, when unreinforced polypropylene or unreinforced high-density polyethylene plastic pallets are used, the classification of the commodity unit shall be increased one class.

20.3.2.2.1.2 Unreinforced polypropylene or unreinforced high-density polyethylene plastic pallets shall be marked with a permanent symbol to indicate that the pallet is unreinforced.

N 20.3.2.2.2 Reinforced Plastic Pallet. A plastic pallet incorporating a secondary reinforcing material (such as steel or fiber-

glass) within the pallet shall be considered a reinforced plastic pallet.

20.3.2.2.1* For Class I through Class IV commodities, when reinforced polypropylene or reinforced high-density polyethylene plastic pallets are used, the classification of the commodity unit shall be increased two classes except for Class IV commodity, which shall be increased to a cartoned **nonexpanded** Group A plastic commodity.

20.3.2.2.2 Pallets shall be assumed to be reinforced if no permanent marking or manufacturer's certification of nonreinforcement is provided.

20.3.2.2.3 No increase in the commodity classification shall be required for Group A plastic commodities stored on plastic pallets.

20.3.2.2.4 For ceiling-only sprinkler protection, the requirements of 20.3.2.2.1 and 20.3.2.2.2.1 shall not apply where plastic pallets are used and where the sprinkler system uses spray sprinklers with a minimum K-factor of K-16.8 (240).

20.3.2.3 The requirements of 20.3.2.2.1 through 20.3.2.4 shall not apply to nonwood pallets that have demonstrated a fire hazard that is equal to or less than wood pallets and are listed as such.

20.3.2.4 For Class I through Class IV commodities stored on plastic pallets when other than wood, metal, or polypropylene or high-density polyethylene plastic pallets are used, the classification of the commodity unit shall be determined by specific testing conducted by a national testing laboratory or shall be increased two classes.

N 20.3.2.5 Slave Pallet. Where solid, flat-bottom, combustible pallets are used for rack storage of Class I through IV commodity up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in height in combination with CMDA sprinklers, 21.4.1.4.2 shall apply. (See Figure A.3.3.147.1.)

N 20.3.3 Open-Top Container. A container of any shape that is entirely or partially open on the top and arranged so as to allow for the collection of discharging sprinkler water cascading through the storage array shall be considered outside the protection criteria of rack storage protection outlined in Chapters 21 through 25.

N 20.3.4 Solid Unit Load of Nonexpanded Plastic (Either Cartoned or Exposed). A load that does not have voids (air) within the load and that burns only on the exterior of the load and that water from sprinklers will reach most surfaces available to burn shall allow a reduction in design density of CMDA sprinklers. [See Table 21.3.3(a).]

20.4* Commodity Classes.

20.4.1* Class I. A Class I commodity shall be defined as a noncombustible product that meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) Placed directly on wood pallets
- (2) Placed in single-layer corrugated cartons, with or without single-thickness cardboard dividers, with or without pallets
- (3) Shrink-wrapped or paper-wrapped as a unit load with or without pallets

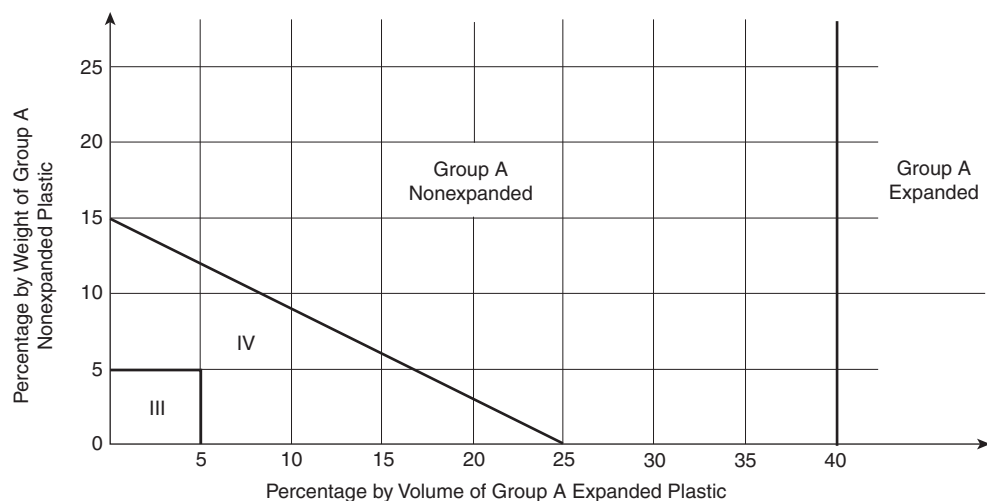
20.4.2* Class II. A Class II commodity shall be defined as a noncombustible product that is in slatted wooden crates, solid wood boxes, multiple-layered corrugated cartons, or equivalent combustible packaging material, with or without pallets.

20.4.3* Class III.

20.4.3.1 A Class III commodity shall be defined as a product fashioned from wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics with or without cartons, boxes, or crates and with or without pallets.

20.4.3.2 A Class III commodity shall be permitted to contain a limited amount (5 percent or less by weight of nonexpanded plastic or 5 percent or less by volume of expanded plastic) of Group A or Group B plastics.

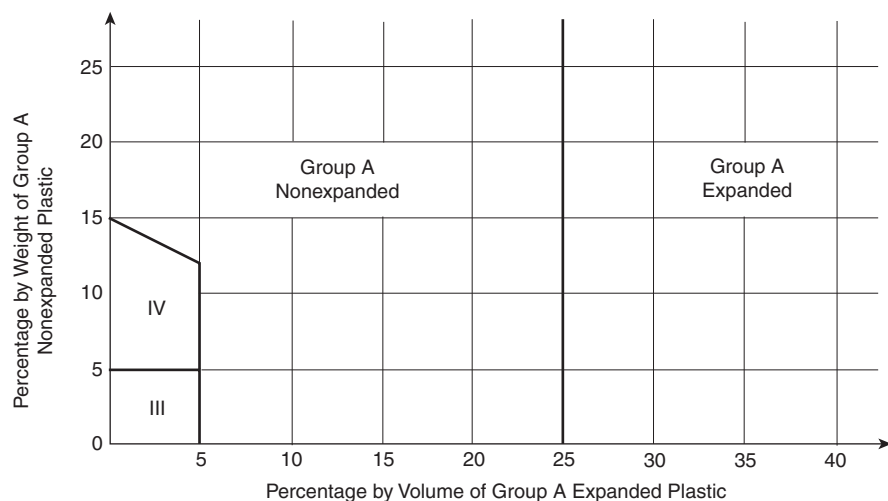
20.4.3.3 Class III commodities containing a mix of both Group A expanded and nonexpanded plastics shall comply with Figure 20.4.3.3(a) where they are within cartons, boxes, or crates or with Figure 20.4.3.3(b) where they are exposed.



III - Class III Commodity. Refer to 20.3.2 if a plastic pallet is used.

IV - Class IV Commodity. Refer to 20.3.2 if a plastic pallet is used.

FIGURE 20.4.3.3(a) Commodities, Cartoned or Within a Wooden Container, Containing a Mixture of Expanded and Nonexpanded Group A Plastics.



III - Class III Commodity. Refer to 20.3.2 if a plastic pallet is used.

IV - Class IV Commodity. Refer to 20.3.2 if a plastic pallet is used.

FIGURE 20.4.3.3(b) Exposed Commodities Containing a Mixture of Expanded and Nonexpanded Group A Plastics.

20.4.4* Class IV.

20.4.4.1 A Class IV commodity shall be defined as a product, with or without pallets, that meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) Constructed partially or totally of Group B plastics
- (2) Consists of free-flowing Group A plastic materials
- (3) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains greater than 5 percent and up to 15 percent by weight of Group A **nonexpanded** plastic
- (4) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains greater than 5 percent and up to 25 percent by volume of expanded Group A plastics
- (5) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains a mix of Group A expanded and **nonexpanded** plastics and complies with Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
- (6) Exposed, that contains greater than 5 percent and up to 15 percent by weight of Group A **nonexpanded** plastic
- (7) Exposed, that contains a mix of Group A expanded and **nonexpanded** plastics and complies with Figure 20.4.3.3(b)

20.4.4.2 The remaining materials shall be permitted to be **noncombustible**, wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group B or Group C plastics.

20.4.5* Classification of Plastics, Elastomers, and Rubber. Plastics, elastomers, and rubber shall be classified as Group A, Group B, or Group C.

20.4.5.1* Group A. The following materials shall be classified as Group A:

- (1) ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer)
- (2) Acetal (polyformaldehyde)
- (3) Acrylic (polymethyl methacrylate)
- (4) Butyl rubber
- (5) Cellulosics (cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethyl cellulose)
- (6) EPDM (ethylene-propylene rubber)
- (7) FRP (fiberglass-reinforced polyester)
- (8) Natural rubber
- (9) Nitrile-rubber (acrylonitrile-butadiene-rubber)
- (10) Nylon (nylon 6, nylon 6/6)
- (11) PET (thermoplastic polyester)
- (12) Polybutadiene
- (13) Polycarbonate
- (14) Polyester elastomer
- (15) Polyethylene
- (16) Polypropylene
- (17) Polystyrene
- (18) Polyurethane
- (19) PVC (polyvinyl chloride — highly plasticized, with plasticizer content greater than 20 percent) (rarely found)
- (20) PVF (polyvinyl fluoride)
- (21) SAN (styrene acrylonitrile)
- (22) SBR (styrene-butadiene rubber)

20.4.5.2* Group A plastics shall be further subdivided as either expanded or **nonexpanded**.

20.4.5.3 A Group A expanded plastic commodity shall be defined as a product, with or without pallets, that meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains greater than 40 percent by volume of Group A expanded plastic

- (2) Exposed, that contains greater than 25 percent by volume of Group A expanded plastic

20.4.5.4 A Group A **nonexpanded** plastic commodity shall be defined as a product, with or without pallets, that meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains greater than 15 percent by weight of Group A **nonexpanded** plastic
- (2) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains greater than 25 percent and up to 40 percent by volume of Group A expanded plastic
- (3) Cartoned, or within a wooden container, that contains a mix of Group A **nonexpanded** and expanded plastics, in compliance with Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
- (4) Exposed, that contains greater than 15 percent by weight of Group A **nonexpanded** plastic
- (5) Exposed, that contains greater than 5 percent and up to 25 percent by volume of Group A expanded plastic
- (6) Exposed, that contains a mix of Group A **nonexpanded** and expanded plastics, in compliance with Figure 20.4.3.3(b)

20.4.5.5 The remaining materials shall be permitted to be noncombustible, wood, paper, natural or synthetic fibers, or Group A, Group B, or Group C plastics.

20.4.6 Group B. The following materials shall be classified as Group B:

- (1) Chloroprene rubber
- (2) Fluoroplastics (ECTFE — ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer; ETFE — ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene-copolymer; FEP — fluorinated ethylene-propylene copolymer)
- (3) Silicone rubber

20.4.7 Group C. The following materials shall be classified as Group C:

- (1) Fluoroplastics (PCTFE — polychlorotrifluoroethylene; PTFE — polytetrafluoroethylene)
- (2) Melamine (melamine formaldehyde)
- (3) Phenolic
- (4) PVC (polyvinyl chloride — flexible — PVCs with plasticizer content up to 20 percent)
- (5) PVDC (polyvinylidene chloride)
- (6) PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride)
- (7) Urea (urea formaldehyde)

20.4.8* Plastic commodities shall be protected in accordance with Figure 20.4.8. (*See Section C.21.*)

20.4.8.1 Group B plastics and free-flowing Group A plastics shall be protected the same as Class IV commodities.

20.4.8.2 Group C plastics shall be protected the same as Class III commodities.

20.4.9 Rubber Tires. Pneumatic tires for passenger automobiles, aircraft, light and heavy trucks, trailers, farm equipment, construction equipment (off-the-road), and buses shall be protected as rubber tire storage in accordance with Chapters 20 through 25.

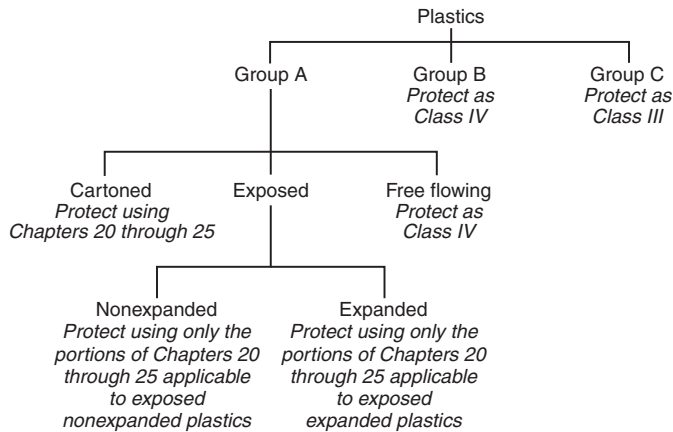


FIGURE 20.4.8 Decision Tree.

20.4.10* Classification of Rolled Paper Storage. For the purposes of this standard, the classifications of paper described in 20.4.10.1 through 20.4.10.4 shall apply and shall be used to determine the sprinkler system design criteria in accordance with Chapters 20 through 25.

20.4.10.1 Heavyweight Class. Heavyweight class shall be defined so as to include paperboard and paper stock having a basis weight [weight per 1000 ft² (93 m²)] of 20 lb (9.1 kg).

20.4.10.2 Mediumweight Class. Mediumweight class shall be defined so as to include all the broad range of papers having a basis weight [weight per 1000 ft² (93 m²)] of 10 lb to 20 lb (4.5 kg to 9.1 kg).

20.4.10.3 Lightweight Class. Lightweight class shall be defined so as to include all papers having a basis weight [weight per 1000 ft² (93 m²)] of 10 lb (4.5 kg).

20.4.10.4 Tissue.

20.4.10.4.1 Tissue shall be defined so as to include the broad range of papers of characteristic gauzy texture, which, in some cases, are fairly transparent.

20.4.10.4.2 For the purposes of this standard, tissue shall be defined as the soft, absorbent type, regardless of basis weight — specifically, crepe wadding and the sanitary class including facial tissue, paper napkins, bathroom tissue, and toweling.

20.4.11* Plastic Motor Vehicle Components. Group A plastic automotive components and associated packaging material consisting of exposed, expanded Group A plastic dunnage, instrument panels, and plastic bumper fascia shall be permitted to be protected as defined in Chapter 23.

N 20.4.12 Retail Display/Storage of Up to Cartoned Group A Plastics. Group A plastics combined with Class I through IV in a retail/storage environment (big box retail) that combines customer picking areas with storage above within the retail area shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with retail display/storage of up to cartoned group A plastics in Chapters 20 to 23.

N 20.4.12.1 Baled Cotton. A natural seed fiber wrapped and secured in industry-accepted materials, usually consisting of burlap, woven polypropylene, or sheet polyethylene, and secured with steel, synthetic or wire bands, or wire; also

includes linters (lint removed from the cottonseed) and motes (residual materials from the ginning process) shall be protected as baled cotton in accordance with Chapter 21. (See Table A.3.3.13.)

N 20.4.13 Carton Records Storage. A Class III commodity consisting predominantly of paper records in cardboard cartons shall be permitted to be protected as cartoned record storage in accordance with Chapter 21 or 23.

20.4.14 Mixed Commodities.

20.4.14.1 Protection requirements shall not be based on the overall commodity mix in a fire area.

20.4.14.2 Unless the requirements of 20.4.14.3 or 20.4.14.4 are met, mixed commodity storage shall be protected by the requirements for the highest classified commodity and storage arrangement.

20.4.14.3 The protection requirements for the lower commodity class shall be permitted to be utilized where all of the following are met:

- (1) Up to 10 pallet loads of a higher hazard commodity, as described in 20.4.1 through 20.4.7, shall be permitted to be present in an area not exceeding 40,000 ft² (3720 m²).
- (2) The higher hazard commodity shall be randomly dispersed with no adjacent loads in any direction (including diagonally).
- (3) Where the ceiling protection is based on Class I or Class II commodities, the allowable number of pallet loads for Class IV or Group A plastics shall be reduced to five.

20.4.14.4 Mixed Commodity Segregation. The protection requirements for the lower commodity class shall be permitted to be utilized in the area of lower commodity class, where the higher hazard material is confined to a designated area and the area is protected to the higher hazard in accordance with the requirements of this standard.

N 20.5 Storage Arrangement.

N 20.5.1 General storage arrangements defined in this section shall be used to select the appropriate protection criteria in Chapters 21 through 25.

N 20.5.1.1 Other storage arrangements not covered by this section shall be considered outside the scope of this standard.

N 20.5.2 Movable Racks. Rack storage in movable racks shall be protected in the same manner as multiple-row racks.

20.5.3* Rack Storage.

20.5.3.1 Shelving.

20.5.3.1.1 Shelving material that is less than 50 percent open, or placement of loads that block openings that would otherwise serve as the required flue spaces, greater than 20 ft² (1.9 m²) in area shall be treated as solid shelf racks.

20.5.3.1.2 Where multiple-row racks of any height have no longitudinal flue or where double-row racks with storage up 25 ft (7.6 m) in height have no longitudinal flue, the situation shall not be considered solid shelves where transverse flues exist at maximum 5 ft (1.5 m) intervals, and additional in-rack sprinklers shall not be required in accordance with 25.6.3.1 and 25.6.3.2.

20.5.3.2 Aisles.

20.5.3.2.1 Aisles required by Chapters 21 through 25 shall not be obstructed unless Chapters 21 through 25 include specific guidance allowing obstructions over the aisle.

20.5.3.3 Flues.

N 20.5.3.3.1 Longitudinal Flue Space.

N 20.5.3.3.1.1 For Class I through IV and Group A plastic in double-row and multiple-row open racks, a longitudinal flue space shall not be required for storage up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m). (See Section C.13.)

N 20.5.3.3.1.2 For Class I through IV and Group A plastic nominal 6 in. (152.4 mm) longitudinal flue spaces shall be provided in double-row racks for storage over 25 ft (7.6 m).

N 20.5.3.3.2 Transverse Flue Space.

N 20.5.3.3.2.1 Nominal 6 in. (150 mm) transverse flue spaces between loads and at rack uprights shall be maintained in single-row, double-row, and multiple-row racks.

20.5.3.3.2.2 Random variations in the width of flue spaces or in their vertical alignment shall be permitted.

20.5.4 Rubber Tires.

20.5.4.1 Water Supplies. Total water supplies shall be capable of providing flow for automatic sprinklers, hose streams, and foam systems (if provided) for the duration required in Table 20.12.2.6.

20.5.5 Roll Paper.

20.5.5.1* Protection Criteria for Roll Paper Storage.

20.5.5.2 Wet pipe systems shall be used in tissue storage areas.

20.5.5.2.1 The water supply design shall include the demand of the automatic sprinkler system plus the hose stream allowance plus, where provided, the high-expansion foam system for the duration specified in Table 20.12.2.6.

20.5.5.3 Horizontal storage of heavyweight or mediumweight paper shall be protected as a closed array.

20.5.5.4 Mediumweight paper shall be permitted to be protected as heavyweight paper where wrapped completely on the sides and both ends, or where wrapped on the sides only with steel bands. Wrapping material shall be either a single layer of heavyweight paper with a basis weight of 40 lb (18.1 kg) or two layers of heavyweight paper with a basis weight of less than 40 lb (18.1 kg).

20.5.5.5 Lightweight paper or tissue paper shall be permitted to be protected as mediumweight paper where wrapped completely on the sides and both ends, or where wrapped on the sides only with steel bands. Wrapping material shall be either a single layer of heavyweight paper with a basis weight of 40 lb (18.1 kg) or two layers of heavyweight paper with a basis weight of less than 40 lb (18.1 kg).

20.5.5.6 For purposes of sprinkler system design criteria, lightweight class paper shall be protected as tissue.

N 20.5.6 Plastic Motor Vehicle Components. Group A plastic automotive components and associated packaging material consisting of exposed, expanded Group A plastic dunnage,

instrument panels, and plastic bumper fascia shall be permitted to be protected as defined in Chapter 23.

20.5.6.1 Automotive components covered in this section shall not include the storage of air bags, tires, and seats on portable racks.

20.6 Building Construction and Storage: Heights and Clearance.

20.6.1 Ceiling Slope. The sprinkler system criteria specified in Chapters 20 through 25 are intended to apply to buildings with ceiling slopes not exceeding 2 in 12 (16.7 percent) unless modified by a specific section in Chapters 20 through 25.

20.6.2* Building and Storage Height.

20.6.2.1 The maximum building height shall be measured to the underside of the roof deck or ceiling in the storage area or in accordance with 20.6.2.4.1 through 20.6.2.4.2.

20.6.2.2 For corrugated metal deck roofs up to 3 in. (75 mm) in depth, the maximum roof height shall be measured from floor to the bottom of the deck.

20.6.2.3 For decks deeper than 3 in. (75 mm), the maximum roof height shall be measured to the highest point on the deck.

20.6.2.4 For ceilings that have insulation installed directly against underside of the ceiling or roof structure, the maximum roof height shall be measured to the bottom of insulation and shall be in accordance with 20.6.2.4.1 or 20.6.2.4.2.

20.6.2.4.1 For insulation that is installed directly against the ceiling or roof structure and is installed flat and parallel to the ceiling or roof structure, the maximum roof height shall be measured to the underside of the insulation.

20.6.2.4.2 For insulation that is installed in a manner that causes it to deflect or sag down from the ceiling or roof structure, the maximum roof height shall be measured as half of the distance of the deflection from the insulation high point to the insulation low point. If the deflection or sag in the insulation exceeds 6 in. (150 mm), the maximum roof height shall be measured to the high point of the insulation.

20.6.2.5* Where the building height changes within a compartment, the sprinklers directly over the storage shall be capable of protecting storage directly beneath.

20.6.2.5.1 Where a barrier to heat and smoke in accordance with 20.10.1(2) or 20.10.1(3) is not present, the sprinkler criteria 15 ft (4.6 m) into the perimeter of the lower ceiling area shall be the same as the sprinkler protection for the high ceiling area.

20.6.2.6 ESFR sprinklers shall be used only in buildings equal to, or less than, the height of the building for which they have been listed.

N 20.6.3 Storage Height.

N 20.6.3.1 The sprinkler system design shall be based on the storage height that routinely or periodically exists in the building and creates the greatest water demand.

N 20.6.3.2 Where storage is placed above doors, the storage height shall be calculated from the base of storage above the door.

20.6.4 Clearance to Ceiling.

20.6.4.1* The clearance to ceiling shall be measured in accordance with 20.6.4.1.1 through 20.6.4.1.3.

20.6.4.1.1 For corrugated metal deck roofs up to 3 in. (75 mm) in depth, the clearance to ceiling shall be measured from the top of storage to the bottom of the deck.

20.6.4.1.2 For corrugated metal deck roofs deeper than 3 in. (75 mm), the clearance to ceiling shall be measured to the highest point on the deck.

20.6.4.1.3 For ceilings that have insulation attached directly to underside of the ceiling or roof structure, the clearance to ceiling shall be measured from the top of storage to the bottom of the insulation and shall be in accordance with 20.6.4.1.3(A) or 20.6.4.1.3(B).

(A) For insulation that is attached directly to the ceiling or roof structure and is installed flat and parallel to the ceiling or roof structure, the clearance to ceiling shall be measured from the top of storage to the underside of the insulation.

(B) For insulation that is installed in a manner that causes it to deflect or sag down from the ceiling or roof structure, the clearance to ceiling shall be measured from the top of storage to a point half of the distance of the deflection from the insulation high point to the insulation low point. If the deflection or sag in the insulation exceeds 6 in. (150 mm), the clearance to ceiling shall be measured from the top of storage to the high point of the insulation.

20.6.4.2 For CMDA criteria where the clearance to ceiling exceeds those identified in Table 20.6.4.2, the requirements of Table 20.6.4.3 and Table 20.6.4.4 shall apply.

N 20.6.4.3 Protection of Class I through Class IV commodities using CMDA criteria that exceed the maximum allowable clearance in Table 20.6.4.2 shall be in accordance with Table 20.6.4.3.

N 20.6.4.4 Protection of plastic and rubber commodities with CMDA criteria having clearance exceeding the allowable limits of Table 20.6.4.3 shall be in accordance with Table 20.6.4.4.

20.6.4.5 If in-rack sprinklers are required for the actual storage height with an acceptable clearance to ceiling, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed as indicated by that criteria.

20.6.5 Roof Vents and Draft Curtains. See Section C.6.

20.6.5.1* Manually operated roof vents or automatic roof vents with operating elements that have a higher temperature classification than the automatic sprinklers shall be permitted.

20.6.5.2 Early suppression fast-response (ESFR) sprinklers shall not be used in buildings with automatic heat or smoke vents unless the vents use a high-temperature rated, standard-response operating mechanism.

20.6.5.3* Draft curtains shall not be used within ESFR sprinkler systems.

20.6.5.3.1 Draft curtains separating ESFR sprinklers at system breaks or from control mode sprinklers or between hazards shall be permitted. (See 14.2.5.)

N 20.6.5.3.2 Where ESFR sprinkler systems are installed adjacent to sprinkler systems with standard-response sprinklers, a draft curtain of noncombustible construction and at least 2 ft (600 mm) in depth shall be required to separate the two areas.

Table 20.6.4.2 Maximum Clearance from Top of Storage to Ceiling for CMDA Protection Criteria

Commodity	Class I to IV	Group A Plastic
Palletized, solid-piled, bin box, shelf, or back-to-back shelf storage	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)
Rack storage up to 25 ft (7.6 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)	10 ft (3.1 m)
Rack storage >25 ft (7.6 m)	10 ft (3.1 m)	10 ft (3.1 m)

N Table 20.6.4.3 Class I Through Class IV Commodities

Storage Configuration	Where the clearance to ceiling exceeds	Protection is based upon the storage height that would result in a clearance to ceiling of...	In-rack Sprinklers*
Palletized, solid-piled, bin box, shelf, or back-to-back shelf storage	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)	N/A
Rack storage up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)	Permitted as alternative to presumed clearance of 20 ft (6.1 m)
Rack storage over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height	10 ft (3.1 m)	10 ft (3.1 m)	Permitted as alternative to presumed clearance of 10 ft (3.1 m)

*When applying the supplemental in-rack sprinkler option, the ceiling density is based upon the given storage height with an assumed acceptable clearance to ceiling. Provide one level of supplemental, quick response in-rack sprinklers located directly below the top tier of storage and at every flue space intersection.

Table 20.6.4.4 Plastics and Rubber Commodities

Storage Configuration	Where the clearance to ceiling exceeds	Protection is based upon the storage height that would result in a clearance to ceiling of...	In-rack Sprinklers*
Palletized, solid-piled, bin box, shelf, or back-to-back shelf storage	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)	N/A
Rack storage up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height	10 ft (3.1 m)	10 ft (3.1 m)	Permitted as alternative to presumed clearance of 10 ft (3.1 m)
Rack storage over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height	10 ft (3.1 m)	N/A	Required

*If in-rack sprinklers are required for the actual storage height with an acceptable clearance to ceiling, in-rack sprinklers are installed as indicated by that criteria. Provide one level of supplemental, quick response in-rack sprinklers located directly below the top tier of storage and at every flue space intersection.

N 20.6.5.3.3 A clear aisle of at least 4 ft (1.2 m) centered below the draft curtain shall be maintained for separation.

N 20.6.6 Clearance from Deflector to Storage.

N 20.6.6.1 Unless the requirements of 20.6.6.2 through 20.6.6.5 are met, the clearance between the deflector and the top of storage or contents of the room shall be 18 in. (450 mm) or greater.

N 20.6.6.2 Where other standards specify greater clearance to storage minimums, they shall be followed.

N 20.6.6.3 A minimum clearance to storage of 36 in. (900 mm) shall be permitted for special sprinklers.

N 20.6.6.4 A minimum clearance to storage of less than 18 in. (450 mm) between the top of storage and ceiling sprinkler deflectors shall be permitted where proven by successful large-scale fire tests for the particular hazard.

N 20.6.6.5 The clearance from the top of storage to sprinkler deflectors shall be not less than 36 in. (900 mm) where rubber tires are stored.

20.6.7* High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) Fans.

20.6.7.1 The installation of HVLS fans in buildings equipped with sprinklers, including ESFR sprinklers, shall comply with the following:

- (1) The maximum fan diameter shall be 24 ft (7.3 m).
- (2) The HVLS fan shall be centered approximately between four adjacent sprinklers.
- (3) The vertical clearance from the HVLS fan to sprinkler deflector shall be a minimum of 36 in. (900 mm).
- (4) All HVLS fans shall be interlocked to shut down immediately upon a waterflow alarm.
- (5) Where the building is protected with a fire alarm system, this interlock shall be in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 72.

20.7 Unsprinklered Combustible Concealed Spaces.

20.7.1* When using the density/area method or room design method, unless the requirements of 20.7.2 are met for buildings having unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces as described in 9.2.1 and 9.3.18, the minimum area of sprinkler

operation for that portion of the building shall be 3000 ft² (280 m²).

20.7.1.1 The design area of 3000 ft² (280 m²) shall be applied only to the sprinkler system or portions of the sprinkler system that are adjacent to the qualifying combustible concealed space.

20.7.1.2 The term *adjacent* shall apply to any sprinkler system protecting a space above, below, or next to the qualifying concealed space except where a barrier with a fire resistance rating at least equivalent to the water supply duration completely separates the concealed space from the sprinklered area.

20.7.2 The following unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces shall not require a minimum design area of sprinkler operation of 3000 ft² (280 m²):

- (1) Noncombustible and limited-combustible concealed spaces with minimal combustible loading having no access. The space shall be considered a concealed space even with small openings such as those used as return air for a plenum.
- (2) Noncombustible and limited-combustible concealed spaces with limited access and not permitting occupancy or storage of combustibles. The space shall be considered a concealed space even with small openings such as those used as return air for a plenum.
- (3) Combustible concealed spaces filled entirely with noncombustible insulation.
- (4) Concealed spaces where rigid materials are used and the exposed surfaces have a flame spread index of 25 or less and the materials have been demonstrated to not propagate fire more than 10.5 ft (3.2 m) when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, extended for an additional 20 minutes in the form in which they are installed in the space.
- (5) Concealed spaces in which the exposed materials are constructed entirely of fire retardant-treated wood as defined by NFPA 703.
- (6) Concealed spaces over isolated small compartments not exceeding 55 ft² (5.1 m²) in area.

- (7) Vertical pipe chases under 10 ft² (0.9 m²), provided that in multifloor buildings the chases are firestopped at each floor using materials equivalent to the floor construction. Such pipe chases shall contain no sources of ignition, piping shall be noncombustible, and pipe penetrations at each floor shall be properly sealed.
- (8) Exterior columns under 10 ft² (0.9 m²) in area formed by studs or wood joists, supporting exterior canopies that are fully protected with a sprinkler system.
- (9) Cavities within unsprinklered wall spaces.

20.8 Room Design Method.

20.8.1* The water supply requirements for sprinklers only shall be based upon the room that creates the greatest demand.

20.8.2 To utilize the room design method, all rooms shall be enclosed with walls having a fire resistance rating equal to the required water supply duration.

20.8.2.1 Minimum protection of openings shall include automatic- or self-closing doors with the appropriate fire protection rating for the enclosure.

20.8.3 Where the room design method is used, the density shall correspond to that required for the smallest area acceptable under the density/area method.

20.9* High-Expansion Foam Systems.

20.9.1 General: High Expansion Foam Systems.

20.9.1.1 High-expansion foam systems that are installed in addition to automatic sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 11.

20.9.1.2 High-expansion foam systems shall be automatic in operation.

20.9.1.3 High-expansion foam used to protect the idle pallet shall have a maximum fill time of 4 minutes.

20.9.1.4 Detectors for high-expansion foam systems shall be listed and shall be installed at no more than one-half the listed spacing.

20.9.1.5 The release system for the high expansion foam deluge system shall be designed to operate prior to the sprinklers installed in the area.

20.9.1.5.1 The maximum submergence time for the high-expansion foam shall be 5 minutes for Class I, Class II, or Class III commodities and 4 minutes for Class IV commodities.

20.9.2 High-Expansion Foam: Reduction in Ceiling Density.

20.9.2.1 Using CMDA sprinkler protection criteria for palletized, solid-piled, bin box, shelf, or back-to-back shelf storage of Class I through Class IV commodities, idle pallets, or plastics, where high-expansion foam systems are used in combination with ceiling sprinklers, a reduction in ceiling density to one-half that required for Class I through Class IV commodities, idle pallets, or plastics shall be permitted without revising the design area, but the density shall be no less than 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min).

20.9.2.2 Using CMDA sprinkler protection criteria for rack storage, where high-expansion foam systems are used in combination with ceiling sprinklers, the minimum ceiling sprinkler design density shall be 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) for Class I,

Class II, or Class III commodities or 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min) for Class IV commodities for the most hydraulically remote 2000 ft² (185 m²) operating area.

20.9.2.3 Where high-expansion foam systems are used in combination with ceiling sprinklers, the maximum submergence time shall be 7 minutes for Class I, Class II, or Class III commodities and 5 minutes for Class IV commodities.

20.9.2.4 Where high-expansion foam systems are used for rack storage of Class I through IV commodities over 25 ft (7.6 m) high up to and including 35 ft (11 m) high, they shall be used in combination with ceiling sprinklers.

20.9.2.5 Reduced-Discharge Density. Where high-expansion foam systems for rubber tire protection are installed in accordance with NFPA 11, a reduction in sprinkler discharge density to one-half the density specified in Table 21.6.1(a) or 0.24 gpm/ft² (9.8 mm/min), whichever is higher, shall be permitted.

20.9.2.6 In-rack sprinklers for the protection of Class I through IV commodities shall not be required where high-expansion foam systems are used in combination with ceiling sprinklers.

20.9.2.7 Detectors for High-Expansion Foam Systems.

20.9.2.7.1 Detectors shall be listed and shall be installed in one of the following configurations:

- (1) At the ceiling only where installed at one-half the listed linear spacing [e.g., 15 ft × 15 ft (4.6 m × 4.6 m) rather than at 30 ft × 30 ft (9.1 m × 9.1 m)]; at the ceiling at the listed spacing and in racks at alternate levels
- (2) Where listed for rack storage installation and installed in accordance with the listing to provide response within 1 minute after ignition using an ignition source that is equivalent to that used in a rack storage testing program

20.9.2.7.2 Ceiling detectors alone shall not be used where the clearance to ceiling exceeds 10 ft (3.0 m) or the height of the storage exceeds 25 ft (7.6 m).

20.9.2.7.3 Detectors for preaction systems shall be installed in accordance with 20.9.2.7.

20.10* Adjacent Hazards or Design Methods.

20.10.1 For buildings with two or more adjacent hazards or design methods, the following shall apply:

- (1) Where areas are not physically separated by a barrier or partition capable of delaying heat from a fire in one area from fusing sprinklers in the adjacent area, the required sprinkler protection for the more demanding design basis shall extend 15 ft (4.6 m) beyond its perimeter.
- (2) The requirements of 20.10.1(1) shall not apply where the areas are separated by a draft curtain or barrier located above an aisle, horizontally a minimum of 24 in. (600 mm) from the adjacent hazard on each side, or a partition that is capable of delaying heat from a fire in one area from fusing sprinklers in the adjacent area.
- (3) The requirements of 20.10.1(1) shall not apply to the extension of more demanding criteria from an upper ceiling level to beneath a lower ceiling level where the difference in height between the ceiling levels is at least 24 in. (600 mm), located above an aisle, horizontally a minimum 24 in. (600 mm) from the adjacent hazard on each side.

20.10.2* Protection criteria for Group A plastics shall be permitted for the protection of the same storage height and configuration of Class I, II, III, and IV commodities.

20.10.3 CMSA and ESFR sprinklers shall be permitted to protect storage of Class I through Class IV commodities, Group A plastic commodities, miscellaneous storage, and other storage as specified in **Chapters 20 through 25** or by other NFPA standards.

20.10.4 Systems with Multiple Hazard Classifications. For systems with multiple hazard classifications, the hose stream allowance and water supply duration shall be in accordance with 20.12.2 as well as one of the following:

- (1) The water supply requirements for the highest hazard classification within the system shall be used.
- (2) The water supply requirements for each individual hazard classification shall be used in the calculations for the design area for that hazard.
- (3)* For systems with multiple hazard classifications where the higher classification only lies within single rooms less than or equal to 400 ft² (37 m²) in area with no such rooms adjacent, the water supply requirements for the principal occupancy shall be used for the remainder of the system.

20.11* Hose Connections.

20.11.1 Small [1½ in. (40 mm)] Hose Connections. See Section C.5.

20.11.1.1 Hose Connection. Small hose connections [1½ in. (40 mm)] shall be provided where required by the authority having jurisdiction in accordance with Section 16.15 for first-aid, fire-fighting, and overhaul operations.

20.11.1.2 Small hose connections shall not be required for the protection of Class I, II, III, and IV commodities stored 12 ft (3.7 m) or less in height.

N 20.12 Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration.

N 20.12.1 Hose stream allowance and water supply duration for Chapters 20 through 25 shall be in accordance with Section 20.12.

20.12.2 Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration.

20.12.2.1* Tanks shall be sized to supply the equipment that they serve.

20.12.2.2* Pumps shall be sized to supply the equipment that they serve.

20.12.2.3 Water allowance for outside hose shall be added to the sprinkler requirement at the connection to the city main or a yard hydrant, whichever is closer to the system riser.

20.12.2.4 Where inside hose connections are planned or are required, the following shall apply:

- (1) A total water allowance of 50 gpm (190 L/min) for a single hose connection installation shall be added to the sprinkler requirements.
- (2) A total water allowance of 100 gpm (380 L/min) for a multiple hose connection installation shall be added to the sprinkler requirements.
- (3) The water allowance shall be added in 50 gpm (190 L/min) increments beginning at the most remote hose

connection, with each increment added at the pressure required by the sprinkler system design at that point.

20.12.2.5 When hose valves for fire department use are attached to wet pipe sprinkler system risers in accordance with 16.15.2, the following shall apply:

- (1) The water supply shall not be required to be added to standpipe demand as determined from NFPA 14.
- (2) Where the combined sprinkler system demand and hose stream allowance of Chapters 20 through 25 exceeds the requirements of NFPA 14, this higher demand shall be used.
- (3) For partially sprinklered buildings, the sprinkler demand, not including hose stream allowance, as indicated in Chapters 20 through 25 shall be added to the requirements given in NFPA 14.

20.12.2.6 Unless indicated otherwise, the minimum water supply requirements for a hydraulically designed sprinkler system shall be determined by adding the hose stream allowance from Table 20.12.2.6 to the water demand for sprinklers.

20.12.2.7 For the protection of baled cotton, the total water supply available shall be sufficient to provide the recommended sprinkler discharge density over the area to be protected, plus a minimum of 500 gpm (1900 L/min) for hose streams.

20.12.2.7.1 Water supplies shall be capable of supplying the total demand for sprinklers and hose streams for not less than 2 hours.

20.12.3 The minimum water supply requirements shall be determined by adding the hose stream allowance from 20.12.2 to the water supply for sprinklers as determined by **Chapters 20 through 25**.

20.12.4 The minimum water supply requirements determined from 20.12.3 shall be available for the minimum duration specified in 20.12.2.

20.12.5 Total system water supply requirements shall be determined in accordance with the hydraulic calculation procedures of Chapter 27.

20.13 Discharge Considerations: General.

20.13.1 Multiple Adjustments.

20.13.1.1 Where multiple adjustments to the area of operation are required to be made, these adjustments shall be compounded based on the area of operation originally selected.

20.13.1.2 If the building has unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces, the rules of Section 20.7 shall be applied after all other modifications have been made.

20.13.2* Wet Pipe Systems.

20.13.2.1 Sprinkler systems shall be wet pipe systems.

20.13.2.2* In areas that are subject to freezing or where special conditions exist, dry pipe systems and preaction systems shall be permitted to protect storage occupancies.

20.13.3 Dry Pipe and Preaction Systems. For dry pipe systems and preaction systems using control mode density/area (CMDA) criteria, the area of sprinkler operation shall be increased by 30 percent without revising the density.

Table 20.12.2.6 Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration

Commodity	Sprinkler Type	Sprinkler Spacing Type	Number of Ceiling Sprinklers in Design Area ^a	Size of Design Area at Ceiling	Hose Stream Allowance		Water Supply Duration (minutes)
					gpm	L/min	
Class I–IV Commodities, Group A plastics, idle wood pallets, idle plastic pallets and miscellaneous storage	Control mode density/area (CMDA)	Standard and extended-coverage	NA	Up to 1200 ft ² (112 m ²)	250	950	60
				Over 1200 ft ² (112 m ²) up to 1500 ft ² (140 m ²)	500	1900	90
				Over 1500 ft ² (140 m ²) up to 2600 ft ² (240 m ²)	500	1900	120
				Over 2600 ft ² (240 m ²)	500	1900	150
	Control mode specific application (CMSA)	Standard	Up to 12	NA	250	950	60
			Over 12 to 15	NA	500	1900	90
			Over 15 to 25	NA	500	1900	120
			Over 25	NA	500	1900	150
		Extended-coverage	Up to 6	NA	250	950	60
			Up to 8 ^b	NA	250	950	60
			Over 6 to 8	NA	500	1900	90
			Over 8 to 12	NA	500	1900	120
	Early suppression fast response (ESFR)	Standard	Over 12	NA	500	1900	150
			Up to 12	NA	250	950	60
			Over 12 to 15	NA	500	1900	90
			Over 15 to 25	NA	500	1900	120
			Over 25	NA	500	1900	150
On-floor rubber tire storage up to 5 ft (1.5 m) in height	CMDA & CMSA	Standard and extended-coverage	Any	Any	250	950	120
Rubber tire storage	CMDA	Standard and extended-coverage	NA	Up to 5000 ft ² (465 m ²)	750	2850	180
	CMSA	Standard	Up to 15	NA	500	1900	180
	ESFR	Standard	Up to 12	NA	250	950	60
			Over 12 to 20	NA	500	1900	120 ^c
Roll paper	CMDA	Standard	NA	Up to 4000 ft ² (370 m ²)	500	1900	120
	CMSA	Standard	Up to 25	NA	500	1900	120
	ESFR	Standard	Up to 12	NA	250	950	120
Alternative protection per 25.8.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	500	1900	120
Alternative protection per 25.8.2 or 25.8.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	250	950	60

NA: Not applicable.

^aFor CSMA and ESFR sprinklers, the additional sprinklers included in the design area for obstructions do not need to be considered in determining the total number of sprinklers in this column.^bLimited to a maximum of 144 ft² (13 m²) per sprinkler.^cFor storage on-tread, on-side, and laced tires in open portable steel racks or palletized portable racks, with pile height up to 25 ft (7.6 m) and building height up to 30 ft (9.1 m) with K-14.0 (K-200) or K16.8 (K-240) ESFR sprinklers, the water supply duration is 180 minutes.

20.14* Protection of Idle Pallets.**20.14.1 Wood Pallets.**

20.14.1.1* Wood pallets shall be permitted to be stored in the following arrangements:

- (1) Stored outside
- (2) Stored in a detached structure
- (3) Stored indoors where arranged and protected in accordance with 20.14.1.2

20.14.1.2 Wood pallets, where stored indoors, shall be protected in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Control mode density/area sprinkler protection as specified in Table 20.14.1.2(a).
- (2) CMSA sprinkler protection in accordance with Table 20.14.1.2(b).
- (3) ESFR sprinkler protection in accordance with Table 20.14.1.2(c).
- (4) Control mode density/area sprinkler protection in accordance with the Ordinary Hazard Group 2 curve and Figure 19.3.3.1.1 with a hose stream demand of at least 250 gpm (950 L/min) for a duration of at least 60 minutes when pallets are stored no higher than 6 ft (1.8 m) and each pile of no more than four stacks is separated from other pallet piles by at least 8 ft (2.4 m) of clear space or 25 ft (7.6 m) of commodity. The maximum

clearance to ceiling of 20 ft (6.1 m) specified in 20.6.4 shall not apply to arrangement 20.14.1.2(4).

20.14.1.2.1 The maximum clearance to ceiling of 20 ft (6.1 m) specified in 20.6.4 shall not apply to arrangement 20.14.1.2(4).

20.14.1.3 Idle wood pallets shall not be stored in racks unless they are protected in accordance with the appropriate requirements of Table 20.14.1.2(a) or Table 20.14.1.2(c). (See Section C.7.)

20.14.2 Plastic Pallets.

20.14.2.1 Plastic pallets shall be permitted to be stored in the following manner:

- (1) Plastic pallets shall be permitted to be stored outside.
- (2) Plastic pallets shall be permitted to be stored in a detached structure.
- (3) Plastic pallets shall be permitted to be stored indoors where arranged and protected in accordance with the requirements of 20.14.2.2.

20.14.2.2 Protection Criteria for Plastic Pallets Stored Indoors.

20.14.2.2.1 Plastic pallets having a demonstrated fire hazard that is equal to or less than idle wood pallets and is listed for such equivalency shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with 20.14.1.

Table 20.14.1.2(a) Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection for Indoor Storage of Idle Wood Pallets

Type of Sprinkler	Location of Storage	Nominal K-Factor	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		Sprinkler Density		Areas of Operation	
			ft	m	ft	m	gpm/ft ²	mm/min	ft ²	m ²
Control mode density/area	On floor	8 (115) or larger	Up to 6	Up to 1.8	20	6.1	0.20	8.2	3000*	280*
	On floor	11.2 (160) or larger	Up to 8	Up to 2.4	30	9.1	0.45	18.3	2500	230
	On floor or rack without solid shelves	11.2 (160) or larger	8 to 12	2.4 to 3.7	30	9.1	0.6	24.5	3500	325
			12 to 20	3.7 to 6.1	30	9.1	0.6	24.5	4500	420
	On floor	16.8 (240) or larger	Up to 20	Up to 6.1	30	9.1	0.6	24.5	2000	185

*The area of sprinkler operation should be permitted to be reduced to 2000 ft² (186 m²) when sprinklers having a nominal K-factor of 11.2 or larger are used or if high-temperature-rated sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of 8.0 are used.

Table 20.14.1.2(b) CMSA Sprinkler Protection for Indoor Storage of Idle Wood Pallets

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
On floor	Idle wood pallets	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	15	1.0
							Dry	25	15	1.0
				35	11	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
							Wet	15	25	1.7
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1

Table 20.14.1.2(c) ESFR Sprinkler Protection for Indoor Storage of Idle Wood Pallets

Type of Sprinkler (Orientation)	Location of Storage	Nominal K-Factor	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Minimum Operating Pressure	
			ft	m	ft	m	psi	bar
ESFR (pendent)	On floor or rack without solid shelves	14.0 (200)	25	7.6	30	9.1	50	3.4
			25	7.6	32	10	60	4.1
		16.8 (240)	25	7.6	30	9.1	35	2.4
			25	7.6	32	10	42	2.9
			35	11	40	12	52	3.6
		22.4 (320)	25	7.6	30	9.1	25	1.7
			30	9.1	35	11	35	2.4
			35	11	40	12	40	2.7
		25.2 (360)	25	7.6	30	9.1	15	1.0
			30	9.1	35	11	20	1.4
			35	11	40	12	25	1.7
		ESFR (upright)	On floor	14.0 (200)	20	6.1	30	9.1
20	6.1				35	11	75	5.2
16.8 (240)	20			6.1	30	9.1	35	2.4
	20			6.1	35	11	52	3.6

Table 20.14.2.2.3 ESFR Sprinkler Protection for Indoor Storage of Idle Plastic Pallets

Type of Sprinkler (Orientation)	Location of Storage	Nominal K-Factor	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Minimum Operating Pressure	
			ft	m	ft	m	psi	bar
ESFR (pendent)	On floor or rack without solid shelves	14.0 (200)	25	7.6	30	9.1	50	3.4
			25	7.6	32	10	60	4.1
		16.8 (240)	25	7.6	30	9.1	35	2.4
			25	7.6	32	10	42	2.9
			35	11	40	12	52	3.6

20.14.2.2.2 When specific test data are available, the data shall take precedence in determining the required protection of idle plastic pallets.

20.14.2.2.3 Protection with ESFR sprinklers shall be in accordance with the requirements of Table 20.14.2.2.3.

20.14.2.2.4 Protection with spray sprinklers shall be in accordance with one of the scenarios in 20.14.2.2.4.1 through 20.14.2.2.4.3.

20.14.2.2.4.1 Where plastic pallets are stored in cutoff rooms, the following shall apply:

- (1) The cutoff rooms shall have at least one exterior wall.
- (2) The plastic pallet storage shall be separated from the remainder of the building by 3-hour-rated fire walls.
- (3) The storage shall be protected by sprinklers designed to deliver 0.6 gpm/ft² (24.5 mm/min) for the entire room

or by high-expansion foam and sprinklers designed to deliver 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) for the entire room.

- (4) The storage shall be piled no higher than 12 ft (3.7 m).
- (5) Any steel columns shall be protected by 1-hour fireproofing or a sidewall sprinkler directed to one side of the column at the top or at the 15 ft (4.6 m) level, whichever is lower. Flow from these sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted from the sprinkler system demand for hydraulic calculations.

20.14.2.2.4.2 Where plastic pallets are stored without cutoffs from other storage, the following shall apply:

- (1) Maximum storage height of 10 ft (3.0 m)
- (2) Maximum ceiling height of 30 ft (9.1 m)
- (3) Sprinkler density 0.6 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (24.5 mm/min over 185 m²)
- (4) Minimum sprinkler K-factor of 16.8 (240)

20.14.2.2.4.3 Plastic pallets shall have no impact on the required sprinkler protection when stored as follows:

- (1) Storage shall be piled no higher than 4 ft (1.2 m).
- (2) Sprinkler protection shall employ high temperature-rated sprinklers.
- (3) Each pallet pile of no more than two stacks shall be separated from other pallet piles by at least 8 ft (2.4 m) of clear space or 25 ft (7.6 m) of stored commodity.
- (4) Minimum ceiling design of OH2 shall be used.

20.14.2.3 Idle plastic pallets shall be stored only in racks where protected in accordance with the requirements of Table 20.14.2.2.3.

20.14.2.3.1 When specific test data and a product listing are available, the data shall take precedence in determining the required protection of idle plastic pallets stored in racks.

20.14.3 Idle Pallets Stored on Racks, on Shelves, and Above Doors.

20.14.3.1 Idle pallets shall not be stored on racks or shelves, except where permitted in 20.14.1.3, 20.14.2.3, and 20.14.3.2.

20.14.3.2 Idle pallets shall be permitted to be stored on the lowest level of storage only where no storage or shelves are located above the stored pallets and the applicable protection criteria referenced for on-floor storage in Section 20.14 are applied.

N 20.14.3.3 Where idle pallet storage is above a door, the idle pallet storage height and ceiling height shall be calculated from the base of storage above the door using the applicable protection criteria referenced in Section 20.14.

N 20.15 Column Protection: Rack Storage and Rubber Tire Storage.

20.15.1* Where fireproofing of building columns is not provided and storage heights are in excess of 15 ft (4.6 m), protection of building columns located wholly or partially within the rack footprint inclusive of flue spaces or within 12 in. (300 mm) of the footprint shall be protected in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) In-rack sprinklers
- (2) Sidewall sprinklers at the 15 ft (4.6 m) elevation, pointed toward one side of the steel column
- (3) Provision of ceiling sprinkler density for a minimum of 2000 ft² (186 m²) with ordinary 165°F (74°C) or high-temperature 286°F (140°C) rated sprinklers as shown in Table 20.15.1 for storage heights above 15 ft (4.6 m), up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)
- (4) Provision of CMSA or ESFR ceiling sprinkler protection

20.15.1.1 Where storage heights are in excess of 15 ft (4.6 m) and vertical rack members support the building structure, the vertical rack members shall be protected in accordance with one of the options in 20.15.1.

Table 20.15.1 Ceiling Sprinkler Densities for Protection of Steel Building Columns

Commodity Classification	Aisle Width			
	4 ft (1.2 m)		8 ft (2.4 m)	
	gpm/ft ²	mm/min	gpm/ft ²	mm/min
Class I	0.37	15.1	0.33	13.4
Class II	0.44	17.9	0.37	15.1
Class III	0.49	20.0	0.42	17.1
Class IV and Group A plastics	0.68	27.7	0.57	23.2

20.15.1.2 The flow from a column sprinkler(s) shall be permitted to be omitted from the sprinkler system hydraulic calculations.

20.15.2 Columns Within Rubber Tire Storage.

20.15.2.1 Where fireproofing is not provided, steel columns shall be protected as follows:

- (1) Storage exceeding 15 ft through 20 ft (4.6 m through 6.1 m) in height — one sidewall sprinkler directed to one side of the column at a 15 ft (4.6 m) level
- (2) Storage exceeding 20 ft (6.1 m) in height — two sidewall sprinklers, one at the top of the column and the other at a 15 ft (4.6 m) level, both directed to the side of the column

20.15.2.2 The flow from a column sprinkler(s) shall be permitted to be omitted from the sprinkler system hydraulic calculations.

20.15.2.3 The protection specified in 20.15.2.1(1) and 20.15.2.1(2) shall not be required where storage in fixed racks is protected by in-rack sprinklers.

20.15.2.4 The protection specified in 20.15.2.1 shall not be required where ESFR or CMSA sprinkler systems that are approved for rubber tire storage are installed.

20.15.2.5 The rate of water supply shall be sufficient to provide the required sprinkler discharge density over the required area of application plus provision for generation of high-expansion foam and in-rack sprinklers where used.

Chapter 21 Protection of High Piled Storage Using Control Mode Density Area (CMDA) Sprinklers

21.1 General.

21.1.1 The criteria in Chapter 20 shall apply to storage protected with CMDA sprinklers.

21.1.2* For storage applications with densities of 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) or less, standard-response sprinklers with a K-factor of K-5.6 (80) or larger shall be permitted.

21.1.3 For general storage applications, rack storage, rubber tire storage, roll paper storage, and baled cotton storage being protected with upright and pendent spray sprinklers with required densities of greater than 0.2 gpm/ft² to 0.34 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min to 13.9 mm/min), standard-response sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-8.0 (115) or larger shall be used.

21.1.4 For general storage applications, rack storage, rubber tire storage, roll paper storage, and baled cotton storage being protected with upright and pendent spray sprinklers with required densities greater than 0.34 gpm/ft² (13.9 mm/min), standard-response spray sprinklers with a K-factor of K-11.2 (161) or larger that are listed for storage applications shall be used.

21.1.5* Unless the requirements of 21.1.6 are met, the requirements of Table 21.5.1.1 shall not apply to modifications to existing storage application systems, using sprinklers with K-factors of K-8.0 (115) or less.

21.1.6 Where applying the requirements of Table 21.5.1.1 utilizing the design criteria of 0.6 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft² (24.5 mm/min per 185 m²) to existing storage applications, the requirements of 21.1.4 shall apply.

21.1.7 The use of quick-response spray sprinklers for storage applications shall be permitted when listed for such use.

21.1.8 The design figures indicate water demands for ordinary-temperature-rated and nominal high-temperature-rated sprinklers at the ceiling.

21.1.8.1 The ordinary-temperature design densities correspond to ordinary-temperature-rated sprinklers and shall be used for sprinklers with ordinary- and intermediate-temperature classification.

21.1.8.2 The high-temperature design densities correspond to high-temperature-rated sprinklers and shall be used for sprinklers having a high-temperature rating.

21.1.9 Ordinary- and intermediate-temperature sprinklers with K-factors of K-11.2 (161) or larger, where listed for storage, shall be permitted to use the densities for high-temperature sprinklers.

21.1.10 Discharge Considerations.

21.1.10.1 The water supply for sprinklers only shall be determined either from the density/area requirements of Chapter 20 through Chapter 25 or shall be based upon the room design method in accordance with Section 20.8, at the discretion of the designer.

21.1.10.2 The calculations shall satisfy any single point on appropriate density/area curves.

21.1.10.3 When using the density/area method, the design area shall meet the requirements of 27.2.4.2.1.

21.1.10.4 The minimum design density shall be not less than 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min) after all adjustments are made.

21.2* Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, Shelf, or Back-to-Back Shelf Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities.

21.2.1 Protection for Class I through Class IV commodities in the following configurations shall be provided in accordance with this section:

- (1) Nonencapsulated commodities that are solid-piled, palletized, or bin box storage up to 30 ft (9.1 m) in height
- (2) Nonencapsulated commodities on shelf storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in height
- (3)* Encapsulated commodities that are solid-piled, palletized, bin box, or shelf storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in height
- (4) Back-to-back shelf storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in height
- (5) Encapsulated storage of solid-piled and palletized Class I through IV commodities permitted in accordance with 21.2.3 for storage heights over 15 ft (4.6 m) up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)

21.2.2 Protection Criteria for Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, Shelf, or Back-to-Back Shelf Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 12 ft (3.7 m) in Height.

21.2.2.1 Where using ordinary temperature-rated sprinklers, a single point shall be selected from the appropriate commodity curve on Figure 21.2.2.1.

21.2.2.2 Where using high temperature-rated sprinklers, a single point shall be selected from the appropriate commodity curve on Figure 21.2.2.2.

21.2.2.3 The densities selected in accordance with 21.2.2.1 or 21.2.2.2 shall be modified in accordance with Figure 21.2.2.3 without revising the design area.

21.2.2.4 In the case of metal bin boxes with face areas not exceeding 16 ft² (1.5 m²) and metal closed shelves with face areas not exceeding 16 ft² (1.5 m²), the area of application shall be permitted to be reduced by 33 percent, provided the minimum requirements of 21.2.2.5 and 21.2.2.6 are met.

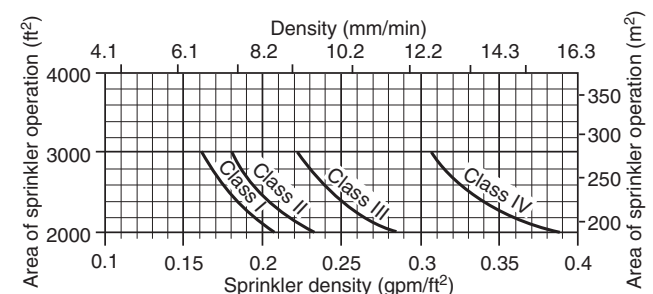


FIGURE 21.2.2.1 Sprinkler System Design Curves for 20 ft (6.1 m) High Storage — Ordinary Temperature-Rated Sprinklers.

21.2.2.5 For storage greater than 12 ft (3.7 m), the design density shall not be less than 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min), and the design area shall not be less than 2000 ft² (185 m²) for wet systems or 2600 ft² (240 m²) for dry systems for any commodity, class, or group.

21.2.2.6 For storage greater than 12 ft (3.7 m), the sprinkler design density for any given area of operation for a Class III or Class IV commodity, calculated in accordance with 21.2.2, shall not be less than the density for the corresponding area of operation for ordinary hazard Group 2.

21.2.2.7 For back-to-back shelf storage, the design density shall be taken from Figure 21.2.2.1 for storage greater than 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to 15 ft (4.6 m) with no reduction for design density referenced in Figure 21.2.2.3.

21.2.3 Encapsulated Storage Over 15 ft (4.6 m) in Height Up to and Including 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height.

21.2.3.1 Encapsulated storage over 15 ft (4.6 m) in height up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height shall be limited to solid-piled and palletized storage.

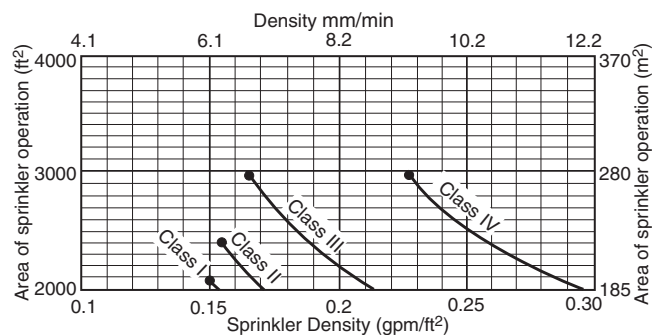


FIGURE 21.2.2.2 Sprinkler System Design Curves for 20 ft (6.1 m) High Storage — High Temperature-Rated Sprinklers.

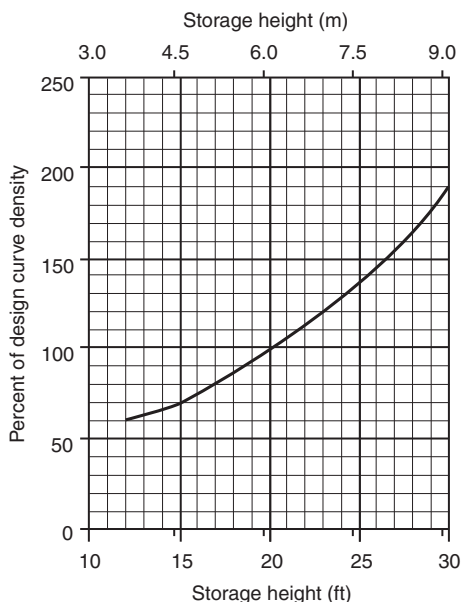


FIGURE 21.2.2.3 Ceiling Sprinkler Density vs. Storage Height.

21.2.3.2 Encapsulated storage over 15 ft (4.6 m) in height up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height shall be protected by sprinklers with a K-factor of 11.2 (160) or larger.

21.2.3.3 Encapsulated storage over 15 ft (4.6 m) in height up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height of Class I commodity shall be protected with a density/area of at least 0.46 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (18.7 mm/min over 185 m²).

21.2.3.4 Encapsulated storage over 15 ft (4.6 m) in height up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height of Class II commodity shall be protected with a density/area of at least 0.53 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (21.6 mm/min over 185 m²).

21.2.3.5 Encapsulated storage over 15 ft (4.6 m) in height up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height of Class III and Class IV commodity shall be protected with a density/area of at least 0.6 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (24.5 mm/min over 185 m²).

21.2.4 Special Design for Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, or Shelf Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities.

21.2.4.1 Bin Box and Shelf Storage.

21.2.4.1.1 Bin box and shelf storage that is over 12 ft (3.7 m) but not in excess of the height limits of 21.2.1 and that is provided with walkways at vertical intervals of not over 12 ft (3.7 m) shall be protected with automatic sprinklers under the walkway(s).

21.2.4.1.2 Protection shall be as follows:

- (1) Ceiling design density shall be based on the total height of storage within the building.
- (2) Automatic sprinklers under walkways shall be designed to maintain a minimum discharge pressure of 15 psi (1.0 bar) for the most hydraulically demanding six sprinklers on each level. Walkway sprinkler demand shall not be required to be added to the ceiling sprinkler demand. Sprinklers under walkways shall not be spaced more than 8 ft (2.4 m) apart horizontally.

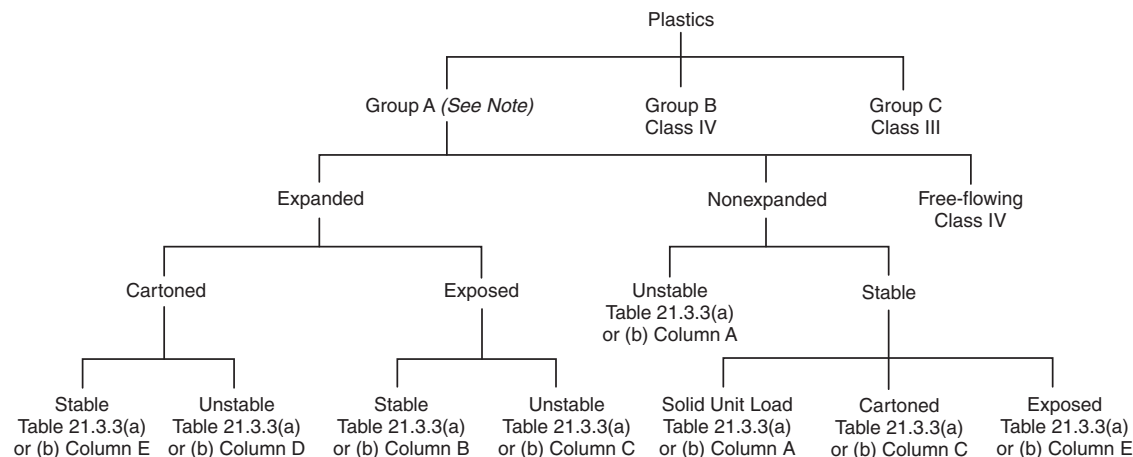
21.3 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, Shelf, or Back-to-Back Shelf Storage of Plastic and Rubber Commodities.

21.3.1 Protection for plastic and rubber commodities shall be in accordance with Section 21.3. The decision tree shown in Figure 21.3.1 shall be used to determine the protection in each specific situation, subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Commodities that are stored palletized, solid piled, or in bin boxes up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in height.
- (2) Commodities that are stored in shelf storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in height.
- (3) Commodities that are stored using back-to-back shelf storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in height. The minimum aisle width shall be 5 ft (1.5 m). The design criteria shall be in accordance with Table 21.3.1. The back-to-back shelf shall have a full height solid vertical transverse barrier of $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) plywood or particleboard, .78 mm sheet metal, or equivalent, from face of aisle to face of aisle, spaced at a maximum 45 ft (14 m) interval. The transverse barrier shall be permitted to terminate at the longitudinal barrier.

Table 21.3.1 Back-to-Back Shelf Storage of Cartoned Nonexpanded Group A Plastics

Storage Height		Ceiling Height		Protection	
ft	m	ft	m		
Over 5 up to 8	1.5/2.4	Up to 14	4.3	Ordinary Hazard Group 2	
Up to 12	3.7	Up to 15	4.6	0.45 gpm/ft ² over 2500 ft ²	18.3 mm/min/230 m ²
Up to 12	3.7	Up to 30	9.1	0.6 gpm/ft ² over 2500 ft ²	24.5 mm/min/232 m ²
Up to 15	4.6	Up to 30	9.1	0.7 gpm/ft ² over 2500 ft ²	28.5 mm/min/230 m ²



Note: Cartons that contain Group A plastic material are permitted to be treated as Class IV commodities under either of the following conditions:

- (1) There are multiple layers of corrugation or equivalent outer material that would significantly delay fire involvement of the Group A plastic.
- (2) The amount and arrangement of Group A plastic material within a carton with a single layer of corrugation would not be expected to significantly increase the fire hazard.

FIGURE 21.3.1 Decision Tree.

21.3.2* Factors affecting protection requirements such as closed/open array, clearance to ceiling, and stable/unstable piles shall be applicable only to storage of Group A plastics. This decision tree also shall be used to determine protection for commodities that are not wholly Group A plastics but contain such quantities and arrangements of the same that they are deemed more hazardous than Class IV commodities.

21.3.3* Design areas and densities for the appropriate storage configuration shall be selected from Table 21.3.3(a) or Table 21.3.3(b) as appropriate.

21.3.3.1* For Table 21.3.3(a) and Table 21.3.3(b), the design areas shall be as follows:

- (1) The area shall be a minimum of 2500 ft² (230 m²).
- (2) Where Table 21.3.3(a) and Table 21.3.3(b) allow densities and areas to be selected in accordance with curve Extra Hazard Group 1 and Group 2, including 19.3.3.1.1, the following area reductions shall be permitted:
 - (a) For K-8.0 (115) sprinklers used with curve Extra Hazard Group 1, the design area shall be permitted to be reduced by 25 percent, but not below 2000 ft²

(185 m²), where high temperature sprinklers are used.

- (b) For K-11.2 (160) or larger sprinklers, the design area shall be permitted to be reduced by 25 percent, but not below 2000 ft² (185 m²), regardless of temperature rating.
- (3) For closed arrays, the area shall be permitted to be reduced to 2000 ft² (185 m²).

21.3.3.2* Interpolation of densities between storage heights shall be permitted.

21.3.3.2.1 Interpolation of ceiling/roof heights shall not be permitted.

21.3.4 The ceiling-only protection criteria specified in Chapter 21 for rack storage of Group A plastic commodities shall be permitted to be used for solid-piled and palletized storage of the same commodity at the same height and clearance to ceiling.

21.3.5 For storage of Group A plastics between 5 ft (1.5 m) and 12 ft (3.7 m) in height, the installation requirements for extra hazard systems shall apply.

Table 21.3.3(a) Design Densities for Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, or Shelf Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities (U.S. Customary Units)

Maximum Storage Height (ft)	Roof/Ceiling Height (ft)	Density (gpm/ft ²)				
		A	B	C	D	E
>5 to ≤12	Up to 15	0.2	EH2	0.3	EH1	EH2
	>15 to 20	0.3	0.6	0.5	EH2	EH2
	>20 to 32	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.45	0.7
15	Up to 20	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.45
	>20 to 25	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.45	0.7
	>25 to 35	0.45	0.9	0.7	0.55	0.85
20	Up to 25	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.45	0.7
	>25 to 30	0.45	0.9	0.7	0.55	0.85
	>30 to 35	0.6	1.2	0.85	0.7	1.1
25	Up to 30	0.45	0.9	0.7	0.55	0.85
	>30 to 35	0.6	1.2	0.85	0.7	1.1

Notes:

(1) Minimum clearance between sprinkler deflector and top of storage shall be maintained as required.

(2) Column designations correspond to the configuration of plastics storage as follows:

A: (1) Nonexpanded, unstable

(2) Nonexpanded, stable, solid unit load

B: Expanded, exposed, stable

C: (1) Expanded, exposed, unstable

(2) Nonexpanded, stable, cartoned

D: Expanded, cartoned, unstable

E: (1) Expanded, cartoned, stable

(2) Nonexpanded, stable, exposed

(3) EH1 = Density required by Extra Hazard Group 1 design curve and 19.3.3.1.1

EH2 = Density required by Extra Hazard Group 2 design curve and 19.3.3.1.1

(4) Roof/ceiling height >35 ft is not permitted.

21.4 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities.

21.4.1 Protection Criteria for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

21.4.1.1* Ceiling sprinkler water demand shall be determined in accordance with 21.4.1.2 for single- and double-row racks or 21.4.1.3 for multiple-row racks. (See Section C.14.)

21.4.1.2* For single- or double-row racks for Class I, Class II, Class III, or Class IV commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated in single- or double-row racks, ceiling sprinkler water demand in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of sprinkler operation [ft² (m²) of ceiling or roof] shall be selected from the density/area curves of Figure 21.4.1.2(a) through Figure 21.4.1.2(e) that are appropriate for each commodity and configuration as shown in Table 21.4.1.2 and shall be modified as appropriate by 21.4.1.4. These requirements shall

apply to portable racks arranged in the same manner as single- or double-row racks.

21.4.1.2.1* Design densities for single- and double-row racks shall be selected to correspond to aisle width. (See Section C.15.)

(A) For aisle widths between 4 ft (1.2 m) and 8 ft (2.4 m), the rules for 4 ft (1.2 m) aisle width shall be used or direct linear interpolation between the densities shall be permitted.

(B) The density given for 8 ft (2.4 m) wide aisles shall be applied to aisles wider than 8 ft (2.4 m).

(C) The density given for 4 ft (1.2 m) wide aisles shall be applied to aisles more narrow than 4 ft (1.2 m) down to 3½ ft (1.1 m).

(D) Where aisles are more narrow than 3½ ft (1.1 m), racks shall be considered to be multiple-row racks.

Table 21.3.3(b) Design Densities for Palletized, Solid-Piled, Bin Box, or Shelf Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities (S.I. Units)

Maximum Storage Height (m)	Roof/Ceiling Height (m)	Density (mm/min)				
		A	B	C	D	E
>1.5 to ≤3.6	Up to 4.6	8.2	EH2	12.2	EH1	EH2
	>4.6 to 6.1	12.2	24.5	20.4	EH2	EH2
	>6.1 to 9.7	16.3	32.6	24.5	18.3	28.5
4.6	Up to 6.1	12.2	24.5	20.4	16.3	18.3
	>6.1 to 7.6	16.3	32.6	24.5	18.3	28.5
	>7.6 to 11	18.3	36.7	28.5	22.4	34.6
6.1	Up to 7.6	16.3	32.6	24.5	18.3	28.5
	>7.6 to 9.1	18.3	36.7	28.5	22.4	34.6
	>9.1 to 11	24.5	48.9	34.6	28.5	44.8
7.6	Up to 9.1	18.3	36.7	28.5	22.4	34.6
	>9.1 to 11	24.5	48.9	34.6	28.5	44.8

Notes:

(1) Minimum clearance between sprinkler deflector and top of storage shall be maintained as required.

(2) Column designations correspond to the configuration of plastics storage as follows:

A: (1) Nonexpanded, unstable

(2) Nonexpanded, stable, solid unit load

B: Expanded, exposed, stable

C: (1) Expanded, exposed, unstable

(2) Nonexpanded, stable, cartoned

D: Expanded, cartoned, unstable

E: (1) Expanded, cartoned, stable

(2) Nonexpanded, stable, exposed

(3) EH1 = Density required by Extra Hazard Group 1 design curve and 19.3.3.1.1

EH2 = Density required by Extra Hazard Group 2 design curve and 19.3.3.1.1

(4) Roof/ceiling height 35 ft (11 m) is not permitted.

21.4.1.3 Multiple-Row Racks — Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m).

21.4.1.3.1 Multiple-Row Racks — Rack Depth Up to and Including 16 ft (4.9 m) with Aisles 8 ft (2.4 m) or Wider. For Class I, Class II, Class III, or Class IV commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, ceiling sprinkler water demand in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of sprinkler operation [ft² (m²) of ceiling or roof] shall be selected from the density/area curves of Figure 21.4.1.2(a) through Figure 21.4.1.2(e) that are appropriate for each commodity and configuration as shown in Table 21.4.1.3.1 and shall be modified as appropriate by 21.4.1.4. The protection criteria shall apply to portable racks arranged in the same manner as multiple-row racks.

21.4.1.3.2 Multiple-Row Racks — Rack Depth Over 16 ft (4.9 m) or Aisles More Narrow Than 8 ft (2.4 m). For Class I, Class II, Class III, or Class IV commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, ceiling sprinkler water demand in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of sprinkler operation [ft² (m²) of ceiling or roof] shall be selected from the density/area curves of Figure 21.4.1.2(a) through Figure 21.4.1.2(e) that are appropriate for each commodity and configuration as shown in Table 21.4.1.3.2 and shall be modified as appropriate by 21.4.1.4. The protection criteria shall apply to portable racks arranged in the same manner as multiple-row racks.

21.4.1.3.3 Where Class I, Class II, and Class III commodities are encapsulated, ceiling sprinkler density shall be 25 percent greater than for nonencapsulated.

21.4.1.3.4 Where Class IV commodities are encapsulated, ceiling sprinkler density shall be 50 percent greater than for nonencapsulated.

21.4.1.4 Ceiling Sprinkler Density Adjustments.

21.4.1.4.1 For storage height over 12 ft (3.7 m) up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) protected with ceiling sprinklers only, densities obtained from design curves shall be adjusted in accordance with Figure 21.4.1.4.1.

21.4.1.4.2 Where solid, flat-bottom, combustible pallets (slave pallets) are used with storage height up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m), the densities that are indicated in the design curves shown in Figure 21.4.1.2(a) through Figure 21.4.1.2(e), based on conventional pallets, shall be increased 20 percent for the given area.

(A) The percentage shall be applied to the density determined in accordance with 21.4.1.4.

(B) The increase in density shall not apply where in-rack sprinklers are utilized in the design.

Table 21.4.1.2 Single- or Double-Row Racks — Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m)

Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Aisles*		Ceiling Sprinkler Water Demand		
			ft	m	Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 21.4.1.4.1
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	I	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(a)	B and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and C	
		Yes	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(e)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
	II	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(b)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(e)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
	III	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(c)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	IV	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(d)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) up to and including 22 ft (6.7 m)	I	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(a)	A and C	Yes
			8	2.4		B and D	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	II	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(b)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	III	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(c)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	IV	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(d)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			

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Table 21.4.1.2 *Continued*

Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Aisles*		Ceiling Sprinkler Water Demand		
			ft	m	Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 21.4.1.4.1
Over 22 ft (6.7 m) up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	I	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(a)	A and C	Yes
			8	2.4		B and D	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	II	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(b)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	III	No	4	1.2	21.4.1.2(c)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4		A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
	IV	No	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			
		Yes	4	1.2	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA
			8	2.4			

*See 21.4.1.2.1 for interpolation of aisle widths.

NA: Not applicable.

21.4.2 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

21.4.2.1* The protection criteria requirements for rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected by CMDA sprinklers shall be in accordance with Chapter 25.

21.4.2.1.1 Where storage as described in 21.4.2.2 is encapsulated, ceiling sprinkler density shall be 25 percent greater than for nonencapsulated storage.

21.4.2.2 Where such storage is encapsulated, ceiling sprinkler density shall be 25 percent greater than for nonencapsulated storage.

21.5 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks for Group A Plastic Commodities Stored Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

21.5.1 Plastic commodities shall be protected in accordance with this section. (See Section C.21.)

21.5.1.1 For Group A plastic commodities in cartons, encapsulated or nonencapsulated in single-, double-, and multiple-row racks and with a clearance to ceiling up to and including 10 ft (3.1 m), ceiling sprinkler water demand in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of operation [ft² (m²)] shall be selected from Table 21.5.1.1.

21.5.1.2 Linear interpolation of design densities and areas of application shall be permitted between storage heights with the same clearance to ceiling.

21.5.1.3 No interpolation between clearance to ceiling shall be permitted.

21.5.1.4 An option shall be selected from Table 21.5.1.1 given the storage height and clearance being protected.

21.5.2 For storage of Group A plastics between 5 ft and 12 ft (1.5 m and 3.7 m) in height, the installation requirements for extra hazard systems shall apply.

21.5.3 Exposed nonexpanded Group A plastics protected with control mode density/area sprinklers shall be protected in accordance with Table 21.5.3.

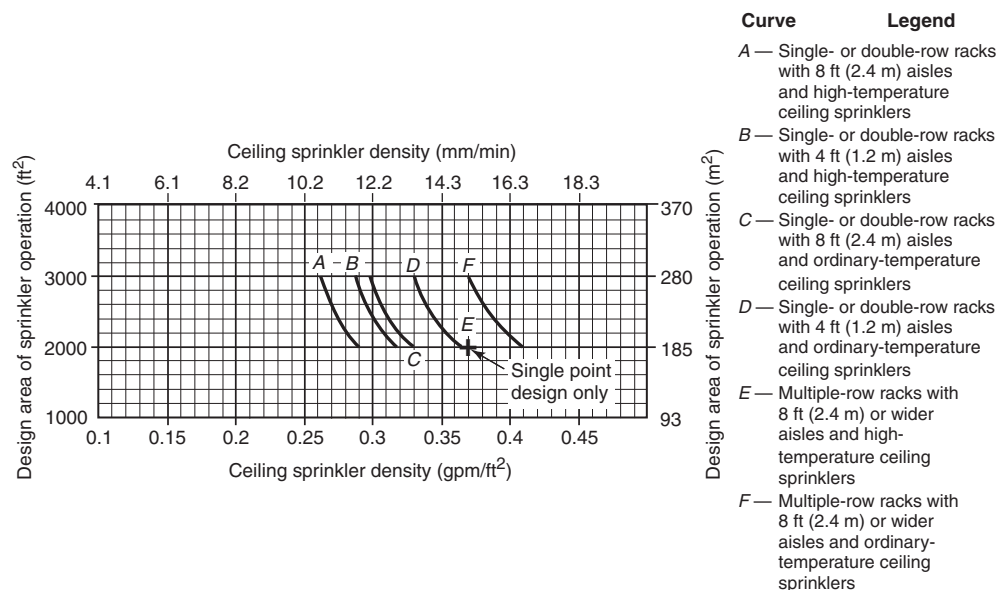


FIGURE 21.4.1.2(a) Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class I Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

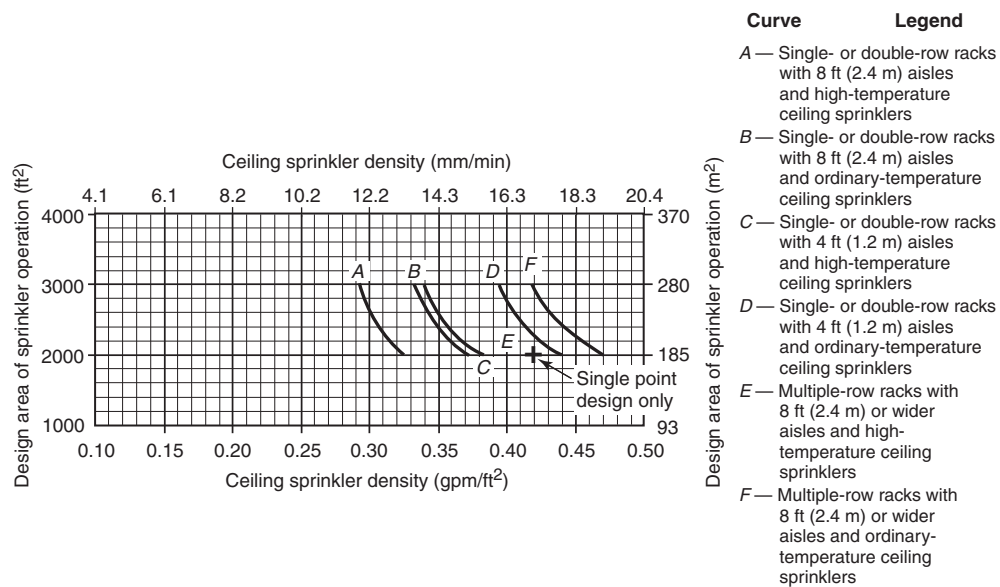


FIGURE 21.4.1.2(b) Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class II Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

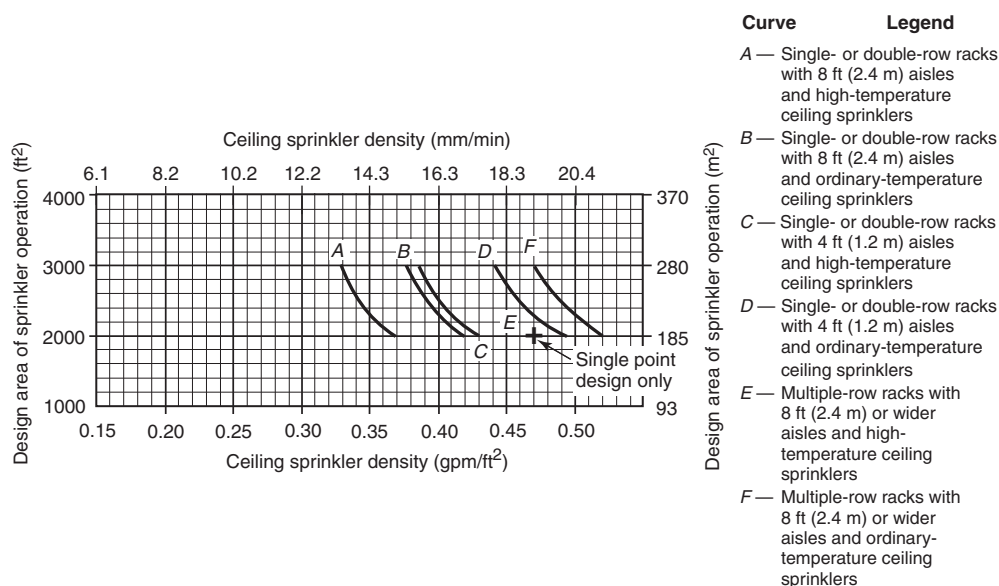


FIGURE 21.4.1.2(c) Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class III Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

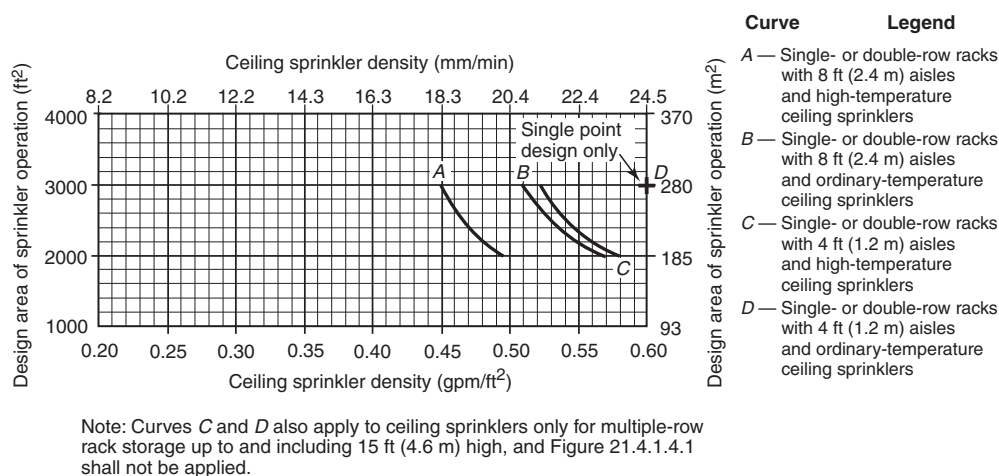


FIGURE 21.4.1.2(d) Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class IV Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

21.5.4 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks.

21.5.4.1 The protection criteria requirements for rack storage of Group A plastic commodities stored over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected by CMDA sprinklers shall be in accordance with Chapter 25.

21.6* Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Rack Storage Rubber Tires.

21.6.1 Ceiling Systems. Protection of rubber tire storage by ceiling-only sprinkler arrangements shall be selected from Table 21.6.1(a) or Table 21.6.1(b) or per Chapter 25 using ceiling and in-rack sprinkler arrangements.

21.7 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Roll Paper Storage.

21.7.1 Storage of heavyweight or mediumweight classes of rolled paper up to 10 ft (3.0 m) in height shall be protected by sprinklers designed for ordinary hazard Group 2 densities.

21.7.2 Storage of tissue and lightweight classes of paper up to 10 ft (3.0 m) in height shall be protected by sprinklers in accordance with extra hazard Group 1 densities.

21.7.3 Sprinkler design criteria for storage of roll paper 10 ft (3.0 m) high and higher in buildings or structures with roof or ceilings up to 30 ft (9.1 m) shall be in accordance with Table 21.7.3(a) and Table 21.7.3(b).

21.7.4* High-temperature sprinklers shall be used for installations protecting roll paper stored 15 ft (4.6 m) or higher.

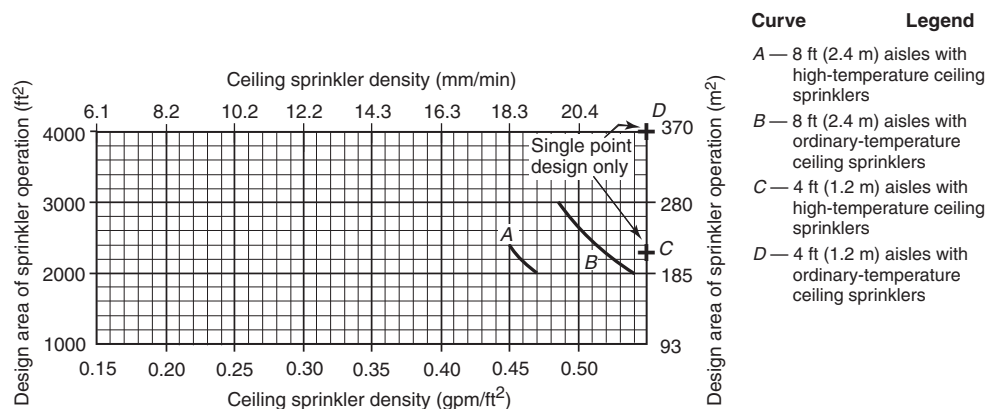


FIGURE 21.4.1.2(e) Single- or Double-Row Racks — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Sprinkler System Design Curves — Class I and Class II Encapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

21.7.5 The protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 100 ft² (9.3 m²) or be less than 70 ft² (6.5 m²).

21.7.6 Where high-expansion foam systems are installed in heavyweight class and mediumweight class storage areas, sprinkler discharge design densities shall be permitted to be reduced to not less than 0.24 gpm/ft² (9.8 mm/min) with a minimum operating area of 2000 ft² (185 m²).

21.7.7 Where high-expansion foam systems are installed in tissue storage areas, sprinkler discharge densities and areas of application shall not be reduced below those provided in Table 21.7.3(a) and Table 21.7.3(b).

21.8 Special Design for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities and Group A Plastics Stored Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

21.8.1 Slatted Shelves.

21.8.1.1* Slatted rack shelves shall be considered equivalent to solid rack shelves where the shelving is not considered open rack shelving or where the requirements of 21.8.1.2 are not met. (See Section C.20.)

21.8.1.2 A wet pipe system that is designed to provide a minimum of 0.6 gpm/ft² (24.5 mm/min) density over a minimum area of 2000 ft² (185 m²) shall be permitted to protect single-row and double-row racks with slatted rack shelving where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be K-11.2 (160), K-14.0 (200), or K-16.8 (240) orifice spray sprinklers with a temperature rating of ordinary, intermediate, or high and shall be listed for storage occupancies.
- (2) The protected commodities shall be limited to Class I through Class IV, Group B plastics, Group C plastics, cartoned (expanded and nonexpanded) Group A plastics, and exposed (nonexpanded) Group A plastics.
- (3) Slats in slatted rack shelving shall be a minimum nominal 2 in. (50 mm) thick by maximum nominal 6 in. (150 mm) wide, with the slats held in place by spacers that maintain a minimum 2 in. (50 mm) opening between each slat.
- (4) Where K-11.2 (160), K-14.0 (200), or K-16.8 (240) orifice sprinklers are used, there shall be no slatted shelf levels in the rack above 12 ft (3.7 m). Open rack shelving

using wire mesh shall be permitted for shelf levels above 12 ft (3.7 m).

- (5) Transverse flue spaces at least 3 in. (75 mm) wide shall be provided at least every 10 ft (3.0 m) horizontally.
- (6) Longitudinal flue spaces at least 6 in. (150 mm) wide shall be provided for double-row racks.
- (7) The aisle widths shall be at least 7½ ft (2.3 m).
- (8) The maximum roof height shall be 27 ft (8.2 m).
- (9) The maximum storage height shall be 20 ft (6.1 m).
- (10) Solid plywood or similar materials shall not be placed on the slatted shelves so that they block the 2 in. (50 mm) spaces between slats, nor shall they be placed on wire mesh shelves.

21.9 Sprinkler Design Criteria for Storage and Display of Class I Through Class IV Commodities, Cartoned Nonexpanded Group A Plastics and Nonexpanded Exposed Group A Plastics in Retail Stores.

21.9.1 A wet pipe system designed to meet two separate design points — 0.6 gpm/ft² (24.5 mm/min) density over 2000 ft² (185 m²) and 0.7 gpm/ft² (28.5 mm/min) density for the four hydraulically most demanding sprinklers with 500 gpm (1900 L/min) hose stream allowance for a 2-hour duration — shall be permitted to protect single- and double-row slatted shelf racks when the following conditions are met:

- (1) An extended coverage sprinkler with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) listed for storage occupancies shall be provided.
- (2) Shelves shall be either open shelving or slatted using a 2 in. (50 mm) thick by maximum 6 in. (150 mm) wide slat held in place by spacers that maintain a minimum 2 in. (50 mm) opening between each slat.
- (3) There shall be no slatted shelf levels in the rack above nominal 12 ft (3.7 m) level. Wire mesh (greater than 50 percent opening) shall be permitted for shelf levels above 12 ft (3.7 m).
- (4) A single level of solid shelving 3½ ft × 8 ft 3 in. (1.1 m × 2.5 m) shall be permissible at an elevation of not more than 5 ft (1.5 m).
- (5) Perforated metal (open area of 40 percent or more) shall be permitted over either the open shelving or the slatted shelves up to the 60 in. (1500 mm) level.

Table 21.4.1.3.1 Multiple-Row Racks — Rack Depth Up to and Including 16 ft (4.9 m), Aisles 8 ft (2.4 m) or Wider and Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)

Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Ceiling Sprinkler Water Demand			
			Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 21.4.1.4.1	1.25 × Density
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) up to and including 15 ft (4.6 m)	I	No	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F		Yes
	II	No	21.4.1.2(b)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	21.4.1.2(b)	E and F		Yes
	III	No	21.4.1.2(c)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA	NA
	IV	No	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	No	No
		Yes	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA	NA
Over 15 ft (4.6 m) up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	I	No	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F		Yes
	II	No	21.4.1.2(b)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	21.4.1.2(b)	E and F		Yes
	III	No	21.4.1.2(c)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA	NA
	IV	No				
		Yes				
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	I	No	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA	NA
	II	No				
		Yes				
	III	No				
		Yes				
	IV	No				
		Yes				

NA: Not applicable.

- (6) Other than what is allowed in this section, solid plywood or similar materials shall not be placed on the slatted shelves.
- (7) Solid displays shall be permissible, provided that all flues are maintained and only one display is installed per bay.
- (8) Maximum roof height shall be 30 ft (9.1 m) in the protected area.
- (9) Maximum storage height shall be 22 ft (6.7 m).
- (10) Aisle widths shall be a minimum of 8 ft (2.4 m).
- (11) Minimum transverse flue spaces of 3 in. every 10 ft (75 mm every 3.0 m) horizontally shall be provided.
- (12) Minimum longitudinal flue spaces of 6 in. (150 mm) shall be provided for double-row racks.

- (13) Storage in the aisle shall be permissible, provided the aisle storage is no more than 4 ft (1.2 m) high and a minimum clear aisle of 4 ft (1.2 m) is maintained.

21.9.2 A wet pipe system designed to meet two separate design points — 0.425 gpm/ft² (17.3 mm/min) density over 2000 ft² (185 m²) and 0.50 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min) density for the four hydraulically most demanding sprinklers with 500 gpm (1900 L/min) hose stream allowance for a 2-hour duration — shall be permitted in solid steel cantilever-style retail shelving racks (gondola racks) when the following conditions are met:

Table 21.4.1.3.2 Multiple-Row Racks — Rack Depth Over 16 ft (4.9 m) or Aisles Narrower Than 8 ft (2.4 m), Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m)

Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Ceiling Sprinkler Water Demand			
			Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 21.4.1.4.1	1.25 × Density
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) up to and including 15 ft (4.6 m)	I	No	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	21.4.1.2(a)	E and F		Yes
	II	No	21.4.1.2(b)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	21.4.1.2(b)	E and F		Yes
	III	No	21.4.1.2(c)	E and F	Yes	No
		Yes	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.			
	IV	No	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	No	No
		Yes	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.			
Over 15 ft (4.6 m) up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	I	No	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA	NA
		Yes				
	II	No				
		Yes				
	III	No				
		Yes				
	IV	No				
		Yes				
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	I	No	In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.	NA	NA	NA
		Yes				
	II	No				
		Yes				
	III	No				
		Yes				
	IV	No				
		Yes				

NA: Not applicable.

- (1) An extended coverage sprinkler with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) listed for storage occupancies shall be provided.
- (2) The storage height shall not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).
- (3) The ceiling height shall not exceed 22 ft (6.7 m) in the protected area.
- (4) Gondola rack structure shall not exceed 48 in. (1200 mm) in aggregate depth or 78 in. (1950 mm) in height.
- (5) A minimum aisle of 5 ft (1.5 m) between storage shall be maintained.
- (6) Rack lengths shall be no more than 70 ft (21 m).

21.9.3 A wet system designed to meet two separate design points — 0.425 gpm/ft² (17.3 mm/min) density over 2000 ft² (185 m²) and 0.50 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min) density for the four hydraulically most demanding sprinklers with 500 gpm (1900 L/min) hose stream allowance for a 2-hour duration — shall be permitted in solid steel cantilever-style retail shelving racks (gondola racks) when the following conditions are met:

- (1) An extended coverage sprinkler with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) listed for storage occupancies shall be provided.
- (2) Storage height shall not exceed 15 ft (4.6 m).

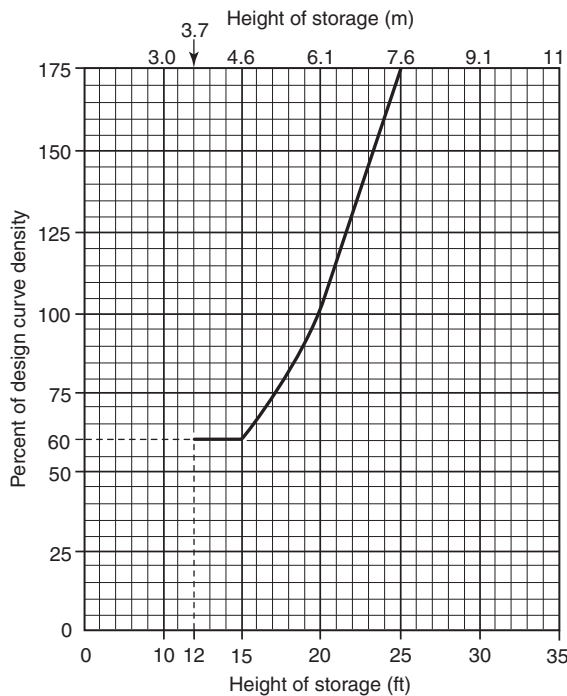


FIGURE 21.4.1.4.1 Ceiling Sprinkler Density vs. Storage Height.

- (3) Ceiling height shall not exceed 25 ft (7.6 m) in the protected area.
- (4) Gondola rack structure shall not exceed 60 in. (1500 mm) in aggregate depth or 8 ft (2.4 m) in height.
- (5) A perforated metal deck at the 8 ft (2.4 m) level shall be permissible with storage placed on top with or without flue spaces to a maximum height from floor of 15 ft (4.6 m).
- (6) Rack lengths shall not exceed 70 ft (21 m).
- (7) A minimum aisle space of 6 ft (1.8 m) shall be provided.

21.9.4 A wet pipe system designed to meet two separate design points — 0.45 gpm/ft² (18.3 mm/min) density over 2000 ft² (185 m²) and 0.55 gpm/ft² (22.4 mm/min) density for the four hydraulically most demanding sprinklers with 500 gpm (1900 L/min) hose stream allowance for a 2-hour duration — shall be permitted without the use of in-rack sprinklers when the following conditions are met:

- (1) An extended coverage sprinkler with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) listed for storage occupancies shall be provided.
- (2) Storage height shall not exceed 15 ft (4.6 m).
- (3) Ceiling height shall not exceed 25 ft (7.6 m).
- (4) Shelving structure shall not exceed 48 in. (1200 mm) aggregate depth or 12 ft (3.7 m) in height.
- (5) Shelving shall be permitted to be made of solid particle-board.
- (6) A minimum aisle space of 3 ft (900 mm) shall be maintained.
- (7) Shelving length shall be a maximum of 70 ft (21 m).

21.9.5 A wet pipe system designed to meet two separate design points — 0.38 gpm/ft² (15.5 mm/min) density over 2000 ft² (185 m²) and 0.45 gpm/ft² (18.3 mm/min) density for the four

hydraulically most demanding sprinklers with 500 gpm (1900 L/min) hose stream allowance for a 2-hour duration — shall be permitted without the use of in-rack sprinklers in steel retail sales floor shelving racks where the following conditions are met:

- (1) An extended coverage sprinkler with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) listed for storage occupancies shall be provided.
- (2) Storage height shall not exceed 14 ft (4.3 m).
- (3) Ceiling height shall not exceed 20 ft (6.1 m).
- (4) Solid metal shelving shall be permissible up to the 72 in. (1800 mm) level and wire shelving shall be permissible up to the 10 ft (3.0 m) level.
- (5) The solid metal shelving shall not exceed 66 in. (1650 mm) in aggregate depth with a 6 in. (150 mm) longitudinal flue between two 30 in. (750 mm) deep shelves.
- (6) A minimum aisle space of 5 ft (1.5 m) shall be maintained.
- (7) A minimum longitudinal flue of 6 in. (150 mm) shall be maintained.
- (8) Rack length shall be a maximum of 70 ft (21 m).

21.9.6 A wet pipe system designed to meet two separate design points — 0.49 gpm/ft² (20 mm/min) density over 2000 ft² (185 m²) and 0.55 gpm/ft² (22.4 mm/min) density for the four hydraulically most demanding sprinklers with 500 gpm (1900 L/min) hose stream allowance for a 2-hour duration — shall be permitted without the use of in-rack sprinklers in retail solid shelved steel rack structure when the following conditions are met:

- (1) An extended coverage sprinkler with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) listed for storage occupancies shall be provided.
- (2) Storage height shall not exceed 16.5 ft (5 m).
- (3) Ceiling height shall not exceed 22 ft (6.7 m).
- (4) Shelving structure shall not exceed 51 in. (1275 mm) aggregate depth or 148 in. (3700 mm) in height.
- (5) The intersection of perpendicular steel racks shall be permissible as long as no storage is placed within the void space at the junction of the racks.
- (6) The top shelf shall be wire mesh.
- (7) A minimum aisle width of 4 ft (1.2 m) shall be maintained between shelf units and other displays.

21.10* Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Baled Cotton Storage.

21.10.1 For tiered or rack storage up to a nominal 15 ft (4.6 m) in height, sprinkler discharge densities and areas of application shall be in accordance with Table 21.10.1.

21.10.2 Where roof or ceiling heights would prohibit storage above a nominal 10 ft (3 m), the sprinkler discharge density shall be permitted to be reduced by 20 percent of that indicated in Table 21.10.1 but shall not be reduced to less than 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min).

21.11 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Carton Records Storage with Catwalk Access.

21.11.1 Carton records storage shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with the succeeding subsections of Section 21.11.

Table 21.5.1.1 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks for Group A Plastic Commodities in Cartons Stored Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height

Commodity	Storage height ft (m)	Maximum Clearance from Top of Storage to Ceiling ft (m)	Maximum Ceiling Height ft (m)	Ceiling Sprinklers Density Clearance to Ceiling Up to 10 ft gpm/ft ² (mm/min)	Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Area ft ² (m ²)
Group A plastic commodities in cartons, encapsulated	5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.1)	<5 ft (1.5 m)	<15 ft (4.6 m)	0.30 gpm/ft ² (12.2 mm/min)	2000 ft ² (185 m ²)
		5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)	0.45 gpm/ft ² (18.3 mm/min)	
	15 ft (4.6 m)	≥5 ft (1.5 m)	22 ft (6.7 m)	0.45 gpm/ft ² (18.3 mm/min)	
		≤10 ft (3.1 m)	25 ft (7.6 m)	0.60 gpm/ft ² (24.5 mm/min)	
	20 ft (6.1 m)	<5 ft (1.5 m)	<25 ft (7.6 m)	0.60 gpm/ft ² (24.5 mm/min) ^{a,b}	
		5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.1 m)	27 ft (8.2 m)	0.60 gpm/ft ² (24.5 mm/min) ^a	
			30 ft (9.1 m)		
	25 ft (7.6 m)	<5 ft (1.5 m)	30 ft (9.1 m)	0.8 gpm/ft ² (32.6 mm/min) ^c	
		5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.1 m)	35 ft (11 m)		

^aCeiling-only protection is not permitted for this storage configuration except where K-11.2 or larger spray sprinklers listed for storage use are installed.

^bFor the protection of single- and double-row rack only.

^cCeiling-only protection shall not be permitted for this storage configuration except where K-16.8 spray sprinklers listed for storage use are installed.

Table 21.5.3 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastics

Commodity	Storage height ft (m)	Maximum Ceiling Height ft (m)	Ceiling Sprinklers Density Clearance to Ceiling Up to 10 ft gpm/ft ² (mm/min)	Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Area ft ² (m ²)
Exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic	10 ft (3.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)	0.80 gpm/ft ² (32.6 mm/min)	2500 ft ² (230 m ²)

Table 21.6.1(a) Protection Criteria for Rubber Tire Storage Using Control Mode Density/Area Sprinklers

Piling Method ^d	Pile Height [ft (m)]	Sprinkler Discharge Density ^a [gpm/ft ² (mm/min)]	Areas of Application ^a [ft ² (m ²)]	
			Ordinary Temperature	High Temperature ^a
(1) On-floor storage	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
(a) Pyramid piles, on-side	Over 5 (1.5) to 12 (3.7)	0.30 (12.2)	2500 (230)	2500 (230)
(b) Other arrangements such that no horizontal channels are formed ^b	Over 12 (3.7) to 18 (5.5)	0.60 (24.5)	Not allowed	2500 (230)
(2) On-floor storage Tires, on-tread	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
	Over 5 (1.5) to 12 (3.7)	0.30 (12.2)	2500 (230)	2500 (230)
(3) Palletized portable rack storage On-side or on-tread	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
	Over 5 (1.5) to 20 (6.1)	See Table 21.6.1(b)	—	—
	Over 20 (6.1) to 30 (9.1)	0.30 (12.2) plus high-expansion foam	3000 (280)	3000 (280)
(4) Palletized portable rack storage, on-side	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
	Over 5 (1.5) to 20 (6.1)	See Table 21.6.1(b)	—	—
	Over 20 (6.1) to 25 (7.6)	0.60 (24.5) and 0.90 (36.7) ^c or 0.75 (2.8) with 1-hour fire-resistive rating of roof and ceiling assembly	Not allowed Not allowed Not allowed	5000 (465) 3000 (280) 4000 (370)
(5) Open portable rack storage, on-side or on-tread	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
	Over 5 (1.5) to 12 (3.7)	0.60 (24.5)	5000 (465)	3000 (280)
	Over 12 (3.7) to 20 (6.1)	0.60 (24.5) and 0.90 (36.7) ^c or 0.30 (12.2) plus high-expansion foam	Not allowed Not allowed 3000 (280)	5000 (465) 3000 (280) 3000 (280)
(6) Open portable rack storage, laced	Over 12 (3.7) to 20 (6.1)	0.60 (24.5) and 0.90 (36.7) ^{c,e}	Not allowed Not allowed	5000 (465) 3000 (280)
(7) Single-, double-, and multiple-row fixed rack storage on pallets, on-side, or on-tread without shelves	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
	Over 5 (1.5) to 20 (6.1)	See Table 21.6.1(b) or 0.30 (12.2) plus high-expansion foam	3000 (280)	3000 (280)
	Over 20 (6.1) to 30 (9.1)	0.30 (12.2) plus high-expansion foam	Not allowed	3000 (280)
(8) Single-, double-, and multiple-row fixed rack storage without pallets or shelves, on-side or on-tread	Up to 5 (1.5)	0.19 (7.7)	2000 (185)	2000 (185)
	Over 5 (1.5) to 12 (3.7)	0.60 (24.5)	5000 (465)	3000 (280)
	Over 12 (3.7) to 20 (6.1)	0.60 (24.5) and 0.90 (36.7) ^c or 0.30 (12.2) plus high-expansion foam	Not allowed Not allowed 3000 (280)	5000 (465) 3000 (280) 3000 (280)
	Over 20 (6.1) to 30 (9.1)	0.30 (12.2) plus high-expansion foam	Not allowed	3000 (280)

Note: Shelf storage of rubber tires shall be protected as solid rack shelving.

^aSprinkler discharge densities and areas of application are based on a maximum clearance to ceiling of 10 ft (3.0 m) with the maximum height of storage anticipated.

^bLaced tires on-floor; vertical stacking on-side (typical truck tires), and off-road tires. Laced tires are not stored to a significant height by this method due to the damage inflicted on the tire (i.e., bead).

^cWater supply shall fulfill both requirements.

^dShelf storage of rubber tires shall be protected as solid rack shelving.

^eThis protection scheme is for use with K-16.8 (240) or larger control mode sprinklers only. Maximum clearance to ceiling can be increased to 14 ft (4.3 m) with this scheme.

Table 21.6.1(b) Control Mode Density/Area Sprinklers System Density (gpm/ft²) for Palletized Portable Rack Storage and Fixed Rack Storage of Rubber Tires with Pallets Over 5 ft (1.5 m) to 20 ft (3.7 m) in Height

Storage Height [ft (m)]	Sprinkler Temperature	
	High Temperature	Ordinary Temperature
>5 to 10 (1.5 to 3.0)	0.32/2000 (13.0/185)	0.32/2000 (13.0/185)
>10 to 12 (3.0 to 3.7)	0.39/2000 (15.9/185)	0.39/2600 (15.9/270)
>12 to 14 (3.7 to 4.3)	0.45/2000 (18.3/185)	0.45/3200 (18.3/280)
>14 to 16 (4.3 to 4.9)	0.5/2300 (20.4/ 215)	0.5/3700 (20.4/320)
>16 to 18 (4.9 to 5.5)	0.55/2600 (22.4/270)	0.55/4400 (22.4/380)
>18 to 20 (5.5 to 6.1)	0.6/3000 (24.5/260)	0.6/5000 (24.5/465)

Table 21.7.3(a) Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Roll Paper Storage for Buildings or Structures with Roof or Ceilings Up to 30 ft (Discharge Densities are gpm/ft² over ft²)

Storage Height (ft)	Ceiling (ft)	Heavyweight					Mediumweight				Tissue All Storage Arrays
		Closed Array Banded or Unbanded	Standard Array		Open Array		Closed Array Banded or Unbanded	Standard Array		Open Array Banded or Unbanded	
			Banded	Unbanded	Banded	Unbanded		Banded	Unbanded		
10	≤5	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.45/2000	
10	>5	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.45/2500	
15	≤5	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2500	0.3/3000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.45/2500	0.45/2500	0.60/2000
15	>5	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/3000	0.3/3500	0.3/2000	0.3/2500	0.45/3000	0.45/3000	0.60/3000
20	≤5	0.3/2000	0.3/2000	0.3/2500	0.45/3000	0.45/3500	0.3/2000	0.45/2500	0.6/2500	0.6/2500	0.75/2500
20	>5	0.3/2000	0.3/2500	0.3/3000	0.45/3500	0.45/4000	0.3/2500	0.45/3000	0.6/3000	0.6/3000	0.75/3000
25	≤5	0.45/2500	0.45/3000	0.45/3500	0.6/2500	0.6/3000	0.45/3000	0.6/3000	0.75/2500	0.75/2500	see Note 1

Notes:

- (1) Sprinkler protection requirements for tissue stored above 20 ft have not been determined.
 (2) Densities or areas, or both, shall be permitted to be interpolated between any 5 ft storage height increment.

Table 21.7.3(b) Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for the Protection of Roll Paper Storage for Buildings or Structures with Roof or Ceilings Up to 9.1 m (Discharge Densities are mm/min over m²)

Storage Height (m)	Ceiling (m)	Heavyweight					Mediumweight				Tissue All Storage Arrays
		Closed Array Banded or Unbanded	Standard Array		Open Array		Closed Array Banded or Unbanded	Standard Array		Open Array Banded or Unbanded	
			Banded	Unbanded	Banded	Unbanded		Banded	Unbanded		
3.0	≤1.5	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	18.3/185
3.0	>1.5	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	18.3/230
4.6	≤1.5	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/230	12.2/280	12.2/185	12.2/185	18.3/230	18.3/230	24.5/185
4.6	>1.5	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/280	12.2/330	12.2/185	12.2/230	18.3/280	18.3/280	24.5/280
6.1	≤1.5	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/230	18.3/280	18.3/325	12.2/185	18.3/230	24.5/230	24.5/230	31.0/230
6.1	>1.5	12.2/185	12.2/185	12.2/280	18.3/230	18.3/230	12.2/230	18.3/280	24.5/280	24.5/280	30.6/280
7.6	≤1.5	18.3/230	18.3/230	18.3/230	24.5/230	24.5/280	18.3/280	24.5/280	31.0/230	31.0/230	<i>see Note 1</i>

Notes:

- (1) Sprinkler protection requirements for tissue stored above 6.1 m have not been determined.
 (2) Densities or areas, or both, shall be permitted to be interpolated between any 1.5 m storage height increment.

Table 21.10.1 Baled Cotton Storage Up to and Including 15 ft (4.6 m)

System Type	Discharge Density per Area [gpm/ft ² over ft ² (mm/min over m ²)]		
	Tiered Storage	Rack Storage	Untiered Storage
Wet	0.25/3000 (10.2/280)	0.33/3000 (13.4/280)	0.15/3000 (6.1/280)
Dry	0.25/3900 (10.2/360)	0.33/3900 (13.4/360)	0.15/3900 (6.1/360)

21.11.2 Carton records storage shall be permitted to be supported on shelving that is a minimum of 50 percent open from approved flue space to approved flue space.

21.11.2.1 Transverse flue spaces of a nominal 6 in. (150 mm) width shall be located at each rack upright.

21.11.2.2 Rack uprights shall be installed on a maximum of 10 ft 6 in. (3.2 m) centers.

21.11.2.3 Longitudinal flues shall not be required.

21.11.3 The storage rack structure for carton records storage shall consist of either of the following:

- (1) A single-row rack not greater than 72 in. (1800 mm) deep
- (2) Double-row racks having a total depth of not greater than 102 in. (2550 mm) aisle to aisle

21.11.3.1 Each storage rack shall be separated from other storage racks by aisles that are not less than 30 in. (750 mm) and not more than 36 in. (900 mm) in width.

21.11.3.2 Aisles used for ingress and egress shall be permitted to be up to 44 in. (1100 mm) wide when solid decking is used.

21.11.4 Catwalk aisles between racks shall be constructed of open metal grating that is at least 50 percent open.

21.11.4.1 Catwalk aisles at the ends of racks shall be permitted to be constructed of solid materials.

21.11.5 Catwalks shall be installed at a maximum of 12 ft (3.7 m) apart vertically.

21.11.6 Sprinkler Criteria.

21.11.6.1 Cartoned record storage in racks with access utilizing catwalks shall be protected in accordance with this subsection.

21.11.6.2 The design criteria for the ceiling sprinkler system shall be in accordance with Table 21.11.6.2.

21.11.6.2.1 Ceiling sprinklers spaced to cover a maximum of 100 ft² (9 m²) shall be standard-response spray sprinklers with K-factors in accordance with Section 21.1.

21.11.6.3 Intermediate-level sprinklers shall be installed at each catwalk level in accordance with 21.11.6.3.1 through 21.11.6.3.4 and shall be quick-response, ordinary temperature, nominal K-5.6 (80), K-8.0 (115), or K-11.2 (160).

21.11.6.3.1 Intermediate-level sprinklers shall be installed in the center ±4 in. (100 mm) of each aisle below each catwalk level.

21.11.6.3.2 Intermediate-level sprinklers shall be installed a minimum 6 in. (150 mm) above the top of storage.

21.11.6.3.3 Sprinklers shall be supplied from the in-rack sprinkler system.

21.11.6.3.4 Spacing of sprinklers within the aisles shall be located so as to align with the transverse flues and the center of the storage unit when staggered and shall not exceed 10 ft 6 in. (3.2 m) on center.

21.11.6.3.5* Sprinklers installed below each catwalk level shall be staggered vertically and horizontally. [See Figure A.21.11.6.3.5(a) and Figure A.21.11.6.3.5(b).]

21.11.6.4 Sprinklers shall be provided in transverse flue spaces in accordance with 21.11.6.4.1 through 21.11.6.4.3.1 and Figure 21.11.6.4.

21.11.6.4.1 For double- and multiple-row racks, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed in the transverse flues at each catwalk level and shall be staggered vertically. For single-row racks, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed in the transverse flue at each catwalk level.

21.11.6.4.2 For double- and multiple-row racks sprinklers installed in the transverse flues shall be located not less than 18 in. (450 mm) but not greater than 24 in. (600 mm) from the face of the rack on the catwalk side.

21.11.6.4.3 For single-row racks, sprinklers installed in the transverse flues shall be staggered horizontally such that the sprinkler at first level is not less than 18 in. (450 mm) but not greater than 24 in. (600 mm) from the face of the rack on the catwalk side.

21.11.6.4.3.1 At the next level the sprinkler in the transverse flue shall be located not less than 6 in. (150 mm) but not greater than 12 in. (300 mm) from the back face of the rack. This staggering shall be repeated throughout all catwalk levels.

21.11.6.4.4 In-rack sprinklers shall be installed a minimum 6 in. (150 mm) above the top of storage.

21.11.6.4.5 Transverse flue sprinklers shall be quick-response, ordinary temperature, nominal K-5.6 (80), K-8.0 (115), or K-11.2 (160) and installed in accordance with Figure A.21.11.6.3.5(a) and Figure A.21.11.6.3.5(b).

Table 21.11.6.2 Ceiling Sprinkler Design Criteria for Carton Record Storage

	Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) High Storage		Over 25 ft (7.6 m) High Storage	
	Ordinary Temperature	High Temperature	Ordinary Temperature	High Temperature
Density gpm/ft ² mm/min	0.33 13.4	0.29 11.8	0.3 12.2	0.4 16.3
Area ft ² m ²	2000 185	2000 185	2000 185	2000 185
Hose Allowance gpm L/m	500 1900	500 1900	500 1900	500 1900
Duration hours	2	2	2	2

21.11.6.5 For multiple-level catwalk systems, a minimum of 10 sprinklers, five on each of the top two levels, shall be calculated with a minimum flow rate of 30 gpm (115 L/min) per sprinkler. Calculated sprinklers shall be the hydraulically most demanding on each level.

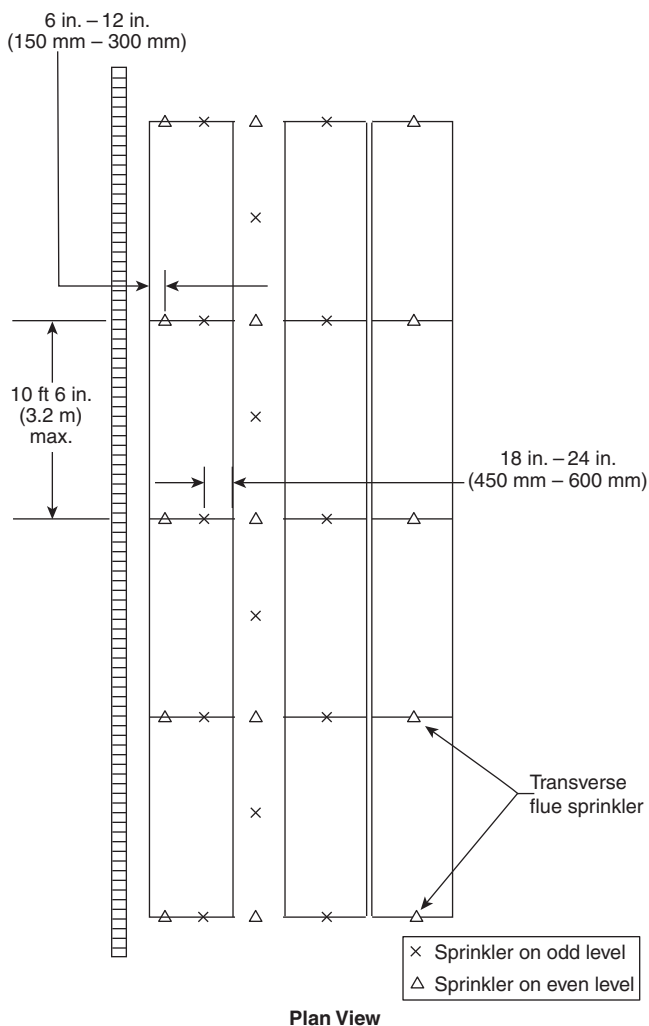


FIGURE 21.11.6.4 Sprinkler Location and Spacing in Transverse Flues.

21.11.6.5.1 For single-level catwalks, a minimum of six sprinklers shall be calculated with a minimum flow rate at 30 gpm (115 L/min) per sprinkler. Calculated sprinklers shall be the hydraulically most demanding.

21.11.6.5.2 The in-rack sprinkler system shall be balanced in with the ceiling system.

21.12 Control Mode Density/Area Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Compact Storage of Commodities Consisting of Paper Files, Magazines, Books, and Similar Documents in Folders and Miscellaneous Supplies with No More Than 5 Percent Plastics Up to 8 ft (2.4 m) High.

21.12.1* Compact storage modules up to 8 ft (2.4 m) high storing commodities consisting of paper files, magazines, books, and similar documents in folders and miscellaneous supplies with no more than 5 percent plastics shall be permitted to be classified as light hazard.

21.12.2 The top of the compact storage module shall be at least 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector.

21.12.3 Sprinklers shall be ordinary temperature, quick-response, standard spray upright or pendent.

21.12.4 The compact storage module shall be provided with minimum solid steel 24 gauge (0.63 mm) metal longitudinal barriers installed every third carriage.

21.12.5* Solid 24 gauge (0.63 mm) metal transverse barriers shall be spaced not more than 4 ft (1.2 m) apart.

21.12.6 Compact storage module sizes shall not exceed 250 ft² (23 m²).

21.12.6.1 The size of a module shall be defined as the area of compact storage bound by the length of the carriages times the distance between longitudinal barriers or to the outward edge of a fixed storage unit in the module, including the width of the aisle in the module.

21.12.6.2 The lengths of the carriages shall be measured to the end of the carriages enclosed by solid metal transverse panels and separated by a minimum 28 in. (700 mm) aisle to a storage unit perpendicular to the carriage.

Chapter 22 CMSA Requirements for Storage Applications

22.1 General. The criteria in Chapter 20 shall apply to storage protected with CMSA sprinklers.

22.1.1 Quick-response CMSA sprinklers designed to meet any criteria in Chapter 20 through Chapter 25 shall be permitted to protect any of the following:

- (1) Light hazard occupancies
- (2) Ordinary hazard occupancies

22.1.2 Standard-response CMSA sprinklers designed to meet any criteria in Chapter 20 through Chapter 25 shall be permitted to protect ordinary hazard occupancies.

22.1.3 When using CMSA, the design area shall meet the requirements of 27.2.4.3.1.

22.1.4 Protection shall be provided as specified in this chapter or appropriate NFPA standards in terms of minimum operating pressure and the number of sprinklers to be included in the design area.

22.1.5 Open Wood Joist Construction.

22.1.5.1 Where CMSA sprinklers are installed under open wood joist construction, one of the following shall be provided:

- (1) A minimum pressure of 50 psi (3.4 bar) for K-11.2 (160) sprinklers
- (2) A minimum pressure of 22 psi (1.5 bar) for K-16.8 (240) sprinklers
- (3) The pressure from Table 22.4 for K-19.6 (280) or larger sprinkler.
- (4) The pressure from Table 22.4 for K-11.2 (160) or K-16.8 (240) where each joist channel is fully separated with material equal to the joist material to its full depth at intervals not exceeding 20 ft (6.1 m).

22.1.5.2 Preaction Systems.

22.1.5.2.1 For the purpose of using Table 22.2, preaction systems shall be classified as dry pipe systems.

22.1.5.3 Building steel shall not require special protection where Table 22.2 are applied as appropriate for the storage configuration.

22.1.5.4* Storage Conditions. The design of the sprinkler system shall be based on those conditions that routinely or

periodically exist in a building and create the greatest water demand, which include the following:

- (1) Pile height
- (2) Clearance to ceiling
- (3) Pile stability
- (4) Array

22.1.6* The ceiling design criteria for single-, double-, and multiple-row racks in Chapter 22 shall be based on open rack configurations as defined in 3.3.140.

22.1.7 CMSA sprinklers shall not be permitted to protect storage on solid shelf racks unless the solid shelf racks are protected with in-rack sprinklers in accordance with Chapter 25.

22.1.8 Protection criteria for Group A plastics shall be permitted for the protection of the same storage height and configuration of Class I, II, III, and IV commodities.

22.2 Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities. Protection of palletized and solid-piled storage of Class I through Class IV commodities shall be in accordance with Table 22.2.

22.3 Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Nonexpanded and Expanded Group A Plastic Commodities. Protection of palletized and solid-piled storage of nonexpanded and expanded Group A plastic commodities shall be in accordance with Table 22.3.

22.4 Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Rack Storage for Class I Through Class IV Commodities. Protection of single-, double-, and multiple-row rack storage for Class I through Class IV commodities shall be in accordance with Table 22.4.

22.5 Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks of Group A Plastic Commodities. Protection of single-, double-, and multiple-row rack storage for nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities shall be in accordance with Table 22.5.

N 22.6 Rubber Tires. Protection of rubber tires with CMSA sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 22.6.

22.7 Roll Paper Storage. Protection of roll paper storage with CMSA sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 22.7.

Table 22.2 CMSA Sprinkler Design Criteria for Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities (Encapsulated and Nonencapsulated)

Configuration	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
Palletized	Class I or II	25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	10	0.7
							Dry	25	15	1.0
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	15	1.0
							Dry	25	15	1.0
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		30	9.1	35	11	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		35	11	40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
	Class III	25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	15	1.0
							Dry	25	15	1.0
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	15	1.0
							Dry	25	15	1.0
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		30	9.1	35	11	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		35	11	40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6

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Table 22.2 *Continued*

Configuration	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure			
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar		
	Class IV	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	20	25	1.7		
								15	50	3.4		
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	20	15	1.0		
								15	22	1.5		
						19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet	15	16	1.1		
						25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	10	0.7		
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
				25	7.6	30	9.1	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
		19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet					15	16	1.1		
		25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet					15	10	0.7		
		40	12			25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
		30	9.1	35	11	19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet	15	25	1.7		
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
		35	11	40	12	19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet	15	30	2.1		
						25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
		Solid piled	Class I or II	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
									Dry	25	25	1.7
								16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	10	0.7
									Dry	25	15	1.0
								19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet	15	16	1.1
25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet							15	10	0.7		
40	12					25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
25	7.6					30	9.1	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	10	0.7
				19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet			15	16	1.1		
				25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet			15	10	0.7		
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
30	9.1			35	11	19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet	15	25	1.7		
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		
35	11			40	12	19.6 (280) Pendant	Wet	15	30	2.1		
						25.2 (360) Pendant	Wet	15	23	1.6		

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Configuration	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
	Class III	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	15	1.0
							Dry	25	15	1.0
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		30	9.1	35	11	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		35	11	40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
	Class IV	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		30	9.1	35	11	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		35	11	40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6

Table 22.3 CMSA Sprinkler Design Criteria for Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		K-Factor/Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
Palletized	Cartoned nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
		25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
		30	9.1	35	11	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
		35	11	40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
Solid piled	Cartoned nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
						11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4
				40	12	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
		25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
		30	9.1	35	11	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
		35	11	40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
Palletized	Exposed nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	25	25	1.7
	Cartoned or exposed expanded plastics	18	5.5	26	7.9	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4
Solid piled	Cartoned or exposed nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	30	9.1	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
		25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4

Table 22.4 CMSA Sprinkler Design Criteria for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities (Encapsulated and Nonencapsulated)

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	Class I or II	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	10	0.7
							Dry	25	15	1.0
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	20	25	1.7
							Dry	30	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	10	0.7
							Dry	30	15	1.0
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
	Class III	20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	25	1.7
							Dry	25	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	15	1.0
							Dry	25	15	1.0
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				40	12	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Dry	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
							Dry	*	NA	NA
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Dry	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Dry	*	NA	NA
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6

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Table 22.4 *Continued*

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
	Class IV	20	6.1	25	7.6	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
				30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	20	50	3.4
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
				35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
				40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6

NA: Not applicable

*In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.

Table 22.5 CMSA Sprinkler Design Criteria for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks of Group A Plastic Commodities Stored Up to and Including 35 ft (11 m) in Height

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	Cartoned nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	25	7.6	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
				30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	30	50	3.4
							Wet	20	75	5.2
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15†	22	1.5
		25	7.6	30	9.1	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15†	22	1.5
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	16	1.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	10	0.7
		25	7.6	35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Wet	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Wet	*	NA	NA
						19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
		30	9.1	35	11	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	25	1.7
		35	10.6	40	12	19.6 (280) Pendent	Wet	15	30	2.1
						25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	15	23	1.6
	Exposed nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	25	7.6	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	50	3.4
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	22	1.5
		20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	30	50	3.4
							Wet	20	75	5.2
		25	7.6	30	9.1	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15†	22	1.5
						11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
		25	7.6	35	11	16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15†	22	1.5
						11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Wet	*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	*	NA	NA
							Wet	*	NA	NA

NA: Not applicable

*In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.

†Limited to single- and double-row racks with minimum 8 ft (2.4 m) aisles.

Table 22.6 Control Mode Specific Application (CMSA) Protection for Rubber Tires

Piling Method	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		K-Factor	Type of System	Number of Sprinklers	Operating Pressure
	ft	m	ft	m				
Rubber tire storage, on-side or on-tread, in palletized portable racks, or open portable racks, or fixed racks without solid shelves	25	7.6	32	10	11.2 (160)	Wet	15	75 psi (5.2 bar)
	25	7.6	32	10	16.8 (240)	Wet	15	35 psi (2.4 bar)

Table 22.7 Control Mode Specific Application (CMSA) Protection of Roll Paper Storage [Number of Sprinklers at Operating Pressure, psi (bar)]

Storage Height		Maximum Building Height		Nominal K-Factor	Type of System	Heavyweight					Mediumweight					Tissue All Storage Arrays
						Closed Array	Standard Array		Open Array		Closed Array	Standard Array		Open Array		
						Banded or Unbanded	Banded	Unbanded	Banded	Unbanded	Banded or Unbanded	Banded	Unbanded	Banded	Unbanded	
ft	m	ft	m			15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	NA	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	NA	NA	See Note NA
20	6.1	30	9.1	11.2 (160)	Dry	25 at 50(3.4)	25 at 50(3.4)	25 at 50(3.4)	NA	NA	25 at 50(3.4)	25 at 50(3.4)	25 at 50(3.4)	NA	NA	
26	7.9	60	18	11.2 (160)	Wet	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	15 at 50(3.4)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20	6.1	30	9.1	16.8 (240)	Wet	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	NA	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	NA	NA	See Note NA
20	6.1	30	9.1	16.8 (240)	Dry	25 at 22(1.5)	25 at 22(1.5)	25 at 22(1.5)	NA	NA	25 at 22(1.5)	25 at 22(1.5)	25 at 22(1.5)	NA	NA	NA
26	7.9	60	18	16.8 (240)	Wet	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	15 at 22(1.5)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note: Base design on 25 sprinklers at 75 psi (5.2 bar) for K-11.2 (160) sprinklers or 25 sprinklers at 35 psi (240) for K-16.8 (240) sprinklers when storage is in closed or standard array; other arrays not applicable (NA).

Chapter 23 ESFR Requirements for Storage Applications

23.1 General. The criteria in Chapter 20 shall apply to storage protected with ESFR sprinklers.

23.1.1 ESFR sprinklers designed to meet any criteria in this chapter shall be permitted to protect any of the following:

- (1) Light hazard occupancies
- (2) Ordinary hazard occupancies
- (3) Any storage arrangement OH1, OH2, EH1, and EH2 design criteria

N 23.1.2 Draft Curtains.

N 23.1.2.1 Where ESFR sprinkler systems are installed adjacent to sprinkler systems with standard-response sprinklers, a draft curtain of noncombustible construction and at least 2 ft (600 mm) in depth shall be required to separate the two areas.

N 23.1.2.2 A clear aisle of at least 4 ft (1.2 m) centered below the draft curtain shall be maintained for separation.

23.1.3 ESFR sprinkler systems shall be designed such that the minimum operating pressure is not less than that indicated in Table 23.3.1 for commodity, storage height, and building height involved.

N 23.1.4 The ceiling design criteria for single-, double-, and multiple-row racks in Chapter 23 shall be based on open-rack configurations as defined in 3.3.140.

N 23.1.4.1 ESFR sprinklers shall not be permitted to protect storage on solid shelf racks unless the solid shelf racks are protected with in-rack sprinklers in accordance with Chapter 25.

23.1.4.2 ESFR sprinklers shall not be permitted to protect storage with open-top containers.

23.1.4.3 ESFR sprinkler shall be designed such that the minimum operating pressure is not less than that indicated in this chapter for type of storage, commodity, storage height, and building height involved.

N 23.2 ESFR Design Criteria. ESFR design criteria shall be selected from Section 23.3 through Section 23.13.

23.3 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinklers for Palletized or Solid-Piled Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities.

23.3.1 Protection of palletized and solid-piled storage of Class I through Class IV commodities shall be in accordance with Table 23.3.1.

23.4 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinklers for Palletized or Solid-Piled Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities.

N 23.4.1* Storage Conditions. The design of the sprinkler system shall be based on those conditions that routinely or periodically exist in a building and create the greatest water demand, which include the following:

- (1) Pile height
- (2) Clearance to ceiling
- (3) Pile stability
- (4) Array

23.4.2 Protection of palletized and solid-piled storage of cartoned or exposed nonexpanded plastic and cartoned expanded or exposed expanded plastic shall be in accordance with Table 23.4.2.

23.5 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinklers for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities.

23.5.1 Protection of single-, double-, and multiple-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities shall be in accordance with Table 23.5.1.

23.6 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinklers for Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities.

23.6.1 Protection of single-, double-, and multiple-row rack storage of cartoned or exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic and cartoned expanded Group A plastic shall be in accordance with Table 23.6.1.

23.6.1.1 ESFR protection as defined shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Rack storage involving solid shelves, except as permitted by 23.6.1.2
- (2) Rack storage involving open-top cartons or containers

23.6.1.2 ESFR sprinklers shall not be permitted to protect storage on solid shelf racks unless the solid shelf racks are protected with in-rack sprinklers in accordance with Section 25.6.

23.6.2 ESFR sprinkler systems shall be designed such that the minimum operating pressure is not less than that indicated in Table 23.6.1 for type of storage, commodity, storage height, and building height involved.

23.6.3 The design area shall consist of the most hydraulically demanding area of 12 sprinklers, consisting of four sprinklers on each of three branch lines.

23.7* Protection of Exposed Expanded Group A Plastics.

23.7.1 Protection of single-, double-, and multiple-row rack storage of exposed expanded Group A plastics shall be permitted to be in accordance with 23.7.2 through 23.7.8.

23.7.2 The maximum storage height shall be 35 ft (11 m).

23.7.3 The maximum ceiling height shall be 40 ft (12 m).

23.7.4 Sprinklers shall be intermediate temperature-rated ESFR pendent sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360).

N 23.7.4.1 The maximum sprinkler deflector distance below the ceiling shall be 14 in. (350 mm).

23.7.5 The design area shall consist of the most hydraulically demanding area of 12 sprinklers.

23.7.6 The minimum operating pressure shall be either 30 psi (2.0 bar) or 60 psi (4.1 bar) based upon the applicable storage and ceiling height for the installation as follows:

- (1) 30 psi (2.0 bar) for storage heights up to 25 ft (7.6 m) with a maximum ceiling height of 30 ft (9.1 m)
- (2) 60 psi (4.1 bar) for storage heights up to 35 ft (11 m) with a maximum ceiling height of 40 ft (12 m)

Table 23.3.1 ESFR Protection of Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities

Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
	ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
Class I, II, III, or IV, encapsulated and nonencapsulated (no open-top containers)	20	6.1	25	7.6	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
					16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
					22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
					25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1.0
	25	7.6	30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
					16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
					22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
					25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1.0
			32	10	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	60	4.1
					16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	42	2.9
					14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
					16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
	30	9.1	35	11	22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
					25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
	35	11	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
					22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
					25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
	35	11	45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
					25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
	40	12	45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
					25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7

23.7.7 The minimum aisle width shall be 8 ft (2.4 m).

23.7.8 The rack shall have a solid vertical barrier of $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) plywood or particleboard, .78 mm sheet metal, or equivalent, from face of rack to face of rack, spaced at a maximum of 16.5 ft (5.0 m) intervals.

23.7.8.1 The vertical barrier shall extend from a maximum of 4 in. (100 mm) above the floor to the maximum storage height.

23.7.8.2 The plan area of storage between vertical barriers and aisles shall not exceed 124 ft² (12 m²).

23.7.8.3 The vertical barrier shall extend across the longitudinal flue.

23.7.8.4 Commodity shall be permitted to extend a nominal 4 in. (102 mm) beyond the vertical barrier at the aisle.

23.8 ESFR Protection of Rack Storage of Rubber Tires. Sprinkler discharge and area of application shall be in accordance with Table 23.8.

23.9 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinklers for Protection of Roll Paper Storage. Where automatic sprinkler system protection utilizes ESFR sprinklers, hydraulic design criteria shall be as specified in Table 23.9. Design discharge pressure shall be applied to 12 operating sprinklers.

23.10 Plastic Motor Vehicle Components. Group A plastic automotive components and associated packaging material shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Table 23.10.

Table 23.4.2 ESFR Protection of Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
Palletized and solid-piled storage (no open-top containers)	Cartoned nonexpanded plastic	20	6.1	25	7.6	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1.0
				30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1.0
				35	11	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1.0
				32	10	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	42	2.9
				35	11	14.0 (200)	Upright or pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
		30	9.1	35	11	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7

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Table 23.4.2 *Continued*

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
		35	10.7	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
		40	12.2	45	14	22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
	Exposed nonexpanded plastic	20	6.1	25	7.6	14.0 (200)	Pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	35	2.4
				30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	35	2.4
				35	11	14.0 (200)	Pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	35	2.4
				32	9.7	14.0 (200)	Pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	42	2.9
				35	11	14.0 (200)	Pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
		30	9.1	35	11	14.0 (200)	Pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
		35	11	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
	Cartoned expanded plastic	20	6.1	25	7.6	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
				30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
				32	10	14.0 (200)	Pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	42	2.9
	Exposed* expanded plastic	25	7.6	40	12	25.2 (360)	Pendent	60	4.1

*Applies to closed array storage only.

Table 23.5.1 ESFR Sprinkler Protection of Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
Single-row, double-row, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	Class I, II, III, or IV, encapsulated or nonencapsulated	20	6.1	25	7.6	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1
				30	9.1	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1
				35	11	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.8
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1.0
				32	10	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	42	2.9
				35	11	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.8

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Table 23.5.1 *Continued*

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row rack (no open-top containers)	Class I, II, III, or IV, encapsulated or nonencapsulated	30	9.1	35	11	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.8
		35	10.7	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.8
		40	12	45	14	16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.8
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.8

*In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.

NA: Not applicable.

N 23.11 Sprinkler Design Criteria for Storage and Display of Class I Through Class IV Commodities, Cartoned Nonexpanded Group A Plastics and Nonexpanded Exposed Group A Plastics in Retail Stores.

N 23.11.1 A sprinkler system with K-25.2 (360) ESFR sprinklers operating at a minimum pressure of 15 psi (1 bar) shall be permitted to protect single- and double-row racks with solid displays without the use of in-rack sprinklers in retail sales floors where the following conditions are met:

- (1) Storage height shall not exceed 20 ft (6.1 m).
- (2) Solid veneered particleboard/plywood displays shall be permissible, provided that all flues are maintained and only one display is installed per bay.
- (3) A single display shall be permitted to have one or two solid horizontal or slanted members, and a solid back.
- (4) Maximum roof height shall be 30 ft (9.14 m) in the protected area.
- (5) Aisle widths shall be a minimum of 6 ft (1.8 m).
- (6) Minimum transverse flue spaces of 3 in. every 10 ft (76 mm every 3.05 m) horizontally shall be provided.
- (7) Minimum longitudinal flue spaces of 6 in. (150 mm) shall be provided for double-row racks.
- (8) Maximum roof height shall be 30 ft (9.1 m) in the protected area.

- (9) Maximum storage height shall be 22 ft (6.7 m).
- (10) Aisle widths shall be a minimum of 8 ft (2.4 m).
- (11) Minimum transverse flue spaces of 3 in. every 10 ft (75 mm every 3 m) horizontally shall be provided.
- (12) Minimum longitudinal flue spaces of 6 in. (150 mm) shall be provided for double-row racks.
- (13) Storage in the aisle shall be permissible, provided the aisle storage is no more than 4 ft (1.2 m) high and a minimum clear aisle of 4 ft (1.2 m) is maintained.

23.12 Protection of High Bay Records Storage.

23.12.1* Mobile High Bay Records Storage. The requirements in this section shall be permitted to apply to ceiling-only sprinkler protection of paper products, including paper files, magazines, books, and similar paper documents in corrugated containers either closed or open top, to include corrugated totes, with no more than 5 percent plastics stored in mobile shelving units greater than 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to 34 ft (10 m) high and up to 30 shelving units (storage tiers) high, when the shelving unit structure meets all of the requirements in 23.12.3.

23.12.2 Fixed High Bay Records Storage. High bay record storage shall be permitted to be fixed in place when meeting the limitations of 23.12.1 and 23.12.3.

Table 23.6.1 ESFR Protection of Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	Cartoned nonexpanded	20	6.1	25	7.6	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1
				30	9.1	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1
				35	11	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	25	1.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	15	1
				32	10	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	42	2.9
				35	11	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7

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Table 23.6.1 *Continued*

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
		30	9.1	35	11	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	35	2.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	20	1.4
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
		35	11	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	25	1.7
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
		40	12	45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	40	2.7
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	40	2.7
	Cartoned expanded	20	6.1	25	7.6	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
				30	9.1	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14 (200)	Upright/pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	35	2.4
				32	10	14 (200)	Pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	42	2.9

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Table 23.6.1 *Continued*

Storage Arrangement	Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		Nominal K-Factor	Orientation	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m			psi	bar
Exposed nonexpanded		20	6.1	25	7.6	14 (200)	Pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	35	2.4
				30	9.1	14 (200)	Pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	35	2.4
				35	11	14 (200)	Pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
		25	7.6	30	9.1	14 (200)	Pendent	50	3.4
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	35	2.4
				32	10	14 (200)	Pendent	60	4.1
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	42	2.9
				35	11	14 (200)	Pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
		30	9.1	35	10.7	14 (200)	Pendent	75	5.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
				40	11	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
				45	12	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
		35	11	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	52	3.6
						22.4 (320)	Pendent	50	3.4
						25.2 (360)	Pendent	50	3.4
				45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA
		40	12	45	14	14 (200)	Pendent*	NA	NA
						16.8 (240)	Pendent*	NA	NA

*In-rack sprinklers required. See Chapter 25.

NA: Not applicable.

Table 23.8 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinklers for Protection of Rubber Tires

Piling Method	Pile Height	Maximum Building Height		Nominal K-factor	Orientation	Number of Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure ^a	
		ft	m				psi	bar
Rubber tire storage, on-side or on-tread, in palletized portable racks, open portable racks, or fixed racks without solid shelves	Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)	30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	12 ^a	50	3.4
				16.8 (240)	Upright/pendent	12 ^a	35	2.4
				22.4 (320)	Pendent	12 ^a	25	1.7
				25.2 (360)	Pendent	12 ^a	15	1.0
Rubber tire storage, on-side, in palletized portable racks, open portable racks, or fixed racks without solid shelves	Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)	35	11	14.0 (200)	Upright/pendent	12 ^a	75	5.2
				16.8 (240)	Pendent	12 ^a	52	3.6
				22.4 (320)	Pendent	12 ^a	35	2.4
				25.2 (360)	Pendent	12 ^a	25	1.7
On-tread, on-side, and laced tires in open portable steel racks or palletized portable racks	Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)	30	9.1	14.0 (200)	Pendent	20 ^{b,c}	75	5.2
				16.8 (240)	Pendent	20 ^{b,c}	52	3.6
Rubber tire storage, on-side, in palletized portable racks	Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)	40	12	16.8 (240)	Pendent	12	52	3.6
Rubber tire storage, on-tread, or laced in open portable steel racks	Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)	40	12	25.2 (360)	Pendent	12	40	2.8
On-tread, on-side, and laced tires in open portable steel racks or palletized portable racks	Up to 30 ft (9.1 m)	40	12	25.2 (360)	Pendent	12	75	5.2

Note: Wet systems only.

^aThe shape of the design area shall be in accordance with 23.6.3.^bWhere used in this application, ESFR protection is expected to control rather than to suppress the fire.^cThe design area shall consist of the most hydraulically demanding area of 20 sprinklers, consisting of five sprinklers on each of four branch lines. The design shall include a minimum operating area of 1600 ft² (149 m²).**Table 23.9 ESFR Sprinklers for Protection of Roll Paper Storage (Maximum Height of Storage Permitted)**

ESFR K-Factor	Orientation	System Type	Pressure		Building Height		Heavyweight						Mediumweight						Tissue All Arrays	
							Closed		Standard		Open		Closed		Standard		Open			
			psi	bar	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m		
14.0 (201)	Upright/ pendent	Wet	50	3.4	30	9.1	25	7.6	25	7.6	25	7.6	25	7.6	25	7.6	25	7.6	NA	
16.8 (242)	Upright/ pendent	Wet	35	2.4																
22.4 (322)	Pendent	Wet	25	1.7																
25.2 (363)	Pendent	Wet	15	1.0																
14.0 (201)	Upright/ pendent	Wet	75	5.2	35	11	30	9.1	30	9.1	30	9.1	NA		NA		NA		NA	
16.8 (242)	Upright/ pendent	Wet	52	3.6									NA		NA		NA			
16.8 (242)	Pendent	Wet	52	3.6	40	12	30	9.1	30	9.1	30	9.1	NA		NA		NA		NA	
22.4 (322)	Pendent	Wet	40	2.7									NA		NA		NA			
25.2 (363)	Pendent	Wet	25	1.7									NA		NA		NA			
22.4 (322)	Pendent	Wet	50	3.4	45	14	30	9.1	30	9.1	30	9.1	NA		NA		NA		NA	
25.2 (363)	Pendent	Wet	50	3.4									NA		NA		NA			

NA: Not applicable.

Table 23.10 ESFR Sprinkler Design Criteria K-25.2 (360) for Portable Racks (Closed Array^a) Without Solid Shelves Containing Automotive Components

Commodity	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		Type of System	Maximum Sprinkler Spacing ^b		Number of Design Sprinklers by Minimum Operating Pressure ^c		Maximum Deflector Distance Below Ceiling ^d		Hose Stream Allowance		Water Supply Duration (hours)
	ft	m	ft	m		ft ²	m ²	psi	bar	in.	mm	gpm	L/min	
Automotive components and associated packaging material	25	7.6	35	11	Wet	100	9.3	16 at 37 psi	16 at 2.5 bar	18	450	500	1900	2

^aPortable rack array shall be tightly nested without any flue spaces.

^bSprinkler spacing can exceed 100 ft² (9 m²) where sprinklers are listed for larger spacing.

^cSystem hydraulic design shall also be capable of delivering a discharge density of 0.60 gpm/ft² (24.4 mm/min) over the most hydraulically remote 4000 ft² (370 m²) area.

^dMaximum deflector distance below ceiling shall be permitted to exceed 18 in. (450 mm) where sprinklers are listed for greater distances.

23.12.3 A wet pipe sprinkler system with nominal K-25.2 (360) ESFR sprinklers operating at a minimum of 40 psi (2.7 bar) shall be provided. The shelving units shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Back-to-back storage shelving units each no greater than 36 in. (900 mm) deep separated by longitudinal flue space not less than 6 in. (150 mm) wide.
- (2) Solid steel shelving units not exceeding 54 in. (1350 mm) wide separated by steel barriers mechanically fastened to upright steel framing that forms a transverse flue space not less than 3 in. (75 mm) wide.
- (3) Upright steel framing not completely blocking transverse flue space between adjacent shelving units.
- (4) Noncombustible shelving backstops and side shelf supports, also referred to as side box guides, projecting not less than 3 in. (75 mm) above the shelves and that prevent stored commodities from encroaching into transverse and longitudinal flue spaces.
- (5) Solid steel shelving not greater than 18 in. (450 mm) on centers vertically.
- (6) Solid steel tops over top shelving units except at tops of transverse and longitudinal flue spaces.
- (7) Open-ended, hollow tubular steel vertical (upright) shelving columns at top of shelving system.
- (8) Shelving system framing and power tracks not exceeding 3 in. (75 mm) in width and not less than 1 ft (300 mm) on centers and not less than 6 in. (150 mm) below sprinkler deflectors.
- (9) Minimum clearance of 36 in. (900 mm) above top solid steel cover over top storage shelf to the sprinkler deflector.
- (10) Mobile shelving systems arranged to shift automatically to a uniform nominal 6 in. (150 mm) clearance clear space between mobile carriages supporting back-to-back shelving units. Systems shall be arranged to initiate the shifting 60 seconds after activation of ceiling-mounted smoke detectors or upon sprinkler flow, whichever is first. Shelving system carriage electrical motors shall be

listed and integral to the mobile carriage systems for normal functions and shall not be required to have emergency power back-up.

N 23.13 Slatted Shelves.

N 23.13.1* Slatted rack shelves shall be considered equivalent to solid rack shelves where the shelving is not considered open rack shelving or where the requirements of 23.13.1 are not met. (See Section C.20.)

N 23.13.2 A wet pipe system that is designed to provide K-14.0 (200) ESFR sprinklers operating at a minimum of 50 psi (3.4 bar), K-16.8 (240) sprinklers operating at a minimum of 32 psi (2.2 bar), or K-25.2 (360) ESFR sprinklers operating at a minimum of 15 psi (1.0 bar) shall be permitted to protect single- and double-row racks with slatted rack shelving racks where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) Sprinklers shall be K-14.0 (200), K-16.8 (240), or K-25.2 (360) ESFR.
- (2) The protected commodities shall be limited to Class I through Class IV, Group B plastics, Group C plastics, cartoned (expanded and nonexpanded) Group A plastics, and exposed (nonexpanded) Group A plastics.
- (3) Slats in slatted rack shelving shall be a minimum nominal 2 in. (50 mm) thick by maximum nominal 6 in. (150 mm) wide with the slats held in place by spacers that maintain a minimum 2 in. (50 mm) opening between each slat.
- (4) Longitudinal flue spaces shall not be required.
- (5) Transverse flue spaces at least 3 in. (75 mm) wide shall be provided at least every 10 ft (3.0 m) horizontally.
- (6) The aisle widths shall be at least 7½ ft (2.3 m).
- (7) The maximum roof height shall be 30 ft (9.1 m).
- (8) The maximum storage height shall be 20 ft (6.1 m).
- (9) Solid plywood or similar materials shall not be placed on the slatted shelves so that they block the 2 in. (50 mm) spaces between slats, nor shall they be placed on the wire mesh shelves.

Chapter 24 **Alternative Sprinkler System Designs for Chapters 20 Through 25**

24.1* **General.**

24.1.1 Sprinklers intended to protect storage fire risks shall be permitted to be installed using water supply design criteria that are different from the design criteria specified for the sprinklers described in Chapters 20 through 23 and 25 when specifically listed for such use within the limitations described in this chapter.

24.1.2 The requirements of Chapters 20 through 23 and 25 shall apply unless modified by this chapter.

24.1.2.1 Sprinklers having standard coverage areas that require up to 20 sprinklers to be included in the hydraulic calculation shall be installed in accordance with 14.2.3, 14.2.4, 14.2.4.1, and 20.6.5.

24.1.2.1.1 Quick-response sprinklers shall also be installed in accordance with 14.2.5.1 and 14.2.5.2.

24.1.2.2 Sprinklers having extended coverage areas that require up to 10 sprinklers to be included in the hydraulic calculation shall be installed in accordance with 14.2.3, 14.2.4, 14.2.4.1, and 20.6.5.

24.1.2.2.1 Quick-response sprinklers shall also be installed in accordance with 14.2.5.1 and 14.2.5.2.

24.1.3 The in-rack protection requirements of Chapter 25 shall apply when storage racks are equipped with solid shelves, and in-rack sprinklers are required per the applicable chapter.

24.1.4 The requirements of the applicable chapter shall apply when ceiling-only protection options are not available per this chapter.

24.1.5 The design criteria in this chapter shall not be used to permit a reduction in the water supply requirements for in-rack sprinkler protection.

24.1.6 A series of large-scale fire tests involving challenging test scenarios that address the range of variables associated with the intended application of the sprinkler shall be conducted to evaluate the ability of the sprinkler to protect storage fire risks that are representative of those described in the manufacturer's installation and design parameter instructions and referenced in the listing.

24.1.7 The manufacturer's installation and design parameter instructions for these sprinklers shall specify in a standardized manner the end-use limitations and sprinkler system design criteria including at least the following:

- (1) Commodity or commodities to be protected
- (2) Storage arrangements allowed
- (3) Installation guidelines including obstruction and ceiling construction limitations
- (4) Maximum ceiling and storage heights with associated minimum operating pressures and number of sprinklers required to be included in the hydraulic calculation
- (5) Hose stream allowance and duration

24.1.8 The number of sprinklers to be used in the sprinkler system design shall be based on the worst-case result obtained from the full-scale fire test series increased by a minimum 50 percent.

24.1.8.1 Regardless of the number of sprinklers that operated during the worst-case full-scale fire test, the number in the sprinkler system demand shall be no less than one of the following:

- (1) Twelve sprinklers for standard coverage sprinklers
- (2) Eight sprinklers for extended-coverage sprinklers based on a spacing of 12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 × 3.7 m)
- (3) Six sprinklers for extended-coverage sprinklers based on a spacing of 14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m)

24.1.8.2 Once the number of sprinklers for a demand area has been established, the minimum operating area, based on the proposed sprinkler spacing, shall not be less than 768 ft² (71 m²).

24.1.8.3 The design area and number of sprinklers calculated on a branch line shall be in accordance with 27.2.4.2 using an area of sprinkler operation equal to the required number of operating sprinklers and the maximum allowable coverage for the specific design criteria being utilized.

24.1.9 Listed storage sprinklers that are not specifically referenced in Sections 24.2 and 24.3 but are tested in accordance with Chapter 24 with system design criteria based upon Sections 24.1, 24.4, and 24.5 shall be permitted to be used in accordance with their listing limitations, where approved.

24.2* **Sprinkler Design Criteria for Palletized and Solid-Piled, Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Plastic Commodities.**

24.2.1 Protection of palletized and solid-piled storage of Class I through Class IV and cartoned nonexpanded plastic commodities shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Table 24.2.1.

24.3* **Sprinkler Protection Criteria for Open-Frame Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Plastic Commodities.**

24.3.1 Protection of single-, double-, and multiple-row racks without solid shelves of Class I through Class IV and cartoned nonexpanded plastic commodities shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Table 24.3.1.

24.3.2 Protection of Class I through Class IV and cartoned nonexpanded plastic commodities stored on single-, double-, or multiple-row racks without solid shelves or solid-piled, palletized, storage arrangements shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with Table 24.3.2(a) or Table 24.3.2(b).

24.3.3 Protection of open rack storage of Class I through Class III commodities with dry pipe systems using standard response upright sprinkler design criteria using high-temperature-rated sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 24.3.3.

24.3.3.1 For protection criteria using a minimum operating pressure of 15 psi (1 bar), a maximum water delivery time of 25 seconds shall be used.

24.3.3.2 For protection criteria using a minimum operating pressure of 50 psi (3.4 bar), a maximum water delivery time of 20 seconds shall be used.

Table 24.2.1 Extended Coverage, CMSA [K-factor 25.2 (360)] Sprinkler Design Criteria for Palletized and Solid-Piled Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Cartoned Nonexpanded Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	Maximum Coverage Area
		ft	m	ft	m					
Palletized and solid-piled	Class I through Class IV, encapsulated and nonencapsulated, and cartoned nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		20	6.1	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)
		25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)
		25	7.6	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	8	40 psi (2.7 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		25	7.6	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright	Wet	8	40 psi (2.8 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)
		30	9.1	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	8	40 psi (2.8 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		30	9.1	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright	Wet	8	40 psi (2.8 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)

Table 24.3.1 Extended Coverage, CMSA [K-Factor 25.2 (360)] Sprinkler Design Criteria for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks Without Solid Shelves of Class I Through Class IV and Cartoned Nonexpanded Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	Maximum Coverage Area
		ft	m	ft	m					
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks without solid shelves (no open-top containers)	Class I through Class IV, encapsulated and nonencapsulated, and cartoned nonexpanded plastics	20	6.1	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		20	6.1	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)
		25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	6	30 psi (2.1 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)
		25	7.6	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	8	40 psi (2.6 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		25	7.6	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright	Wet	8	40 psi (2.6 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)
		30	9.1	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright/ pendent	Wet	8	40 psi (2.7 bar)	12 ft × 12 ft (3.7 m × 3.7 m) 144 ft ² (13 m ²)
		30	9.1	35	11	25.2 (360) Upright	Wet	8	40 psi (2.6 bar)	14 ft × 14 ft (4.3 m × 4.3 m) 196 ft ² (18 m ²)

Table 24.3.2(a) CMSA K-25.2 Upright Standard Coverage Sprinkler Design Criteria for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks Without Solid Shelves and Solid-Piled, Palletized Storage Arrangement of Class I Through IV and Cartoned Nonexpanded Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	System Type	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	Sprinkler Linear Spacing		Sprinkler Area Spacing	
		ft	m	ft	m					Min	Max	Min	Max
Solid-piled, palletized, and single-, double-, and multiple-row racks without solid shelves (no open-top containers)	Class I-IV encapsulated and nonencapsulated, and cartoned nonexpanded plastics	25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Upright	Wet	12	20 psi (1.4 bar)	8 ft (2.4 m)	12 ft (3.6 m)	80 ft ² (7.4 m ²)	100 ft ² (9.0 m ²)

Table 24.3.2(b) CMSA K-25.2 Pendent Standard Coverage Sprinkler Design Criteria for Single-, Double-, and Multiple-Row Racks Without Solid Shelves and Solid-Piled, Palletized Storage Arrangement of Class I Through IV and Cartoned Nonexpanded Plastic Commodities

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	System Type	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	Sprinkler Linear Spacing		Sprinkler Area Spacing	
		ft	m	ft	m					Min	Max	Min	Max
Solid-piled, palletized, and single-, double-, and multiple-row racks without solid shelves (no open-top containers)	Class I-IV encapsulated and nonencapsulated, and cartoned nonexpanded plastics	25	7.6	30	9.1	25.2 (360) Pendent	Wet	12	15 psi (1.0 bar)	8 ft (2.4 m)	12 ft (3.6 m)	80 ft ² (7.5 m ²)	100 ft ² (9.0 m ²)

Table 24.3.3 Standard Response Upright Sprinkler Design Criteria for Open Rack Storage of Class I Through Class III Commodities (Using High-Temperature-Rated Sprinklers)

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/ Roof Height		K-Factor/ Orientation	Type of System	Number of Design Sprinklers	Minimum Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m				psi	bar
Rack storage without solid shelves (no open-top containers)	Class I, II, or III	35	10.6	40	12.1	25.2 (360)/ Upright	Dry	24	15*	1*
		40	12.1	45	13.6	25.2 (360)/ Upright	Dry	12	50†	3.5†

*25 second water delivery time maximum

†20 second water delivery time maximum

24.4 Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration.

24.4.1 The minimum water supply requirements for a hydraulically designed occupancy hazard fire control sprinkler system shall be determined by adding the hose stream allowance from Table 24.4.1 to the water supply for sprinklers obtained from this chapter.

24.4.1.1 The water supply requirements for a hydraulically designed occupancy hazard fire control sprinkler system shall be available for the minimum duration specified in Table 24.4.1.

24.5 Minimum Obstruction Criteria.

24.5.1 General. The installation guidelines for obstructions to ceiling-level sprinklers shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 24.5 for sprinkler system designs obtained from this chapter.

24.5.2 Standard Coverage Spacing Sprinklers.

24.5.2.1 Sprinklers having standard coverage areas requiring up to 20 sprinklers to be included in the hydraulic calculation shall be installed in accordance with the obstruction criteria described in 14.2.11, unless large-scale fire testing is conducted with a representative obstruction below the sprinkler that demonstrates equivalent performance.

24.5.2.2 Control mode density/area (CMDA) and CMSA sprinklers having standard coverage areas requiring more than 20 sprinklers in the design area shall be installed in accordance with the obstructions to sprinkler discharge criteria described in 13.2.8.

24.5.2.2.1 ESFR sprinklers having standard-coverage areas requiring more than 20 sprinklers in the design area shall be

installed in accordance with the obstructions to sprinkler discharge criteria described in 14.2.11.

24.5.2.2.2 Other obstruction criteria shall be acceptable if large-scale fire testing is conducted with a representative obstruction below the sprinkler that demonstrates equivalent performance.

24.5.3 Extended Coverage Spacing Sprinklers.

24.5.3.1 Sprinklers having extended coverage areas requiring up to 10 sprinklers to be included in the hydraulic calculation shall be installed in accordance with the obstruction criteria described in 11.2.5.1, 14.2.11.2, and 14.2.11.3, unless large-scale fire testing is conducted with a representative obstruction below the sprinkler that demonstrates equivalent performance.

24.5.3.2 CMDA and CMSA sprinklers having extended coverage areas requiring more than 10 sprinklers in the design area shall be installed in accordance with the obstructions to sprinkler discharge criteria described in 13.2.8 and 11.2.5.1.

24.5.3.2.1 ESFR sprinklers having extended coverage areas requiring more than 10 sprinklers in the design area shall be installed in accordance with the obstructions to sprinkler discharge criteria described in 14.2.11.2 and 14.2.11.3.

24.5.3.2.2 Other obstruction criteria shall be acceptable if large-scale fire testing is conducted with a representative obstruction below the sprinkler that demonstrates equivalent performance.

24.5.3.2.3 When utilizing upright CMSA, CMDA, or ESFR sprinklers, any continuous obstruction 4 in. (100 mm) or less shall be permitted to be ignored.

Table 24.4.1 Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration

Sprinkler Type	Sprinkler Spacing Type	Number of Sprinklers in Design Area	Hose Stream Allowance		Water Supply Duration (minutes)
			gpm	L/min	
Control mode density/area and CMSA	Standard	Up to 12	250	950	60
		Over 12 to 15	500	1900	90
		Over 15 to 25	500	1900	120
	Extended coverage	Over 25	500	1900	150
		Up to 6	250	950	60
		Up to 8	250	950	60
		Over 6 to 8	500	1900	90
		Over 8 to 12	500	1900	120
ESFR	Standard	Over 12	500	1900	150
		Up to 12	250	950	60
		Over 12 to 15	500	1900	90
		Over 15 to 25	500	1900	120
		Over 25	500	1900	150

Chapter 25 Protection of Rack Storage Using In-Rack Sprinklers

25.1 General Requirements of In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.1.1 Scope. This chapter shall apply where rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities, Group A plastic commodities, or rubber tires will be protected with in-rack sprinklers. Applicable sections shall include the following:

- (1) See Section 25.2 for the ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria applicable to designs with in-rack sprinklers.
- (2) See Section 25.3 for in-rack sprinkler characteristics.
- (3) See Section 25.4 for vertical spacing and location of in-rack sprinklers.
- (4) See Section 25.5 for horizontal location and spacing of in-rack sprinklers.
- (5) See Section 25.6 for protection of racks with solid shelves.
- (6) See Section 25.7 for horizontal barriers in combination with in-rack sprinklers.
- (7) See Section 25.8 for in-rack sprinkler arrangements and designs independent of ceiling-level sprinklers.
- (8) See Section 25.9 for in-rack sprinkler arrangements in combination with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level.
- (9) See Section 25.10 for in-rack sprinkler arrangements in combination with CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level.
- (10) See Section 25.11 for in-rack sprinkler arrangements in combination with ESFR sprinklers at ceiling level.
- (11) See Section 25.12 for design criteria for in-rack sprinklers in combination with ceiling-level sprinklers.

25.1.2 Open Rack Storage.

25.1.2.1 The in-rack sprinkler arrangements as well as the ceiling and in-rack sprinkler design criteria for rack storage in this chapter shall be based on open rack configurations as defined in 3.3.140 unless indicated otherwise.

25.1.3 In-Rack Sprinkler System.

25.1.3.1 In-Rack Sprinkler System Size. The area protected by a single in-rack sprinkler system shall not exceed 40,000 ft² (3720 m²) of floor area occupied by the racks, including aisles, regardless of the number of in-rack sprinkler levels.

25.1.3.2* In-Rack Sprinkler System Control Valves.

25.1.3.2.1 Unless the requirements of 25.1.3.2.2 or 25.1.3.2.3 are met, separate indicating control valves and drains shall be provided and arranged so that ceiling and in-rack sprinkler systems can be controlled independently.

25.1.3.2.2 A separate indicating control valve shall not be required where 20 or fewer in-rack sprinklers are supplied by any one ceiling sprinkler system.

25.1.3.2.3 The separate indicating valves shall be permitted to be arranged as sectional control valves supplied from the ceiling sprinkler system where in-rack sprinklers are required and the racks, including the adjacent aisles, occupy 8000 ft² (740 m²) or less of the area protected by the ceiling sprinklers.

25.1.3.3* Sprinkler Waterflow Alarm for In-Rack Sprinklers. See Section C.4.

25.1.4 Building Steel Protection. Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with this chapter, building steel shall not require special protection.

25.2 Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria in Combination with In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.2.1 General.

25.2.1.1 This section shall apply to storage of Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities as well as rubber tires, representing the broad range of combustibles stored in racks that are being protected by in-rack sprinklers. The requirements of Chapter 20 shall apply unless modified by this chapter. (See Section C.9.)

25.2.1.2* Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria for single-, double-, and multiple-row racks in Section 25.2 shall be based on open rack configurations as defined in 3.3.140.

25.2.1.3* Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria for Group A plastic commodities in this chapter shall be permitted for the protection of the same storage height and configuration of Class I, II, III, and IV commodities.

25.2.1.4 Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria for single- and double-row rack storage of Group A plastic commodities shall be applicable where aisles are 3.5 ft (1.1 m) or greater in width.

25.2.1.5 Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria for rack storage of Group A plastic commodities shall be protected as multiple-row racks where aisles are less than 3.5 ft (1.1 m) in width.

25.2.1.6 The minimum water supply requirements for a hydraulically designed occupancy hazard ceiling-level sprinkler system shall be determined by adding the hose stream allowance from Table 20.12.2.6 to the water supply for in-rack sprinklers determined in Section 25.12, unless indicated otherwise.

25.2.2 Miscellaneous and Low-Piled Storage.

25.2.2.1 Miscellaneous Storage.

25.2.2.1.1 This section shall apply to any of the following situations:

- (1) Miscellaneous rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities up to and including 12 ft (3.7 m) in height
- (2) Miscellaneous rack storage of Group A plastic commodities up to and including 12 ft (3.7 m) in height
- (3) Miscellaneous rack storage of rubber tires up to and including 12 ft (3.7 m) in height

25.2.2.1.2 Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Section 25.4 through Section 25.7 to protect miscellaneous rack storage of Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities, as well as miscellaneous rack storage of rubber tires, up to and including 12 ft (3.7 m) in height under a maximum 32 ft (10.0 m) high ceiling, the ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria shall be in accordance with Figure 25.2.2.1.2.

25.2.2.1.3 Installation criteria as permitted by NFPA 13 and design criteria and modifiers as permitted by the density/area method of Section 19.2 for ordinary hazard Group 2 occupancies shall be applicable.

25.2.2.1.4 Hose Connections. Hose connections shall not be required for the protection of miscellaneous storage.

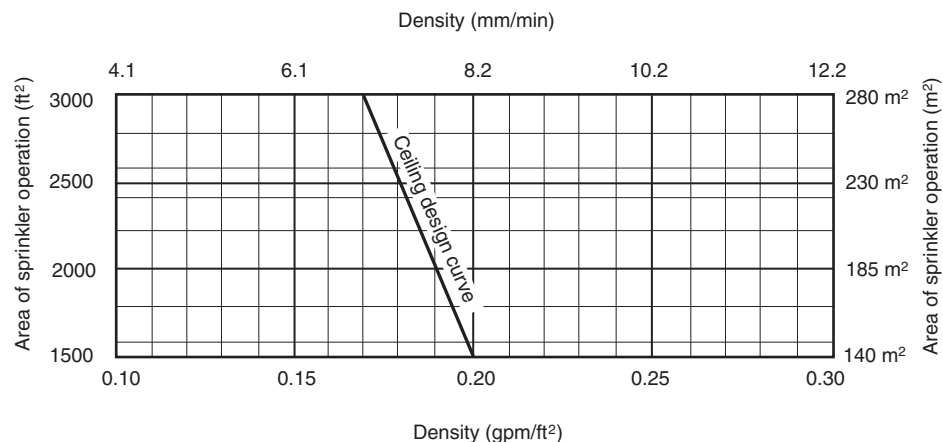


FIGURE 25.2.2.1.2 CMDA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Miscellaneous Storage Protected with One Level of In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.2.2.2 Low-Piled Rack Storage.

25.2.2.2.1 This section shall apply to any of the following situations:

- (1) Rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities up to and including 12 ft (3.7 m) in height
- (2)* Rack storage of Group A plastic commodities up to and including 5 ft (1.5 m) in height

25.2.2.2.2 Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Sections 25.4 through 25.7 to protect low-piled rack storage that does not meet the definition of miscellaneous storage, of Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities, the ceiling-level design shall be in accordance with Figure 25.2.2.1.2.

25.2.2.2.3 For low-piled rack storage that does not meet the definition of miscellaneous storage, with solid shelves of Class I through Class IV commodities up to and including 12 ft (3.7 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers shall be provided in accordance with Section 25.6, and the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be in accordance with Figure 25.2.2.1.2.

25.2.2.2.4 For low-piled rack storage that does not meet the definition of miscellaneous storage, with solid shelves of Group A plastic commodities up to and including 5 ft (1.5 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers shall be provided in accordance with Section 25.6, and the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be in accordance with Figure 25.2.2.1.2.

25.2.3 CMDA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria in Combination with In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.2.3.1 General.

25.2.3.1.1 Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria in combination with in-rack sprinklers for the rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities shall be in accordance with 25.2.3.2 for storage over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and 25.2.3.3 for storage over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height.

25.2.3.1.2 Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria in combination with in-rack sprinklers for the rack storage of Group A plastic commodities shall be in accordance with 25.2.3.4 for

storage over 5 ft (1.5 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and 25.2.3.5 for storage over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height.

25.2.3.1.3 For design densities of 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) or less, standard-response CMDA sprinklers with a K-factor of K-5.6 (80) or larger shall be permitted.

25.2.3.1.4 For design densities greater than 0.2 gpm/ft² to 0.34 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min to 13.9 mm/min), standard-response CMDA sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-8.0 (115) or larger shall be used.

25.2.3.1.5 For design densities greater than 0.34 gpm/ft² (13.9 mm/min), standard-response CMDA sprinklers with a K-factor of K-11.2 (160) or larger that are listed for storage applications shall be used.

25.2.3.1.6 The requirements of 25.2.3.1.4 and 25.2.3.1.5 shall not apply to modifications to existing storage application systems, using sprinklers with K-factors of K-8.0 (115) or less.

25.2.3.1.7 The use of quick-response CMDA sprinklers for storage applications shall be permitted when listed for such use.

25.2.3.1.8 The ceiling sprinkler design figures in 25.2.3 indicate water demands for ordinary-temperature-rated and nominal high-temperature-rated CMDA sprinklers at the ceiling.

25.2.3.1.8.1 The ordinary-temperature ceiling sprinkler design densities correspond to ordinary-temperature-rated sprinklers and shall be used for sprinklers with ordinary- and intermediate-temperature classification.

25.2.3.1.8.2 The high-temperature ceiling sprinkler design densities correspond to high-temperature-rated sprinklers and shall be used for sprinklers having a high-temperature rating.

25.2.3.1.9 Ordinary- and intermediate-temperature CMDA ceiling sprinklers with K-factors of K-11.2 (K-160) or larger, where listed for storage, shall be permitted to use the densities for high-temperature sprinklers.

25.2.3.1.10 Discharge Considerations.

25.2.3.1.10.1 The water supply for ceiling and in-rack sprinklers only shall be determined from the density/area requirements of Chapter 25.

25.2.3.1.10.2 The calculations shall satisfy any single point on appropriate density/area curves.

25.2.3.1.10.3 The design area shall meet the requirements of 27.2.4.2.1.

25.2.3.1.10.4 The minimum design density shall be not less than 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min) after all adjustments are made.

25.2.3.2 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 12 ft (3.7 m) and Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.2.3.2.1* Single- and Double-Row Racks. For single- or double-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, stored over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, Table 25.2.3.2.1 shall be used to determine the appropriate figure for determining ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria with the provision of one level of in-rack sprinklers.

25.2.3.2.1.1* Design densities for single- and double-row racks shall be selected to correspond to aisle width. (*See Section C.15.*)

(A) For aisle widths between 4 ft (1.2 m) and 8 ft (2.4 m), the rules for 4 ft (1.2 m) wide aisles shall be used or direct linear interpolation between the densities shall be permitted.

(B) The density given for 8 ft (2.4 m) wide aisles shall be applied to aisles wider than 8 ft (2.4 m).

(C) The density given for 4 ft (1.2 m) wide aisles shall be applied to aisles more narrow than 4 ft (1.2 m) down to 3½ ft (1.1 m).

(D) Where aisles are more narrow than 3½ ft (1.1 m), racks shall be considered multiple-row racks.

25.2.3.2.2 Multiple-Row Racks.

25.2.3.2.2.1 For multiple-row racks, having a rack depth up to and including 16 ft (4.9 m) with aisles 8 ft (2.4 m) or wider, storing Class I through Class IV commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, Table 25.2.3.2.2.1 shall be used to determine the appropriate figure for determining ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria with the provision of in-rack sprinklers.

25.2.3.2.2.2 For multiple-row racks, having a rack depth over 16 ft (4.9 m) or aisles less than 8 ft (2.4 m) wide, storing Class I through Class IV commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, Table 25.2.3.2.2.2 shall be used to determine the appropriate figure for determining ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria with the provision of in-rack sprinklers.

25.2.3.2.3 Ceiling-Level Protection, Used in Combination with In-Rack Sprinklers, Criteria Figures.

25.2.3.2.3.1* The ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of sprinkler operation [ft² (m²) of ceiling or roof sprinklers] obtained from the appropriate density/area curves of Figure 25.2.3.2.3.1(a) through Figure 25.2.3.2.3.1(g) shall be modified as appropriate by 25.2.3.2.4. These requirements shall apply to portable racks arranged in the same manner as single-, double-, or multiple-row racks. (*See Section C.14.*)

25.2.3.2.4* Ceiling Sprinkler Density Adjustments.

25.2.3.2.4.1 Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within racks of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 12 ft (3.7 m) up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) protected with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level along with the minimum number of required in-rack sprinkler levels, densities obtained from design curves shall be adjusted in accordance with Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1.

25.2.3.2.4.2 Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within racks of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height protected with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level along with more than one level of in-rack sprinklers, but not in every tier, densities obtained from design curves and adjusted in accordance with Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1 shall be permitted to be reduced an additional 20 percent, as indicated in Table 25.2.3.2.4.2.

25.2.3.2.4.3* Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within racks of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height protected with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level along with in-rack sprinklers at each tier level, densities obtained from design curves and adjusted in accordance with Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1 shall be permitted to be reduced an additional 40 percent, as indicated in Table 25.2.3.2.4.2.

25.2.3.2.4.4 Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within racks of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level along with the minimum number of required in-rack sprinkler levels, densities obtained from design curves shall be used. Densities shall not be adjusted in accordance with Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1.

25.2.3.2.4.5 Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within racks of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level along with more than the minimum required level of in-rack sprinklers, but not in every tier, densities obtained from design curves shall be permitted to be reduced 20 percent, as indicated in Table 25.2.3.2.4.2. Densities shall not be adjusted in accordance with Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1 for storage height.

25.2.3.2.4.6 Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within racks of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected with CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level along with in-rack sprinklers at each tier level, except above the top tier, densities obtained from design curves shall be permitted to be reduced 40 percent, as indicated in Table 25.2.3.2.4.2. Densities shall not be adjusted in accordance with Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1 for storage height.

Table 25.2.3.2.1 Determining Appropriate Ceiling-Level Protection Criteria Figure for Single- or Double-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities — Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m)

Storage Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Aisle Width*		No. of In-Rack Sprinkler Levels	Appropriate Figure and Curves		
			ft	m		Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	I	No	4	1.2	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	C and D	Yes
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(e)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	II	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(e)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	III	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(f)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	IV	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(d)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(g)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 22 ft (6.7 m)	I	No	4	1.2	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	C and D	No
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(e)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	II	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(e)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	III	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(f)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	IV	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(d)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1(g)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	

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Table 25.2.3.2.1 *Continued*

Storage Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Aisle Width*		No. of In-Rack Sprinkler Levels	Appropriate Figure and Curves		
			ft	m		Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1
Over 22 ft (6.7 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	I	No	4	1.2	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1 (a)	C and D	No
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (e)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	II	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (b)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (e)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	III	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (c)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (f)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
	IV	No	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (d)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	
		Yes	4	1.2		25.2.3.2.3.1 (g)	C and D	
			8	2.4			A and B	

*See 25.2.3.2.1.1 for interpolation of aisle widths.

Table 25.2.3.2.2.1 Determining Appropriate Ceiling-Level Protection Criteria Figure for Multiple-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities — Rack Depth Up to and Including 16 ft (4.9 m), Aisles 8 ft (2.4 m) or Wider, and Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to 25 ft (7.6 m)

Storage Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	No. of In-Rack Sprinkler Levels	Appropriate Figure and Curves		
				Figure	Apply Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1	Density Multiplier
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 15 ft (4.6 m)	I	No	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	Yes	1.0
		Yes				1.25
	II	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)		1.0
		Yes				1.25
	III	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)		1.0
		Yes				1.25
	IV	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(d)		1.0
		Yes				1.5
Over 15 ft (4.6 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	I	No	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	Yes	1.0
		Yes				1.25
	II	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)		1.0
		Yes				1.25
	III	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)		1.0
		Yes				1.25
	IV	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(d)		1.0
		Yes				1.5
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	I	No	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	No	1.0
		Yes				1.25
	II	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)		1.0
		Yes				1.25
	III	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)		1.0
		Yes				1.25
	IV	No	2 Levels	25.2.3.2.3.1(d)		1.0
		Yes	2 Levels			1.5

Table 25.2.3.2.2.2 Determining Appropriate Ceiling-Level Protection Criteria Figure for Multiple-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities — Rack Depth Over 16 ft (4.9 m) or Aisles Narrower than 8 ft (2.4 m), Storage Height Over 12 ft (3.7 m) Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m)

Storage Height	Commodity Class	Encapsulated	No. of In-Rack Sprinkler Levels	Appropriate Figure and Curves			
				Figure	Curves	Apply Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1	Density Multiplier
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 15 ft (4.6 m)	I	No	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	C and D	Yes	1.0
		Yes					1.25
	II	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)			1.0
		Yes					1.25
	III	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)			1.0
		Yes					1.25
	IV	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(d)			1.0
		Yes					1.5
Over 15 ft (4.6 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	I	No	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	C and D	Yes	1.0
		Yes					1.25
	II	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)			1.0
		Yes					1.25
	III	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)			1.0
		Yes					1.25
	IV	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(d)			1.0
		Yes					1.5
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	I	No	1 Level	25.2.3.2.3.1(a)	C and D	No	1.0
		Yes					1.25
	II	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(b)			1.0
		Yes					1.25
	III	No		25.2.3.2.3.1(c)			1.0
		Yes					1.25
	IV	No	2 Levels	25.2.3.2.3.1(d)			1.0
		Yes					1.5

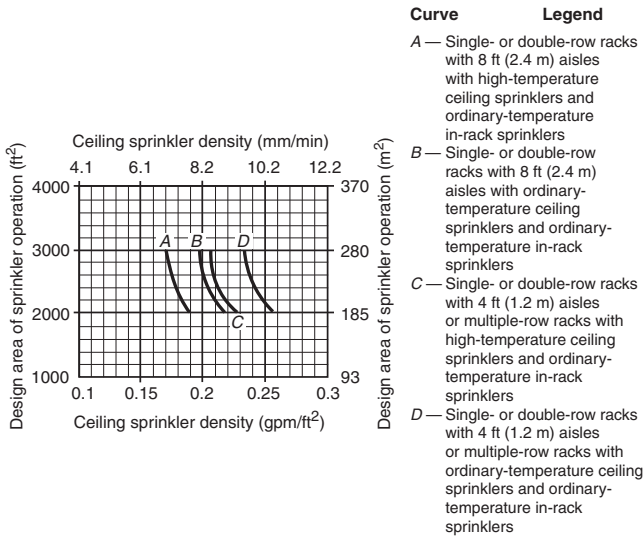


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(a) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class I Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

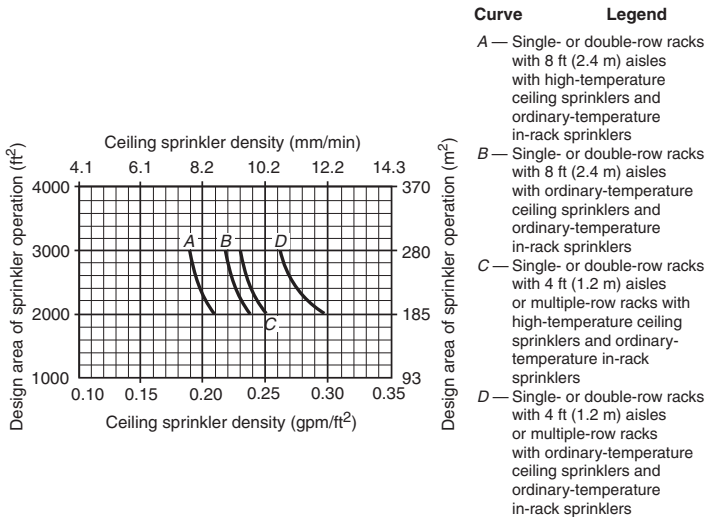


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(b) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class II Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

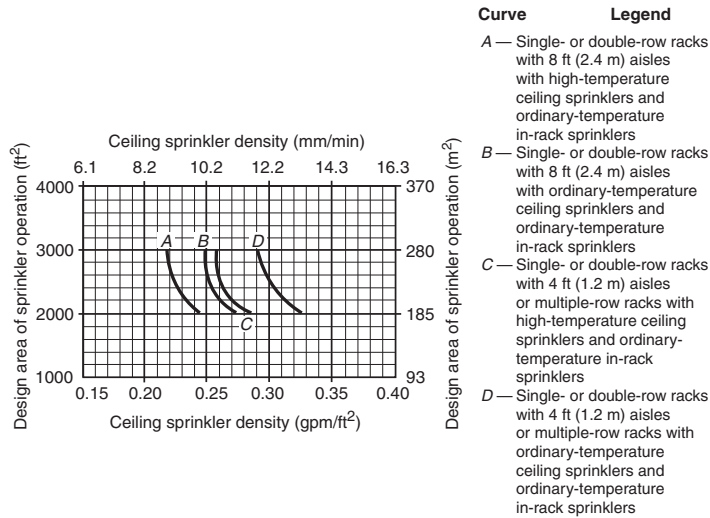


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(c) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class III Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

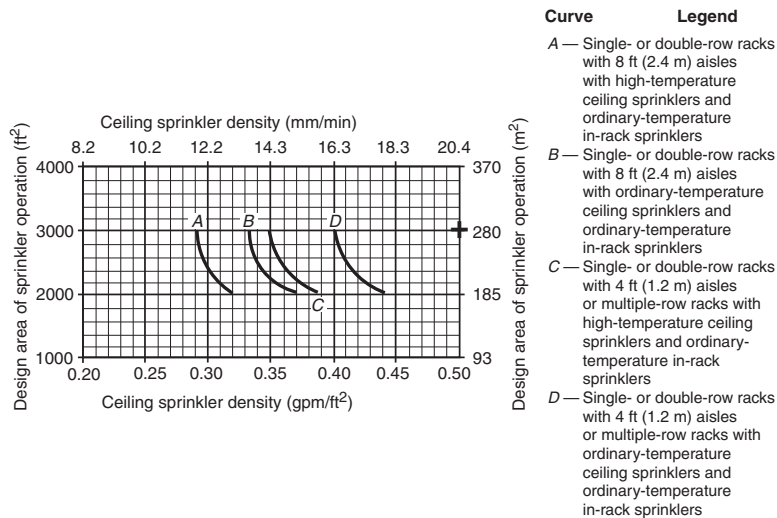


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(d) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class IV Nonencapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

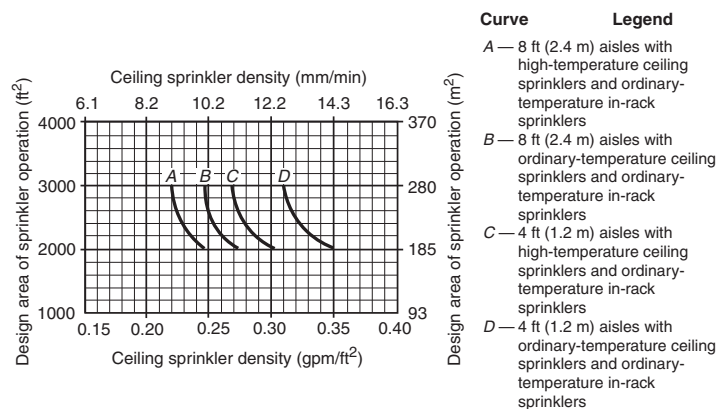


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(e) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — Single- or Double-Row Racks — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class I and Class II Encapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

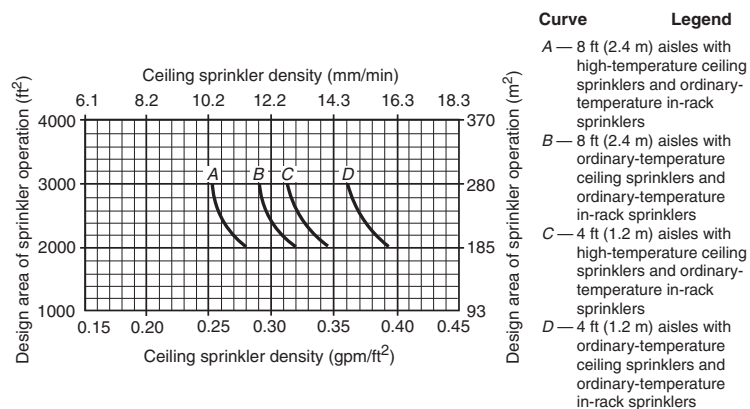


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(f) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — Single- or Double-Row Racks — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class III Encapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

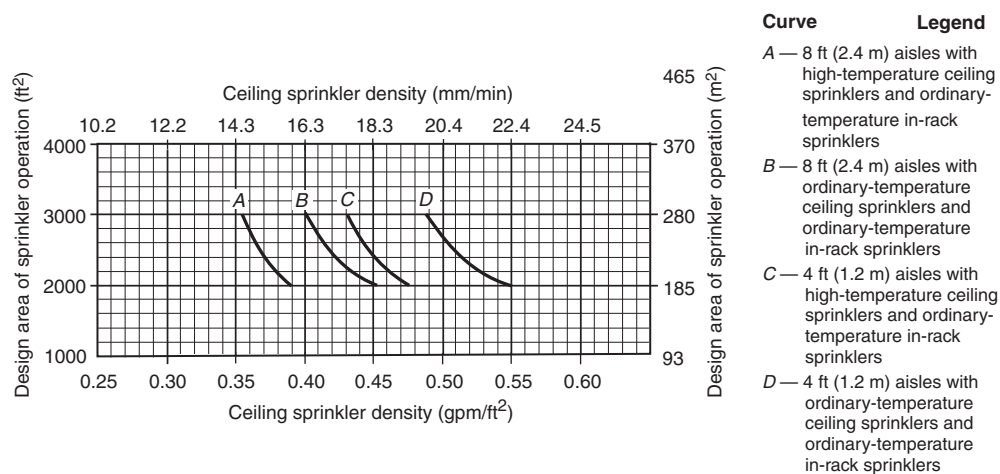


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.3.1(g) CMDA Sprinkler System Design Curves — Single- or Double-Row Racks — 20 ft (6.1 m) High Rack Storage — Class IV Encapsulated Commodities — Conventional Pallets.

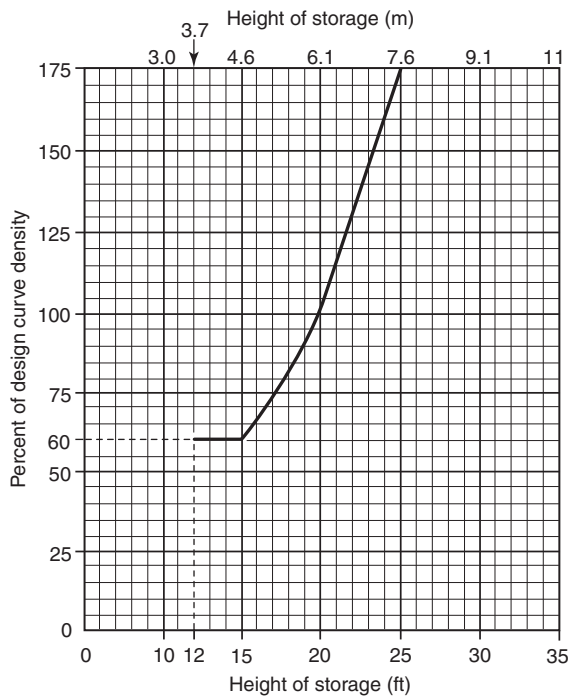


FIGURE 25.2.3.2.4.1 Adjustment to Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Density Due to Storage Height.

25.2.3.3 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.2.3.3.1* Single- and Double-Row Racks. Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within single- and double-row racks separated by aisles at least 4 ft (1.2 m) wide and with a clearance to ceiling up to and including 10 ft (3.0 m) of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, the ceiling sprinkler designs shall be in accordance with Table 25.2.3.3.1.

25.2.3.3.2 Multiple-Row Racks. Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within multiple-row racks separated by aisles at least 4 ft (1.2 m) wide and with a clearance to ceiling up to and including 10 ft (3.0 m) of Class I through Class IV commodities stored over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, the ceiling sprinkler designs shall be in accordance with Table 25.2.3.3.2.

Table 25.2.3.2.4.2 Adjustment to Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Density Due to Storage Height and In-Rack Sprinklers

Storage Height	In-Rack Sprinklers	Apply Figure 25.2.3.2.4.1	Permitted Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Density Adjustment Due to In-Rack Sprinklers
Over 12 ft (3.7 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m)	Minimum required	Yes	None
	More than required but not in every tier	Yes	Reduce density 20% from that for minimum in-rack sprinklers
	Every tier level	Yes	Reduce density 40% from that for minimum in-rack sprinklers
Over 20 ft (6.1 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m)	Minimum required	No	None
	More than required but not in every tier	No	Reduce density 20% from that for minimum in-rack sprinklers
	Every tier level	No	Reduce density 40% from that for minimum in-rack sprinklers

Table 25.2.3.3.1 CMDA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Single- or Double-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height with Aisles 4 ft (1.2 m) or More in Width, Clearance to Ceiling Up to and Including 10 ft (3.0 m) Supplemented with In-Rack Sprinklers

Commodity Class	Applicable In-Rack Sprinkler Installation Figures	Encapsulated	Ceiling Sprinkler Density, Clearance to Ceiling Up to 10 ft (3.0 m)				Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Area	
			Ordinary Temperature		High Temperature			
			gpm/ft²	mm/min	gpm/ft²	mm/min	ft²	m²
I	25.9.2.2.1 (a)–(b)	No	0.25	10.2	0.35	14.3	2000	185
		Yes	0.31	12.8	0.44	17.9		
I, II, III	25.9.2.2.1 (c)–(g)	No	0.3	12.2	0.4	16.3		
		Yes	0.37	15.3	0.5	20.4		
I, II, III, IV	25.9.2.2.1 (h)–(j)	No	0.35	15.1	0.45	18.3		
		Yes	0.44	17.9	0.56	22.8		

Table 25.2.3.3.2 CMDA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Multiple-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height, Clearance to Ceiling Up to and Including 10 ft (3.0 m) Supplemented with In-Rack Sprinklers

Commodity Class	Encapsulated	Maximum Allowable Storage Height Above Top In-Rack Sprinkler Level		Ceiling Sprinkler Density, Clearance to Ceiling Up to 10 ft (3.0 m)				Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Area	
				Ordinary Temperature		High Temperature			
		ft	m	gpm/ft²	mm/min	gpm/ft²	mm/min	ft²	m²
I	No	10	3.0	0.25	10.2	0.35	14.3	2000	185
	Yes			0.31	12.6	0.44	17.9		
I, II, III	No	10	3.0	0.3	12.2	0.4	16.3		
	Yes			0.37	15.1	0.5	20.4		
I, II, III, IV	No	5	1.5	0.35	14.3	0.45	18.3		
	Yes			0.44	17.9	0.56	22.8		

25.2.3.4 Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities Stored Over 5 ft (1.5 m) and Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.2.3.4.1 Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities.

25.2.3.4.1.1 Where rack storage of cartoned Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, having a clearance to ceiling up to and including 10 ft (3.0 m) is protected by in-rack sprinklers, ceiling-level sprinkler designs in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of operation [ft² (m²)] shall be selected from Figure 25.9.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.3.1(e).

25.2.3.4.1.2 Linear interpolation of design densities and areas of application shall be permitted between storage heights with the same clearance to ceiling.

25.2.3.4.1.3 No interpolation between clearance to ceiling shall be permitted.

25.2.3.4.2 Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities. Where in-rack sprinkler protection is installed to protect rack storage of exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, stored over 5 ft (1.5 m) and up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height

protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, the ceiling sprinkler design shall be in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(a) for storage up to 10 ft (3.0 m) high in a building up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.45 gpm/ft² (18.3 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.
- (2) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(b) for storage up to 10 ft (3.0 m) high in a building up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.
- (3) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(c) for storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) high in a building up to 25 ft (7.6 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.45 gpm/ft² (18.3 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.

- (4) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(d) for storage up to 15 ft (4.6 m) high in a building up to 25 ft (7.6 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.
- (5) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(e) for storage up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high in a building up to 25 ft (7.6 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.6 gpm/ft² (24.5 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.
- (6) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(f) for storage up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high in a building up to 25 ft (7.6 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.45 gpm/ft² (18.3 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.
- (7) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(g) for storage up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high in a building up to 30 ft (9.1 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.8 gpm/ft² (32.6 mm/min) density over a 1500 ft² (140 m²) demand area.
- (8) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(h) for storage up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high in a building up to 30 ft (9.1 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.6 gpm/ft² (24.5 mm/min) density over a 1500 ft² (140 m²) demand area.
- (9) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(i) for storage up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high in a building up to 30 ft (9.1 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.
- (10) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(j) for storage up to 25 ft (7.6 m) high in a building up to 35 ft (11 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.8 gpm/ft² (32.6 mm/min) density over a 1500 ft² (140 m²) demand area.
- (11) Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in accordance with Figure 25.9.3.3(k) for storage up to 25 ft (7.6 m) high in a building up to 35 ft (11 m) high, the ceiling-level sprinkler design shall be a minimum 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density over a 2000 ft² (185 m²) demand area.

25.2.3.5* Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height. Where rack storage of Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height are protected by in-rack sprin-

klers in accordance with 25.9.4, ceiling-level sprinkler designs, in terms of density [gpm/ft² (mm/min)] and area of operation [ft² (m²)], shall be selected from Table 25.2.3.5 based on the storage height of commodity above the top level of in-rack sprinklers.

25.2.3.6 Rack Storage of Rubber Tires Stored Over 12 ft (3.7 m) in Height.

25.2.3.6.1 General. The requirements of Chapter 20 shall apply unless modified in this section.

25.2.3.6.2 Ceiling Systems. Where rack storage of rubber tires on pallets, either on-side or on-tread, over 5 ft (1.5 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level with a maximum clearance to ceiling of 10 ft (3.0 m) along with one level of in-rack sprinklers, the ceiling-level sprinkler system design density and area of application shall be a minimum 0.40 gpm/ft² (16.3 mm/min) density over a 3000 ft² (280 m²) demand area. (See A.21.6.)

25.2.3.6.3 Reduced-Discharge Density. Where high-expansion foam systems are installed in accordance with NFPA 11 to protect rack storage of rubber tires, either on-side or on-tread, over 5 ft (1.5 m) and up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level with a maximum clearance to ceiling of 10 ft (3.0 m) and one level of in-rack sprinklers, the ceiling-level sprinkler system design density shall be permitted to be reduced from 0.40 gpm/ft² (16.3 mm/min) to 0.24 gpm/ft² (9.8 mm/min).

25.2.3.6.4 Water Supplies. Total water supplies shall be capable of providing flow for automatic sprinklers, hose streams, and foam systems (if provided) for the duration required in Table 20.12.2.6.

25.2.4 CMSA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria in Combination with In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.2.4.1 General.

25.2.4.1.1 Open Wood Joist Construction with CMSA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level.

25.2.4.1.1.1 Where CMSA sprinklers are installed under open wood joist construction, firestopping in accordance with 25.2.4.1.1.2 shall be provided or the minimum operating pressure of the sprinklers shall be 50 psi (3.4 bar) for a K-11.2 (160) sprinkler or 22 psi (1.5 bar) for a K-16.8 (240) sprinkler.

25.2.4.1.1.2 Where each joist channel of open wood joist construction is fully firestopped to its full depth at intervals not exceeding 20 ft (6.1 m), the lower pressures specified in Table 25.2.4.2.1 shall be permitted to be used.

Table 25.2.3.5 CMDA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities with Storage Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height, Clearance to Ceiling Up to and Including 10 ft (3.0 m) Supplemented with In-Rack Sprinklers

Storage Height Above Top Level of In-Rack Sprinklers		Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria	
ft	m	gpm/ft ² over ft ²	mm/min over m ²
Up to and including 5 ft	Up to and including 1.5 m	0.30/2000	12.2/185 m ²
Over 5 ft and up to and including 10 ft	Over 1.5 m and up to and including 3.0 m	0.45/2000	18.3/185 m ²

25.2.4.1.2 Preaction Systems for CMSA Sprinklers. For the purpose of using Table 25.2.4.2.1, preaction systems shall be classified as dry pipe systems.

25.2.4.2 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities.

25.2.4.2.1 Where rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is protected by CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level along with one level of in-rack sprinklers, the ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria shall be in accordance with Table 25.2.4.2.1.

25.2.4.2.2 Protection shall be provided as specified in Table 25.2.4.2.1 or appropriate NFPA standards in terms of minimum operating pressure and the number of ceiling-level sprinklers to be included in the design area.

25.2.4.3 Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities.

25.2.4.3.1 Where rack storage of nonexpanded, cartoned and exposed, Group A plastic commodities is protected by CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level along with one level of in-rack sprinklers, the ceiling-level sprinkler system design criteria shall be in accordance with Table 25.2.4.3.1.

Table 25.2.4.2.1 CMSA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities (Encapsulated and Nonencapsulated) Supplemented with In-Rack Sprinklers

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/Orientation	Type of System	No. of Ceiling Sprinklers in the Design	No. of Required Levels of In-Rack Sprinklers	Minimum Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m					psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	I or II	30	9.1	35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	20	One level	25	1.7
							Dry	30	One level	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	20	One level	15	1
							Dry	30	One level	15	1
	III	25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	One level	25	1.7
							Dry	25	One level	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Dry	25	One level	15	1
				35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	One level	25	1.7
							Dry	25	One level	25	1.7
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	15	One level	15	1
							Dry	25	One level	15	1
	IV	25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	15	One level	50	3.4
				35	11	11.2 (160) Upright	Wet	20	One level	50	3.4
								15	One level	75	5.2
						16.8 (240) Upright	Wet	20	One level	22	1.5
								15	One level	35	2.4

Table 25.2.4.3.1 CMSA Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities Stored Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height Supplemented with In-Rack Sprinklers

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor/Orientation	Type of System	No. of Ceiling Sprinklers in the Design	No. of Required Levels of In-Rack Sprinklers	Minimum Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m					psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	Cartoned nonexpanded plastics and exposed nonexpanded plastics	25	7.6	30	9.1	11.2 (160) upright	Wet	15	One level	50	3.4
				35	11	11.2 (160) upright	Wet	30	One level	50	3.4
							Wet	20	One level	75	5.2
						16.8 (240) upright	Wet	30	One level	22	1.5
							Wet	20	One level	35	2.4

25.2.4.3.2 Protection shall be provided as specified in Table 25.2.4.3.1 or appropriate NFPA standards in terms of minimum operating pressure and the number of ceiling-level sprinklers to be included in the design area.

25.2.5 ESFR Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria in Combination with In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.2.5.1 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities.

25.2.5.1.1 Where rack storage of Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities is protected by ESFR sprinklers at ceiling level along with one level of in-rack sprinklers, the ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria shall be in accordance with Table 25.2.5.1.1.

25.2.5.1.2 ESFR sprinkler systems, when supplemented with in-rack sprinklers, shall be designed such that the minimum operating pressure is not less than that indicated in Table 25.2.5.1.1 for type of storage, commodity, storage height, and building height involved.

25.2.5.1.3 The design area applicable to the ceiling-level design options listed in Table 25.2.5.1.1 shall consist of the most hydraulically demanding area of 12 sprinklers, consisting of 4 sprinklers on each of three branch lines.

25.3 In-Rack Sprinkler Characteristics.

25.3.1 In-rack sprinklers shall be pendent or upright, standard- or quick-response, ordinary-temperature-rated and have a nominal K-factor of K-5.6 (80), K-8.0 (115), or K-11.2 (160).

25.3.2 In-rack sprinklers protecting open rack storage where ESFR sprinklers are installed at ceiling level shall be quick-response, ordinary-temperature-rated, and either K-8.0 (115) or K-11.2 (160).

25.3.3 In-rack sprinklers with intermediate- and high-temperature ratings shall be used near heat sources as required by 9.4.2.

25.3.4 In-rack sprinklers shall be permitted to have a different RTI rating from the ceiling sprinklers under which they are installed.

25.3.5 In-Rack Sprinkler Water Shields.

25.3.5.1 In-Rack Sprinkler Water Shields for Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities. Water shields shall be provided directly above in-rack sprinklers, or listed intermediate

level/rack storage sprinklers shall be used where there is more than one level, if not shielded by horizontal barriers. (See Section C.3.)

25.3.5.2 In-Rack Sprinkler Water Shields for Group A Plastic Storage. Where in-rack sprinklers are not shielded by horizontal barriers, water shields shall be provided above the sprinklers, or listed intermediate level/rack storage sprinklers shall be used.

25.4 Vertical Spacing and Location of In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.4.1 In-rack sprinklers shall not be required to meet the obstruction criteria and clearance from storage requirements of Section 9.5.

25.4.2 A minimum 6 in. (150 mm) vertical clear space shall be maintained between in-rack sprinkler deflectors and the top of storage located below them.

25.4.2.1* Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed within single- and double-row racks of Class I through Class IV commodities up to and including 20 ft (6.1 m) in height, the vertical clear space of in-rack sprinkler deflectors with respect to the top of storage located below them shall be permitted to be less than 6 in. (150 mm). (See Section C.16.)

25.4.3 In-rack sprinkler discharge shall not be obstructed by horizontal rack members.

25.4.4* Where one level of in-rack sprinklers are required by the guidelines of this chapter and the vertical location of the in-rack sprinklers is not indicated in an applicable figure, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed at the first tier level at or above one-half of the highest expected storage height.

25.4.5 Where two levels of in-rack sprinklers are required by the guidelines of this chapter and the vertical location of the in-rack sprinklers is not indicated in an applicable figure, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed at the first tier level at or above one-third and two-thirds of the highest expected storage height.

25.4.6 Maximum Storage Height Above Top In-Rack Sprinkler Level.

25.4.6.1 Where in-rack sprinklers are required for single- and double-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, storage above the top level of in-rack sprinklers shall not exceed 10 ft (3.0 m).

Table 25.2.5.1.1 ESFR Ceiling-Level Sprinkler Design Criteria for Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities (Encapsulated and Nonencapsulated) Supplemented with In-Rack Sprinklers

Storage Arrangement	Commodity Class	Maximum Storage Height		Maximum Ceiling/Roof Height		K-Factor	Orientation	No. of Ceiling Sprinklers in the Design	No. of Required Levels of In-Rack Sprinklers	Minimum Ceiling Sprinkler Operating Pressure	
		ft	m	ft	m					psi	bar
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks (no open-top containers)	Class I, II, III or IV, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, cartoned nonexpanded and exposed nonexpanded plastics	40	12.2	45	14	14.0 (200)	Pendent	12	One level	90	6.2
						16.8 (240)	Pendent	12	One level	63	4.3

25.4.6.2 Where in-rack sprinklers are required for multiple-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, storage above the top level of in-rack sprinklers shall not exceed 10 ft (3.0 m) for Class I, Class II, or Class III commodities or 5 ft (1.5 m) for Class IV commodities.

25.4.6.3 Where in-rack sprinklers are required for rack storage of Group A plastic commodities over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, storage above the top level of in-rack sprinklers shall not exceed 10 ft (3.0 m).

25.4.7 Staggering of In-Rack Sprinklers for Class I Through Class IV Commodities Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.4.7.1 Where single-, double-, and multiple-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, in-rack sprinklers shall be staggered vertically where installed in accordance with Table 25.9.2.1.1, Figure 25.9.2.2.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.2.1(j), and Figure 25.9.2.1.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.1.1(e).

25.5 Horizontal Location and Spacing of In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.5.1 Horizontal Location of In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.5.1.1 In-rack sprinklers shall not be required to meet the obstruction criteria and clearance from storage requirements of Section 9.5.

25.5.1.2* Where in-rack sprinklers are installed in longitudinal flues, they shall be located at an intersection of transverse and longitudinal flues while not exceeding the maximum horizontal spacing rules.

25.5.1.3 Where horizontal distances between transverse flues exceed the maximum allowable horizontal linear spacing for in-rack sprinklers, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed at the intersection of the transverse and longitudinal flues, and additional in-rack sprinklers shall be installed between transverse flues to meet the maximum allowable horizontal linear spacing rules for in-rack sprinklers.

25.5.1.4 Where no transverse flues exist, horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall not exceed the maximum allowable spacing rules.

25.5.1.5 Where in-rack sprinklers are installed to protect a higher-hazard commodity that occupies only a portion of the length of a rack, in-rack sprinklers shall be extended a minimum of 8 ft (2.4 m) or one bay, whichever is greater, in each direction along the rack on either side of the higher hazard. The in-rack sprinklers protecting the higher hazard shall not be required to extend across the aisle.

25.5.1.6* Where rack storage is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers shall be a minimum 3 in. (75 mm) radially from the side of rack uprights.

25.5.1.6.1 Where rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m), in-rack sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed horizontally without regard to rack uprights. (See Section C.17.)

25.5.1.7 Where rack storage is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and requires face sprinklers, the face sprinklers shall be located within the rack a minimum 3 in. (75 mm) from rack uprights

and no more than 18 in. (450 mm) from the aisle face of storage.

25.5.1.8 Where single- and double-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, in-rack sprinklers shall be staggered horizontally where installed in accordance with Table 25.9.2.1.1 and Figure 25.9.2.1.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.1.1(e) for single-row racks or Table 25.9.2.2.1 and Figure 25.9.2.2.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.2.1(j) for double-row racks.

25.5.1.9 Where multiple-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, in-rack sprinklers shall be staggered horizontally where installed in accordance with Table 25.9.2.3.1 and Figure 25.9.2.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.3.1(c).

25.5.1.10 Where rack storage of Group A plastic commodities is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers in longitudinal flues shall be installed with the deflector located at or below the bottom of horizontal load beams or above or below other adjacent horizontal rack members.

25.5.2 Horizontal Spacing of In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.5.2.1 General.

25.5.2.1.1 Unless specified elsewhere in this standard, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with 25.5.2.1.2 through 25.5.2.1.4.

25.5.2.1.2 In-rack sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed horizontally less than 6 ft (1.8 m) apart.

25.5.2.1.3 For rack storage of rubber tires, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 8 ft (2.4 m).

25.5.2.1.4 The maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers for Class IV and Group A plastic commodities in miscellaneous, low-piled, and rack storage shall be 10 ft (3.0 m).

25.5.2.2 CMDA Sprinklers Installed at Ceiling Level.

25.5.2.2.1* Where single- and double-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 25.5.2.2.1.

25.5.2.2.2 Where multiple-row rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMDA sprinklers at ceiling level, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 25.5.2.2.2.

(A) The rack plan view shall be considered in determining the area covered by each sprinkler.

(B) The aisles shall not be included in area calculations.

25.5.2.2.3* For horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers not addressed by 25.5.2.2.1 or 25.5.2.2.2, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 25.5.2.2.3.

Table 25.5.2.2.1 In-Rack Sprinkler Horizontal Spacing for Class I, II, III, and IV Commodities Stored in Single- or Double-Row Racks Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height Protected by CMDA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level

Commodity Class	Aisle Width		Encapsulated	Maximum Allowable Linear Spacing	
	ft	m		ft	m
I, II	8	2.4	No	12	3.7
			Yes	8	2.4
	4	1.2	No	12	3.7
			Yes	8	2.4
III	8	2.4	No	12	3.7
			Yes	8	2.4
	4	1.2	No	10	3
			Yes	8	2.4
IV	8	2.4	No	10	3
			Yes	8	2.4
	4	1.2	No	10	3
			Yes	8	2.4

Table 25.5.2.2.2 In-Rack Sprinkler Horizontal Spacing for Class I, II, III, and IV Commodities Stored in Multiple-Row Racks Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height Protected by Control Mode Density/Area Sprinklers at Ceiling Level

Commodity Class	Linear Spacing		Area Spacing	
	ft	m	ft ²	m ²
I, II, III	12	3.7	100	9.3
IV	8	2.4	80	9

25.5.2.3 CMSA Sprinklers Installed at Ceiling Level.

25.5.2.3.1 Where rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 8 ft (2.4 m).

25.5.2.3.2 Where rack storage of plastic commodities is up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 5 ft (1.5 m).

25.5.2.3.3 Where rack storage of Class I through Class IV commodities is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and protected by CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 5 ft (1.5 m).

25.5.2.4 ESFR Sprinklers Installed at Ceiling Level. Where rack storage is protected by ESFR sprinklers at ceiling level, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 5 ft (1.5 m).

25.6 Protection of Racks with Solid Shelves.

25.6.1 General. The requirements in this chapter for the installation of in-rack sprinklers shall apply to racks with solid shelves except as modified in this section.

25.6.2 Ceiling-level sprinkler design criteria for CMDA, CMSA, and ESFR sprinklers shall be an applicable option for open racks combined with in-rack sprinklers installed in accordance with the criteria for solid shelving.

25.6.3 Vertical Spacing and Location of In-Rack Sprinklers in Racks with Solid Shelves.

25.6.3.1 Where CMDA sprinklers are at ceiling level protecting racks with solid shelving that exceeds 20 ft² (1.9 m²) in area but not 64 ft² (5.9 m²), in-rack sprinklers shall not be required below every shelf but shall be installed below shelves at intermediate levels not more than 6 ft (1.8 m) apart vertically. (See Section C.11.)

25.6.3.2 Where CMDA sprinklers are at ceiling level protecting racks with solid shelving that exceeds 64 ft² (5.9 m²) in area or where the levels of storage exceed 6 ft (1.8 m), in-rack sprinklers shall be installed below each level of shelving.

25.6.3.3 Where CMSA sprinklers are at ceiling level and protect racks with solid shelving, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed beneath all tiers under the highest solid shelf.

25.6.3.4 Where ESFR sprinklers are at ceiling level and protect racks with solid shelving, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed beneath all tiers under the highest solid shelf.

25.6.3.5 Where racks with solid shelves obstruct only a portion of an open rack, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed vertically as follows:

- (1) In accordance with 25.6.3.1 and 25.6.3.2 where CMDA sprinklers are installed at ceiling level
- (2) In accordance with 25.6.3.3 where CMSA sprinklers are installed at ceiling level
- (3) In accordance with 25.6.3.4 where ESFR sprinklers are installed at ceiling level

25.6.4 Horizontal Location and Spacing of In-Rack Sprinklers in Racks with Solid Shelves.

25.6.4.1 Where racks with solid shelves contain storage of Class I through Class IV commodities, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 10 ft (3.0 m).

25.6.4.2 Where racks with solid shelves contain storage of Group A plastic commodities, the maximum allowable horizontal spacing of in-rack sprinklers shall be 5 ft (1.5 m).

25.6.4.3 Where racks with solid shelves obstruct only a portion of an open rack, in-rack sprinklers shall be extended beyond the end of the solid shelf a minimum of 4 ft (1.2 m) to the nearest flue space intersection.

25.7 Horizontal Barriers in Combination with In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.7.1* Where required by sections of this chapter, horizontal barriers used in combination with in-rack sprinklers to impede vertical fire development shall be constructed of sheet metal, wood, or similar material and shall extend the full length and depth of the rack.

Table 25.5.2.2.3 Horizontal Spacing for In-Rack Sprinklers in Combination with CMDA Ceiling Sprinklers That Are Represented by Figures

Commodity Class	Storage Rack Type	Storage Height		Applicable Table and/or Figure for Horizontal Spacing of In-Rack Sprinklers
		ft	m	
Class I through IV	Single-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Table 25.9.2.1.1 and Figures 25.9.2.1.1(a)–(e)
	Double-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Table 25.9.2.2.1 and Figures 25.9.2.2.1(a)–(j)
	Multiple-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Table 25.9.2.3.1 and Figures 25.9.2.3.1(a)–(c)
Group A plastics	Single-, double-, and multiple-row	Up to 25	Up to 7.6	Figures 25.9.3.1(a)–(e)
Group A plastics, cartoned	Single-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Figures 25.9.4.1.1(a)–(d)
	Double-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Figures 25.9.4.2.1(a)–(c)
	Multiple-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Figures 25.9.4.3.1(a)–(f)
Group A plastics, exposed nonexpanded	Single-row, maximum 3 ft (0.9 m) deep	Over 25	Over 7.6	Figure 25.9.4.1.3
	Multiple-row	Over 25	Over 7.6	Figures 25.9.4.3.1(a)–(f)

25.7.2 Barriers shall be fitted within 2 in. (50 mm) horizontally around rack uprights.

25.8 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Options That Are Independent of the Ceiling Sprinkler Design.

25.8.1 In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities That Are Independent of the Ceiling Sprinkler Design, Option 1.

25.8.1.1 Where Class I, II, III, IV, and Group A plastic commodities are protected in accordance with the guidelines of this section, the in-rack sprinkler system shall not be required to be hydraulically balanced with the ceiling-level sprinkler system.

25.8.1.2 Where a storage rack will not be solely dedicated to the in-rack sprinkler system outlined in this section, either of the following shall apply:

- (1) Extend the protection outlined in this section horizontally one pallet load in all directions beyond the commodity storage area that is being protected by the alternative in-rack sprinkler arrangement.
- (2) Install a vertical barrier to segregate the commodities that are being protected by the alternative in-rack sprinkler arrangement.

25.8.1.3 Where a storage rack is partially protected by the in-rack sprinkler system outlined in this section, commodities that can be protected by the ceiling-level sprinkler system shall be permitted to be stored vertically above and horizontally adjacent to the portions of the storage rack protected in accordance with this section.

25.8.1.4 Horizontal Barriers for Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1.

25.8.1.4.1 The barrier shall be constructed of minimum 22 gauge (.78 mm) sheet metal or of minimum $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) plywood.

25.8.1.4.2 The barrier shall span horizontally to both aisle faces of the rack, covering up all flue spaces of the rack bays in which they are installed.

25.8.1.4.3 A maximum 3 in. (75 mm) wide horizontal gap shall be permitted at rack uprights or other equipment that would create an opening, such as vertical in-rack sprinkler pipe drops.

25.8.1.4.4 Where the dedicated storage is in open racks, horizontal barriers shall be installed at vertical increments not exceeding 12 ft (3.6 m).

25.8.1.4.5 Where the dedicated storage is in racks with solid shelves, horizontal barriers shall be installed at every tier level of the dedicated storage rack.

25.8.1.5 In-rack sprinklers shall be quick-response, minimum K-8.0 (K-115) installed as close to the underside of the horizontal barrier as possible.

25.8.1.6 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1 for Single-Row Racks.

25.8.1.6.1 For single-row racks, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed beneath horizontal barriers at each rack upright and within the rack bay as shown in Figure 25.8.1.6.1.

25.8.1.6.2 The maximum allowable horizontal spacing between in-rack sprinklers shall not exceed 5 ft (1.5 m).

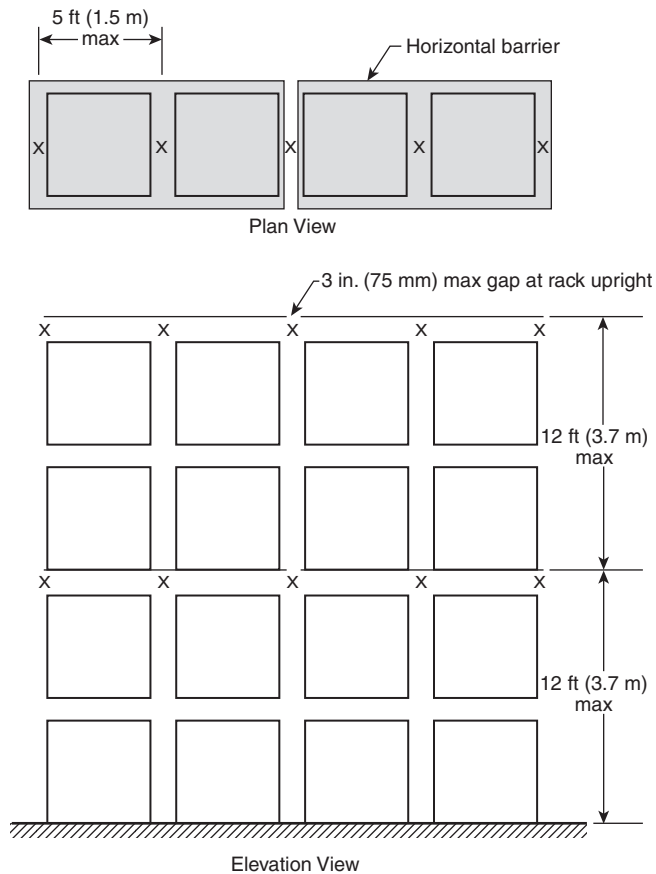


FIGURE 25.8.1.6.1 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1 for Single-Row Racks.

25.8.1.7 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1 for Double-Row Racks.

25.8.1.7.1 For double-row racks, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed beneath horizontal barriers at each rack upright within the longitudinal flue space and at the face of the rack as well as at the face of each rack bay as shown in Figure 25.8.1.7.1.

25.8.1.7.2 The maximum allowable horizontal spacing between in-rack sprinklers shall not exceed 5 ft (1.5 m) at the rack face and 10 ft (3.0 m) within the longitudinal flue space.

25.8.1.8 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1 for Multiple-Row Racks.

25.8.1.8.1 For multiple-row racks, an alternating in-rack sprinkler arrangement shall be installed within adjacent transverse flue spaces and with sprinklers at the face of each flue space as shown in Figure 25.8.1.8.1.

25.8.1.8.2 The maximum allowable horizontal spacing between in-rack sprinklers at the face and at each alternating rack bay shall not exceed 5 ft (1.5 m) and shall not exceed 10 ft (3.0 m) between in-rack sprinklers at every other rack bay.

25.8.1.9 In-Rack Sprinkler System Design. The in-rack sprinkler system design outlined in this section shall be based on a minimum flow of 60 gpm (230 L/min) from the most remote six in-rack sprinklers for single-row racks or the most remote

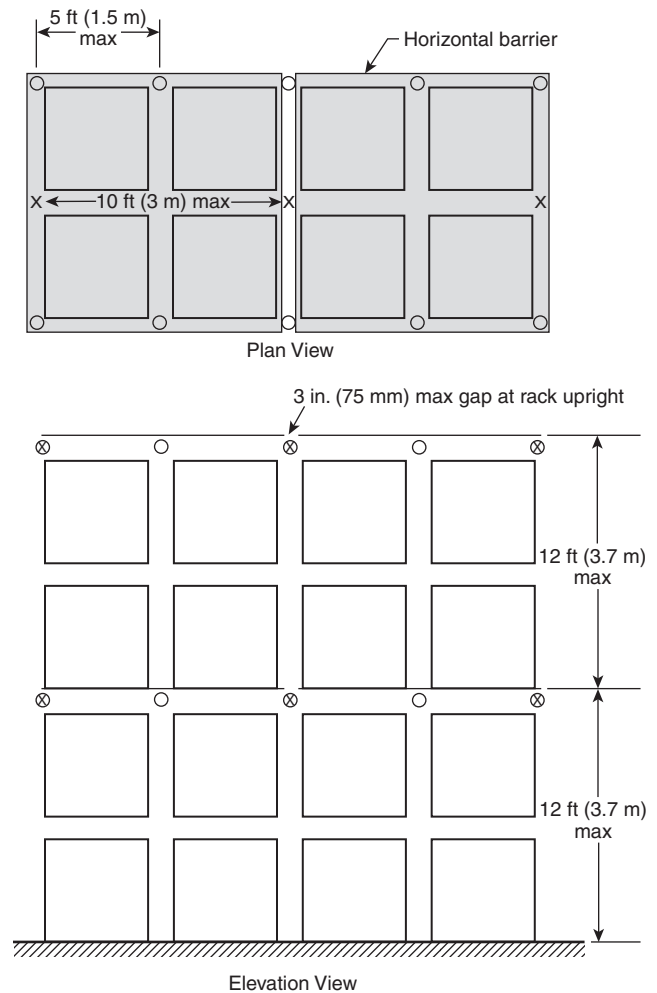


FIGURE 25.8.1.7.1 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1 for Double-Row Racks.

eight in-rack sprinklers for both double-row and multiple-row racks.

25.8.1.10 Ceiling-Level Sprinkler System Design. The ceiling-level sprinkler system shall be designed based on the highest commodity hazard not protected by the in-rack sprinkler system outlined in this section.

25.8.2 In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities That Are Independent of the Ceiling Sprinkler Design, Option 2.

25.8.2.1 Protection of closed-top Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities (i.e., no open-top containers) stored on single-, double-, or multiple-row racks without solid shelves shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with this section.

25.8.2.2 In-rack sprinkler systems shall be wet-pipe only.

25.8.2.3 In-rack sprinklers shall be ESFR, pendent, and ordinary-temperature-rated.

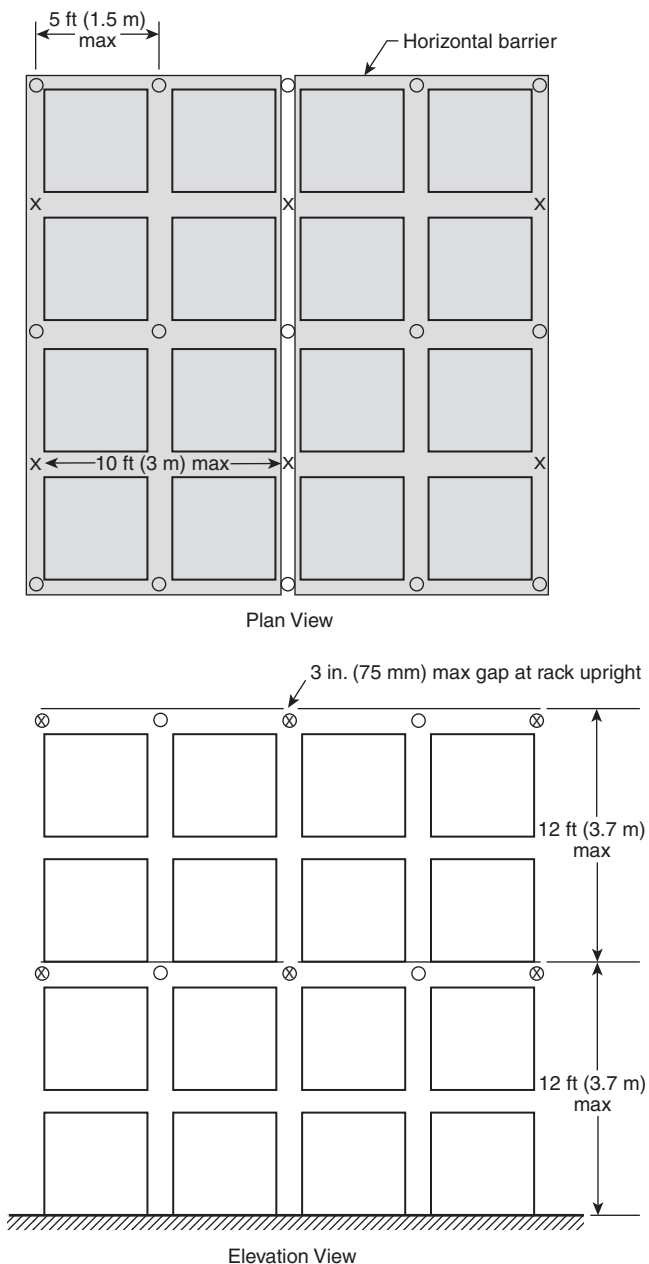


FIGURE 25.8.1.8.1 Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection Option 1 for Multiple-Row Racks.

25.8.2.3.1 Minimum K-14.0 (K-200) ESFR sprinklers shall be installed where the minimum required flow is 100 gpm (380 L/min) or less.

25.8.2.3.2 Minimum K-22.4 (K-320) ESFR sprinklers shall be installed where the minimum required flow exceeds 100 gpm (380 L/min).

25.8.2.4 Depending on the type of storage rack being protected, in-rack sprinklers shall be positioned horizontally in accordance with Figure 25.8.2.4(a) through Figure 25.8.2.4(f) and the following:

- (1) The minimum horizontal distance between in-rack sprinklers shall be 27 in. (700 mm), with the maximum horizontal distance being 4.5 ft (1.4 m), unless shown otherwise in the applicable figures.
- (2) Except as shown in Figure 25.8.2.4(c), all in-rack sprinklers shall be located within the footprint of the rack structure.
- (3) All face sprinklers shall be positioned so that the horizontal distance between the face of the storage rack and the outer edge of storage, if it protrudes into the storage aisle, does not exceed 18 in. (450 mm).

25.8.2.5 The maximum allowable vertical distance between in-rack sprinklers for cartoned expanded Group A plastics, exposed nonexpanded Group A plastics, and exposed expanded Group A plastics shall be 30 ft (9.1 m).

25.8.2.5.1 The maximum allowable vertical distance between in-rack sprinklers for Class I through Class IV and cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastics shall be 40 ft (12.2 m).

25.8.2.5.2 A minimum 6 in. (150 mm) vertical distance between the top of storage and the in-rack sprinkler deflector shall be maintained.

25.8.2.6 Regardless of the number of in-rack sprinkler levels installed, the number of sprinkler levels for the in-rack sprinkler system design shall be based on the single most hydraulically remote in-rack sprinkler level and the minimum number of in-rack sprinklers for this level in accordance with Table 25.8.2.6.

25.8.2.7 The minimum flow required in the system design shall be from the most remote in-rack sprinkler in accordance with Table 25.8.2.7.

25.8.2.8 A hose stream allowance per Table 20.12.2.6 shall be included as part of the in-rack sprinkler system design.

25.8.2.9 The water supply requirements shall be available for a minimum duration as required in Table 20.12.2.6.

25.8.2.10 The water supply for the in-rack sprinkler system shall be capable of providing the required in-rack sprinkler system design obtained from 25.8.2 independent of the design requirements of the ceiling sprinkler system protecting this same area.

25.8.2.11 The ceiling sprinkler system shall be designed and installed in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Chapters 21, 22, or 23, depending on the commodity hazard and the ceiling-level sprinkler, except as modified in 25.8.2.

25.8.2.11.1* Where the in-rack sprinkler system is designed and installed in accordance with 25.8.2, the top level of in-rack sprinklers shall be considered to be a floor for design purposes of the ceiling sprinkler system.

25.8.2.12 The water supply for the ceiling system shall be capable of providing the required ceiling sprinkler system design obtained from Chapters 21, 22, or 23 independent of the design requirements of the in-rack sprinkler system obtained from 25.8.2 and protecting this same area.

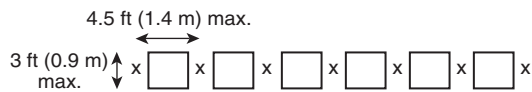


FIGURE 25.8.2.4(a) Plan View of In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement for Open Single-Row Racks Up to 3 ft (0.9 m) Deep.

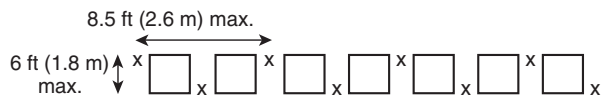


FIGURE 25.8.2.4(b) Plan View of In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement for Open Single-Row Racks Up to 6 ft (1.8 m) Deep.

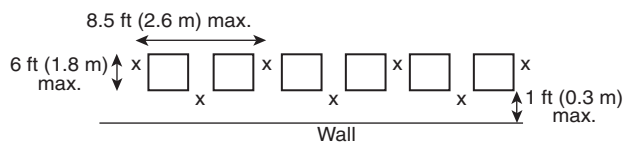


FIGURE 25.8.2.4(c) Plan View of In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement for Open Single-Row Racks Up to 6 ft (1.8 m) Deep Located Against a Wall.

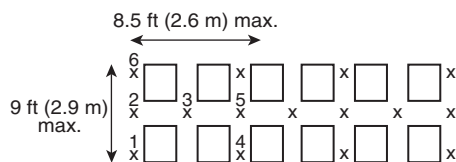


FIGURE 25.8.2.4(d) Plan View of In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement for Open Double-Row Racks Up to 9 ft (2.7 m) Deep.

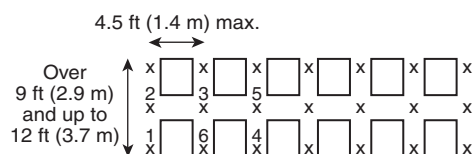


FIGURE 25.8.2.4(e) Plan View of In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement for Open Double-Row Racks Up to 12 ft (3.7 m) Deep.

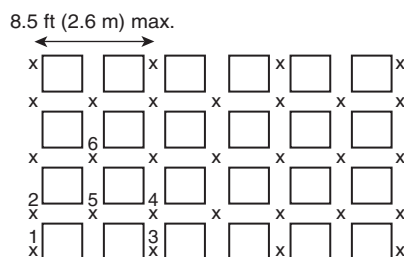


FIGURE 25.8.2.4(f) Plan View of In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement for Open Multiple-Row Racks.

25.8.3 In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities That Are Independent of the Ceiling Sprinkler Design, Option 3.

25.8.3.1 Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities requiring a greater level of protection than is available from the overhead sprinkler system shall be permitted to be protected in accordance with this section.

25.8.3.1.1 Where the storage rack will not be solely dedicated to the storage of commodities requiring a greater level of protection than is available from the overhead sprinkler system, either of the following shall apply:

- (1) Extend the protection prescribed by this section horizontally one pallet load in all directions beyond the commodity storage area requiring the higher level of protection.
- (2) Install a vertical barrier to segregate the commodities requiring the higher level of protection from any adjacent commodities.

25.8.3.1.2 Commodities that can be protected by the ceiling-level sprinkler system shall be permitted to be stored vertically above and horizontally adjacent to the portions of the storage rack equipped as prescribed by this section.

25.8.3.2 Horizontal Barriers. Horizontal barriers shall be installed at every tier level of the dedicated storage rack where the rack is equipped with solid shelves.

25.8.3.2.1 Where dedicated storage of Class I through IV and cartoned Group A plastic commodity is in open racks, horizontal barriers shall be installed at vertical increments not exceeding 30 ft (9.1 m).

25.8.3.2.2 Where dedicated storage of exposed Group A plastic commodity is in open racks, horizontal barriers shall be installed at vertical increments not exceeding 20 ft (6.1 m).

25.8.3.2.3 The barriers shall span horizontally so that all flue spaces within the rack bay are covered.

25.8.3.2.4 A maximum 3 in. (75 mm) wide gap shall be permitted at rack uprights.

25.8.3.2.5 The solid barrier shall be installed on a horizontal plane within a rack, beneath which in-rack sprinklers shall be installed, as follows:

- (1) The barrier shall be constructed of minimum 22 gauge (.78 mm) sheet metal or of minimum $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) plywood.
- (2) The barrier shall extend to both ends and both aisle faces of the racks covering up both the longitudinal and transverse flue spaces of the rack bays in which they are installed.
- (3) The barrier shall be fitted to within 3 in. (75 mm) of any vertical rack member or other equipment that would create an opening, such as vertical in-rack sprinkler pipe drops.

25.8.3.3 In-Rack Sprinklers. Intermediate-temperature extended-coverage CMDA pendent storage sprinklers with a nominal K-factor of K-25.2 (360) shall be installed beneath each horizontal barrier. The deflector of the sprinkler shall be located as close to the underside of the horizontal barrier as possible with the deflector a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) above the top of the commodity.

Table 25.8.2.6 Number of Sprinklers in the In-Rack Sprinkler Design

IRAS Installation Arrangement; Figure	Number of Sprinklers in the In-Rack Design	
	Class I Through IV and Cartoned Group A Plastics	Exposed Group A Plastics
Single-row racks up to 3 ft (0.9 m) deep; Figure 25.8.2.4(a)	4	4
Single-row racks up to 6 ft (1.8 m) deep; Figures 25.8.2.4(b) and 25.8.2.4(c)	5	5
Double- and multiple-row racks; Figures 25.8.2.4(d), 25.8.2.4(e) and 25.8.2.4(f)	6	6 and 6*

*This represents 6 sprinklers in the most remote rack as well as 6 sprinklers in the nearest adjacent rack. See Figures 25.8.2.4(d), 25.8.2.4(e), and 25.8.2.4(f) to determine which 6 sprinklers to account for in the in-rack sprinkler design for double- and multiple-row racks.

Table 25.8.2.7 Minimum Flow in the In-Rack Sprinkler Design

Maximum Vertical IRAS Installation Increment, ft (m)	Commodity Hazard	Min. K-Factor	Minimum Flow from Most Remote IRAS, gpm (L/min)
30 (9.1)	Class I through IV and cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic	14.0 (200)	65 (250)
	Cartoned expanded Group A plastic	14.0 (200)	100 (380)
	Exposed Group A plastic	22.4 (320)	120 (455)
40 (12.2)	Class I through Class IV and cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic	22.4 (320)	120 (455)

25.8.3.3.1 Single-Row Racks.

(A) For single-row racks, sprinklers shall be installed at each rack mid-bay as shown in Figure 25.8.3.3.1(A)(a) for Class I through Class IV and cartoned Group A plastic commodity and Figure 25.8.3.3.1(A)(b) for exposed Group A plastic commodity.

(B) The maximum linear spacing between sprinklers shall not exceed 10 ft (3.1 m).

25.8.3.3.2 Double-Row Racks.

(A) For double-row racks, sprinklers shall be installed within the longitudinal flue space at each rack mid-bay as shown in Figure 25.8.3.3.2(A)(a) for Class I through Class IV and cartoned Group A plastic commodity and Figure 25.8.3.3.2(A)(b) for exposed Group A plastic commodity.

(B) The maximum linear spacing between sprinklers shall not exceed 10 ft (3.1 m).

25.8.3.3.3 Multiple-Row Racks.

(A) For multiple-row racks with an overall depth between aisles not exceeding 15 ft 6 in. (4.7 m), an alternating sprinkler arrangement shall be installed within adjacent transverse flue spaces as shown in Figure 25.8.3.3.3(A)(a) for Class I through Class IV and cartoned Group A plastic commodity and Figure 25.8.3.3.3(A)(b) for exposed Group A plastic commodity.

(B) The maximum linear spacing between sprinklers at the face shall not exceed 10 ft (3.1 m) and shall not exceed 10 ft (3.1 m) between sprinklers at every other bay.

25.8.3.4 The design of the in-rack sprinkler system shall be based on a minimum flow of 138 gpm (520 L/min) from each of the four most remote sprinklers for single-row and double-row racks or each of the eight most remote in-rack sprinklers (three at each face and two in-between) for multiple-row racks.

25.8.3.5 The in-rack sprinkler demand shall not be required to be hydraulically balanced with the ceiling-level sprinkler system.

25.8.3.6 Ceiling Sprinkler System. The ceiling-level sprinkler system shall be designed based on the highest commodity hazard not protected by the criteria prescribed by this section.

25.9 In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangements in Combination with CMDA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level.

25.9.1 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height. The in-rack arrangements for rack storage up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height shall be in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Sections 25.4 through 25.7 as applicable.

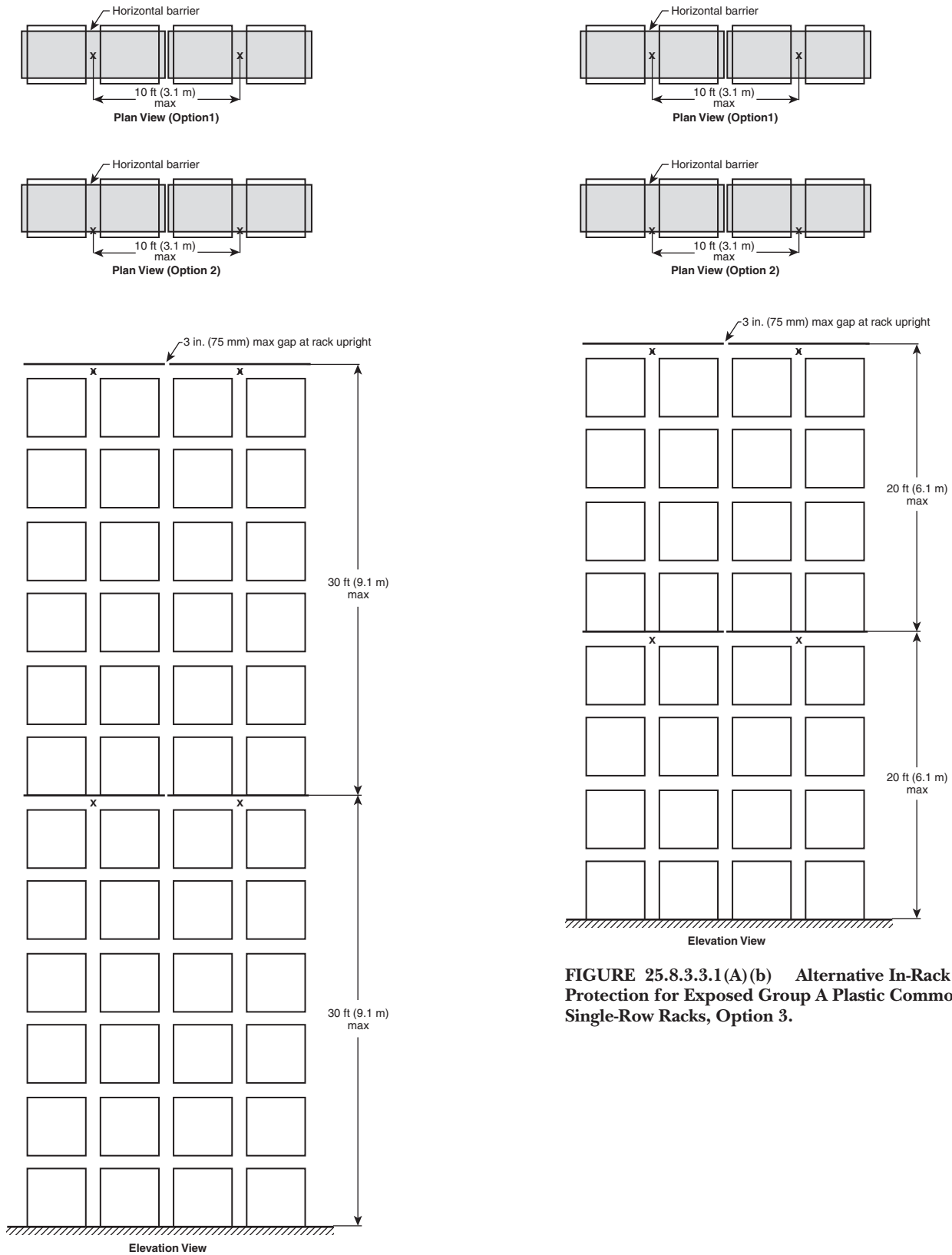


FIGURE 25.8.3.3.1(A)(a) Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class I Through Class IV and Carton Group A Plastic Commodities in Single-Row Racks, Option 3.

FIGURE 25.8.3.3.1(A)(b) Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Exposed Group A Plastic Commodities in Single-Row Racks, Option 3.

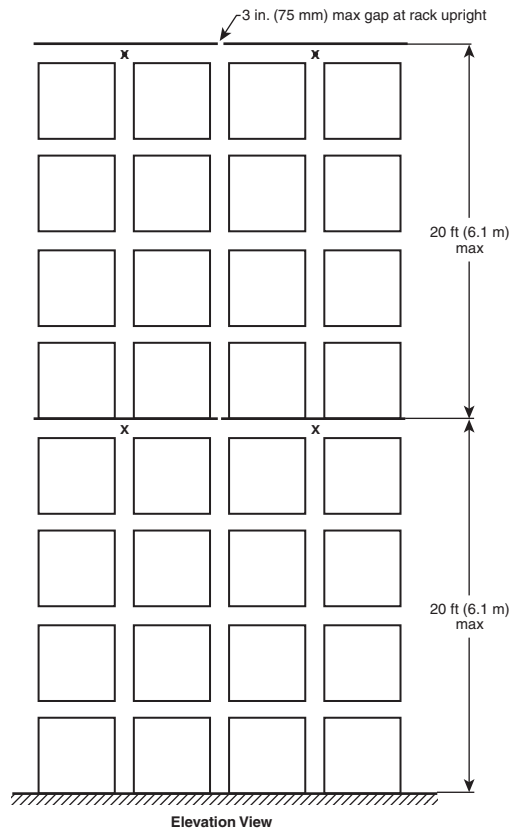
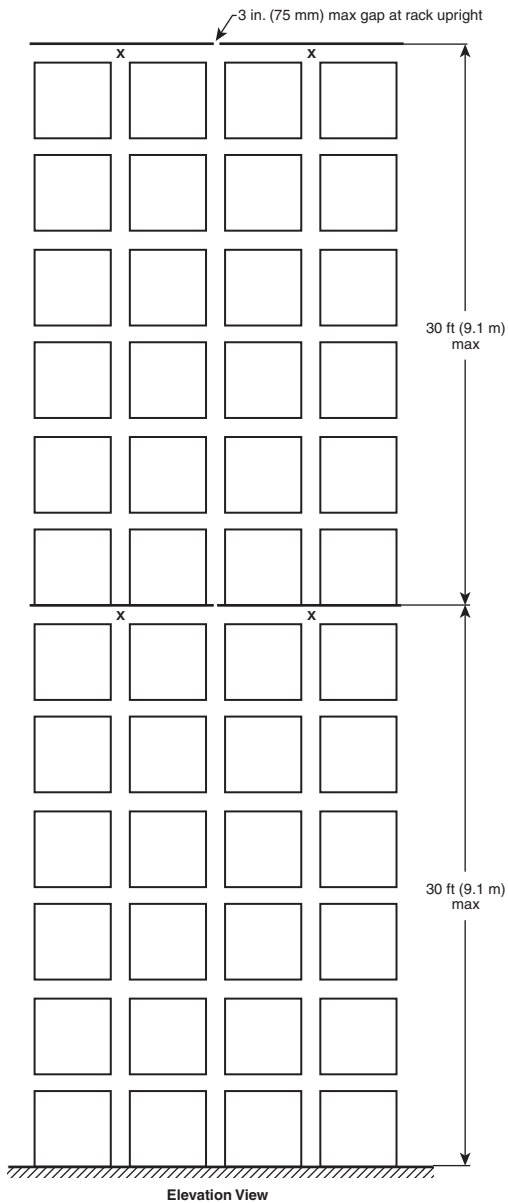
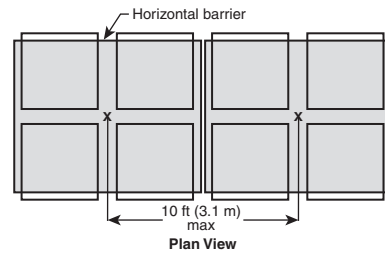
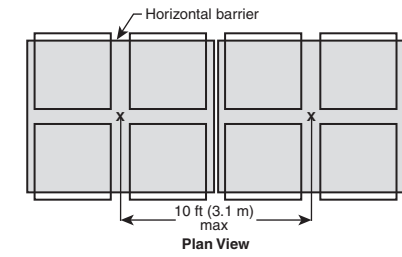


FIGURE 25.8.3.2(A)(b) Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Exposed Group A Plastic Commodities in Double-Row Racks, Option 3.

FIGURE 25.8.3.2(A)(a) Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class I Through Class IV and Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities in Double-Row Racks, Option 3.

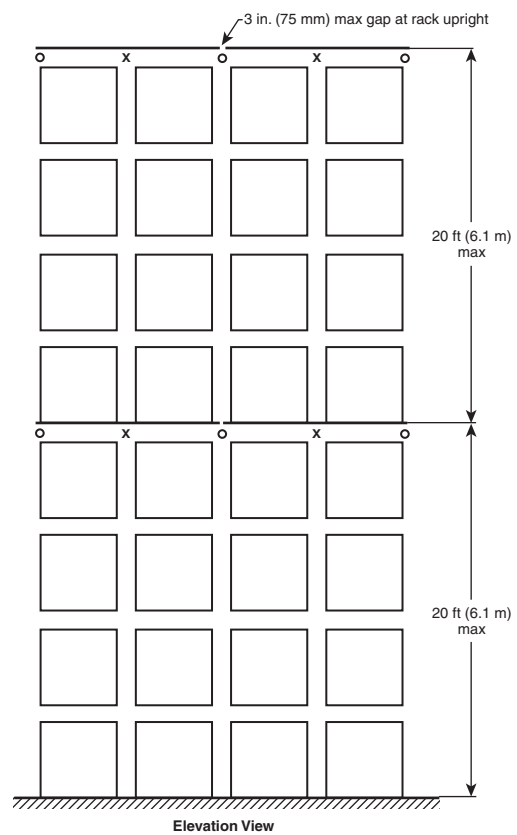
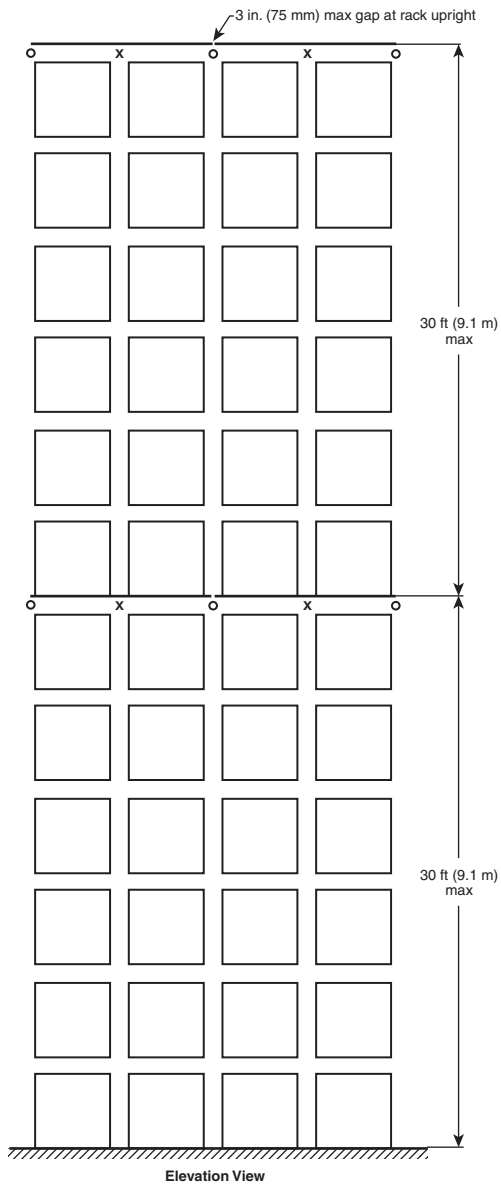
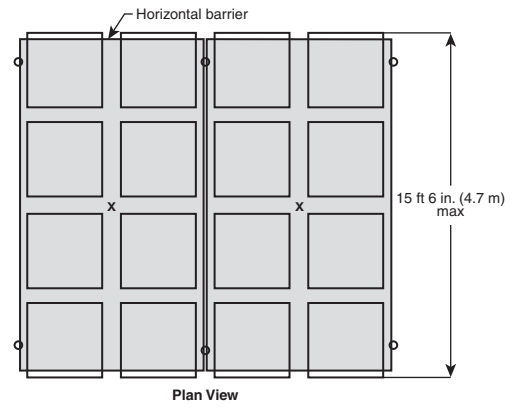
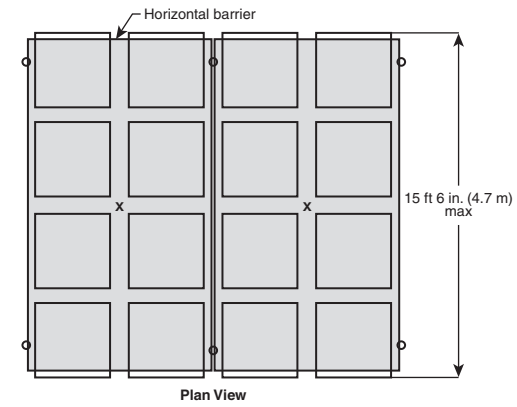


FIGURE 25.8.3.3(A)(a) Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class I Through Class IV and Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities in Multiple-Row Racks, Option 3.

FIGURE 25.8.3.3(A)(b) Alternative In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Exposed Group A Plastic Commodities in Multiple-Row Racks, Option 3.

25.9.2 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.9.2.1 Single-Row Racks.

25.9.2.1.1* In single-row racks with a maximum of 10 ft (3.0 m) between the top of storage and the ceiling, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with Table 25.9.2.1.1 and Figure 25.9.2.1.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.1.1(e).

25.9.2.1.2 Where a single-row rack is located against a wall, the in-rack sprinkler arrangement shall be permitted to be in accordance with Figure 25.9.2.2.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.2.1(j).

25.9.2.1.3 Where in-rack sprinkler arrangement figures for single-row racks show in-rack sprinklers in transverse flue spaces centered between the rack faces, it shall be permitted to position these in-rack sprinklers in the transverse flue at any point between the load faces.

25.9.2.2 Double-Row Racks.

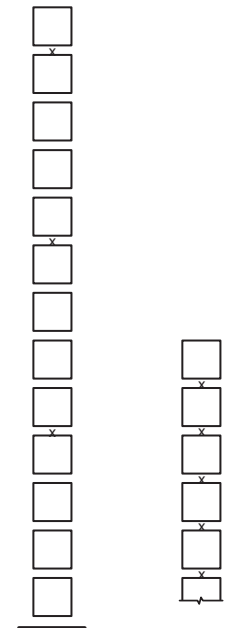
25.9.2.2.1* In double-row racks with a maximum of 10 ft (3.0 m) between the top of storage and the ceiling, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with Table 25.9.2.2.1 and Figure 25.9.2.2.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.2.1(j).

25.9.2.3 Multiple-Row Racks.

25.9.2.3.1* In multiple-row racks with a maximum of 10 ft (3.0 m) between the top of storage and the ceiling, in-rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with Table 25.9.2.3.1 and Figure 25.9.2.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.3.1(c).

25.9.3 Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities Up to and Including 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.9.3.1 Where rack storage of cartoned Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, having a clearance to ceiling up to and including 10 ft (3.1 m) require in-rack sprinklers, in-rack sprinkler arrangements shall be selected from Figure 25.9.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.3.1(e).



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Plan View

Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.1.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1.

Table 25.9.2.1.1 Single-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height with Aisles 4 ft (1.2 m) or More in Width Protected by CMDA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level

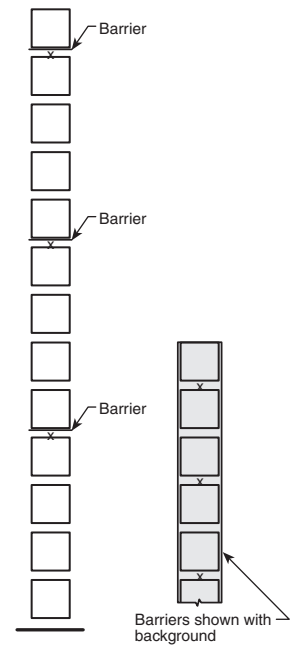
Commodity Class	In-Rack Sprinklers Approximate Vertical Spacing at Tier Nearest the Vertical Distance and Maximum Horizontal Spacing ^{a, b}	Figure	Maximum Storage Height	Stagger
	Center of Rack ^{c, d}			
I, II, III	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	25.9.2.1.1(a)	Higher than 25 ft (7.6 m)	No
	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m) with horizontal barriers	25.9.2.1.1(b)		No
I, II, III, IV	Vertical 15 ft (4.6 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	25.9.2.1.1(c)		No
	Vertical 15 ft (4.6 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m) with horizontal barriers	25.9.2.1.1(d)		No
	Vertical 10 ft (3.0 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	25.9.2.1.1(e)		Yes

^aWater shields required.

^bAll in-rack sprinkler spacing dimensions start from the floor.

^cInstall sprinklers at least 3 in. (75 mm) from uprights.

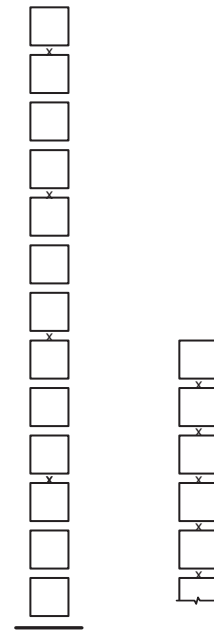
^dIn Figure 25.9.2.1.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.1.1(e), each square represents a storage cube that measures 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there can be one load to six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.



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Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

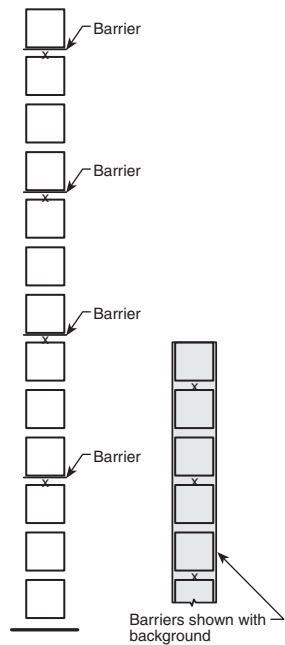
FIGURE 25.9.2.1.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2.



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Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

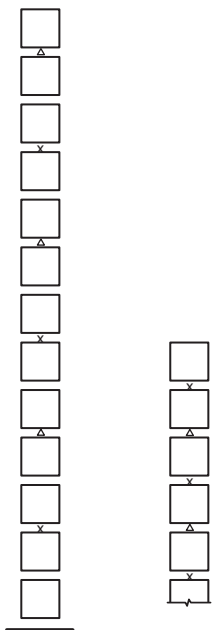
FIGURE 25.9.2.1.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1.



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Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.1.1(d) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2.



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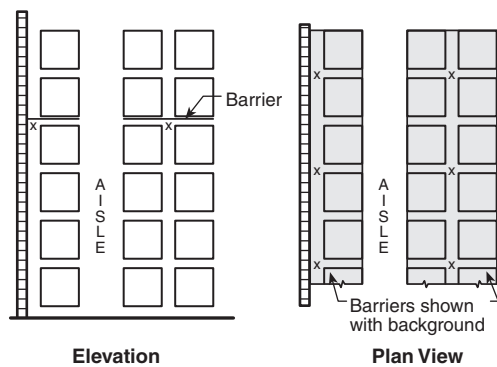
- Notes:
1. For all storage heights, sprinklers shall be installed in every other tier and staggered as indicated.
 2. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
 3. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.1.1(e) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 3.

Table 25.9.2.2.1 Double-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height with Aisles 4 ft (1.2 m) or More in Width Protected by CMDA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level

Commodity Class	In-Rack Sprinklers Approximate Vertical Spacing at Tier Nearest the Vertical Distance and Maximum Horizontal Spacing ^{a,b}		Figure	Maximum Storage Height	Stagger
	Longitudinal Flue ^c	Face ^{d,e}			
I	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m) under horizontal barriers	None	25.9.2.2.1 (a)	30 ft (9.1 m)	No
	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	25.9.2.2.1 (b)	Higher than 25 ft (7.6 m)	Yes
I, II, III	Vertical at 10 ft (3.0 m) or at 15 ft (4.6 m) and at 25 ft (7.6 m)	None	25.9.2.2.1 (c)	30 ft (9.1 m)	Yes
	Vertical 10 ft (3.0 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	Vertical 30 ft (9.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	25.9.2.2.1 (d)	Higher than 25 ft (7.6 m)	Yes
	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	25.9.2.2.1 (e)		Yes
	Vertical 25 ft (7.6 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	Vertical 25 ft (7.6 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	25.9.2.2.1 (f)		No
	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m) under horizontal barriers with two lines of staggered in-rack sprinklers		25.9.2.2.1 (g)		Yes
	Vertical 15 ft (4.6 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m)	25.9.2.2.1 (h)		Yes
I, II, III, IV	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	Vertical 20 ft (6.1 m), Horizontal 5 ft (1.5 m)	25.9.2.2.1 (i)	Higher than 25 ft (7.6 m)	No
	Vertical 15 ft (4.6 m), Horizontal 10 ft (3.0 m) under horizontal barriers with two lines of staggered in-rack sprinklers		25.9.2.2.1 (j)		Yes

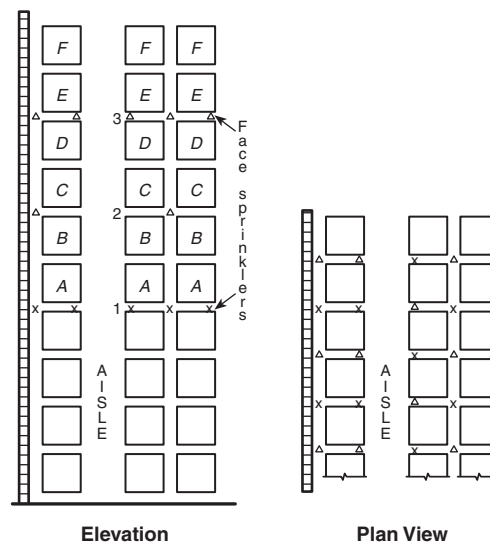
^aWater shields required.^bAll in-rack sprinkler spacing dimensions start from the floor.^cInstall sprinklers at least 3 in. (75 mm) from uprights.^dFace sprinklers shall not be required for a Class I commodity consisting of noncombustible products on wood pallets (without combustible containers), except for arrays shown in Figure 25.9.2.2.1 (g) and Figure 25.9.2.2.1 (j).^eIn Figure 25.9.2.2.1 (a) through Figure 25.9.2.2.1 (j), each square represents a storage cube that measures 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there can be one load to six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.



Notes:

1. Symbol x indicates in-rack sprinklers.
2. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

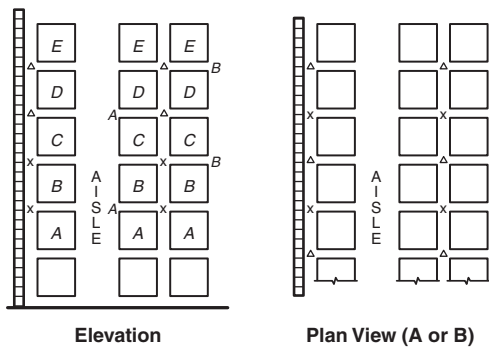
FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I Commodities, Storage Height 25 ft to Maximum 30 ft (7.6 m to Maximum 9.1 m).



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled *A* or *B* represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled *C* or *D* represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled *E* or *F* represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled *F*, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated, with stagger as indicated.
5. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
6. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

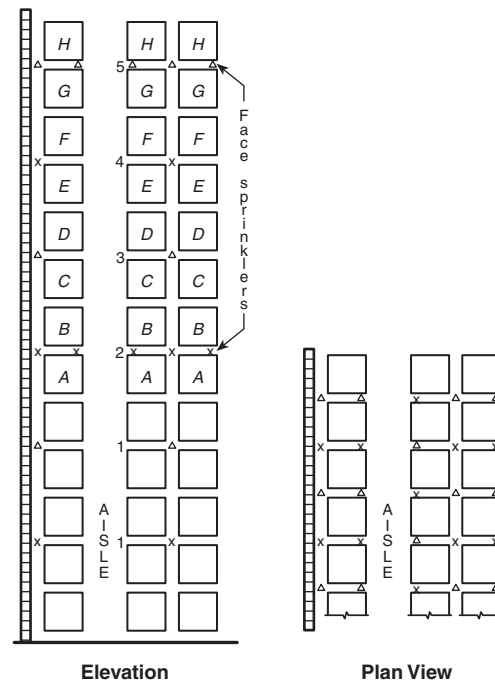
FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m).



Notes:

1. Alternate location of in-rack sprinklers. Sprinklers shall be permitted to be installed above loads *A* and *C* or above loads *B* and *D*.
2. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
3. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

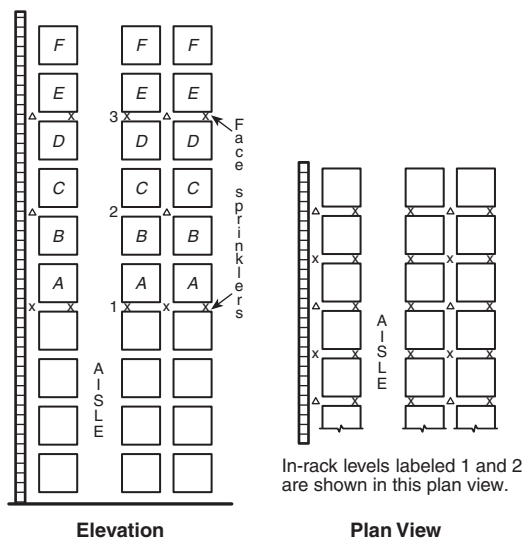
FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Storage Height 25 ft to Maximum 30 ft (7.6 m to Maximum 9.1 m).



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 shall be required where loads labeled *A* represent the top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled *B* or *C* represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, and 3 shall be required where loads labeled *D* or *E* represent top of storage.
4. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be required where loads labeled *F* or *G* represent top of storage.
5. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be required where loads labeled *H* represent top of storage.
6. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled *H*, the cycle defined by Notes 3, 4, and 5 is repeated with stagger as indicated.
7. The indicated face sprinklers shall be permitted to be omitted where commodity consists of unwrapped or unpackaged metal parts on wood pallets.
8. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
9. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

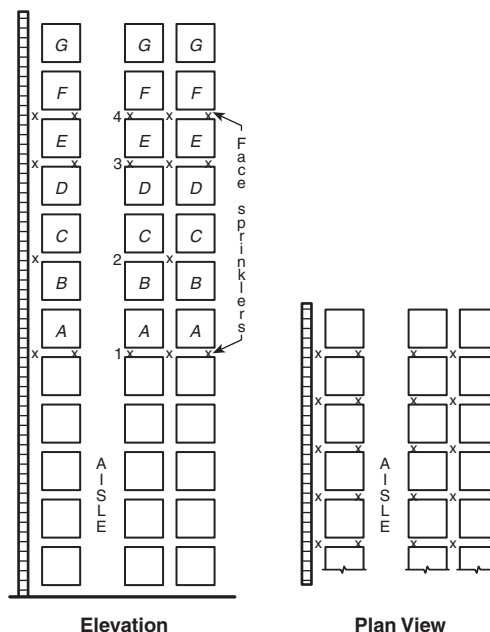
FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(d) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1.



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled *A* or *B* represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled *C* or *D* represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled *E* or *F* represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled *F*, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated, with stagger as indicated.
5. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
6. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

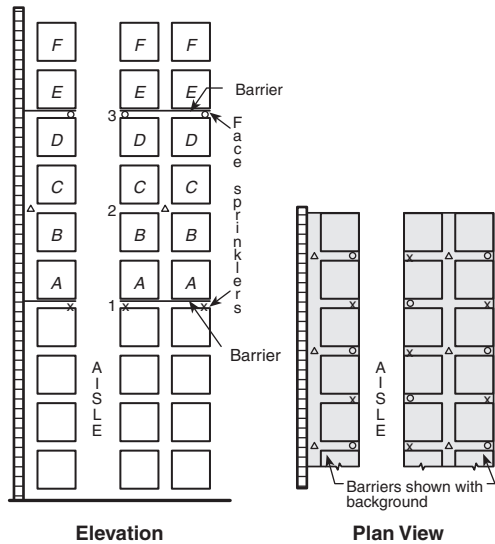
FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(e) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2.



Notes:

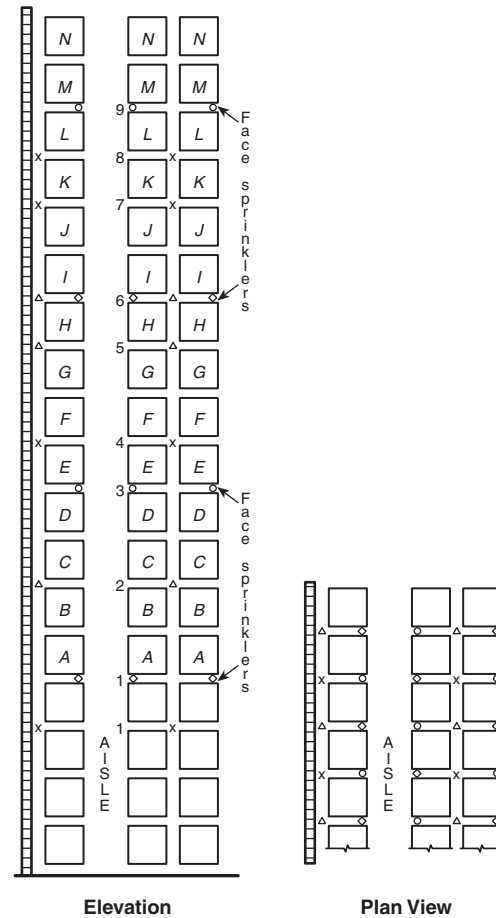
1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled *A* or *B* represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled *C* or *D* represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled *E* represent top of storage.
4. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 4 shall be required where loads labeled *F* or *G* represent top of storage.
5. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled *G*, the cycle defined by Notes 2, 3, and 4 is repeated.
6. Symbol x indicates face and in-rack sprinklers.
7. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(f) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 3.


Notes:

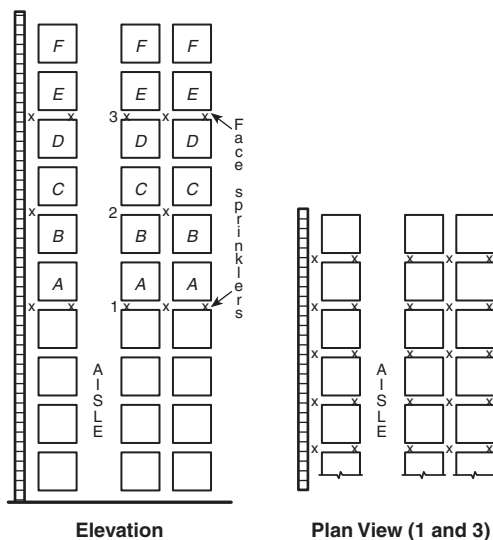
1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled A or B represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled C or D represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled E or F represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled F, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated.
5. Symbols o, Δ, and x indicate sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
6. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(g) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 4.


Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled A or B represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled C or D represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, and 3 shall be required where loads labeled E or F represent top of storage.
4. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be required where loads labeled G represent top of storage.
5. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be required where loads labeled H represent top of storage.
6. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 (not 5) shall be required where loads labeled I or J represent top of storage.
7. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 shall be required where loads labeled K represent top of storage.
8. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 shall be required where loads labeled L represent top of storage.
9. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9 shall be required where loads labeled M or N represent top of storage.
10. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled N, the cycle defined by Notes 1 through 9 is repeated, with stagger as indicated. In the cycle, loads labeled M are equivalent to loads labeled A.
11. Symbols o, x, and Δ indicate sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
12. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

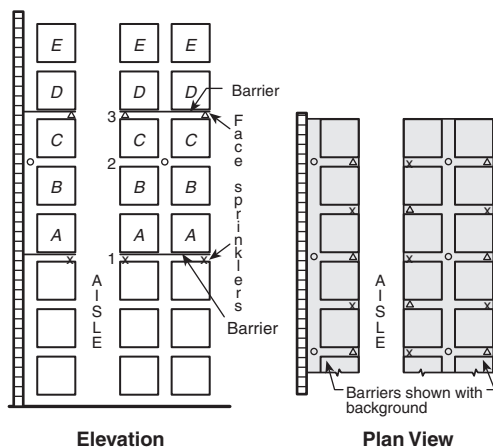
FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(h) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1.



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled A or B represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled C or D represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled E or F represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled F, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated.
5. Symbol x indicates face and in-rack sprinklers.
6. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(i) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2.



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 (the selected array from Table 25.9.2.2.1) shall be required where loads labeled A or B represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 and barrier labeled 1 shall be required where loads labeled C represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers and barriers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled D or E represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled E, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated.
5. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
6. Symbol o indicates longitudinal flue space sprinklers.
7. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.2.1(j) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 3.

Table 25.9.2.3.1 Multiple-Row Racks of Class I Through Class IV Commodities Stored Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height Protected by CMDA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level

Commodity Class	In-Rack Sprinklers ^{a,b,c}						Stagger	Figure	Maximum Allowable Storage Height Above Top In-Rack Sprinkler Level	
	Maximum Vertical Spacing		Maximum Horizontal Spacing in a Flue		Maximum Horizontal Spacing across Flue				ft	m
	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m				
I	20	6.1	12	3.7	10	3	Between adjacent flues	25.9.2.3.1 (a)	10	3
I, II, III	15	4.6	10	3	10	3		25.9.2.3.1 (b)	10	3
I, II, III, IV	10	3	10	3	10	3		25.9.2.3.1 (c)	5	1.5

^aAll four rack faces shall be protected by sprinklers located within the racks and no more than 18 in. (450 mm) from the faces, as indicated in Figure 25.9.2.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.3.1(c). It shall not be required for each sprinkler level to protect all faces.

^bAll in-rack sprinkler spacing dimensions start from the floor.

^cIn Figure 25.9.2.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.2.3.1(c), each square represents a storage cube that measures 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side.

Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there can be one load to six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

25.9.3.2* Notes in each figure shall be permitted to clarify options.

25.9.3.3* Where rack storage of exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, require in-rack sprinklers, in-rack sprinkler arrangements shall be selected from Figure 25.9.3.3(a) through Figure 25.9.3.3(k).

25.9.4 Rack Storage of Group A Plastic Commodities Over 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height.

25.9.4.1 Single-Row Racks.

25.9.4.1.1 Where single-row rack storage of cartoned Group A plastic commodities, expanded or nonexpanded, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers shall be arranged in accordance with one of the options in Figure 25.9.4.1.1(a) through Figure 25.9.4.1.1(d).

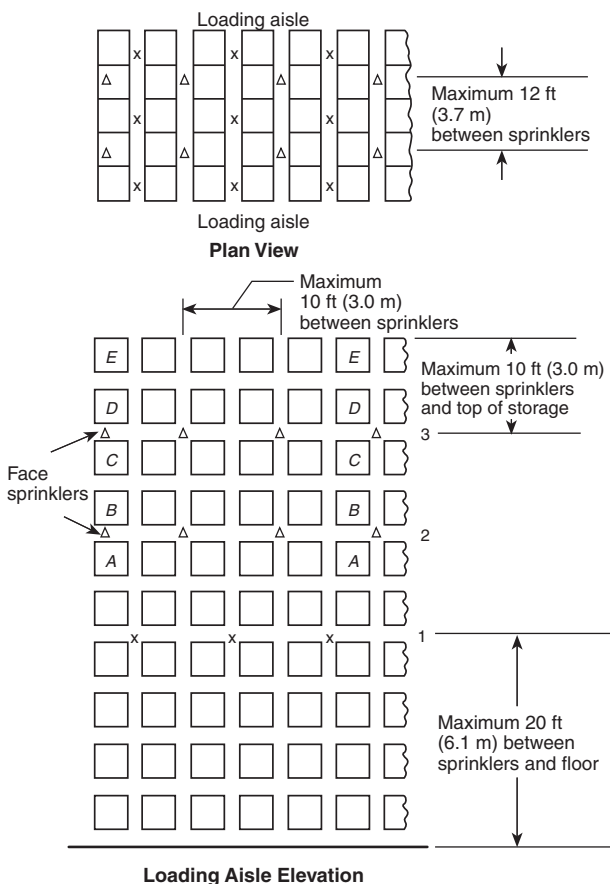
25.9.4.1.2 Where a single-row rack of cartoned Group A plastic commodities is located against a wall, the in-rack sprinkler arrangement shall be permitted to be in accordance with Figure 25.9.4.2.1(a) or Figure 25.9.4.2.1(b).

25.9.4.1.3 Where single-row rack storage of exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and the rack depth is a maximum 3 ft (0.9 m), in-rack sprinklers shall be arranged in accordance with Figure 25.9.4.1.3.

25.9.4.1.3.1 The highest level of in-rack sprinklers shall not be more than 10 ft (3.0 m) below the top of storage.

25.9.4.1.3.2 Where Figure 25.9.4.1.3 is used, aisles shall be at least 4 ft (1.2 m) wide and the ceiling sprinklers shall be designed for a minimum discharge density of 0.45 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (18.3 mm/min over 185 m²).

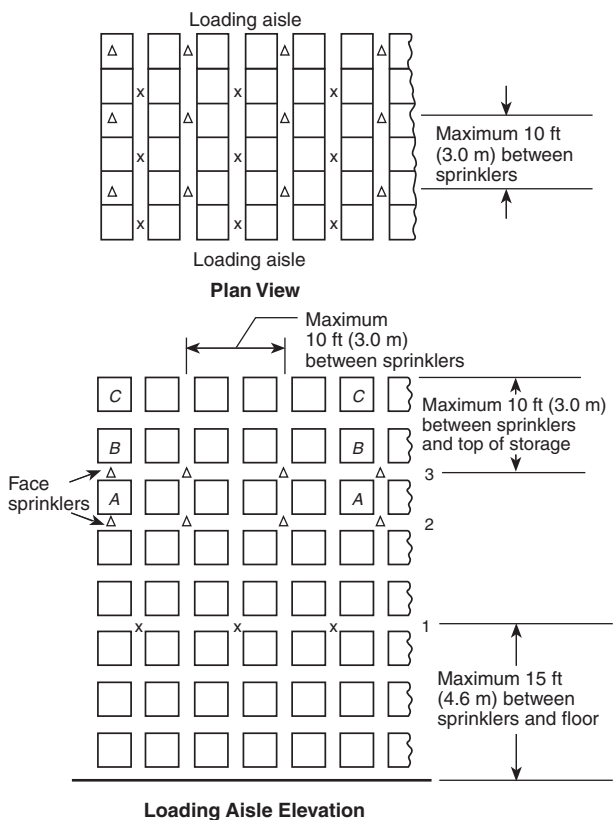
25.9.4.1.4 Where single-row rack storage of exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and the rack depth is greater than 3 ft (0.9 m), in-rack sprinklers shall be arranged in accordance with Section 25.8.



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 shall be required if loads labeled A represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required if loads labeled B or C represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required if loads labeled D or E represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled E, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated, with stagger as indicated.
5. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
6. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

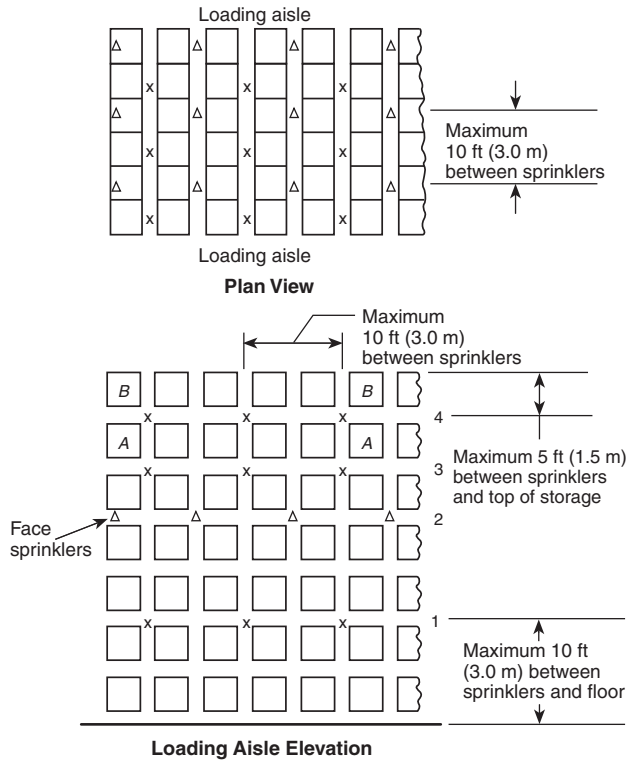
FIGURE 25.9.2.3.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m).



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required if loads labeled A represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required if loads labeled B or C represent top of storage.
3. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled C, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated, with stagger as indicated.
4. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
5. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.3.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, or III Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m).



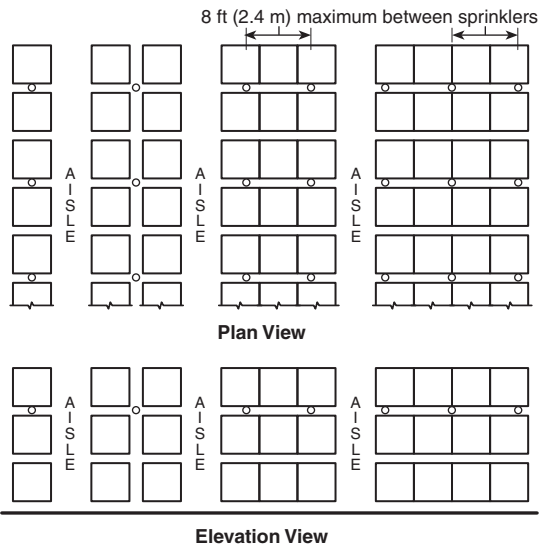
Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, and 3 shall be required if loads labeled A represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1, 2, and 4 shall be required if loads labeled B represent top of storage.
3. For storage higher than represented by loads labeled B, the cycle defined by Notes 1 and 2 is repeated, with stagger as indicated.
4. Symbol Δ or x indicates sprinklers on vertical or horizontal stagger.
5. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.2.3.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Class I, II, III, or IV Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m).

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (12.2 mm/min per 185 m²)

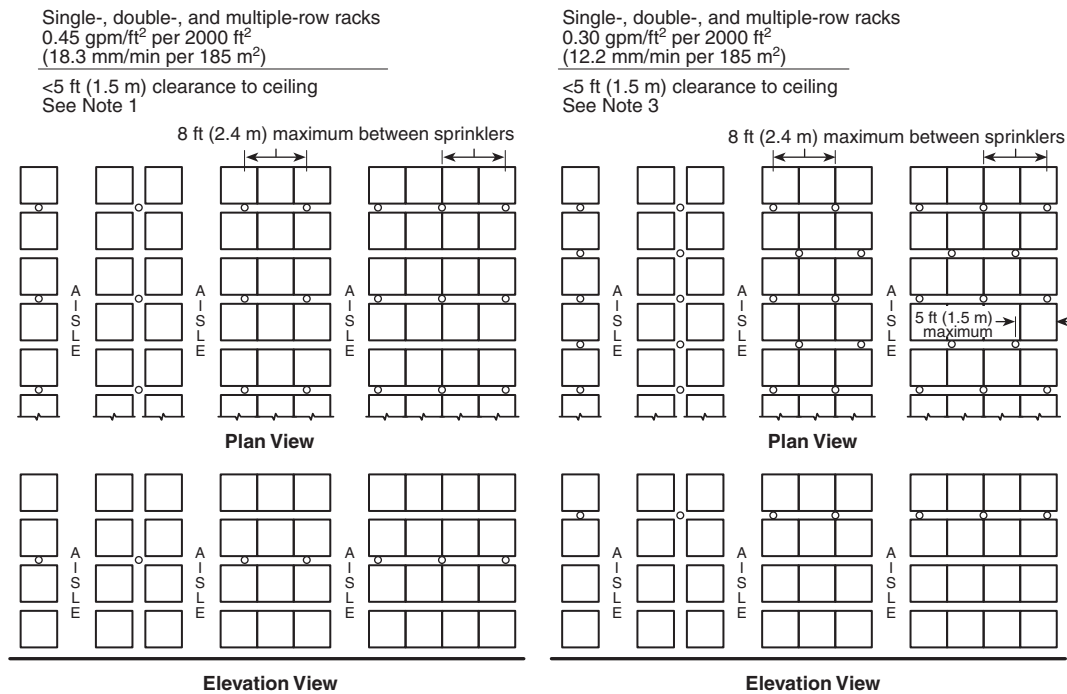
Up to 10 ft (3.0 m)
 clearance to ceiling
 See Note 1



Notes:

1. Single level of in-rack sprinklers [K-5.6 (80) or K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum] installed as indicated in the transverse flue spaces.
2. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Storage Up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in Height with Up to 10 ft (3.0 m) Clearance to Ceiling.



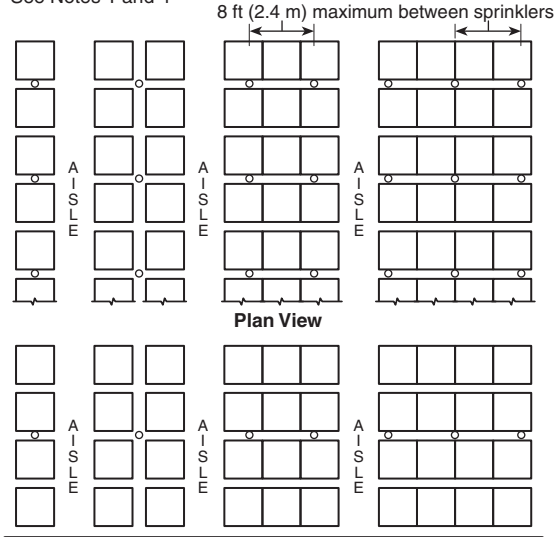
Notes:

1. Single level of in-rack sprinklers [K-5.6 (80) or K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum] installed as indicated in the transverse flue spaces.
2. Single level of in-rack sprinklers [K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum or K-5.6 (80) operating at 30 psi (2.1 bar) minimum] installed on 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) spacings located, as indicated, in the longitudinal flue space at the intersection of every transverse flue space.
3. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Storage Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height with <5 ft (1.5 m) Clearance to Ceiling.

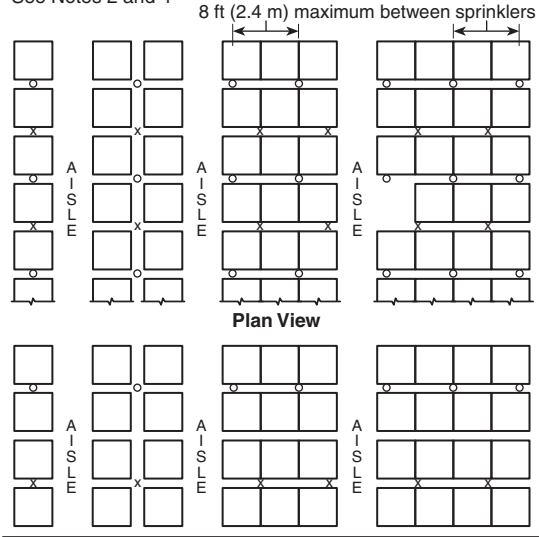
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.45 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (18.3 mm/min per 185 m²)

5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 1 and 4



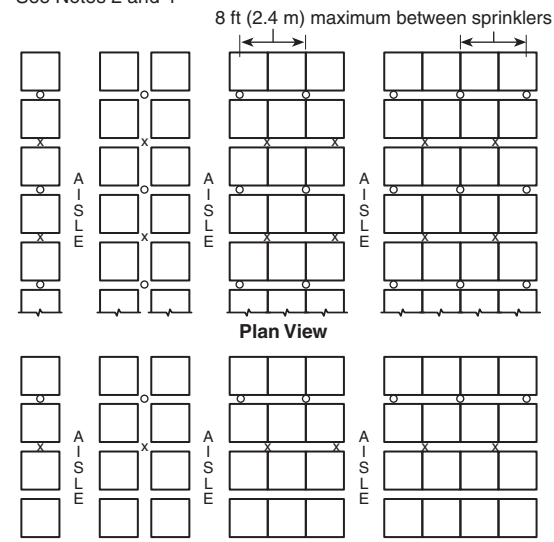
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (12.2 mm/min per 185 m²)

5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 2 and 4



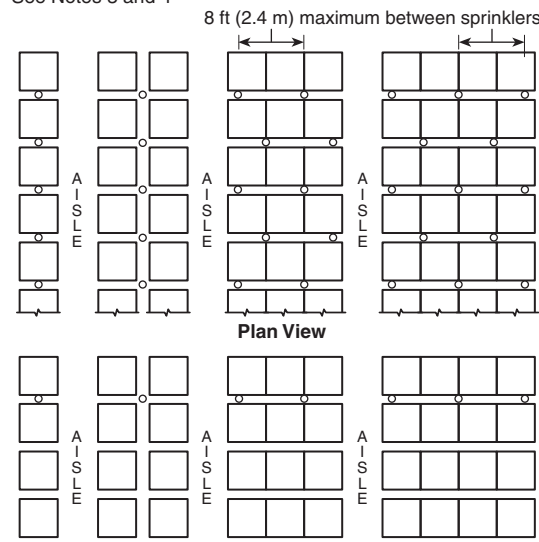
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (12.2 mm/min per 185 m²)

5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 2 and 4



Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (12.2 mm/min per 185 m²)

5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 3 and 4



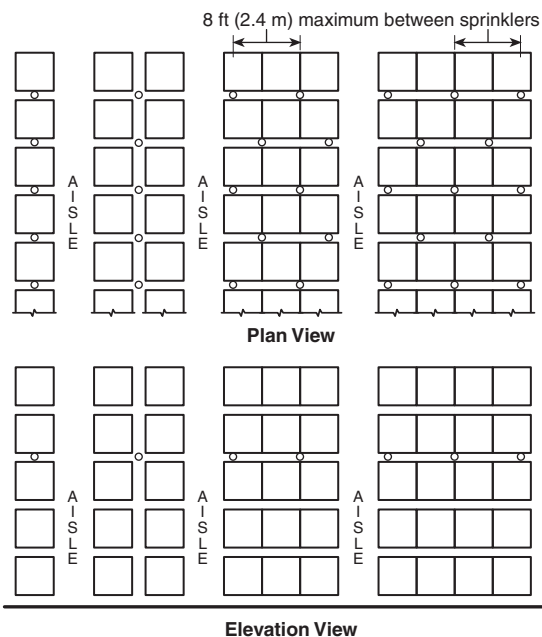
Notes:

1. Single level of in-rack sprinklers [K-5.6 (80) or K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum] installed as indicated in the transverse flue spaces.
2. Two levels of in-rack sprinklers [K-5.6 (80) or K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum] installed as indicated and staggered in the transverse flue space.
3. Single level of in-rack sprinklers [K-8 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) or K-5.6 (80) operating at 30 psi (2.1 bar) minimum] installed on 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) spacings located, as indicated, in the longitudinal flue space at the intersection of every transverse flue space.
4. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Storage Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height with 5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) Clearance to Ceiling.

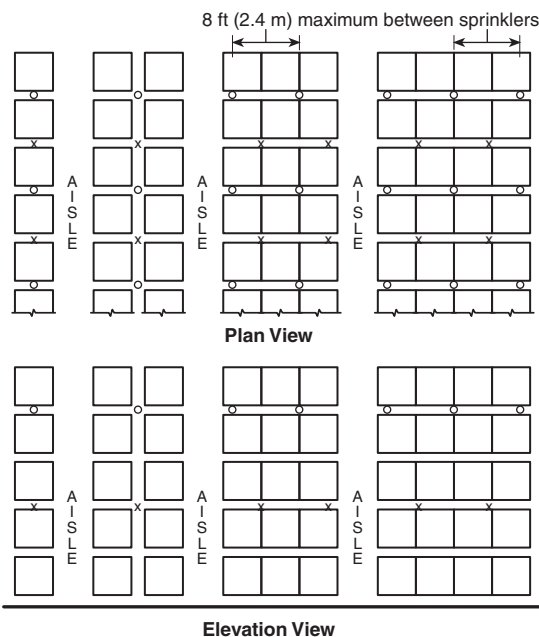
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.45 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (18.3 mm/min per 185 m²)

<5 ft (1.5 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 1 and 3



Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (12.2 mm/min per 185 m²)

<5 ft (1.5 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 2 and 3



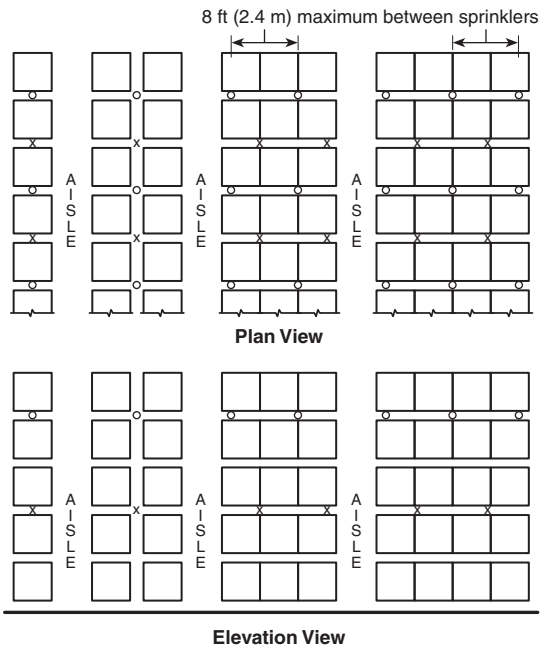
Notes:

1. Single level of in-rack sprinklers [K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum or K-5.6 (80) operating at 30 psi (2.1 bar) minimum] installed on 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) spacings located, as indicated, in the longitudinal flue space at the intersection of every transverse flue space.
2. Two levels of in-rack sprinklers [K-5.6 (80) or K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum] installed as indicated and staggered in the transverse flue space.
3. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.1(d) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Storage Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height with <5 ft (1.5 m) Clearance to Ceiling.

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft²
 (12.2 mm/min per 185 m²)

5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) clearance to ceiling
 See Notes 1 and 2

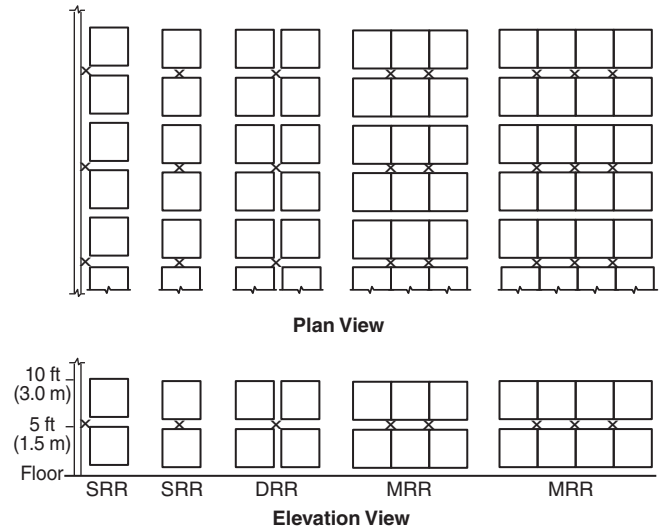


Notes:

- Two levels of in-rack sprinklers [K-5.6 (80) or K-8.0 (115) operating at 15 psi (1.0 bar) minimum] installed on 8 ft to 10 ft (2.4 m to 3.0 m) spacings located as indicated and staggered in the transverse flue space.
- Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.1(e) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Storage Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height with 5 ft to 10 ft (1.5 m to 3.0 m) Clearance to Ceiling.

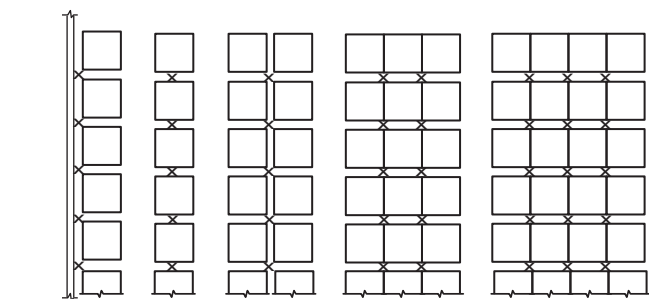
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks 0.45 gpm/ft²
 over 2000 ft² (18.3 mm/min over 185 m²)



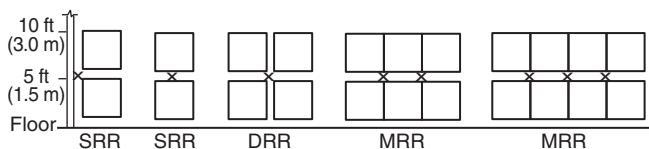
Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 10 ft (3.0 m) in Height in Up to a 20 ft (6.1 m) High Building — Option 1.

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks 0.30 gpm/ft²
over 2000 ft² (12.2 mm/min over 185 m²)



Plan View

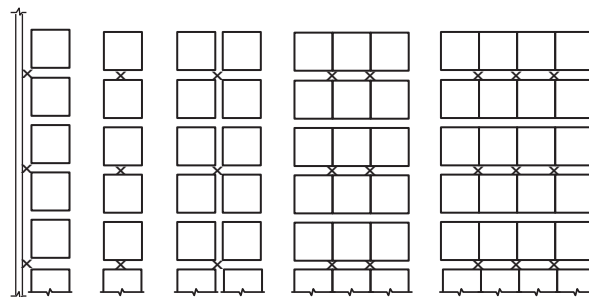


Elevation View

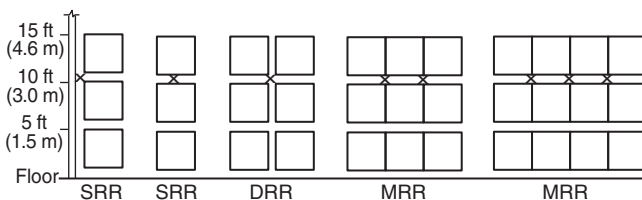
Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 10 ft (3.0 m) in Height in Up to a 20 ft (6.1 m) High Building — Option 2.

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
0.45 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (18.3 mm/min over 185 m²)



Plan View

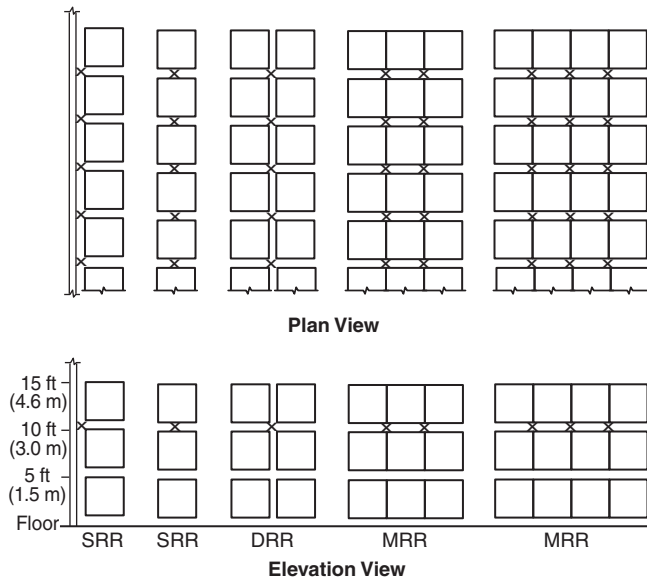


Elevation View

Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in Height in Up to a 25 ft (7.6 m) High Building — Option 1.

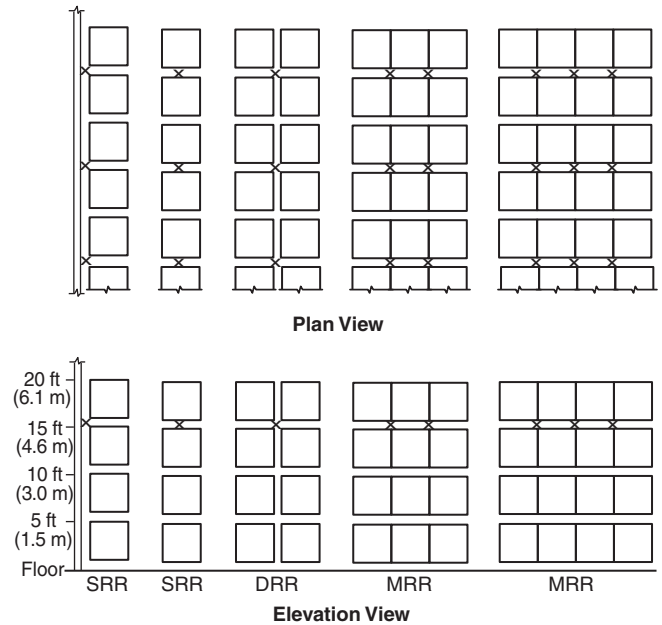
Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (12.2 mm/min over 185 m²)



Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(d) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in Height in Up to a 25 ft (7.6 m) High Building — Option 2.

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.60 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (24.5 mm/min over 185 m²)



Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(e) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height in Up to a 25 ft (7.6 m) High Building — Option 1.

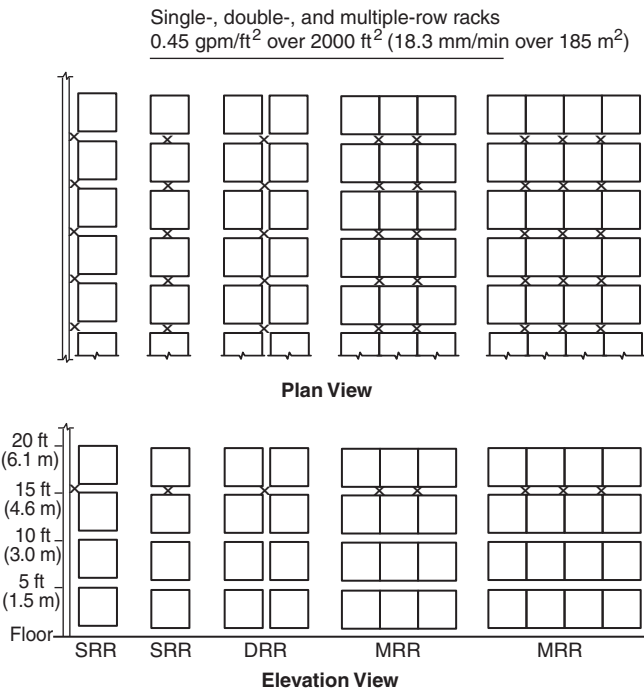


FIGURE 25.9.3.3(f) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height in Up to a 25 ft (7.6 m) High Building — Option 2.

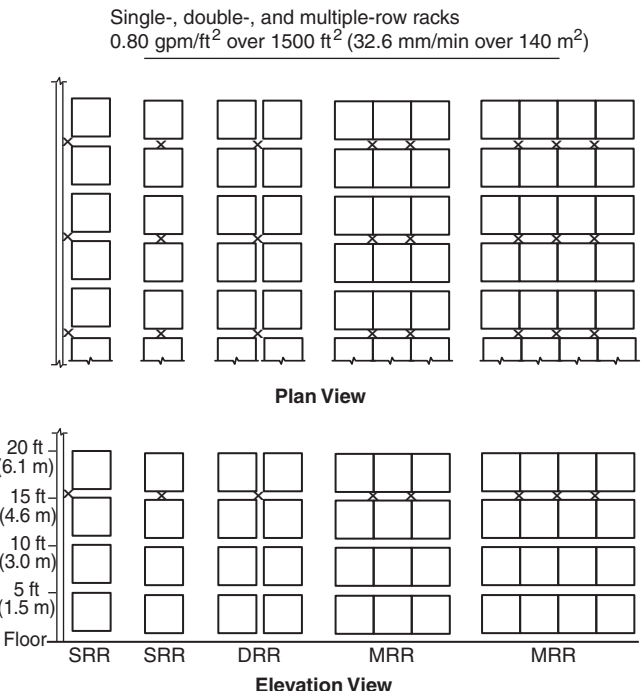
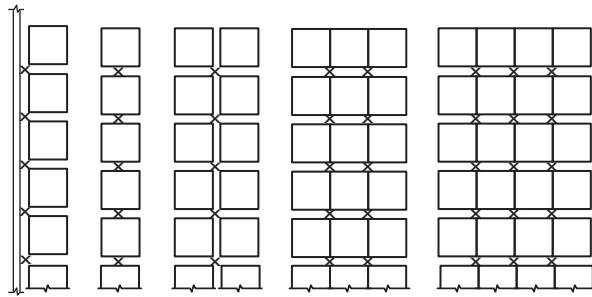
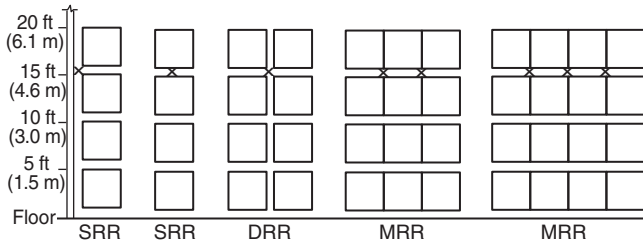


FIGURE 25.9.3.3(g) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height in Up to a 30 ft (9.1 m) High Building — Option 1.

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.60 gpm/ft² over 1500 ft² (24.5 mm/min over 140 m²)



Plan View

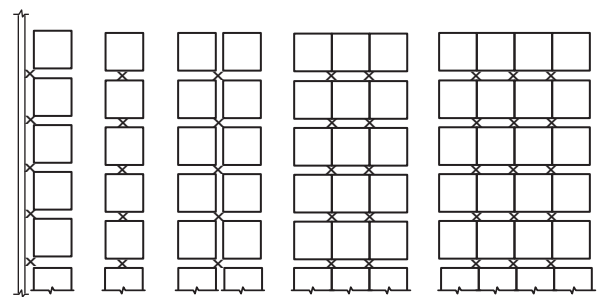


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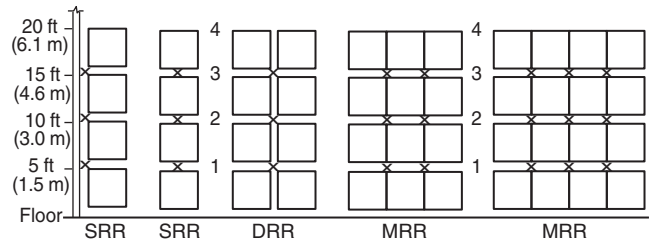
Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(h) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height in Up to a 30 ft (9.1 m) High Building — Option 2.

Single-, double-, and multiple-row racks
 0.30 gpm/ft² over 2000 ft² (12.2 mm/min over 185 m²)



Plan View

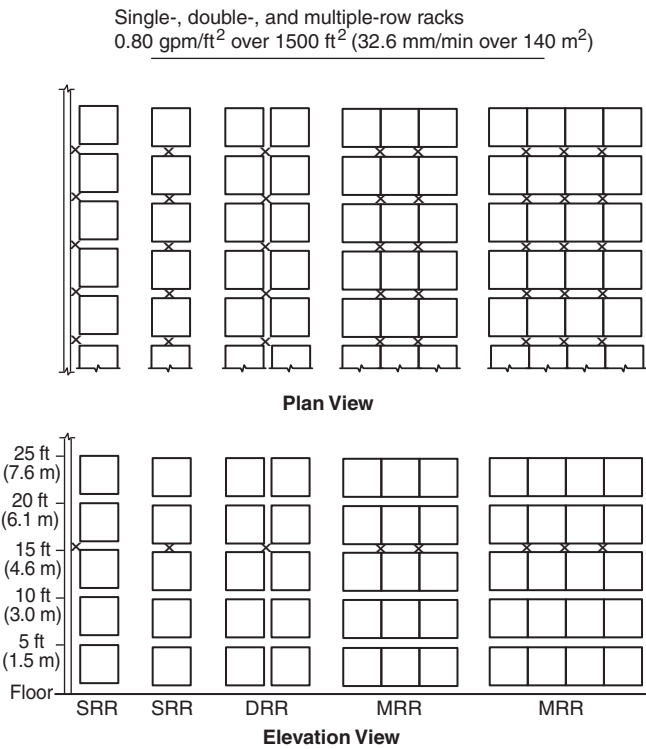


Elevation View

Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

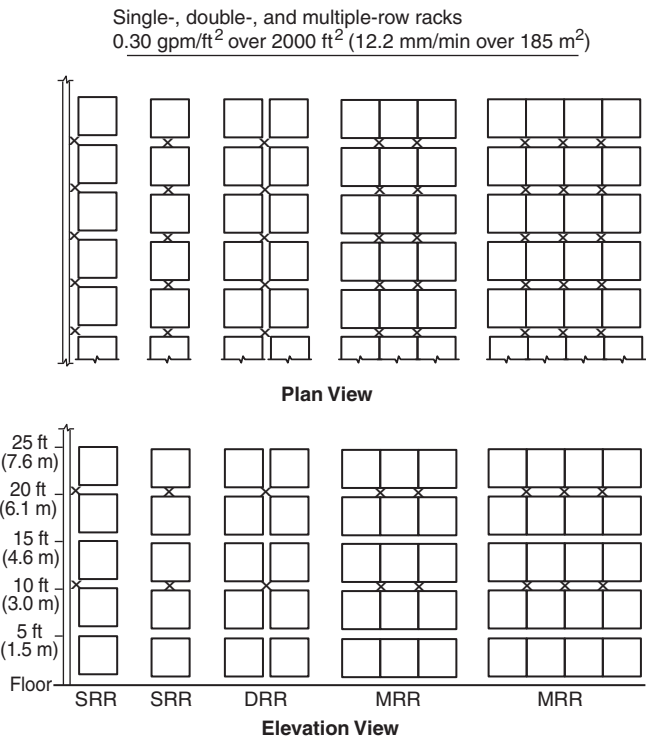
Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3, 2 and 3, or 2 and 4 shall be required when the storage height exceeds 15 ft (4.6 m) but does not exceed 20 ft (6.1 m).

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(i) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height in Up to a 30 ft (9.1 m) High Building — Option 3.



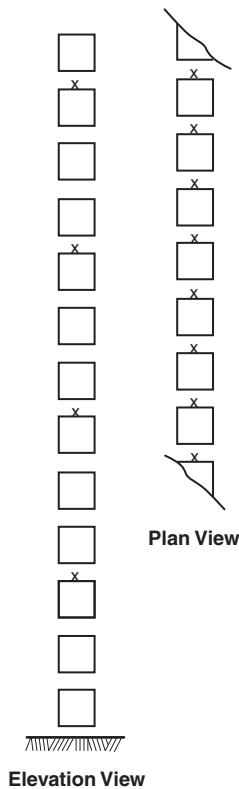
Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(j) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height in Up to a 35 ft (11 m) High Building — Option 1.



Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. to 10 ft (450 mm to 3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.3.3(k) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities Up to 25 ft (7.6 m) in Height in Up to a 35 ft (11 m) High Building — Option 2.



Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.1.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1.

25.9.4.2 Double-Row Racks.

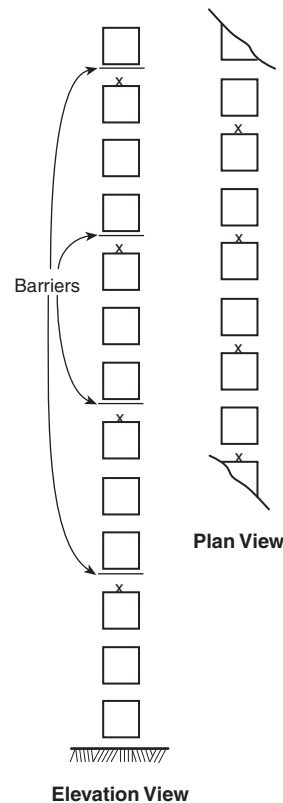
25.9.4.2.1 Where double-row rack storage of cartoned Group A plastic commodities, expanded or nonexpanded, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers shall be arranged in accordance with one of the options in Figure 25.9.4.2.1(a) or Figure 25.9.4.2.1(b). Figure 25.9.4.2.1(c) shall be permitted to be used as an option for double-row racks up to 9 ft (2.7 m) deep.

25.9.4.2.2* Where double-row rack storage of exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities, whether encapsulated or nonencapsulated, is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height and has minimum 4 ft (1.2 m) wide aisles, in-rack sprinklers shall be arranged in accordance with Section 25.8.

25.9.4.2.3 Protection of Group A plastic commodities that are exposed and nonexpanded, whether encapsulated or nonencapsulated racks and with a clearance to ceiling up to and including 10 ft (3.1 m), shall be permitted to only use in-rack sprinkler arrangements that are specifically permitted to be used with exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities.

25.9.4.3 Multiple-Row Racks.

25.9.4.3.1* Where multiple-row rack storage of exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic commodities, encapsulated or



Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

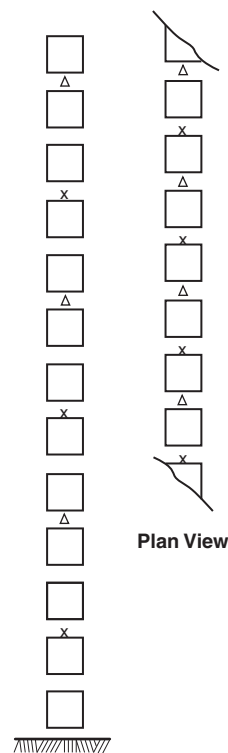
FIGURE 25.9.4.1.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2.

nonencapsulated, or cartoned Group A plastic commodities, expanded or nonexpanded, encapsulated or nonencapsulated, is over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, in-rack sprinklers shall be arranged in accordance with one of the options in Figure 25.9.4.3.1(a) through Figure 25.9.4.3.1(f).

25.9.5 In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangements Due to Excessive Clearance.

25.9.5.1 Where the clearance to ceiling for rack storage of Class 1 through Class IV commodities up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected by CMDA ceiling-level sprinklers exceeds 20 ft (6.1 m) and the ceiling-level protection is not capable of providing the protection needed for the storage height that would result in a clearance to ceiling of 20 ft (6.1 m), one level of supplemental, quick-response in-rack sprinklers located directly below the top tier of storage and at every flue space intersection shall be installed.

25.9.5.2 Where the clearance to ceiling for rack storage of Group A plastic commodities up to and including 25 ft (7.6 m) in height protected by CMDA ceiling-level sprinklers exceeds 10 ft (3.0 m), and the ceiling-level protection is not capable of providing the protection needed for the storage height that would result in a clearance to ceiling of 10 ft (3.0 m), one level



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Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.1.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 3.

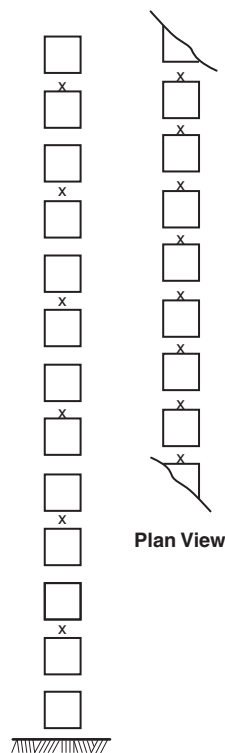
of supplemental, quick-response in-rack sprinklers located directly below the top tier of storage and at every flue space intersection shall be installed.

25.9.5.3 Where the clearance to ceiling exceeds 10 ft (3.0 m) for rack storage over 25 ft (7.6 m) in height, and the ceiling-level protection is not capable of providing the protection needed for the storage height that would result in a clearance to ceiling of 10 ft (3.0 m), one level of supplemental, quick-response in-rack sprinklers located directly below the top tier of storage and at every flue space intersection shall be installed.

25.9.5.4 Where the supplemental in-rack sprinkler protection has been installed in accordance with this section, the ceiling-level sprinkler system design shall be based on the storage height that results in an acceptable clearance to ceiling.

25.9.5.5 Where in-rack sprinklers are required for the actual storage height based on a theoretical acceptable clearance to ceiling, in-rack sprinklers shall be installed as indicated by that criteria and supplemented as outlined in this section.

25.9.6 Rack Storage of Rubber Tires Up to and Including 20 ft (6.1 m) in Height. The in-rack arrangements for rack storage of rubber tires, either on-side or on-tread, up to and including



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Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.1.1(d) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Single-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 4.

20 ft (6.1 m) in height shall be in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Sections 25.4 through 25.7 as applicable.

25.10 In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangements in Combination with CMSA Sprinklers at Ceiling Level.

25.10.1* Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities. The in-rack arrangements for rack storage of Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities protected by CMSA sprinklers at ceiling level shall be in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Sections 25.4 through 25.7 as applicable.

25.11 In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangements in Combination with ESFR Sprinklers at Ceiling Level.

25.11.1 Rack Storage of Class I Through Class IV and Group A Plastic Commodities. The in-rack arrangements for rack storage of Class I through Class IV and Group A plastic commodities protected by ESFR sprinklers at ceiling level shall be in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Sections 25.4 through 25.7 as applicable.

25.12 Design Criteria for In-Rack Sprinklers in Combination with Ceiling-Level Sprinklers.

25.12.1 General.

25.12.1.1 In-rack sprinkler design criteria for Group A plastic commodities shall be permitted for the protection of the same storage height and configuration of Class I, II, III, and IV commodities.

25.12.1.2 Pipe sizing of an in-rack sprinkler system shall be permitted to be based on hydraulic calculations and not restricted by any pipe schedule.

25.12.1.3 Where in-rack sprinklers are being installed to protect a storage rack and, due to the length of the rack, fewer in-rack sprinklers will be installed than the number of in-rack sprinklers specified in the in-rack design, the in-rack sprinkler design shall be based on only those in-rack sprinklers installed within the protected rack.

25.12.1.4 Where in-rack sprinkler arrangements have been installed in accordance with this chapter, except for Section 25.8, the flow and pressure requirements of both the ceiling and in-rack sprinkler systems over the same protected area shall be hydraulically balanced together to the higher sprinkler system pressure requirement at their point of connection.

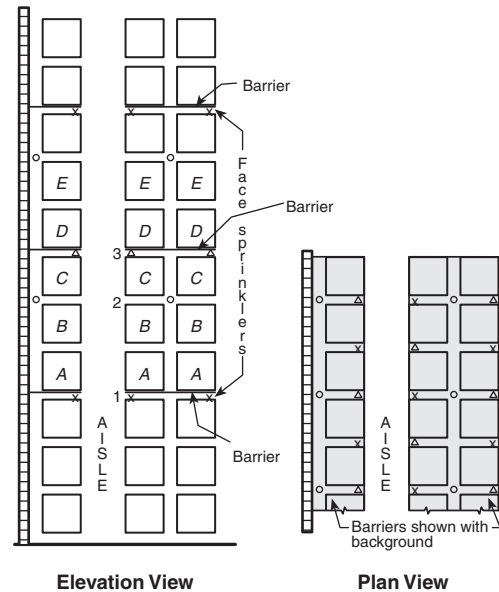
25.12.1.5 The minimum water supply requirements for a hydraulically designed occupancy hazard automatic in-rack sprinkler system shall be determined by adding the hose stream allowance from Table 20.12.2.6 to the water supply for ceiling-level sprinklers determined in Section 25.2, unless indicated otherwise.

25.12.2 Number of Operating In-Rack Sprinklers.

25.12.2.1 The number of in-rack sprinklers in the design of the in-rack sprinkler system shall be in accordance with Table 25.12.2.1.

25.12.3 In-Rack Sprinkler Flow/Pressure.

25.12.3.1 The required flow or pressure required from the most remote in-rack sprinkler in the design of the in-rack sprinkler system shall be in accordance with Table 25.12.3.1.



- FIGURE 25.9.4.2.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Double-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1.**

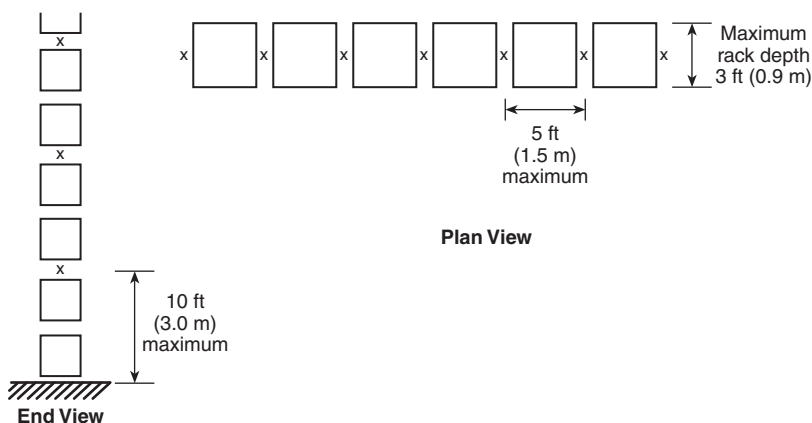
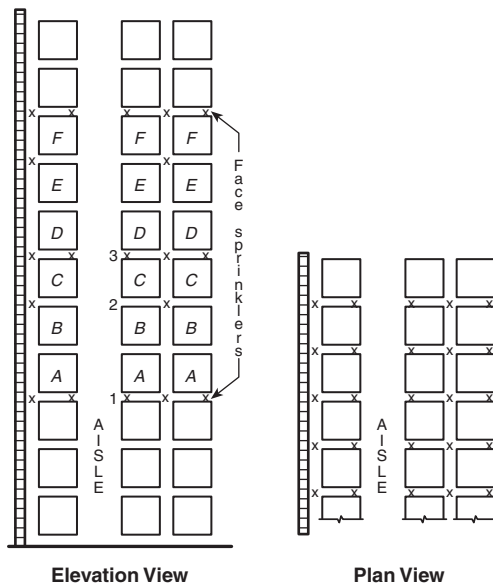


FIGURE 25.9.4.1.3 In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Exposed, Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Single-Row Racks Up to 3 ft (0.9 m) Deep, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m).



Notes:

1. Sprinklers labeled 1 shall be required where loads labeled *A* or *B* represent top of storage.
2. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 2 shall be required where loads labeled *C* represent top of storage.
3. Sprinklers labeled 1 and 3 shall be required where loads labeled *D* or *E* represent top of storage.
4. For storage higher than loads labeled *F*, the cycle defined by Notes 2 and 3 is repeated.
5. Symbol *x* indicates face and in-rack sprinklers.
6. Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.2.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Double-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2.

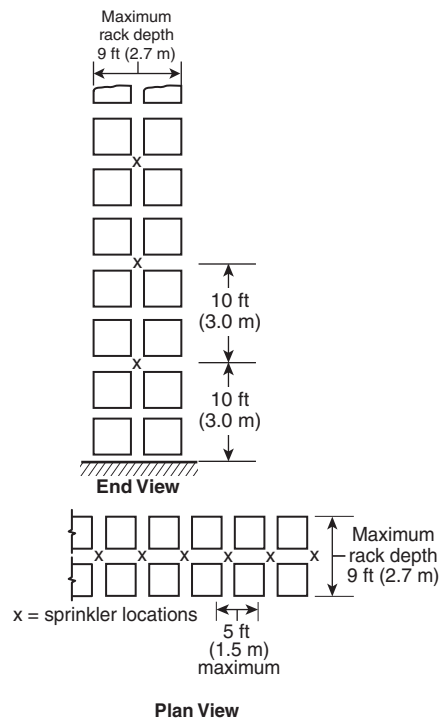
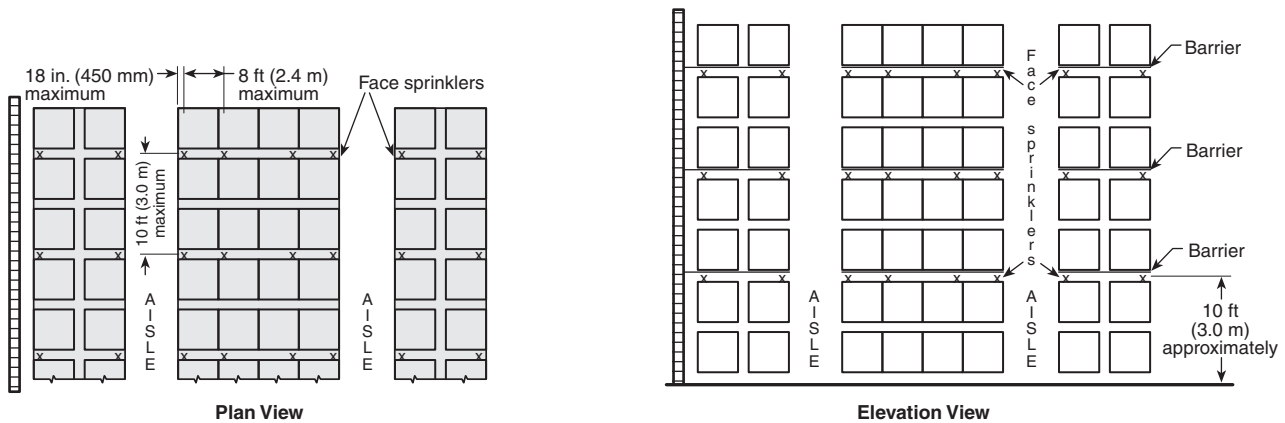
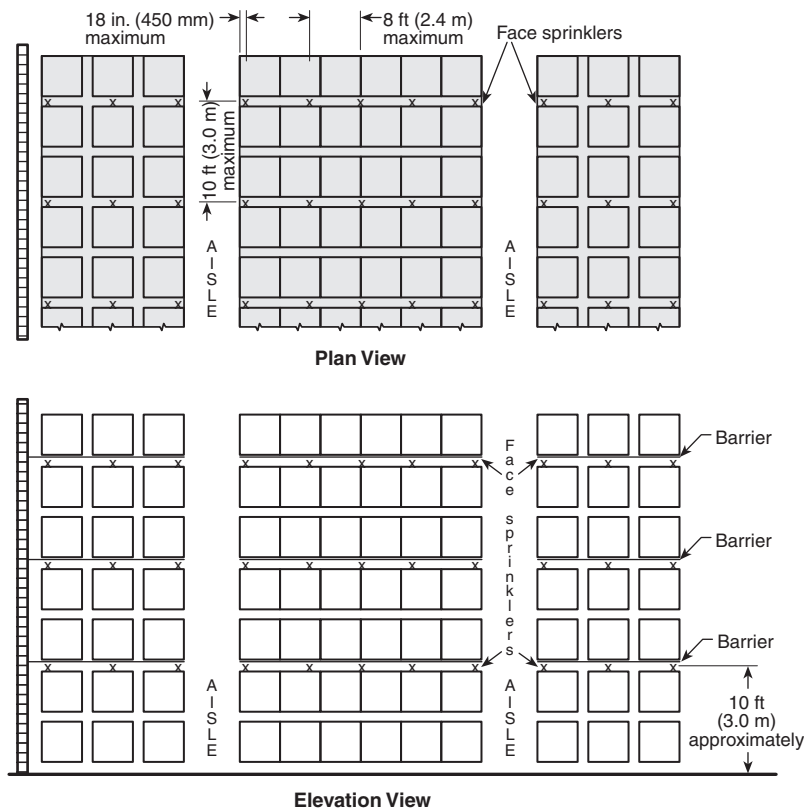


FIGURE 25.9.4.2.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic Commodities, Double-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 3.



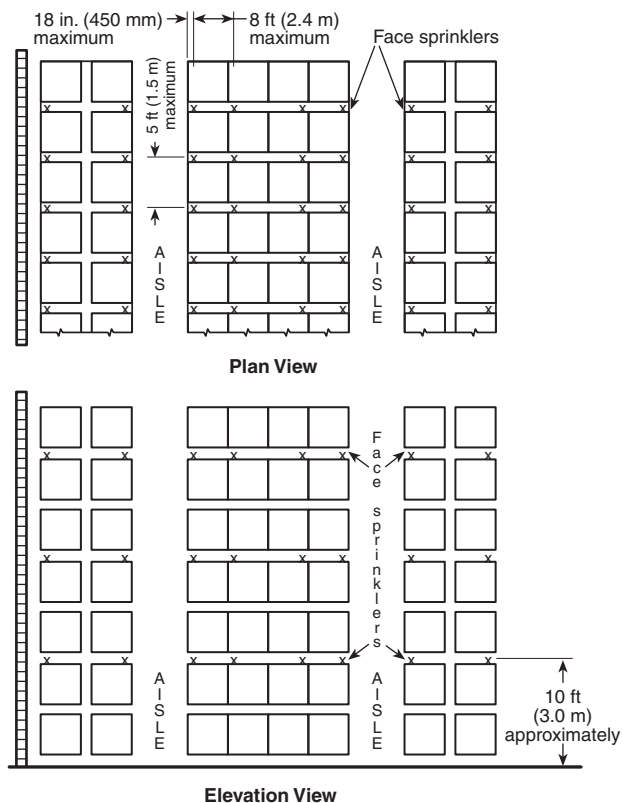
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FIGURE 25.9.4.3.1(a) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic and Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1 [10 ft (3.0 m) Maximum Spacing].



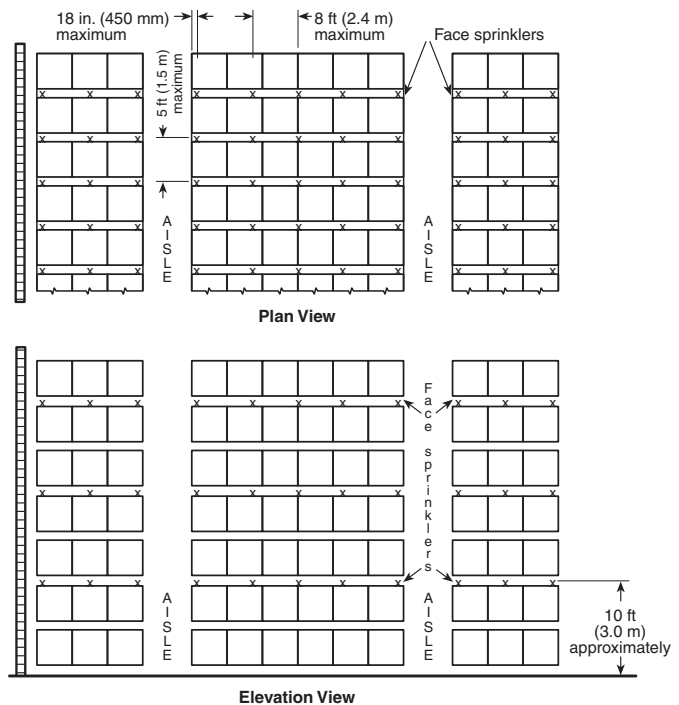
Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.3.1(b) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic and Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2 [10 ft (3.0 m) Maximum Spacing].



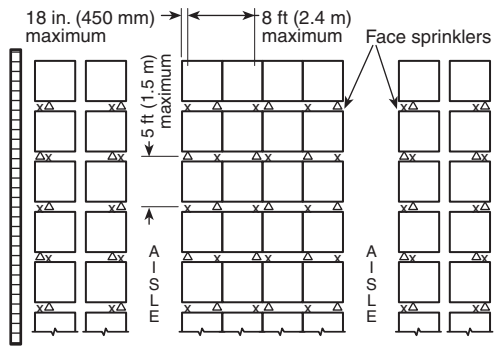
Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.3.1(c) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic and Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 1 [5 ft (1.5 m) Maximum Spacing].

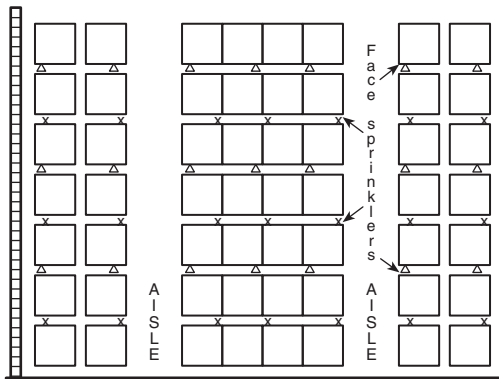


Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.3.1(d) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic and Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 2 [5 ft (1.5 m) Maximum Spacing].



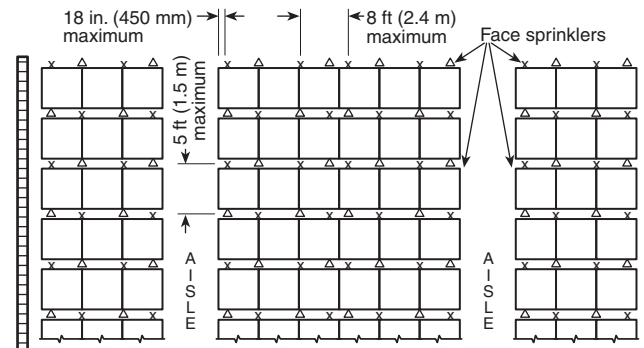
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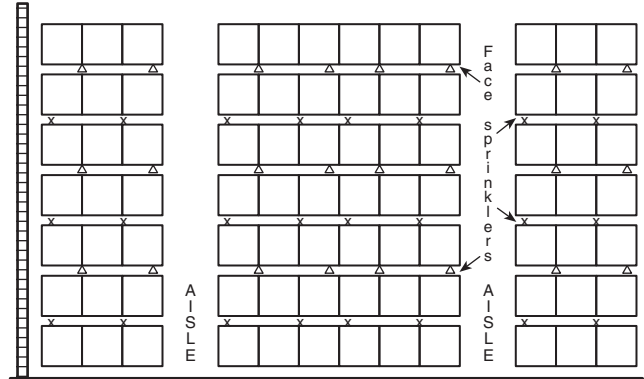
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FIGURE 25.9.4.3.1(e) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic and Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 3 [5 ft (1.5 m) Maximum Spacing].



Plan View



Elevation View

Note: Each square represents a storage cube measuring 4 ft to 5 ft (1.2 m to 1.5 m) on a side. Actual load heights can vary from approximately 18 in. (450 mm) up to 10 ft (3.0 m). Therefore, there could be as few as one load or as many as six or seven loads between in-rack sprinklers that are spaced 10 ft (3.0 m) apart vertically.

FIGURE 25.9.4.3.1(f) In-Rack Sprinkler Arrangement, Cartoned Group A Plastic and Exposed Nonexpanded Group A Plastic Commodities, Multiple-Row Racks, Storage Height Over 25 ft (7.6 m) — Option 4 [5 ft (1.5 m) Maximum Spacing].

Table 25.12.2.1 In-Rack Sprinkler System Design: Number of In-Rack Sprinklers

Type of Storage	Commodity Class	Rack Type	Ceiling Sprinkler Type	No. of Required In-Rack Sprinkler Levels	No. of In-Rack Sprinklers in the Design
Miscellaneous	Class I through IV, Group A plastics, and rubber tires	Any	Any	Any	4
Storage not meeting the definition of miscellaneous	Class I through III	Solid shelf	Any	One	6
			Any	More than one	10 (5 on each of the top two levels)
		Open	CMDA	One	6
			CMDA	More than one	10 (5 on each of the top two levels)
	Class I through IV	Open	CMSA	One	8
	Class I through IV and Group A plastics	Open	ESFR	One	8
	Class IV	Open	CMDA	More than one	10 (5 on each of the top two levels)
	Class IV and Group A plastics	Solid shelf	Any	One	8
				More than one	14 (7 on each of the top two levels)
		Open	CMDA	One	8
				More than one	14 (7 on each of the top two levels)
	Group A plastics	Open	CMSA	One	8
	Rubber tires	Open	CMDA	One	12

Table 25.12.3.1 In-Rack Sprinkler System Design: Minimum Required Flow/Pressure from In-Rack Sprinklers

Type of Storage	Commodity Class	Rack Type	Ceiling Sprinkler Type	Storage Height		Minimum Design Flow/Pressure for In-Rack Sprinklers
				ft	m	
Miscellaneous	Class I through IV, Group A plastics, and rubber tires	Any	Any	Any	Any	15 psi (1.0 bar)
Storage not meeting the definition of miscellaneous	Class I through IV	Open	CMDA	Up to 25	Up to 7.6	15 psi (1.0 bar)
			CMSA	Any	Any	15 psi (1.0 bar)
	Class I through IV and Group A plastics	Open	CMDA	Over 25	Over 7.6	30 gpm (115 L/min)
			ESFR	Any	Any	60 gpm (230 L/min)
		Solid shelves	Any	Any	Any	30 gpm (115 L/min)
	Group A plastics	Open	CMDA	Up to 25	Up to 7.6	15 psi (1.0 bar)
			CMSA	Up to 25	Up to 7.6	15 psi (1.0 bar)
	Rubber tires	Open	CMDA	Any	Any	30 psi (2.1 bar)

Chapter 26 Special Occupancy Requirements

26.1 General.

26.1.1 Application.

26.1.1.1 In addition to the requirements of Chapter 8, Chapters 11 through 22, and Chapter 23, the following special occupancy requirements shall apply.

26.1.1.1.1 All provisions of design criteria in this standard, including design area increases and reductions, shall also apply to these special occupancy requirements.

26.1.1.2 Where the requirements of the reference standard differ from the requirements of this standard, the reference standard shall take precedence.

26.1.2 Definitions. For terms not defined in Chapter 3, the definitions of the reference standard shall apply.

26.2 Flammable and Combustible Liquids.

26.2.1 Design Requirements. Sprinkler system discharge criteria for the protection of flammable and combustible liquids shall comply with NFPA 30.

26.2.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.3 Aerosol Products.

26.3.1 Design Requirements. Sprinkler system discharge criteria for the protection of aerosol products shall comply with NFPA 30B.

26.3.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.4 Spray Application Using Flammable or Combustible Materials.

26.4.1 Design Requirements.

26.4.1.1* The automatic sprinkler system shall be a wet pipe system, a dry pipe system, a preaction system, or an open-head deluge system, whichever is most appropriate for the portion of the spray operation being protected. [33:9.6.1]

26.4.1.2 The automatic sprinkler system shall be designed as follows:

- (1) For spray application of styrene cross-link thermoset resin application areas, sprinklers shall be designed for Ordinary Hazard (Group 2) as defined in this standard.
- (2) For powder coating operations, sprinklers shall be designed for Ordinary Hazard (Group 2), as defined in this standard.
- (3) For all other spray areas, sprinklers shall be designed for Extra Hazard (Group 2) as defined in this standard.

[33:9.6.2]

26.4.1.3 The sprinkler design area shall not be required to exceed the area of the booth or room in which spraying or resin application is conducted. [33:9.6.2.1]

26.4.1.4 The water supply shall be sufficient to supply all sprinklers likely to open in any one fire incident without depleting the available water for use in hose streams. [33:9.6.3]

26.4.1.5 Where sprinklers are installed to protect spray areas and mixing rooms only, water shall be permitted to be supplied from domestic water systems, provided the domestic supply can meet the design criteria of 26.4.1.2. [33:9.6.4]

26.4.1.6 The sprinkler system shall be controlled by a separate, listed indicating valve(s), operable from floor level. [33:9.6.5]

26.4.1.7 Automated liquid electrostatic spray application equipment that is unlisted shall be protected further by the following:

- (1) In addition to meeting the requirements in 9.9.1 of NFPA 33, the optical flame detection system shall also activate one of the following over each zone in which fire has been detected:
 - (a) An open head deluge system designed to discharge a minimum density of 24.5 mm/min (0.6 gpm/ft²)
 - (b) A carbon dioxide extinguishing system
 - (c) A dry chemical extinguishing system
 - (d) A gaseous agent extinguishing system
 - (e) A water mist fire protection system [33:9.9.2(1)]
- (2) A wet pipe sprinkler system shall also be provided throughout the spray booth. This system shall meet all the applicable requirements of this standard for Extra Hazard (Group 2) occupancies.

[33:9.9.2(3)]

26.4.2 Installation Requirements.

26.4.2.1* Sprinkler systems protecting stacks or ducts with widths or diameters equal to or greater than 10 in. (0.25 m) but less than 12 ft (3.7 m) shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) One sprinkler shall be located at the top of each vertical riser and at the midpoint of each offset. Additional sprinklers shall be spaced on 24 ft (7.3 m) centers if the rise is greater than 24 ft (7.3 m).
- (2) Horizontal exhaust ducts shall have sprinklers located on 12 ft (3.7 m) centers beginning no more than 6 ft (1.7 m) from the duct entrance.
- (3) If exhaust ducts are manifolded, a sprinkler shall be located in the manifold at the junction of each exhaust duct with the manifold.
- (4) Sprinklers shall provide a minimum flow of 30 gpm (114 L/min) per head at a minimum of 15 psi (1 bar) pressure.
- (5) Sprinklers shall be ordinary temperature rated, unless required to be higher due to operating temperatures measured in the ducts, in which case the operating temperature shall be at least 50°F (28°C) above the inside temperature of the duct.
- (6)* The system demand shall include the discharge from the hydraulically most remote adjacent sprinklers in a common 100 linear ft (30.5 m) area of duct (horizontal and/or vertical).
- (7)* The supply line to the duct sprinklers, if taken from the ceiling sprinkler system, shall be equipped with an accessible listed control valve.

[33:9.6.6]

26.4.2.1.1 Stacks and exhaust ducts shall be provided with access openings for inspection and cleaning of sprinklers. [33:9.6.6.1]

26.4.2.1.2 Sprinkler systems protecting stacks and ducts that are subject to freezing shall be of a nonfreezing type or be a manually controlled open-head system. [33:9.6.6.2]

26.4.2.2 Sprinklers shall be protected against overspray residue, either by location or covering, so that they will operate quickly in event of fire. [33:9.6.7]

26.4.2.2.1 Sprinklers shall be permitted to be covered only by cellophane bags having a thickness of 0.003 in. (0.08 mm) or less or by thin paper bags. These coverings shall be replaced frequently so that heavy deposits of residue do not accumulate. [33:9.6.7.1]

26.4.2.2.2 Sprinklers that have been painted or coated by overspray or residues shall be replaced with new sprinklers. [33:9.6.7.2]

26.5 Solvent Extraction Plants. [NFPA 36]

26.5.1* Design Requirements.

26.5.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.6 Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines.

26.6.1* Design Requirements. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed to provide for a density of 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) over the most remote 2500 ft² (230 m²). [37:11.4.5.1]

26.6.2 Installation Requirements.

26.6.2.1 Sprinklers and spray nozzles shall be spaced at a 100 ft² (9 m²) maximum area of coverage per sprinkler or spray nozzle. [37:11.4.5.1.1]

26.6.2.2 Sprinkler and water spray system coverage shall be provided to all areas within the enclosure located within 20 ft (6 m) of the following:

- (1) The engine
 - (2) The lubricating oil system
 - (3) The fuel system
- [37:11.4.5.1.2]

26.6.2.3 Sprinklers and water spray nozzles shall not be directed at engine components that are susceptible to thermal shock or deformation. [37:11.4.5.2]

26.7 Nitrate Film.

26.7.1 Design Requirements.

26.7.1.1 Every room, except projection booths and rewinding rooms, where nitrate film is stored or handled in quantities greater than 51 lb (23 kg), or 10,000 ft (3050 m), shall be protected by an automatic sprinkler system that is installed in accordance with the requirements for Group II extra hazard occupancies. [40:5.1.2]

26.7.1.2 Water supplies for automatic sprinklers shall be based on 20 gpm (1.26 L/sec) per sprinkler for 20 minutes for the total number of sprinklers in one vault plus 25 percent of the sprinklers in the communicating fire area. [40:5.2.2]

26.7.1.3* Vaults Other Than Extended Term Storage Vaults. [40:6.3] (See Figure A.26.7.1.3.) Fire protection in vaults shall be provided by a deluge system with directional nozzles meeting the criteria in 26.7.1.4. [40:6.3.7]

26.7.1.4 For extended term storage vaults in accordance with 6.5.5 of NFPA 40, fire protection shall be provided by a deluge system with directional nozzles installed in accordance with

NFPA 15 and meeting the criteria in 26.7.1.4.1 through 26.7.1.4.9. [40:6.5.6]

26.7.1.4.1 Sprinkler systems in existing extended term storage vaults that were in compliance with the provisions of this standard at the time of installation shall be permitted to be continued in use. [40:6.5.6.1]

26.7.1.4.2 High-velocity open water spray nozzles each capable of providing a discharge rate of 20 gpm (1.26 L/sec) at a gauge pressure of 50 psi (345 kPa) shall be installed. [40:6.5.6.2]

26.7.1.4.3 The design shall be based on a discharge density of 0.68 gpm/ft² (27 mm/min) over each face of storage racks. [40:6.5.6.3]

26.7.1.4.4* The nozzles shall have a combined spray pattern capable of covering the face of the film storage racks. [40:6.5.6.4]

26.7.1.4.5 The nozzles shall be installed at the top of the storage shelf array, aimed at the opposite shelf array. [40:6.5.6.5]

26.7.1.4.6* Nozzles shall be installed on opposite faces of the storage shelf array in a staggered pattern such that no nozzles are directly opposite one another. [40:6.5.6.6]

26.7.1.4.7 The water supply duration shall be a minimum of 20 minutes. [40:6.5.6.7]

26.7.1.4.8 The deluge system shall be activated by a signal from one of the following:

- (1) An air sampling-type smoke detection system
 - (2) A fixed temperature heat sensitive cable
- [40:6.5.6.8]

26.7.1.4.9 Full water flow shall be discharged from the water spray nozzles within 10 seconds of reaching the set point actuation of the detection system [40:6.5.6.9.6]

26.7.2 Installation Requirements.

26.7.2.1 In areas or rooms where nitrate film is handled, the area that is protected per sprinkler shall not exceed 64 ft² (5.9 m²) with sprinklers not being more than 8 ft (2.4 m) apart. [40:5.1.4]

26.7.2.2 Cabinet Protection. [40:6.2.5]

26.7.2.2.1 Cabinets having a capacity of more than 75 lb (34 kg), or 15,000 ft (4575 m), of film shall be provided with at least one automatic sprinkler. [40:6.2.5.1]

26.7.2.2.2 Where cans are stored on more than one shelf, as shown in Figure 26.7.2.2.2 and as described in 6.2.6.2 or 6.2.6.3 of NFPA 40, one sprinkler shall be provided for each shelf. [40:6.2.5.2]

26.7.2.3 Motion Picture Film Laboratories. In all cases, sprinklers shall be arranged so that not more than two machines are protected by any one sprinkler. [40:9.2.5.2]

26.8 Laboratories Using Chemicals.

26.8.1 Design Requirements. Automatic sprinkler system protection shall be required for all new laboratories in accordance with the following:

- (1) Automatic sprinkler system protection for Class A and Class B laboratories shall be in accordance with this standard for ordinary hazard (Group 2) occupancies.

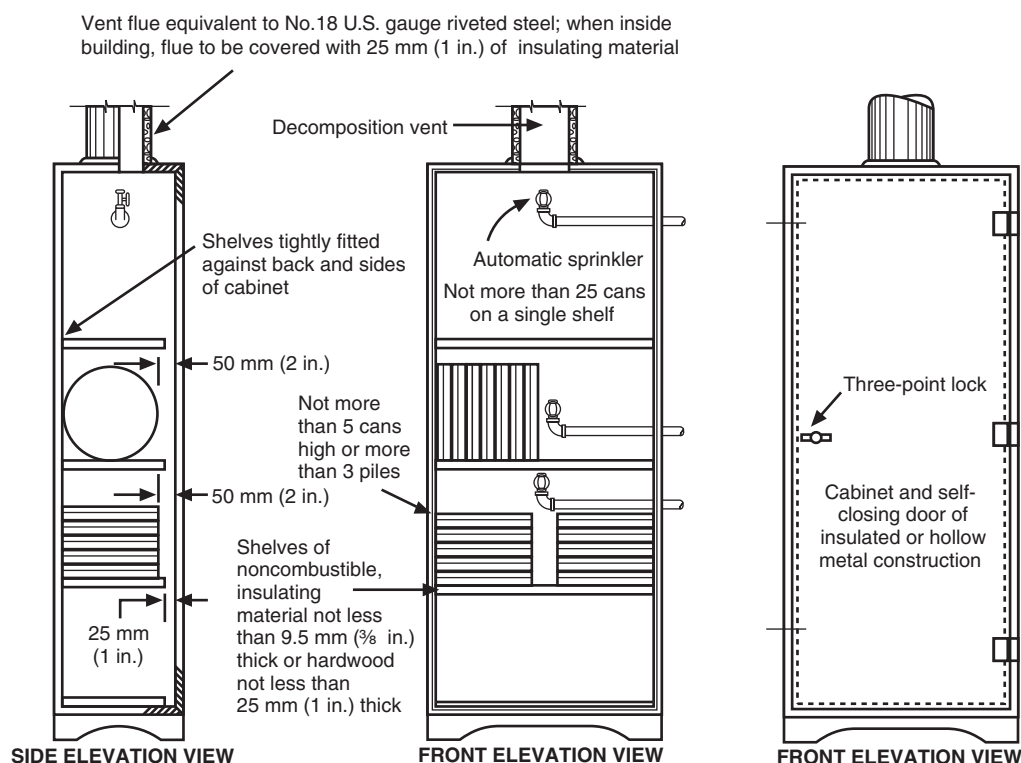


FIGURE 26.7.2.2.2 Standard Film Cabinet for Other Than Extended Term Storage Film. [40:Figure 6.2.1]

- (2) Automatic sprinkler system protection for Class C and Class D laboratories shall be in accordance with this standard for ordinary hazard (Group 1) occupancies. [45:6.1.1.1]

26.8.2 Installation Requirements. Fire sprinklers in laboratory units shall be the quick response (QR) sprinkler type installed in accordance with this standard. [45:6.1.1.2]

26.9 Oxygen-Fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes.

26.9.1 Design Requirements.

26.9.1.1 Oxygen cylinders connected to one manifold shall be limited to a total gas capacity of 6500 ft³ (184 m³). [51:5.2.5]

26.9.1.1.1 Two such manifolds with connected cylinders shall be permitted to be located in the same room, provided the building is protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system designed in accordance with this standard, furnishing a sprinkler discharge density of at least 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min) over a minimum operating area of at least 3000 ft² (280 m²) with sprinklers located not more than 20 ft (6.1 m) above the floor where the manifolds are located. [51:5.2.5.1]

26.9.1.2 An automatic deluge sprinkler system shall be provided for MATS fire areas used as indoor and outdoor discharging stations. [51:10.5.8.1.1]

26.9.1.3 Automatic deluge sprinkler systems shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of this standard using Extra Hazard Group 1 with a minimum design area of 2500 ft² (232 m²) for the entire MATS fire area. [51:10.5.8.1.2]

26.9.1.4 The automatic deluge system shall be able to be activated automatically by a fast-acting fire detection system and also by at least one manual pull station in an accessible location at a minimum of 25 ft (7.6 m) from the MATS fire area. [51:10.5.8.1.3]

26.9.1.5 The requirements of 26.9.1.2, 26.9.1.3, and 26.9.1.4 shall not apply to existing indoor or outdoor facilities, equipment, structures, or installations where MATS are charged or discharged that existed or were approved for construction or installation prior to the effective date of this standard, providing the MATS fire area is protected with an automatic sprinkler or deluge system with a minimum design density of not less than 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.1 mm/min). [51:10.5.8.1.4.1]

26.9.2 Installation Requirements.

26.9.2.1 In buildings protected by an automatic sprinkler system and water supply designed in accordance with this standard for an Ordinary Hazard Group 2 or more hazardous occupancy, where the occupancy other than the cylinder storage is not more hazardous than ordinary hazard as defined in this standard, the distance between designated storage areas shall be permitted to be reduced to 50 ft (15 m). [51:4.3.4.1]

26.9.2.2 If the occupancy in such protected buildings between the designated storage areas is free of combustible material, the distance shall be permitted to be reduced to 25 ft (7.6 m). [51:4.3.4.2]

26.10 Acetylene Cylinder Charging Plants.

26.10.1 Design Requirements.

26.10.1.1 An automatic deluge sprinkler system shall be provided for MATS fire areas used as indoor and outdoor charging and discharging stations. [55:15.3.9.1.1]

26.10.1.2 Automatic deluge sprinkler systems shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of this standard using Extra Hazard Group 1 with a minimum design area of 2500 ft² for the entire MATS fire area. [55:15.3.9.1.2]

26.10.1.3 The automatic deluge system shall be able to be activated automatically by a fast-acting fire detection system and also by at least one manual pull station in an accessible location at a minimum of 25 ft (7.6 m) from the MATS fire area. [55:15.3.9.1.3]

26.10.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.11 Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code.

26.11.1 Design Criteria.

26.11.1.1 When sprinkler protection is required, the area in which compressed gases or cryogenic fluids are stored or used shall be protected with a sprinkler system designed to be not less than that required by 19.3.3.1.1 for Ordinary Hazard Group 2 density/area curve. [55:6.11.2.1]

26.11.1.2 Where sprinkler protection is required, the area in which the flammable or pyrophoric compressed gases or cryogenic fluids are stored or used shall be protected with a sprinkler system designed to be not less than that required by 19.3.3.1.1 for Extra Hazard Group 1 density/area curve. [55:6.11.2.2]

26.11.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.12 Utility LP-Gas Plants.

26.12.1 Design Requirements.

26.12.1.1 The design of fire water supply and distribution systems, where used, shall provide for the simultaneous supply of those fixed fire protection systems involved in the maximum single incident expected in the plant, including monitor nozzles, at their design flow and pressure. [59:13.4.2]

26.12.1.2 An additional supply of 1000 gal/min (3800 lpm) shall be available for hand hose streams for a period of not less than 2 hours. [59:13.4.2.1]

26.12.1.3 Manually actuated monitors shall be permitted to be used to augment hand hose streams. [59:13.4.2.2]

26.12.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.13 Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

26.13.1 Design Requirements. The fire water supply and distribution systems, if provided, shall simultaneously supply water to fixed fire protection systems, including monitor nozzles, at their design flow and pressure, involved in the maximum single incident expected in the plant plus an allowance of 1000 gpm (3800 lpm) for hand hose streams for not less than 2 hours. [59A:12.5.2]

26.13.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.14 Protection of Information Technology Equipment.

26.14.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.14.2 Installation Requirements.

26.14.2.1 ITE rooms and ITE areas located in a sprinklered building shall be provided with an automatic sprinkler system. [75:9.1.1]

26.14.2.1.1 ITE rooms and ITE areas located in a nonsprinklered building shall be provided with one or more automatic fire suppression systems as permitted by Chapter 9 of NFPA 75.

26.14.2.2 Sprinkler systems protecting ITE areas shall be valved separately from other sprinkler systems. [75:9.1.3]

26.14.2.3 The requirement of 9.1.1.1 of NFPA 75 shall be permitted to be evaluated as part of the fire risk assessment as outlined in Chapter 4 of NFPA 75. [75:9.1.1.2]

26.14.2.4* An automatic fire suppression system, as permitted by Chapter 9 of NFPA 75, shall be provided for the protection of the area below a raised floor in an ITE room or ITE area where the area below the raised floor contains combustible material other than what is permitted in 26.14.2.5. [75:9.1.1.3]

26.14.2.5 An automatic fire suppression system shall not be required for the protection of the area below a raised floor in an ITE room or ITE area where combustible material under the floor is limited to the following:

- (1) Cables listed for plenum use
 - (2) Listed plenum communications raceways
 - (3) Listed equipment power cords up to 15 ft (4.6 m) each
 - (4) Cables installed in metallic raceways
 - (5) Installations in compliance with Section 300.22(C) of NFPA 70
 - (6) Listed cooling hoses
- [75:9.1.1.4]

26.15 Standard on Incinerators, and Waste and Linen Handling Systems and Equipment.

26.15.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.15.2 Installation Requirements.

26.15.2.1 Automatic sprinklers shall be provided in incinerator rooms in accordance with this standard. [82:5.2.7.3]

26.15.2.2* Waste and Linen Chutes and Transport Systems. [82:Chapter 6]

26.15.2.2.1 Gravity Waste or Linen Chutes. [82:6.2]

26.15.2.2.1.1 Lined metal chutes that comply with 6.2.2.6.1 of NFPA 82 shall not require automatic sprinkler protection. [82:6.2.2.6.2]

26.15.2.2.1.2 A sprinkler shall be installed at or above the top chute intake of the chute. [82:6.2.6.1.2]

26.15.2.2.1.3 Chute Sprinkler Protection. Automatic sprinklers installed in gravity chute intakes shall be recessed out of the chute area through which the material travels. [82:6.2.6.1.3]

26.15.2.2.1.4 A sprinkler shall be installed within the chute at alternate floor levels in chutes connecting more than two

stories, with a mandatory sprinkler located at the lowest service level. [82:6.2.6.1.4]

26.15.2.2.1.5 Gravity chutes shall be protected internally by automatic sprinklers unless the chute is in accordance with 6.2.2.5 or 6.2.2.6 of NFPA 82. [82:6.2.6.1.1]

26.15.2.2.1.6 Chute Room Automatic Sprinklers. Automatic sprinklers shall be installed in chute discharge rooms. [82:6.2.6.2.1]

26.15.2.2.2 Full Pneumatic Waste and Linen Conveying Systems. [82:6.3]

26.15.2.2.2.1 Full pneumatic-type risers shall be protected internally by automatic sprinklers. [82:6.3.4.1]

26.15.2.2.2.2 A sprinkler shall be required at or above the top chute intake door and at alternate floor levels in buildings over two stories, with a mandatory sprinkler located at the lowest chute intake door. [82:6.3.4.2]

26.15.2.2.2.3 Sprinklers shall be recessed out of the station area through which the material travels. [82:6.3.4.3]

26.15.2.2.3 Gravity Pneumatic Trash or Linen Conveying Systems. [82:6.4]

26.15.2.2.3.1 Chute Automatic Sprinklers. Where material is to be stored at the bottom of the chute and above the riser discharge damper (above the transport tee), automatic sprinklers shall be installed below the last service door on the chute. [82:6.4.2.3]

26.15.2.2.3.2 Automatic sprinklers shall be installed in chute discharge rooms. [82:6.4.2.4.3]

26.15.2.3 Automatic Sprinklers. [82:7.4]

26.15.2.3.1 Automatic sprinklers shall be installed in rooms where waste handling systems and equipment are used to transport waste from interim storage areas to waste processing equipment, such as incinerators. [82:7.4.1]

26.15.2.3.2 In locations or rooms where waste handling systems and equipment are used for interim storage of waste only, the rooms shall be sprinklered in accordance with requirements specified in 26.15.2.4. [82:7.4.2]

26.15.2.4 Waste Compactors. [82:Chapter 8]

26.15.2.4.1 All chute-fed compactors shall have an automatic sprinkler with a minimum ½ in. (13 mm) orifice installed in the hopper of the compactor. [82:8.2.1]

26.15.2.4.2 Sprinklers shall be ordinary temperature-rated sprinklers. [82:8.2.1.1]

26.15.2.4.3 Sprinklers shall be supplied by a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) ferrous piping or ¾ in. (20 mm) copper tubing line from the domestic cold water supply or by the building fire sprinkler system. [82:8.2.1.2]

26.15.2.4.4 Sprinkler water pipe shall be protected from freezing in outdoor installations. [82:8.2.1.3]

26.15.2.4.5 Hand-fed compactors located within a building and not operated in conjunction with a chute shall not require installation of an automatic sprinkler in the hopper. [82:8.2.2]

26.15.2.5 Waste and recyclables storage rooms shall be provided with automatic sprinklers in accordance with this standard. [82:9.3]

26.15.2.6 Rooms in which waste processing equipment is located shall be installed with automatic sprinklers. [82:10.4.1]

26.16 Standard for Ovens and Furnaces.

26.16.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.16.2 Installation Requirements.

26.16.2.1* Where automatic sprinklers are provided, they shall be installed in accordance with this standard unless otherwise permitted by 26.16.2.2. [86:9.2.1]

26.16.2.2 Where sprinklers that protect only ovens are installed and connection to a reliable fire protection water supply is not feasible, a domestic water supply connection shall be permitted to supply these sprinklers subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction. [86:9.2.2]

26.16.2.3 Where sprinklers are selected for the protection of ovens, furnaces, or related equipment, systems with only open sprinklers shall be installed where the following conditions exist:

(1) In equipment where temperatures can exceed 625°F (329°C)

(2) Where flash fire conditions can occur [86:9.3.3]

26.16.2.4 Furnaces shall be located so as to minimize exposure to power equipment, process equipment, and sprinkler risers. [86:5.1.3.1]

26.16.2.5 Where water from a fixed protection system could come in contact with molten materials, such as molten salt or molten metal, shielding shall be provided to prevent water from contacting the molten material. [86:9.3.1]

26.16.2.6* Galvanized pipe shall not be used in sprinkler or water spray systems in ovens, furnaces, or related equipment. [86:9.3.2]

26.17 Health Care Facilities Code, Class A Hyperbaric Chambers.

26.17.1 Design Requirements.

26.17.1.1 A fixed water deluge extinguishing system shall be installed in all chamber compartments that are designed for manned operations. [99:14.2.6.2]

26.17.1.2 In chambers that consist of more than one chamber compartment (lock), the design of the deluge system shall meet the requirements of 26.17.1.1 when the chamber compartments are at different depths (pressures). [99:14.2.6.2.1]

26.17.1.3 The deluge system in different compartments (locks) shall operate independently or simultaneously. [99:14.2.6.2.2]

26.17.1.4 Fixed deluge systems shall not be required in chamber compartments that are used strictly as personnel transfer compartments (locks) and for no other purposes. [99:14.2.6.2.3]

26.17.1.5* Manual activation and deactivation deluge controls shall be located at the operator's console and in each chamber

compartment (lock) containing a deluge system. [99:14.2.6.2.4]

26.17.1.6 Controls shall be designed to prevent unintended activation. [99:14.2.6.2.4.1]

26.17.1.7 Water shall be delivered from the fixed discharge nozzles as specified in 26.17.1.9 within 3 seconds of activation of any affiliated deluge control. [99:14.2.6.2.5]

26.17.1.8* Average spray density at floor level shall be not less than 2 gpm/ft² (82 mm/min), with no floor area larger than 10.76 ft² (1 m²) receiving less than 1 gpm/ft² (40.75 L/min/m²). [99:14.2.6.2.6]

26.17.1.9 Water shall be available in the deluge system to maintain the flow specified in 26.17.1.8 simultaneously in each chamber compartment (lock) containing the deluge system for 1 minute. [99:14.2.6.2.7]

26.17.1.10 The limit on maximum extinguishment duration shall be governed by the chamber capacity (bilge capacity also, if so equipped) or its drainage system, or both. [99:14.2.6.2.7.1]

26.17.1.11 The deluge system shall have stored pressure to operate for at least 15 seconds without electrical branch power. [99:14.2.6.2.8]

26.17.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.18 Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems.

26.18.1 Design Requirements.

26.18.1.1 Other fire suppression systems, if approved, shall be permitted to be substituted for automatic sprinkler systems in the areas listed in 26.18.2.1. [130:5.4.4.5]

26.18.2 Installation Requirements.

26.18.2.1 An automatic sprinkler protection system shall be provided in areas of stations used for concessions, in storage areas, in trash rooms, and other similar areas with combustible loadings, except trainways. [130:5.4.4.1]

26.18.2.2 Sprinkler protection shall be permitted to be omitted in areas of open stations remotely located from public spaces. [130:5.4.4.2]

26.18.2.3 Installation of sprinkler systems shall comply with this standard or applicable local codes as required. [130:5.4.4.3]

26.18.2.4 A sprinkler system waterflow alarm and supervisory signal service shall be installed. [130:5.4.4.4]

26.19 Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Soundstages, Approved Production Facilities, and Production Locations.

26.19.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.19.2 Installation Requirements.

26.19.2.1 The requirements of this standard prohibiting obstructions to sprinkler discharge shall not be applicable if approved mitigation is employed. [140:4.11.1.3.1]

26.19.2.2 The requirements of this standard prohibiting obstructions to sprinkler discharge shall not be applicable if

the building sprinkler system meets the design criteria for Extra Hazard, Group 2. [140:4.11.1.3.2]

26.19.2.3 In any production location building protected by an existing automatic sprinkler system, where solid- or hard-ceiling sets or platforms are introduced and create an obstruction to sprinkler discharge, the provisions of 26.19.2.4 or 26.19.2.5 shall be met. [140:5.11.3]

26.19.2.4* The requirements of this standard prohibiting obstructions to sprinkler discharge shall not be applicable if approved mitigation is employed. [140:5.11.4]

26.19.2.5* The requirements of this standard prohibiting obstructions to sprinkler discharge shall not be applicable if the building sprinkler system meets the design criteria for Extra Hazard, Group 2. [140:5.11.5]

26.20 Animal Housing Facilities.

26.20.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.20.1.1 (Reserved)

26.20.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.20.2.1 Quick-response sprinklers shall be utilized in animal housing facilities. [150:9.2.3]

26.21 Water Cooling Towers.

26.21.1 Design Requirements.

26.21.1.1 Types of Systems.

26.21.1.1.1* The following fire protection systems shall be permitted to be used in counterflow cooling towers:

- (1) Wet pipe sprinkler system
- (2) Dry pipe sprinkler system
- (3) Preaction sprinkler system
- (4) Deluge sprinkler system

[214:5.2.2.1]

26.21.1.1.2* A deluge sprinkler system shall be used in cross-flow towers. [214:5.2.2.2]

26.21.1.2 Minimum Rate of Application. [214:5.2.3]

26.21.1.2.1 Under the fan decks of counterflow towers, the rate of application of water shall be 0.5 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min), including fan opening. [214:5.2.3.1]

26.21.1.2.2 Under the fan decks of crossflow towers, the rate of application of water shall be 0.33 gpm/ft² (13.4 mm/min), including fan opening. [214:5.2.3.2]

26.21.1.2.3 Over the fill areas of crossflow towers, the rate of application of water shall be 0.5 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min). [214:5.2.3.3]

26.21.1.3 Extended Fan Decks. On towers having extended fan decks that completely enclose the distribution basin, the discharge outlets protecting the fill area shall be located over the basin, under the extension of the fan deck. [214:5.2.4.3]

26.21.1.3.1 These discharge outlets shall be open directional spray nozzles or other approved spray devices arranged to discharge 0.35 gpm/ft² (14.3 mm/min) directly on the distribution basin and 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.11 mm/min) on the underside of the fan deck extension. [214:5.2.4.3.1]

26.21.1.3.2 On towers having extended fan decks that do not completely enclose the hot-water basin, outlets protecting the fill shall be located under the distribution basin in accordance with 5.2.4.2.2 of NFPA 214. [214:5.2.4.3.2]

26.21.1.4 Combustible Fan Decks. For deluge systems using directional spray nozzles in the pendant position, provisions shall be made to protect the underside of a combustible fan deck at a minimum of 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min), which shall be included as part of the application rate specified in 5.2.3 of NFPA 214. [214:5.2.4.4]

26.21.1.5* Water Basin Covers. On film-filled towers that have solid, hot-water basin covers over the complete basin, the discharge outlets protecting the fill area shall be permitted to be located under the basin covers. [214:5.2.4.5]

26.21.1.5.1 These discharge outlets shall be open directional spray nozzles or other approved devices arranged to discharge 0.50 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min) into the distribution basin horizontally, with some of the spray splashing up and on the underside of the water basin covers. [214:5.2.4.5.1]

26.21.1.6 Exposure Protection. [214:5.2.10]

26.21.1.6.1 Where any combustible exterior surfaces of a tower, including the fan deck and distribution basins, are less than 100 ft (30 m) from significant concentrations of combustibles such as structures or piled material, the combustible exposed surfaces of the tower shall be protected by an automatic water spray system. [214:5.2.10.1]

26.21.1.6.2 Systems for exterior protection shall be designed with the same attention and care as interior systems. [214:5.2.10.2]

26.21.1.6.2.1 Pipe sizing shall be based on hydraulic calculations. [214:5.2.10.2.1]

26.21.1.6.2.2 Water supply and discharge rate shall be based on a minimum 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min) for all protected surfaces. [214:5.2.10.2.2]

26.21.1.7 Sprinkler System Water Supply.

26.21.1.7.1 Deluge Systems.

26.21.1.7.1.1* Where all cells of a cooling tower are protected by a single deluge system, the water supply shall be adequate to supply all discharge outlets on that system. [214:5.6.1.1]

26.21.1.7.1.2 Where two or more deluge systems are used to protect a cooling tower and fire-resistant partitions are not provided between the deluge systems, the water supply shall be adequate to supply all discharge outlets in the two most hydraulically demanding adjacent systems. [214:5.6.1.2]

26.21.1.7.1.3* Where two or more deluge systems are separated by fire-resistant partitions, the water supply shall be adequate to supply all discharge outlets in the single most hydraulically demanding system. [214:5.6.1.3]

26.21.1.7.2 Wet, Dry, and Preaction Systems.

26.21.1.7.2.1* Where each cell of the cooling tower is separated by a fire-resistant partition, the water supply shall be adequate to supply all discharge outlets in the hydraulically most demanding single cell. [214:5.6.2.1]

26.21.1.7.2.2* Where fire-resistant partitions are not provided between each cell of a cooling tower, the water supply shall be

adequate to supply all discharge outlets in the two most hydraulically demanding adjoining cells. [214:5.6.2.2]

26.21.1.7.3 Hose Streams. Water supplies shall be sufficient to include a minimum of 500 gpm (1900 lpm) for hose streams in addition to the sprinkler requirements. [214:5.6.3]

26.21.1.7.4 Duration. A water supply adequate for at least a 2-hour duration shall be provided for the combination of the water supply specified in 5.6.1 or 5.6.2 of NFPA 214, plus the hose stream demand specified in 26.21.1.7.3. [214:5.6.4]

26.21.2 Installation Requirements.

26.21.2.1* Counterflow Towers. [214:5.2.4.1]

26.21.2.1.1 The discharge outlets shall be located under the fan deck and fan opening. [214:5.2.4.1.1]

26.21.2.1.2 Except under the fan opening, all discharge outlets shall have deflector distances installed in accordance with Section 9.5 of this standard. [214:5.2.4.1.2]

26.21.2.1.3 Closed-head discharge outlets for dry-pipe and preaction systems shall be installed in the upright position only. [214:5.2.4.1.3]

26.21.2.2* Crossflow Towers. [214:5.2.4.2]

26.21.2.2.1 The discharge outlets protecting the plenum area shall be located under the fan deck and in the fan opening. [214:5.2.4.2.1]

26.21.2.2.2 Discharge outlets protecting the fill shall be located under the distribution basin on either the louver or drift eliminator side, discharging horizontally through the joist channels. [214:5.2.4.2.2]

26.21.2.2.3 Towers with an air travel dimension longer than the maximum allowable for the discharge device being used shall have discharge devices placed on both sides of the fill area in each joist channel. [214:5.2.4.2.3.1]

26.21.2.2.4 The pressure at each discharge device shall be adequate to provide protection for half of the length of the fill measured along the air travel. [214:5.2.4.2.3.2]

26.21.2.2.5 Where joist channels are wider than 2 ft (0.6 m), more than one discharge device shall be required per joist channel. [214:5.2.4.2.4.1]

26.21.2.2.6 If the discharge device being used is listed for the width of the joist channel being protected, one discharge device per joist channel shall be permitted to be used. [214:5.2.4.2.4.2]

26.21.2.3* Extended Fan Decks. On towers having extended fan decks that completely enclose the distribution basin, the discharge outlets protecting the fill area shall be located over the basin, under the extension of the fan deck. [214:5.2.4.3]

26.21.2.4* Water Basin Covers. On film-filled towers that have solid, hot-water basin covers over the complete basin, the discharge outlets protecting the fill area shall be permitted to be located under the basin covers. [214:5.2.4.5]

26.21.2.5 Valves. [214:5.2.6]

26.21.2.5.1 Shutoff valves and automatically operated water control valves, if provided, shall be located as follows:

- (1) Outside the fire-exposed area

- (2) As close to the cooling tower as possible to minimize the amount of pipe to the discharge device
- (3) Where they will be accessible during a fire emergency [214:5.2.6.1.2]

26.21.2.5.2 Manual Release Valve. [214:5.2.6.2]

26.21.2.5.2.1 Remote manual release valves, where required, shall be conspicuously located and accessible during a fire emergency. [214:5.2.6.2.1]

26.21.2.5.2.2 Where remote manual release valves are not required, an inspector's test valve shall be provided for each pilot-head-operated system. [214:5.2.6.2.2]

26.21.2.6 Strainers. Strainers shall be required for systems utilizing discharge devices with waterways of less than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) diameter. [214:5.2.7]

26.21.2.7 Heat Detectors. Where deluge or preaction systems are used, heat detectors shall be installed and shall be selected from either of the types in 5.2.8.1 or 5.2.8.2 of NFPA 214. [214:5.2.8]

26.21.2.7.1 In mechanical-draft towers, pilot line detectors shall be located under the fan deck at the circumference of the fan opening and under the fan opening where necessary to comply with the spacing requirements in 26.21.2.7.1.1. (*For extended fan decks, see 5.2.8.2.3 in NFPA 214.*) [214:5.2.8.1.2.1(A)]

26.21.2.7.1.1 Pilot line detectors shall be spaced not more than 8 ft (2.4 m) apart in any direction including the fan opening. Temperature ratings shall be selected in accordance with operating conditions, but shall be no less than intermediate. [214:5.2.8.1.2.1(B)]

26.21.2.7.2 On towers having extended fan decks that completely enclose the distribution basin, electrical heat detectors shall be located under the fan deck extension in accordance with standard, indoor-spacing rules for the type detectors used in accordance with NFPA 72. [214:5.2.8.2.3]

26.21.2.7.2.1 Where the fan deck extension is 16 ft (4.9 m) or less and this dimension is the length of the joist channel, then only one row of detectors centered on and at right angles to the joist channels shall be required. Spacing between detectors shall be in accordance with NFPA 72. [214:5.2.8.2.3.1]

26.21.2.7.2.2 On towers having extended fan decks that do not completely enclose the hot-water basin, electrical heat detectors shall not be required under the fan deck extension. [214:5.2.8.2.3.2]

26.21.2.7.3 Where electrical heat detectors are inaccessible during tower operation, an accessible test detector shall be provided for each detection zone. [214:5.2.8.3]

26.21.2.7.4 Electrical heat detector components exposed to corrosive vapors or liquids shall be protected by materials of construction or by protective coatings applied by the equipment manufacturer. [214:5.2.8.4]

26.21.2.8 Protection for Fan Drive Motor. [214:5.2.9]

26.21.2.8.1 A sprinkler or spray nozzle shall be provided over each fan drive motor where the motor is located so that it is not within the protected area of the tower. [214:5.2.9.1]

26.21.2.8.2 Where a preaction or deluge system is used, the detection system shall be extended to cover the motor. [214:5.2.9.2]

26.21.2.8.3 Provision shall be made to interlock the fan motors with the fire protection system so that the cooling tower fan motors are stopped in the cell(s) for which the system is actuated. [214:5.2.9.3]

26.21.2.8.4 Where the continued operation of the fans is vital to the process, a manual override switch shall be permitted to be provided to reactivate the fan when it is determined that there is no fire. [214:5.2.9.4]

26.21.2.9 Corrosion Protection. [214:5.3]

26.21.2.9.1 Piping, fittings, hangers, braces, and attachment hardware including fasteners shall be hot-dipped galvanized steel in accordance with ASTM A153A/153M, *Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware*, or other materials having a superior corrosion resistance. [214:5.3.1]

26.21.2.9.1.1 Exposed pipe threads and bolts on fittings shall be protected against corrosion. [214:5.3.1.1]

26.21.2.9.1.2 All other components shall be corrosion resistant or protected against corrosion by a coating. [214:5.3.1.2]

26.21.2.9.2* Wax-type coatings shall not be used on devices without fusible elements. [214:5.3.2]

26.21.2.9.3* Special care shall be taken in the handling and installation of wax-coated or similar sprinklers to avoid damaging the coating. [214:5.3.3]

26.21.2.9.3.1 Corrosion-resistant coatings shall not be applied to the sprinklers by anyone other than the manufacturer of the sprinklers. [214:5.3.3.1]

26.21.2.9.3.2 In all cases, any damage to the protective coating occurring at the time of installation shall be repaired at once using only the coating of the manufacturer of the sprinkler in an approved manner, so that no part of the sprinkler will be exposed after the installation has been completed. [214:5.3.3.2]

26.22 Standard for the Construction and Fire Protection of Marine Terminals, Piers, and Wharves.

26.22.1 Design Requirements.

26.22.1.1* Unless the requirements of 26.22.1.2 apply, automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed based upon the design criteria for the protection of Group A plastics. [307:5.4.2.1]

26.22.1.2 With the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, the requirements of 26.22.1.1 shall not apply to buildings used exclusively for the handling or storage of specific cargoes and commodities that are defined as commodity classes less than Group A plastics by this standard. [307:5.4.2.2]

26.22.1.3 Buildings consistent with 26.22.1.2 shall be protected in accordance with the design criteria for the applicable commodity as required by this standard. [307:5.4.2.3]

26.22.1.4 Buildings used for the storage of hazardous materials shall be protected in accordance with this standard and the applicable codes and standards for the type of hazardous material being stored. [307:5.4.2.4]

26.22.2 Installation Requirements.

26.22.2.1 Piers and Wharves with Combustible Substructure.

26.22.2.1.1 Where there is danger of damage to sprinkler equipment by floating objects, physical barriers shall be provided to exclude such objects. [307:4.3.3.1.2.2]

26.22.2.1.2* Upward Projecting Sprinklers. Where narrow horizontal channels or spaces are caused by caps, stringers, ties, and other structural members and where the standard upright sprinkler does not project sufficient water upward to extinguish or control fires on the underside of the pier or wharf deck, a sprinkler that projects water upward to wet the overhead shall be used. [307:4.3.3.1.3.1]

(A) Location, spacing, and deflector position shall be governed by the discharge pattern of the sprinkler and the structure being protected. [307:4.3.3.1.3.1(A)]

(B) The following design and installation guides shall apply where pendent sprinklers in the upright position or old-style sprinklers are to be utilized:

- (1) The maximum coverage per sprinkler head shall be limited to 80 ft² (7.4 m²).
 - (2) Where spacing or arrangement of stringers constitutes typical open-joint construction directly supporting the deck, sprinkler branch lines shall be installed between the bents at right angles to the stringers and shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Spacing between branch lines shall not exceed 10 ft (3 m).
 - (b) Sprinklers on branch lines shall be staggered and spaced not to exceed 8 ft (2.4 m) on center.
 - (3)* Where crisscross construction is involved, closer spacing of sprinklers shall be permitted as necessary to provide wetting of the entire structure.
 - (4) The deflectors of sprinklers on lines under stringers shall be located not less than 4 in. (100 mm) nor more than 10 in. (250 mm) below the bottom plane of the stringer, and not more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the underside of the pier or wharf deck.
 - (5)* The sprinkler system shall be hydraulically designed in accordance with the requirements of this standard and shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Sprinkler orifice shall be ½ in. (13 mm) and shall discharge at a minimum pressure of 12.5 psi (85 kPa).
 - (b) Design area shall be based upon the largest area between firestops plus an additional area embracing at least two branch lines on opposite sides of the firestop.
 - (c) Minimum design area shall be not less than 5000 ft² (465 m²).
 - (6) The temperature rating of the sprinkler shall not exceed 165°F (74°C).
 - (7) The maximum area to be protected by any one system shall be limited to 25,000 ft² (2320 m²).
- [307:4.3.3.1.3.1(B)]

26.23 Semiconductor Fabrication Facilities.

26.23.1 Design Requirements.

26.23.1.1* Automatic sprinklers for cleanrooms or clean zones shall be installed in accordance with this standard and shall be

hydraulically designed for a density of 0.20 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) over a design area of 3000 ft² (280 m²). [318:11.1.4.2]

26.23.1.2 Automatic sprinkler protection shall be designed and installed in the plenum and interstitial space above cleanrooms in accordance with this standard, for a density of 0.20 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) over a design area of 3000 ft² (280 m²). [318:11.1.4.3]

26.23.1.3 Sprinklers installed in duct systems shall be hydraulically designed to provide 0.5 gpm (1.9 L/min) over an area derived by multiplying the distance between the sprinklers in a horizontal duct by the width of the duct. [318:11.2.1.2]

26.23.1.3.1* Minimum discharge shall be 20 gpm (75 L/min) per sprinkler from the five hydraulically most remote sprinklers. [318:11.2.1.2.1]

26.23.2 Installation Requirements.

26.23.2.1* Wet pipe automatic sprinkler protection shall be provided throughout facilities containing cleanrooms and clean zones. [318:11.1.4.1]

26.23.2.2* Approved quick-response sprinklers shall be utilized for sprinkler installations within down-flow airstreams in cleanrooms and clean zones. [318:11.1.4.4]

26.23.2.3* Sprinklers shall be spaced a maximum of 20 ft (6.1 m) apart horizontally and 12 ft (3.7 m) apart vertically. [318:11.2.1.2.2]

26.23.2.4 A separate indicating control valve shall be provided for sprinklers installed in ductwork. [318:11.2.1.3]

26.23.2.5 The sprinklers shall be accessible for periodic inspection and maintenance. [318:11.2.1.6]

26.24 Aircraft Hangars.

26.24.1 Design Requirements. Sprinkler systems installed in aircraft hangars shall comply with NFPA 409.

26.24.2 Installation Requirements. Sprinkler systems installed in aircraft hangars shall comply with NFPA 409.

26.25 Airport Terminal Buildings, Fueling Ramp Drainage, and Loading Walkways.

26.25.1 Design Requirements.

26.25.1.1 Passenger-handling areas shall be classified as Ordinary Hazard Group 1 Occupancy, as defined in this standard, for the purpose of sprinkler system design. [415:4.5.1.3]

26.25.1.2* Baggage, package, and mail-handling areas shall be classified as Ordinary Hazard Group 2 Occupancy, as defined in this standard, for the purpose of sprinkler system design. [415:4.5.1.4]

26.25.1.3 Other areas of the airport terminal building shall be classified in accordance with Chapter 4 of this standard based on the occupancy of the area. [415:4.5.1.5]

26.25.1.4 Water Supply. Water supply from public and private sources shall be adequate to supply maximum calculated sprinkler demand plus a minimum of 500 gpm (1900 lpm) for hose streams. The supply shall be available at the rate specified for a period of at least 1 hour. [415:4.5.5]

26.25.1.4.1 Main sizes shall be hydraulically calculated based on the total domestic and fire protection requirements. Mains

shall be not less than 8 in. (200 mm) in diameter except that laterals shall be permitted to be 6 in. (150 mm) in diameter if not over 200 ft (61 m) long. [415:4.5.5.1]

26.25.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.26 Aircraft Engine Test Facilities.

26.26.1 Design Requirements.

26.26.1.1* In engine test cells, the minimum design discharge density shall be 0.50 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min) of protected area. [423:7.6.3]

26.26.1.2 In engine test cells, water supplies shall be capable of meeting the largest demand at the design rate plus hose stream demand for a period of 30 minutes. [423:7.6.4]

26.26.1.2.1 Hose stream demand shall be a minimum of 250 gpm (950 lpm). [423:7.6.4.1]

26.26.1.2.2 The hydraulic calculation and the water supply shall be based on the assumption that all sprinklers in the test cell are operating simultaneously. [423:7.6.4.2]

26.26.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.27 Advanced Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants.

26.27.1 Design Requirements.

26.27.1.1* **Sprinkler System Water Supply.** The fire water supply shall be calculated on the basis of the largest expected flow rate for a period of 2 hours but shall not be less than 300,000 gal (1,135,500 L), and the following criteria also shall apply:

- (1) The flow rate shall be based on 500 gpm (1900 lpm) for manual hose streams plus the largest design demand of any sprinkler or fixed water spray system as determined in accordance with this standard, with NFPA 15, or with NFPA 804.
- (2) The fire water supply shall be capable of delivering the design demand specified in 26.27.1.1(1) with the hydraulically least demanding portion of fire main loop out of service.

[804:9.2.1]

26.27.1.2 Yard Mains. The underground yard fire main loop shall be installed to furnish anticipated water requirements, and the following criteria also shall be met:

- (1) The type of pipe and water treatment shall be design considerations, with tuberculation as one of the parameters.
- (2) Means for inspecting and flushing the systems shall be provided.

[804:9.4.1]

26.27.1.3 Cable Spreading Room. The cable spreading room shall have an automatic fixed water-based suppression system, and the following criteria also shall be met:

- (1) The location of sprinklers or spray nozzles shall protect cable tray arrangements to ensure water coverage for areas that could present exposure fire hazards to the cable raceways.
- (2) Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed for a density of 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) over the most remote 2500 ft² (230 m²).

[804:10.4.1.1]

26.27.1.4 Cable Tunnels. [804:10.4.2]

26.27.1.4.1 Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed for a density of 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) for the most remote 100 linear ft (30 m) of cable tunnel up to the most remote 2500 ft² (230 m²). [804:10.4.2.2.2]

26.27.1.4.2 Deluge sprinkler systems or deluge spray systems shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) They shall be zoned to limit the area of protection to that which the drainage system can handle with any two adjacent systems actuated.
- (2) They shall be hydraulically designed with each zone calculated with the largest adjacent zone flowing.

[804:10.4.2.2.4]

26.27.1.5* Beneath Turbine Generator Operating Floor. All areas beneath the turbine generator operating floor shall be protected by an automatic sprinkler or foam-water sprinkler system meeting the following criteria:

- (1) The sprinkler system beneath the turbine generator shall be designed around obstructions from structural members and piping.
- (2) The sprinkler system shall be designed to a minimum density of 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) over a minimum application of 5000 ft² (465 m²).

[804:10.8.2.1]

26.27.1.6* Turbine Generator Bearings. [804:10.8.3]

26.27.1.6.1 Lubricating oil lines above the turbine operating floor shall be protected with an automatic sprinkler system to a minimum density of 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) that covers those areas subject to oil accumulation, including the area within the turbine lagging (skirt). [804:10.8.4]

26.27.1.6.2 Where shaft-driven ventilation systems are used, an automatic preaction sprinkler system providing a density of 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) over the entire area shall be provided. [804:10.8.7(2)]

26.27.1.7 Standby Emergency Diesel Generators and Combustion Turbines. The sprinkler and water spray protection systems shall be designed for a 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min) density over the entire area. [804:10.9.3(2)]

26.27.1.8 Fire Pump Room/House. If sprinkler and water spray systems are provided for fire pump houses, they shall be designed for a minimum density of 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min) over the entire fire area. [804:10.22.2]

26.27.1.9 Auxiliary Boilers. Sprinkler and water spray systems shall be designed for a minimum density of 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min) over the entire area. [804:10.24.3]

26.27.2 Installation Requirements.

26.27.2.1 Yard Mains, Hydrants, and Building Standpipes. [804:9.4]

26.27.2.1.1 Approved visually indicating sectional control valves such as postindicator valves shall be provided to isolate portions of the main for maintenance or repair without simultaneously shutting off the supply to both primary and backup fire suppression systems. [804:9.4.2]

26.27.2.1.2* Sectional control valves shall allow maintaining independence of the individual loop around each unit, and the following also shall apply:

- (1) For such installations, common water supplies shall also be permitted to be utilized.
- (2) For multiple-reactor sites with widely separated plants [approaching 1 mi (1.6 km) or more], separate yard fire main loops shall be used.

[804:9.4.4]

26.27.2.1.3 Sprinkler systems and manual hose station standpipes shall have connections to the plant underground water main so that a single active failure or a crack in a moderate-energy line can be isolated so as not to impair both the primary and the backup fire suppression systems unless otherwise permitted by the following:

- (1) Alternatively, headers fed from each end shall be permitted inside buildings to supply both sprinkler and standpipe systems, provided steel piping and fittings meeting the requirements of ASME B31.1, *Code for Power Piping*, are used for the headers (up to and including the first valve) supplying the sprinkler systems where such headers are part of the seismically analyzed hose standpipe system.
- (2) Where provided, such headers shall be considered an extension of the yard main system.
- (3) Each sprinkler and standpipe system shall be equipped with an outside screw and yoke (OS&Y) gate valve or other approved shutoff valve.

[804:9.4.7]

26.27.2.2 Cable Tunnels. The location of sprinklers or spray nozzles shall protect cable tray arrangements and possible transient combustibles to ensure water coverage for areas that could present exposure fire hazards to the cable raceways. [804:10.4.2.2.3]

26.27.2.3 Deluge. Deluge sprinkler systems or deluge spray systems shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) They shall be zoned to limit the area of protection to that which the drainage system can handle with any two adjacent systems actuated.
- (2) They shall be hydraulically designed with each zone calculated with the largest adjacent zone flowing.

[804:10.4.2.2.4]

26.27.2.4 Cable tunnels over 50 ft (15 m) long shall be provided with hose stations and portable fire extinguishers installed outside the tunnel. [804:10.4.2.4(3)]

26.28 Light Water Nuclear Power Plants.

26.28.1 Design Requirements. A fire protection water supply of reliability, quantity, and duration shall be provided by one of the two following methods:

- (1) A fire protection water supply of not less than two separate 300,000 gal (1,135,500 L) supplies shall be provided.
- (2) The 2-hour fire flow rate for 2 hours shall be calculated, and the following criteria shall be met:
 - (a) The flow rate shall be based on 500 gpm (1900 lpm) for manual hose streams plus the largest design demand of any sprinkler or fixed water spray system(s) in the power block as determined in accordance with NFPA 13 or NFPA 15.

- (b) The fire water supply shall be capable of delivering this design demand with the hydraulically least demanding portion of fire main loop out of service.

[805:5.5.1]

26.28.2 Installation Requirements.

26.28.2.1 Sprinkler systems and manual hose station standpipes shall be connected to the plant fire protection water main so that a single active failure or a crack to the water supply piping to these systems can be isolated so as not to impair both the primary and backup fire suppression systems. [805:5.5.12]

26.28.2.2 Each sprinkler and standpipe system shall be equipped with an outside screw and yoke (OS&Y) gate valve or other approved shutoff valve. [805:5.5.17]

26.29 Code for the Protection of Cultural Resource Properties — Museums, Libraries, and Places of Worship. [NFPA 909]

26.29.1 Design Requirements.

26.29.1.1* Standard-response sprinklers shall be permitted for use in light-hazard areas. [909:9.12.13.2]

26.29.1.2* Preaction and dry pipe systems shall be designed to minimize the risk of corrosion in accordance with the requirements 9.12.13.3.1 through 9.12.13.3.6.5 of NFPA 909. [909:9.12.13.3]

26.29.1.3 System Design for Museums, Libraries, and Their Collections in Compact Storage.

26.29.1.3.1* The design shall recognize the nature of the potential threat of a fire that originates in a compact mobile storage unit, where fuel loads are invariably large and fire growth is significantly different from that in other kinds of storage. [909:9.12.24.4.1.3]

26.29.1.3.2* The automatic fire suppression system, the compact storage system, and the storage compartmentalization features shall be designed to limit fire damage in accordance with the facility's fire safety objectives. [909:9.12.24.4.1.4(A)]

26.29.1.3.3 Design calculations shall include the number and size of the storage modules, the separation provided between the modules end-to-end and back-to-back, and the type of material being stored. [909:9.12.24.4.1.4(B)]

26.29.1.3.4 Where the automatic fire suppression is provided by automatic fire sprinkler systems, the systems shall be wet pipe, single interlock preaction, or single non-interlock preaction systems. [909:9.12.24.4.1.4(C)]

26.29.1.3.5 Dry pipe or double-interlock preaction systems shall not be installed in compact storage areas. [909:9.12.24.4.1.4(D)]

26.29.1.3.6 Where compact storage is installed in an existing storage area, the existing automatic fire detection and fire suppression systems shall be modified as required to accommodate the increased fire loading. [909:9.12.24.4.1.4(E)]

26.29.2 Installation Requirements.

26.29.2.1* Branch lines shall be pitched at least ½ in. per 10 ft (4 mm/m), and mains shall be pitched at least ¼ in. per 10 ft (2 mm/m). [909:9.12.13.3.1]

26.29.2.2* Auxiliary drains shall be provided at all preaction system low points in accordance with the requirements of this standard for dry pipe systems whether the preaction system piping subject to freezing or not. [909:9.12.13.3.2.1]

26.29.2.3* Where steel pipe is used in dry pipe and preaction systems, it shall be assumed that the water supplies and environmental conditions contribute to unusual corrosive properties. [909:9.12.13.3.3]

26.30 National Electrical Code.

26.30.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.30.2 Installation Requirements.

26.30.2.1 Dedicated Electrical Space. The space equal to the width and depth of the equipment and extending from the floor to a height of 6 ft (1.8 m) above the equipment or to the structural ceiling, whichever is lower, shall be dedicated to the electrical installation. No piping, ducts, leak protection apparatus, or other equipment foreign to the electrical installation shall be located in this zone.

Exception: Suspended ceilings with removable panels shall be permitted within the 1.8-m (6-ft) zone.

26.30.2.2 The area above the dedicated space required by 26.30.2.1 shall be permitted to contain foreign systems, provided protection is installed to avoid damage to the electrical equipment from condensation, leaks, or breaks in such foreign systems. [70:110.26(E)(1)(b)]

26.30.2.3 Sprinkler protection shall be permitted for the dedicated space where the piping complies with this section. [70:110.26(E)(1)(c)]

26.31 Fire Protection of Telecommunication Facilities.

26.31.1 Design Requirements. (Reserved)

26.31.2 Installation Requirements.

26.31.2.1 All piping for dry pipe and preaction sprinkler systems shall be installed with a pitch in accordance with this standard whether or not the piping is subjected to freezing conditions. [76:8.6.2.2.2]

26.32 Exhaust Systems for Air Conveying of Vapors, Gases, Mists, and Noncombustible Particulate Solids.

26.32.1 Design Requirements.

26.32.1.1 Any portion of an exhaust system utilizing combustible components or having the potential for combustible residue buildup on the inside, where the duct cross-sectional area is greater than or equal to 75 in.² (480 cm²), shall be provided with an automatic extinguishing system within the duct and at the duct intake, hood, enclosure, or canopy. [91:9.1]

26.32.1.2 When a sprinkler system is installed, means shall be provided to prevent water accumulation in the duct or flow of water back to a process subject that could be damaged by water. [91:9.2]

26.32.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.33 Hypobaric Facilities.

26.33.1 Design Requirements.

26.33.1.1 A fire suppression system consisting of independently supplied and operating handline and fixed deluge-type water spray systems shall be installed. [99B:4.5.1.5]

26.33.1.2 Design of the fire suppression system shall be such that failure of components in either the handline or deluge system will not render the other system inoperative. [99B:4.5.1.6]

26.33.1.3 System design shall be such that activation of either the handline or the deluge system shall automatically cause the following:

- (1) Visual and audio alarm indicators shall be activated at the chamber operator's console.
- (2) All ungrounded electrical leads for power and lighting circuits contained inside the chamber shall be disconnected.
- (3) Emergency lighting and communication, where used, shall be activated.

[99B:4.5.1.7]

26.33.1.4 Intrinsically safe circuits, including sound-powered communications, shall be permitted to remain connected when either the handline or deluge system is activated. [99B:4.5.1.8]

26.33.1.5 Control circuitry and other electrical equipment involved in the fire detection and suppression system shall be powered from the critical branch of the emergency electrical system and connected to the uninterruptible power supply (UPS). [99B:4.5.1.11]

26.33.1.6 In chambers that consist of more than one compartment, the deluge system shall operate independently or simultaneously even if the compartments are at different pressures (altitudes). [99B:4.5.2.2]

26.33.1.7 Fixed deluge systems shall not be required in chamber compartments that are used strictly as personnel transfer compartments and for no other purpose. [99B:4.5.2.3]

26.33.1.8 Manual activation and deactivation deluge controls shall be located at the operator's console and in each chamber compartment containing a deluge system. [99B:4.5.2.4]

26.33.1.9 Controls shall be designed to prevent unintended activation. [99B:4.5.2.4.1]

26.33.1.10 Water shall be delivered from the fixed discharge nozzles of the deluge system within 3 seconds of activation of any affiliated deluge control. [99B:4.5.2.5]

26.33.1.11* Total water demand shall be determined by multiplying the total chamber floor area by 7.5 gpm/ft² (306 mm/min). [99B:4.5.2.5.1]

26.33.1.12 The minimum operating pressure at the nozzle shall be 30 psi (2.1 bar). [99B:4.5.2.5.2]

26.33.1.13 The water supply shall be constantly and fully charged. [99B:4.5.2.6]

26.33.1.14 The water supply pressure shall be constantly monitored and an interlock shall prevent chamber operation if water supply pressure has fallen 10 percent below normal operating charge pressure. [99B:4.5.2.7]

26.33.1.15 There shall be water in the deluge system to maintain the flow specified in 26.33.1.11 simultaneously in each chamber containing the deluge system for 1 minute. [99B:4.5.2.8]

26.33.1.16 The limit on maximum extinguishment duration shall be governed by the chamber capacity (bilge capacity also, if so equipped) and/or its drainage system. [99B:4.5.2.9]

26.33.1.17 The deluge system shall have stored pressure to operate for at least 15 seconds without electrical branch power. [99B:4.5.2.10]

26.33.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.34 Coal Mines.

26.34.1 Design Requirements.

26.34.1.1 Underground Mining Operations.

26.34.1.1.1* Fire sprinkler systems for underground mining operations shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 120.

26.34.1.2 Coal Preparation Plants and Crusher Buildings.

26.34.1.2.1 When automatic sprinkler systems are to be supplied through the standpipe system, hydraulic calculations shall be used to ensure that the piping and the water supply meet the hose and automatic sprinkler demands simultaneously. [120:6.3.2.3.2]

26.34.1.3 Underground Conveyors.

26.34.1.3.1 The water supply shall be free of excessive sediment and corrosives. An approved strainer with a flush-out connection and manual shutoff valve shall be provided. [120:9.4.6.3.1.1]

26.34.1.3.2 The water supply shall provide the required water flow for not less than 60 minutes. [120:9.4.6.3.1.2]

26.34.1.3.3 Sprinkler systems shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) The sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with this standard as far as practical, and shall have components that have been listed.
- (2) The sprinkler head activation temperature shall not be less than 150°F (65.6°C) or greater than 300°F (148.9°C).
- (3) Sprinklers shall be kept free of excessive rock dust, muck, conveyor string, or any other material that can block the discharge or insulate the fusible link.
- (4) The application rate shall not be less than 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min) of the top surface of the top belt, bottom surface of the top belt, and the top surface of the lower belt.
- (5) With a water flow and pressure than is present under normal mine operating conditions, the residual pressure measured downstream of the opened sprinklers or the 8-head inspector's test connection of 10 psi (70 kPa) or greater for belt drive systems shall be maintained at all times.
- (6) Maximum distance between nozzles on a branch line shall not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m).
- (7) Piping for the deluge, foam, or closed-head sprinkler system shall be metal and listed for sprinkler applications.

(8)* Sprinkler piping shall be supported by UL-listed pipe hangers or other substantial metal supports such as angle iron, U bolts, or heavy chain.

(9) The system shall be interlocked to shut down the conveyor and provide an audible and a visual alarm.

(10) The components of the system shall be located so as to minimize the possibility of damage by roof fall or by the moving belt and its load.

[120:9.4.6.3.2]

26.34.2 Installation Requirements.

26.34.2.1 Underground Conveyors.

26.34.2.1.1 Deluge water spray systems, foam systems, closed-head sprinkler systems, or dry-chemical systems automatically actuated by rise in temperature shall be installed at main and secondary belt conveyor drives. [120:9.4.6.1]

26.34.2.1.2 Fire suppression systems shall extend to the drive areas of belt conveyors, including drive motor(s), reducer, head pulley, and belt storage unit (takeup), including any hydraulic power unit; its electrical controls; and the top and bottom of the first 50 ft (15 m) of belt from the drive on the downwind side. [120:9.4.6.2]

26.34.2.1.3 Deluge water spray systems shall meet the requirements of 26.34.2.1.3.1 through 26.34.2.1.3.5. [120:9.4.6.3.3]

26.34.2.1.3.1 The system shall be activated by heat detectors or no less effective means. [120:9.4.6.3.3.1]

26.34.2.1.3.2 Detectors shall be located at the belt drive, hydraulic takeup unit (unless fire-resistive fluid is used), discharge roller, and the roof above the conveyor. [120:9.4.6.3.3.1(A)]

26.34.2.1.3.3 Detectors at the roof line should be spaced 8 ft to 10 ft (2.4 m to 3.0 m) apart along the entire length of the protected area of the belt. [120:9.4.6.3.3.1(B)]

26.34.2.1.3.4 The water spray nozzles shall be full cone, corrosion resistant [if less than ⅜ in. (0.95 cm) inside diameter or K-factor 4.2 or lower], and provided with blow-off dust covers. [120:9.4.6.3.3.2]

26.34.2.1.3.5 A closed sprinkler head shall be used over the electrical controls. [120:9.4.6.3.3.4]

26.34.2.2 Mine Surface Buildings.

26.34.2.2.1 In addition, If sprinklers are installed, water flow, valve tamper, and low building temperature alarms shall be provided. [120:8.6.1.2]

26.35 Metal/Nonmetal Mining and Metal Mineral Processing Facilities.

26.35.1 Design Requirements.

26.35.1.1 Water Supplies.

26.35.1.1.1 When automatic sprinkler systems are supplied through the hand hose line standpipe system, hydraulic calculations shall be used to ensure that the piping and water supply will supply the hose and automatic sprinkler demands simultaneously. [122:6.2.3]

26.35.1.1.2 Where a fire water supply is required by the risk assessment, capacity and availability shall provide the water

demand for fire-fighting purposes, including hose and sprinkler systems, for a minimum duration of 2 hours. [122:13.7.2]

26.35.1.2* Where provided, automatic sprinkler systems installed for the protection of flammable liquid or diesel fuel storage areas shall be of the foam-water type. [122:11.3.1]

26.35.1.3 New Solvent Extraction (SX) Facilities.

26.35.1.3.1 Fixed fire suppression shall be provided for the following SX facility areas and equipment:

- (1) Buildings housing SX processes
- (2) Interior of all mixer-settler vessels/cells
- (3) Crud tanks that include treatment filters and centrifuges
- (4) Coalescers
- (5) Along launders and weirs outside of mixer-settler vessels
- (6) Inside pipe trenches carrying solvents
- (7) Inside organic solvent and diluent tanks
- (8) Inside dikes enclosing organic solvent storage tanks
- (9) Over organic solvent pumps
- (10) Over elevated pipe racks carrying organic solvents in plastic pipes
- (11) Other areas handling, processing, or exposed to flammable or combustible liquids

[122:13.19.1]

26.35.1.3.2* Fire suppression for applications in 26.35.1.3.1 shall be water, foam, dry chemical, or water mist. [122:13.19.1.1]

26.35.1.3.3* Design of fire suppression systems in 26.35.1.3.1 shall be based on criteria set forth in NFPA 11, NFPA 15, NFPA 16, and NFPA 17. [122:13.19.1.2]

26.35.1.3.4* Actuation of fire suppression systems in 26.35.1.3.1 shall be automatic. [122:13.19.1.3]

26.35.1.3.5 As exposure protection, automatic water-only deluge (open-head) sprinkler systems shall be provided between mixer-settler trains if spaced closer than 50 ft (15 m) from each other. [122:13.19.2]

26.35.1.3.6 As exposure protection, automatic water-only deluge sprinkler systems shall be provided around the exterior perimeter of organic solvent tanks if spaced closer than 50 ft (15 m) from each other. [122:13.19.3]

26.35.1.3.7 As exposure protection, automatic fire suppression shall be provided over other critical equipment (i.e., transformers) or outside along important building walls [i.e., motor control center (MCC) rooms] that are within 50 ft (15 m) of a solvent fire area. [122:13.19.4]

26.35.1.3.8 Hydraulic design of automatic fire suppression systems in 26.35.1.3.1 shall include the simultaneous operation of all fire protection systems associated with a single (multi-cell) train. [122:13.19.5]

26.35.1.3.9 The total flow rate of foam application and water associated with the discharge of automatic fire extinguishing systems, fixed monitors, and hydrants shall determine the total volume of fire water required. [122:13.19.6]

26.35.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

26.36 Hazardous Materials Code.

26.36.1 Design Requirements. Sprinkler system discharge criteria for the protection of hazardous materials shall comply with NFPA 400.

26.36.1.1 Requirements for Occupancies Storing Quantities of Hazardous Materials Exceeding the Maximum Allowable Quantities per Control Area for High Hazard Contents. The design of the sprinkler system shall be not less than ordinary hazard Group 2 in accordance with this standard except as follows:

- (1) Where different requirements are specified in Chapters 11 through 21 of NFPA 400
- (2) Where the materials or storage arrangement requires a higher level of sprinkler system protection in accordance with nationally recognized standards
- (3) Where approved alternative automatic fire extinguishing systems are permitted

[400:6.2.1.1.1]

26.36.1.2 General Requirements for Storage of Organic Peroxide Formulations.

26.36.1.2.1 Where required by other provisions of this code, automatic sprinklers and water spray systems shall be designed and installed according to the requirements of this standard and NFPA 15 and shall provide the following discharge densities:

- (1) Class I — 0.50 gpm/ft² (20.4 mm/min)
- (2) Class II — 0.40 gpm/ft² (16.3 mm/min)
- (3) Class III — 0.30 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min)
- (4) Class IV — 0.25 gpm/ft² (10.2 mm/min)

[400:14.2.5.1]

26.36.1.2.2 The system shall be designed as follows:

- (1) It shall provide the required density over a 3000 ft² (280 m²) area for areas protected by a wet pipe sprinkler system or single-interlock preaction sprinkler system.
- (2) Buildings using a dry pipe sprinkler system shall be provided with a required density over the hydraulically most remote 3900 ft² (360 m²) design area, and, if used, sprinklers shall be within 6 ft (1.8 m) of the top of any stored organic peroxide formulation.
- (3) The entire area of any building of less than 3000 ft² (280 m²) shall be used as the area of application.

[400:14.2.5.2]

26.36.1.2.3 Where required for detached storage buildings containing Class I organic peroxide formulations in quantities exceeding 2000 lb (907 kg), automatic sprinkler protection shall be open-head deluge-type, designed and installed in accordance with this standard. [400:14.2.5.3]

26.36.1.3 Indoor Storage of Oxidizer Solids and Liquids.

26.36.1.3.1 Sprinkler protection for Class 2 oxidizers shall be designed in accordance with Table 26.36.1.3.1. [400:15.3.2.3.4.1]

26.36.1.3.2 Ceiling sprinklers shall be high-temperature sprinklers. [400:15.3.2.3.4.2]

26.36.1.3.3 Storage Protection for Class 2 Oxidizers with In-Rack Sprinklers.

(A) In-rack sprinklers shall be quick-response sprinklers with an ordinary-temperature rating and have a K-factor of not less than K = 8.0. [400:15.3.2.3.4.3(A)]

(B) In-rack sprinklers shall be designed to provide 25 psi (172 kPa) for the six most hydraulically remote sprinklers on each level. [400:15.3.2.3.4.3(B)]

Table 26.36.1.3.1 Ceiling Sprinkler Protection for Class 2 Oxidizers in Palletized or Bulk and Rack Storage Areas

Type of Storage	Ceiling Sprinklers				Area of Application		In-Rack Sprinklers
	Storage Height		Density				
	ft	m	gpm/ft²	mm/min	ft²	m²	
Palletized or bulk	8	2.4	0.20	8.2	3750	350	—
Palletized or bulk	12	3.7	0.35	14.3	3750	350	—
Rack	12	3.7	0.20	8.2	3750	350	One line above each level of storage, except the top level
Rack	16	4.9	0.30	12.2	2000	185	One line above each level of storage, except the top level

[400: Table 15.3.2.3.2.10(B)]

(C) The in-rack sprinklers shall be 8 ft to 10 ft (2.4 m to 3.0 m) spacings in the longitudinal flue space at the intersection of the transverse flue spaces. [400:15.3.2.3.4.3(C)]

26.36.1.3.4 Sprinkler Criteria for Class 3 Oxidizers.

26.36.1.3.4.1 Class 3 Oxidizers Less than 2700 lb (1225 kg).

(A) Sprinkler design criteria for buildings that require sprinkler protection and contain total quantities of Class 3 oxidizers less than 2700 lb (1225 kg) shall be in accordance with the requirements of 26.36.1.3.4.1(B). [400:15.3.2.4.13.1(A)]

(B) Facilities that require sprinkler protection and contain total quantities of Class 3 oxidizers greater than 200 lb (91 kg), but less than 2700 lb (1225 kg), shall follow the sprinkler design criteria in Table 26.36.1.3.4.1(B). [400:15.3.2.4.13.1(B)]

26.36.1.3.4.2 Storage Protection for Class 3 Oxidizers In-Rack Sprinkler Criteria.

(A) Where required by Table 26.36.1.3.4.1(B), in-rack sprinkler protection shall be as follows:

- (1) In-rack sprinklers shall be installed above every level of oxidizer storage.
- (2) In-rack sprinklers shall be spaced at maximum 4 ft (1.2 m) intervals to provide one sprinkler in each flue space.
- (3) In-rack sprinklers shall be quick-response sprinklers with an ordinary-temperature rating and have a K-factor of not less than K = 8.0.

- (4) In-rack sprinklers shall be designed to provide 25 psi (172 kPa) for the six most hydraulically remote sprinklers on each level.

[400:15.3.2.4.13.3(A)]

26.36.1.3.4.3 Class 3 Oxidizers Greater than or Equal to 2700 lb (1225 kg). The sprinkler protection required by 26.36.1.3.4.3 shall be in accordance with Table 26.36.1.3.4.3. [400:15.3.2.4.13.4(B)]

26.36.1.3.4.4 Special In-Rack Sprinkler Protection for Class 3 Oxidizers.

(A) Where required by Table 26.36.1.3.4.3, special in-rack sprinkler protection, which is required by 26.36.1.3.4.4(C), shall be as shown in Figure 26.36.1.3.4.4(A). [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(A)]

(B) In-rack automatic sprinklers shall be provided under each horizontal barrier and arranged in accordance with 26.36.1.3.4.4(C) through 26.36.1.3.4.4(J). [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(L)]

(C) For double-row racks, two lines of in-rack sprinklers shall be provided between the face of the rack and the longitudinal vertical barrier located in the center of the rack. [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(M)]

(D) For single-row racks, two lines of in-rack sprinklers shall be provided between each rack face. [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(N)]

Table 26.36.1.3.4.1(B) Sprinkler Protection of Class 3 Oxidizers Stored in Total Quantities Greater than 200 lb (91 kg) but Less than 2700 lb (1225 kg)

Storage Parameters	Shelf	Bulk or Pile	Bulk or Pile	Rack
Maximum storage height	6 ft (1.8 m)	5 ft (1.5 m)	10 ft (3 m)	10 ft (3 m)
Maximum ceiling height	25 ft (7.6 m)	25 ft (7.6 m)	25 ft (7.6 m)	NA
Aisles — pile separation	4 ft (1.2 m) min. clear aisles	4 ft (1.2 m) min. clear aisles	8 ft (2.4 m) min. clear aisles	8 ft (2.4 m) min. clear aisles
Ceiling design criteria	18.3 mm/min/185 m ²	14.3 mm/min/465 m ² or 24.5 mm/min/185 m ²	26.5 mm/min/465 m ²	0.35 gpm/ft ² /or 5000 ft ² or 0.6 gpm/ft ² /2000 ft ²
In-rack sprinklers	NP	NP	NA	See 26.36.1.3.4.2
Hose stream demand	500 gpm	500 gpm	500 gpm	500 gpm
Duration	120 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes

For SI units, 1 gal = 3.79 L. NA: Not applicable. NP: Not permitted.

[400: Table 15.3.2.4.13.1(B)]

Table 26.36.1.3.4.3 Sprinkler Protection of Class 3 Oxidizers Stored in Total Quantities of Greater than or Equal to 2700 lb (1225 kg)

Storage Parameters		Bulk or Pile	Rack
Maximum storage height	5 ft (1.5 m)		10 ft (3 m)
Maximum ceiling height	25 ft (7.6 m)		NP
Aisles — pile separation	8 ft (2.4 m) min. clear aisles		8 ft (2.4 m) min. clear aisles
Ceiling design criteria	0.35 gpm/ft ² /5000 ft ² (1.32 L/min/m ² /464.5 m ²)		Predominant for other commodities but not less than ordinary hazard Group II
In-rack sprinklers	NP		See 26.36.1.3.4.4(B)
Hose stream demand	500 gpm (1900 lpm)		500 gpm (1900 lpm)
Duration	120 minutes		120 minutes

NP: Not permitted.

[400: Table 15.3.2.4.13.4(B)]

(E) Three in-rack sprinklers shall be provided on each in-rack sprinkler line as follows:

- (1) Two sprinklers on each line shall be spaced approximately 1½ in. (40 mm) from each transverse vertical barrier.
- (2) One in-rack sprinkler on each in-rack sprinkler line shall be located approximately equidistant between the transverse vertical barriers.

[400:15.3.2.4.13.5(O)]

(F) In-rack sprinklers shall be of the upright or pendent type, with the fusible element located no more than 6 in. (150 mm) from the horizontal barrier. [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(P)]

(G) The stock shall be maintained at least 6 in. (152.4 mm) below the sprinkler deflector. [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(Q)]

(H) In-rack sprinklers shall be K = 8.0, quick-response, ordinary-temperature-rated sprinklers. [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(R)]

(I) The in-rack sprinkler system shall be designed to supply 6 sprinklers on each line, with a total of 12 sprinklers operating at gauge pressure of 25 psi (172 kPa). [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(S)]

(J) The design of the in-rack sprinkler system shall be independent of, and shall not be required to be balanced with, ceiling sprinkler systems. [400:15.3.2.4.13.5(T)]

26.36.1.3.4.5 Sprinkler Criteria for Class 4 Oxidizers.

(A) Sprinkler protection for Class 4 oxidizers shall be installed on a deluge sprinkler system to provide water density of 0.35 gpm/ft² (14.4 mm/min) over the entire storage area. [400:15.3.2.5.4.6(A)]

(B) Sprinkler protection shall be installed in accordance with this standard. [400:15.3.2.5.4.6(B)]

26.36.2 Installation Requirements. (Reserved)

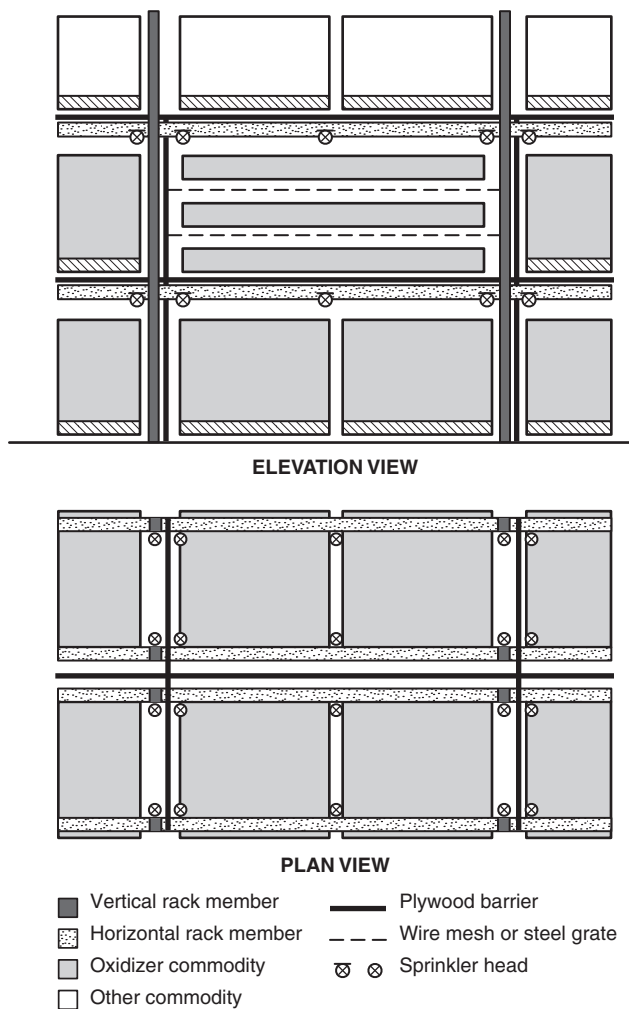


FIGURE 26.36.1.3.4.4(A) Arrangement of Barriers and In-Rack Sprinklers for Special Fire Protection Provisions. [400: Figure 15.3.2.4.13.5(A)]

Chapter 27 Plans and Calculations

27.1* Working Plans.

27.1.1* Working plans shall be submitted for approval to the authority having jurisdiction before any equipment is installed or remodeled.

27.1.1.1 Working plan submittals shall include the following:

- (1) Working plans of the system(s), per 27.1.3
- (2) Hydraulic calculations where systems are required to be calculated
- (3) Data sheets for the system components where required by the authority having jurisdiction
- (4)* Signed owner's certificate

27.1.1.2 Submittals shall be permitted to be in electronic format when approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

27.1.1.3 A copy of the approved plans shall be given to the owner or owner's representative.

27.1.2 Deviation from approved plans shall require permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

27.1.3 Working plans shall be drawn to an indicated scale, on sheets of uniform size, with a plan of each floor, and shall show those items from the following list that pertain to the design of the system:

- (1) Name of owner and occupant.
- (2) Location, including street address.
- (3) Point of compass.
- (4) Full height cross section or schematic diagram, including structural member information if required for clarity and including ceiling construction and method of protection for nonmetallic piping.
- (5) Ceiling/roof heights and slopes not shown in the full height cross section.
- (6) Location of partitions.
- (7) Location of fire walls.
- (8) Occupancy class of each area or room.
- (9) Location and size of concealed spaces, closets, attics, and bathrooms.
- (10) Any small enclosures in which no sprinklers are to be installed.
- (11) Size of city main in street and whether dead end or circulating; if dead end, direction and distance to nearest circulating main; and city main test results and system elevation relative to test hydrant.
- (12) Other sources of water supply, with pressure or elevation.
- (13) Make, type, model, and nominal K-factor of sprinklers, including sprinkler identification number.
- (14) Temperature rating and location of high-temperature sprinklers.
- (15) Total area protected by each system on each floor.
- (16) Number of sprinklers on each riser per floor.
- (17) Total number of sprinklers on each dry pipe system, preaction system, combined dry pipe-preaction system, or deluge system.
- (18) Approximate capacity in gallons of each dry pipe system.
- (19) Pipe type and schedule of wall thickness.
- (20) Nominal pipe size and cutting lengths of pipe (or center-to-center dimensions). Where typical branch lines prevail, it shall be necessary to size only one typical line.
- (21) Location and size of riser nipples.

- (22) Type of fittings and joints and location of all welds and bends. The contractor shall specify on drawing any sections to be shop welded and the type of fittings or formations to be used.
- (23) Type and locations of hangers, sleeves, braces, and methods of securing sprinklers when applicable.
- (24) All control valves, check valves, drain pipes, and test connections.
- (25) Make, type, model, and size of backflow prevention assembly, and means to forward flow test at system demand.
- (26) Make, type, model, and size of alarm or dry pipe valve.
- (27) Make, type, model, and size of preaction or deluge valve.
- (28) Kind and location of alarm bells.
- (29) Size and location of standpipe risers, hose outlets, hand hose, monitor nozzles, and related equipment.
- (30) Private fire service main sizes, lengths, locations, weights, materials, point of connection to city main; the sizes, types and locations of valves, valve indicators, regulators, meters, and valve pits; and the depth that the top of the pipe is laid below grade.
- (31) Piping provisions for flushing.
- (32) Where the equipment is to be installed as an addition to an existing system, enough of the existing system indicated on the plans to make all conditions clear.
- (33) For hydraulically designed systems, the information on the hydraulic data nameplate.
- (34) A graphic representation of the scale used on all plans.
- (35) Name, address, and phone number(s) of contractor.
- (36) Hydraulic reference points shown on the plan that correspond with comparable reference points on the hydraulic calculation sheets.
- (37) The minimum rate of water application (density or flow or discharge pressure), the design area of water application, in-rack sprinkler demand, and the water required for hose streams both inside and outside.
- (38) The total quantity of water and the pressure required noted at a common reference point for each system.
- (39) Relative elevations of sprinklers, junction points, and supply or reference points.
- (40) If room design method is used, all unprotected wall openings throughout the floor protected.
- (41) Calculation of loads for sizing and details of sway bracing.
- (42) Zones of influence used in calculations for seismic bracing indicated on plans.
- (43) The setting for pressure-reducing valves.
- (44) Information about listed antifreeze solution used (type and amount).
- (45) Size and location of hydrants showing size and number of outlets and if outlets are to be equipped with independent gate valves. Whether hose houses and equipment are to be provided, and by whom, shall be indicated. Static and residual hydrants that were used in flow tests shall be shown.
- (46) Size, location, and piping arrangement of fire department connections.
- (47) Edition year of NFPA 13 to which the sprinkler system is designed.

27.1.4 A signed copy of the owner's certificate and the working plan submittal shall include the manufacturer's installation instructions for any specially listed equipment, including descriptions, applications, and limitations for any sprinklers, devices, piping, or fittings.

27.1.5* Working Plans for Automatic Sprinkler Systems with Non-Fire Protection Connections.

27.1.5.1 Special symbols shall be used and explained for auxiliary piping, pumps, heat exchangers, valves, strainers, and the like, clearly distinguishing these devices and piping runs from those of the sprinkler system.

27.1.5.2 Model number, type, and manufacturer's name shall be identified for each piece of auxiliary equipment.

27.2 Hydraulic Calculation Procedures.

27.2.1* General.

27.2.1.1 A calculated system for a building, or a calculated addition to a system in an existing sprinklered building, shall supersede the rules in this standard governing pipe schedules, except that all systems shall continue to be limited by area.

27.2.1.2 Pipe sizes shall be no less than 1 in. (25 mm) nominal for black or galvanized steel piping and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) nominal for copper tubing or brass, stainless steel, or nonmetallic piping listed for fire sprinkler service unless permitted by Sections 29.4 and 29.5.

27.2.1.3 The size of pipe, number of sprinklers per branch line, and number of branch lines per cross main shall otherwise be limited only by the available water supply.

27.2.1.4* Unless required by other NFPA standards, the velocity of water flow shall not be limited when hydraulic calculations are performed using the Hazen-Williams or Darcy Weisbach formulas.

27.2.1.5 However, sprinkler spacing and all other rules covered in this and other applicable standards shall be observed.

27.2.1.6 Hydraulic calculations shall extend to the effective point of the water supply where the characteristics of the water supply are known.

27.2.2 Formulas.

27.2.2.1 Friction Loss Formula.

27.2.2.1.1 Pipe friction losses shall be determined on the basis of the Hazen-Williams formula, as follows:

[27.2.2.1.1]

$$p = \frac{4.52Q^{1.85}}{C^{1.85}d^{4.87}}$$

where:

p = frictional resistance (psi/ft of pipe)
 Q = flow (gpm)
 C = friction loss coefficient
 d = actual internal diameter of pipe (in.)

27.2.2.1.2 For SI units, the following equation shall be used:

[27.2.2.1.2]

$$p_m = 6.05 \left(\frac{Q_m^{1.85}}{C^{1.85}d_m^{4.87}} \right) 10^5$$

where:

p_m = frictional resistance (bar/m of pipe)
 Q_m = flow (L/min)
 C = friction loss coefficient
 d_m = actual internal diameter (mm)

27.2.2.1.3 For antifreeze systems greater than 40 gal (150 L) in size, the friction loss shall also be calculated using the Darcy-Weisbach formula:

[27.2.2.1.3]

$$\Delta P = 0.000216 f \frac{l \rho Q^2}{d^5}$$

where:

ΔP = friction loss (psi)
 f = friction loss factor from Moody diagram
 l = length of pipe or tube (ft)
 ρ = density of fluid (lb/ft³)
 Q = flow in pipe or tube (gpm)
 d = inside diameter of tube (in.)

27.2.2.2 Velocity Pressure Formula. Velocity pressure shall be determined on the basis of the following formula:

[27.2.2.2]

$$P_v = \frac{0.001123Q^2}{D^4}$$

where:

P_v = velocity pressure (psi) (SI, 1 psi = 0.0689 bar)
 Q = flow (gpm) (SI, 1 gal = 3.785 L)
 D = inside diameter (in.) (SI, 1 in. = 25.4 mm)

27.2.2.3 Normal Pressure Formula. Normal pressure (P_n) shall be determined on the basis of the following formula:

[27.2.2.3]

$$P_n = P_t - P_v$$

where:

P_n = normal pressure
 P_t = total pressure [psi (bar)]
 P_v = velocity pressure [psi (bar)]

27.2.2.4 Hydraulic Junction Points.

27.2.2.4.1 Pressures at hydraulic junction points shall balance within 0.5 psi (0.03 bar).

27.2.2.4.2 The highest pressure at the junction point, and the total flows as adjusted, shall be carried into the calculations.

27.2.2.4.3 Pressure balancing shall be permitted through the use of a K-factor developed for branch lines or portions of systems using the formula in 27.2.2.5.

27.2.2.5 K-Factor Formula. K-factors, flow from an orifice, or pressure from an orifice shall be determined on the basis of the following formula:

[27.2.2.5]

$$K_n = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{P}}$$

where:

K_n = equivalent K at a node

Q = flow at the node

P = pressure at the node

27.2.3 Equivalent Pipe Lengths of Valves and Fittings.

27.2.3.1 Pipe and Fittings.

27.2.3.1.1 Table 27.2.3.1.1 shall be used to determine the equivalent length of pipe for fittings and devices unless manufacturer's test data indicate that other factors are appropriate.

27.2.3.1.2 For saddle-type fittings having friction loss greater than that shown in Table 27.2.3.1.1, the increased friction loss shall be included in hydraulic calculations.

27.2.3.1.3 Equivalent Length Modifier.

27.2.3.1.3.1 For internal pipe diameters different from Schedule 40 steel pipe [Schedule 30 for pipe diameters 8 in. (200 mm) and larger], the equivalent length shown in Table 27.2.3.1.1 shall be multiplied by a factor derived from the following formula:

[27.2.3.1.3.1]

$$\left(\frac{\text{Actual inside diameter}}{\text{Schedule 40 steel pipe inside diameter}} \right)^{4.87} = \text{Factor}$$

27.2.3.1.3.2 The factor thus obtained shall be further modified as required by Table 27.2.3.1.1. This table shall apply to other types of pipe listed in Table 27.2.3.1.1 only where modified by factors from 27.2.3.1.1 and 27.2.3.2.

27.2.3.2 C Factors. Table 27.2.3.1.1 shall be used with a Hazen-Williams C factor of 120 only.

27.2.3.2.1 For other values of C , the values in Table 27.2.3.1.1 shall be multiplied by the factors indicated in Table 27.2.3.2.1.

Table 27.2.3.2.1 C Value Multiplier

Value of C	100	130	140	150
Multiplying factor	0.713	1.16	1.33	1.51

Note: These factors are based upon the friction loss through the fitting being independent of the C factor available to the piping.

27.2.3.3 Valves. Specific friction loss values or equivalent pipe lengths for alarm valves, dry pipe valves, deluge valves, strainers, and other devices shall be made available to the authority having jurisdiction.

27.2.3.4 Hydraulic design calculations shall include a design area selected to include ceiling sprinklers adjacent to the water curtain.

27.2.3.5 Differing Values. Specific friction loss values or equivalent pipe lengths for listed fittings not in Table 7.4.1 shall be used in hydraulic calculations where these losses or equivalent pipe lengths are different from those shown in Table 27.2.3.1.1.

27.2.4* Calculation Procedure.

27.2.4.1* For all systems the design area shall be the hydraulically most demanding based on the criteria of Chapter 19, Chapter 20, or the special design approaches in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 26.

27.2.4.1.1 Room Design Method. Where the design is based on the room design method, the calculation shall be based on the room and communicating space, if any, that is hydraulically the most demanding.

Table 27.2.3.1.1 Equivalent Schedule 40 Steel Pipe Length Chart

	Fittings and Valves Expressed in Equivalent Feet (Meters) of Pipe														
	½ in.	¾ in.	1 in.	1¼ in.	1½ in.	2 in.	2½ in.	3 in.	3½ in.	4 in.	5 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.
Fittings and Valves	(15 mm)	(20 mm)	(25 mm)	(32 mm)	(40 mm)	(50 mm)	(65 mm)	(80 mm)	(90 mm)	(100 mm)	(125 mm)	(150 mm)	(200 mm)	(250 mm)	(300 mm)
45° elbow	—	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	3 (0.9)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	7 (2.1)	9 (2.7)	11 (3.3)	13 (4)
90° standard elbow	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	7 (2.1)	8 (2.4)	10 (3)	12 (3.7)	14 (4.3)	18 (5.5)	22 (6.7)	27 (8.2)
90° long-turn elbow	0.5 (0.2)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	8 (2.4)	9 (2.7)	13 (4)	16 (4.9)	18 (5.5)
Tee or cross (flow turned 90°)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	8 (2.4)	10 (3)	12 (3.7)	15 (4.6)	17 (5.2)	20 (6.1)	25 (7.6)	30 (9.1)	35 (10.7)	50 (15.2)	60 (18.3)
Butterfly valve	—	—	—	—	—	6 (1.8)	7 (2.1)	10 (3)	—	12 (3.7)	9 (2.7)	10 (3)	12 (3.7)	19 (5.8)	21 (6.4)
Gate valve	—	—	—	—	—	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	6 (1.8)
Vane type flow switch			6 (1.8)	9 (2.7)	10 (3)	14 (4.3)	17 (5.2)	22 (6.7)	—	30 (9.1)	—	16 (4.9)	22 (6.7)	29 (8.8)	36 (11)
Swing check*	—	—	5 (1.5)	7 (2.1)	9 (2.7)	11 (3.3)	14 (4.3)	16 (4.9)	19 (5.8)	22 (6.7)	27 (8.2)	32 (10)	45 (14)	55 (17)	65 (20)

Note: Information on ½ in. pipe is included in this table only because it is allowed under Sections 29.4 and 29.5.

*Due to the variation in design of swing check valves, the pipe equivalents indicated in this table are considered average.

27.2.4.2 Density/Area Method.

27.2.4.2.1* Where the design is based on the density/area method, the design area shall be a rectangular area having a dimension parallel to the branch lines at least 1.2 times the square root of the area of sprinkler operation (*A*) used, which shall permit the inclusion of sprinklers on both sides of the cross main.

27.2.4.2.2 Any fractional sprinkler shall be carried to the next higher whole sprinkler.

27.2.4.2.3 In systems having branch lines with an insufficient number of sprinklers to fulfill the 1.2 requirement, the design area shall be extended to include sprinklers on adjacent branch lines supplied by the same cross main.

27.2.4.2.4* Where the available floor area for a specific area/density design criteria, including any extension of area as required by 19.2.2 and Section 20.10, is less than the required minimum design area, the design area shall be permitted to only include those sprinklers within the available design area.

27.2.4.2.5 Where the total design discharge from these operating sprinklers is less than the minimum required discharge determined by multiplying the required design density times the required minimum design area, an additional flow shall be added at the point of connection of the branch line to the cross main furthest from the source to increase the overall demand, not including hose stream allowance, to the minimum required discharge.

27.2.4.3 CMSA Sprinkler Method.

27.2.4.3.1 For CMSA sprinklers, the design area shall be a rectangular area having a dimension parallel to the branch lines at least 1.2 times the square root of the area protected by the number of sprinklers to be included in the design area. The design area protected by the number of sprinklers to be used by the 1.2 rule shall be based on the maximum allowable area per sprinkler.

27.2.4.3.2 Any fractional sprinkler shall be carried to the next higher whole sprinkler.

27.2.4.3.3 In systems having branch lines with an insufficient number of sprinklers to fulfill the 1.2 requirement, the design area shall be extended to include sprinklers on adjacent branch lines supplied by the same cross main.

27.2.4.4 ESFR Sprinkler Method. For ESFR sprinklers, the design area shall consist of the most hydraulically demanding area of 12 sprinklers, consisting of 4 sprinklers on each of three branch lines, unless other specific numbers of design sprinklers are required in other sections of this standard.

27.2.4.5* Gridded Systems.

27.2.4.5.1 For gridded systems, the designer shall verify that the hydraulically most demanding area is being used.

27.2.4.5.2 A minimum of two additional sets of calculations shall be submitted to demonstrate peaking of demand area friction loss when compared to areas immediately adjacent on either side along the same branch lines, unless the requirements of 27.2.4.5.3 are met.

27.2.4.5.3 Computer programs that show the peaking of the demand area friction loss shall be acceptable based on a single set of calculations.

27.2.4.6 Design Densities.

27.2.4.6.1* System piping shall be hydraulically designed using design densities and areas of operation in accordance with 19.3.3.2 or Chapter 20 as required for the occupancies or hazards involved.

27.2.4.6.2* The density shall be calculated on the basis of floor area of sprinkler operation. Where sprinklers are installed under a sloped ceiling, the area used for this calculation shall be the horizontal plane below the sprinklers.

27.2.4.6.3 The area covered by any sprinkler used in hydraulic design and calculations shall be the horizontal distances measured between the sprinklers on the branch line and between the branch lines in accordance with 9.5.2.

27.2.4.6.4 Where sprinklers are installed above and below a ceiling or in a case where more than two areas are supplied from a common set of branch lines, the branch lines and supplies shall be calculated to supply the largest water demand.

27.2.4.6.5* For sloped ceiling applications, the area of sprinkler application for density calculations shall be based upon the projected horizontal area.

27.2.4.7* Design Area Sprinklers.

27.2.4.7.1 Each sprinkler in the design area and the remainder of the hydraulically designed system shall discharge at a flow rate at least equal to the stipulated minimum water application rate (density) multiplied by the area of sprinkler operation.

27.2.4.7.1.1 Where sprinklers are required to discharge a specific flow or pressure rather than a density, each sprinkler in the design area shall discharge at a flow or pressure at least equal to the minimum required.

27.2.4.7.2* Where the design area is equal to or greater than the area in Table 27.2.4.7.2 for the hazard being protected by the sprinkler system, the discharge for sprinklers protecting small compartments 55 ft² (5.1 m²) or less, such as closets, washrooms, and similar compartments that are in the design area, shall be permitted to be omitted from the hydraulic calculations.

27.2.4.7.2.1 The sprinklers in these small compartments shall be capable of discharging the minimum density appropriate for the hazard they protect in accordance with Figure 19.3.3.1.1.

Table 27.2.4.7.2 Minimum Design Area

Occupancy Hazard Classification	Minimum Design Area to Omit Discharge from Sprinklers in Small Compartment in Design Area
	[ft ² (m ²)]
Light hazard–wet pipe system	1500 (140)
Light hazard–dry pipe system	1950 (180)
Ordinary hazard–wet pipe system	1500 (140)
Ordinary hazard–dry pipe system	1950 (180)
Extra hazard–wet pipe system	2500 (130)
Extra hazard–dry pipe system	3250 (300)

27.2.4.7.2.2 The requirements of 27.2.4.7.2 shall only apply where the area of application is equal to or greater than the area shown in Table 27.2.4.7.2 for the appropriate hazard classification (including a 30 percent increase for dry pipe systems).

27.2.4.7.3 The requirements of 27.2.4.7.1.1 to include every sprinkler in the design area shall not apply where sprinklers are provided above and below obstructions such as wide ducts or tables.

27.2.4.7.3.1 Sprinklers under the obstruction shall not be required to be included in the hydraulic calculation of the ceiling sprinklers.

27.2.4.7.3.2 Where the piping to sprinklers under obstructions follows the same sizing pattern as the branch lines, no additional hydraulic calculations shall be required for sprinklers under obstructions.

27.2.4.7.4 Water demand of sprinklers installed in concealed spaces shall not be required to be added to the ceiling demand.

27.2.4.7.5 Calculations shall begin at the hydraulically most remote sprinkler.

27.2.4.7.6 The calculated pressure at each sprinkler shall be used to determine the discharge flow rate for that particular sprinkler.

27.2.4.7.7 Where sprinklers are installed under a sloped ceiling, the area shall be calculated on a horizontal plane below the sprinklers.

27.2.4.8 Friction Loss.

27.2.4.8.1 Pipe friction loss shall be calculated in accordance with the Hazen–Williams formula with *C* values from Table 27.2.4.8.1, as follows:

- (1) Pipe, fittings, and devices such as valves, meters, flow switches in pipes 2 in. (50 mm) or less in size, and strainers shall be included, and elevation changes that affect the sprinkler discharge shall be calculated.
- (2) Tie-in drain piping shall not be included in the hydraulic calculations.
- (3) The loss for a tee or a cross shall be calculated where flow direction change occurs based on the equivalent pipe length of the piping segment in which the fitting is included.

- (4) The tee at the top of a riser nipple shall be included in the branch line, the tee at the base of a riser nipple shall be included in the riser nipple, and the tee or cross at a cross main–feed main junction shall be included in the cross main.
- (5) Fitting loss for straight-through flow in a tee or cross shall not be included.
- (6) The loss of reducing elbows based on the equivalent feet value of the smallest outlet shall be calculated.
- (7) The equivalent feet value for the standard elbow on any abrupt 90-degree turn, such as the screw-type pattern shall be used.
- (8) The equivalent feet value for the long-turn elbow on any sweeping 90-degree turn, such as a flanged, welded, or mechanical joint-elbow type, shall be used. (See Table 27.2.3.1.1.)
- (9) Friction loss shall be excluded for the fitting directly connected to a sprinkler.
- (10) Losses through a pressure-reducing valve shall be included based on the normal inlet pressure condition. Pressure loss data from the manufacturer's literature shall be used.

27.2.4.8.2* For antifreeze systems greater than 40 gal (150 L) in size, the pipe friction loss shall be calculated using the Darcy-Weisbach equation shown in 27.2.2.1.3 using a Moody diagram and *E*-factors that are representative of aged pipe otherwise following the methodology presented in 27.2.4.8.1.

27.2.4.9* Orifice Plates.

27.2.4.9.1 Orifice plates shall not be used for balancing the system.

27.2.4.9.2 Unless the requirements of 27.2.4.9.3 or 27.2.4.9.4 are met, mixing of sprinklers of different *K*-factors by reducing the *K*-factor of adjacent sprinklers on the same branch line leading back to the main for the purpose of minimizing sprinkler over discharge shall not be permitted.

27.2.4.9.3 Sprinklers with different *K*-factors shall be acceptable for special use such as exposure protection, small rooms or enclosures, or directional discharge. (See 3.3.196 for definition of small rooms.)

27.2.4.9.4 Extended-coverage and residential sprinklers with a different *K*-factor shall be acceptable for part of the protection area where installed in accordance with their listing.

Table 27.2.4.8.1 Hazen–Williams *C* Values

Pipe or Tube	<i>C</i> Value*
Unlined cast or ductile iron	100
Black steel (dry systems including preaction)	100
Black steel (wet systems including deluge)	120
Galvanized steel	100
(dry systems including preaction)	
Galvanized steel (wet systems including deluge)	120
Plastic (listed) all	150
Cement-lined cast- or ductile iron	140
Copper tube, brass or stainless steel	150
Asbestos cement	140
Concrete	140

*The authority having jurisdiction is permitted to allow other *C* values.

27.2.4.10* Pressures.

27.2.4.10.1 When calculating flow from an orifice, the total pressure (P_t) shall be used, unless the calculation method of 27.2.4.10.2 is utilized.

27.2.4.10.2 Use of the normal pressure (P_n) calculated by subtracting the velocity pressure from the total pressure shall be permitted. Where the normal pressure is used, it shall be used on all branch lines and cross mains where applicable.

27.2.4.10.3 Flow from a sprinkler shall be calculated using the nominal K-factor except that the manufacturer's adjusted K-factors shall be utilized for dry-type sprinklers.

27.2.4.11 Minimum Operating Pressure.

27.2.4.11.1 Minimum operating pressure of any sprinkler shall be 7 psi (0.5 bar).

27.2.4.11.2 Where a higher minimum operating pressure for the desired application is specified in the listing of the sprinkler, this higher pressure shall be required.

27.2.4.12 Maximum Operating Pressure. For extra hazard occupancies, palletized, solid-piled, bin box, back-to-back shelf storage, shelf storage, or rack storage, the maximum operating pressure of any sprinkler shall be 175 psi (12 bar).

27.2.5 In-Rack Sprinklers.

27.2.5.1 Pipes to in-rack sprinklers shall be sized by hydraulic calculations.

27.2.5.2 Water demand of sprinklers installed in racks or water curtains shall be added to the ceiling sprinkler water demand at the point of connection. Demands shall be balanced to the higher pressure.

27.3 Hose Allowance. Water allowance for outside hose shall be added to the sprinkler and inside hose requirement at the connection to the city water main or a yard hydrant, whichever is closer to the system riser.

27.4 Hydraulic Calculation Forms.

27.4.1 General. Hydraulic calculations shall be prepared on form sheets that include a summary sheet, detailed worksheets, and a graph sheet. [See Figure A.27.4.2(a), Figure A.27.4.3, and Figure A.27.4.4 for copies of typical forms.]

27.4.2* Summary Sheet. The summary sheet shall contain the following information, where applicable:

- (1) Date
- (2) Location
- (3) Name of owner and occupant
- (4) Building number or other identification
- (5) Description of hazard (for storage applications, the commodity classification, storage height, and rack configuration shall be included)
- (6) Name and address of contractor or designer
- (7) Name of approving agency

(8) System design requirements, as follows:

- (a) Design area of water application, ft² (m²).
- (b) Minimum rate of water application (density), gpm/ft² (mm/min). Where sprinklers are listed with minimum water application in gpm (L/min) or pressure in psi (bar), the minimum rate of water application shall be indicated in gpm (L/min) or pressure, psi (bar).
- (c) Area per sprinkler, ft² (m²).
- (9) Total water requirements as calculated, including allowance for inside hose, outside hydrants, and water curtain and exposure sprinklers
- (10) Allowance for in-rack sprinklers, gpm (L/min)
- (11) Limitations (dimension, flow, and pressure) on extended coverage or other listed special sprinklers

27.4.3* Detailed Worksheets. Detailed worksheets or computer printout sheets shall contain the following information:

- (1) Sheet number
- (2) Sprinkler description and discharge constant (K)
- (3) Hydraulic reference points
- (4) Flow in gpm (L/min)
- (5) Pipe size
- (6) Pipe lengths, center-to-center of fittings
- (7) Equivalent pipe lengths for fittings and devices
- (8) Friction loss in psi/ft (bar/m) of pipe
- (9) Total friction loss between reference points
- (10) In-rack sprinkler demand balanced to ceiling demand
- (11) Elevation head in psi (bar) between reference points
- (12) Required pressure in psi (bar) at each reference point
- (13) Velocity pressure and normal pressure if included in calculations
- (14) Notes to indicate starting points or reference to other sheets or to clarify data shown
- (15)* Diagram to accompany gridded system calculations to indicate flow quantities and directions for lines with sprinklers operating in the remote area
- (16) Combined K-factor calculations for sprinklers on drops, armovers, or sprigs where calculations do not begin at the sprinkler

27.4.4* Graph Sheet. A graphic representation of the complete hydraulic calculation shall be plotted on semiexponential graph paper ($Q^{1.85}$) and shall include the following:

- (1) Water supply curve
- (2) Sprinkler system demand
- (3) Hose allowance (where applicable)
- (4) In-rack sprinkler demand (where applicable)

27.4.5 Hydraulic Reports.**27.4.5.1* General.**

27.4.5.1.1 Hydraulic calculations shall be prepared on form sheets that include a summary sheet, a graph sheet, a water supply analysis, a node analysis, and detailed worksheets.

27.4.5.1.2 The data shall be presented in the order shown in Figure 27.4.5.1.2(a) through Figure 27.4.5.1.2(d).

HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS for

Project name: _____

Location: _____

Drawing no.: _____ Date: _____

Design

Remote area number: _____

Remote area location: _____

Occupancy classification: _____

Density: _____ gpm/ft² (mm/min)

Area of application: _____ ft² (m²)

Coverage per sprinkler: _____ ft² (m²)

Type of sprinklers calculated: _____

No. of sprinklers calculated: _____

In-rack demand: _____

Hose streams: _____

Total water required (including hose streams): _____ gpm (mm/min) @ _____ psi (bar)

Type of system: _____

Volume of dry or preaction system: _____ gal (l)

Water supply information

Date: _____

Location: _____

Source: _____

Name of contractor: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Name of designer: _____

Authority having jurisdiction: _____

Notes: (Include peaking information or gridded systems here.) _____

FIGURE 27.4.5.1.2(a) Summary Sheet.

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Contract name and number: _____

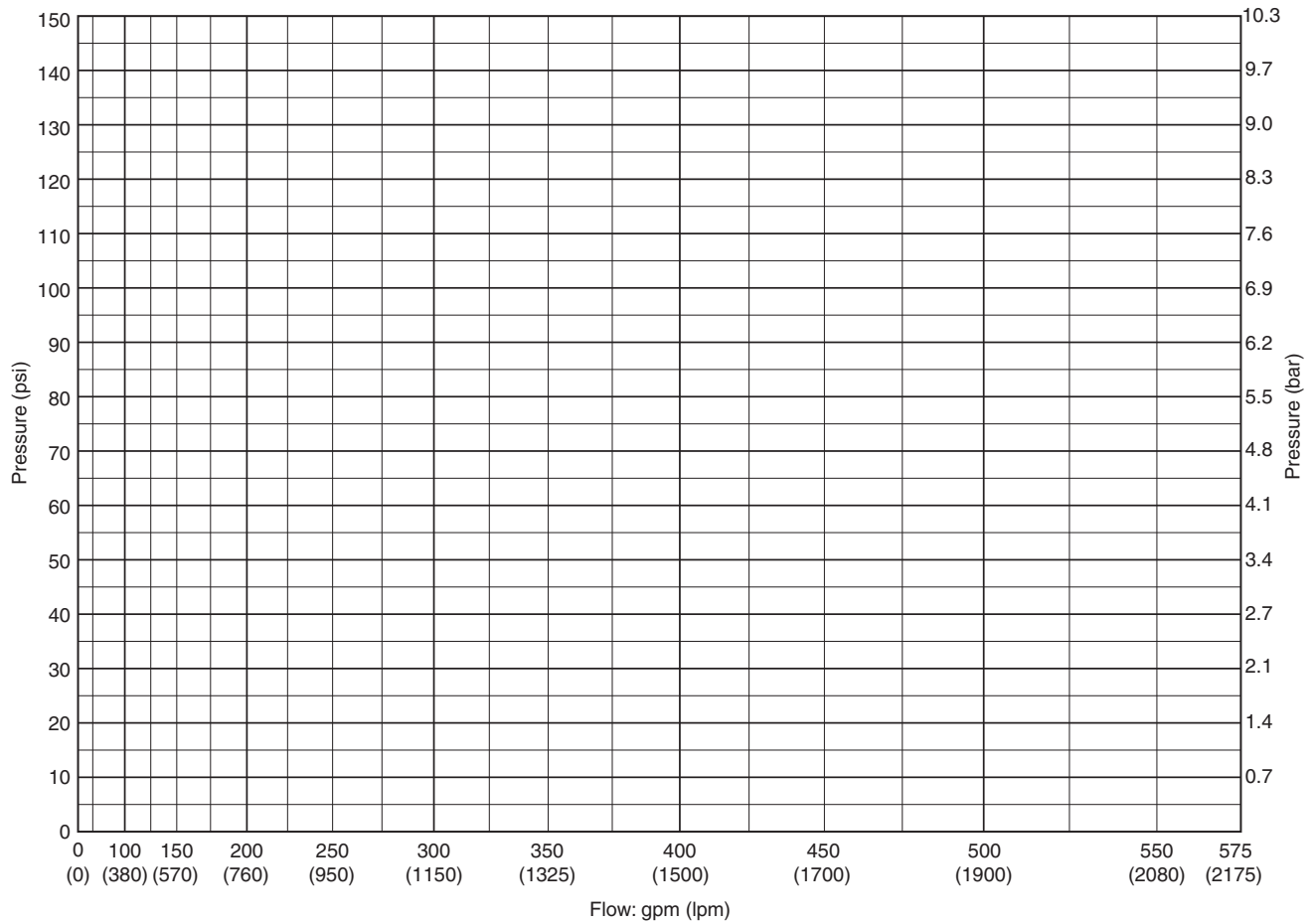
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FIGURE 27.4.5.1.2(b) Graph Sheet.

Node at Source	Static Pressure	Residual Pressure	Flow	Available Pressure	Total Demand	Required Pressure
Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data

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Job name: _____ Sheet number: _____

PIPE INFORMATION

Node 1	Elev 1 (ft) (m)	K- Factor	Flow added — this step (<i>q</i>)	Nominal ID	Fittings— quantity and length	<i>L</i> ft (m)	<i>C</i> Factor	total (<i>P_t</i>)	Notes
						<i>F</i> ft (m)	<i>P_f</i> per foot (m) (psi) (bar)	elev (<i>P_e</i>)	
						<i>T</i> ft (m)		frict (<i>P_f</i>)	
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data 2	data 2		data	data	data	data	data	data	
					data	data		data	
data 1	data 1	data 1	data 1	data	data	data	data	data 1	data
data 2	data 2		data	data	data	data	data	data	
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data 1	data 1	data 1	data 1	data	data	data	data	data 1	data
data 2	data 2		data	data	data	data	data	data	
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					data	data		data	
data 1	data 1	data 1	data 1	data	data	data	data	data 1	data
data 2	data 2		data	data	data	data	data	data	
					data	data		data	

FIGURE 27.4.5.1.2(d) Detailed Worksheet.

27.4.5.2 Summary Sheet. The summary sheet as shown in Figure 27.4.5.1.2(a) shall contain the following information, where applicable:

- (1) Project name and date
- (2) Location (including street address)
- (3) Owner or expected occupant of space being designed
- (4) Name, address, and phone number of installing contractor
- (5) Name and phone number of designer
- (6) Authority having jurisdiction
- (7) Standard or document system is being designed to, including the edition of the document
- (8) Design area number and location
- (9) Drawing or sheet number where design area is located
- (10) Occupancy or commodity classification and information
- (11) For storage applications (including miscellaneous), additional information including storage height, ceiling height, storage configuration, aisle width, orientation of upright or pendent, sprinkler K-factor and sprinkler temperature, and the table and or curve utilized in the design
- (12) System type, including the system volume with type of protection system indicated in the notes
- (13) Sprinkler type, including coverage and response type
- (14) Slope of roof or ceiling within the design area
- (15) System design requirements, as follows:
 - (a) Design area of application, ft² (m²)
 - (b) Minimum rate of water application (density), gpm/ft² (mm/min)
 - (c) Area per sprinkler, ft² (m²)
 - (d) Number of sprinklers calculated
- (16) Total water requirements as calculated, including allowance for inside hose, outside hydrants, water curtain, and exposure sprinklers, and allowance for in-rack sprinklers, gpm (L/min)
- (17) Ceiling height if used for quick response sprinkler reduction
- (18) Elevation of highest calculated sprinkler
- (19) Water supply information, including the following:
 - (a) Date and time of test
 - (b) Location of the test and flow hydrant(s)
 - (c) Source of the water for the flow test
 - (d) Elevation of the test hydrant relative to the finished floor
 - (e) Size of fire pump, gpm @ psi
 - (f) Size of on-site water tank
- (20) Notes that include peaking information for calculations performed by a computer program, type of preaction system, limitations (dimension, flow, and pressure) on extended-coverage or other listed special sprinklers, system type, including the system volume

27.4.5.3 Graph Sheet. A graphic representation of the complete hydraulic calculation shall be plotted on semiexponential graph paper ($Q^{1.85}$) as shown in Figure 27.4.5.1.2(b) and shall include the following:

- (1) Water supply curve
- (2) Sprinkler system demand
- (3) Hose demand (where applicable)
- (4) In-rack sprinkler demand (where applicable)
- (5) Additional pressures supplied by a fire pump or other source (when applicable)

27.4.5.4 Supply Analysis. Information summarized from the graph sheet as shown in Figure 27.4.5.1.2(c) shall include the following:

- (1) Node tag at the source
- (2) Static pressure [psi (bar)] available at the source
- (3) Residual pressure [psi (bar)] available at the source
- (4) Total flow [gpm (L/min)] available at the source
- (5) Available pressure [psi (bar)] at the source when the total calculated demand is flowing
- (6) Total calculated demand [gpm (L/min)] at the source
- (7) Required pressure [psi (bar)] when flowing total calculated demand

27.4.5.5 Node Analysis. Organized information as shown in Figure 27.4.5.1.2(c) regarding the node tags given to each hydraulic reference point on the system as indicated on the shop drawings shall include the following information:

- (1) Node tag for each specific point on the system used in the hydraulic calculations
- (2) Elevation in ft (m) of each node tag
- (3) K-factor of flowing nodes (such as sprinklers)
- (4) Hose allowance in gpm (L/min) requirements for the node tag
- (5) Pressure in psi (bar) at the node
- (6) Discharge in gpm (L/min) calculated at the node
- (7) Notes that indicate any special requirements for the node

27.4.5.6 Detailed Worksheets. Detailed worksheets as shown in Figure 27.4.5.1.2(d) or computer printout sheets shall contain the following information:

- (1) Sheet number
- (2) Hydraulic reference points used in each step
- (3) Elevation in ft (m) at each hydraulic reference point
- (4) Sprinkler description and discharge constant (K) for the flowing reference point
- (5) Flow in gpm (L/min) for the flowing reference point (when applicable)
- (6) Total flow in gpm (L/min) through each step
- (7) Nominal pipe size in in. (mm)
- (8) Actual internal diameter of pipe in in. (mm)

- (9) Quantity and length in ft (m) of each type of fitting and device
- (10) Pipe lengths in ft (m), center-to-center of fittings
- (11) Equivalent pipe lengths in ft (m) of fittings and devices for the step
- (12) Total equivalent length in ft (m) of pipes and fitting for the step
- (13) C-factor used in each step
- (14) Friction loss in psi/ft (bar/m) of pipe
- (15) Sum of the pressures from the previous step (starting pressure at beginning)
- (16) Elevation head in psi (bar) between reference points
- (17) Total friction loss in psi (bar) between reference points
- (18) Required pressure in psi (bar) at each reference point
- (19) Notes and other information shall include the following:
 - (a) Velocity pressure and normal pressure if included in calculations
 - (b) In-rack sprinkler demand balanced to ceiling demand
 - (c) Notes to indicate starting points or reference to other sheets or to clarify data shown
 - (d) Diagram to accompany gridded system calculations to indicate flow quantities and directions for lines with sprinklers operating in the remote area
 - (e) Combined K-factor calculations for sprinklers on drops, armovers, or sprigs where calculations do not begin at the sprinkler
 - (f) The pressure [psi/(bar)] loss assigned the back-flow device when included on a system
 - (g) Friction factor and Reynolds number when the Darcy-Weisbach equation is used

27.5 Pipe Schedules. Pipe schedules shall not be used, except in existing systems and in new systems or extensions to existing systems described in Chapter 19. Water supplies shall conform to 19.3.2.

27.5.1* General.

27.5.1.1 The pipe schedule sizing provisions shall not apply to hydraulically calculated systems.

27.5.1.2 Sprinkler systems having sprinklers with K-factors other than 5.6 nominal, listed piping material other than that covered in Table 7.3.1.1, extra hazard Group 1 and Group 2 systems, and exposure protection systems shall be hydraulically calculated.

27.5.1.3 The number of automatic sprinklers on a given pipe size on one floor shall not exceed the number given in 27.5.2, 27.5.3, or 27.5.4 for a given occupancy.

27.5.1.4* Size of Risers. Each system riser shall be sized to supply all sprinklers on the riser on any one floor as determined by the standard schedules of pipe sizes in 27.5.2, 27.5.3, or 27.5.4.

27.5.1.5 Slatted Floors, Large Floor Openings, Mezzanines, and Large Platforms. Buildings having slatted floors or large unprotected floor openings without approved stops shall be treated as one area with reference to pipe sizes, and the feed mains or risers shall be of the size required for the total number of sprinklers.

27.5.1.6 Stair Towers. Stair towers, or other construction with incomplete floors, if piped on independent risers, shall be treated as one area with reference to pipe sizes.

27.5.2 Schedule for Light Hazard Occupancies.

27.5.2.1 Branch Lines.

27.5.2.1.1 Unless permitted by 27.5.2.1.2 or 27.5.2.1.3, branch lines shall not exceed eight sprinklers on either side of a cross main.

27.5.2.1.2 Where more than eight sprinklers on a branch line are necessary, lines shall be permitted to be increased to nine sprinklers by making the two end lengths 1 in. (25 mm) and 1¼ in. (32 mm), respectively, and the sizes thereafter standard.

27.5.2.1.3 Ten sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed on a branch line, making the two end lengths 1 in. (25 mm) and 1¼ in. (32 mm), respectively, and feeding the tenth sprinkler by a 2½ in. (65 mm) pipe.

27.5.2.2 Pipe Sizes.

27.5.2.2.1 Pipe sizes shall be in accordance with Table 27.5.2.2.1.

27.5.2.2.2 Each area requiring more sprinklers than the number specified for 3½ in. (90 mm) pipe in Table 27.5.2.2.1 and without subdividing partitions (not necessarily fire walls) shall be supplied by mains or risers sized for ordinary hazard occupancies.

27.5.2.3 Where sprinklers are installed above and below ceilings in accordance with Figure 27.5.2.3(a) through Figure 27.5.2.3(c), and such sprinklers are supplied from a common set of branch lines or separate branch lines from a common cross main, such branch lines shall not exceed eight sprinklers above and eight sprinklers below any ceiling on either side of the cross main.

Table 27.5.2.2.1 Light Hazard Pipe Schedules

Steel		Copper		
		in.	mm	
1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers	1 in.	25 mm	2 sprinklers
1¼ in. (32 mm)	3 sprinklers	1¼ in.	32 mm	3 sprinklers
1½ in. (40 mm)	5 sprinklers	1½ in.	40 mm	5 sprinklers
2 in. (50 mm)	10 sprinklers	2 in.	50 mm	12 sprinklers
2½ in. (65 mm)	30 sprinklers	2½ in.	65 mm	40 sprinklers
3 in. (80 mm)	60 sprinklers	3 in.	80 mm	65 sprinklers
3½ in. (90 mm)	100 sprinklers	3½ in.	90 mm	115 sprinklers
4 in. (100 mm)	See Section 4.5	4 in.	100 mm	See Section 4.5

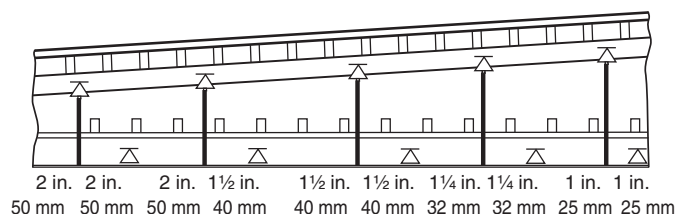


FIGURE 27.5.2.3(a) Arrangement of Branch Lines Supplying Sprinklers Above and Below Ceiling.

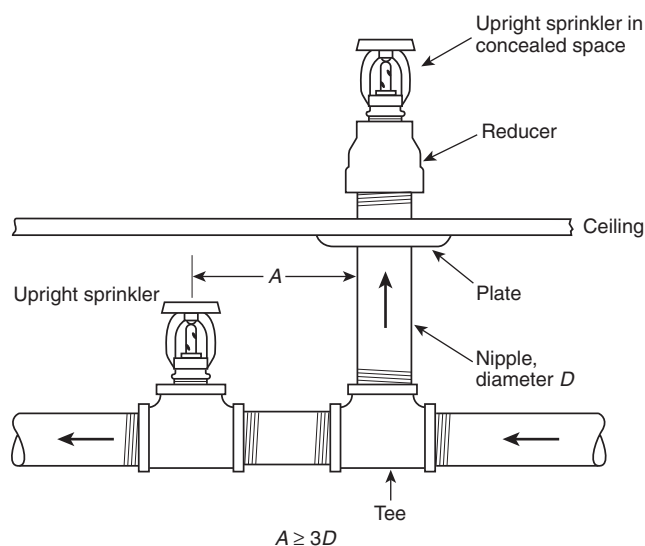


FIGURE 27.5.2.3(b) Sprinkler on Riser Nipple from Branch Line in Lower Fire Area.

27.5.2.4 Unless the requirements of 27.5.2.5 are met, pipe sizing up to and including 2 1/2 in. (65 mm) shall be as shown in Table 27.5.2.4 utilizing the greatest number of sprinklers to be found on any two adjacent levels.

27.5.2.5 Branch lines and cross mains supplying sprinklers installed entirely above or entirely below ceilings shall be sized in accordance with Table 27.5.2.2.1.

27.5.2.6* Where the total number of sprinklers above and below a ceiling exceeds the number specified in Table 27.5.2.4 for 2 1/2 in. (65 mm) pipe, the pipe supplying such sprinklers shall be increased to 3 in. (75 mm) and sized thereafter according to the schedule shown in Table 27.5.2.2.1 for the number of sprinklers above or below a ceiling, whichever is larger.

27.5.3 Schedule for Ordinary Hazard Occupancies.

27.5.3.1 Unless permitted by 27.5.3.2 or 27.5.3.3, branch lines shall not exceed eight sprinklers on either side of a cross main.

27.5.3.2 Where more than eight sprinklers on a branch line are necessary, lines shall be permitted to be increased to nine sprinklers by making the two end lengths 1 in. (25 mm) and 1 1/4 in. (32 mm), respectively, and the sizes thereafter standard.

27.5.3.3 Ten sprinklers shall be permitted to be placed on a branch line, making the two end lengths 1 in. (25 mm) and 1 1/4 in. (32 mm), respectively, and feeding the tenth sprinkler by a 2 1/2 in. (65 mm) pipe.

27.5.3.4 Pipe sizes shall be in accordance with Table 27.5.3.4.

27.5.3.5 Where the distance between sprinklers on the branch line exceeds 12 ft (3.7 m) or the distance between the branch lines exceeds 12 ft (3.7 m), the number of sprinklers for a given pipe size shall be in accordance with Table 27.5.3.5.

27.5.3.6 Where sprinklers are installed above and below ceilings and such sprinklers are supplied from a common set of branch lines or separate branch lines supplied by a common cross main, such branch lines shall not exceed eight sprinklers above and eight sprinklers below any ceiling on either side of the cross main.

27.5.3.7 Pipe sizing up to and including 3 in. (76 mm) shall be as shown in Table 27.5.3.7 in accordance with Figure 27.5.2.3(a), Figure 27.5.2.3(b), and Figure 27.5.2.3(c) utilizing the greatest number of sprinklers to be found on any two adjacent levels.

27.5.3.8 Branch lines and cross mains supplying sprinklers installed entirely above or entirely below ceilings shall be sized in accordance with Table 27.5.3.4 or Table 27.5.3.5.

27.5.3.9* Where the total number of sprinklers above and below a ceiling exceeds the number specified in Table 27.5.3.7 for 3 in. (80 mm) pipe, the pipe supplying such sprinklers shall be increased to 3 1/2 in. (90 mm) or larger and sized thereafter according to the schedule shown in Table 27.5.2.2.1 or Table 27.5.3.4 for the number of sprinklers above or below a ceiling, whichever is larger.

27.5.3.10 Where the distance between the sprinklers protecting the occupied area exceeds 12 ft (3.7 m) or the distance between the branch lines exceeds 12 ft (3.7 m), the branch lines shall be sized in accordance with either Table 27.5.3.5, taking into consideration the sprinklers protecting the occupied area only, or Table 27.5.3.7, whichever requires the greater size of pipe.

27.5.4* Extra Hazard Occupancies. Extra hazard occupancies shall be hydraulically calculated.

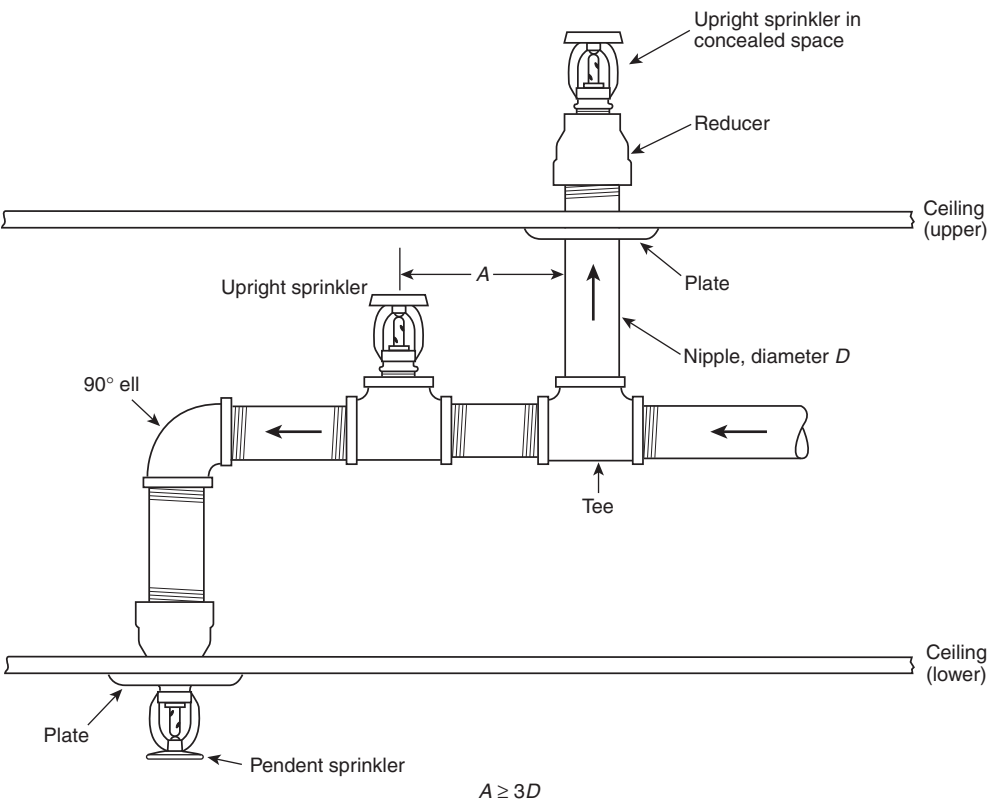


FIGURE 27.5.2.3(c) Arrangement of Branch Lines Supplying Sprinklers Above, Between, and Below Ceilings.

Table 27.5.2.4 Number of Sprinklers Above and Below Ceiling

Steel		Copper	
1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers	1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers
1¼ in. (32 mm)	4 sprinklers	1¼ in. (32 mm)	4 sprinklers
1½ in. (40 mm)	7 sprinklers	1½ in. (40 mm)	7 sprinklers
2 in. (50 mm)	15 sprinklers	2 in. (50 mm)	18 sprinklers
2½ in. (65 mm)	50 sprinklers	2½ in. (65 mm)	65 sprinklers

Table 27.5.3.4 Ordinary Hazard Pipe Schedule

Steel		Copper	
1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers	1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers
1¼ in. (32 mm)	3 sprinklers	1¼ in. (32 mm)	3 sprinklers
1½ in. (40 mm)	5 sprinklers	1½ in. (40 mm)	5 sprinklers
2 in. (50 mm)	10 sprinklers	2 in. (50 mm)	12 sprinklers
2½ in. (65 mm)	20 sprinklers	2½ in. (65 mm)	25 sprinklers
3 in. (80 mm)	40 sprinklers	3 in. (80 mm)	45 sprinklers
3½ in. (90 mm)	65 sprinklers	3½ in. (90 mm)	75 sprinklers
4 in. (100 mm)	100 sprinklers	4 in. (100 mm)	115 sprinklers
5 in. (125 mm)	160 sprinklers	5 in. (125 mm)	180 sprinklers
6 in. (150 mm)	275 sprinklers	6 in. (150 mm)	300 sprinklers
8 in. (200 mm)	See Section 4.5	8 in. (200 mm)	See Section 4.5

Table 27.5.3.5 Number of Sprinklers — Greater Than 12 ft (3.7 m) Separations

Steel		Copper	
2½ in. (65 mm)	15 sprinklers	2½ in. (65 mm)	20 sprinklers
3 in. (80 mm)	30 sprinklers	3 in. (80 mm)	35 sprinklers
3½ in. (90 mm)	60 sprinklers	3½ in. (90 mm)	65 sprinklers

Note: For other pipe and tube sizes, see Table 27.5.3.4.

Table 27.5.3.7 Number of Sprinklers Above and Below a Ceiling

Steel		Copper	
1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers	1 in. (25 mm)	2 sprinklers
1¼ in. (32 mm)	4 sprinklers	1¼ in. (32 mm)	4 sprinklers
1½ in. (40 mm)	7 sprinklers	1½ in. (40 mm)	7 sprinklers
2 in. (50 mm)	15 sprinklers	2 in. (50 mm)	18 sprinklers
2½ in. (65 mm)	30 sprinklers	2½ in. (65 mm)	40 sprinklers
3 in. (80 mm)	60 sprinklers	3 in. (80 mm)	65 sprinklers

Chapter 28 Systems Acceptance

28.1 Approval of Sprinkler Systems and Private Fire Service Mains.

The installing contractor shall do the following:

- (1) Notify the authority having jurisdiction and the property owner or the property owner's authorized representative of the time and date testing will be performed
- (2) Perform all required acceptance tests (*see Section 28.2*)
- (3) Complete and sign the appropriate contractor's material and test certificate(s) (*see Figure 28.1*)
- (4) Remove all caps and straps prior to placing the sprinkler system in service

28.2 Acceptance Requirements.

28.2.1* Hydrostatic Tests.

28.2.1.1 Unless permitted by 28.2.1.3 through 28.2.1.5, all piping and attached appurtenances subjected to system working pressure shall be hydrostatically tested at 200 psi (14 bar) and shall maintain that pressure without loss for 2 hours.

N 28.2.1.2 Loss shall be determined by a drop in gauge pressure or visual leakage.

28.2.1.3 Portions of systems normally subjected to system working pressures in excess of 150 psi (10 bar) shall be tested as described in 28.2.1.1, at a pressure of 50 psi (3.4 bar) in excess of system working pressure.

28.2.1.4 Where cold weather will not permit testing with water, an interim air test shall be permitted to be conducted as described in 28.2.2. This provision shall not remove or replace the requirement for conducting the hydrostatic test as described in 28.2.1.1.

28.2.1.5* The test pressure shall be read from a gauge located at the low elevation point of the system or portion being tested. The pressures in piping at higher elevations shall be permitted to be less than 200 psi (14 bar) when accounting for elevation losses. Systems or portions of systems that can be isolated shall be permitted to be tested separately.

28.2.1.6* Additives, corrosive chemicals such as sodium silicate, or derivatives of sodium silicate, brine, or similar acting chemicals shall not be used while hydrostatically testing systems or for stopping leaks.

28.2.1.7 Piping between the exterior fire department connection and the check valve in the fire department inlet pipe shall be hydrostatically tested in the same manner as the balance of the system. After repair or replacement work affecting the fire department connection, the piping between the exterior and the check valve in the fire department inlet pipe shall be isolated and hydrostatically tested at 150 psi (10 bar).

28.2.1.8* When systems are being hydrostatically tested, tests shall be permitted to be conducted with pendent or horizontal sidewall sprinklers or plugs installed in fittings. Any plugs shall be replaced with pendent or horizontal sidewall sprinklers after the test is completed.

28.2.1.9 When deluge systems are being hydrostatically tested, plugs shall be installed in fittings and replaced with open sprinklers after the test is completed, or the operating elements of automatic sprinklers shall be removed after the test is completed.

28.2.1.10 Provision shall be made for the proper disposal of water used for flushing or testing.

28.2.1.11* Test Blanks.

28.2.1.11.1 Test blanks shall have painted lugs protruding in such a way as to clearly indicate their presence.

28.2.1.11.2 The test blanks shall be numbered, and the installing contractor shall have a recordkeeping method ensuring their removal after work is completed.

28.2.1.12 When subject to hydrostatic test pressures, the clapper of a differential-type valve shall be held off its seat to prevent damaging the valve.

28.2.2 Dry Pipe and Double Interlock Preaction System(s) Air Test.

28.2.2.1 In addition to the standard hydrostatic test, an air pressure leakage test at 40 psi (2.7 bar) shall be conducted for 24 hours. Any leakage that results in a loss of pressure in excess of 1½ psi (0.1 bar) for the 24 hours shall be corrected.

28.2.2.2 Where systems are installed in spaces that are capable of being operated at temperatures below 32°F (0°C), air or nitrogen gas pressure leakage tests required in 28.2.2 shall be conducted at the lowest nominal temperature of the space.

N 28.2.2.3 Pipe or tube specifically investigated for suitability in dry pipe and double interlock preaction system(s) and listed for this service, shall be permitted to be tested in accordance with their listing limitations.

28.2.3 System Operational Tests.

28.2.3.1 Waterflow Devices. Waterflow detecting devices including the associated alarm circuits shall be flow tested through the inspector's test connection and shall result in an audible alarm on the premises within 5 minutes after such flow begins and until such flow stops.

N 28.2.3.1.1 Where a fire alarm system is monitoring waterflow, an alarm signal shall activate in accordance with the requirements of the adopted fire alarm code.

28.2.3.2* Dry Pipe Systems.

28.2.3.2.1 A working test of the dry pipe valve shall be made by opening the inspector's test connection.

28.2.3.2.2 Where a quick opening device is present, the trip test described in 28.2.3.2.1 shall be sufficient to test the quick opening device as long as the device trips properly during the test.

28.2.3.2.3* The test shall measure the time to trip the valve and the time for water to be discharged from the inspector's test connection. All times shall be measured from the time the inspector's test connection is completely opened.

28.2.3.2.3.1* Dry systems calculated for water delivery in accordance with 8.2.3.6 shall be exempt from any specific delivery time requirement.

28.2.3.2.4 The results shall be recorded using the contractor's material and test certificate for aboveground piping (*see Figure 28.1*) and the general information sign (*see Figure A.28.6*).

Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Aboveground Piping									
PROCEDURE Upon completion of work, inspection and tests shall be made by the contractor's representative and witnessed by the property owner or their authorized agent. All defects shall be corrected and system left in service before contractor's personnel finally leave the job. A certificate shall be filled out and signed by both representatives. Copies shall be prepared for approving authorities, owners, and contractor. It is understood the owner's representative's signature in no way prejudices any claim against contractor for faulty material, poor workmanship, or failure to comply with approving authority's requirements or local ordinances.									
Property name						Date			
Property address New installation? ☐ Yes ☐ No Modification? If yes, complete applicable portions of the form. ☐ Yes ☐ No Provide a description of the scope of work on page 3.									
Plans	Accepted by approving authorities (names)								
	Address								
	Installation conforms to accepted plans ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	Equipment used is approved ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, explain deviations								
Instructions	Has person in charge of fire equipment been instructed as to location of control valves and care and maintenance of this new equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, explain								
	Have copies of the following been left on the premises? ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	1. System components instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	2. Care and maintenance instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No								
3. NFPA 25 ☐ Yes ☐ No									
Location of system	Supplies buildings								
Sprinklers	Make	Model	Year of manufacture	Orifice size	Quantity	Temperature rating			
Pipe and fittings	Type of pipe _____ Type of fittings _____								
Alarm valve or flow indicator	Alarm device					Maximum time to operate through test connection			
	Type	Make	Model	Minutes		Seconds			
Dry pipe operating test	Dry valve					Q. O. D.			
	Make		Model	Serial no.		Make		Model	Serial no.
	Time to trip through test connection ^{a,b}		Water pressure	Air pressure	Trip point air pressure	Time water reached test outlet ^{a,b}		Alarm operated properly	
			psi	psi	psi				
	Minutes Seconds		psi	psi	psi	Minutes Seconds		Yes	No
	Without Q.O.D.								
	With Q.O.D.								
	If no, explain								

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^a Measured from time inspector's test connection is opened.^b NFPA 13 only requires the 60-second limitation in specific sections.**FIGURE 28.1 Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Aboveground Piping.**

Deluge and preaction valves	Operation ☐ Pneumatic ☐ Electric ☐ Hydraulics								
	Piping supervised ☐ Yes ☐ No			Detecting media supervised ☐ Yes ☐ No					
	Does valve operate from the manual trip, remote, or both control stations? ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	Is there an accessible facility in each circuit for testing? ☐ Yes ☐ No						If no, explain		
	Make	Model	Does each circuit operate supervision loss alarm?		Does each circuit operate valve release?		Maximum time to operate release		
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Minutes	Seconds	
Pressure-reducing valve test	Location and floor	Make and model	Setting	Static pressure		Residual pressure (flowing)		Flow rate	
				Inlet (psi)	Outlet (psi)	Inlet (psi)	Outlet (psi)	Flow (gpm)	
Backflow device forward flow test	Indicate means used for forward flow test of backflow device: _____ When means to test device was opened, was system flow demand created? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A								
Test description	<u>Hydrostatic:</u> Hydrostatic tests shall be made at not less than 200 psi (13.8 bar) for 2 hours or 50 psi (3.4 bar) above static pressure in excess of 150 psi (10.3 bar) for 2 hours. Differential dry pipe valve clappers shall be left open during the test to prevent damage. All aboveground piping leakage shall be stopped. <u>Pneumatic:</u> Establish 40 psi (2.7 bar) air pressure and measure drop, which shall not exceed 1½ psi (0.1 bar) in 24 hours. Test pressure tanks at normal water level and air pressure and measure air pressure drop, which shall not exceed 1½ psi (0.1 bar) in 24 hours.								
Tests	All piping hydrostatically tested at _____ psi (_____ bar) for _____ hours					If no, state reason			
	Dry piping pneumatically tested ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	Equipment operates properly ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	Do you certify as the sprinkler contractor that additives and corrosive chemicals, sodium silicate or derivatives of sodium silicate, brine, or other corrosive chemicals were not used for testing systems or stopping leaks? ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	Drain test	Reading of gauge located near water supply test connection: _____ psi (_____ bar)				Residual pressure with valve in test connection open wide: _____ psi (_____ bar)			
	Underground mains and lead-in connections to system risers flushed before connection made to sprinkler piping								
Verified by copy of the Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping. ☐ Yes ☐ No					Other Explain				
Flushed by installer of underground sprinkler piping ☐ Yes ☐ No									
If powder-driven fasteners are used in concrete, has representative sample testing been satisfactorily completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No					If no, explain				
Blank testing gaskets	Number used		Locations				Number removed		
Welding	Welding piping ☐ Yes ☐ No								
	If yes . . .								
	Do you certify as the sprinkler contractor that welding procedures used complied with the minimum requirements of AWS B2.1, ASME Section IX <i>Welding and Brazing Qualifications</i> , or other applicable qualification standard as required by the AHJ?						☐ Yes ☐ No		
	Do you certify that all welding was performed by welders or welding operators qualified in accordance with the minimum requirements of AWS B2.1, ASME Section IX <i>Welding and Brazing Qualifications</i> , or other applicable qualification standard as required by the AHJ?						☐ Yes ☐ No		
	Do you certify that the welding was conducted in compliance with a documented quality control procedure to ensure that (1) all discs are retrieved; (2) that openings in piping are smooth, that slag and other welding residue are removed; (3) the internal diameters of piping are not penetrated; (4) completed welds are free from cracks, incomplete fusion, surface porosity greater than ¼ in. (1.6 mm) diameter, undercut deeper than the lesser of 25% of the wall thickness or ⅜ in. (0.8 mm); and (5) completed circumferential butt weld reinforcement does not exceed ⅜ in. (2.4 mm)?						☐ Yes ☐ No		

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FIGURE 28.1 *Continued*

Cutouts (discs)	Do you certify that you have a control feature to ensure that all cutouts (discs) are retrieved? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Hydraulic data nameplate	Nameplate provided ☐ Yes ☐ No	If no, explain
Sprinkler contractor removed all caps and straps? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Remarks	Date left in service with all control valves open	
Signatures	Name of sprinkler contractor	
	Tests witnessed by	
	The property owner or their authorized agent (signed)	Title Date
	For sprinkler contractor (signed)	Title Date
Additional explanations and notes		
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FIGURE 28.1 *Continued*

28.2.3.3 Deluge and Preaction Systems.

28.2.3.3.1 The automatic operation of a deluge or preaction valve shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

28.2.3.3.2 The manual and remote control operation, where present, shall also be tested.

28.2.3.4 Main Drain Valves.

28.2.3.4.1 The main drain valve shall be opened and remain open until the system pressure stabilizes.

28.2.3.4.2* The static and residual pressures shall be recorded on the contractor's material and test certificate (*see Figure 28.1*) and the sprinkler system general information placard (*see Figure A.28.6*).

28.2.3.5 Operating Test for Control Valves. All control valves shall be fully closed and opened under system water pressure to ensure proper operation.

28.2.4 Pressure-Reducing Valves.

28.2.4.1 Each pressure-reducing valve shall be tested upon completion of installation to ensure proper operation under full flow and no-flow conditions.

28.2.4.2 Testing shall verify that the device properly regulates outlet pressure at both maximum and normal inlet pressure conditions.

28.2.4.3 The results of the flow test of each pressure-reducing valve shall be recorded on the contractor's material and test certificate (*see Figure 28.1*).

28.2.4.4 The results shall include the static and residual inlet pressures, static and residual outlet pressures, and the flow rate.

28.2.5 Backflow Prevention Assemblies.

28.2.5.1 The backflow prevention assembly shall be forward flow tested to ensure proper operation.

28.2.5.2 The minimum flow rate shall be the system demand, including hose stream allowance where applicable.

28.2.6 Exposure Systems. Operating tests shall be made of exposure protection systems upon completion of the installation, where such tests do not risk water damage to the building on which they are installed or to adjacent buildings.

N 28.3 Automated Inspection and Testing Devices and Equipment.

N 28.3.1 Automated inspection and testing devices and equipment installed on the sprinkler system shall be tested to ensure the desired result of the automated inspection or test is realized.

N 28.3.1.1 Automated inspection devices and equipment shall be shown to be as effective as a visual examination.

N 28.3.1.2 Automated testing devices and equipment shall produce the same action required by this standard to test a device.

N 28.3.1.2.1 The testing shall discharge water where required by this standard and NFPA 25.

N 28.3.2 Failure of automated inspection and testing devices and equipment shall not impair the operation of the system unless indicated by an audible and visual trouble signal in accordance with NFPA 72.

N 28.3.3 Failure of a system or component to pass automated inspection and testing devices and equipment shall result in an audible and visual trouble signal in accordance with NFPA 72.

N 28.3.4 Failure of automated inspection and testing devices and equipment shall result in an audible and visual trouble signal in accordance with NFPA 72.

28.4 Instructions. The installing contractor shall provide the property owner or the property owner's authorized representative with the following:

- (1) All literature and instructions provided by the manufacturer describing proper operation and maintenance of any equipment and devices installed
- (2)* NFPA 25

28.5* Hydraulic Design Information Sign (Hydraulic Data Nameplate).

28.5.1 The installing contractor shall identify a hydraulically designed sprinkler system with a permanently marked weather-proof metal or rigid plastic sign secured with corrosion-resistant wire, chain, or other approved means.

28.5.2 Such signs shall be placed at the alarm valve, dry pipe valve, preaction valve, or deluge valve supplying the corresponding hydraulically designed area.

N 28.5.3 The sign shall include the following information:

- (1) Location of the design area or areas
- (2) Size (area) of or number of sprinklers in the design area
- (3) Discharge densities over the design area or areas
- (4) Required flow and residual pressure demand at the base of the riser or fire pump where applicable
- (5) Occupancy classification or commodity classification and maximum permitted storage height and configuration
- (6) Hose stream allowance included in addition to the sprinkler demand
- (7) Name of the installing contractor

28.6* General Information Sign.

28.6.1 The installing contractor shall provide a general information sign used to determine system design basis and information relevant to the inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements required by NFPA 25.

28.6.1.1 Such general information shall be provided with a permanently marked weatherproof metal or rigid plastic sign, secured with corrosion-resistant wire, chain, or other acceptable means.

28.6.1.2 Such signs shall be placed at each system control riser, antifreeze loop, and auxiliary system control valve.

28.6.2 The sign shall include the following information:

- (1) Name and location of the facility protected
- (2) Occupancy classification
- (3) Commodity classification
- (4) Presence of high-piled and/or rack storage

- (5) Maximum height of storage planned
 - (6) Aisle width planned
 - (7) Encapsulation of pallet loads
 - (8) Presence of solid shelving
 - (9) Flow test data
 - (10) Presence of flammable/combustible liquids
 - (11) Presence of hazardous materials
 - (12) Presence of other special storage
 - (13) Location of venting valve
 - (14) Location of auxiliary drains and low point drains on dry pipe and preaction systems
 - (15) Original results of main drain flow test
 - (16) Original results of dry pipe and double interlock preaction valve test
 - (17) Name of installing contractor or designer
 - (18) Indication of presence and location of antifreeze or other auxiliary systems
 - (19) Where injection systems are installed to treat MIC or corrosion, the type of chemical, concentration of the chemical, and where information can be found as to the proper disposal of the chemical
- 28.6.3** Combination hydraulic design information and general information are permitted.
- 28.6.4** The sign shall include the following information:
- (1) Location of the design area or areas
 - (2) Size (area) of or number of sprinklers in the design area
 - (3) Discharge densities over the design area or areas
 - (4) Required flow and residual pressure demand at the base of the riser
 - (5) Occupancy classification or commodity classification and maximum permitted storage height and configuration
 - (6) Hose stream allowance included in addition to the sprinkler demand
 - (7) Name of the installing contractor

Chapter 29 Existing System Modifications

29.1 General.

29.1.1 In addition to the applicable requirements of this standard, the requirements of Chapter 29 shall apply where modifications or additions are made to existing systems.

29.1.2 Where additions or modifications are made to an existing system, enough of the existing system shall be indicated on the plans to make all conditions clear.

29.1.3 When backflow prevention devices are to be retroactively installed on existing systems, a thorough hydraulic analysis, including revised hydraulic calculations, new fire flow data, and all necessary modifications to accommodate the additional friction loss, shall be completed as a part of the installation.

29.1.4 A hydraulically calculated system for a building, or a hydraulically calculated addition to a system in an existing sprinklered building using the pipe schedule method, shall supersede the requirements in this standard governing pipe schedules, except that all systems shall continue to be limited by area.

29.1.5 Unless permitted by 29.1.5.1, when modifying existing systems protecting general storage, rack storage, rubber tire storage, roll paper storage, and baled cotton storage, using sprinklers with K-factors K-8.0 (115) or less, the requirements of 21.1.3 and 21.1.4 shall not apply.

29.1.5.1 Where applying the requirements of Table 21.5.1.1 utilizing the design criteria of 0.6 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft² (25.5 mm/min over 185 m²) to existing storage applications, standard-response spray sprinklers with a K-factor of K-11.2 (160) or larger that are listed for storage applications shall be used.

29.1.6 For modifications or additions to existing systems equipped with residential sprinklers, the listed discharge criteria less than 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) shall be permitted to be used.

29.1.7 Torch cutting and welding shall not be permitted as a means of modifying or repairing sprinkler systems.

29.1.8 Additives to existing systems intended for control of microbiological or other corrosion shall be listed for use within fire sprinkler systems.

29.2 Components.

29.2.1 The use of reconditioned valves and devices as replacement equipment in existing systems shall be permitted.

29.2.2 Where all or part of an inactive sprinkler system is abandoned in place, components including sprinklers, hose valves and hoses, and alarm devices shall be removed.

29.2.3 Control valves abandoned in place shall have the operating mechanisms removed.

29.2.4 Sprinkler system piping and/or valves abandoned in place shall be uniquely identified to differentiate them from active system piping and valves.

29.3 Sprinklers.

29.3.1 Reconditioned sprinklers shall not be permitted on any existing system.

29.3.2 When a sprinkler is removed from a fitting or welded outlet, it shall not be reinstalled except as permitted by 29.3.2.1.

29.3.2.1 Dry sprinklers shall be permitted to be reinstalled when removed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions.

29.3.3 Where modifications or additions are made to existing light hazard systems equipped with standard response sprinklers, new standard response sprinklers shall be permitted to be used.

29.3.4 Where individual standard response sprinklers are replaced in existing light hazard systems, new standard response sprinklers shall be permitted to be used.

29.3.5 Where existing light hazard systems are converted to use quick-response or residential sprinklers, all sprinklers in a compartment shall be changed.

29.3.6 When replacing residential sprinklers manufactured prior to 2003 that are no longer available from the manufacturer and that are installed using a design density less than 0.05 gpm/ft² (2.04 mm/min), a residential sprinkler with an equivalent K-factor (± 5 percent) shall be permitted to be used, provided the currently listed coverage area for the replacement sprinkler is not exceeded.

29.3.7 Where cover plates on concealed sprinklers have been painted by other than the sprinkler manufacturer, the cover plates shall be replaced.

29.4 Revamping of Pipe Schedule Systems.

29.4.1 The pipe schedule method shall be permitted as follows:

- (1) Additions or modifications to existing pipe schedule systems sized according to the pipe schedules of Section 27.5
- (2) Additions or modifications to existing extra hazard pipe schedule systems

29.4.2 When pipe schedule systems are revamped to accommodate added ceilings, sprinkler outlets utilized for new armover or drop nipples shall have hexagonal bushings removed when present.

29.4.3 When pipe schedule systems are revamped, a nipple not exceeding 4 in. (100 mm) in length shall be permitted to be installed in the branch line fitting.

29.4.4 All piping other than the nipple permitted in 29.4.3 and 29.4.5 shall be a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter in accordance with Figure 29.4.4.

29.4.5 When it is necessary to pipe two new ceiling sprinklers from an existing outlet in an overhead system, the use of a nipple not exceeding 4 in. (100 mm) in length and of the same pipe thread size as the existing outlet shall be permitted in accordance with Figure 29.4.5, provided that a hydraulic calculation verifies that the design flow rate will be achieved.

29.4.6 Where an armover is attached to connect to a sprinkler, the use of pipe nipples less than 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter shall not be permitted where seismic design is required on the system.

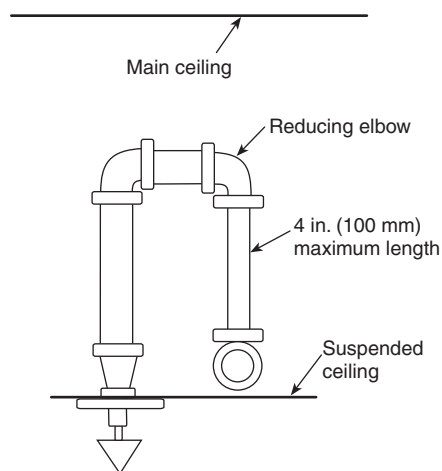


FIGURE 29.4.4 Nipple and Reducing Elbow Supplying Sprinkler Below Ceiling.

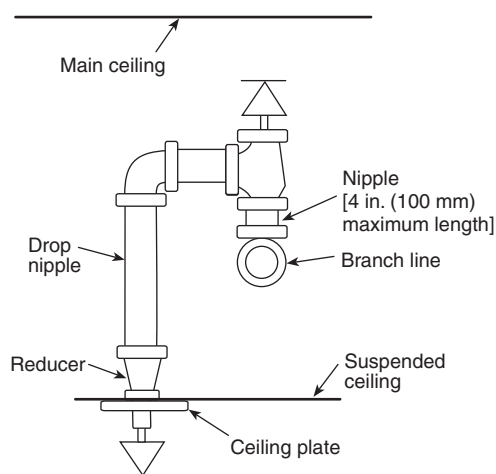


FIGURE 29.4.5 Sprinklers in Concealed Space and Below Ceiling.

29.5 Revamping of Hydraulic Design Systems.

29.5.1 When hydraulically designed systems are revamped, any existing bushing shall be removed and a nipple not exceeding 4 in. (100 mm) in length shall be permitted to be installed in the branch line fitting.

29.5.2 Calculations shall be provided to verify that the system design flow rate will be achieved.

29.5.3 When it is necessary to pipe two new ceiling sprinklers from an existing outlet in an overhead system, any bushings shall be removed and the use of a nipple not exceeding 4 in. (100 mm) in length and of the same pipe thread size as the existing outlet shall be permitted, provided that a hydraulic calculation verifies that the design flow rate will be achieved.

29.5.4 Where an armover is attached to connect to a sprinkler, the use of pipe nipples less than 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter shall not be permitted where seismic design is required on the system.

N 29.6 System Design.

N 29.6.1 Where an addition or modifications are made to an existing system, enough of the existing system shall be indicated on the plans to make all conditions clear.

N 29.6.2 The pipe schedule method shall be permitted as follows:

- (1) For modifications or additions to existing systems equipped with residential sprinklers, the listed discharge criteria less than 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) shall be permitted to be used.
- (2) A hydraulically calculated system for a building, or a hydraulically calculated addition to a system in an existing sprinklered building using the pipe schedule method, shall supersede the rules in this standard governing pipe schedules, except that all systems shall continue to be limited by area.
- (3) Unless permitted by 29.6.3, when modifying existing systems protecting general storage, rack storage, rubber tire storage, roll paper storage, and baled cotton storage, using sprinklers with K-factors K-8.0 (115) or less, the requirements of 29.6.2 and 29.6.3 shall not apply.

N 29.6.3 Where applying the requirements of Figure 25.9.3.1(a) and Figure 25.9.3.1(e) utilizing the design criteria of 0.6 gpm/ft² per 2000 ft² (25.5 mm/min over 185 m²) to existing storage applications, standard-response spray sprinklers with a K-factor of K-11.2 (161) or larger that are listed for storage applications shall be used.

N 29.6.4 For modifications or additions to existing systems equipped with residential sprinklers, the listed discharge criteria less than 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) shall be permitted to be used.

29.6.5 Retroactive Installation. When backflow prevention devices are to be retroactively installed on existing systems, a thorough hydraulic analysis, including revised hydraulic calculations, new fire flow data, and all necessary system modifications to accommodate the additional friction loss, shall be completed as a part of the installation.

N 29.6.6 A hydraulically calculated system for a building, or a hydraulically calculated addition to a system in an existing sprinklered building using the pipe schedule method, shall supersede the rules in this standard governing pipe schedules, except that all systems shall continue to be limited by area.

N 29.6.7 Unless permitted by 29.6.3, when modifying existing systems protecting general storage, rack storage, rubber tire storage, roll paper storage, and baled cotton storage, using sprinklers with K-factors K-8.0 (115) or less, the requirements of 21.1.3 and 21.1.4 shall not apply.

N 29.7 Testing.

29.7.1 Modifications to existing piping systems shall require testing at system working pressure.

29.7.1.1 Where modification is made to an existing system affecting more than 20 sprinklers, the new portion shall be isolated and tested at not less than 200 psi (14 bar) for 2 hours.

29.7.1.2 Modifications that cannot be isolated, such as relocated drops, shall require testing at system working pressure.

29.7.2 Modifications to existing dry pipe or double interlock preaction systems shall be tested for air leakage using one of the following test methods:

- (1) An air pressure test at 40 psi (2.7 bar) shall be performed for 2 hours as follows:
 - (a) The system shall be permitted to lose up to 3 psi (0.2 bar) during the duration of the test.
 - (b) Air leaks shall be addressed if the system loses more than 3 psi (0.2 bar) during this test.
- (2) With the system at normal system air pressure, the air source shall be shut off for 4 hours. If the low pressure alarm goes off within this period, the leaks shall be addressed.

Chapter 30 Marine Systems

30.1 General.

30.1.1 Chapter 30 outlines the deletions, modifications, and additions that shall be required for marine application. The applicability of Chapter 30 shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

30.1.2 All other requirements of this standard shall apply to merchant vessel systems except as modified by this chapter.

30.1.3* Occupancy Classifications. Marine environment classifications shall be in accordance with Section 4.3.

30.1.4* Partial Installations.

30.1.4.1 Partial installation of automatic sprinklers shall not be permitted, unless the requirements of 30.1.4.2 or 30.1.4.3 are met.

30.1.4.2 Spaces shall be permitted to be protected with an alternative, approved fire suppression system where such areas are separated from the sprinklered areas with a 1-hour-rated assembly.

30.1.4.3 The requirements of 30.1.4.1 shall not apply where specific sections of this standard permit the omission of sprinklers.

30.2 System Components, Hardware, and Use.

30.2.1* Sprinklers shall have a K-factor of K-2.8 (40) or greater.

30.2.2* Sprinkler piping penetrations shall be designed to preserve the fire integrity of the ceiling or bulkhead penetrated.

30.2.3 Spare Sprinklers.

30.2.3.1 The required stock of spare sprinklers shall be carried for each type of sprinkler installed onboard the vessel.

30.2.3.2 Where fewer than six sprinklers of a particular type are installed, 100 percent spares shall be kept in stock.

30.2.3.3 Where applicable, at least one elastometric gasket shall be kept in the cabinet for each fire department connection that is installed onboard the vessel.

30.2.3.4 The cabinet containing spare sprinklers, special wrenches, and elastometric gaskets shall be located in the same central safety station that contains the alarm annunciator panel(s) and supervisory indicators.

30.2.4 System Pipe and Fittings.

30.2.4.1* When ferrous materials are used for piping between the sea chest and zone control valves, these materials shall be protected against corrosion by hot dip galvanizing or by the use of Schedule 80 piping.

30.2.4.2 Maximum design pressure for copper and brass pipe shall not exceed 250 psi (17.2 bar).

30.2.5 Pipe Support.

30.2.5.1* Pipe supports shall comply with the following:

- (1) Pipe supports shall be designed to provide adequate lateral, longitudinal, and vertical sway bracing.

- (2) The design shall account for the degree of bracing, which varies with the route and operation of the vessel.
- (3) Bracing shall be designed to ensure the following:
 - (a) Slamming, heaving, and rolling will not shift sprinkler piping, potentially moving sprinklers above ceilings, bulkheads, or other obstructions.
 - (b) Piping and sprinklers will remain in place at a steady heel angle at least equal to the maximum required damaged survival angle.
- (4) Pipe supports shall be welded to the structure.
- (5) Hangers that can loosen during ship motion or vibration, such as screw-down-type hangers, shall not be permitted.
- (6) Hangers that are listed for seismic use shall be permitted to be used in accordance with their listing.

30.2.5.2 Sprinkler piping shall be supported by the primary structural members of the vessel such as beams, girders, and stiffeners.

30.2.5.3* The components of hanger assemblies that are welded directly to the ship structure shall not be required to be listed.

30.2.5.4* U-hook sizes shall be no less than that specified in Table 17.2.1.4.

30.2.6 Valves.

30.2.6.1* All indicating, supply, and zone control valves shall be supervised open from a central safety station.

30.2.6.2 Drain and test valves shall meet the applicable requirements of 46 CFR 56.20 and 56.60.

30.2.6.3 Valve markings shall include the information required by 46 CFR 56.20-5(a).

30.2.7 Fire Department Connections and International Shore Connections.

30.2.7.1* A fire department connection and an International Shore Connection shall be installed.

30.2.7.2 The requirements for a fire department connection in 30.2.7.1 shall not apply to vessels that operate primarily on international voyages.

30.2.7.3 Connections shall be located near the gangway or other shore access point so that they are accessible to the land-based fire department.

30.2.7.4 Fire department and International Shore Connections shall be colored and marked so that the connections are easily located from the shore access point (i.e., gangway location) and will not be confused with a firemain connection.

30.2.7.5 An 18 in. × 18 in. (450 mm × 450 mm) sign displaying the symbol for fire department connection as shown in Table 5.2 of NFPA 170 shall be placed at the connection so that it is in plain sight from the shore access point.

30.2.7.6 Connections on both sides of the vessel shall be provided where shore access arrangements make it necessary.

30.2.7.7* Fire department connection thread type shall be compatible with fire department equipment.

30.2.7.8 International shore connections shall comply with ASTM F1121, *Standard Specification for International Shore Connections for Marine Fire Applications*.

30.3 System Requirements.

30.3.1* Relief Valves. Relief valves shall be provided on all wet pipe systems.

30.3.2 Spare Detection Devices. The number of spare detection devices or fusible elements used for protection systems that shall be carried per temperature rating is as follows:

- (1) Vessels shall have two spare detection devices or fusible elements when operating voyages are normally less than 24 hours.
- (2) Vessels shall have four spare detection devices or fusible elements when operating voyages are normally more than 24 hours.

30.3.3 System Piping Supervision. All preaction sprinkler systems shall be supervised regardless of the number of sprinklers supplied.

30.3.4 Circulating Closed Loop Systems. Circulating closed loop systems shall not be permitted.

30.4 Installation Requirements.

30.4.1 Temperature Zones. Intermediate-temperature-rated sprinklers shall be installed under a noninsulated steel deck that is exposed to sunlight.

30.4.2* Residential Sprinklers. Residential sprinklers shall be permitted for use only in sleeping accommodation areas.

30.4.3 Window Protection. Where required, windows shall be protected by sprinklers installed at a distance not exceeding 1 ft (300 mm) from the glazing at a spacing not exceeding 6 ft (1.8 m) such that the entire glazing surface is wetted at a linear density not less than 6 gpm/ft (75 mm/min), unless listed window sprinkler protection systems are installed in accordance with their installation and testing criteria.

30.4.4* Concealed Spaces.

30.4.4.1 Concealed spaces that are constructed of combustible materials, or materials with combustible finishes or that contain combustible materials, shall be sprinklered.

30.4.4.2 The requirements of 30.4.4.1 shall not apply to concealed spaces that contain only nonmetallic piping that is continuously filled with water.

30.4.5 Vertical Shafts.

30.4.5.1 Sprinklers shall not be required in vertical shafts used as duct, electrical, or pipe shafts that are nonaccessible, noncombustible, and enclosed in an A-Class-rated assembly.

30.4.5.2 Stairway enclosures shall be fully sprinklered.

30.4.6 Bath Modules. Sprinklers shall be installed in bath modules (full room modules) constructed with combustible materials, regardless of room fire load.

30.4.7 Ceiling Types. Drop-out ceilings shall not be used in conjunction with sprinklers.

30.4.8 Return Bends.

30.4.8.1 To prevent sediment buildup, return bends shall be installed in all shipboard sprinkler systems where pendent-type or dry pendent-type sprinklers are used in wet systems (*see Figure 16.3.11.2*).

30.4.8.2 Consideration shall be given concerning the intrusion of saltwater into the system.

30.4.8.3 Specifically, sprinklers shall not be rendered ineffective by corrosion related to saltwater entrapment within the return bend.

30.4.9 Hose Connections. Sprinkler system piping shall not be used to supply hose connections or hose connections for fire department use.

30.4.10 Heat-Sensitive Piping Materials.

30.4.10.1 Portions of the piping system constructed with a heat-sensitive material shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) Piping shall be of non-heat-sensitive type from the sea suction up through the penetration of the last A-Class barrier enclosing the space(s) in which the heat-sensitive piping is installed.
- (2) B-Class draft stops shall be fitted not more than 45 ft (14 m) apart between the marine thermal barrier (*see definitions in Chapter 3 and 30.1.3*) and the deck or shell.
- (3) Portions of a system that are constructed from heat-sensitive materials shall be installed behind a marine thermal barrier, unless the provisions of item (4) are met.
- (4)* Piping materials with brazed joints shall not be required to be installed behind a marine thermal barrier, provided the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The system is of the wet pipe type.
 - (b) The piping is not located in spaces containing boilers, internal combustion engines, or piping containing flammable or combustible liquids or gases under pressure, cargo holds, or vehicle decks.
 - (c) A relief valve in compliance with 8.1.2 is installed in each section of piping that is capable of being isolated by a valve(s).
 - (d) A valve(s) isolating the section of piping from the remainder of the system is installed in accordance with 30.4.10.2 and 30.4.10.3.

30.4.10.2 Each zone in which heat-sensitive piping is installed shall be fitted with a valve capable of segregating that zone from the remainder of the system.

30.4.10.3 The valve shall be supervised and located outside of the zone controlled and within an accessible compartment having A-Class boundaries or within a Type 1 stair.

30.4.11 Discharge of Drain Lines.

30.4.11.1 Drain lines shall not be connected to housekeeping, sewage, or deck drains. Drains shall be permitted to be discharged to bilges.

30.4.11.2 Overboard discharges shall meet the requirements of 46 CFR 56.50-95 and shall be corrosion resistant in accordance with 46 CFR 56.60.

30.4.11.3 Systems that contain water additives that are not permitted to be discharged into the environment shall be specially designed to prevent such discharge.

30.4.11.4 Discharges shall be provided with a down-turned elbow.

30.4.12 Alarm Signals and Devices.

30.4.12.1* A visual and audible alarm signal shall be given at the central safety station to indicate when the system is in operation or when a condition that would impair the satisfactory operation of the system exists.

30.4.12.2 Alarm signals shall be provided for, but not limited to, each of the following: monitoring position of control valves, fire pump power supplies and operating condition, water tank levels and temperatures, zone waterflow alarms, pressure of tanks, and air pressure on dry pipe valves.

30.4.12.3 Alarms shall give a distinct indication for each individual system component that is monitored.

30.4.12.4 An audible alarm shall be given at the central safety station within 30 seconds of waterflow.

30.4.12.5 Waterflow alarms shall be installed for every zone of the sprinkler system.

30.4.12.6 Sprinkler zones shall not encompass more than two adjacent decks or encompass more than one main vertical zone.

30.4.12.7 Electrically operated alarm attachments shall comply with, meet, and be installed in accordance with the requirements of 46 CFR, Subchapter J, "Electrical Engineering."

30.4.12.8 All wiring shall be chosen and installed in accordance with IEEE 45, *Recommended Practice for Electrical Installations on Shipboard*.

30.4.13 Test Connections. Where test connections are below the bulkhead deck, they shall comply with the overboard discharge arrangements of 46 CFR 56.50-95.

30.4.14 Protection of Copper Tubing. Copper tubing materials shall be protected against physical damage in areas where vehicles and stores handling equipment operate.

30.5 Design Approaches.

30.5.1 Design Options.

30.5.1.1 Marine sprinkler systems shall be designed using the hydraulic calculation procedure of Chapter 23.

30.5.1.2 The pipe schedule method shall not be used to determine the water demand requirements.

30.5.2* Window Protection. Minimum water demand requirements shall include sprinklers that are installed for the protection of windows as described in 30.4.3.

30.5.3* Hose Stream Allowance. No allowance for hose stream use shall be required.

30.6 Plans and Calculations.

30.6.1 Additional Information. The pressure tank size, high-pressure relief setting, high- and low-water alarm settings, low-pressure alarm setting, and pump start pressure shall be provided.

30.6.2 Sprinklers specifically installed for the protection of windows under 30.4.3 shall be permitted to be of a different size from those protecting the remainder of the occupancy classification.

30.6.3 All of the window sprinklers, however, shall be of the same size.

30.6.4* Marine sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed to be fully operational without a reduction in system performance when the vessel is upright and inclined at the angles of inclination specified in 46 CFR 58.01-40.

30.7 Water Supplies.

30.7.1 General. The water supply requirements for marine applications shall be in accordance with Section 30.7.

30.7.2 Pressure Tank.

30.7.2.1 Unless the requirements of 30.7.2.2 are met, a pressure tank shall be provided. The pressure tank shall be sized and constructed so that the following occurs:

- (1) The tank shall contain a standing charge of freshwater equal to that specified by Table 30.7.2.1.
- (2) The pressure tank shall be sized in accordance with 5.2.4.
- (3) A glass gauge shall be provided to indicate the correct level of water within the pressure tank.
- (4) Arrangements shall be provided for maintaining an air pressure in the tank such that, while the standing charge of water is being expended, the pressure will not be less than that necessary to provide the design pressure and flow of the hydraulically most remote design area.
- (5) Suitable means of replenishing the air under pressure and the freshwater standing charge in the tank shall be provided.
- (6) Tank construction shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements of 46 CFR, Subchapter F, "Marine Engineering."

30.7.2.2 Pressure Tank Alternative. In lieu of a pressure tank, a dedicated pump connected to a freshwater tank shall be permitted to be used, provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The pump is listed for marine use and is sized to meet the required system demand.
- (2) The suction for the fire pump is located below the suction for the freshwater system so that there shall be a minimum water supply of at least 1 minute for the required system demand.
- (3) Pressure switches are provided in the system and the controller for the pump that automatically start the pump within 10 seconds after detection of a pressure drop of more than 5 percent.
- (4) There shall be a reduced pressure zone backflow preventer to prevent contamination of the potable water system by saltwater.

Table 30.7.2.1 Required Water Supply

System Type	Additional Water Volume
Wet pipe system	Flow requirement of the hydraulically most remote system demand for 1 minute
Preaction system	Flow requirement of the hydraulically most remote system demand for 1 minute of system demand plus the volume needed to fill all dry piping
Deluge system	
Dry pipe system	

- (5) This pump has at least two sources of power. Where the sources of power are electrical, these shall be a main generator and an emergency source of power. One supply shall be taken from the main switchboard, by separate feeder reserved solely for that purpose. This feeder shall be run to an automatic changeover switch situated near the sprinkler unit, and the switch shall normally be kept closed to the feeder from the emergency switchboard. The changeover switch shall be clearly labeled, and no other switch shall be permitted in these feeders.

30.7.2.3 Relief Valves.

30.7.2.3.1 Relief valves shall be installed on the tank to avoid overpressurization and false actuation of any dry pipe valve.

30.7.2.3.2 Relief valves shall comply with 46 CFR 54.15-10.

30.7.2.4 Power Source.

30.7.2.4.1 There shall be not less than two sources of power for the compressors that supply air to the pressure tank.

30.7.2.4.2 Where the sources of power are electrical, these shall be a main generator and an emergency source of power.

30.7.2.4.3 One supply shall be taken from the main switchboard, by separate feeders reserved solely for that purpose.

30.7.2.4.4 Such feeders shall be run to a changeover switch situated near the air compressor, and the switch normally shall be kept closed to the feeder from the emergency switchboard.

30.7.2.4.5 The changeover switch shall be clearly labeled, and no other switch shall be permitted in these feeders.

30.7.2.5 Multiple Tanks.

30.7.2.5.1 More than one pressure tank can be installed, provided that each is treated as a single water source when determining valve arrangements.

30.7.2.5.2 Check valves shall be installed to prohibit flow from tank to tank or from pump to tank, unless the tank is designed to hold only pressurized air.

30.7.2.6 In systems subject to use with saltwater, valves shall be so arranged as to prohibit contamination of the pressure tank with saltwater.

30.7.2.7* Where applicable, a means shall be provided to restrict the amount of air that can enter the pressure tank from the air supply system. A means shall also be provided to prevent water from backflowing into the air supply system.

30.7.3 Fire Pump.

30.7.3.1 A dedicated, automatically controlled pump that is listed for marine service, which takes suction from the sea, shall be provided to supply the sprinkler system.

30.7.3.2 Where two pumps are required to ensure the reliability of the water supply, the pump that supplies the fire main shall be allowed to serve as the second fire pump.

30.7.3.3* The pump shall be sized to meet the water demand of the hydraulically most demanding area.

30.7.3.4 Pumps shall be designed to not exceed 120 percent of the rated capacity of the pump.

30.7.3.5 The system shall be designed so that, before the supply falls below the design criteria, the fire pump shall be

automatically started and shall supply water to the system until manually shut off.

30.7.3.6 Where pump and freshwater tank arrangement is used in lieu of the pressure tank, there must be a pressure switch that senses a system pressure drop of 25 percent, and the controller must automatically start the fire pump(s) if pressure is not restored within 20 seconds.

30.7.3.7 There shall be not less than two sources of power supply for the fire pumps. Where the sources of power are electrical, these shall be a main generator and an emergency source of power.

30.7.3.8 One supply shall be taken from the main switchboard by separate feeders reserved solely for that purpose.

30.7.3.9 Such feeders shall be run to a changeover switch situated near to the sprinkler unit, and the switch normally shall be kept closed to the feeder from the emergency switchboard.

30.7.3.10 The changeover switch shall be clearly labeled, and no other switch shall be permitted in these feeders.

30.7.3.11 Test Valves.

30.7.3.11.1 A test valve(s) shall be installed on the discharge side of the pump with a short open-ended discharge pipe.

30.7.3.11.2 The area of the pipe shall be adequate to permit the release of the required water output to supply the demand of the hydraulically most remote area.

30.7.3.12 Multiple Pumps.

30.7.3.12.1 Where two fire pumps are required to ensure the reliability of the water supply, each fire pump shall meet the requirements of 30.7.3.1 through 30.7.3.4.

30.7.3.12.2 In addition, a system that is required to have more than one pump shall be designed to accommodate the following features:

- (1)* Pump controls and system sensors shall be arranged such that the secondary pump will automatically operate if the primary pump fails to operate or deliver the required water pressure and flow. *[Figure A.30.7.3.12.2(1) is an example of an acceptable dual pump arrangement.]*
- (2) Both pumps shall be served from normal and emergency power sources. However, where approved by the authority having jurisdiction, the secondary pump shall be permitted to be nonelectrically driven.
- (3) Pump failure or operation shall be indicated at the central safety station.

30.7.3.13* If not specifically prohibited, the fire pump that supplies the fire main shall be permitted to be used as the second pump, provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The pump is adequately sized to meet the required fire hose and sprinkler system pressure and flow demands simultaneously.
- (2) The fire main system is segregated from the sprinkler system by a normally closed valve that is designed to automatically open upon failure of the designated fire pump.
- (3) The fire pump that supplies the fire main is automatically started in the event of dedicated fire pump failure or loss of pressure in the sprinkler main. *(See Figure A.30.7.3.13.)*

30.7.4 Water Supply Configurations.

30.7.4.1 The pressure tank and fire pump shall be located in a position reasonably remote from any machinery space of Category A.

30.7.4.2 All valves within the water supply piping system shall be supervised.

30.7.4.3 Only freshwater shall be used as the initial charge within the piping network.

30.7.4.4 The sprinkler system shall be cross-connected with the ship's fire main system and fitted with a lockable screw-down nonreturn valve such that backflow from the sprinkler system to the fire main is prevented.

30.7.4.5 The piping, tanks, and pumps that make up the water supply shall be installed in accordance with the applicable requirements of 46 CFR, Subchapter F, "Marine Engineering."

30.7.4.6* When a shorewater supply is to be used during extended dockside periods, the water supply shall be qualified in the manner described in 5.2.2.

30.7.4.7 Tests shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the local shore-based authority having jurisdiction.

30.7.4.8 The water supply information listed in Section 4.6 shall then be provided to the authority having jurisdiction.

30.8 System Acceptance.

30.8.1 Hydrostatic Tests. In addition to the interior piping, the test required by 28.2.1.7 shall also be conducted on all

external water supply connections including international shore and fireboat connections.

30.8.2 Alarm Test. A waterflow test shall result in an alarm at the central safety station within 30 seconds after flow through the test connection begins.

30.8.3 Operational Tests.

30.8.3.1 Pressure tank and pump operation, valve actuation, and waterflow shall also be tested.

30.8.3.2 Pump operation and performance shall be tested in accordance with Chapter 14 of NFPA 20.

30.9 System Instructions and Maintenance.

30.9.1 Instructions for operation, inspection, maintenance, and testing shall be kept on the vessel.

30.9.2 Records of inspections, tests, and maintenance required by NFPA 25 shall also be kept on the vessel.

Chapter 31 System Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance

31.1* General. A sprinkler system installed in accordance with this standard shall be properly inspected, tested, and maintained by the property owner or their authorized representative in accordance with NFPA 25 to provide at least the same level of performance and protection as designed.

Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

A.1.1 This standard provides a range of sprinkler system approaches, design development alternatives, and component options that are all acceptable. Building owners and their designated representatives are advised to carefully evaluate proposed selections for appropriateness and preference.

A.1.1.2 Various codes and standards allow exceptions and reductions in building fire protection and other construction features where fire sprinkler systems are installed in accordance with NFPA standards. Only after appropriate analysis and evaluation of a tested mist system has been performed for the intended installation, and taking into consideration criteria other than solely fire-fighting performance (visibility, pressure ratings of backup systems, etc.) should exceptions and reductions in building fire protection and other construction features be allowed by the authority having jurisdiction. These systems are adequately described in NFPA 750.

A.1.1.3 This standard also provides guidance for the installation of systems for exterior protection and specific hazards. Where these systems are installed, they are also designed for protection of a fire from a single ignition source.

A.1.2 Since its inception, this document has been developed on the basis of standardized materials, devices, and design practices. However, Sections 1.2 and 15.2 allow the use of materials and devices not specifically designated by this standard, provided such use is within parameters established by a listing organization. In using such materials or devices, it is important that all conditions, requirements, and limitations of the listing be fully understood and accepted and that the installation be in complete accord with such listing requirements.

A.1.6.1.4 Where both units of measure are presented (SI and Imperial), users of this standard should apply one set of units consistently and should not alternate between units.

A.1.6.3 Some dimensions used in this standard require a tight precision and others do not. For example, when performing hydraulic calculations more precision is required than when specifying a nominal dimension. An example is pipe sizes, where we typically refer to a nominal diameter rather than the exact diameter. The metric equivalents also have a set of generally accepted nominal measurements, and they are not a precise conversion from the "English Unit" nominal dimension. Throughout the standard the generally accepted nominal pipe sizes have been used. For example 1 in. pipe = 25 mm, 1¼ in. pipe = 32 mm, 1½ in. pipe = 40 mm, and so forth. In other cases, rounding is used and the number of significant digits taken into account. For example, a 30 ft ceiling would be 9.144 m. This implies a level of precision that is higher than used for the original dimension, and a conversion to 9.1 m or even 9 m is more appropriate. Another example is that in the standard, 1 in. has been converted to 25 mm and not 25.4 mm, 2 in. to 50 mm, 6 in. to 150 mm, and so forth. Finally, locally available material can have different characteristics in countries that use metric units than are typically found in the United States. Examples are things like standard door or window sizes, rack dimensions, and so forth. In these cases an approximate conversion can also be used. Where approximate conversions have been used, it is acceptable for a designer or installer to

use an exact conversion rather than the approximate conversion used in the standard.

A.3.2.1 Approved. The National Fire Protection Association does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials; nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, the authority having jurisdiction may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. In the absence of such standards, said authority may require evidence of proper installation, procedure, or use. The authority having jurisdiction may also refer to the listings or labeling practices of an organization that is concerned with product evaluations and is thus in a position to determine compliance with appropriate standards for the current production of listed items.

A.3.2.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The phrase "authority having jurisdiction," or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner; since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

A.3.2.3 Listed. The means for identifying listed equipment may vary for each organization concerned with product evaluation; some organizations do not recognize equipment as listed unless it is also labeled. The authority having jurisdiction should utilize the system employed by the listing organization to identify a listed product.

A.3.3.4 Aisle Width. See Figure A.3.3.4.

A.3.3.8.3 Open Array. Fire tests conducted to represent a closed array utilized 6 in. (150 mm) longitudinal flues and no transverse flues. Fire tests conducted to represent an open array utilized 12 in. (300 mm) longitudinal flues.

A.3.3.8.5 Standard Array (Rolled Paper). The occasional presence of partially used rolls on top of columns of otherwise uniform diameter rolls does not appreciably affect the burning characteristics.

A.3.3.12 Back-to-Back Shelf Storage. The requirement for the lack of a longitudinal flue space does not prohibit a small

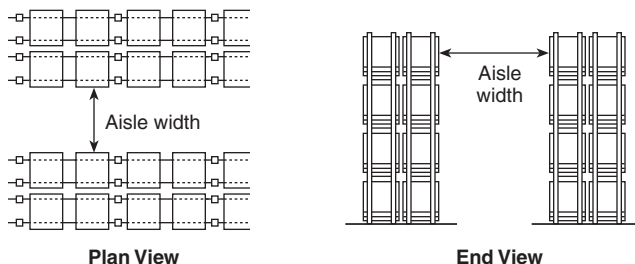


FIGURE A.3.3.4 Illustration of Aisle Width.

gap between the units or a small gap between the shelves and the vertical barrier. See Figure A.3.3.12.

A.3.3.13 Baled Cotton. See Table A.3.3.13.

A.3.3.16 Bathroom. A room is still considered a bathroom if it contains just a toilet. Additionally, two bathrooms can be adjacent to each other and are considered separate rooms, provided they are enclosed with the required level of construction. A compartment containing only a toilet, regardless of its intended use, is considered a bathroom.

A.3.3.21 Carton Records Storage. Carton records storage is a Class III commodity when it is within the definition of 20.4.3 and is permitted to contain a limited amount (5 percent by weight or volume or less) of Group A or Group B plastics. Materials stored include Class I and II commodities, paper business records, books, magazines, stationery, newspapers, cardboard dividers, and cartons. See Table A.20.4.3.

A.3.3.25 Ceiling Pocket. It is not the intent of this definition to be applied to structural and/or framing members otherwise used to define obstructed or unobstructed construction. Ceiling pockets can be protected or unprotected. A ceiling pocket where the upper ceiling is within the allowable vertical distance from the sprinkler deflector should be considered a protected ceiling pocket. Buildings with protected ceiling pockets are permitted to use the quick-response reduction of 19.3.3.2.3. Buildings with unprotected ceiling pockets greater than 32 ft² (3.0 m²) are not allowed to use the quick-response reduction of 19.3.3.2.3.

A.3.3.39 Compartmented. Cartons used in most of the FM Global-sponsored plastic tests involved an ordinary 200 lb (91 kg) test of outside corrugated cartons with five layers of vertical pieces of corrugated carton used as dividers on the inside. There were also single horizontal pieces of corrugated carton between each layer.

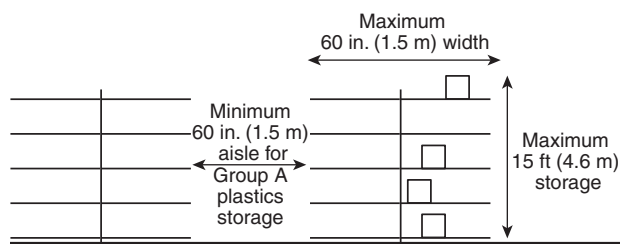


FIGURE A.3.3.12 Back-to-Back Shelf Storage.

Other tests sponsored by the Society of Plastics Industry, Industrial Risk Insurers, FM Global, and Kemper used two vertical pieces of carton (not corrugated) to form an “X” in the carton for separation of product. This arrangement was not considered compartmented, as the pieces of carton used for separations were flexible (not rigid), and only two pieces were used in each carton.

A.3.3.41.1 Obstructed Construction. The following examples of obstructed construction are provided to assist the user in determining the type of construction feature:

- (1) *Beam and Girder Construction.* The term *beam and girder construction* as used in this standard includes noncombustible and combustible roof or floor decks supported by wood beams of 4 in. (100 mm) or greater nominal thickness or concrete or steel beams spaced 3 ft to 7½ ft (900 mm to 2.3 m) on center and either supported on or framed into girders. [Where supporting a wood plank deck, this includes semi-mill and panel construction, and where supporting (with steel framing) gypsum plank, steel deck, concrete, tile, or similar material, this includes much of the so-called noncombustible construction.]
- (2) *Concrete Tee Construction.* The term *concrete tee construction* as it is used in this standard refers to solid concrete members with stems (legs) having a nominal thickness less than the nominal height. [See Figure A.3.3.41.1(a) for examples of concrete tee construction.]
- (3) *Composite Wood Joist Construction.* The term *composite wood joist construction* refers to wood beams of “I” cross section constructed of wood flanges and solid wood web, supporting a floor or roof deck. Composite wood joists can vary in depth up to 48 in. (1200 mm), can be spaced up to 48 in. (1200 mm) on centers, and can span up to 60 ft (18 m) between supports. Joist channels should be firestopped to the full depth of the joists with material equivalent to the web construction so that individual channel areas do not exceed 300 ft² (28 m²). [See Figure A.3.3.41.1(b) for an example of composite wood joist construction.]
- (4) *Panel Construction.* The term *panel construction* as used in this standard includes ceiling panels formed by members capable of trapping heat to aid the operation of sprinklers and limited to a maximum of 300 ft² (28 m²) in area. There should be no unfilled penetrations in the cross-sectional area of the bounding structural members including the interface at the roof. Beams spaced more than 7½ ft (2.3 m) apart and framed into girders qualify as panel construction, provided the 300 ft² (28 m²) area limitation is met.

Table A.3.3.13 Typical Cotton Bale Types and Approximate Sizes

Bale Type	Dimensions		Average Weight		Volume		Density	
	in.	mm	lb	kg	ft ³	m ³	lb/ft ³	kg/m ³
Compressed, standard	57 × 29 × 23	1425 × 725 × 575	500	225	22.0	0.62	22.7	365
Gin, standard	55 × 31 × 21	1325 × 775 × 525	500	225	20.7	0.58	24.2	390
Compressed, universal	58 × 25 × 21	1450 × 625 × 525	500	225	17.6	0.50	28.4	455
Gin, universal	55 × 26 × 21	1375 × 650 × 525	500	225	17.4	0.49	28.7	460
Compressed, high density	58 × 22 × 21	1450 × 550 × 525	500	225	15.5	0.44	32.2	515
Densely packed baled cotton	55 × 21 × 27.6 to 35.4	1375 × 525 × 690 to 885	500	225	21.1	0.60	22.0	350

- (5) *Semi-Mill Construction.* The term *semi-mill construction* as used in this standard refers to a modified standard mill construction, where greater column spacing is used and beams rest on girders.
- (6) *Wood Joist Construction.* The term *wood joist construction* refers to solid wood members of rectangular cross section, which can vary from 2 in. to 4 in. (50 mm to 100 mm) nominal width and can be up to 14 in. (350 mm) nominal depth, spaced up to 3 ft (900 mm) on centers, and can span up to 40 ft (12 m) between supports, supporting a floor or roof deck. Solid wood members less than 4 in. (100 mm) nominal width and up to 14 in. (350 mm) nominal depth, spaced more than 3 ft (900 mm) on centers, are also considered as wood joist construction. Wood joists can exceed 14 in. (350 mm) in nominal depth.
- (7) *Bar Joist Construction with Fireproofing.* In order to meet building codes, bar joists are often covered with fireproofing materials. In such an event, if greater than 30 percent of the area of the joist is obstructed, it should be considered obstructed construction.
- (8) *Steel Purlin Construction.* This term refers to clear span or multiple span buildings with straight or tapered columns and frames supporting C- or Z-type purlins greater than 4 in. (100 mm) in depth spaced up to 7½ ft (2.3 m) on center.
- (9) *Truss Construction (Wood or Steel).* The term *truss construction* refers to parallel or pitched chord members connected by open web members supporting a roof or floor deck with top and bottom members greater than 4 in. (100 mm) in depth. [See Figure A.3.3.41.1(c).]
- (10) *Bar Joist Construction (Wood or Steel).* The term *bar joist construction* refers to construction employing joists consisting of steel truss-shaped members. Wood truss-shaped members, which consist of wood top and bottom chord members with steel tube or bar webs, are also defined as bar joists. Bar joists include noncombustible or combustible roof or floor decks on bar joist construction with top and bottom chord members greater than 4 in. (100 mm) in depth. [See Figure A.3.3.41.2(a) and Figure A.3.3.41.2(b) for examples of bar joist construction.]

A.3.3.41.2 Unobstructed Construction. The following examples of unobstructed construction are provided to assist the user in determining the type of construction feature:

- (1) *Bar Joist Construction.* The term *bar joist construction* refers to construction employing joists consisting of steel truss-shaped members. Wood truss-shaped members, which consist of wood top and bottom chord members with steel tube or bar webs, are also defined as bar joists. Bar joists include noncombustible or combustible roof or floor decks on bar joist construction with top and bottom chord members not exceeding 4 in. (100 mm) in depth. [See Figure A.3.3.41.2(a) and Figure A.3.3.41.2(b) for examples of bar joist construction.]
- (2) *Open-Grid Ceilings.* The term *open-grid ceilings* as used in this standard refers to ceilings in which the openings are ¼ in. (6 mm) or larger in the least dimension, the thickness of the ceiling material does not exceed the least dimension of the openings, and the openings constitute at least 70 percent of the ceiling area.
- (3) *Smooth Ceiling Construction.* The term *smooth ceiling construction* as used in this standard includes the following:

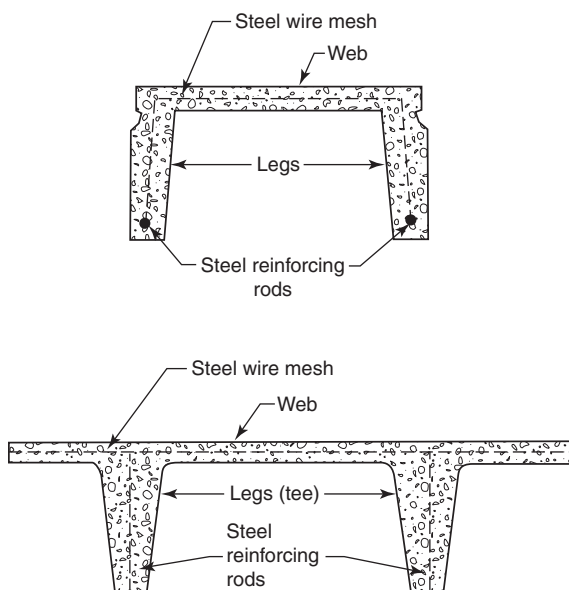


FIGURE A.3.3.41.1(a) Typical Concrete Tee Construction.

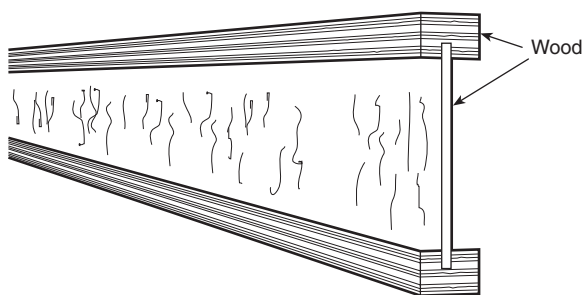


FIGURE A.3.3.41.1(b) Typical Composite Wood Joist Construction.

- (a) Flat slab, pan-type reinforced concrete
- (b) Continuous smooth bays formed by wood, concrete, or steel beams spaced more than 7½ ft (2.3 m) on centers — beams supported by columns, girders, or trusses
- (c) Smooth roof or floor decks supported directly on girders or trusses spaced more than 7½ ft (2.3 m) on center
- (d) Smooth monolithic ceilings of at least ¾ in. (20 mm) of plaster on metal lath or a combination of materials of equivalent fire-resistive rating attached to the underside of wood joists, wood trusses, and bar joists
- (e) Open-web-type steel beams, regardless of spacing
- (f) Smooth shell-type roofs, such as folded plates, hyperbolic paraboloids, saddles, domes, and long barrel shells
- (g) Suspended ceilings of combustible or noncombustible construction
- (h) Smooth monolithic ceilings with fire resistance less than that specified under item A.3.3.41.2(3)(d) and attached to the underside of wood joists, wood trusses, and bar joists

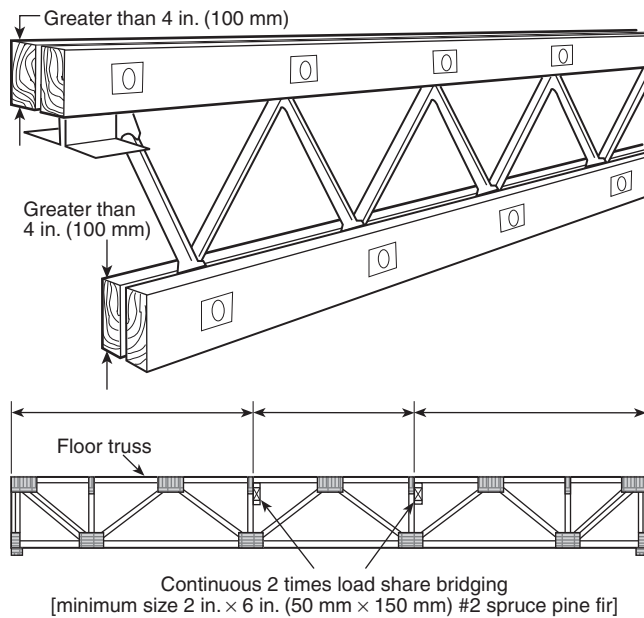


FIGURE A.3.3.41.1(c) Wood Truss Construction.

Combustible or noncombustible floor decks are permitted in the construction specified in A.3.3.41.2(3)(b) through A.3.3.41.2(3)(f). A.3.3.41.2(3)(b) would include standard mill construction.

- (4) *Standard Mill Construction.* The term *standard mill construction* as used in this standard refers to heavy timber construction as defined in NFPA 220.
- (5) *Truss Construction (Wood or Steel).* The term *truss construction* refers to parallel or pitched chord members connected by open web members supporting a roof or floor deck with top and bottom members not exceeding 4 in. (100 mm) in depth. [See Figure A.3.3.41.2(c).]

A.3.3.42 Container (Shipping, Master, or Outer Container). The term *container* includes items such as cartons and wrappings. Fire-retardant containers or tote boxes do not by themselves create a need for automatic sprinklers unless coated with oil or grease. Containers can lose their fire-retardant properties if washed. For obvious reasons, they should not be exposed to rainfall.

A.3.3.46 Control Valve. Control valves do not include hose valves, inspector's test valves, drain valves, trim valves for dry pipe, preaction and deluge valves, check valves, or relief valves.

A.3.3.57 Draft Curtain. Additional information about the size and installation of draft curtains can be found in NFPA 204.

A.3.3.64 Encapsulation. Totally noncombustible commodities on wood pallets enclosed only by a plastic sheet as described are not covered under this definition. Banding (i.e., stretch-wrapping around the sides only of a pallet load) is not considered to be encapsulation. Where there are holes or voids in the plastic or waterproof cover on the top of the carton that exceed more than half of the area of the cover, the term *encapsulated* does not apply. The term *encapsulated* does not apply to plastic-enclosed products or packages inside a large, nonplastic, enclosed container.

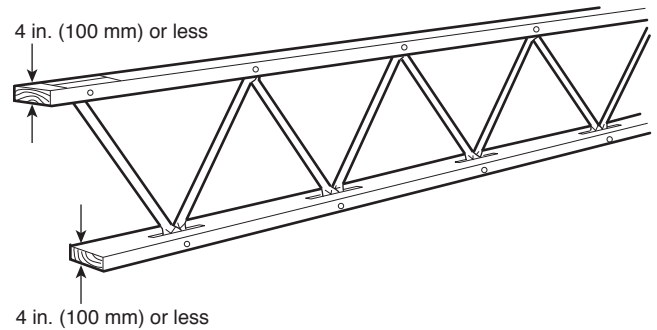


FIGURE A.3.3.41.2(a) Wood Bar Joist Construction.

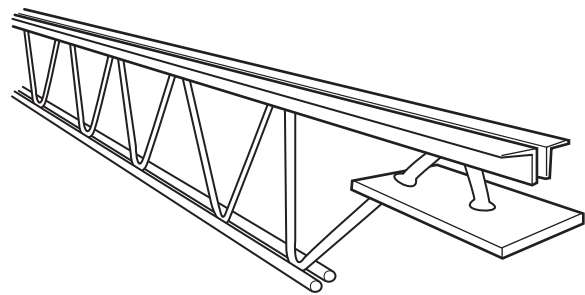


FIGURE A.3.3.41.2(b) Open-Web Bar Joist Construction.

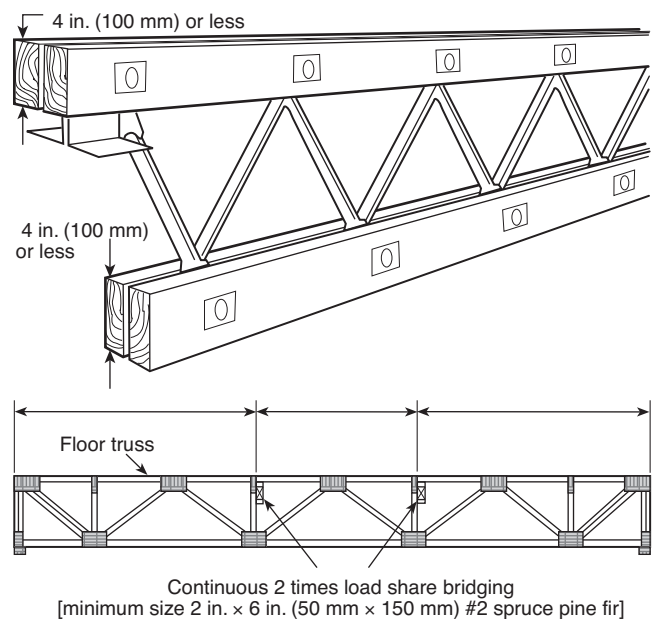


FIGURE A.3.3.41.2(c) Examples of Wood Truss Construction.

A.3.3.71 Face Sprinklers. All face sprinklers should be located within the rack structure. The flue spaces are generally created by the arrangement of the racks, and "walkways" should not be considered flue spaces.

A.3.3.83 Four-Way Bracing. A sway brace assembly could include a lateral and longitudinal brace in combination.

A.3.3.106 Indicating Valve. Examples are outside screw and yoke (OS&Y) gate valves, butterfly valves, and underground gate valves with indicator posts.

A.3.3.114 Limited-Combustible (Material). Material subject to increase in combustibility or flame spread index beyond the limits herein established through the effects of age, moisture, or other atmospheric condition is considered combustible. See NFPA 259 and NFPA 220.

A.3.3.116 Longitudinal Flue Space. See Figure A.3.3.116.

A.3.3.118 Low-Piled Storage. This definition is not intended to address allowable design approaches and protection schemes.

A.3.3.119.4 Heat-Sensitive Material. The backbone of the fire protection philosophy for U.S. flagged vessels and passenger vessels that trade internationally is limiting a fire to the compartment of origin by passive means. Materials that do not withstand a 1-hour fire exposure when tested in accordance with ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, or ANSI/UL 263, *Fire Tests of Building Construction Materials*, are considered “heat sensitive.”

A.3.3.119.7 International Shore Connection. See Figure A.3.3.119.7.

A.3.3.119.8 Marine System. Some types of sprinkler systems can closely resemble marine systems, such as a system installed on a floating structure that has a permanent water supply connection to a public main. For these types of systems, judgment should be used in determining if certain aspects of Chapter 26 are applicable.

A.3.3.119.9 Marine Thermal Barrier. A marine thermal barrier is typically referred to as a B-15 boundary.

A.3.3.123 Miscellaneous Storage. The sprinkler system design criteria for miscellaneous storage at heights below 12 ft (3.7 m) are covered by this standard in Chapter 13. Chapter 13 describes design criteria, and Section 4.5 describes installation requirements (area limits). These requirements apply to all storage of 12 ft (3.7 m) or less in height.

A.3.3.124 Miscellaneous Tire Storage. The limitations on the type and size of storage are intended to identify those situations where tire storage is present in limited quantities and incidental to the main use of the building. Occupancies such as aircraft hangars, automobile dealers, repair garages, retail storage facilities, automotive and truck assembly plants, and mobile home assembly plants are types of facilities where miscellaneous storage could be present.

A.3.3.142 Open-Top Container. Open-top containers can prevent water from running across the top to storage and down the flues and can also collect water. The container will prevent water penetration to a fire in lower levels where it is needed. Rack or flue collapse can also occur if too much water is collected. Consideration should be given to the potential degree of water collection possible within the container when applying the definition of an open-top container. The following conditions should be considered:

- (1) Small openings at the top of containers containing such items as fresh produce are quite common and should not be considered as an open-top container.
- (2) Arrangements that include open-top containers that are all located on the bottom tier of rack storage do not

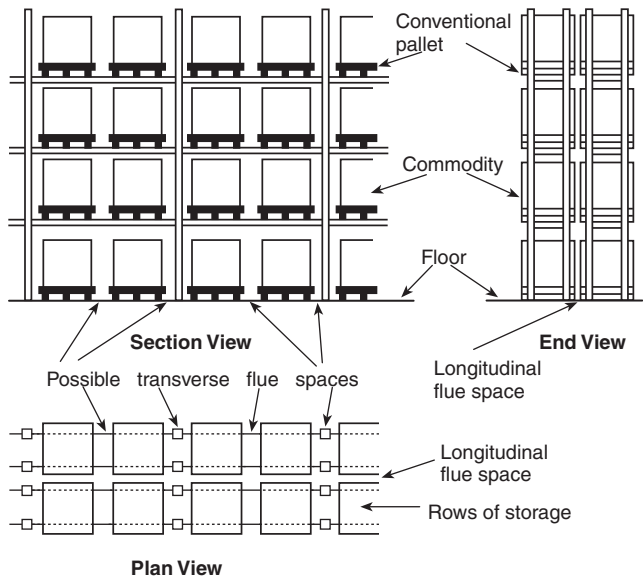


FIGURE A.3.3.116 Typical Double-Row (Back-to-Back) Rack Arrangement.

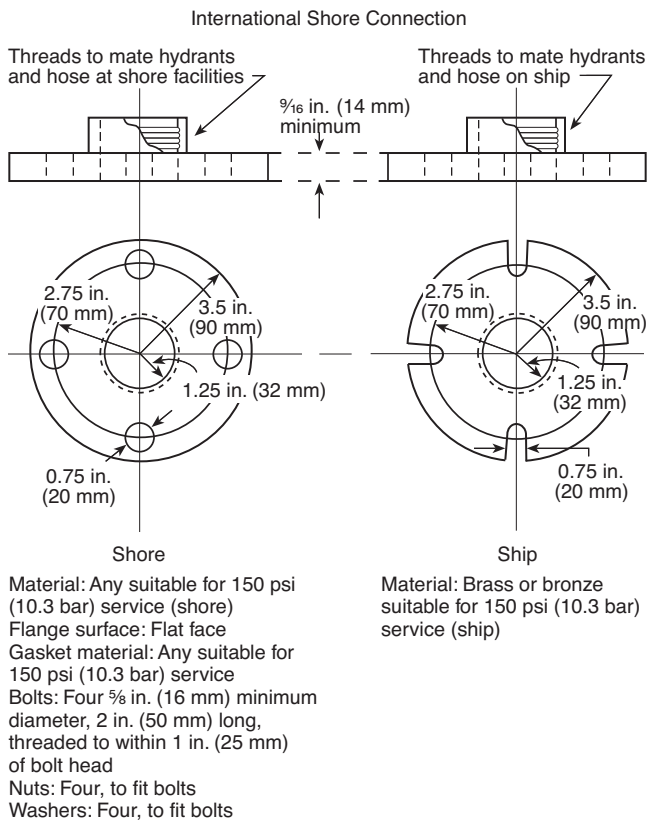


FIGURE A.3.3.119.7 International Shore Fire Connection.

prevent penetration of water and should not be considered an open-top container.

- (3) Containers having either wire mesh siding or large uniform openings along the bottom perimeter of each container, such that water enters the container at the same flow rate and discharge evenly into the flue spaces should not be considered as an open-top container provided the contents of the container are not water absorbent and are not capable of blocking such container openings.
- (4) Open-top containers that are stored in fixed location on racks equipped with flat or domed-shaped fixed-in-place lids that are provided directly above the open-top containers and prevent water from entering the open-top container, as well as distribute water equally into all flue spaces should not be considered an open-top container.

A.3.3.147.1 Conventional Pallets. See Figure A.3.3.147.1.

A.3.3.147.3 Reinforced Plastic Pallet. See Figure A.3.3.147.3(a) and Figure A.3.3.147.3(b).

A.3.3.152 Pile Stability, Stable Piles. Pile stability performance has been shown to be a difficult factor to judge prior to a pile being subjected to an actual fire. In the test work completed, compartmented cartons (*see A.3.3.39, Compartmented*) have been shown to be stable under fire conditions. Tests also indicated cartons that were not compartmented tended to be unstable under fire conditions.

Storage on pallets, compartmented storage, and plastic components that are held in place by materials that do not deform readily under fire conditions are examples of stable storage.

A.3.3.153 Pile Stability, Unstable Piles. Leaning stacks, crushed bottom cartons, and reliance on combustible bands for stability are examples of potential pile instability under a fire condition. An increase in pile height tends to increase instability.

A.3.3.158 Post-Installed Anchors. Examples of these are wedge or undercut anchors, or powder-driven studs.

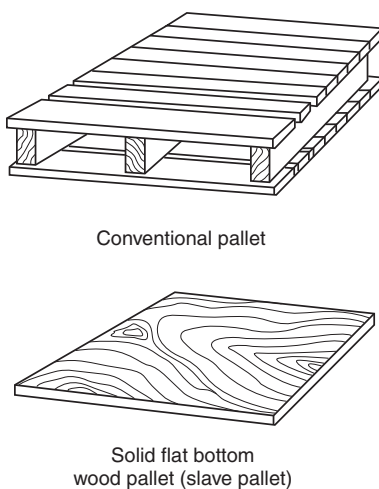


FIGURE A.3.3.147.1 Typical Pallets.

A.3.3.163 Private Fire Service Main. See Figure A.3.3.163.

A.3.3.164 Prying Factor. Prying factors in NFPA 13 are utilized to determine the design loads for attachments to concrete. Prying is a particular concern for anchorage to concrete because the anchor could fail in a brittle fashion.

A.3.3.171 Rack. Shelving can be solid, slatted, or open. Racks can be fixed, portable, or movable. Loading can be either manual, using lift trucks, stacker cranes, or hand placement, or automatic, using machine-controlled storage and retrieval systems.

Rack storage as referred to in this standard contemplates commodities in a rack structure, usually steel. Many variations

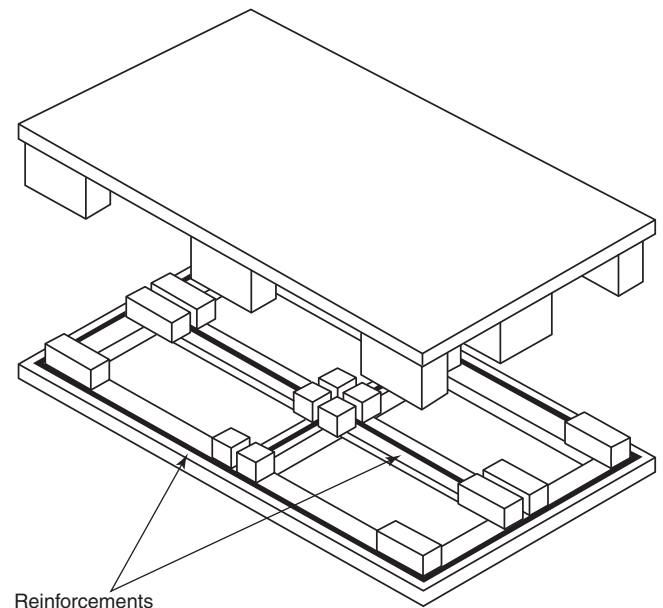


FIGURE A.3.3.147.3(a) Cut-Away Reinforced Plastic Pallet.

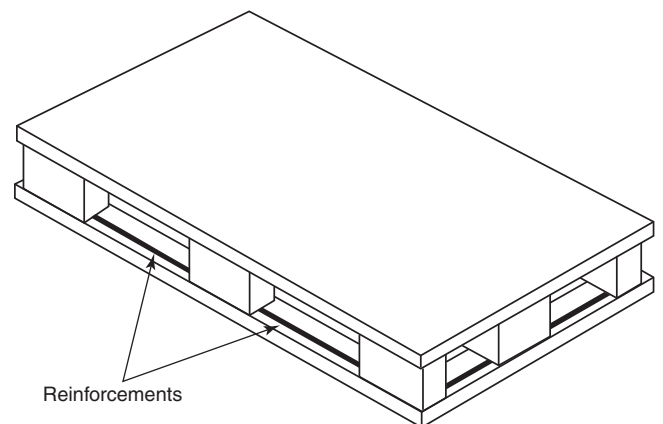
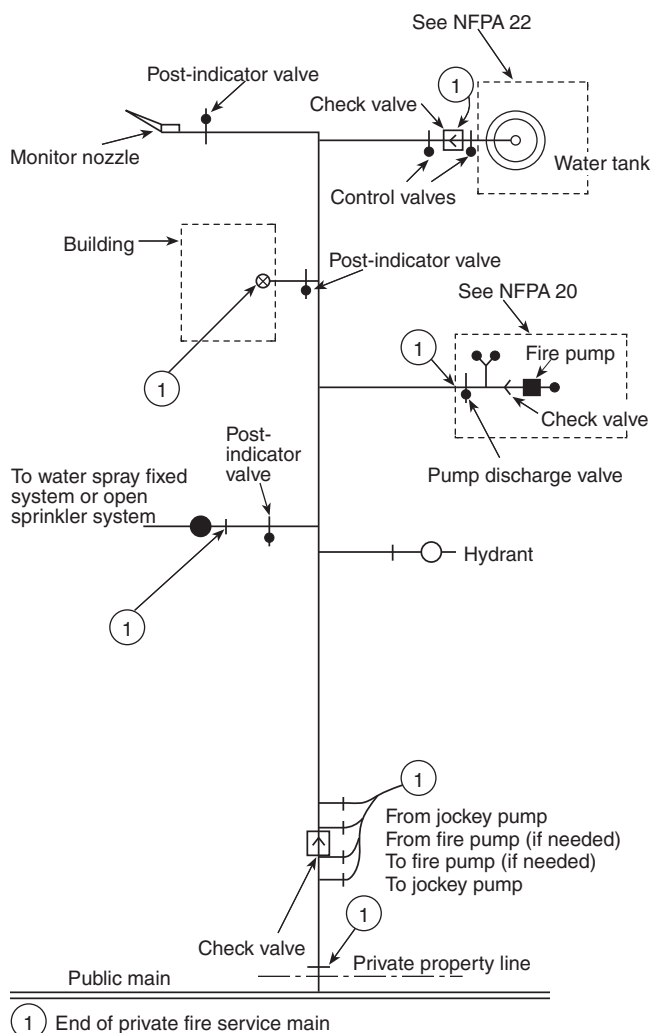


FIGURE A.3.3.147.3(b) Assembled Reinforced Plastic Pallet.



Note: The piping (aboveground or buried) shown is specific as to the end of the private fire service main and schematic only for illustrative purposes beyond. Details of valves and their location requirements are covered in the specific standard involved.

FIGURE A.3.3.163 Typical Private Fire Service Main.

of dimensions are found. Racks can be single-, double-, or multiple-row, with or without solid shelving. The standard commodity used in most of the tests was 42 in. (1050 mm) on a side. Examples of the types of racks covered in this standard are as follows:

- (1) **Double-Row Racks.** Pallets rest on two beams parallel to the aisle. Any number of pallets can be supported by one pair of beams. [See Figure A.3.3.171(a) through Figure A.3.3.171(d).]
- (2) **Automatic Storage-Type Rack.** The pallet is supported by two rails running perpendicular to the aisle. [See Figure A.3.3.171(e).]
- (3) **Multiple-Row Racks More Than Two Pallets Deep, Measured Aisle to Aisle.** These racks include drive-in racks, drive-through racks, flow-through racks, portable racks arranged in the same manner, and conventional or automatic racks with aisles less than 42 in. (1050 mm) wide. [See Figure A.3.3.171(f) through Figure A.3.3.171(i).]

- (4) **Movable Racks.** Movable racks are racks on fixed rails or guides. They can be moved back and forth only in a horizontal, two-dimensional plane. A moving aisle is created as abutting racks are either loaded or unloaded, then moved across the aisle to abut other racks. [See Figure A.3.3.171(k).]
- (5) **Cantilever Rack.** The load is supported on arms that extend horizontally from columns. The load can rest on the arms or on shelves supported by the arms. [See Figure A.3.3.171(j).]

Load depth in conventional or automatic racks should be considered a nominal 4 ft (1.2 m). [See Figure A.3.3.171(b).]

When catwalks are installed between racks, these areas are not to be considered flue spaces.

A.3.3.174 Raw Water Source. Examples of raw water sources are mill ponds, lakes, streams, open-top reservoirs, and so forth. Examples of non-raw water sources can include city water supplies, cisterns, pressure tanks, gravity tanks, break tanks, aquifers, and so forth. Water sources that are closed or protected from direct contact with the environment should not be considered raw.

A.3.3.182.3 Roll Paper Storage Height. The size of rolls and limitations of mechanical handling equipment should be considered in determining maximum storage height.

A.3.3.182.5 Wrapped Roll Paper Storage. Rolls that are completely protected with a heavyweight kraft wrapper on both sides and ends are subject to a reduced degree of fire hazard. Standard methods for wrapping and capping rolls are outlined in Figure A.3.3.182.5.

In some cases, rolls are protected with laminated wrappers, using two sheets of heavy kraft with a high-temperature wax laminate between the sheets. Where using this method, the overall weight of wax-laminated wrappers should be based on the basis weight per 1000 ft² (93 m²) of the outer sheet only, rather than on the combined basis weight of the outer and inner laminated wrapper sheets. A properly applied wrapper can have the effect of changing the class of a given paper to essentially that of the wrapper material. The effect of applying a wrapper to tissue has not been determined by test.

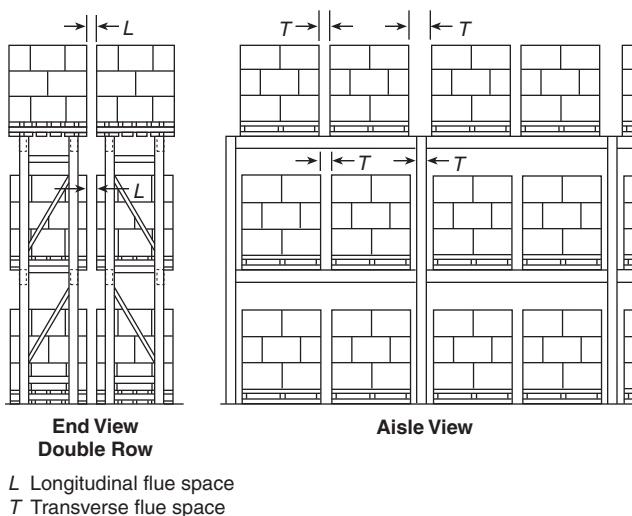


FIGURE A.3.3.171(a) Conventional Pallet Rack.

A.3.3.185 Rubber Tire Rack Illustrations. Figure A.3.3.185(a) through Figure A.3.3.185(g) do not necessarily cover all possible rubber tire storage configurations.

A.3.3.187 Seismic Separation Assembly. Seismic separation assemblies include traditional assemblies as shown in Figure A.18.3(a) and seismic loops as shown in Figure A.18.3(b).

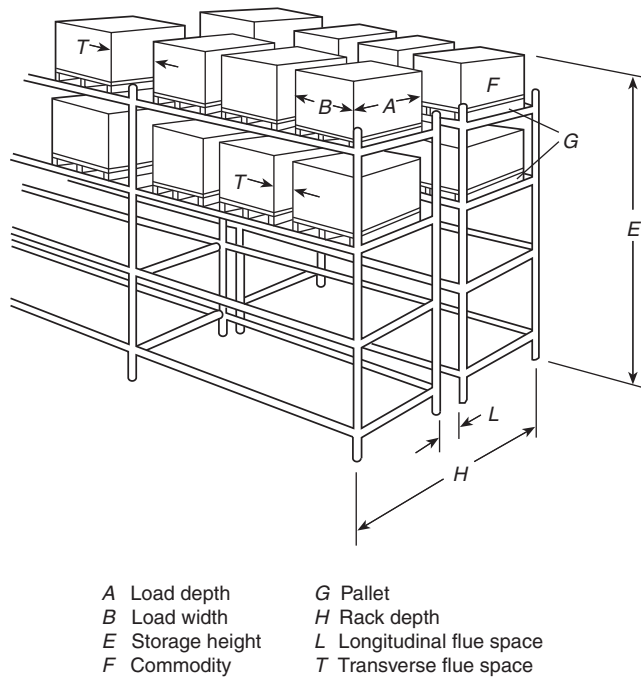


FIGURE A.3.3.171(b) Double-Row Racks Without Solid or Slatted Shelves.

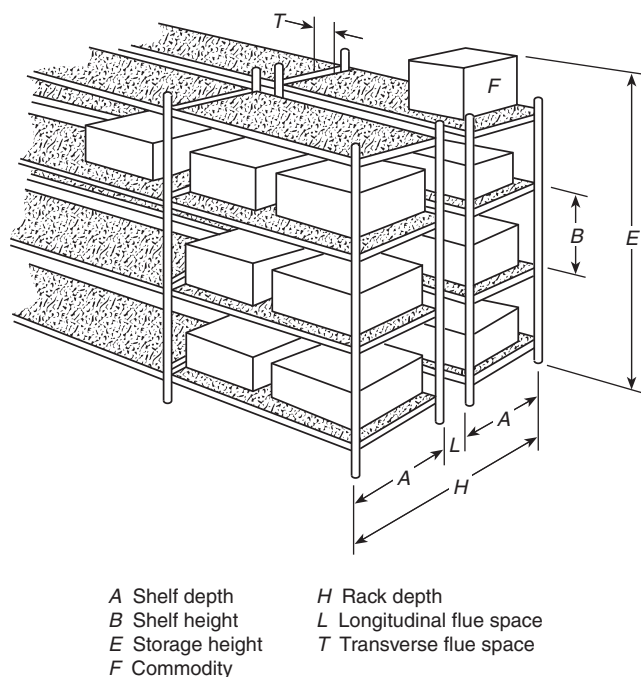


FIGURE A.3.3.171(c) Double-Row Racks with Solid Shelves.

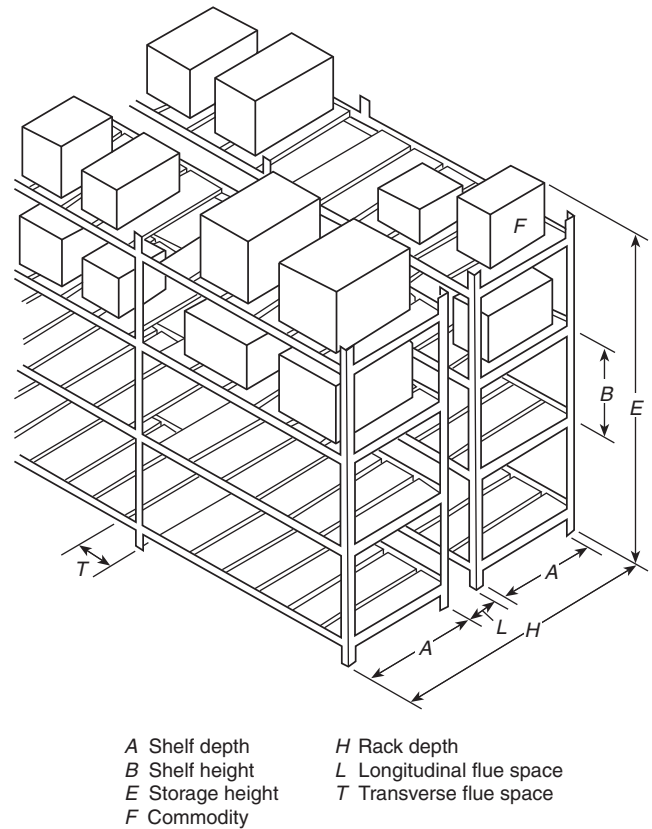


FIGURE A.3.3.171(d) Double-Row Racks with Slatted Shelves.

A.3.3.188 Shelf Storage. Shelves are usually 2 ft (600 mm) apart vertically.

A.3.3.191 Single-Row Racks. When a narrow rack with a depth up to 6 ft (1.8 m) is located within 24 in. (600 mm) of a wall, it is considered to have a longitudinal flue and is treated as a double-row rack.

A.3.3.195 Small Openings. A return air diffuser can be 4 ft by 2 ft (1.2 m by 600 mm) and meet the definition of a small opening. A linear diffuser can be longer than 4 ft (1.2 m) but is then limited to 8 in. (200 mm) in width (or least dimension). Spaces between ceiling panels of architectural features that create a concealed space must meet the same criteria.

A.3.3.199 Solid Shelving. The placement of loads affects the calculated area of the shelf. It is the intent to apply this definition to loads on the rack where 6 in. (150 mm) nominal flues are not provided on all four sides, regardless of whether shelving materials are present. See 20.5.3.1.2 for additional allowances for double-row racks up to 25 ft (7.6 m) and for multiple-row racks of any height without a longitudinal flue space.

A.3.3.205.2 General Sprinkler Characteristics. The response time index (RTI) is a measure of the sensitivity of the sprinkler's thermal element as installed in a specific sprinkler. It is usually determined by plunging a sprinkler into a heated laminar airflow within a test oven. The plunge test is not currently applicable to certain sprinklers.

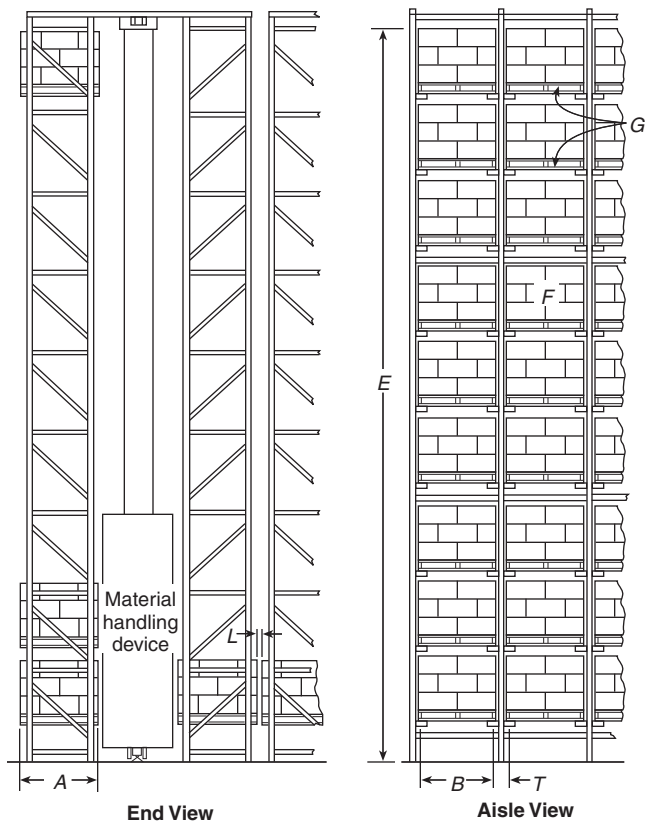


FIGURE A.3.3.171(e) Automatic Storage-Type Rack.

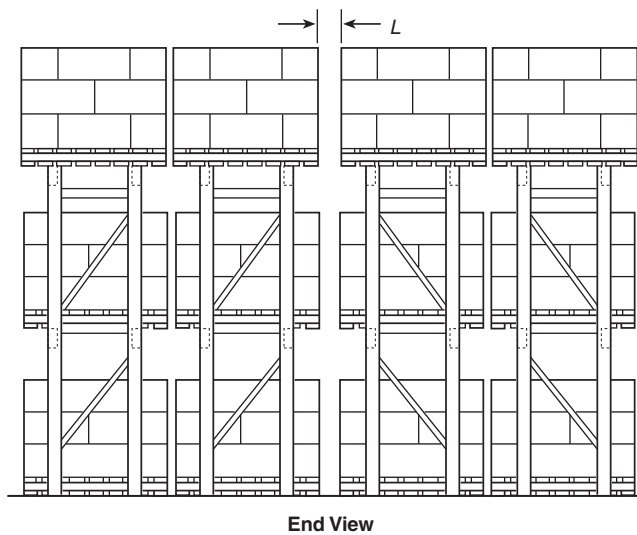


FIGURE A.3.3.171(f) Multiple-Row Rack Served by Reach Truck.

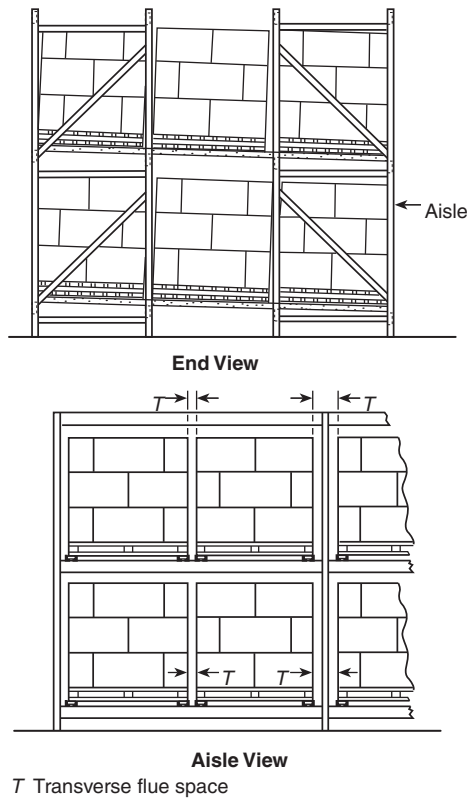


FIGURE A.3.3.171(g) Flow-Through Pallet Rack.

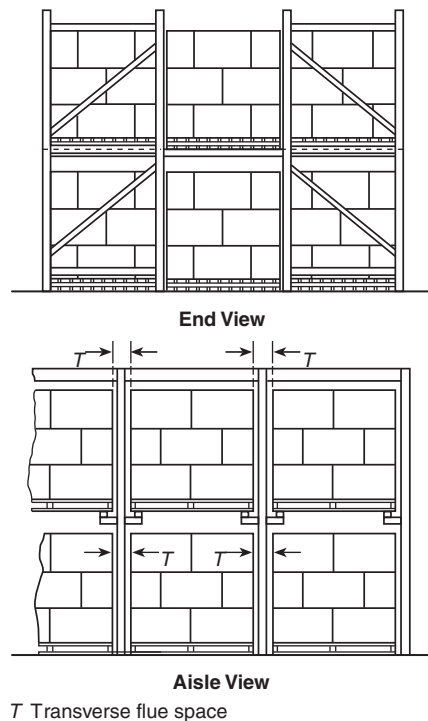


FIGURE A.3.3.171(h) Drive-In Rack — Two or More Pallets Deep (Fork Truck Drives into Rack to Deposit and Withdraw Loads in Depth of Rack).

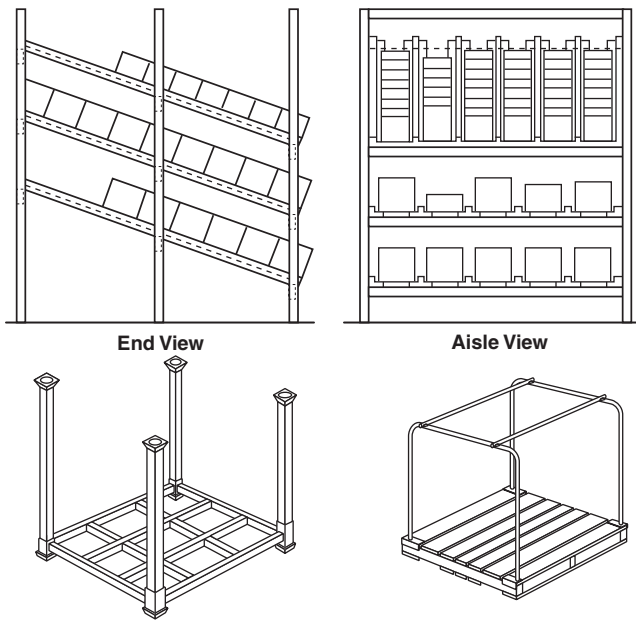


FIGURE A.3.3.171(i) Flow-Through Racks (Top) and Portable Racks (Bottom).

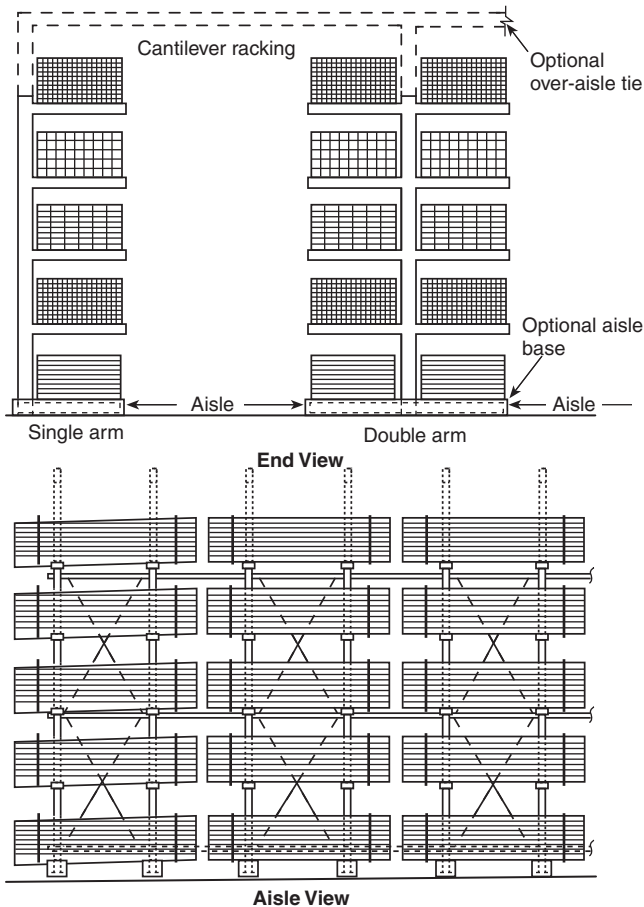


FIGURE A.3.3.171(j) Cantilever Rack.

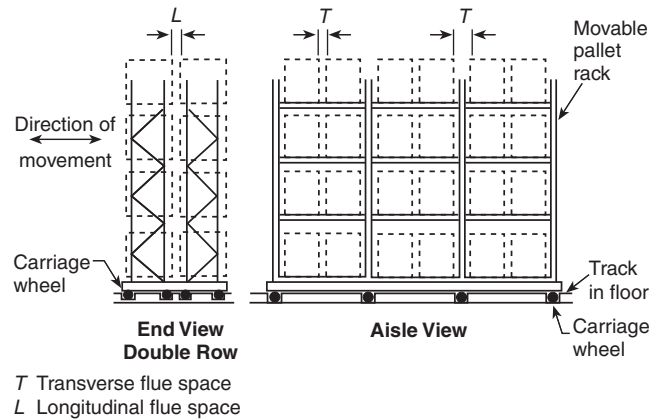


FIGURE A.3.3.171(k) Movable Rack.

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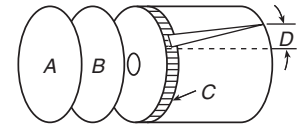
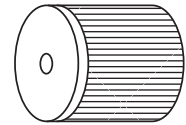
Exterior wrapper
Body wrapper

General term for protective wrapping of sides and ends on roll.

Body wrap

Sleeve wrap
Wrap — do not cap

Wrapper placed around circumference of roll. No heads or caps needed.



Heads

Headers

Protection applied to the ends of the rolls (A and B). Heads do not lap over the end of the roll.

Inside heads

Protection applied to the ends of the rolls next to the roll itself (B). The wrapper of the rolls is crimped down over these heads.

Outside heads

Protection applied to the ends of the rolls on the outside (A). This head is applied after the wrapper is crimped.

Edge protectors

Edge bands

Refers to extra padding to prevent damage to roll edges (C).

Overwrap

The distance the body wrap or wrapper overlaps itself (D).

Roll cap

A protective cover placed over the end of a roll. Edges of cap lap over the end of the roll and are secured to the sides of the roll.

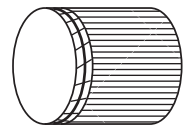


FIGURE A.3.3.182.5 Wrapping and Capping Terms and Methods.

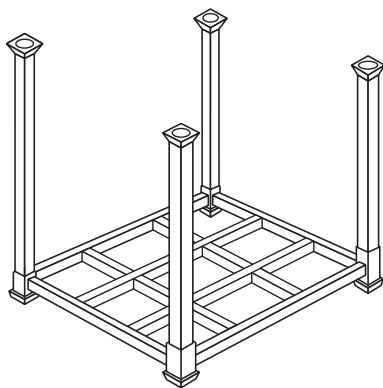


FIGURE A.3.3.185(a) Typical Open Portable Tire Rack Unit.

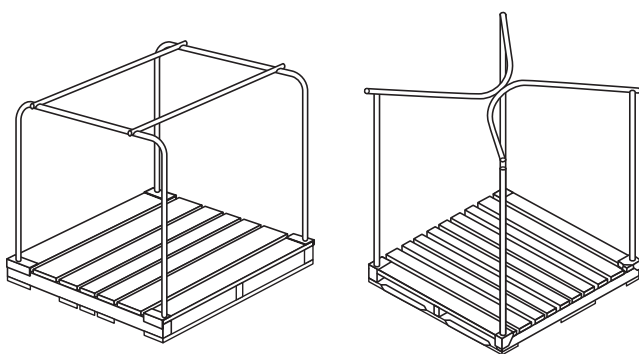


FIGURE A.3.3.185(b) Typical Palletized Portable Tire Rack Units.

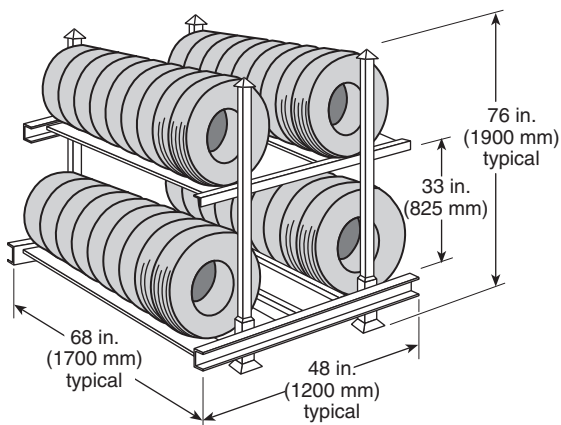


FIGURE A.3.3.185(c) Open Portable Tire Rack.

The RTI is calculated using the following:

- (1) The operating time of the sprinkler
- (2) The operating temperature of the sprinkler's heat-responsive element (as determined in a bath test)
- (3) The air temperature of the test oven
- (4) The air velocity of the test oven
- (5) The sprinkler's conductivity (c) factor, which is the measure of conductance between the sprinkler's heat-responsive element and the sprinkler oven mount

Other factors affecting response include the temperature rating, sprinkler position, fire exposure, and radiation.

ISO 6182-1, *Fire protection — Automatic sprinkler systems — Part 1: Requirements and test methods for sprinklers*, currently recognizes the RTI range of greater than 50 (meters-seconds)^{1/2} and less than 80 (meters-seconds)^{1/2} as special response. Such sprinklers can be recognized as special sprinklers under 15.2.1.

It should be recognized that the term *fast response* (like the term *quick response* used to define a particular type of sprinkler) refers to the thermal sensitivity within the operating element of a sprinkler, not the time of operation in a particular installation. Many other factors, such as ceiling height, spacing, ambient room temperature, and distance below ceiling, affect the time of response of sprinklers. In most fire scenarios, sprinkler activation times will be shortest where the thermal elements are located 1 in. (25 mm) to 3 in. (75 mm) below the ceiling. A fast-response sprinkler is expected to operate quicker than a standard-response sprinkler in the same installation orientation. For modeling purposes, concealed sprinklers can be considered equivalent to pendent sprinklers having a similar thermal response sensitivity installed 12 in. (300 mm) below smooth unobstructed ceilings, and recessed sprinklers can be considered equivalent to pendent sprinklers having a similar thermal response sensitivity installed 8 in. (200 mm) below smooth unobstructed ceilings.

A.3.3.205.4.1 Control Mode Density/Area (CMDA) Sprinkler.

This definition is focused on the storage application since the term CMDA is used in the storage chapters. As indicated in Chapter 20, spray sprinklers intended for storage applications requiring a design density greater than 0.34 gpm/ft (13.9 mm/min) should have a nominal K-factor of 11.2 or larger and be listed for storage applications. Spray sprinklers having a nominal K-factor of 5.6 or 8.0 are permitted to be used for storage applications as a CMDA sprinkler within certain design densities as described in Chapter 20.

Spray type sprinklers intended for use in accordance with the occupancy hazard density/area curves could also be considered CMDA sprinklers. However, the CMDA terminology is generally not referenced in the non-storage chapters, and this term is not used to describe these sprinklers in the product listings.

A.3.3.205.4.2 Control Mode Specific Application (CMSA) Sprinkler.

A large drop sprinkler is a type of CMSA sprinkler that is capable of producing characteristic large water droplets and that is listed for its capability to provide fire control of specific high-challenge fire hazards.

A.3.3.205.4.4 Dry Sprinkler. Under certain ambient conditions, wet pipe systems having dry pendent (or upright) sprinklers can freeze due to heat loss by conduction. Therefore, due consideration should be given to the amount of heat maintained in the heated space, the length of the nipple in the heated space, and other relevant factors.

Dry sprinklers are intended to extend into an unheated area from a wet pipe system or to be used on a dry pipe system.

A.3.3.205.4.5 Early Suppression Fast-Response (ESFR) Sprinkler.

It is important to realize that the effectiveness of these highly tested and engineered sprinklers depends on the combination of fast response and the quality and uniformity of the sprinkler discharge. It should also be realized that ESFR sprinklers cannot be relied upon to provide fire control, let alone

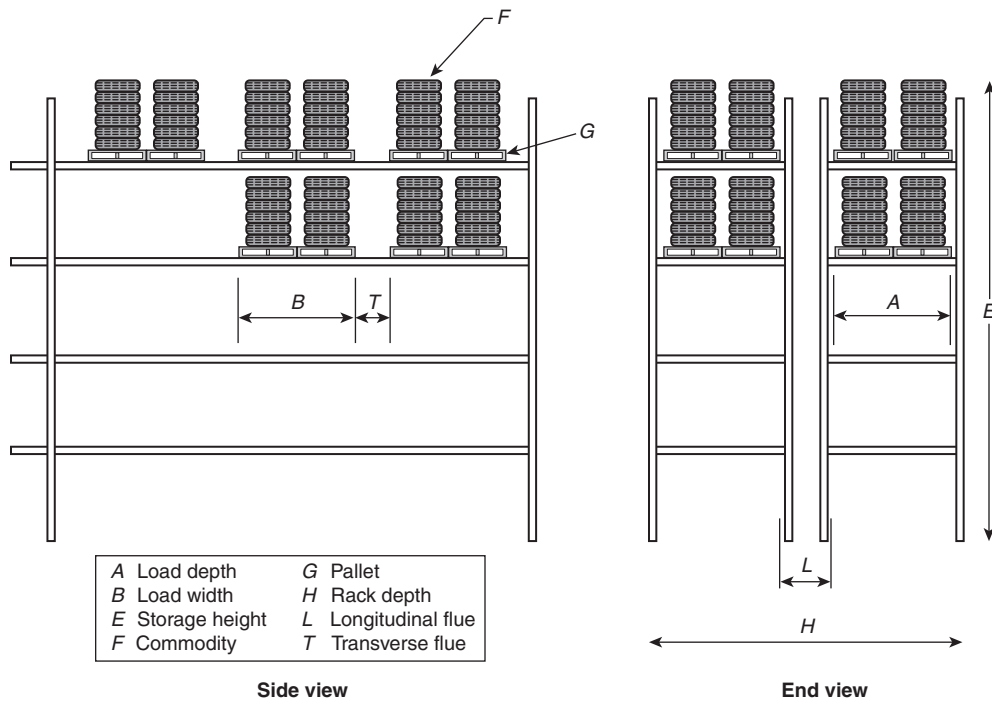


FIGURE A.3.3.185(d) Double-Row Fixed Tire Rack Storage.

suppression, if they are used outside the guidelines specified in Chapter 20.

A.3.3.205.4.14 Quick-Response Early Suppression (QRES) Sprinkler. Research into the development of QRES sprinklers is continuing under the auspices of the National Fire Protection Research Foundation. It is expected that the proposed design criteria will be added to the standard when a thorough analysis of the test data is completed.

A.3.3.205.4.16 Quick-Response (QR) Sprinkler. Quick response is a listing for sprinklers that combines the deflector, frame, and body of a spray sprinkler with a fast-response element [see 3.3.205.2(1)(a)] to create a technology that will respond quickly in the event of a fire and deliver water in the same fashion as other types of spray sprinklers.

A.3.3.206 Sprinkler System. As applied to the definition of a sprinkler system, each system riser serving a portion of a single floor of a facility or where individual floor control valves are used in a multistory building should be considered a separate sprinkler system. Multiple sprinkler systems can be supplied by a common supply main.

A.3.3.206.5 Gridded Sprinkler System. See Figure A.3.3.206.5.

A.3.3.206.6 Looped Sprinkler System. See Figure A.3.3.206.6.

A.3.3.206.9 Preaction Sprinkler System. The actuating means of the valve are described in 8.3.2.1. Actuation of the detection system and sprinklers in the case of double-interlocked systems opens a valve that permits water to flow into the sprinkler piping system and to be discharged from any sprinklers that are open.

A.3.3.219 Tiered Storage (Baled Cotton). Untiered storage limits storage to the height of one bale, on side or on end.

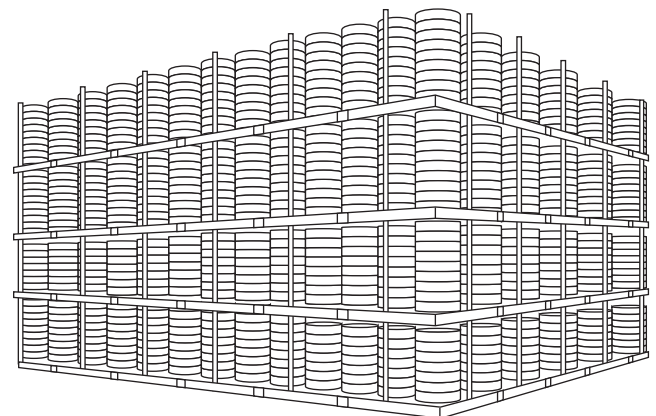


FIGURE A.3.3.185(e) Palletized Portable Tire Rack, On-Side Storage Arrangement (Banded or Unbanded).

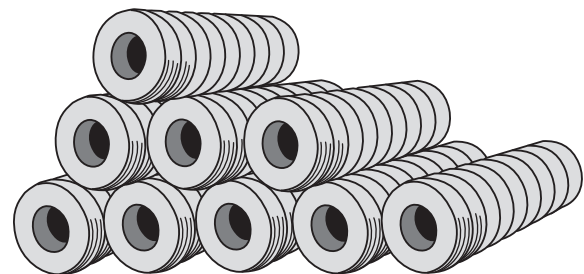


FIGURE A.3.3.185(f) On-Floor Storage; On-Tread, Normally Banded.

Sprinkler protection designed on this basis would likely prohibit future tiering without redesign of the sprinkler system.

A.4.2 A building constructed where the expected occupancy hazard and commodity classification of tenant uses are unknown at the time of the design and installation of the sprinkler system presents special problems due to unknown factors of future tenants and uses. The design of sprinkler systems for such buildings should be carefully reviewed with the owners, builders, leasing agents, and local authorities having jurisdiction prior to the selection of design criteria and installation of the system. Consideration should be given to the available

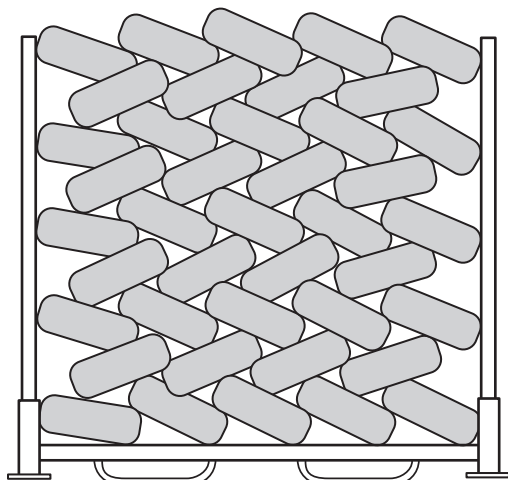


FIGURE A.3.3.185(g) Typical Laced Tire Storage.

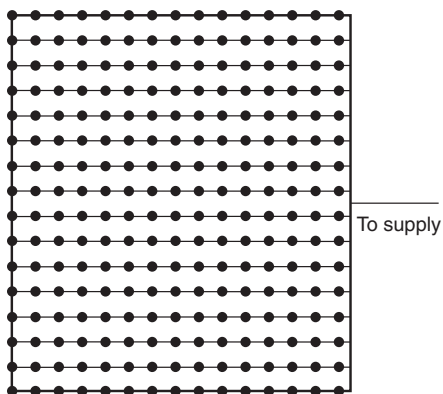


FIGURE A.3.3.206.5 Gridded System.

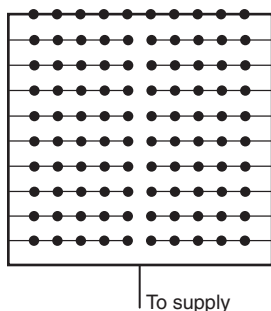


FIGURE A.3.3.206.6 Looped System.

height for storage, as well as the occupancy hazards of potential tenants and their likely storage needs.

The intent of Section 4.2 is to provide the owner's certificate for all new systems and where there is a change of occupancy and/or building use. [See Figure A.27.1(b).]

A.4.2(4) Recycled or reclaimed water used in a sprinkler system should not have contaminants in the water that are combustible or that will have a detrimental effect on the sprinkler system performance or the life of the sprinkler system.

A.4.3 Occupancy examples in the listings as shown in the various hazard classifications are intended to represent the norm for those occupancy types. Unusual or abnormal fuel loadings or combustible characteristics and susceptibility for changes in these characteristics, for a particular occupancy, are considerations that should be weighed in the selection and classification.

The light hazard classification is intended to encompass residential occupancies; however, this is not intended to preclude the use of listed residential sprinklers in residential occupancies or residential portions of other occupancies.

N A.4.3.1.4 Miscellaneous storage is intended to be storage that is ancillary to the primary function of the building. One example is a manufacturing facility where storage on the manufacturing floor is limited.

A.4.3.2 Light hazard occupancies include occupancies having uses and conditions similar to the following:

- (1) Animal shelters
- (2) Churches
- (3) Clubs
- (4) Eaves and overhangs, if of combustible construction with no combustibles beneath
- (5) Educational
- (6) Hospitals, including animal hospitals and veterinary facilities
- (7) Institutional
- (8) Kennels
- (9) Libraries, except large stack rooms
- (10) Museums
- (11) Nursing or convalescent homes
- (12) Offices, including data processing
- (13) Residential
- (14) Restaurant seating areas
- (15) Theaters and auditoriums, excluding stages and prosceniums
- (16) Unused attics

Note that it is not the committee's intent to automatically equate library bookshelves with ordinary hazard occupancies or with library stacks. Typical library bookshelves of approximately 8 ft (2.4 m) in height, containing books stored vertically on end, held in place in close association with each other, with aisles wider than 30 in. (750 mm) can be considered to be light hazard occupancies. Similarly, library stack areas, which are more akin to shelf storage or record storage, as defined in NFPA 232, should be considered to be ordinary hazard occupancies.

A.4.3.3 Ordinary hazard (Group 1) occupancies include occupancies having uses and conditions similar to the following:

- (1) Automobile parking and showrooms
- (2) Bakeries
- (3) Beverage manufacturing

- (4) Canneries
- (5) Dairy products manufacturing and processing
- (6) Electronic plants
- (7) Glass and glass products manufacturing
- (8) Laundries
- (9) Restaurant service areas
- (10) Porte cocheres
- (11) Mechanical rooms

A.4.3.4 Ordinary hazard (Group 2) occupancies include occupancies having uses and conditions similar to the following:

- (1) Agricultural facilities
- (2) Barns and stables
- (3) Cereal mills
- (4) Chemical plants — ordinary
- (5) Confectionery products
- (6) Distilleries
- (7) Dry cleaners
- (8) Exterior loading docks (Note that exterior loading docks only used for loading and unloading of ordinary combustibles should be classified as OH2. For the handling of flammable and combustible liquids, hazardous materials, or where utilized for storage, exterior loading docks and all interior loading docks should be protected based upon the actual occupancy and the materials handled on the dock, as if the materials were actually stored in that configuration.)
- (9) Feed mills
- (10) Horse stables
- (11) Leather goods manufacturing
- (12) Libraries — large stack room areas
- (13) Machine shops
- (14) Metal working
- (15) Mercantile
- (16) Paper and pulp mills
- (17) Paper process plants
- (18) Piers and wharves
- (19) Plastics fabrication, including blow molding, extruding, and machining; excluding operations using combustible hydraulic fluids
- (20) Post offices
- (21) Printing and publishing
- (22) Racetrack stable/kennel areas, including those stable/kennel areas, barns, and associated buildings at state, county, and local fairgrounds
- (23) Repair garages
- (24) Resin application area
- (25) Stages
- (26) Textile manufacturing
- (27) Tire manufacturing
- (28) Tobacco products manufacturing
- (29) Wood machining
- (30) Wood product assembly

A.4.3.5 Extra hazard (Group 1) occupancies include occupancies having uses and conditions similar to the following:

- (1) Aircraft hangars (except as governed by NFPA 409)
- (2) Combustible hydraulic fluid use areas
- (3) Die casting
- (4) Metal extruding
- (5) Plywood and particleboard manufacturing
- (6) Printing [using inks having flash points below 100°F (38°C)]
- (7) Rubber reclaiming, compounding, drying, milling, vulcanizing

- (8) Saw mills
- (9) Textile picking, opening, blending, garnetting, or carding, combining of cotton, synthetics, wool shoddy, or burlap
- (10) Upholstering with plastic foams

A.4.3.6 Extra hazard (Group 2) occupancies include occupancies having uses and conditions similar to the following:

- (1) Asphalt saturating
- (2) Flammable liquids spraying
- (3) Flow coating
- (4) Manufactured home or modular building assemblies (where finished enclosure is present and has combustible interiors)
- (5) Open oil quenching
- (6) Plastics manufacturing
- (7) Solvent cleaning
- (8) Varnish and paint dipping
- (9) Car stackers and car lift systems with 2 cars stacked vertically

A.4.3.8 Other NFPA standards contain design criteria for fire control or fire suppression (*see 4.3.8 and Chapter 2*). While these can form the basis of design criteria, this standard describes the methods of design, installation, fabrication, calculation, and evaluation of water supplies that should be used for the specific design of the system.

Other NFPA standards contain sprinkler system design criteria for fire control or suppression of specific hazards. This information has been either referenced or copied into Chapter 26 using NFPA's extract policy.

A.4.5.1(3) Pipe schedule — 25,000 ft² (2320 m²).

A.4.5.6 Buildings adjacent to a primary structure can be protected by extending the fire sprinkler system from the primary structure. This eliminates the need to provide a separate fire sprinkler system for small auxiliary buildings. Items that should be considered before finalizing fire sprinkler design should include the following:

- (1) Actual physical distance between adjacent structures
- (2) Potential for the property to be split into separate parcels and sold separately
- (3) Square footage of both the primary and auxiliary structures
- (4) Difficulties in providing a separate water supply to the auxiliary structure
- (5) Occupancy/hazard of the auxiliary structure
- (6) Ability of emergency response personnel to easily identify the structure from which waterflow is originating

A.4.6.1.1 Alternative means of determining available water supplies should be considered where drought or other concerns are present.

A.4.7 **Bacterial inhibitors** and other chemicals that are approved and used for the prevention and mitigation of MIC and that do not adversely affect the fire-fighting properties of the water or the performance of the fire sprinkler system components are not prohibited.

A.4.9 Non-system components can adversely affect the operation and longevity of the fire sprinkler system. Objects connected to the sprinkler system can displace sprinkler system piping, causing obstruction to the spray pattern of sprinklers, delay the activation of a sprinkler, or cause chemical compati-

bility problems that can cause the failure of sprinkler system components.

A.4.10.1 The provisions of 4.10.1 do not require inherently noncombustible materials to be tested in order to be classified as noncombustible materials. [5000:A.7.1.4.1]

A.4.10.1.1(1) Examples of such materials include steel, concrete, masonry and glass. [5000:A.7.1.4.1.1(1)]

A.4.10.2 Material subject to increase in combustibility or flame spread index beyond the limits herein established through the effects of age, moisture, or other atmospheric condition is considered combustible. (See NFPA 259 and NFPA 220.) [5000:A.7.1.4.2]

A.5.1.3 For typical combined domestic/fire sprinkler demands, systems with 4 in. (100 mm) pipe or larger typically do not need to include the domestic demand in the calculations because it is such a small fraction of the total flow that it does not make a significant difference in the results. But for situations where 4 in. (100 mm) pipe is used for the combined domestic/fire sprinkler systems and the domestic demand is considerable, then the domestic demand should be included in the calculations. Generally, pipe that is 6 in. or larger can carry combined domestic/fire protection demand without any consideration for domestic demand being necessary.

A.5.1.5 Evaluation of the water supply and environmental conditions does not necessarily require a water sample analysis by a laboratory. Instead, general knowledge of the long-term condition of sprinkler systems with similar piping materials in similar environments on the same water supply can be a sufficient evaluation.

There are several options to address the effects of MIC on sprinkler systems. Some types of sprinkler pipe such as CPVC have not shown to be affected by MIC. Other types of pipe are being manufactured with a biofilm that resists the effects of MIC.

Where water supplies are treated with bacterial inhibitors, evaluation of the effects of the bacterial inhibitor on sprinkler system components (pipe, fittings, sprinklers, gaskets, valves, and seals) is just as important as evaluating the effect the bacterial inhibitor has on the organisms. Where water treatment is selected as the method to deal with MIC, all water entering the system during testing or flushing needs to be treated so that the organisms do not get a chance to establish themselves.

Since all of the conditions that can affect the growth of MIC are unknown, a plan to sample randomly selected interior positions in the system can be effective. The frequency and location of the interior inspections will depend on the extent of the known MIC problem with the same water supply and similar environmental conditions.

A.5.1.6.2 Where the system riser is close to an outside wall, underground fittings of proper length should be used in order to avoid pipe joints located in or under the wall. Where the connection passes through the foundation wall below grade, a 1 in. to 3 in. (25 mm to 75 mm) clearance should be provided around the pipe and the clear space filled with asphalt mastic or similar flexible waterproofing material.

A.5.1.7 Where water meters are in the supply lines to a sprinkler system, they should be rated to deliver the proper system demand. The amount of water supplied through a water meter

varies with its size and type and might not provide the required demand, regardless of the water supply available.

A.5.1.8 Where connections are made from public waterworks systems, such systems should be guarded against possible contamination as follows (see AWWA M14, *Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control*):

- (1) For private fire service mains with direct connections from public waterworks mains only or with booster pumps installed in the connections from the street mains, no tanks or reservoirs, no physical connection from other water supplies, no antifreeze or other additives of any kind, and with all drains discharging to atmosphere, dry well, or other safe outlets, no backflow protection is recommended at the service connection.
- (2) For private fire service mains with direct connection from the public water supply main plus one or more of the following: elevated storage tanks or fire pumps taking suction from aboveground covered reservoirs or tanks (all storage facilities are filled or connected to public water only and the water in the tanks is to be maintained in a potable condition), an approved double check valve assembly is recommended.
- (3) For private fire service mains directly supplied from public mains with an auxiliary water supply such as a pond or river on or available to the premises and dedicated to fire department use; or for systems supplied from public mains and interconnected with auxiliary supplies, such as pumps taking suction from reservoirs exposed to contamination or rivers and ponds; driven wells, mills, or other industrial water systems; or for systems or portions of systems where antifreeze or other solutions are used, an approved reduced pressure zone-type backflow preventer is recommended.

Where connections are made from public waterworks systems, it might be necessary to guard against possible contamination of the public supply.

A.5.2.1 Acceptable water supplies for fire sprinkler systems must provide sufficient flow and pressure for the required duration. Many water supply sources contain sufficient flow and volume but do not possess sufficient pressure. Some acceptable water supplies, such as storage tanks located at or below grade, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs, will almost always require combination with a pump to provide the needed pressure. Fire pumps are used with other supplies such as waterworks or gravity tanks to provide additional pressure needed to meet the system demand.

A.5.2.1(7) In an effort to help comply with efforts for sustainable and renewable building construction, some engineers and architects have suggested the use of reclaimed or recycled water to use in fire sprinkler systems rather than the potable water typically used from the public water supply. While this effort has some merit, there is a concern about the quality of the water from these recycled and reclaimed systems. The capture of rainwater is generally not considered a problem since NFPA 13 has long allowed the use of open lakes, rivers, and ponds, which are nothing more than open collections of rainwater and melted snow. But other systems that are recycling water that has been used in some industrial or other process might have contaminants that are combustible, or they might be detrimental to the sprinkler system by preventing it from working properly or accelerating corrosion. Recycled or reclaimed water should never be used in a sprinkler system

until an analysis of what contaminants might be in the water has determined that nothing will be detrimental to sprinkler system performance or the expected reasonable life of the sprinkler system. When such an analysis is completed successfully, the information should be transmitted to the sprinkler contractor through the use of the Owner's Certificate required by Section 4.2.

A.5.2.2 Care should be taken in making water tests to be used in designing or evaluating the capability of sprinkler systems. The water supply tested should be representative of the supply that might be available at the time of a fire. For example, testing of public water supplies should be done at times of normal demand on the system. Public water supplies are likely to fluctuate widely from season to season and even within a 24-hour period. Allowance should be made for seasonal or daily fluctuations, for drought conditions, for possibility of interruption by flood, or for ice conditions in winter. Testing of water supplies also normally used for industrial use should be done while water is being drawn for industrial use. The range of industrial-use demand should be taken into account. In special situations where the domestic water demand could significantly reduce the sprinkler water supply, an increase in the size of the pipe supplying both the domestic and sprinkler water can be justified.

Future changes in water supplies should be considered. For example, a large, established, urban supply is not likely to change greatly within a few years. However, the supply in a growing suburban industrial park might deteriorate quite rapidly as greater numbers of plants draw more water.

Dead-end mains should be avoided, if possible, by arranging for mains supplied from both directions. When private fire service mains are connected to dead-end public mains, each situation should be examined to determine if it is practical to request the water utility to loop the mains in order to obtain a more reliable supply.

Testing of Water Supply. To determine the value of public water as a supply for automatic sprinkler systems, it is generally necessary to make a flow test to determine how much water can be discharged at a residual pressure at a rate sufficient to give the required residual pressure under the roof (with the volume flow hydraulically translated to the base of the riser) — that is, a pressure head represented by the height of the building plus the required residual pressure.

The proper method of conducting this test is to use two hydrants in the vicinity of the property. The static pressure should be measured on the hydrant in front of or nearest to the property and the water allowed to flow from the hydrant next nearest the property, preferably the one farthest from the source of supply if the main is fed only one way. The residual pressure will be that indicated at the hydrant where water is not flowing.

Referring to Figure A.5.2.2, the method of conducting the flow tests is as follows:

- (1) Attach the gauge to the hydrant (A) and obtain static pressure.
- (2) Either attach a second gauge to the hydrant (B) or use the pitot tube at the outlet. Have hydrant (B) opened wide and read pressure at both hydrants.
- (3) Use the pressure at (B) to compute the gallons flowing and read the gauge on (A) to determine the residual pres-

sure or that which will be available on the top line of sprinklers in the property.

Water pressure in pounds per square inch for a given height in feet equals height multiplied by 0.433.

In making flow tests, whether from hydrants or from nozzles attached to hose, always measure the size of the orifice. While hydrant outlets are usually 2½ in. (65 mm), they are sometimes smaller and occasionally larger. Underwriters Laboratories play pipe is 1⅛ in. (30 mm) and 1¾ in. (45 mm) with the tip removed, but occasionally nozzles will be 1 in. (25 mm) or 1¼ in. (32 mm), and with the tip removed the opening can be only 1½ in. (40 mm).

The pitot tube should be held approximately one-half the diameter of the hydrant or nozzle opening away from the opening. It should be held in the center of the stream, except that in using hydrant outlets the stream should be explored to ascertain the average pressure.

For further information on water supply testing, see NFPA 291.

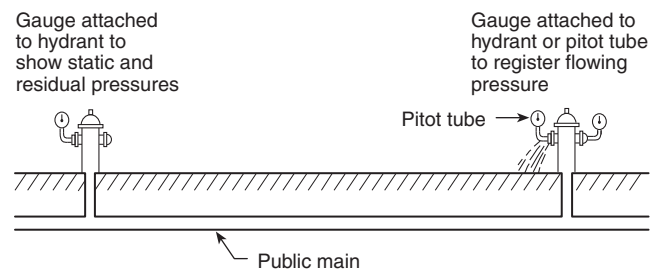


FIGURE A.5.2.2 Method of Conducting Flow Tests.

A.5.2.2.2 An adjustment to the waterflow test data to account for daily and seasonal fluctuations, possible interruption by flood or ice conditions, large simultaneous industrial use, future demand on the water supply system, or any other condition that could affect the water supply should be made as appropriate.

A.5.2.3 An automatically controlled vertical turbine pump taking suction from a reservoir, pond, lake, river, cistern, or well or a centrifugal pump supplied from a waterworks system connection, or tank, complies with 5.2.3.

See sections dealing with sprinkler equipment supervisory and waterflow alarm services in NFPA 72.

A.5.2.4.3 For pipe schedule systems, the air pressure to be carried and the proper proportion of air in the tank can be determined from the following formulas where:

P = air pressure carried in pressure tank

A = proportion of air in tank

H = height of highest sprinkler above tank bottom

When the tank is placed above the highest sprinkler, use the following formula:

[A.5.2.4.3a]

$$P = \frac{30}{A} - 15$$

If $A = \frac{1}{3}$, then $P = 90 - 15 = 75$ psi (5.2 bar)

If $A = \frac{1}{2}$, then $P = 60 - 15 = 45$ psi (3.1 bar)

If $A = \frac{2}{3}$, then $P = 45 - 15 = 30$ psi (2.1 bar)

When the tank is below the level of the highest sprinkler, use the following formula:

[A.5.2.4.3b]

$$P = \frac{30}{A} - 15 + \frac{0.434H}{A}$$

If $A = \frac{1}{3}$, then $P = 75 + 1.30H$

If $A = \frac{1}{2}$, then $P = 45 + 0.87H$

If $A = \frac{2}{3}$, then $P = 30 + 0.65H$

The preceding respective air pressures are calculated to ensure that the last water will leave the tank at a pressure of 15 psi (1 bar) when the base of the tank is on a level with the highest sprinkler or at such additional pressure as is equivalent to a head corresponding to the distance between the base of the tank and the highest sprinkler when the latter is above the tank.

For hydraulically calculated systems, the following formula should be used to determine the tank pressure and ratio of air to water:

[A.5.2.4.3c]

$$P_i = \frac{P_f + 15}{A} - 15$$

where:

P_i = tank pressure

P_f = pressure required from hydraulic calculations

A = proportion of air

Example: Hydraulic calculations indicate 75 psi (5.2 bar) is required to supply the system. What tank pressure will be required?

[A.5.2.4.3d]

$$P_i = \frac{75 + 15}{0.5} - 15$$

$$P_i = 180 - 15 = 165 \text{ psi}$$

For SI units, 1 ft = 0.3 m; 1 psi = 0.07 bar.

In this case, the tank would be filled with 50 percent air and 50 percent water, and the tank pressure would be 165 psi (11.4 bar). If the pressure is too high, the amount of air carried in the tank will have to be increased.

Pressure tanks should be located above the top level of sprinklers but can be located in the basement or elsewhere.

A.6.1 Copper tubing (Type K) with brazed joints conforming to Table 6.1.1.1 and Table 6.2.1.1 is acceptable for underground service.

- (1) *Listing and labeling.* Certification organizations list or label the following:

- (a) Cast iron and ductile iron pipe (cement-lined and unlined, coated and uncoated)
- (b) Steel pipe
- (c) Copper pipe
- (d) Fiberglass filament-wound epoxy pipe and couplings
- (e) Polyethylene pipe
- (f) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and couplings
- (g) Reinforced concrete pipe (cylinder pipe, nonprestressed and prestressed)

[24:A.10.1]

A.6.1.1 The type and class of pipe for a particular underground installation should be determined through consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Maximum system working pressure
- (2) Maximum pressure from pressure surges and anticipated frequency of surges
- (3) Depth at which the pipe is to be installed
- (4) Soil conditions
- (5) Corrosion
- (6) Susceptibility of pipe to external loads, including earth loads, installation beneath buildings, and traffic or vehicle loads

The following pipe design manuals and standards can be used as guides:

- (1) AWWA C150/A21.50, *Thickness Design of Ductile-Iron Pipe*
- (2) AWWA M23, *PVC Pipe — Design and Installation*
- (3) AWWA M55, *PE Pipe — Design and Installation*
- (4) AWWA M41, *Ductile-Iron Pipe and Fittings*
- (5) *Concrete Pipe Handbook*, American Concrete Pipe Association

[24:A.10.1.1]

A.6.1.2 For underground system components, a minimum system pressure rating of 150 psi (10 bar) is specified in 6.1.2, based on satisfactory historical performance. Also, this pressure rating reflects that of the components typically used underground, such as piping, valves, and fittings. Where system pressures are expected to exceed pressures of 150 psi (10 bar), system components and materials manufactured and listed for higher pressures should be used. Systems that do not incorporate a fire pump or are not part of a combined standpipe system do not typically experience pressures exceeding 150 psi (10 bar) in underground piping. However, each system should be evaluated on an individual basis. It is not the intent of this section to include the pressures generated through fire department connections as part of the maximum working pressure. [24:A.10.1.2]

A.6.1.3 See Table A.6.1.3. [24:A.10.1.3]

A.6.1.4 Where nonmetallic underground piping is provided above grade or inside a building, the following should be considered:

- (1) Exposure from direct rays of sunlight
- (2) Compatibility with chemicals such as floor coatings and termiticides/insecticides
- (3) Support of piping and appurtenances attached thereto (e.g., sprinkler risers, backflow preventers)

[24:A.10.1.4]

Table A.6.1.3 Internal Diameters (IDs) for Cement-Lined Ductile Iron Pipe

Pipe Size [in. (mm)]	OD [in. (mm)]	Pressure Class	Thickness Class	Wall Thickness		Minimum Lining Thickness* [in. (mm)]	ID with Lining	
				in.	mm		in.	mm
3 in. (80 mm)	3.96 in. (100 mm)	350	51	0.25	6	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.34	84
3 in. (80 mm)	3.96 in. (100 mm)	350	52	0.28	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.28	82
3 in. (80 mm)	3.96 in. (100 mm)	350	53	0.31	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.22	81
3 in. (80 mm)	3.96 in. (100 mm)	350	54	0.34	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.16	79
3 in. (80 mm)	3.96 in. (100 mm)	350	55	0.37	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.1	78
3 in. (80 mm)	3.96 in. (100 mm)	350	56	0.4	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.04	76
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350		0.25	6	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	4.18	105
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350	51	0.26	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	4.16	104
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350	52	0.29	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	4.1	103
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350	53	0.32	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	4.04	101
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350	54	0.35	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.98	100
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350	55	0.38	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.92	98
4 in. (100 mm)	4.8 in. (120 mm)	350	56	0.41	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	3.86	97
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350		0.25	6	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	6.28	157
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	50	0.25	6	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	6.28	157
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	51	0.28	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	6.22	156
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	52	0.31	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	6.16	154
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	53	0.34	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	6.1	153
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	54	0.37	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	6.04	151
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	55	0.4	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	5.98	150
6 in. (150 mm)	6.90 in. (175 mm)	350	56	0.43	11	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	5.92	148
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350		0.25	6	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.43	211
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	50	0.27	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.39	210
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	51	0.3	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.33	208
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	52	0.33	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.27	207
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	53	0.36	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.21	205
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	54	0.39	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.15	204
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	55	0.42	11	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.09	202
8 in. (200 mm)	9.05 in. (225 mm)	350	56	0.45	11	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	8.03	201
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350		0.26	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.46	262
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	50	0.29	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.4	260
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	51	0.32	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.34	259
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	52	0.35	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.28	257
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	53	0.38	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.22	256
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	54	0.41	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.16	254
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	55	0.44	11	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.1	253
10 in. (250 mm)	11.1 in. (280 mm)	350	56	0.47	12	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	10.04	251
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350		0.28	7	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.52	313
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	50	0.31	8	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.46	312
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	51	0.34	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.4	310
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	52	0.37	9	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.34	309
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	53	0.4	10	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.28	307
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	54	0.43	11	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.22	306
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	55	0.46	12	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.16	304
12 in. (300 mm)	13.2 in. (330 mm)	350	56	0.49	12	1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	12.1	303
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)	250		0.28	7	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.55	364
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)	300		0.3	8	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.51	363
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)	350		0.31	8	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.49	362
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		50	0.33	8	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.45	361
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		51	0.36	9	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.39	360
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		52	0.39	10	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.33	358
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		53	0.42	11	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.27	357
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		54	0.45	11	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.21	355
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		55	0.48	12	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.15	354
14 in. (350 mm)	15.3 in. (385 mm)		56	0.51	13	3/32 in. (2 mm)	14.09	352
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)	250		0.3	8	3/32 in. (2 mm)	16.61	415

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Table A.6.1.3 *Continued*

Pipe Size [in. (mm)]	OD [in. (mm)]	Pressure Class	Thickness Class	Wall Thickness		Minimum Lining Thickness* [in. (mm)]	ID with Lining	
				in.	mm		in.	mm
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)	300		0.32	8	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.57	414
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)	350		0.34	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.53	413
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		50	0.34	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.53	413
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		51	0.37	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.47	412
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		52	0.4	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.41	410
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		53	0.43	11	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.35	409
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		54	0.46	12	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.29	407
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		55	0.49	12	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.23	406
16 in. (400 mm)	17.4 in. (435 mm)		56	0.52	13	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	16.17	404
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)	250		0.31	8	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.69	467
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)	300		0.34	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.63	466
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)	350		0.36	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.59	465
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		50	0.35	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.61	465
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		51	0.35	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.61	465
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		52	0.41	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.49	462
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		53	0.44	11	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.43	461
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		54	0.47	12	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.37	459
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		55	0.5	13	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.31	458
18 in. (450 mm)	19.5 in. (488 mm)		56	0.53	13	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	18.25	456
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)	250		0.33	8	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.75	519
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)	300		0.36	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.69	517
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)	350		0.38	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.65	516
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		50	0.36	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.69	517
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		51	0.39	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.63	516
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		52	0.42	11	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.57	514
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		53	0.45	11	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.51	513
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		54	0.48	12	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.45	511
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		55	0.51	13	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.39	510
20 in. (500 mm)	21.6 in. (540 mm)		56	0.54	14	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	20.33	508
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)	200		0.33	8	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.95	624
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)	250		0.37	9	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.87	622
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)	300		0.4	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.81	620
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)	350		0.43	11	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.75	619
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		50	0.38	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.85	621
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		51	0.41	10	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.79	620
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		52	0.44	11	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.73	618
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		53	0.47	12	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.67	617
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		54	0.5	13	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.61	615
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		55	0.53	13	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.55	614
24 in. (600 mm)	25.8 in. (645 mm)		56	0.56	14	$\frac{3}{32}$ in. (2 mm)	24.49	612

ID: internal diameter; OD: outside diameter.

*This table is appropriate for single lining thickness only. The actual lining thickness should be obtained from the manufacturer.

A.6.3.1 The following standards apply to joints used with the various types of pipe:

- (1) ASME B16.1, *Gray Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings Classes 25, 125, and 250*
- (2) AWWA C111/A21.11, *Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile-Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings*
- (3) AWWA C115/A21.15, *Flanged Ductile-Iron Pipe with Ductile-Iron or Gray-Iron Threaded Flanges*
- (4) AWWA C206, *Field Welding of Steel Water Pipe*
- (5) AWWA C606, *Grooved and Shouldered Joints* [24:A.10.3.1]

A.6.3.5.3 Fittings and couplings are listed for specific pipe materials that can be installed underground. Fittings and couplings do not necessarily indicate that they are listed specifically for underground use. [24:A.10.3.5.3]

A.6.4.1.3 Gray cast iron is not considered galvanically dissimilar to ductile iron. Rubber gasket joints (unrestrained push-on or mechanical joints) are not considered connected electrically. Metal thickness should not be considered a protection against corrosive environments. In the case of cast iron or ductile iron pipe for soil evaluation and external protection systems, see Appendix A of AWWA C105/A21.5, *Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile-Iron Pipe Systems*. [24:A.10.4.1.3]

A.6.4.2 As there is normally no circulation of water in private fire service mains, they require greater depth of covering than do public mains. Greater depth is required in a loose gravelly soil (or in rock) than in compact soil containing large quantities of clay. The recommended depth of cover above the top of underground yard mains is shown in Figure A.6.4.2(a).

In determining the need to protect aboveground piping from freezing, the lowest mean temperature should be considered as shown in Figure A.6.4.2(b). [24:A.10.4.2]

A.6.4.2.1.1 Consideration should be given to the type of soil and the possibility of settling. Also, many times the inspection of the piping might occur before final grading and fill of the installation is complete. The final grade should be verified. [24:A.10.4.2.1.1]

A.6.4.3.1 Items such as sidewalks or patios should not be included as they are not different from roadways. See Figure A.6.4.3.1. [24:A.10.4.3.1]

A.6.4.3.1.1 The individual piping standards should be followed for load and bury depth, accounting for the load and stresses imposed by the building foundation.

Figure A.6.4.3.1.1 shows location where pipe joints would be prohibited. [24:A.10.4.3.1.1]

A.6.4.3.1.2 Sufficient clearance should be provided when piping passes beneath foundations or footers. See Figure A.6.4.3.1.2. [24:A.10.4.3.1.2]

A.6.4.3.2 The design concepts in 6.4.3.2.1 through 6.4.3.2.1.3 should apply to both new installations and existing private fire

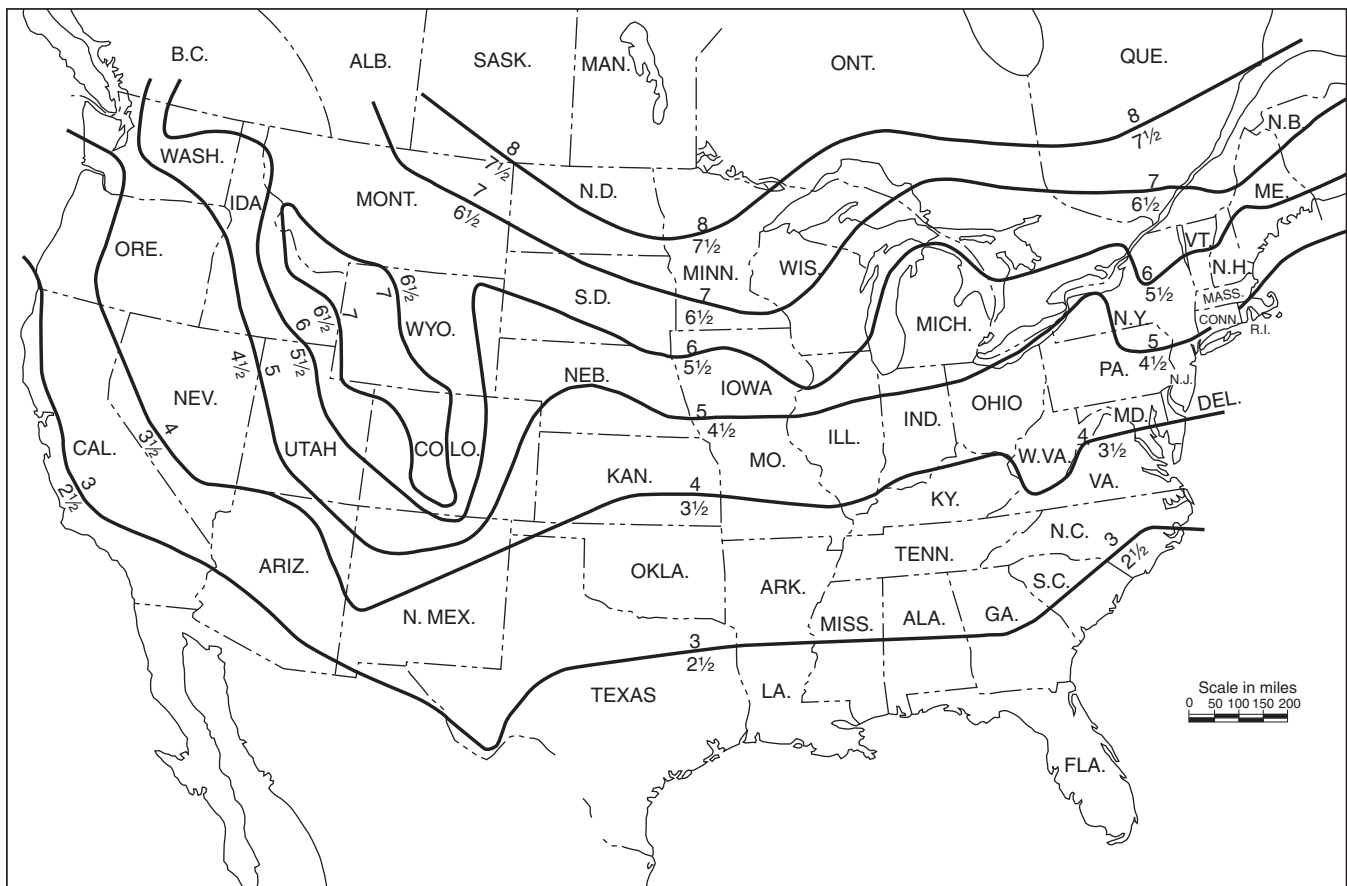
service mains approved to remain under new buildings. [24:A.10.4.3.2]

N A.6.4.3.2.1.1 A grate or steel plate are common methods of accessing the trench. [24:A.10.4.3.2.1.1]

N A.6.4.3.2.1.4 The intent of this requirement is to prevent the piping from being exposed to standing water. Draining can be accomplished by providing a floor drain, sloping the trench, or other approved method. [24:A.10.4.3.2.1.4]

N A.6.4.3.2.3 It is the intent of this section to require a valve at each point where the pipe enters the trench when the trench traverses the entire building. Generally, if the piping terminates at a point within the building, a valve is usually provided at a riser, allowing the isolation of the pipe section in the trench. [24:A.10.4.3.2.3]

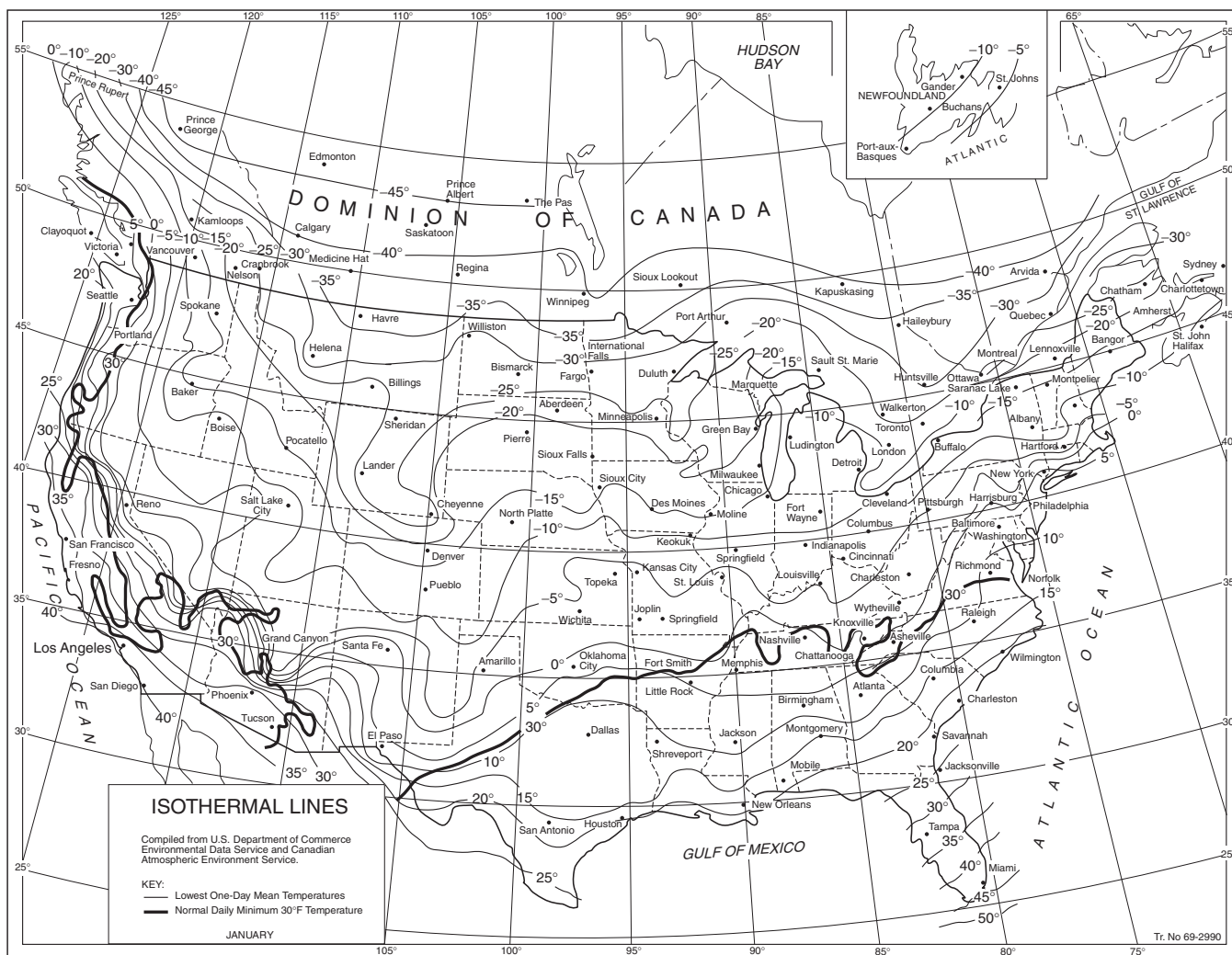
A.6.5.1 Where lightning protection is provided for a structure, Section 4.14 of NFPA 780 requires that all grounding media, including underground metallic piping systems, be interconnected to provide common ground potential. These underground piping systems are not permitted to be substituted for grounding electrodes but must be bonded to the lightning protection grounding system. Where galvanic corrosion is of



Notes:

1. For SI Units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 0.304 m.
2. Where frost penetration is a factor, the depth of cover shown averages 6 in. greater than that usually provided by the municipal waterworks. Greater depth is needed because of the absence of flow in yard mains.

FIGURE A.6.4.2(a) Recommended Depth of Cover (in feet) Above Top of Underground Yard Mains. [24:Figure A.10.4.2(a)]



Source: Compiled from United States Weather Bureau records.
For SI units, °C = $\frac{5}{9}$ (°F - 32); 1 mi = 1.609 km.

FIGURE A.6.4.2(b) Isothermal Lines — Lowest One-Day Mean Temperature (°F). [24:Figure A.10.4.2(b)]

concern, this bond can be made via a spark gap or gas discharge tube. [24:A.10.5.1]

A.6.5.1.1 While the use of the underground fire protection piping as the grounding electrode for the building is prohibited, *NFPA 70* requires that all metallic piping systems be bonded and grounded to disperse stray electrical currents. Therefore, the fire protection piping will be bonded to other metallic systems and grounded, but the electrical system will need an additional ground for its operation. [24:A.10.5.1.1]

A.6.6 It is a fundamental design principle of fluid mechanics that dynamic and static pressures, acting at changes in size or direction of a pipe, produce unbalanced thrust forces at locations such as bends, tees, wyes, dead ends, and reducer offsets. This design principle includes consideration of lateral soil pressure and pipe/soil friction, variables that can be reliably determined using current soil engineering knowledge. Refer to A.6.6.2 for a list of references for use in calculating and determining joint restraint systems.

Section 6.6 does not mandate which method of restraint should be used. This decision is left to the design professional or the owner.

Except for the case of welded joints and approved special restrained joints, such as is provided by approved mechanical joint retainer glands or locked mechanical and push-on joints, the usual joints for underground pipe are expected to be held in place by the soil in which the pipe is buried. Gasketed push-on and mechanical joints without special locking devices have limited ability to resist separation due to movement of the pipe. [24:A.10.6]

A.6.6.1 The use of concrete thrust blocks is one method of restraint, provided that stable soil conditions prevail and space requirements permit placement. Successful blocking is dependent on factors such as location, availability and placement of concrete, and possibility of disturbance by future excavations.

Resistance is provided by transferring the thrust force to the soil through the larger bearing area of the block so that the resultant pressure against the soil does not exceed the horizon-

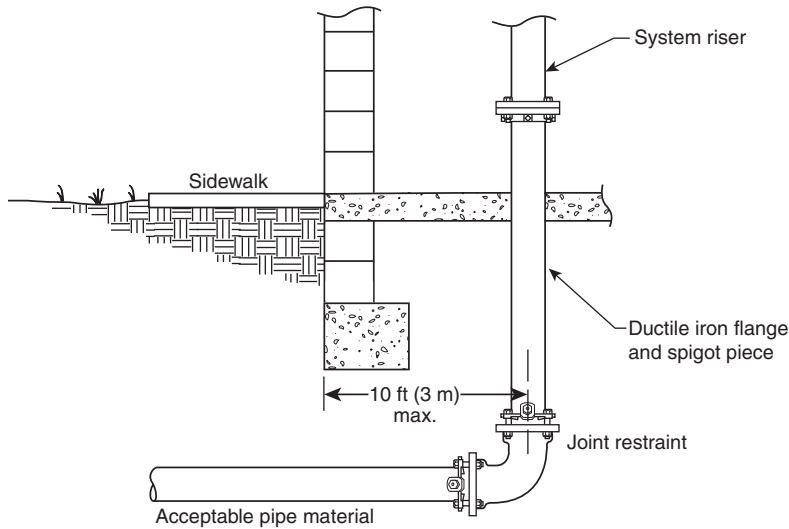


FIGURE A.6.4.3.1 Riser Entrance Location. [24:Figure A.10.4.3.1]

tal bearing strength of the soil. The design of thrust blocks consists of determining the appropriate bearing area of the block for a particular set of conditions. The parameters involved in the design include pipe size, design pressure, angle of the bend (or configuration of the fitting involved), and the horizontal bearing strength of the soil.

Table A.6.6.1(a) gives the nominal thrust at fittings for various sizes of ductile-iron and PVC piping. Figure A.6.6.1(a) shows an example of how thrust forces act on a piping bend.

Thrust blocks are generally categorized into two groups — bearing and gravity blocks. Figure A.6.6.1(b) depicts a typical bearing thrust block on a horizontal bend. [24:A.10.6.1]

The following are general criteria for bearing block design:

- (1) The bearing surface should, where possible, be placed against undisturbed soil.
- (2) Where it is not possible to place the bearing surface against undisturbed soil, the fill between the bearing surface and undisturbed soil must be compacted to at least 90 percent Standard Proctor density.
- (3) Block height (h) should be equal to or less than one-half the total depth to the bottom of the block (H_b) but not less than the pipe diameter (D).
- (4) Block height (h) should be chosen such that the calculated block width (b) varies between one and two times the height.
- (5) Gravity thrust blocks can be used to resist thrust at vertical down bends. In a gravity thrust block, the weight of the block is the force providing equilibrium with the thrust force. The design problem is then to calculate the required volume of the thrust block of a known density. The vertical component of the thrust force in Figure A.6.6.1(c) is balanced by the weight of the block. For required horizontal bearing block areas, see Table A.6.6.1(b).

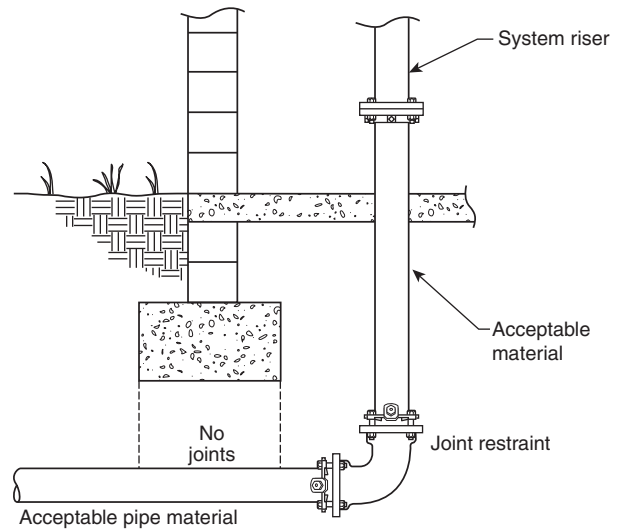


FIGURE A.6.4.3.1.1 Pipe Joint Location in Relation to Foundation Footings. [24:Figure A.10.4.3.1.1]

The required block area (A_b) is as follows:

[A.6.6.1b]

$$A_b = (h)(b) = \frac{T(S_f)}{S_b}$$

where:

A_b = required block area (ft²)
 h = block height (ft)
 b = calculated block width (ft)
 T = thrust force (lbf)
 S_f = safety factor (usually 1.5)
 S_b = bearing strength (lb/ft²)

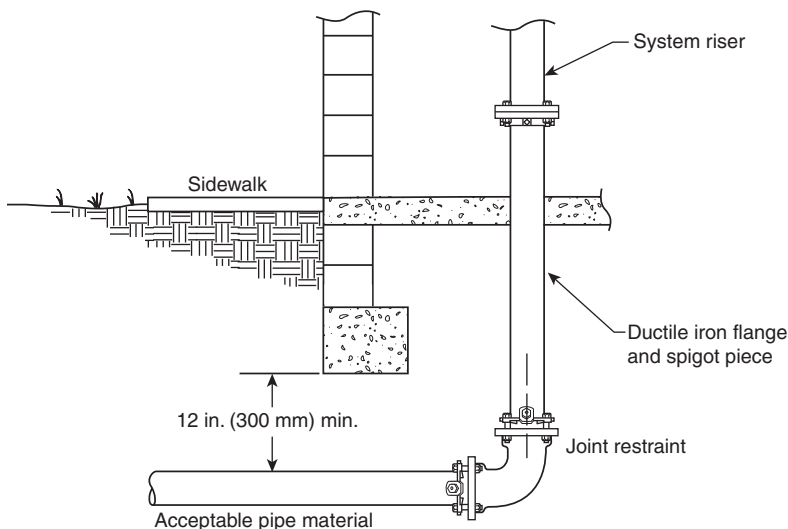


FIGURE A.6.4.3.1.2 Piping Clearance from Foundation. [24:Figure A.10.4.3.1.2]

Then, for a horizontal bend, the following formula is used:

[A.6.6.1c]

$$b = \frac{2(S_f)(P)(A)\sin\frac{\theta}{2}}{(h)(S_b)}$$

where:

b = calculated block width (ft)
 S_f = safety factor (usually 1.5 for thrust block design)
 P = water pressure (lb/in.²)
 A = cross-sectional area of the pipe based on outside diameter
 h = block height (ft)
 S_b = horizontal bearing strength of soil (lb/ft²) (in.²)

A similar approach can be used to design bearing blocks to resist the thrust forces at locations such as tees and dead ends. Typical values for conservative horizontal bearing strengths of various soil types are listed in Table A.6.6.1 (c). [24:A.10.6.1]

In lieu of the values for soil bearing strength shown in Table A.6.6.1(c), a designer might choose to use calculated Rankine passive pressure (P_p) or other determination of soil-bearing strength based on actual soil properties.

It can be easily shown that $T_y = PA \sin \theta$. The required volume of the block is as follows:

[A.6.6.1d]

$$V_g = \frac{S_f PA \sin \theta}{W_m}$$

where:

V_g = block volume (ft³)
 S_f = safety factor
 P = water pressure (psi)
 A = cross-sectional area of pipe interior
 W_m = density of block material (lb/ft³)

In a case such as the one shown, the horizontal component of thrust force is calculated as follows:

[A.6.6.1e]

$$T_x = PA(1 - \cos \theta)$$

where:

T_x = horizontal component of thrust force
 P = water pressure (psi)
 A = cross-sectional area of pipe interior

The horizontal component of thrust force must be resisted by the bearing of the right side of the block against the soil. Analysis of this aspect follows the same principles as the previous section on bearing blocks. [24:A.10.6.1]

A.6.6.2 A method for providing thrust restraint is the use of restrained joints. A restrained joint is a special type of joint that is designed to provide longitudinal restraint. Restrained joint systems function in a manner similar to thrust blocks, insofar as the reaction of the entire restrained unit of piping with the soil balances the thrust forces.

The objective in designing a restrained joint thrust restraint system is to determine the length of pipe that must be restrained on each side of the focus of the thrust force, which occurs at a change in direction. This will be a function of the pipe size, the internal pressure, the depth of cover, and the characteristics of the solid surrounding the pipe. The manufacturer's installation instructions should be referenced to determine the distance from each change in direction that joints should be restrained.

The following documents apply to the design, calculation, and determination of restrained joint systems:

- (1) *Thrust Restraint Design for Ductile-Iron Pipe*, Ductile-Iron Pipe Research Association
- (2) AWWA M41, *Ductile-Iron Pipe and Fittings*
- (3) AWWA M9, *Concrete Pressure Pipe*
- (4) AWWA M11, *Steel Pipe — A Guide for Design and Installation*
- (5) *Thrust Restraint Design Equations and Tables for Ductile-Iron and PVC Pipe*, EBAA Iron, Inc.

Table A.6.6.1(a) Thrust at Fittings at 100 psi (6.9 bar) Water Pressure for Ductile Iron and PVC Pipe

Nominal Pipe Diameter [in. (mm)]	Total Pounds (Newtons)											
	Dead End		90 Degree		45 Degree		22½ Degree		11¼ Degree		5⅛ Degree	
	lbf	N	lbf	N	lbf	N	lbf	N	lbf	N	lbf	N
4 (100)	1,810	8,051	2,559	11,383	1,385	6,161	706	3,140	355	1,579	162	721
6 (150)	3,739	16,632	5,288	23,522	2,862	12,731	1,459	6,490	733	3,261	334	1,486
8 (200)	6,433	28,615	9,097	40,465	4,923	21,899	2,510	11,165	1,261	5,609	575	2,558
10 (250)	9,677	43,045	13,685	60,874	7,406	32,944	3,776	16,796	1,897	8,438	865	3,848
12 (300)	13,685	60,874	19,353	86,086	10,474	46,591	5,340	23,753	2,683	11,935	1,224	5,445
14 (350)	18,385	81,781	26,001	115,658	14,072	62,595	7,174	31,912	3,604	16,031	1,644	7,313
16 (400)	23,779	105,774	33,628	149,585	18,199	80,953	9,278	41,271	4,661	20,733	2,126	9,457
18 (450)	29,865	132,846	42,235	187,871	22,858	101,677	11,653	51,835	5,855	26,044	2,670	11,877
20 (500)	36,644	163,001	51,822	230,516	28,046	124,755	14,298	63,601	7,183	31,952	3,277	14,577
24 (600)	52,279	232,548	73,934	328,875	40,013	177,987	20,398	90,735	10,249	45,590	4,675	20,795
30 (750)	80,425	357,748	113,738	505,932	61,554	273,806	31,380	139,585	15,766	70,131	7,191	31,987
36 (900)	115,209	512,475	162,931	724,753	88,177	392,231	44,952	199,956	22,585	100,463	10,302	45,826
42 (1,050)	155,528	691,823	219,950	978,386	119,036	529,498	60,684	269,936	30,489	135,622	13,907	61,861
48 (1,200)	202,683	901,579	286,637	1,275,024	155,127	690,039	79,083	351,779	39,733	176,741	18,124	80,620

Notes:

(1) For SI units, 1 lb = 0.454 kg; 1 in. = 25 mm.

(2) To determine thrust at pressure other than 100 psi (6.9 bar), multiply the thrust obtained in the table by the ratio of the pressure to 100 psi (6.9 bar). For example, the thrust on a 12 in. (305 mm), 90-degree bend at 125 psi (8.6 bar) is $19,353 \times 125/100 = 24,191$ lb (10,973 kg).

Figure A.6.6.2 shows an example of a typical connection to a fire protection system riser utilizing restrained joint pipe. [24:A.10.6.2]

A.6.6.2.5 Examples of materials and the standards covering these materials are as follows:

- (1) Clamps, steel
- (2) Rods, steel
- (3) Bolts, steel (ASTM A307, *Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts, Studs, Threaded Rod 60,000 psi Tensile Strength*)
- (4) Washers, steel, cast iron (Class A cast iron as defined by ASTM A126, *Standard Specification for Gray Iron Castings for Valves, Flanges and Pipe Fittings*)
- (5) Anchor straps, plug straps, steel
- (6) Rod couplings, turnbuckles, malleable iron (ASTM A197/A197M, *Standard Specification for Cupola Malleable Iron*)

The materials specified in A.6.6.2.5(1) through A.6.6.2.5(6) do not preclude the use of other materials that will also satisfy the requirements of this section. [24:A.10.6.2.5]

A.6.6.3 Solvent-cemented and heat-fused joints such as those used with CPVC piping and fittings are considered restrained. They do not require thrust blocks. [24:A.10.6.3]

A.6.9.3 The maximum particle size allowed next to most types of pipe can be found in ASTM C136/136M, *Standard Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates*, ASTM D2487, *Standard Practice for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)*, AWWA M55, *PE Pipe — Design and Installation*, AWWA M23, *PVC Pipe — Design and*

Installation, trade association handbooks, or manufacturers' literature. These publications typically recommend one maximum allowable particle size that applies to the bedding, embedment, and backfill, which might be different materials. The maximum particle size might be dependent on the pipe diameter. [24:A.10.9.3]

A.6.10.2.1 Underground mains and lead-in connections to system risers should be flushed through hydrants at dead ends of the system or through accessible aboveground flushing outlets allowing the water to run until clear. Figure A.6.10.2.1 shows acceptable examples of flushing the system. If water is supplied from more than one source or from a looped system, divisional valves should be closed to produce a high-velocity flow through each single line. The flows specified in Table 6.10.2.1.3 will produce a velocity of at least 10 ft/sec (3.0 m/sec), which is necessary for cleaning the pipe and for lifting foreign material to an aboveground flushing outlet. [24:A.10.10.2.1]

A.6.10.2.1.3 The velocity of approximately 10 ft/sec (3.0 m/sec) was used to develop Table 6.10.2.1.3 because this velocity has been shown to be sufficient for moving obstructive material out of the pipes. It is not important that the velocity equal exactly 10 ft/sec (3.0 m/sec), so there is no reason to increase the flow during the test for slightly different internal pipe dimensions. Note that where underground pipe serves as suction pipe for a fire pump, NFPA 20 requires greater flows for flushing the pipe. [24:A.10.10.2.1.3]

A.6.10.2.2.1 For example, consider a sprinkler system with a connection to a public water service main for its water supply. A

Table A.6.6.1(b) Required Horizontal Bearing Block Area

Nominal Pipe Diameter [in. (mm)]	Bearing Block Area [ft ² (m ²)]	Nominal Pipe Diameter [in. (mm)]	Bearing Block Area [ft ² (m ²)]	Nominal Pipe Diameter [in. (mm)]	Bearing Block Area [ft ² (m ²)]
3 (80)	2.6 (0.24)	12 (300)	29.0 (2.7)	24 (600)	110.9 (10.3)
4 (100)	3.8 (0.35)	14 (350)	39.0 (3.6)	30 (750)	170.6 (15.8)
6 (150)	7.9 (0.73)	16 (400)	50.4 (4.7)	36 (900)	244.4 (22.7)
8 (200)	13.6 (1.3)	18 (450)	63.3 (5.9)	42 (1050)	329.9 (30.6)
10 (250)	20.5 (2)	20 (500)	77.7 (7.2)	48 (1200)	430.0 (39.9)

Notes:

(1) Although the bearing strength values in this table have been used successfully in the design of thrust blocks and are considered to be conservative, their accuracy is totally dependent on accurate soil identification and evaluation. The ultimate responsibility for selecting the proper bearing strength of a particular soil type must rest with the design engineer.

(2) Values listed are based on a 90-degree horizontal bend, an internal pressure of 100 psi (6.9 bar), a soil horizontal bearing strength of 1000 lb/ft² (47.9 kN/m²), a safety factor of 1.5, and ductile iron pipe outside diameters.

(a) For other horizontal bends, multiply by the following coefficients: for 45 degrees, 0.541; for 22½ degrees, 0.276; for 11¼ degrees, 0.139.

(b) For other internal pressures, multiply by ratio to 100 psi (6.9 bar).

(c) For other soil horizontal bearing strengths, divide by ratio to 1000 lb/ft² (47.9 kN/m²).

(d) For other safety factors, multiply by ratio to 1.5.

Example: Using Table A.6.6.1(b), find the horizontal bearing block area for a 6 in. (150 mm) diameter, 45-degree bend with an internal pressure of 150 psi (10 bar). The soil bearing strength is 3000 lb/ft² (145 kN/m²), and the safety factor is 1.5.

From Table A.6.6.1(b), the required bearing block area for a 6 in. (150 mm) diameter, 90-degree bend with an internal pressure of 100 psi (6.9 bar) and a soil horizontal bearing strength of 1000 psi (70 bar) is 7.9 ft² (0.73 m²).

For example:

[A.6.6.1e]

$$Area = \frac{7.9 \text{ ft}^2 (0.541) \frac{150}{100}}{\frac{3000}{1000}} = 2.1 \text{ ft}^2$$

100 psi (6.9 bar) rated pump is installed in the connection. With a maximum normal public water supply of 70 psi (4.8 bar) at the low elevation point of the individual system or portion of the system being tested and a 120 psi (8.3 bar) pump (churn) pressure, the hydrostatic test pressure is 70 psi (4.8 bar), 120 psi (8.3 bar), 50 psi (3.5 bar), or 240 psi (16.5 bar).

To reduce the possibility of serious water damage in case of a break, pressure can be introduced by a small pump, the main controlling gate meanwhile being kept shut during the test.

Polybutylene pipe will undergo expansion during initial pressurization. In this case, a reduction in gauge pressure might not necessarily indicate a leak. The pressure reduction should not exceed the manufacturer's specifications and listing criteria.

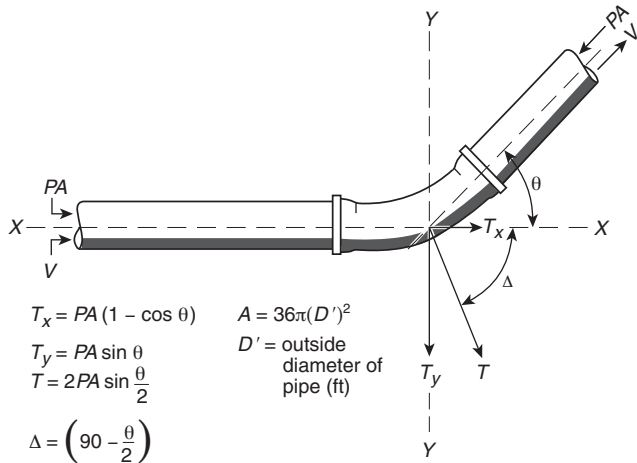
When systems having rigid thermoplastic piping such as CPVC are pressure tested, the sprinkler system should be filled with water. The air should be bled from the highest and farthest sprinklers. Compressed air or compressed gas should never be used to test systems with rigid thermoplastic pipe.

Table A.6.6.1(c) Horizontal Bearing Strengths

Soil	Bearing Strength, S_b	
	lb/ft ²	kN/m ²
Muck	0	0
Soft clay	1000	47.9
Silt	1500	71.8
Sandy silt	3000	143.6
Sand	4000	191.5
Sandy clay	6000	287.3
Hard clay	9000	430.9

Note: Although the bearing strength values in this table have been used successfully in the design of thrust blocks and are considered to be conservative, their accuracy is totally dependent on accurate soil identification and evaluation. The ultimate responsibility for selecting the proper bearing strength of a particular soil type must rest with the design engineer.

[24:Table A.10.6.1(c)]



T = thrust force resulting from change in direction of flow (lbf)
 T_x = component of thrust force acting parallel to original direction of flow (lbf)
 T_y = component of thrust force acting perpendicular to original direction of flow (lbf)
 P = water pressure (psi)
 A = cross-sectional area of pipe based on outside diameter (in.²)
 V = velocity in direction of flow

FIGURE A.6.6.1(a) Thrust Forces Acting on Bend. [24:Figure A.10.6.1(a)]

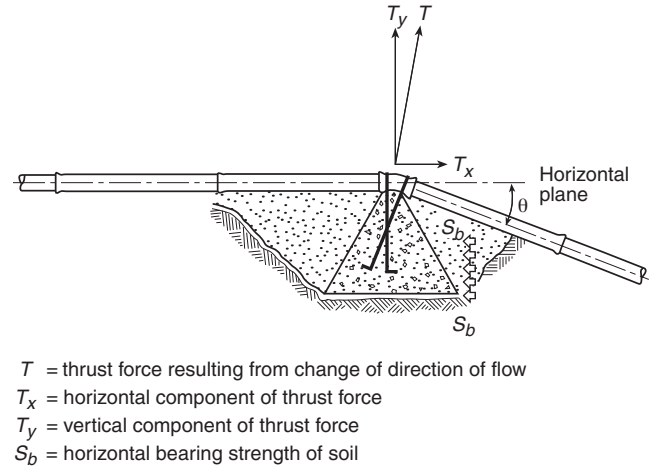


FIGURE A.6.6.1(c) Gravity Thrust Block. [24:Figure A.10.6.1(c)]

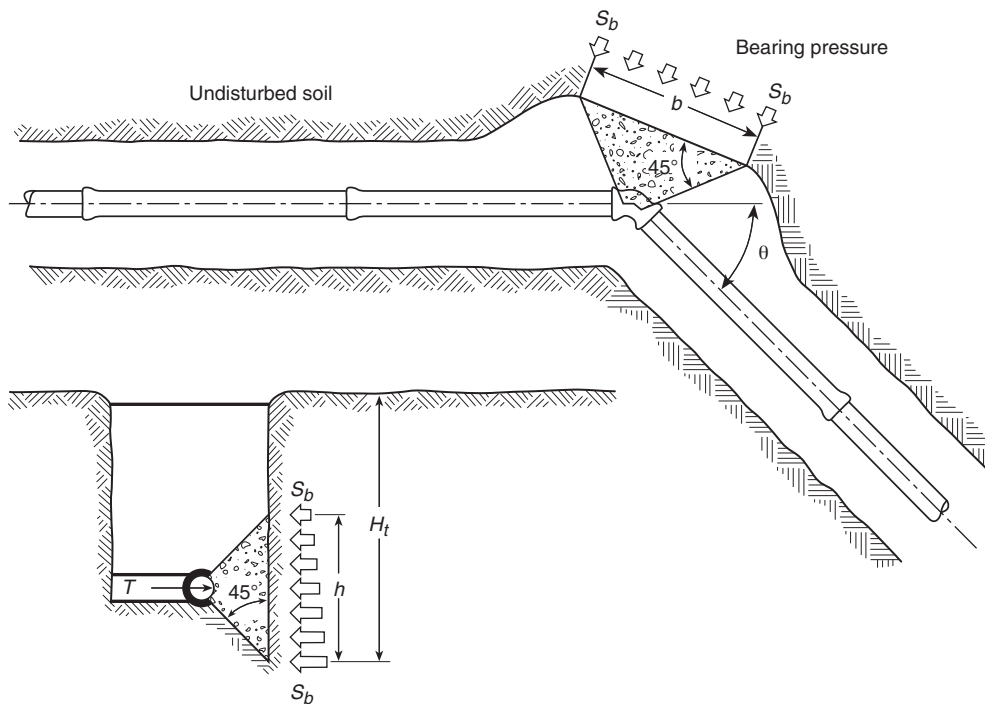


FIGURE A.6.6.1(b) Bearing Thrust Block. [24:Figure A.10.6.1(b)]

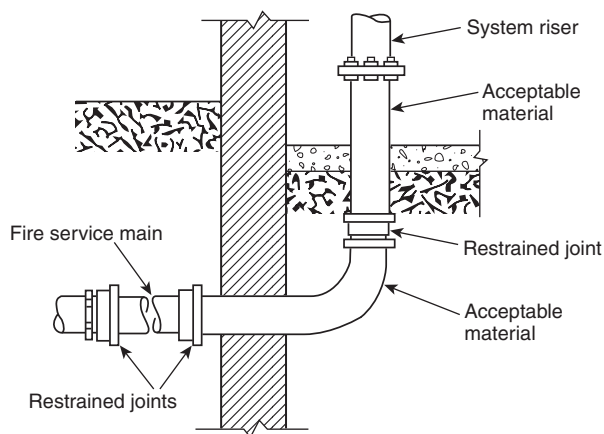


FIGURE A.6.6.2 Typical Connection to a Fire Protection System Riser Illustrating Restrained Joints. [24:Figure A.10.6.2]

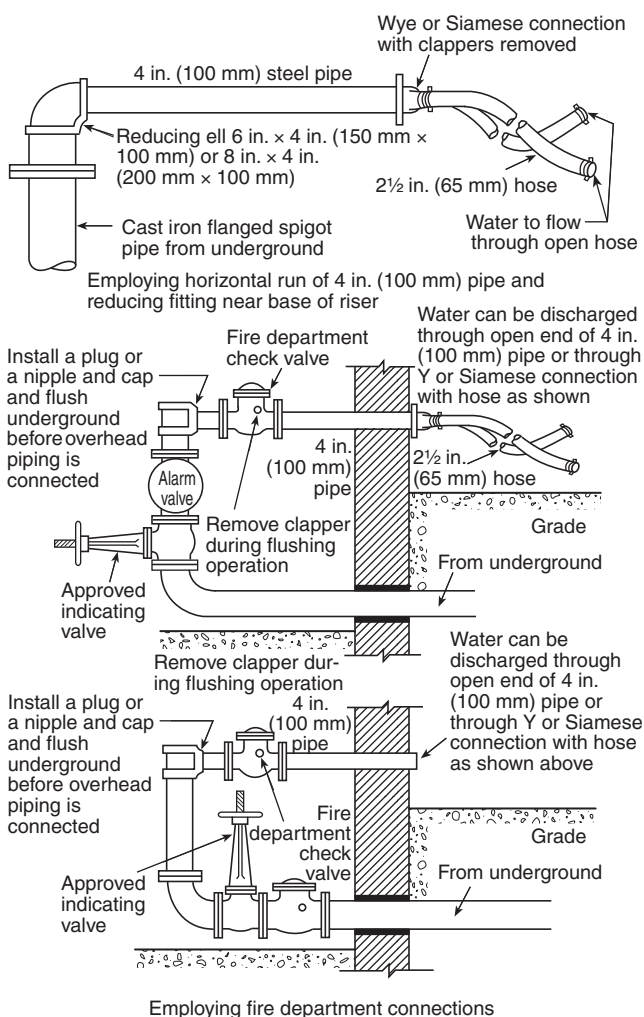


FIGURE A.6.10.2.1 Methods of Flushing Water Supply Connections. [24:Figure A.10.10.2.1]

A recommended test procedure is as follows: The water pressure is to be increased in 50 psi (3.5 bar) increments until the test pressure described in 6.10.2.2.1 is attained. After each increase in pressure, observations are to be made of the stability of the joints. These observations are to include such items as protrusion or extrusion of the gasket, leakage, or other factors likely to affect the continued use of a pipe in service. During the test, the pressure is not to be increased by the next increment until the joint has become stable. This applies particularly to movement of the gasket. After the pressure has been increased to the required maximum value, it is held for 2 hours while observations are made for leakage and the pressure readings are checked. [24:A.10.10.2.2.1]

A.6.10.2.2.4 Hydrostatic tests should be made before the joints are covered, so that any leaks can be detected. Thrust blocks should be sufficiently hardened before hydrostatic testing is begun. If the joints are covered with backfill prior to testing, the contractor remains responsible for locating and correcting any leakage in excess of that permitted. [24:A.10.10.2.2.4]

A.6.10.2.2.6 One acceptable means of completing this test is to utilize a pressure pump that draws its water supply from a full container. At the completion of the 2-hour test, the amount of water to refill the container can be measured to determine the amount of makeup water. In order to minimize pressure loss, the piping should be flushed to remove any trapped air. Additionally, the piping could be pressurized prior to the hydrostatic test to account for expansion, absorption, entrapped air, and so on.

The use of a blind flange or skillet is preferred for hydrostatically testing segments of new work. Metal-seated valves are susceptible to developing slight imperfections during transport, installation, and operation and thus can be likely to leak more than 1 fl oz/in. (1.2 mL/mm) of valve diameter per hour. For this reason, the blind flange should be used when hydrostatically testing. [24:A.10.10.2.2.6]

A.6.10.2.3 As an example, the following standards contain test requirements AWWA C600, *Installation of Ductile-Iron Water Mains and Their Appurtenances*, AWWA C602, *Cement-Mortar Lining of Water Pipe Lines in Place, 4 in. (100 mm) and Larger*, AWWA C900, *Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe, 4 in. Through 12 in. (100 mm Through 300 mm), for Water Transmission and Distribution*, or ASTM F2164, *Standard Practice for Field Leak Testing of Polyethylene (PE) and Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Pressure Piping Systems Using Hydrostatic Pressure*. [24:A.10.10.2.3]

A.7.1.1 Included among items requiring listing are sprinklers, some pipe and some fittings, hangers, alarm devices, valves controlling flow of water to sprinklers, supervisory switches, and electrically operated solenoid valves. Products are typically investigated in accordance with published standards. Examples of standards used to investigate several products installed in sprinkler systems are referenced in Table A.7.1.1. This table does not include a comprehensive list of all product standards used to investigate products installed in sprinkler systems.

A.7.1.1.5 Certain components installed in sprinkler systems are not required to be listed as their improper operation will not detrimentally affect the automatic system performance. Examples include but are not limited to drain valves, drain piping, signs, gauges, automated inspection and test devices, distance monitoring devices, fire department connections that do not use threadless couplings, and so forth.

Table A.7.1.1 Examples of Standards for Sprinkler System Products

Category	Standard
Sprinklers	ANSI/UL 199, <i>Automatic Sprinklers for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 2000, <i>Automatic Control Mode Sprinklers for Fire Protection</i> ANSI/UL 1626, <i>Residential Sprinklers for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 2030, <i>Residential Automatic Sprinklers</i> ANSI/UL 1767, <i>Early-Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers</i> FM 2008, <i>Suppression Mode ESFR Automatic Sprinklers</i> FM 1632, <i>Telescoping Sprinkler Assemblies for Use in Fire Protection Systems for Anechoic Chambers</i>
Valves	ANSI/UL 193, <i>Alarm Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1041, <i>Alarm Check Valves</i> ANSI/UL 260, <i>Dry Pipe and Deluge Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1021, <i>Dry Pipe Valves</i> FM 1020, <i>Automatic Water Control Valves</i> UL 262, <i>Gate Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1120, 1130, <i>Fire Service Water Control Valves (OS & Y and NRS Type Gate Valves)</i> ANSI/UL 312, <i>Check Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1210, <i>Swing Check Valves</i> UL 1091, <i>Butterfly Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1112, <i>Indicating Valves (Butterfly or Ball Type)</i> ANSI/UL 1468, <i>Direct Acting Pressure Reducing and Pressure Restricting Valves</i> ANSI/UL 1739, <i>Pilot-Operated Pressure-Control Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1362, <i>Pressure Reducing Valves</i> FM 1011/1012/1013, <i>Deluge and Preaction Sprinkler Systems</i> FM 1031, <i>Quick Opening Devices (Accelerators and Exhausters) for Dry Pipe Valves</i> ANSI/UL 1486, <i>Quick Opening Devices for Dry Pipe Valves for Fire Protection Service</i> ANSI/UL 346, <i>Waterflow Indicators for Fire Protective Signaling Systems</i> FM 1042, <i>Waterflow Alarm Indicators (Vane Type)</i> FM 1045, <i>Waterflow Detector Check Valves</i> FM 1140, <i>Quick Opening Valves 1/4 Inch Through 2 Inch Nominal Size</i>
Hangers	ANSI/UL 203, <i>Pipe Hanger Equipment for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1951, 1952, 1953, <i>Pipe Hanger Components for Automatic Sprinkler Systems</i> FM 1950, <i>Seismic Sway Brace Components for Automatic Sprinkler Systems</i> UL 203A, <i>Sway Brace Devices for Sprinkler System Piping</i>
Fittings	ANSI/UL 213, <i>Rubber Gasketed Fittings for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1920, <i>Pipe Couplings and Fittings for Fire Protection Systems</i> UL 1474, <i>Adjustable Drop Nipples for Sprinkler Systems</i> FM 1631, <i>Adjustable and Fixed Sprinkler Fittings 1/2 Inch through 1 Inch Nominal Size</i> ANSI/UL 2443, <i>Flexible Sprinkler Hose with Fittings for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1637, <i>Flexible Sprinkler Hose with Fittings</i>
Pipe — Aboveground	ANSI/UL 852, <i>Metallic Sprinkler Pipe for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1630, <i>Steel Pipe for Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems</i> ANSI/UL 1821, <i>Thermoplastic Sprinkler Pipe and Fittings for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1635, <i>Plastic Pipe & Fittings for Automatic Sprinkler Systems</i> FM 1636, <i>Fire Resistant Barriers for Use with CPVC Pipe and Fittings in Light Hazard Occupancies</i>
Pipe — Underground	UL 1285, <i>Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe and Couplings for Underground Fire Service</i> FM 1612, <i>Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe and Fittings for Underground Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1613, <i>Polyethylene (PE) Pipe and Fittings for Underground Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1610, <i>Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings, Flexible Fittings and Couplings</i> UL 194, <i>Gasketed Joints for Ductile-Iron Pipe and Fittings for Fire Protection Service</i> FM 1620, <i>Pipe Joints and Anchor Fittings for Underground Fire Service Mains</i>

Table A.7.2.2.1 Nominal Sprinkler Orifice Sizes

Nominal K-Factor		Nominal Orifice Size	
U.S. [gpm/(psi) ^{1/2}]	Metric [L/min/(bar) ^{1/2}]	in.	mm
1.4	20	1/4	6.4
1.9	27	5/16	8.0
2.8	40	3/8	10
4.2	60	7/16	11
5.6	80	1/2	13
8.0	115	17/32	13
11.2	160	5/8	16
14.0	200	3/4	20
16.8	240	—	—
19.6	280	—	—
22.4	320	—	—
25.2	360	—	—
28.0	400	—	—

Certain devices and equipment that could be used to perform inspection and testing procedures from a distant location are not integral to the system and do not affect system performance. Automated inspection and testing devices and equipment, such as a digital camera, might be in the riser room or attached to the system externally but are not an integral part of the system. Such devices do not need to be listed.

Certain devices and equipment that could be used to monitor system or component status from a distance are not integral to the system and do not affect system performance. Distance monitoring devices, such as an external thermometer, might be attached to the system externally and therefore are not subjected to system pressure. Such devices do not need to be listed.

A.7.2.1 The four- to six-character sprinkler identification number, with no intervening spaces, is intended to identify the sprinkler operating characteristics in lieu of the traditional laboratory approval marking (e.g., SSU, SSP, EC, QR, etc.). The number, marked on the deflector of most sprinklers and elsewhere on decorative ceiling sprinklers, consists of one or two characters identifying the manufacturer, followed by three or four digits.

Sprinkler manufacturers have identified their manufacturer designations for the listing organizations. In order to identify a manufacturer based on the Sprinkler Identification Number, see the listing at www.firesprinkler.global. Each change in K-factor, response characteristics, or deflector (distribution) characteristics results in a new sprinkler identification number. The numbers do not identify specific characteristics of sprinklers but can be referenced in the database information compiled by the listing organizations. At the plan review stage, the sprinkler identification number should be checked against such a database or the manufacturer's literature to ensure that sprinklers are being used properly and within the limitations of their listings. Field inspections can include spot checks to ensure that the model numbers on the plans are those actually installed.

A.7.2.2.1 See Table A.7.2.2.1.

A.7.2.4 Information regarding the highest temperature that can be encountered in any location in a particular installation can be obtained by use of a thermometer that will register the highest temperature encountered; it should be hung for

several days in the location in question, with the plant in operation.

A.7.2.5.1 Examples of such locations include the following:

- (1) Paper mills
- (2) Packing houses
- (3) Tanneries
- (4) Alkali plants
- (5) Organic fertilizer plants
- (6) Foundries
- (7) Forge shops
- (8) Fumigation, pickle, and vinegar works
- (9) Stables
- (10) Storage battery rooms
- (11) Electroplating rooms
- (12) Galvanizing rooms
- (13) Steam rooms of all descriptions, including moist vapor dry kilns
- (14) Salt storage rooms
- (15) Locomotive sheds or houses
- (16) Driveways
- (17) Areas exposed to outside weather, such as piers and wharves exposed to salt air
- (18) Areas under sidewalks
- (19) Areas around bleaching equipment in flour mills
- (20) All portions of cold storage buildings where a direct ammonia expansion system is used
- (21) Portions of any plant where corrosive vapors prevail
- (22) Area over and around swimming pools, chlorine storage rooms, and pool pump rooms

A.7.2.5.2 Painting of sprinklers can retard the thermal response of the heat-responsive element, can interfere with the free movement of parts, and can render the sprinkler inoperative. Moreover, painting can invite the application of subsequent coatings, thus increasing the possibility of a malfunction of the sprinkler.

A.7.2.6.2 The use of the wrong type of escutcheon with recessed or flush-type sprinklers can result in severe disruption of the spray pattern, which can destroy the effectiveness of the sprinkler.

A.7.3.2 CPVC is a plastic material, and consideration is necessary when other materials or chemicals come in contact with CPVC that can cause degradation of performance of the pipe due to interaction of materials. Other construction materials include but are not limited to materials used in fabrication of the sprinkler system, additives to water supplies, cable, and wiring, and certain insecticides and fungicides. Compliance with 7.3.2 combined with following the manufacturer's guidance on installation and compatible materials will help prevent premature performance degradation of non-metallic piping. Mechanical stress caused by hanging methods or bending on non-metallic piping beyond the manufacturers recommended limitations can cause stress failure over time and should be avoided.

Other types of pipe and tube that have been investigated and listed for sprinkler applications include thermoplastic pipe and fittings. While these products can offer advantages, such as ease of handling and installation, cost-effectiveness, reduction of friction losses, and improved corrosion resistance, it is important to recognize that they also have limitations that are to be considered by those contemplating their use or acceptance.

With respect to thermoplastic pipe and fittings, exposure of such piping to elevated temperatures in excess of that for which it has been listed can result in distortion or failure. Accordingly, care must be exercised when locating such systems to ensure that the ambient temperature, including seasonal variations, does not exceed the rated value.

The upper service temperature limit of currently listed CPVC sprinkler pipe is 150°F (65.5°C) at 175 psi (12.1 bar).

Not all pipe or tube made to ASTM F442, *Standard Specification for Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe (SDR-PR)*, is listed for fire sprinkler service. Listed pipe is identified by the logo of the listing agency.

Not all fittings made to ASTM F437, *Standard Specification for Threaded Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80*, ASTM F438, *Standard Specification for Socket-Type Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 40*, and ASTM F439, *Standard Specification for Socket-Type Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80*, as described in 7.4.4, are listed for fire sprinkler service. Listed fittings are identified by the logo of the listing agency.

Consideration must also be given to the possibility of exposure of the piping to elevated temperatures during a fire. The survival of thermoplastic piping under fire conditions is primarily due to the cooling effect of the discharge from the sprinklers it serves. As this discharge might not occur simultaneously with the rise in ambient temperature and, under some circumstances, can be delayed for periods beyond the tolerance of the piping, protection in the form of a fire-resistant membrane is generally required. (Some listings do provide for the use of exposed piping in conjunction with residential or quick-response sprinklers, but only under specific, limited installation criteria.)

Where protection is required, it is described in the listing information for each individual product, and the requirements given must be followed. It is equally important that such protection must be maintained. Removal of, for example, one or more panels in a lay-in ceiling can expose piping in the concealed space to the possibility of failure in the event of a fire. Similarly, the relocation of openings through protective ceilings that expose the pipe to heat, inconsistent with the listing, would place the system in jeopardy. The potential for loss of the protective membrane under earthquake conditions should also be considered.

While the listings of thermoplastic piping do not prohibit its installation in combustible concealed spaces where the provision of sprinkler protection is not required, and while the statistical record of fire originating in such spaces is low, it should be recognized that the occurrence of a fire in such a space could result in failure of the piping system. The investigation of pipe and tube other than described in Table 7.3.1.1 should involve consideration of many factors, including the following:

(1) Pressure rating

(2) Beam strength (hangers)

(3) Unsupported vertical stability

(4) Movement during sprinkler operation (affecting water distribution)

(5) Corrosion (internal and external), chemical and electrolytic

(6) Resistance to failure when exposed to elevated temperatures

(7) Methods of joining (strength, permanence, fire hazard)

(8) Physical characteristics related to integrity during earthquakes

A.7.3.3 Other types of pipe and tube that have been investigated and listed for sprinkler applications include lightweight steel pipe. While these products can offer advantages, such as ease of handling and installation, cost effectiveness, and reduction of friction losses, it is important to recognize that they also have limitations that are to be considered by those contemplating their use or acceptance.

Corrosion studies have shown that, in comparison to Schedule 40 pipe, the effective life of lightweight steel pipe can be reduced, the level of reduction being related to its wall thickness. Further information with respect to corrosion resistance is contained in the individual listings for such pipe.

A.7.3.4.1 Where approved, the pipe identification can be covered with paint or other protective coatings before installation.

A.7.4.4 Rubber-gasketed pipe fittings and couplings should not be installed where ambient temperatures can be expected to exceed 150°F (66°C) unless listed for this service. If the manufacturer further limits a given gasket compound, those recommendations should be followed.

Other construction materials include but are not limited to materials used in fabrication of the sprinkler system, additives to water supplies, cable and wiring, and certain insecticides and fungicides.

A.7.5.1.2 Some steel piping material having lesser wall thickness than specified in 7.5.1.2 has been listed for use in sprinkler systems where joined with threaded connections. The service life of such products can be significantly less than that of Schedule 40 steel pipe, and it should be determined if this service life will be sufficient for the application intended.

All such threads should be checked by the installer using working ring gauges conforming to the "Basic Dimensions of Ring Gauges for USA (American) Standard Taper Pipe Threads, NPT," as per Table 8 of ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*.

A.7.5.2.2 Cutting and welding operations account for 4 percent of fires each year in nonresidential properties and 8 percent in industrial and manufacturing properties. In-place welding of sprinkler piping introduces a significant hazard that can normally be avoided by shop-welding the piping and installing the welded sections with mechanical fittings. As a result, the standard requires that all piping be shop-welded. When such situations cannot be avoided, the exceptions outline procedures and practices that minimize the increase in hazard.

A.7.5.2.3.1 Listed, shaped, and contoured nipples meet the definition of fabricated fittings.

A.7.5.2.4.1 Partial penetration welds on outlet fitting connections are considered adequate, since there is no significant load on the joint other than that caused by pressure internal to the pipe (see Figure A.7.5.2.4.1).

A.7.5.2.4.2 The load due to the internal pressure can be accommodated with a weld that has a conservative weld throat thickness that can be calculated as follows:

[A.7.5.2.4.2]

$$\text{Weld throat thickness (in.)} = PD \times 0.000035$$

where:

P = rated system gauge pressure (psi)

D = outside diameter (OD) of fitting (in.)

For example, if you assume a gauge pressure of 300 psi (21 bar) and the OD of the outlet fitting of 3 in. (75 mm), the result of the thickness calculation is 0.0315 in. (0.8 mm). When compared to the minimum throat thickness of $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (5 mm), there is a factor of more than 5 times the calculated thickness value.

A.7.5.2.4.3 The preparation of mating surfaces is important to the proper fabrication of a weld joint. To accomplish this, the mating surfaces for a circumferential weld butt joint should be prepared and configured so that a full penetration weld is achievable, but a partial penetration weld is acceptable. (See Figure A.7.5.2.4.3.)

A.7.5.3.1 It is not the intent to require specific listing of every combination of grooved coupling, pipe, fitting, valve, and device, provided the standard groove dimensions as specified in ANSI/UL 213, *Rubber Gasketed Fittings for Fire Protection Service*, are used. Material strength and pressure rating of the fitting, valve, or device used with the grooved couplings should be considered when determining the appropriate application of a coupling when joining these components.

A.7.5.3.1.1 Standardized groove specifications pertain to the grooved couplings that comply with and the groove dimensions

described in ANSI/UL 213, *Rubber Gasketed Fittings for Fire Protection Service*. The standard dimensions are specified in ANSI/UL 213.

A.7.5.4 The fire hazard of the brazing and soldering processes should be suitably safeguarded.

A.7.5.4.5 Soldering fluxes manufactured to the specifications required by Table 7.3.1.1 are unlikely to cause damage to the seats of sprinklers. When brazing flux is used, it must be of a type not likely to damage the seats of sprinklers.

N A.8.1.1.2 Pressure gauges installed on both sides of a check valve are necessary for several reasons. They can quickly indicate an abnormal condition such as a closed valve or an inoperable check valve. If the pressure on the downstream side of a check valve is less than the pressure on the upstream side, either the pressure gauges are faulty or the check valve is inoperable. If the pressure on the upstream side of a check valve is less than the pressure on the downstream side, the pressure is trapped indicating a higher than normal pressure. This erroneous pressure will then be part of a main drain test. If a pressure gauge is installed only on the downstream side of the check valve a pressure would be indicated but the pressure on the upstream side could be 0.0 psi indicating a severe problem.

A.8.2 A dry pipe system should be installed only where heat is not adequate to prevent freezing of water in all parts of, or in sections of, the system. Dry pipe systems should be converted to wet pipe systems when they become unnecessary because adequate heat is provided. Sprinklers should not be shut off in cold weather.

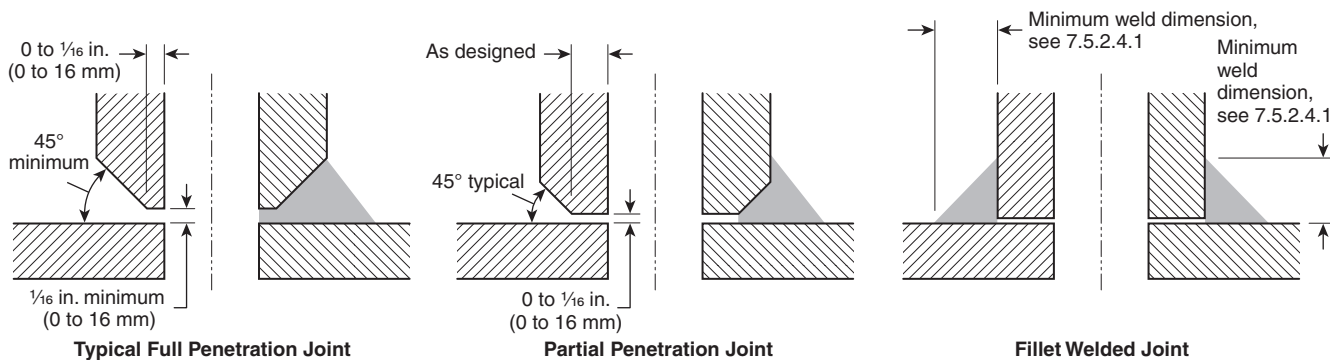


FIGURE A.7.5.2.4.1 Weld Descriptions.

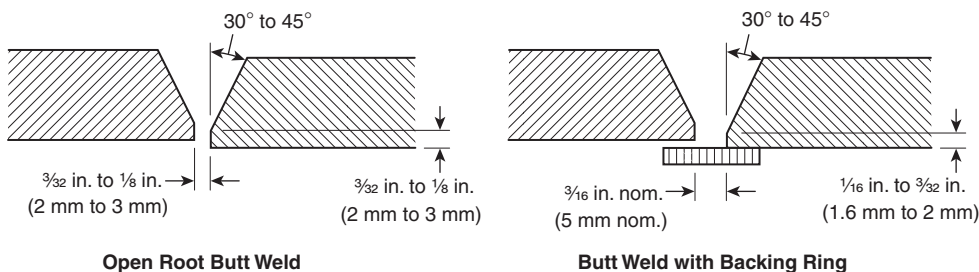


FIGURE A.7.5.2.4.3 Weld Diagram.

Where two or more dry pipe valves are used, systems preferably should be divided horizontally to prevent simultaneous operation of more than one system and the resultant increased time delay in filling systems and discharging water and to prevent receipt of more than one waterflow alarm signal.

Where adequate heat is present in sections of the dry pipe system, consideration should be given to dividing the system into a separate wet pipe system and dry pipe system. Minimized use of dry pipe systems is desirable where speed of operation is of particular concern.

A.8.2.2(2) Installation limitations of listed dry pendent sprinklers can vary with different products. Limitations should be included in product installation instructions to warn the user of the potential accumulation of water, scale, and sediment from collecting at the sprinkler.

A.8.2.3 The capacities of the various sizes of pipe given in Table A.8.2.3 are for convenience in calculating the capacity of a system.

A.8.2.3.1 The 60-second limit does not apply to dry systems with capacities of 500 gal (1900 L) or less, nor to dry systems with capacities of 750 gal (2850 L) or less if equipped with a quick-opening device.

A.8.2.3.7 See Figure A.8.2.3.7.

A.8.2.5 The dry pipe valve should be located in an accessible place near the sprinkler system it controls. Where exposed to cold, the dry pipe valve should be located in a valve room or enclosure of adequate size to properly service equipment.

A.8.2.5.1 The dry pipe valve and supply piping should be in an area maintained at or above 40°F (4°C). It is the intent of the committee to protect the valves from freezing. The occasional exposure of valves to short exposures of air temperatures below 40°F (4°C) that would not cause the valves to freeze does not justify the construction of a valve room.

A.8.2.6.3 The compressor should draw its air supply from within the operating criteria allowed by the manufacturer of the compressor. Air piping should not be attached to the intake of the compressor unless acceptable to the compressor manufacturer and installed in accordance with 8.8.2.7. Damage, air reduction, or reduced life expectancy can result if guidelines are not followed.

A.8.2.6.3.2 When a single compressor serves multiple dry pipe systems, the 30-minute fill time is based on the single largest system.

A.8.2.6.4.1 The connection from an air compressor to the dry pipe valve should be of a type recommended by the manufacturer and approved by the authority having jurisdiction, taking into consideration the pressures, temperatures, and vibrations that the connection and adjacent equipment will endure. Flexible hose should be considered suitable when capable of withstanding expected vibration, a maximum pressure of 175 psi (12 bar) or greater, and a maximum temperature of 150°F (66°C) or greater.

A.8.2.6.6.1 Air maintenance devices are unique components within the air supply and need to be listed for use. Compressors are not air maintenance devices and this section does not require air compressors to be listed.

A.8.2.6.8.1 The nitrogen or other approved gas can be either generated on site or from storage containers, sized to provide a reliable supply for at least 6 months of expected maintenance use.

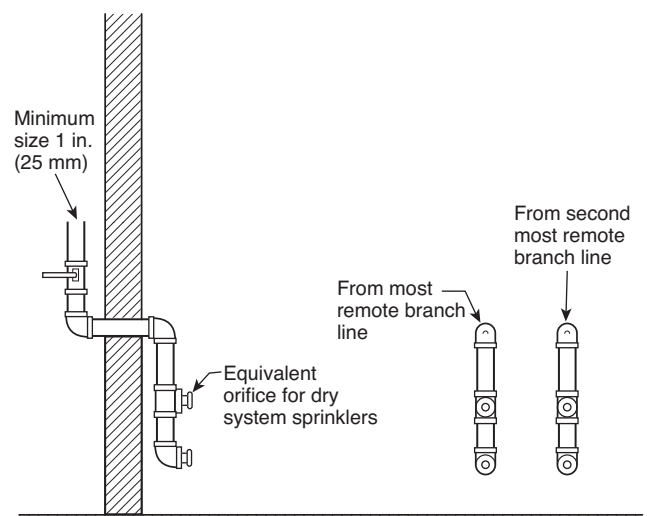


FIGURE A.8.2.3.7 Example Manifold Arrangement (Four Sprinklers).

Table A.8.2.3 Capacity of 1 ft of Pipe (Based on Actual Internal Pipe Diameter)

Nominal Pipe Diameter		Pipe		Nominal Pipe Diameter		Pipe	
in.	mm	Schedule 40 [gal (L)]	Schedule 10 [gal (L)]	in.	mm	Schedule 40 [gal (L)]	Schedule 10 [gal (L)]
3/4	20	0.028 (0.11)		3	80	0.383 (1.45)	0.433 (1.64)
1	25	0.045 (0.17)	0.049 (0.19)	3 1/2	90	0.513 (1.94)	0.576 (2.18)
1 1/4	32	0.078 (0.30)	0.085 (0.32)	4	100	0.660 (2.50)	0.740 (2.80)
1 1/2	40	0.106 (0.40)	0.115 (0.43)	5	125	1.040 (3.94)	1.144 (4.33)
2	50	0.174 (0.66)	0.190 (0.72)	6	150	1.501 (5.68)	1.649 ^b (6.24)
2 1/2	65	0.248 (0.94)	0.283 (1.07)	8	200	2.66 ^a (10.1)	2.776 ^c (10.5)

^aSchedule 30.

^b0.134 wall pipe.

^c0.188 wall pipe.

A.8.2.6.8.4 When a single nitrogen or other approved gas source serves multiple dry pipe systems, the 30-minute fill time is based on the single largest system.

A.8.3.1 Conditions of occupancy or special hazards might require quick application of large quantities of water, and, in such cases, deluge systems might be needed.

Fire detection devices should be selected to ensure operation yet guard against premature operation of sprinklers based on normal room temperatures and draft conditions.

In locations where ambient temperature at the ceiling is high from heat sources other than fire conditions, heat-responsive devices that operate at higher than ordinary temperature and that are capable of withstanding the normal high temperature for long periods of time should be selected.

Where corrosive conditions exist, materials or protective coatings that resist corrosion should be used.

To help avoid ice formation in piping due to accidental tripping of dry pipe valves in cold storage rooms, a deluge automatic water control valve can be used on the supply side of the dry pipe valve. Where this method is employed, the following also apply:

- (1) Dry systems can be manifolded to a deluge valve, with the protected area not exceeding 40,000 ft² (3720 m²).
- (2) Where a dry system is manifolded to a deluge valve, the distance between valves should be as short as possible to minimize water hammer.
- (3) The dry pipe valves should be pressurized to 50 psi (3.4 bar) to reduce the possibility of dry pipe valve operation from water hammer.

A.8.3.1.1 When using electrical operating methods to actuate preaction systems and deluge systems, care should be observed in selecting the solenoid valve. This valve must be compatible with the fire detection system, including its control panel, and the preaction or deluge valve. This often involves listing with both the preaction or deluge valve manufacturer and the fire detection system manufacturer. Information regarding solenoid compatibility is included in the releasing device (panel) installation instructions.

Small preaction and deluge systems with and without separate electrical-based detection and control panels have been installed prior to the introduction of the detection system requirements of *NFPA 72*. Pneumatic-based actuation using heat-actuated devices (HADs), pneumatic line-type detection, and pilot sprinklers are examples of non-electric-based detectors and control devices. *NFPA 13* recognizes the use and installation of these types of systems and provides guidance in producing a reliable detection and suppression system combination. Remote manual operation of combined dry pipe and preaction systems is needed because of the often very long length dimension of such systems and the long travel time to reach the control valves. Such remote manual operation speeds water into the piping network.

A.8.3.1.7.4 Preaction and deluge valves should be fully trip tested wherever possible. Providing a functional trip test without waterflow does not reveal other potential problems such as obstructions and/or misaligned nozzles.

A.8.3.2.3.1.4 Although the time criterion for calculated systems is not required, a test is still required to document the initial water delivery for comparison to future inspection test

requirements. If the time of a single sprinkler test outlet exceeds 70 seconds, evaluation of the calculations and the system installation might be necessary.

A.8.3.2.4 Supervision, either electrical or mechanical, as used in 8.3.2.4 refers to constant monitoring of piping and detection equipment to ensure the integrity of the system. Detection devices of listed flow cycling assemblies that cause an alarm during a single open or a single ground fault condition should be considered to satisfy the supervision requirement.

A.8.3.2.5(2) See A.8.2.2(2).

A.8.3.3 Where 8 in. (200 mm) piping is employed to reduce friction losses in a system operated by fire detection devices, a 6 in. (150 mm) preaction or deluge valve and a 6 in. (150 mm) gate valve between tapered reducers should be permitted.

A.8.4.2 Systems described by Section 8.4 are special types of noninterlocking preaction systems intended for use in, but not limited to, structures where a number of dry pipe valves would be required if a dry pipe system were installed. These systems are primarily used in piers and wharves.

A.8.4.2.1 See Figure A.8.4.2.1.

A.8.4.2.4(2) See A.8.2.2(2).

A.8.4.3.2 Figure A.8.4.3.2 is a depiction of a valve arrangement complying with 8.4.3.2.

A.8.6 In cold climates and areas where the potential for freezing of pipes is a concern, options other than antifreeze are available. Such options include installing the pipe in warm spaces, tenting insulation over the piping [as illustrated in Figure A.9.1.1(a) through Figure A.9.1.1(f) of *NFPA 13D*], listed heat tracing, and the use of dry pipe systems and preaction systems.

A.8.6.1 The definition of an antifreeze system states that water will discharge after the antifreeze leaves the pipes. Systems that are all antifreeze, including tanks of antifreeze solution that will not discharge plain water, are not true antifreeze systems. Such systems should not be used without consideration to issues such as the combustibility of the antifreeze solution and the friction loss in the piping during cold conditions. Any listing associated with an antifreeze sprinkler system should address the inability for the specific antifreeze solution tested to ignite when discharged from specific sprinklers.

A.8.6.2 Listed nonmetallic sprinkler pipe and fittings should be protected from freezing with compatible listed solutions only. In addition, due to antifreeze solution limitations, other methods of freeze protection such as electric heat tracing or insulated coverings, which are approved for use on nonmetallic piping, can be used to protect nonmetallic pipes from freezing.

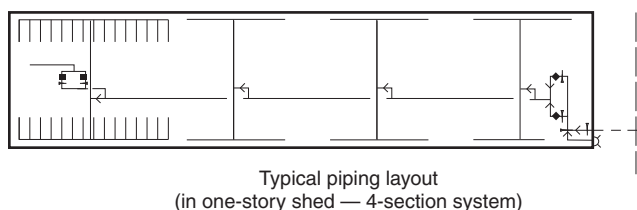


FIGURE A.8.4.2.1 Typical Piping Layout for Combined Dry Pipe and Praction Sprinkler System.

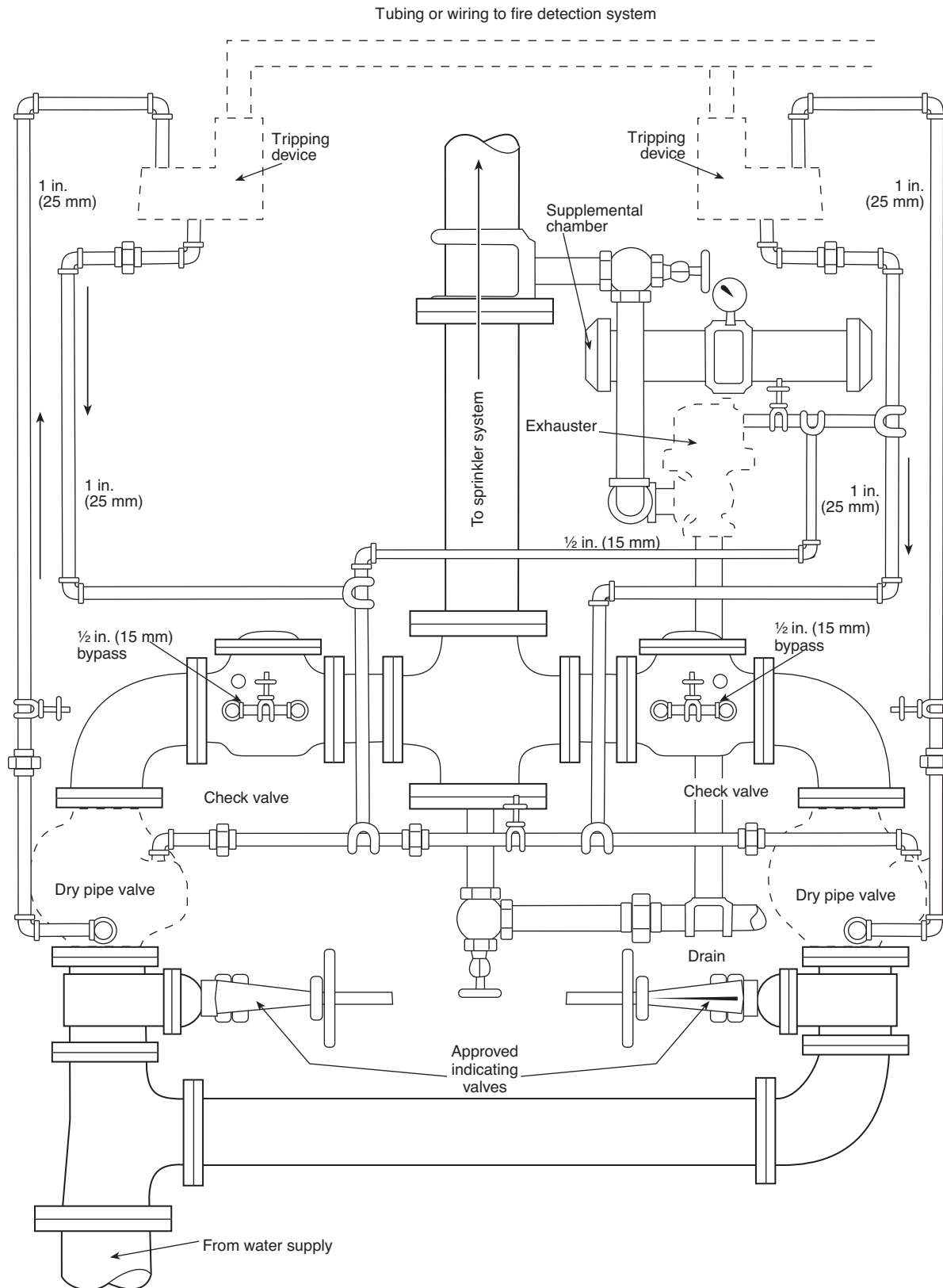


FIGURE A.8.4.3.2 Header for Dry Pipe Valves Installed in Parallel for Combined Systems; Standard Trimmings Not Shown. Arrows Indicate Direction of Fluid Flow.

The following is a list of research reports that have been issued by the Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF) related to the use of antifreeze in sprinkler systems:

- (1) *Antifreeze Systems in Home Fire Sprinkler Systems — Literature Review and Research Plan*, Fire Protection Research Foundation, June 2010
- (2) *Antifreeze Systems in Home Fire Sprinkler Systems — Phase II Final Report*, Fire Protection Research Foundation, December 2010
- (3) *Antifreeze Solutions Supplied through Spray Sprinklers — Interim Report*, Fire Protection Research Foundation, February 2012

Table A.8.6.2 provides a summarized overview of the testing.

A.8.6.2.1 Where existing antifreeze systems have been analyzed and approved to remain in service, antifreeze solutions should be limited to premixed antifreeze solutions of glycerine (chemically pure or United States Pharmacopoeia 96.5 percent) at a maximum concentration of 48 percent by volume, or propylene glycol at a maximum concentration of 38 percent by volume. The use of antifreeze solutions in all new sprinkler systems should be restricted to listed antifreeze solutions only. Where existing antifreeze systems are in service, the solution concentration should be limited to those noted in A.8.6.2, and the system requires an analysis and approval of the authority having jurisdiction to remain in service.

A.8.6.3.2 One formula for sizing the chamber is as follows. Other methods also exist.

[A.8.6.3.2a]

$$\Delta L = S_v \left(\frac{D_L}{D_H} - 1 \right)$$

where:

ΔL = change in antifreeze solution volume (gal) due to thermal expansion

S_v = volume (gal) of antifreeze system, not including the expansion chamber

D_L = density (gm/mL) of antifreeze solution at lowest expected temperature

D_H = density (gm/mL) of antifreeze solution at highest expected temperature

This method is based on the following information:

[A.8.6.3.2b]

$$\frac{P_0 \cdot V_0}{T_0} = \frac{P_1 \cdot V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 \cdot V_2}{T_2}$$

where:

V_{EC} = minimum required volume (gal) of expansion chamber

V_0 = air volume (gal) in expansion chamber at precharge (before installation)

V_1 = air volume (gal) in expansion chamber at normal static pressure

V_2 = air volume (gal) in expansion chamber at post-expansion pressure (antifreeze at high temperature)

P_0 = absolute precharge pressure (psia) on expansion chamber before installation

P_1 = absolute static pressure (psi) on water (supply) side of backflow preventer

P_2 = absolute maximum allowable working pressure (psi) for antifreeze system

T_0 = temperature (°R) of air in expansion chamber at precharge

T_1 = temperature (°R) of air in expansion chamber when antifreeze system piping is at lowest expected temperature

T_2 = temperature (°R) of air in expansion chamber when antifreeze system piping is at highest expected temperature

This equation is one formulation of the ideal gas law from basic chemistry. The amount of air in the expansion chamber will not change over time. The pressure, temperature, and volume of the air at different times will be related in accordance with this formula:

[A.8.6.3.2c]

$$V_2 = V_1 - \Delta L$$

The antifreeze in the system is essentially incompressible, so the air volume in the expansion chamber will decrease by an amount equal to the expansion of the antifreeze.

It is assumed that there is no trapped air in the system piping, so the only air in the system is in the expansion chamber. This is a conservative assumption, since more air is better. In reality, there will be at least some trapped air. However, only the air in the expansion chamber can be relied upon to be available when needed.

[A.8.6.3.2d]

$$V_{EC} = V_0$$

At precharge, the chamber will be completely full of air.

[A.8.6.3.2e]

$$V_{EC} = \frac{P_1 \cdot T_0 \cdot P_2 \cdot \Delta L \cdot T_1}{P_0 \cdot T_1 (P_2 \cdot T_1 - P_1 \cdot T_2)}$$

In cases where the normal static pressure on the sprinkler system is close to the maximum working pressure, antifreeze systems are not advisable if the connection to the wet pipe system will incorporate a backflow device. In these cases, expansion of the antifreeze solution during warm weather will cause the antifreeze system to exceed the maximum working pressure, regardless of the size of the expansion chamber. The normal static pressure is too close to the maximum working pressure if the preceding formula for V_{EC} yields a negative result. If this occurs, use a dry pipe system instead or install a pressure-reducing valve before the backflow preventer.

A.8.6.3.3 The expansion chamber should be appropriately sized and precharged with air pressure.

A.8.6.3.6 Systems are required by NFPA 25 to have the concentration levels checked at the supply inlet to the antifreeze system and at a remote point of the system.

A.8.7.4.2.1 See Figure A.8.7.4.2.1.

A.8.7.4.2.3 See Figure A.8.7.4.2.3.

Table A.8.6.2 FPRF Antifreeze Testing Summary

Topic	Information
Scope of sprinklers tested	The following sprinklers were used during the residential sprinkler research program described in the report dated December 2010: (1) Residential pendent style having nominal K-factors of 3.1, 4.9, and 7.4 gpm/psi^{1/2} (45, 71, and 106 lpm/bar^{1/2}) (2) Residential concealed pendent style having a nominal K-factor of 4.9 gpm/psi^{1/2} (71 lpm/bar^{1/2}) (3) Residential sidewall style having nominal K-factors of 4.2 and 5.5 gpm/psi^{1/2} (60 and 79 lpm/bar^{1/2}) The following sprinklers were used during the spray sprinkler research program described in the report dated February 2012: (1) Residential pendent style having a nominal K-factor of 3.1 gpm/psi^{1/2} (45 lpm/bar^{1/2}) (2) Standard spray pendent style having nominal K-factors of 2.8, 4.2, 5.6, and 8.0 gpm/psi^{1/2} (40, 60, 80, and 115 lpm/bar^{1/2}) (3) Standard spray concealed pendent style having a nominal K-factor of 5.6 gpm/psi^{1/2} (80 lpm/bar^{1/2}) (4) Standard spray upright style having a nominal K-factor of 5.6 gpm/psi^{1/2} (80 lpm/bar^{1/2}) (5) Standard spray extended coverage pendent style having a nominal K-factor of 5.6 gpm/psi^{1/2} (80 lpm/bar^{1/2})
Antifreeze solution concentration	<50% glycerine and <40% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions: Solutions were not tested. 50% glycerine and 40% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions: Large-scale ignition of the sprinkler spray did not occur in tests with sprinkler discharge onto a fire having a nominal heat release rate (HRR) of 1.4 megawatts (MW). Large-scale ignition of sprinkler spray occurred in multiple tests with sprinkler discharge onto a fire having a nominal HRR of 3.0 MW. 55% glycerine and 45% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions: Large-scale ignition of the sprinkler spray occurred in tests with sprinkler discharge onto a fire having a nominal HRR of 1.4 MW. > 55% glycerine and > 45% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions: Large-scale ignition of the sprinkler spray occurred in tests with sprinkler discharge onto a fire having an HRR of less than 500 kW. 70% glycerine and 60% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions: Maximum antifreeze solution concentrations tested.
Sprinkler inlet pressure	Large-scale ignition of the sprinkler discharge spray was not observed when the sprinkler inlet pressure was 50 psi or less for tests using 50% glycerine or 40% propylene glycol.
Ceiling height	When discharging 50% glycerine and 40% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions onto fires having an HRR of 1.4 MW, no large-scale ignition of the sprinkler spray was observed with ceiling heights up to 20 ft (6.1 m). When discharging 50% glycerine and 40% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions onto fires having a HRR of 3.0 MW, large-scale ignition of the sprinkler spray was observed at a ceiling height of 20 ft (6.1 m).
Fire control	The test results described in the test reports dated December 2010 and February 2012 indicated that discharging glycerine and propylene glycol antifreeze solutions onto a fire can temporarily increase the fire size until water is discharged. As a part of the residential sprinkler research described in the report dated December 2010, tests were conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of residential sprinklers to control fires involving furniture and simulated furniture. The results of these tests indicated that 50% glycerine and 40% propylene glycol antifreeze solutions demonstrated the ability to control the furniture type fires in a manner similar to water. For standard spray type sprinklers, no tests were conducted to investigate the ability of these sprinklers to control the types and sizes of fires that these sprinklers are intended to protect.

A.8.7.9 In the design of an exposure protection system, the flow rate from window and cornice sprinklers is shown in Table 8.7.9.1. The flow rates are based on the guide numbers selected from Table 4.3.7.3 of NFPA 80A, which can be utilized as the basis for determining whether exposure protection is needed.

A.8.8 Careful installation and maintenance, and some special arrangements of piping and devices as outlined in this section, are needed to avoid the formation of ice and frost inside piping in cold storage rooms that will be maintained at or below 32°F (0°C). Conditions are particularly favorable to condensation where pipes enter cold rooms from rooms having temperatures above freezing.

Whenever the opportunity offers, fittings such as those specified in 8.8.2.1, as well as flushing connections, should be provided in existing systems.

Where possible, risers should be located in stair towers or other locations outside of refrigerated areas, which would reduce the probabilities of ice or frost formation within the riser (supply) pipe.

Cross mains should be connected to risers or feed mains with flanges. In general, flanged fittings should be installed at points that would allow easy dismantling of the system. Split

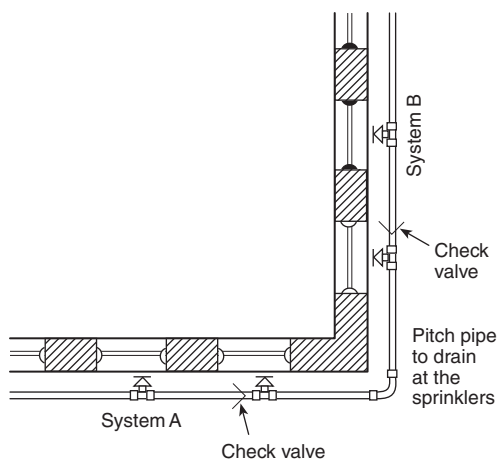


FIGURE A.8.7.4.2.1 Typical Arrangement of Check Valves.

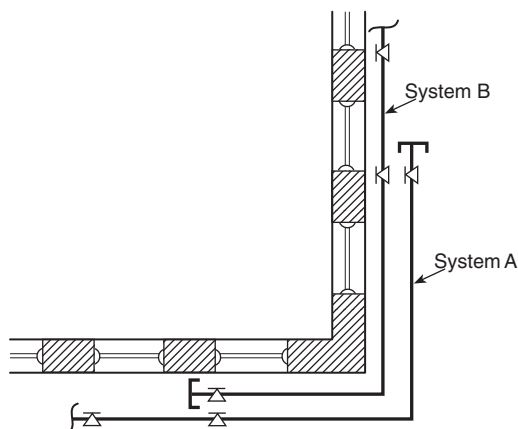


FIGURE A.8.7.4.2.3 Alternate Arrangement of Check Valves.

ring or other easily removable types of hangers will facilitate the dismantling.

Because it is not practical to allow water to flow into sprinkler piping in spaces that might be constantly subject to freezing, or where temperatures must be maintained at or below 40°F (4.4°C), it is important that means be provided at the time of system installation to conduct trip tests on dry pipe valves that service such systems. NFPA 25 contains requirements in this matter.

A.8.8.2 The requirements in 8.8.2 are intended to minimize the chances of ice plug formation inside sprinkler system piping protecting freezers.

N A.8.8.2.1.1 It is not the intent of this section to apply to a dry sprinkler. An additional pipe is not needed when a dry sprinkler penetrates a refrigerated space.

A.8.8.2.4 A higher degree of preventing the formation of ice blocks can be achieved by lowering the moisture of the air supply entering the refrigerated space to a pressure dew point no greater than 20°F (-6.6°C) below the lowest nominal temperature of the refrigerated space. The pressure dew point of the air supply can cause moisture to condense and freeze in sprinkler pipe even when the air supply is from the freezer. One method of reducing the moisture content of the air by use of air drying systems is illustrated in Figure A.8.8.2.4.

When compressors and dryers are used for an air supply, consideration should be given to pressure requirements of the regenerative dryers, compressor size, air pressure regulator capacity, and air fill rate. Application of these factors could necessitate the use of increased air pressures and a larger air compressor.

The compressed air supply should be properly prepared prior to entering a regenerative-type air dryer, such as minimum air pressure, maximum inlet air temperature, and proper filtration of compressed air.

A.8.8.2.5 A major factor contributing to the introduction of moisture into the system piping is excessive air compressor operation caused by system leakage. Where excessive compressor operation is noted or ice accumulates in the air supply piping, the system should be checked for leakage and appropriate corrective action should be taken.

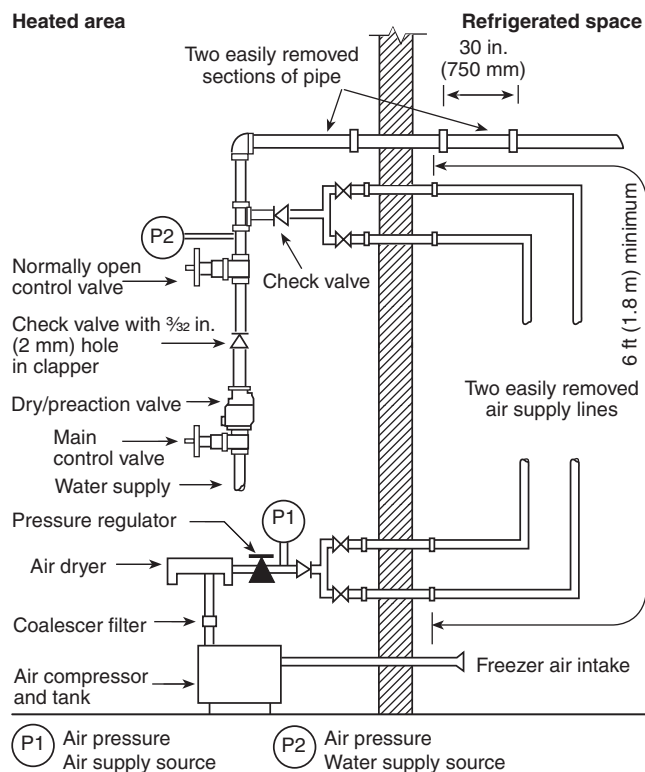
A.8.8.2.6 The purpose of the check valve is to prevent evaporation of priming water into the system piping.

A.8.8.2.7.1 The dual lines feeding the system air entering the cold area are intended to facilitate continued service of the system when one line is removed for inspection. It should be noted that, when using a system as described in Figure A.8.8.2.4, differences in the pressures at gauge P1 and gauge P2 indicate blockage in the air supply line or other malfunctions.

A.8.8.2.8.1.1 While it is the intent to require the detection system to operate prior to sprinklers, it is possible that in some fire scenarios the sprinklers could operate prior to the detection system. In general, the detection system, at its installed location and spacing, should be more sensitive to fire than the sprinklers.

A.8.9.2 See Figure A.8.9.2.

A.9.1 The installation requirements are specific for the normal arrangement of structural members. There will be



Notes:

1. If pressure gauge P1 and P2 do not indicate equal pressures, it could mean the air line is blocked or the air supply is malfunctioning.
2. Air dryer and coalescer filter not required when system piping capacity is less than 250 gal (946 l).

FIGURE A.8.8.2.4 Refrigerator Area Sprinkler Systems Used to Minimize Chances of Developing Ice Plugs.

arrangements of structural members not specifically detailed by the requirements. By applying the basic principles, layouts for such construction can vary from specific illustrations, provided the maximums specified for the spacing and location of sprinklers (*see Section 8.4*) are not exceeded.

Where buildings or portions of buildings are of combustible construction or contain combustible material, standard fire barriers should be provided to separate the areas that are sprinkler protected from adjoining unsprinklered areas. All openings should be protected in accordance with applicable standards, and no sprinkler piping should be placed in an unsprinklered area unless the area is permitted to be unsprinklered by this standard.

Water supplies for partial systems should be designed with consideration to the fact that in a partial system more sprinklers might be opened in a fire that originates in an unprotected area and spreads to the sprinklered area than would be the case in a completely protected building. Fire originating in a nonsprinklered area might overpower the partial sprinkler system.

Where sprinklers are installed in corridors only, sprinklers should be spaced up to the maximum of 15 ft (4.6 m) along the corridor, with one sprinkler opposite the center of any door or pair of adjacent doors opening onto the corridor, and

with an additional sprinkler installed inside each adjacent room above the door opening. Where the sprinkler in the adjacent room provides full protection for that space, an additional sprinkler is not required in the corridor adjacent to the door.

A.9.1.1 This standard contemplates full sprinkler protection for all areas including walk-in coolers, freezers, bank vaults, and similar areas. Other NFPA standards that mandate sprinkler installation might not require sprinklers in certain areas. Based upon experience and testing, sprinklers have been found to be effective and necessary at heights in excess of 50 ft (15 m). For a building to meet the intended level of protection afforded by NFPA 13, sprinklers must not be omitted from such high ceiling spaces. The requirements of this standard should be used insofar as they are applicable. The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted in each case. A building is considered sprinklered throughout when protected in accordance with the requirements of this standard.

In situations such as computer rooms where a gas system is installed, the sprinkler protection should not be eliminated. Many gas systems do not have the same duration requirements of a fire sprinkler system, and if the fire is not extinguished with the initial discharge, the fire could grow large enough to overpower the sprinkler system.

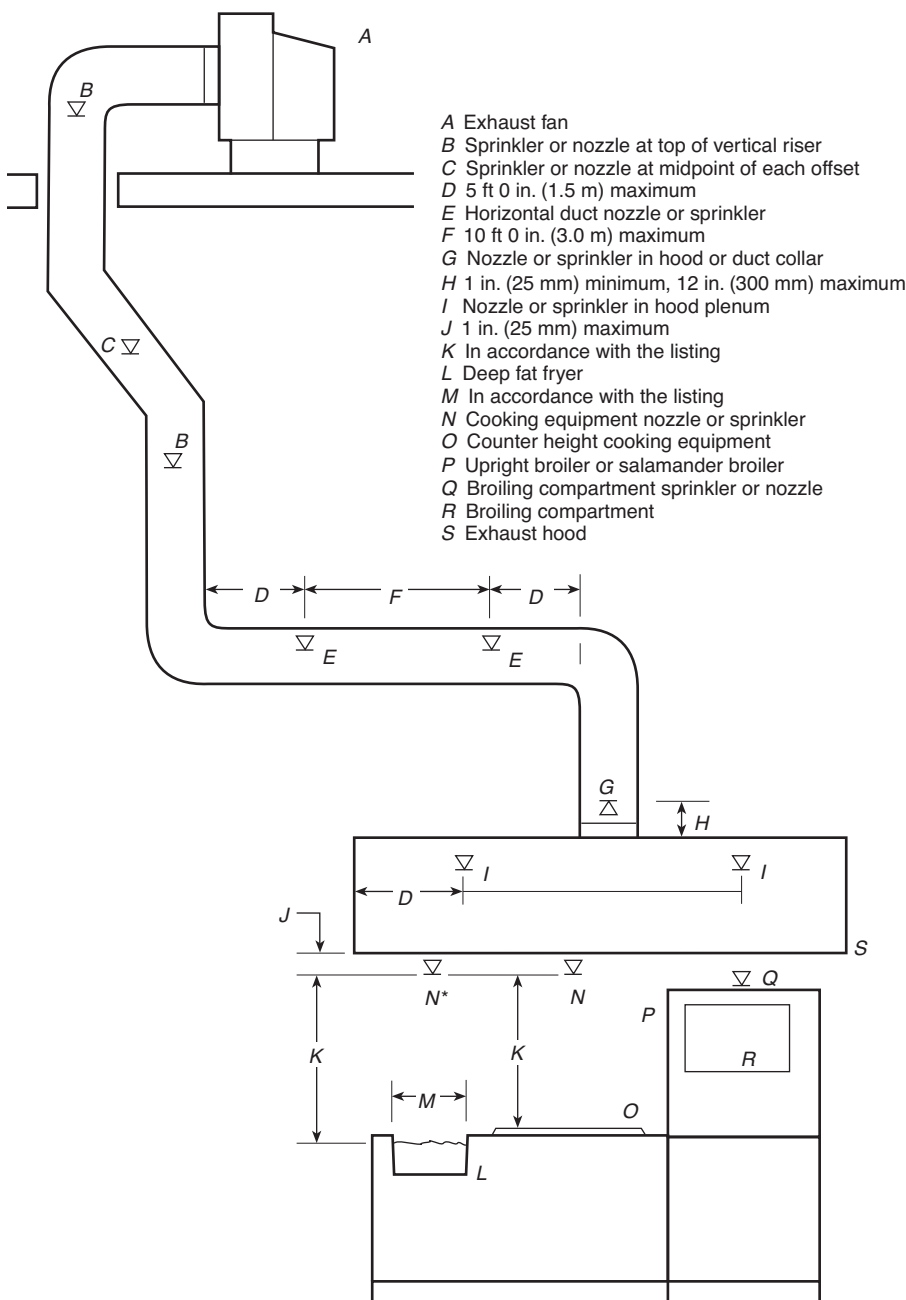


FIGURE A.8.9.2 Typical Installation Showing Automatic Sprinklers or Automatic Nozzles Being Used for Protection of Commercial Cooking Equipment and Ventilation Systems.

A.9.1.1(3) Notwithstanding the obstruction rules provided in Chapter 8, it is not intended or expected that water will fall on the entire floor space of the occupancy.

When obstructions or architectural features interfere with the sprinkler's spray pattern, such as columns, angled walls, wing walls, slightly indented walls, and various soffit configurations, shadowed areas can occur. Where small shadowed areas are formed on the floor adjacent to their referenced architectural features, these shadowed areas are purely on paper and do not take into account the dynamic variables of sprinkler

discharge. Examples of shadow areas are shown in Figure A.9.1.1(3)(a) and Figure A.9.1.1(3)(b).

A.9.2.1 Paragraphs 9.2.1.3, 9.2.1.4, and 9.2.1.5 do not require sprinkler protection because it is not physically practical to install sprinklers in the types of concealed spaces discussed in these three exceptions. To reduce the possibility of uncontrolled fire spread, consideration should be given in these unsprinkled concealed space situations to using 9.2.1.7, 9.2.1.11, and 9.2.1.13. Omitting sprinklers from combustible concealed

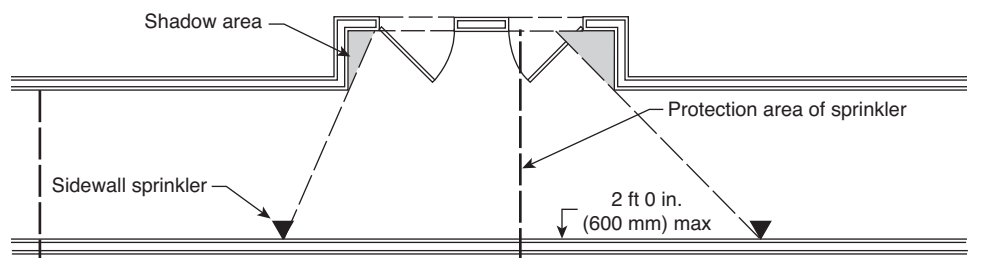


FIGURE A.9.1.1(3)(a) Shadow Area in Corridor.

spaces will require further evaluation of the sprinkler system design area in accordance with 19.3.3.1.4.

A.9.2.1.1 Minor quantities of combustible materials such as, but not limited to, cabling, nonmetallic plumbing piping, nonstructural wood, and so forth can be present in concealed spaces constructed of limited or noncombustible materials but should not typically be viewed as requiring sprinklers (see 9.3.17.1). For example, it is not the intent of this section to require sprinklers, which would not otherwise be required, in the interstitial space of a typical office building solely due to the presence of the usual amount of cabling within the space. The use of acoustical tile ceilings does not negate that the space above the tile is a concealed space because a tile could be removed. The threshold value at which sprinklers become necessary in the concealed space is not defined.

A.9.2.1.5 Solid metal purlin construction with a wood deck is one example of similar solid member construction.

A.9.2.1.6 The 3½ in. (90 mm) of insulation is only required when the ceiling is not directly attached to the joist. The 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) is the volume of the individual channel excluding the portion occupied by insulation. (See Figure A.9.2.1.6.)

A.9.2.1.12 The allowance to omit sprinklers for fire retardant-treated wood requires a pressure-treated application. It does not apply to coated applications.

A.9.2.1.17 See Figure A.9.2.1.17 for one example.

A.9.2.1.18 See Figure A.9.2.1.18.

A.9.2.3 Exterior projections include, but are not limited to, exterior roofs, canopies, porte-cocheres, balconies, decks, or similar projections.

A.9.2.3.2 Vehicles that are temporarily parked are not considered storage. Areas located at drive-in bank windows or porte-cocheres at hotels and motels normally do not require sprinklers where there is no occupancy above, where the area is entirely constructed of noncombustible or limited-combustible materials or fire retardant-treated lumber, and where the area is not the only means of egress.

A.9.2.4.1.1 A door is not required in order to omit sprinklers as long as the bathroom complies with the definition for compartment.

A.9.2.4.2 Portable wardrobe units, such as those typically used in nursing homes and mounted to the wall, do not require sprinklers to be installed in them. Although the units are attached to the finished structure, this standard views those

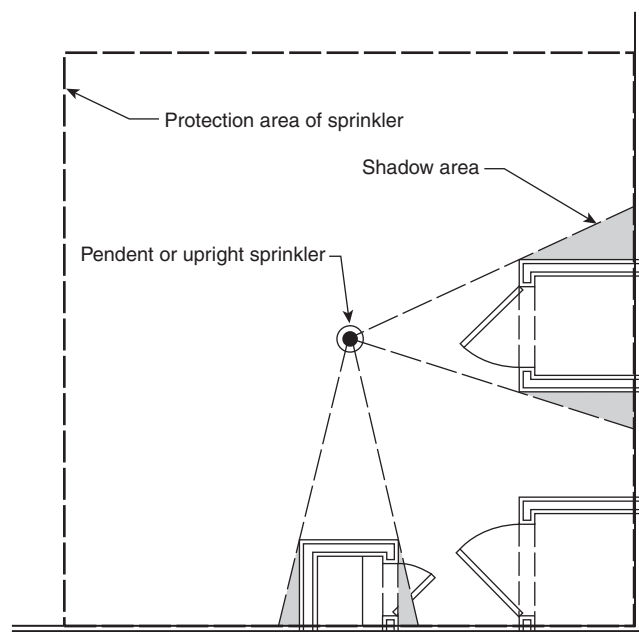


FIGURE A.9.1.1(3)(b) Example of Shadow Area.

units as pieces of furniture rather than as a part of the structure; thus, sprinklers are not required.

A.9.2.5 This exception is limited to hospitals as nursing homes, and many limited-care facilities can have more combustibles within the closets. The limited amount of clothing found in the small clothes closets in hospital patient rooms is typically far less than the amount of combustibles in casework cabinets that do not require sprinkler protection, such as nurse servers. In many hospitals, especially new hospitals, it is difficult to make a distinction between clothes closets and cabinet work. The exception is far more restrictive than similar exceptions for hotels and apartment buildings. NFPA 13 already permits the omission of sprinklers in wardrobes [see 9.2.9]. It is not the intent of this paragraph to affect the wardrobe provisions of NFPA 13. It is the intent that the sprinkler protection in the room covers the closet as if there was no door on the closet (see 9.5.3.2).

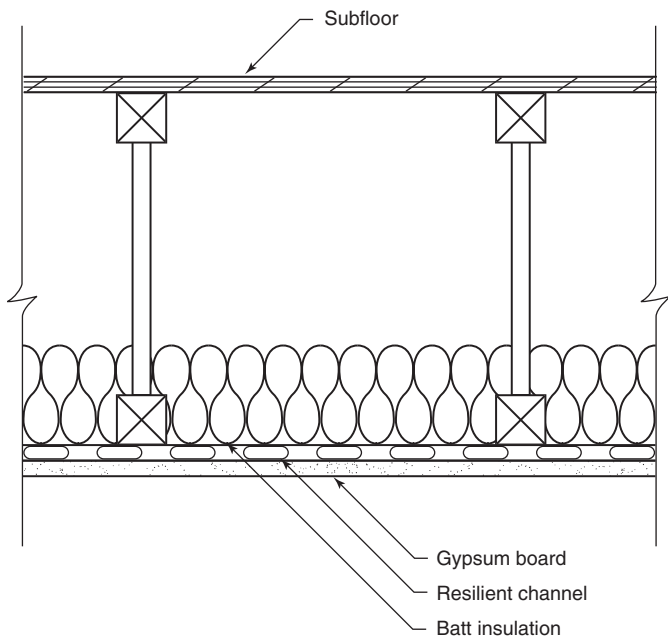


FIGURE A.9.2.1.6 Combustible Concealed Space Cross Section.

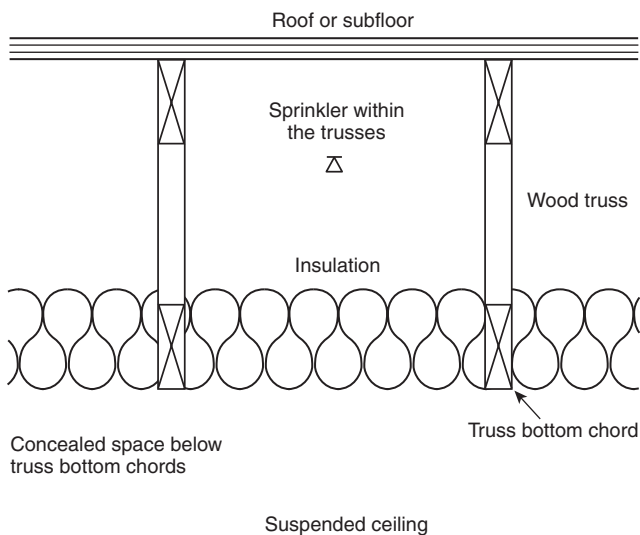


FIGURE A.9.2.1.17 One Acceptable Arrangement of Concealed Space in Truss Construction Not Requiring Sprinklers.

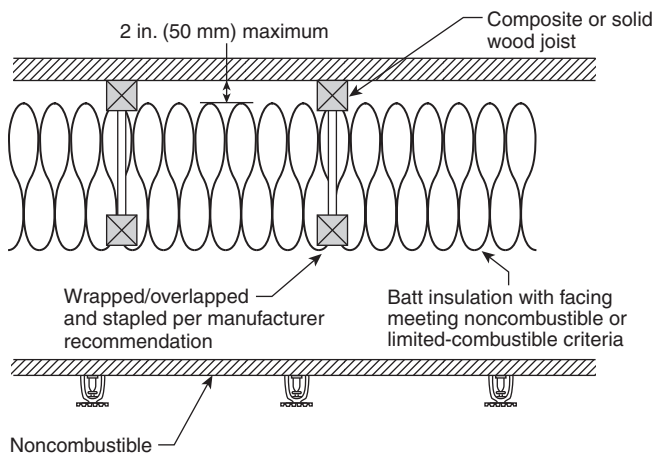


FIGURE A.9.2.1.18 Acceptable Arrangement of Concealed Space Not Requiring Sprinklers.

A.9.2.6 Sprinklers and sprinkler piping is permitted in and is permitted to pass through an electrical room as long as the piping is not within the “dedicated electrical space” as defined by *NFPA 70*.

In 110.26(E)(1)(a) of *NFPA 70*, a dedicated electrical space is defined as the space equal to the width and the depth of the equipment extending from the floor to a height of 6 ft (1.8 m) above the equipment or the structural ceiling, whichever is lower. This section further states that no foreign systems are allowed in this zone. So, as long as the sprinkler piping does not run through this dedicated electrical space, it can go in and out of the electric room without issue. Paragraph 110.26(E)(1)(b) of *NFPA 70* allows foreign systems in the area above the dedicated electrical space as long as the electrical equipment is properly protected against leaks or breaks in the foreign system. So the sprinkler piping can run above the dedicated electrical space [6 ft (1.8 m) above equipment] as long as the equipment below is protected from leaks. Additionally, sprinklers and sprinkler piping are not permitted to be located directly within the working space for the equipment as defined by *NFPA 70*. See Figure A.9.2.6.

A.9.2.7.1 An opening in the ceiling can be located along a wall or can occur between panels to give an architectural effect such as a floating ceiling. Fire modeling results have shown that there will be heat loss to the space above the ceiling when the openings are too large. The modeling results indicate that sprinklers should activate on the lower ceiling level when the opening dimension is no greater than 1 in. per ft (8 mm/m) of elevation above the floor. When an opening between ceiling panels, or a ceiling panel and a wall, are any larger, the space above the ceiling panels should not be considered a concealed space. Figure A.9.2.7.1 shows plan and elevation views of a cloud ceiling installation.

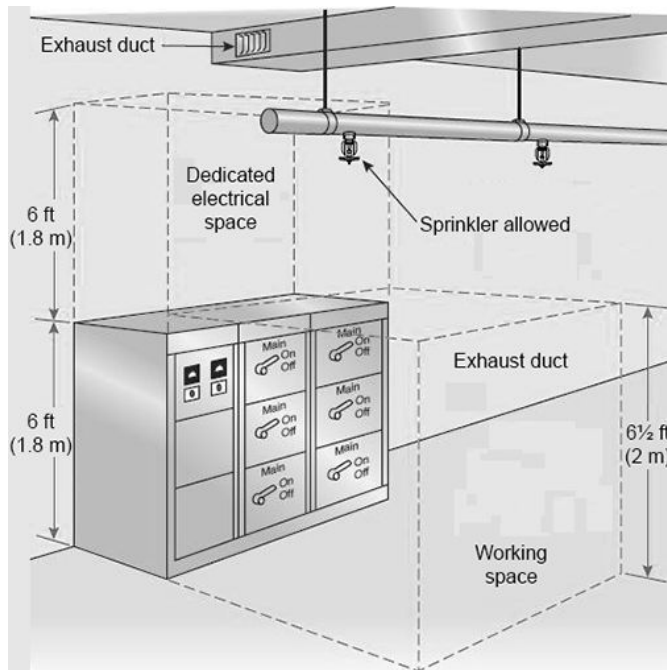


FIGURE A.9.2.6 The Working Space and the Dedicated Electrical Space.

A.9.2.7.1(1) To determine the maximum allowed gap distance for omission of sprinklers above cloud ceilings, the following formula can be used:

$$[A.9.2.7.1(1)]$$

$$A/B = X$$

where:

A = inches of gap between clouds or between a cloud and a wall

B = ceiling height

X = maximum inches of gap

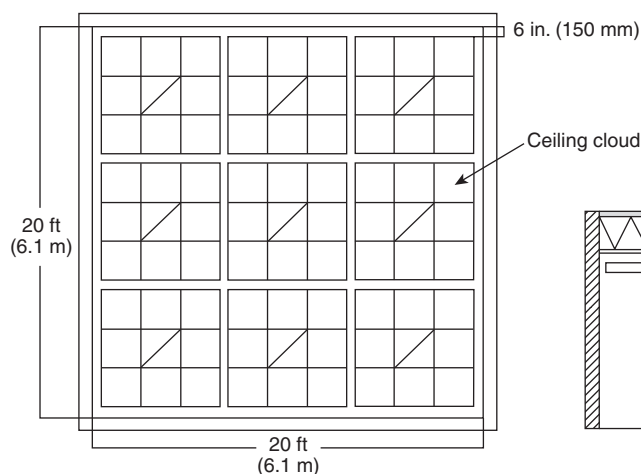


FIGURE A.9.2.7.1 Cloud Ceiling Openings.

Example:

A = 9 in. (225 mm) maximum gap dimension

B = 14 ft (4.3 m) ceiling height

X = 0.64 in. (16 mm) of gap/ft of ceiling height

Therefore, ≤ 0.75 in. (19 mm) of gap/ft of ceiling height spacing used.

A.9.2.7.2.5 The research testing and modeling used to determine the base data used for Table 9.2.7.1 is based on rectangular and equally spaced cloud configurations. Nonrectangular shapes are allowed to be considered with this section; however, the minimum width of the cloud and maximum width of the gap should be used to determine the worst geometric shape creating a conservative approach. Figure A.9.2.7.2.5 provides an example of an irregular cloud.

N A.9.2.10 Equipment having access for routine maintenance should not be considered as intended for occupancy.

A.9.3.3.2 Where practicable, sprinklers should be staggered at the alternate floor levels, particularly where only one sprinkler is installed at each floor level.

A.9.3.4.1.2 Sprinklers at each floor level landing should be positioned to protect both the floor level landing and any intermediate landing.

A.9.3.4.3 See Figure A.9.3.4.3(a) and Figure A.9.3.4.3(b). Sprinklers would be required in the case shown in Figure A.9.3.4.3(a) but not in the case shown in Figure A.9.3.4.3(b).

A.9.3.5 Where sprinklers in the normal ceiling pattern are closer than 6 ft (1.8 m) from the water curtain, it might be preferable to locate the water curtain sprinklers in recessed baffle pockets. (See Figure A.9.3.5.)

A.9.3.5.1 It is the intent of this section to require closely spaced sprinklers and draft stops to openings where protection or enclosure is required by building and life safety codes.

N A.9.3.6.1 The sprinklers in the pit are intended to protect against fires caused by debris, which can accumulate over time. Ideally, the sprinklers should be located near the side of the pit below the elevator doors, where most debris accumulates. However, care should be taken that the sprinkler location does

not interfere with the elevator toe guard, which extends below the face of the door opening.

A.9.3.6.4 ASME A17.1, *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*, requires the shutdown of power to the elevator upon or prior to the application of water in elevator machine rooms or hoistways. This shutdown can be accomplished by a detection system with sufficient sensitivity that operates prior to the activation of the sprinklers (see also NFPA 72). As an alternative, the system can be arranged using devices or sprinklers capable of effecting power shutdown immediately upon sprinkler activation, such as

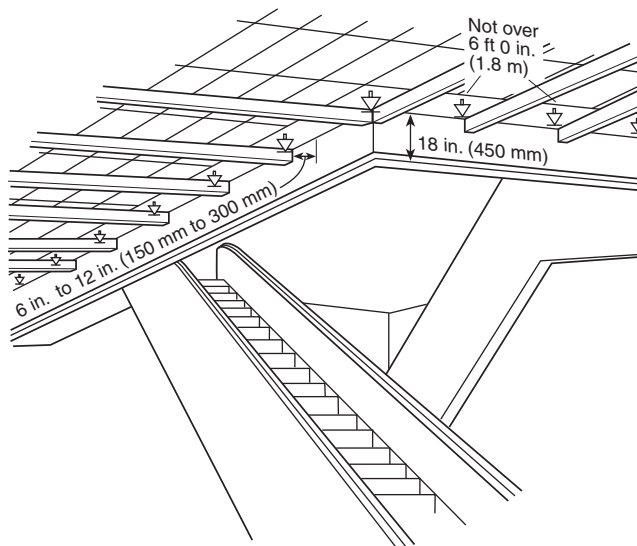


FIGURE A.9.3.5 Sprinklers Around Escalators.

a waterflow switch without a time delay. This alternative arrangement is intended to interrupt power before significant sprinkler discharge.

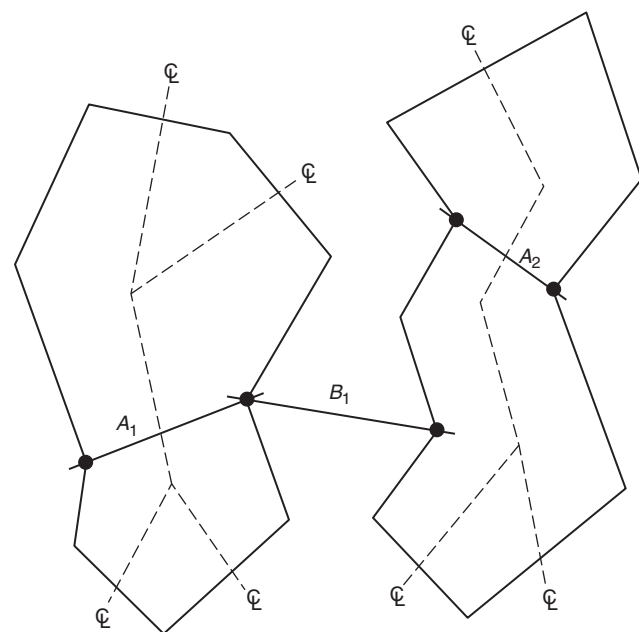
A.9.3.6.5 Passenger elevator cars that have been constructed in accordance with ASME A17.1, *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*, Rule 204.2a (under A17.1a-1985 and later editions of the code) have limited combustibility. Materials exposed to the interior of the car and the hoistway, in their end-use composition, are limited to a flame spread index of 0 to 75 and a smoke-developed index of 0 to 450, when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*.

A.9.3.7 Library stacks are high-density book storage areas and should not be confused with the typical library bookshelves and aisles in the general browsing areas. Examples of record storage include medical or paper records.

A.9.3.8 The combustible materials present inside industrial ovens and furnaces can be protected by automatic sprinklers. Wet sprinkler systems are preferred. However, water-filled piping exposed to heat within an oven or furnace can incur deposition and buildup of minerals within the pipe. If the oven or furnace could be exposed to freezing temperatures, dry pendent sprinklers are an alternative to wet pipe systems. Another option is to use a dry pipe system.

The preferred arrangement for piping is outside of the oven; the sprinkler should be installed in the pendent position. The sprinkler temperature rating should be at least 50°F (10°C) greater than the high-temperature limit setting of the oven or applicable zone. As a minimum, the sprinkler system inside the oven or furnace should be designed to provide 15 psi (1 bar) with all sprinklers operating inside the oven/furnace. Sprinkler spacing on each branch line should not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m).

A.9.3.10 The installation of open-grid egg crate, louver, or honeycomb ceilings beneath sprinklers restricts the sideways travel of the sprinkler discharge and can change the character of discharge.



A = Minimum cloud width B = Maximum cloud width

FIGURE A.9.2.7.2.5 Irregular Shaped Cloud Dimensioning.

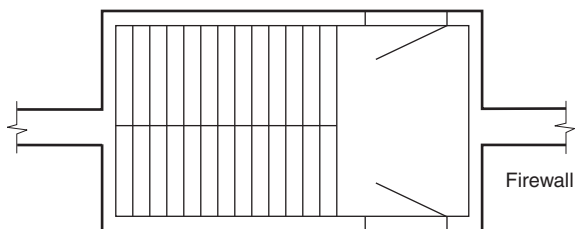


FIGURE A.9.3.4.3(a) Noncombustible Stair Shaft Serving Two Sides of Fire Wall.

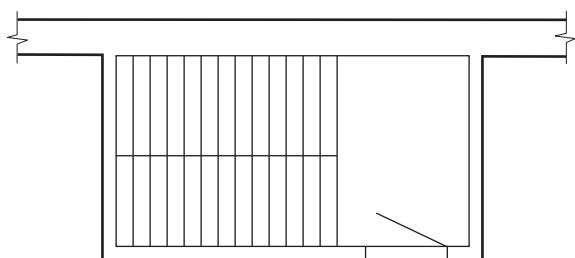


FIGURE A.9.3.4.3(b) Noncombustible Stair Shaft Serving One Side of Fire Wall.

A.9.3.11.1 There are ceiling panels and ceiling materials that have been investigated as a ceiling material in accordance with UL Subject 723S, *Outline of Investigation for Drop-Out Ceilings Installed Beneath Automatic Sprinklers*, or as FM Class Number 4651, *Plastic Suspended Ceiling Panels*. Such ceiling panels and ceiling materials are designed such that the activation of the sprinkler and the ability of the sprinkler discharge to reach the hazard being protected are not adversely impacted.

A.9.3.11.4 Drop-out ceilings do not provide the required protection for soft-soldered copper joints or other piping that requires protection.

A.9.3.11.5 The ceiling tiles might drop before sprinkler operation. Delayed operation might occur because heat must then bank down from the deck above before sprinklers will operate.

A.9.3.12 For tests of sprinkler performance in fur vaults, see "Fact Finding Report on Automatic Sprinkler Protection for Fur Storage Vaults" of Underwriters Laboratories Inc., dated November 25, 1947.

Sprinklers should be listed old-style with orifice sizes selected to provide a flow rate as close as possible to, but not less than, 20 gpm (75 L/min) per sprinkler, for four sprinklers, based on the water pressure available.

Sprinklers in fur storage vaults should be located centrally over the aisles between racks and should be spaced not over 5 ft (1.5 m) apart along the aisles.

Where sprinklers are spaced 5 ft (1.5 m) apart along the sprinkler branch lines, pipe sizes should be in accordance with the following schedule:

- 1 in. (25 mm) — 4 sprinklers
- 1¼ in. (32 mm) — 6 sprinklers
- 1½ in. (40 mm) — 10 sprinklers
- 2 in. (50 mm) — 20 sprinklers
- 2½ in. (65 mm) — 40 sprinklers
- 3 in. (80 mm) — 80 sprinklers

A.9.3.14.3 See Figure A.9.3.14.3.

A.9.3.15 It is not the intent of this section to apply to sprinkler protection of glass atrium enclosures, pedestrian walkways, which are permitted by NFPA 101, or model building codes to

be protected by standard spray sprinklers installed in accordance with the special provisions set forth in those codes for atrium construction. In some cases, sprinkler protected assemblies as an alternative to a required fire-rated wall or window assembly could require the approval of the building official.

A.9.3.17.1.1 Utilities and other building services can be located within the concealed spaces.

N A.9.3.19.1 Sprinkler protection under exterior projections should not be required to spray beyond the support beam on the exterior edge of the exterior projection as long as the maximum distance from the interior edge of support beam to the exterior edge of the projection does not exceed 4 ft (1.2 m). An additional line of sprinklers on the exterior edge is not required due to obstruction rules. This is considered a reasonable level of protection because sprinklers are located between the structure and the exterior edge. See Figure A.9.3.19.1.

A.9.3.19.2 Short-term transient storage, such as that for delivered packages, and the presence of planters, newspaper machines, and so forth, should not be considered for storage or handling of combustibles. The presence of combustible furniture on balconies for occupant use should not require sprinkler protection.

N A.9.3.20.1 Sprinkler protection under exterior projections should not be required to spray beyond the support beam on the exterior edge of the exterior projection. An additional line of sprinklers on the exterior edge is not required due to obstruction rules. This is considered a reasonable level of protection since sprinklers are located between the structure and the exterior edge.

A.9.4.1.1 Whenever possible, sprinklers should be installed in piping after the piping is placed in its final position and secured by hangers in accordance with this standard.

A.9.4.1.3 The purpose of this requirement is to minimize the obstruction of the discharge pattern.

A.9.4.1.5.1 Protective caps and straps are intended to provide temporary protection for sprinklers during shipping and installation.

A.9.4.1.5.2 Protective caps and straps can be removed from upright sprinklers, from sprinklers that are fitted with sprinkler guards, and from sprinklers that are not likely to be subject to damage due to construction activities or other events. In general, protective caps and straps should not be removed until construction activities or other events have progressed to the point where the sprinklers will not be subjected to conditions that could cause them to be damaged. Consideration should be given to leaving the protective caps and straps in place where other construction work is expected to take place, adjacent to the sprinklers following their installation, until that activity is complete. Protective caps and straps on sidewall and pendent sprinklers, for example, should be left in place pending installation of the wall and ceiling systems and then removed as finish escutcheons are being installed. In retrofit applications, with minimal follow-on trade construction activity, and with upright sprinklers, it would be reasonable to remove the caps and straps immediately following the installation on the sprinkler piping.

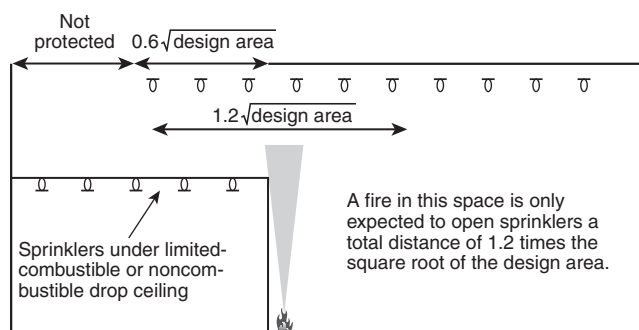


FIGURE A.9.3.14.3 Extension of Sprinkler System Above Drop Ceiling.

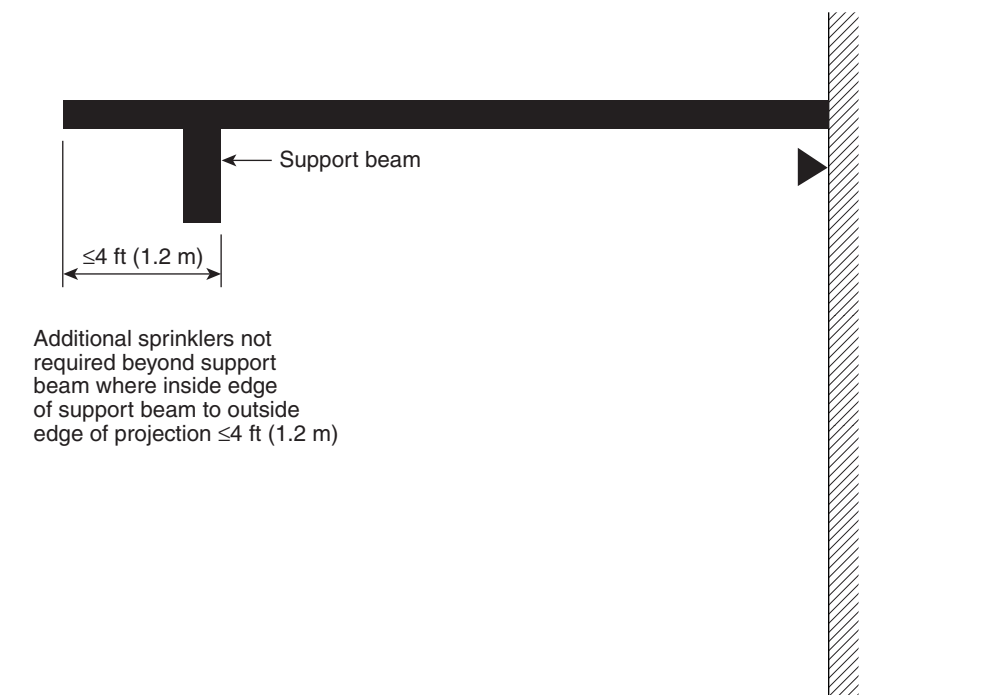


FIGURE A.9.3.19.1 Exterior Projection with Sprinklers.

A.9.4.2.1 It is acceptable to install ordinary-temperature sprinklers throughout a building, intermediate-temperature sprinklers throughout a building, or a mix of ordinary- and intermediate-temperature sprinklers throughout a building.

A.9.4.2.5 A diffuser in ceiling sheathing labeled by the manufacturer as “horizontal discharge” has directional vanes to move air further along the ceiling, and sprinklers located within the 2 ft 6 in. (750 mm) radius should have an intermediate-temperature rating. See Figure A.9.4.2.5(a) through Figure A.9.4.2.5(d).

A.9.4.2.5(1) Areas used for hot yoga facilities, steam rooms, saunas, indoor areas containing hot tubs, and similar heated areas should be evaluated to determine the potential maximum ambient temperature before selection of sprinkler temperature rating to be installed in the space.

A.9.4.2.7 Where high temperature-rated sprinklers are installed at the ceiling, high temperature-rated sprinklers also should extend beyond storage in accordance with Table A.9.4.2.7.

A.9.4.3.1 When renovations occur in an existing building and no changes are made in the existing sprinkler system, this section is not intended to require the replacement of existing standard-response sprinklers with quick-response sprinklers.

A.9.5.4.1 Batt insulation creates an effective thermal barrier and can be considered the ceiling/roof deck when determining distances between deflector and ceiling. The insulation needs to be installed in each pocket (not just above the sprinkler) and attached to the ceiling/roof in such a manner that it will not fall out during a fire prior to sprinkler activation.

A.9.5.4.1.4 The rules describing the maximum distance permitted for sprinklers below ceilings must be followed. The concept of placing a small “heat collector” above a sprinkler to

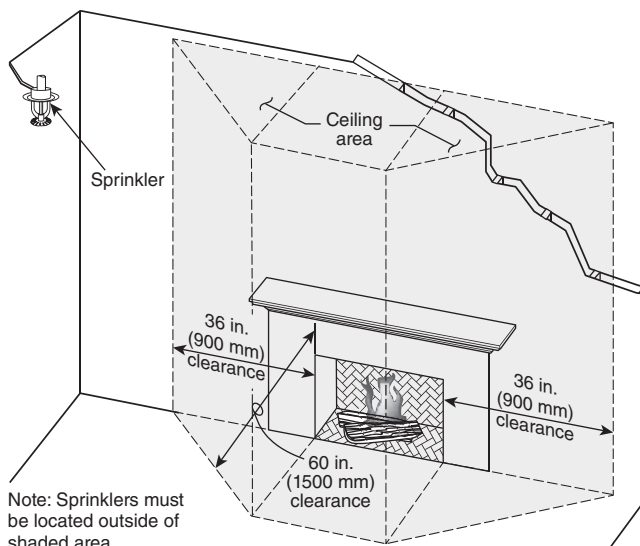


FIGURE A.9.4.2.5(a) Ordinary-Temperature Sprinkler over Recessed Fireplace.

assist in activation is not appropriate, nor is it contemplated in this standard. There is evidence that objects above a sprinkler will delay the activation of the sprinkler where fires are not directly below the sprinkler (but are still in the coverage area of the sprinkler). One of the objectives of the standard is to cool the ceiling near the structural members with spray from a nearby sprinkler, which is not accomplished by a sprinkler far down from the ceiling, and a heat collector will not help this situation.

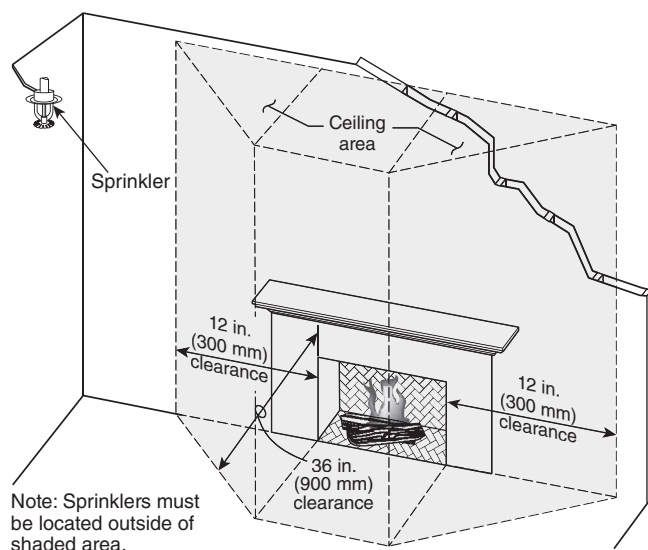


FIGURE A.9.4.2.5(b) Intermediate-Temperature Sprinkler over Recessed Fireplace.

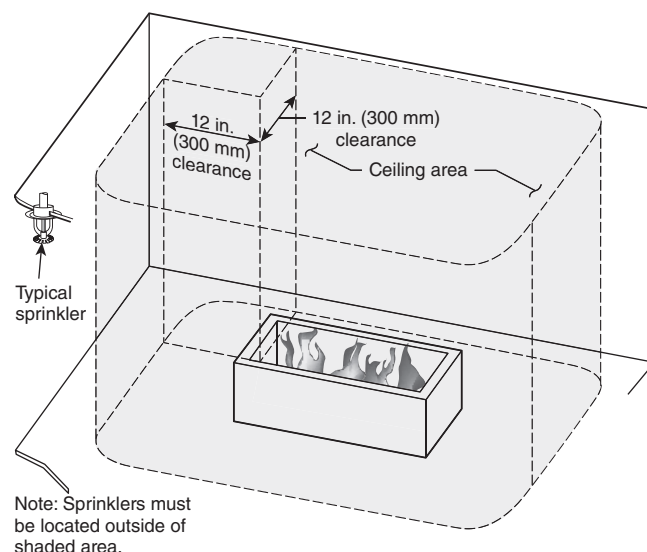


FIGURE A.9.4.2.5(d) Intermediate-Temperature Sprinkler over Open Fireplace.

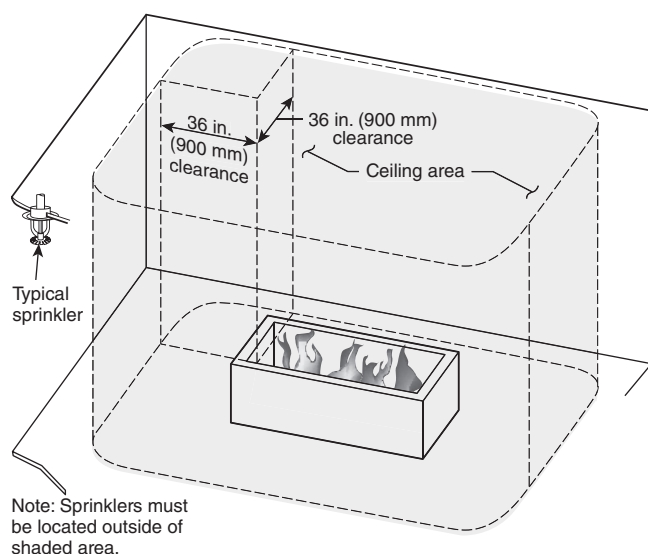


FIGURE A.9.4.2.5(c) Ordinary-Temperature Sprinkler over Open Fireplace.

A.9.5.5.1 See Figure A.9.5.5.1 for a representation of a typical spray sprinkler pattern.

NFPA 13 strives to minimize the effect of obstructions through the use of specific criteria in 9.5.5, 10.2.7, 10.3.6, 11.2.5, 11.3.6, 12.1.10, 12.1.11, 13.2.8, and 14.2.11. The obstruction criteria for storage sprinklers in 13.2.8 and 14.2.11 is the most stringent. For other types of sprinklers, dry spaces caused by obstructions such as columns and wall configurations will occur and can comply with the standard. The general rules known as the “three-times rule” and the “four-times rule” define dry areas or “shadow areas” that are acceptable behind obstructions like columns and walls. Tests have shown that the larger the column, the larger the dry area behind the column will be and the longer it will take for sprinklers on the other

Table A.9.4.2.7 Distance Beyond Perimeter of Storage for High Hazard Occupancies Protected with High Temperature-Rated Sprinklers

Design Area		Distance	
ft ²	m ²	ft	m
2000	185	30	9.1
3000	280	40	12
4000	370	45	14
5000	465	50	15
6000	555	55	17

side of the column to react to the fire behind the column. In a very large compartment, the delay could become unacceptable. The delay in sprinkler response can be minimized with smaller columns, with smaller compartments, or by putting sprinklers on the other side of the column.

Where offset walls create shadowed areas, the sprinkler does not appear to be significantly delayed in activation. Tests have shown that once the sprinkler activates, water will not cover all areas behind the obstructions.

A.9.5.5.2 Where of a depth that will obstruct the spray discharge pattern, girders, beams, or trusses forming narrow pockets of combustible construction along walls can require additional sprinklers. In light and ordinary hazard occupancies, small areas created by architectural features such as planter box windows, bay windows, wing walls, and similar features can be evaluated as follows:

- (1) Where no additional floor area is created by the architectural feature, no additional sprinkler protection is required.
- (2) Where additional floor area is created by an architectural feature, no additional sprinkler protection is required, provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The floor area does not exceed 18 ft² (1.7 m²).

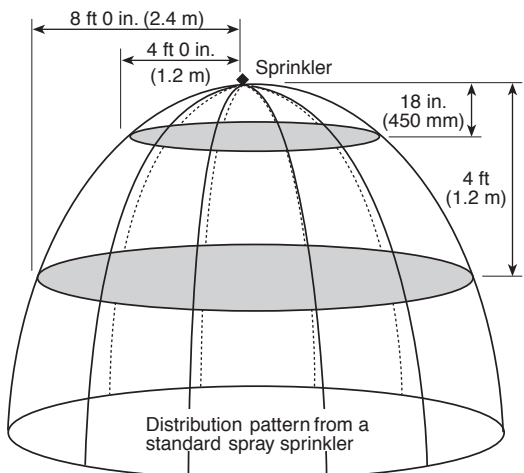


FIGURE A.9.5.5.1 Obstructions to Sprinkler Discharge Pattern Development for Standard Upright or Pendent Spray Sprinklers.

- (b) The floor area is not greater than 2 ft (600 mm) in depth at the deepest point of the architectural feature to the plane of the primary wall where measured along the finished floor.
- (c) The floor area is not greater than 9 ft (2.7 m) in length where measured along the plane of the primary wall.

Measurement from the deepest point of the architectural feature to the sprinkler should not exceed the maximum listed spacing of the sprinkler. When no additional floor space is created, the hydraulic design is not required to consider the area created by the architectural feature. Where the obstruction criteria established by this standard are followed, sprinkler spray patterns will not necessarily get water to every square foot of space within a room.

A.9.5.5.3 Frequently, additional sprinkler equipment can be avoided by reducing the width of decks or galleries and providing proper clearances. Slating of decks or walkways or the use of open grating as a substitute for automatic sprinklers thereunder is not acceptable. The use of cloth or paper dust tops for rooms forms obstruction to water distribution. If dust tops are used, the area below should be sprinklered.

A.9.5.5.3.1 When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1.2 m) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, decks, open grate flooring, catwalks, cutting tables, overhead doors, soffits, ceiling panels, and other similar obstructions.

N A.9.5.5.3.1.1 Where multiple levels of ducts, pipes, or other similar horizontal obstructions that are over 4 ft (1.2 m) wide are stacked vertically, additional levels of sprinkler protection between the vertical levels are not required. A single level of sprinklers beneath the lowest level of the obstruction is adequate, provided that the obstructions are noncombustible and that combustible materials are not stored between the levels.

A.9.5.5.3.1.2 See Figure A.9.5.5.3.1.2.

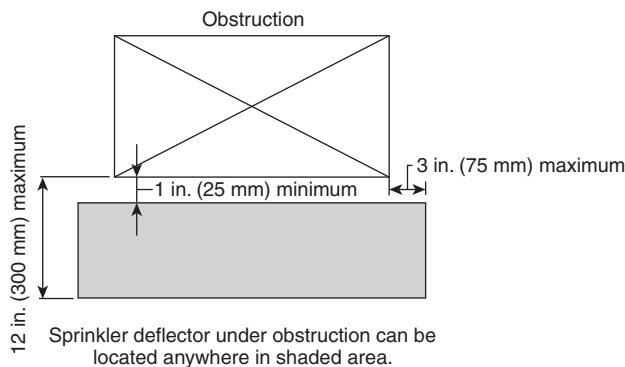


FIGURE A.9.5.5.3.1.2 Sprinkler Location Below Obstruction.

N A.9.5.5.3.2 Where obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1.2 m) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, decks, open grate flooring, catwalks, cutting tables, overhead doors, soffits, ceiling panels, and other similar obstructions.

A.9.5.5.3.4 Sprinklers under open gratings should be provided with shields. Shields over automatic sprinklers should not be less, in least dimension, than four times the distance between the shield and fusible element, except special sprinklers incorporating a built-in shield need not comply with this recommendation if listed for the particular application.

A.10.2.4.2.1 When the spacing between sprinklers perpendicular to the slope exceeds 8 ft (2.4 m), it is necessary to increase the minimum density or sprinkler operating pressure as noted in Table 10.2.4.2.1(a) and in 10.2.6.1.4. Time to sprinkler activation and water distribution can be affected within combustible concealed spaces with sloped roofs or ceilings in these combustible concealed spaces, especially where wood joist rafters or wood truss construction is used. To reduce the probability of fires in these combustible concealed spaces involving the combustible roof or ceiling construction above standard spray sprinklers, more stringent spacing and installation guidelines apply.

N A.10.2.5.2.2 The example in Figure A.10.2.5.2.2 is for a light hazard occupancy. However, the irregular-shaped room allowance also applies to ordinary and extra hazard occupancies.

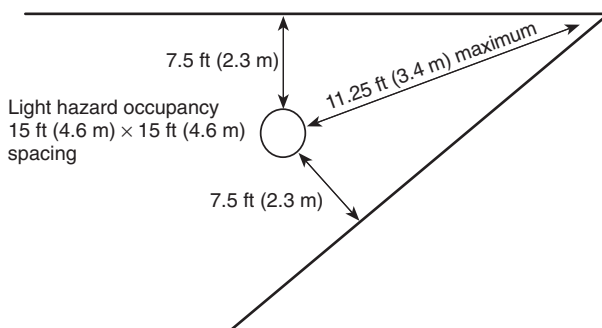


FIGURE A.10.2.5.2.2 Maximum Distance from Walls.

A.10.2.5.2.3 Examples of sprinklers in small rooms are shown in Figure A.10.2.5.2.3(a), Figure A.10.2.5.2.3(b), Figure A.10.2.5.2.3(c), and Figure A.10.2.5.2.3(d).

A.10.2.6.1.2(5) For concrete joists spaced less than 3 ft (900 mm) on center, the rules for obstructed construction shown in 10.2.6.1.2 apply. For concrete tee construction with stems spaced less than 7 ft 6 in. (2.3 m) on center, the sprinkler deflector can be located at or above a horizontal plane 1 in. (25 mm) below the bottom of the stems of the tees. This

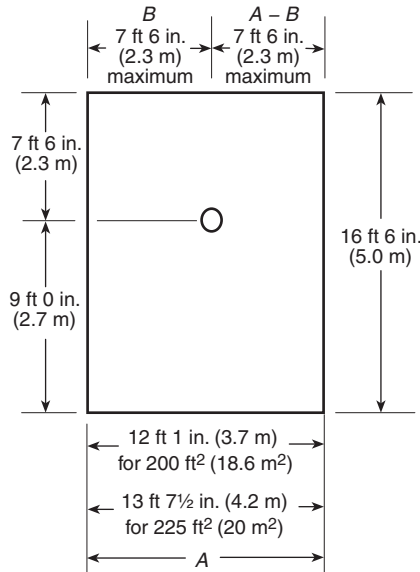


FIGURE A.10.2.5.2.3(a) Small Room Provision — One Sprinkler.

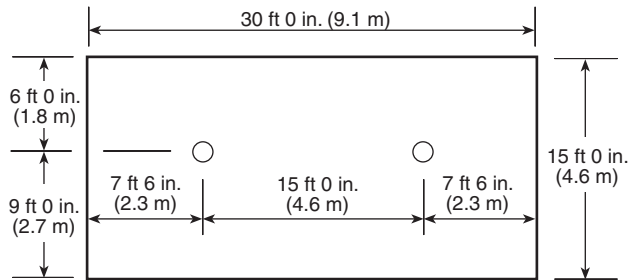


FIGURE A.10.2.5.2.3(b) Small Room Provision — Two Sprinklers Centered Between Sidewalls.

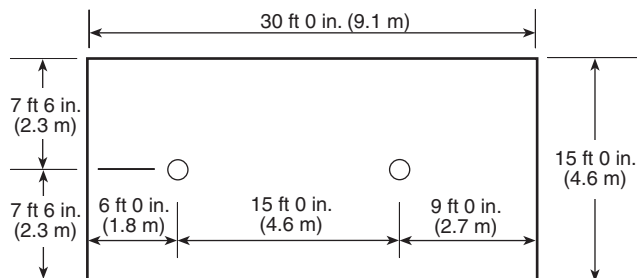


FIGURE A.10.2.5.2.3(c) Small Room Provision — Two Sprinklers Centered Between Top and Bottom Walls.

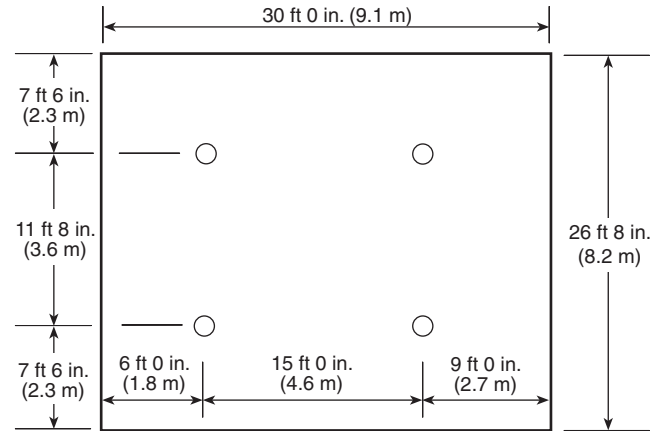


FIGURE A.10.2.5.2.3(d) Small Room Provision — Four Sprinklers.

includes sprinklers located between the stems. [See Figure A.10.2.6.1.2(5).]

A.10.2.6.1.3.2 Saw-toothed roofs have regularly spaced monitors of saw tooth shape, with the nearly vertical side glazed and usually arranged for venting. Sprinkler placement is limited to a maximum of 3 ft (900 mm) down the slope from the peak because of the effect of venting on sprinkler sensitivity.

A.10.2.6.1.3.3 Generally, where applying the requirements of this section, a surface having a slope greater than or equal to 18 in 12 is needed.

A.10.2.6.1.4.3 Attic width and sprinkler spacing should be measured from the point of intersection between the bottom of the top cord of the roof joist or truss and the top of the ceiling joist or noncombustible insulation. (See Figure A.10.2.6.1.4.3.)

A.10.2.6.1.4.4 See Figure A.10.2.6.1.4.4.

A.10.2.6.1.4.5 See Figure A.10.2.6.1.4.5.

A.10.2.7.1.2 The intent of 10.2.7.1.2(3) is to apply to soffits that are located within the 18 in. (450 mm) plane from the sprinkler deflector. A soffit or other obstruction (i.e., shelf) located against a wall that is located entirely below the 18 in. (450 mm) plane from the sprinkler deflector should be in accordance with 10.2.7.3.2. (See Figure A.10.2.7.1.2.)

A.10.2.7.2.1.3 The rules of 10.2.7.2.1.3 (known as the “Three Times Rule”) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the

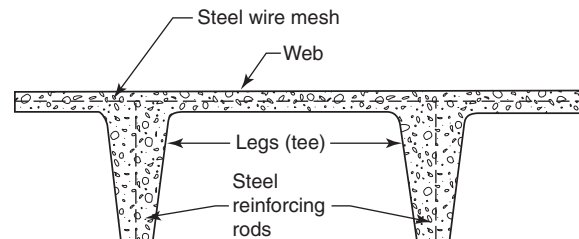


FIGURE A.10.2.6.1.2(5) Typical Concrete Joist Construction.

other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Three Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction.

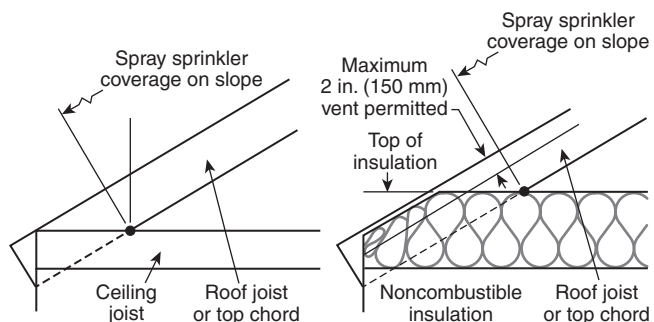


FIGURE A.10.2.6.1.4.3 Attic Width and Sprinkler Spacing Measurements.

of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 10.2.7.1.2 is necessary.

A.10.2.7.2.1.4 It is the intent of this section to exempt nonstructural elements in light and ordinary hazard occupancies from the obstruction criteria commonly called the “Three Times Rule.” However, the other obstruction rules, including the “Beam Rule” (*see 10.2.7.1.2*) and the “Wide Obstruction Rule” (*see 10.2.7.3.2*), still apply. If an obstruction is so close to a sprinkler that water cannot spray on both sides, it is effectively a continuous obstruction as far as the sprinkler is concerned and the Beam Rule should be applied.

It is not the intent of this section to permit the use of fixtures and architectural features or treatments to conceal, obscure, or otherwise obstruct sprinkler discharge. The requirement should be applied in accordance with the performance objectives in 10.2.7.1.

A.10.2.7.2.1.10 The housing unit of the ceiling fan is expected to be addressed by the Three Times Rule.

A.10.2.7.2.2.1 Testing has shown that privacy curtains supported from the ceiling by mesh fabric do not obstruct the distribution pattern in a negative way as long as the mesh is 70 percent or more open and extends from the ceiling a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm).

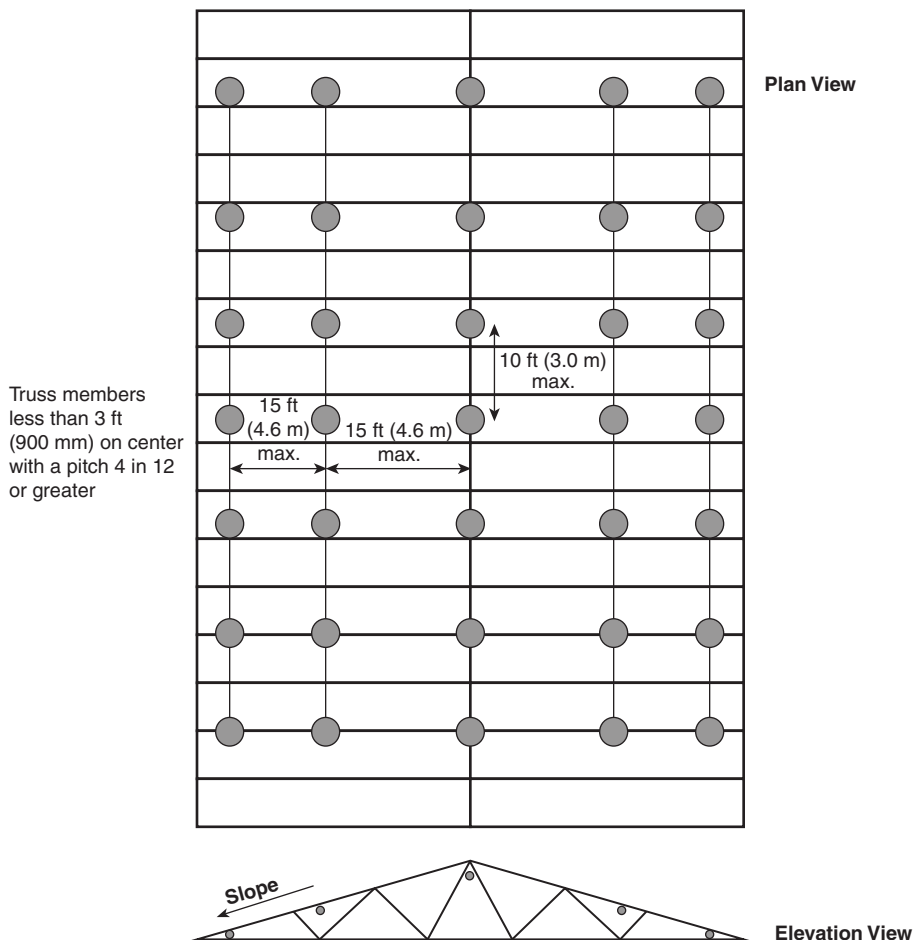


FIGURE A.10.2.6.1.4.4 Protection Area and Maximum Spacing of Sprinklers Under Sloped Roof.

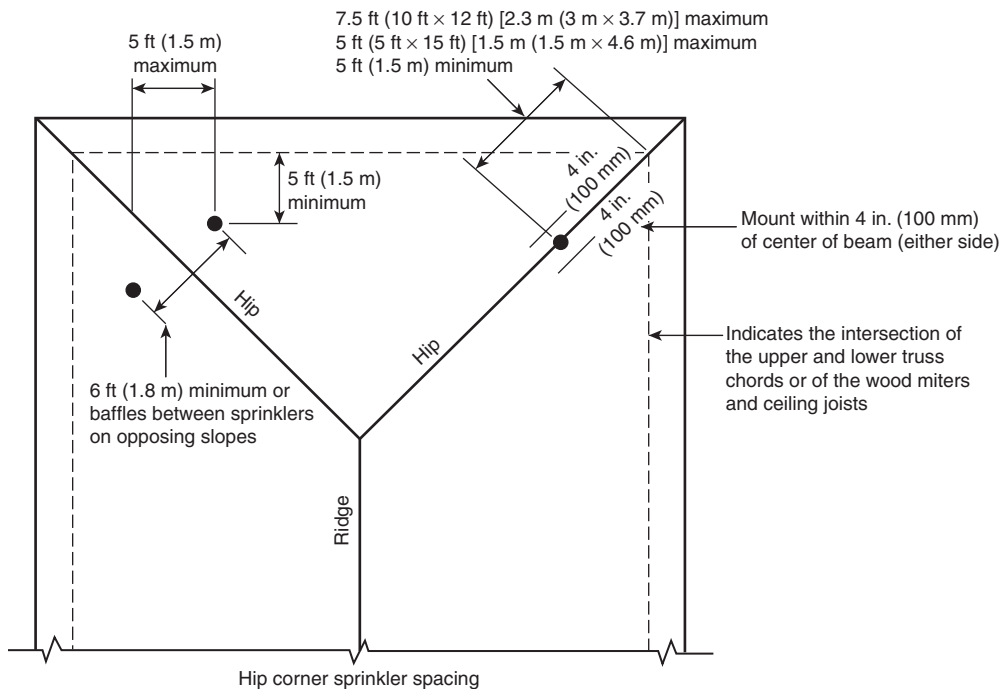


FIGURE A.10.2.6.1.4.5 Hip Roof Installations.

A.10.2.7.3 See A.9.5.5.3.

A.10.2.7.3.2 When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1.2 m) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, decks, open grate flooring, catwalks, cutting tables, overhead doors, soffits, ceiling panels, and other similar obstructions.

The width of an object is the lesser of the two horizontal dimensions (with the length being the longer horizontal dimension). Sprinkler protection is not required under objects where the length is greater than 4 ft (1.2 m) and the width is 4 ft (1.2 m) or less.

A.10.2.8.1 The 18 in. (450 mm) clearance does not apply to vehicles in concrete parking structures.

A.10.2.9.1 Ceiling features in unobstructed construction that are protected by sprinklers in the lower ceiling elevation when the higher ceiling elevation is within 12 in. (300 mm) of the deflectors or greater for sprinklers with greater listed distances from the higher ceiling should not be considered unprotected ceiling pockets.

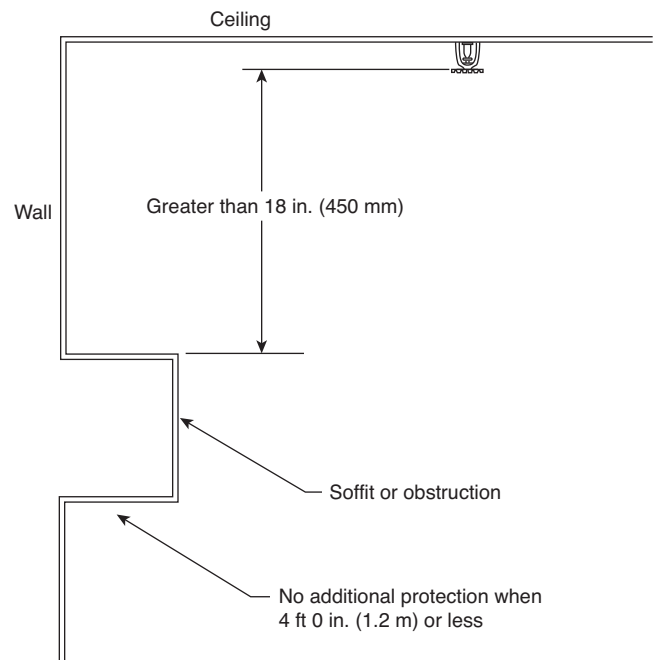


FIGURE A.10.2.7.1.2 Soffit/Obstruction Against Wall Greater Than 18 in. (450 mm) Below Deflector.

A.10.2.9.2(4) It is the intent of this section to allow compartments with multiple pockets, where the cumulative volume of the pockets exceeds 1000 ft³ (28 m³) and separated from each other by 10 ft (3.05 m) or more and still be permitted to be unprotected because with these values, a sprinkler would be required between such pockets. For smaller pockets where the cumulative volume does not exceed 1000 ft³ (28 m³), there is no reason to separate the pockets by any specific distance because they are not worse than a single pocket that is 1000 ft³ (28 m³).

A.10.3.5.1.2.1 The 6 in. (150 mm) as referenced is measured from the wall to the vertical plane representing the surface of attachment of the deflector. See Figure A.10.3.5.1.2.1.

A.10.3.5.1.3.2 See Figure A.10.3.5.1.3.2.

A.10.3.5.1.3.3 See Figure A.10.3.5.1.3.3.

A.10.3.5.1.4 The requirements in 10.3.5.1.4 were developed from years of experience with NFPA 13 obstruction requirements and an additional test series conducted by the National Fire Sprinkler Association with the help of Tyco International (Valentine and Isman, *Kitchen Cabinets and Residential Sprinklers*, National Fire Sprinkler Association, November 2005), which included fire modeling, distribution tests, and full-scale fire tests. The test series showed that pendent sprinklers definitely provide protection for kitchens, even for fires that start under the cabinets. The information in the series was less than definitive for sidewall sprinklers, but distribution data show that sprinklers in the positions in this standard provide adequate water distribution in front of the cabinets and that

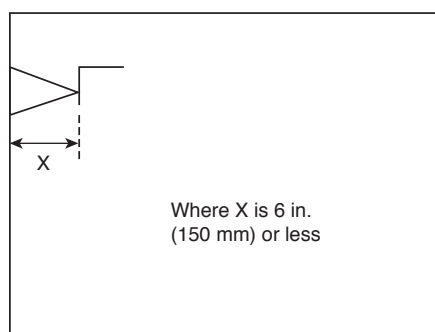


FIGURE A.10.3.5.1.2.1 Sidewall Sprinkler Deflector Measurement From Walls.

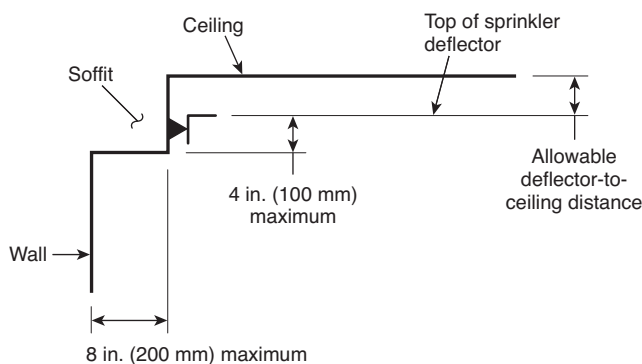


FIGURE A.10.3.5.1.3.2 Location Sidewalls with Respect to Soffits — Sidewall in Soffit.

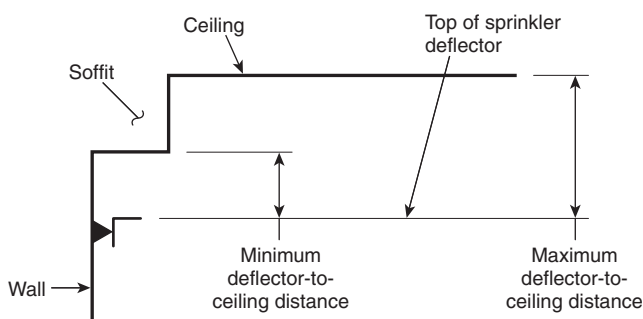


FIGURE A.10.3.5.1.3.3 Location Sidewalls with Respect to Soffits — Sidewall Under Soffit.

sidewall sprinklers should be able to control a fire that starts under the cabinets. When protecting kitchens or similar rooms with cabinets, the pendent sprinkler should be the first option. If pendent sprinklers cannot be installed, the next best option is a sidewall sprinkler on the opposite wall from the cabinets, spraying in the direction of the cabinets. The third best option is the sidewall sprinkler on the same wall as the cabinets, on a soffit flush with the face of the cabinet. The last option should be putting sprinklers on the wall back behind the face of the cabinet because this location is subject to being blocked by items placed on top of the cabinets. It is not the intent of the committee to require sprinklers under kitchen cabinets.

A.10.3.6.1.6 See Figure A.10.3.6.1.6.

A.10.3.6.2.1.3 The rules of 10.3.6.2.1.3 (known as the “Three Times Rule”) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Three Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 10.3.6.1.2 is necessary.

A.10.3.6.2.1.6 The housing unit of the ceiling fan is expected to be addressed by the Three Times Rule.

A.10.3.6.2.2.1 Testing has shown that privacy curtains supported from the ceiling by mesh fabric do not obstruct the distribution pattern in a negative way as long as the mesh is

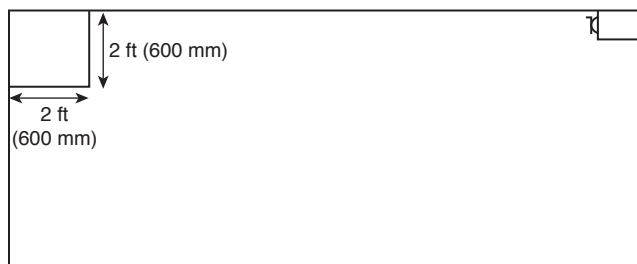


FIGURE A.10.3.6.1.6 Permitted Obstruction on Wall Opposite Sidewall Sprinkler.

70 percent or more open and extends from the ceiling a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm).

A.10.3.6.3 See A.9.5.5.3.

- N A.10.3.6.3.2** When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1200 mm) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, stairs, landings, and other similar obstructions.

A.10.3.7 See 10.2.8.3.

A.11.2.2.1 The protection area for extended coverage upright and pendent sprinklers is defined in the listing of the sprinkler as a maximum square area. Listing information is presented in even 2 ft (0.6 m) increments up to 20 ft (6.1 m). When a sprinkler is selected for an application, its area of coverage must be equal to or greater than both the length and width of the hazard area. For example, if the hazard to be protected is a room 13 ft 6 in. (4.1 m) wide and 17 ft 6 in. (5.3 m) long as indicated in Figure A.11.2.2.1, a sprinkler that is listed to protect an area of 18 ft $\times$ 18 ft (5.5 m $\times$ 5.5 m) must be selected. The flow used in the calculations is then selected as the flow required by the listing for the selected coverage.

A.11.2.2.2.1 Testing has shown that privacy curtains supported from the ceiling by mesh fabric do not obstruct the distribution pattern in a negative way as long as the mesh is 70 percent or more open and extends from the ceiling a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm).

A.11.2.4.1.1.4(A) See Figure A.11.2.4.1.1.4(A).

A.11.2.4.1.1.4(B) See Figure A.11.2.4.1.1.4(B).

A.11.2.4.1.3 Saw-toothed roofs have regularly spaced monitors of saw tooth shape, with the nearly vertical side glazed and usually arranged for venting. Sprinkler placement is limited to a maximum of 3 ft (900 mm) down the slope from the peak because of the effect of venting on sprinkler sensitivity.

A.11.2.5.1.2 The intent of 11.2.5.1.2(3) is to apply to soffits that are located within the 18 in. (450 mm) plane from the sprinkler deflector. A soffit or other obstruction (i.e., shelf) located against a wall that is located entirely below the 18 in. (450 mm) plane from the sprinkler deflector should be in accordance with 11.2.5.3.2. (See Figure A.11.2.5.1.2.)

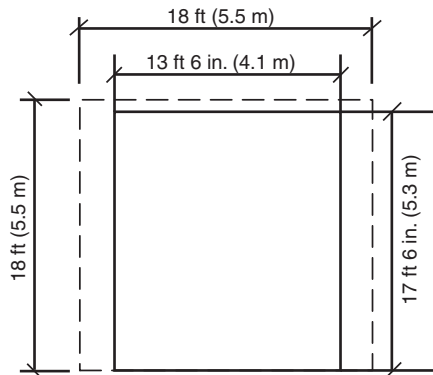


FIGURE A.11.2.2.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage for Extended Coverage Upright and Pendent Sprinklers.

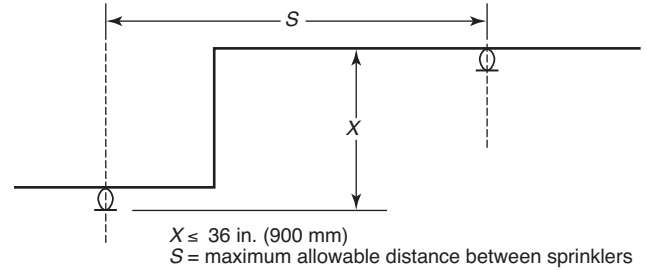


FIGURE A.11.2.4.1.1.4(A) Vertical Change in Ceiling Elevation Less Than or Equal to 36 in. (900 mm).

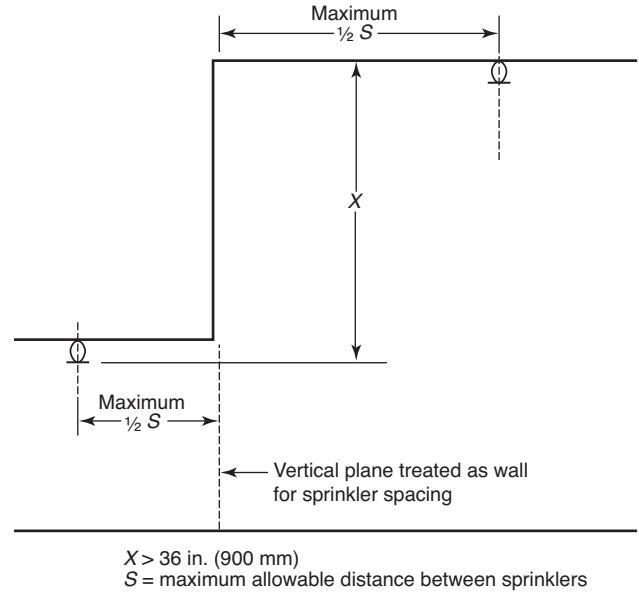


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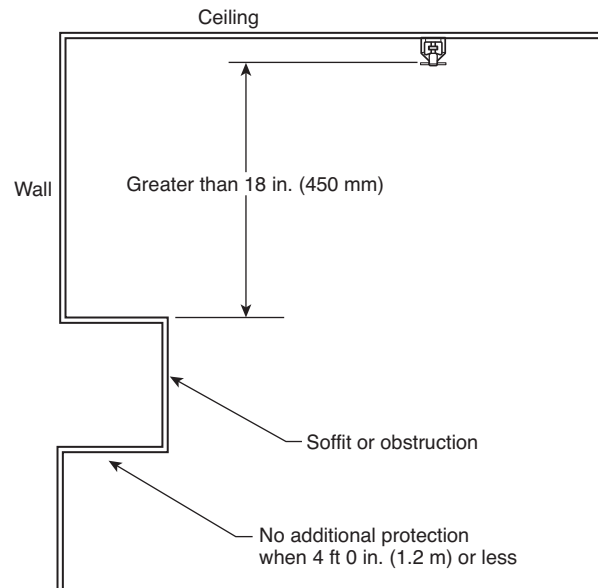


FIGURE A.11.2.5.1.2 Soffit/Obstruction Against Wall Greater Than 18 in. (450 mm) Below Deflector.

A.11.2.5.2.1.3 The rules of 11.2.5.2.1.3 (known as the “Four Times Rule”) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Four Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 11.2.5.1.2 is necessary.

A.11.2.5.2.1.9 The housing unit of the ceiling fan is expected to be addressed by the Four Times Rule.

A.11.2.5.3 See A.9.5.5.3.

A.11.2.5.3.2 When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1200 mm) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, stairs, landings, and other similar obstructions.

A.11.2.6 See 10.2.8.2.

A.11.2.7.1 Ceiling features in unobstructed construction that are protected by sprinklers in the lower ceiling elevation when the higher ceiling elevation is within 12 in. (300 mm) of the deflectors or greater for sprinklers with greater listed distances from the higher ceiling should not be considered unprotected ceiling pockets.

A.11.2.8.2(4) It is the intent of this section to allow compartments with multiple pockets, where the cumulative volume of the pockets exceeds 1000 ft³ (28 m³) and separated from each other by 10 ft (3 m) or more and still be permitted to be unprotected because with these values, a sprinkler would be required between such pockets. For smaller pockets where the cumulative volume does not exceed 1000 ft³ (28 m³), there is no reason to separate the pockets by any specific distance because they are not worse than a single pocket that is 1000 ft³ (28 m³).

A.11.3 See 10.2.8.2.

A.11.3.3.1 The protection area for extended coverage sidewall spray sprinklers is defined in the listing of the sprinkler as a maximum square or rectangular area. Listing information is presented in even 2 ft (0.6 m) increments up to 28 ft (9 m) for extended coverage sidewall spray sprinklers. When a sprinkler is selected for an application, its area of coverage must be equal to or greater than both the length and width of the hazard area. For example, if the hazard to be protected is a room 14 ft 6 in. (4.4 m) wide and 20 ft 8 in. (6.3 m) long as indicated in Figure A.11.3.3.1, a sprinkler that is listed to protect an area of 16 ft × 22 ft (4.9 m × 6.7 m) must be selected. The flow used in the calculations is then selected as the flow required by the listing for the selected coverage.

A.11.3.5.1.2.1 See A.10.3.5.1.2.1.

A.11.3.5.1.3.1 See Figure A.11.3.5.1.3.1.

A.11.3.5.1.3.2 See Figure A.11.3.5.1.3.2.

A.11.3.5.1.4 The requirements in 11.3.5.1.4 were developed from years of experience with NFPA 13 obstruction requirements and an additional test series conducted by the National Fire Sprinkler Association with the help of Tyco International (Valentine and Isman, *Kitchen Cabinets and Residential Sprinklers*, National Fire Sprinkler Association, November 2005), which included fire modeling, distribution tests, and full-scale fire tests. The test series showed that pendent sprinklers definitely provide protection for kitchens, even for fires that start under the cabinets. The information in the series was less than definitive for sidewall sprinklers, but distribution data show that

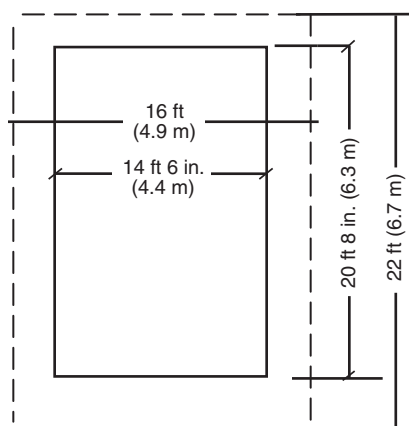


FIGURE A.11.3.3.1 Determination of Protection Area of Coverage for Extended Coverage Sidewall Sprinklers.

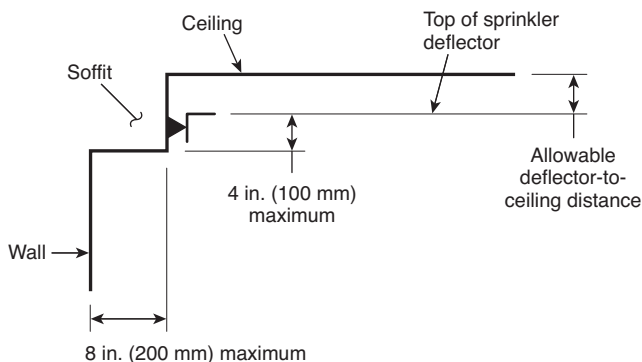


FIGURE A.11.3.5.1.3.1 Location of Extended Coverage Sidewalls with Respect to Soffits — Sidewall in Soffit.

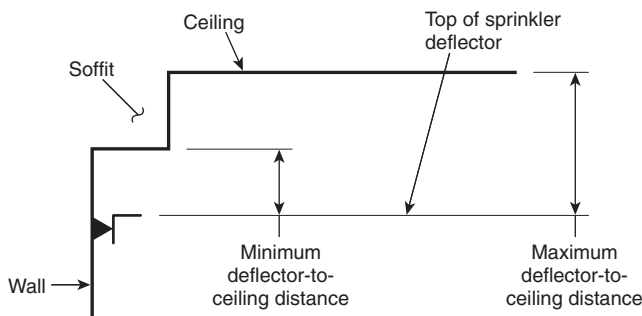


FIGURE A.11.3.5.1.3.2 Location of Extended Coverage Sidewalls with Respect to Soffits — Sidewall Under Soffit.

sprinklers in the positions in this standard provide adequate water distribution in front of the cabinets and that sidewall sprinklers should be able to control a fire that starts under the cabinets. When protecting kitchens or similar rooms with cabinets, the pendent sprinkler should be the first option. If pendent sprinklers cannot be installed, the next best option is a sidewall sprinkler on the opposite wall from the cabinets, spraying in the direction of the cabinets. The third best option is the sidewall sprinkler on the same wall as the cabinets, on a soffit flush with the face of the cabinet. The last option should be putting sprinklers on the wall back behind the face of the cabinet because this location is subject to being blocked by items placed on top of the cabinets. It is not the intent of the committee to require sprinklers under kitchen cabinets.

A.11.3.6.1.6 See Figure A.11.3.6.1.6.

A.11.3.6.2.1.3 The rules of 11.3.6.2.1.3 (known as the “Four Times Rule”) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Four Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 11.3.6.1.2 is necessary.

A.11.3.6.2.1.6 The housing unit of the ceiling fan is expected to be addressed by the Four Times Rule.

A.11.3.6.2.2.1 Testing has shown that privacy curtains supported from the ceiling by mesh fabric do not obstruct the distribution pattern in a negative way as long as the mesh is 70 percent or more open and extends from the ceiling a minimum of 22 in. (550 mm).

N A.11.3.6.3 When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1200 mm) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, decks, open grate flooring, catwalks, cutting tables, overhead doors, soffits, ceiling panels, and other similar obstructions.

N A.11.3.6.3.2 When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1200 mm) wide do not require additional protection under-

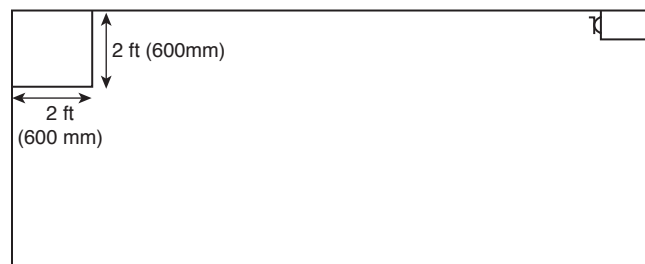


FIGURE A.11.3.6.1.6 Permitted Obstruction on Wall Opposite EC Sidewall Sprinkler.

neath. Examples are ducts, stairs, landings, and other similar obstructions.

A.12.1.1 The response and water distribution pattern of listed residential sprinklers have been shown by extensive fire testing to provide better control than spray sprinklers in residential occupancies. These sprinklers are intended to prevent flash-over in the room of fire origin, thus improving the chance for occupants to escape or be evacuated.

The protection area for residential sprinklers is defined in the listing of the sprinkler as a maximum square or rectangular area. Listing information is presented in even increments from 12 ft to 20 ft (3.7 m to 6.1 m). When a sprinkler is selected for an application, its area of coverage must be equal to or greater than both the length and width of the hazard area. For example, if the hazard to be protected is a room 13 ft 6 in. (4.1 m) wide and 17 ft 6 in. (5.3 m) long, a sprinkler that is listed to protect a rectangular area of 14 ft × 18 ft (4.3 m × 5.5 m) or a square area of 18 ft × 18 ft (5.5 m × 5.5 m) must be selected. The flow used in the calculations is then selected as the flow required by the listing for the selected coverage.

Residential sprinklers can only be used in corridors that lead to dwelling units. However, the corridors that lead to dwelling units can also lead to other hazards that are not dwelling units and can still be protected with residential sprinklers.

A.12.1.6 Residential sprinklers should be used in compliance with their listing limits. Where there are no listed residential sprinklers for a particular arrangement, other design approaches from NFPA 13 should be utilized, such as using quick-response sprinklers.

A.12.1.10.2.1.3 The rules of 12.1.10.2.1.3 (known as the “Four Times Rule”) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Four Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 12.1.10.1.2 is necessary.

A.12.1.10.2.1.9 The housing unit of the ceiling fan is expected to be addressed by the Three Times Rule or the Four Times Rule.

N A.12.1.10.2.3 See A.9.1.1(3), Figure A.9.1.1(3)(a), and Figure A.9.1.1(3)(b).

A.12.1.10.3 See A.9.5.5.3.

A.12.1.11.1.5 The requirements in 12.1.11.1.5 were developed from years of experience with NFPA 13 obstruction requirements and an additional test series conducted by the National Fire Sprinkler Association with the help of Tyco International (Valentine and Isman, *Kitchen Cabinets and Residential Sprinklers*, National Fire Sprinkler Association, November 2005), which included fire modeling, distribution tests, and full-scale fire tests. The test series showed that pendent sprinklers definitely provide protection for kitchens, even for fires that start under the cabinets. The information in the series was less than defini-

tive for sidewall sprinklers, but distribution data shows that sprinklers in the positions in this standard provide adequate water distribution in front of the cabinets and that sidewall sprinklers should be able to control a fire that starts under the cabinets. When protecting kitchens or similar rooms with cabinets, the pendent sprinkler should be the first option. If pendent sprinklers cannot be installed, the next best option is a sidewall sprinkler on the opposite wall from the cabinets, spraying in the direction of the cabinets. The third best option is the sidewall sprinkler on the same wall as the cabinets on a soffit flush with the face of the cabinet. The last option should be putting sprinklers on the wall back behind the face of the cabinet because this location is subject to being blocked by items placed on top of the cabinets. It is not the intent of the committee to require sprinklers under kitchen cabinets.

A.12.1.11.1.6 See Figure A.12.1.11.1.6.

A.12.1.11.2.1.3 The rules of 12.1.11.2.1.3 (known as the Four Times Rule) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Four Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 12.1.10.1.2 is necessary.

A.12.1.11.2.1.7 The housing unit of the ceiling fan is expected to be addressed by the Four Times Rule.

N A.12.1.11.2.2 Floor-mounted obstructions can be parallel or perpendicular to the wall with the sidewall sprinkler.

A.12.1.11.3 See A.9.5.5.3.

N A.12.1.11.3.2 When obstructions are located more than 18 in. (450 mm) below the sprinkler deflector, an adequate spray pattern develops and obstructions up to and including 4 ft (1.2 m) wide do not require additional protection underneath. Examples are ducts, stairs, landings, and other similar obstructions.

A.13.2.5 Tests involving areas of coverage over 100 ft² (9 m²) for CMSA sprinklers are limited in number, and use of areas of coverage over 100 ft² (9 m²) should be carefully considered.

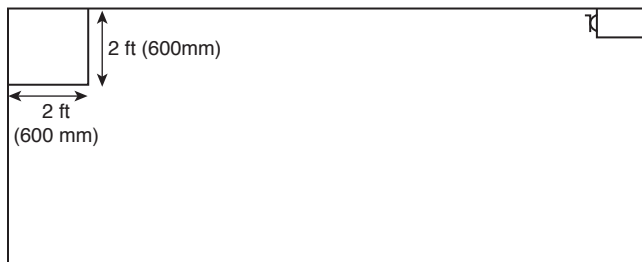


FIGURE A.12.1.11.1.6 Permitted Obstruction on Wall Opposite Residential Sidewall Sprinkler.

A.13.2.6.1 It is important that sprinklers in the immediate vicinity of the fire center not skip, and this requirement imposes certain restrictions on the spacing.

A.13.2.7.1 If all other factors are held constant, the operating time of the first sprinkler will vary exponentially with the distance between the ceiling and deflector. At distances greater than 7 in. (175 mm), for other than open wood joist construction, the delayed operating time will permit the fire to gain headway, with the result that substantially more sprinklers operate. At distances less than 7 in. (175 mm), other effects occur. Changes in distribution, penetration, and cooling nullify the advantage gained by faster operation. The net result again is increased fire damage accompanied by an increase in the number of sprinklers operated. The optimum clearance between deflectors and ceiling is therefore 7 in. (175 mm). For open wood joist construction, the optimum clearance between deflectors and the bottom of joists is 3½ in. (90 mm).

A.13.2.8 To a great extent, CMSA sprinklers rely on direct attack to gain rapid control of both the burning fuel and ceiling temperatures. Therefore, interference with the discharge pattern and obstructions to the distribution should be avoided.

A.13.2.8.2.1.3 The rules of 13.2.8.2.1.3 (known as the “Three Times Rule”) have been written to apply to obstructions where the sprinkler can be expected to get water to both sides of the obstruction without allowing a significant dry shadow on the other side of the obstruction. This works for small noncontinuous obstructions and for continuous obstructions where the sprinkler can throw water over and under the obstruction, such as the bottom chord of an open truss or joist. For solid continuous obstructions, such as a beam, the Three Times Rule is ineffective since the sprinkler cannot throw water over and under the obstruction. Sufficient water must be thrown under the obstruction to adequately cover the floor area on the other side of the obstruction. To ensure this, compliance with the rules of 13.2.8.1.2 is necessary.

A.13.2.8.3 See A.9.5.5.3.

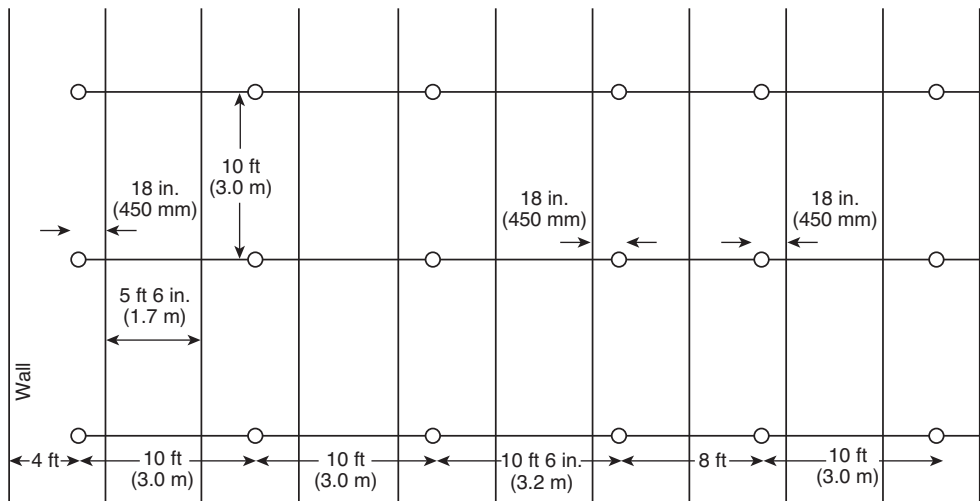
A.14.2.4 Storage in single-story or multistory buildings can be permitted, provided the maximum ceiling/roof height as specified in Table 14.2.8.2.1 is satisfied for each storage area.

A.14.2.8.2.3 See Figure A.14.2.8.2.3.

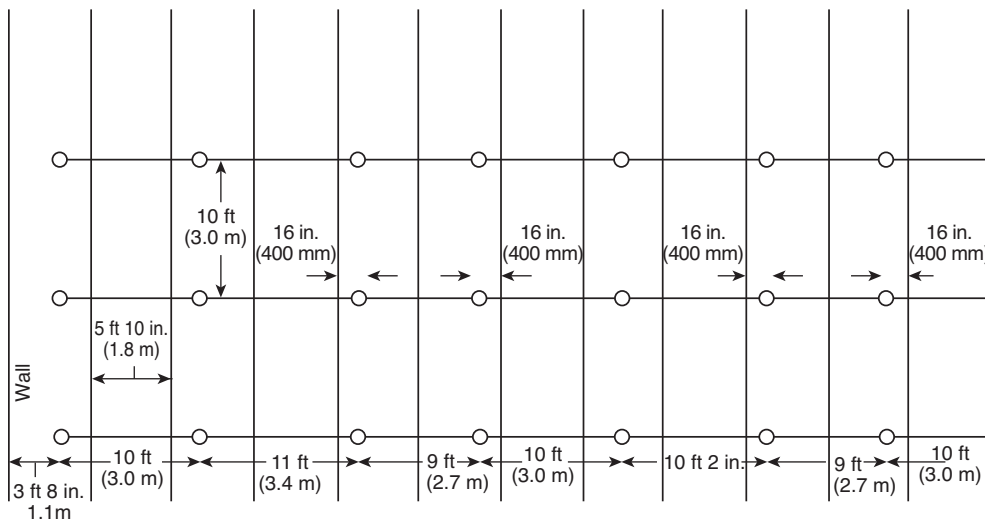
A.14.2.9.1(3) See Figure A.14.2.8.2.3.

A.14.2.11 The obstruction rules of 14.2.11 have been primarily written to address horizontal obstructions like ducts and lights where the sprinkler needs to spray under the obstruction or get water both over and under the obstruction. For vertical obstruction situations like columns where the water needs to get to two sides of the obstruction, the guidance in 14.2.11 to keep the sprinklers at least 12 in. (300 mm) from obstructions up to 12 in. (300 mm) wide and to keep the sprinkler 24 in. (600 mm) from obstructions over 12 in. (300 mm) to 24 in. (600 mm) wide can be used. For obstructions like columns that are more than 24 in. (600 mm) wide, a sprinkler should be placed on the opposite side of the obstruction while following the minimum and maximum spacing requirements of 14.2.8.

A.14.2.11.2 Isolated obstructions that block adjacent sprinklers in a similar manner should be treated as a continuous obstruction. High volume low speed fans with large diameters [(20 ft (6.1 m))] represent potential obstructions for ESFR sprinklers and should be positioned in accordance with the



Example 1 of ESFR "Shift" Rule (bar joists or trusses 5 ft 6 in. (1.7 m) o.c.)
Measurement shown is from centerline for ease of illustration; actual measurement to obstruction is to near edge of structural member.



Example 2 of ESFR "Shift" Rule (bar joists or trusses 5 ft 10 in. o.c.)
Measurement shown is from centerline for ease of illustration; actual measurement to obstruction is to near edge of structural member.

FIGURE A.14.2.8.2.3 ESFR Sprinkler Spacing Within Trusses and Bar Joists.

provisions of 14.2.11.2 with regard to both the fan motor unit and the blades.

A.14.2.11.3.3 For example, a 1 in. (25 mm) diameter conduit would need to be 3 in. (75 mm) from the nearest pipe or conduit to be considered as an individual obstruction. Otherwise, the pipes and/or conduits would be considered as a group when applying the obstruction criteria in 14.2.11.3.1.

A.15.3.1 Dry sprinklers must be of sufficient length to avoid freezing of the water-filled pipes due to conduction along the barrel. The values of exposed barrel length in Table 15.3.1(a) and Table 15.3.1(b) have been developed using an assumption of a properly sealed penetration and an assumed maximum wind velocity on the exposed sprinkler of 30 mph (48 km/h). Where higher wind velocity is expected, longer exposed barrel

lengths will help avoid freezing of the wet piping. The total length of the barrel of the dry sprinkler must be longer than the values shown in Table 15.3.1(a) and Table 15.3.1(b) because the length shown in the tables is the minimum length of the barrel that needs to be exposed to the warmer ambient temperature in the heated space. See Figure A.15.3.1(a) and Figure A.15.3.1(c) for an example of where to measure the exposed barrel length for a sidewall sprinkler penetrating an exterior wall and Figure A.15.3.1(b) and Figure A.15.3.1(d) for an example of where to measure the exposed barrel length for a pendent sprinkler penetrating a ceiling or top of a freezer.

A.15.3.3 The clearance space around the sprinkler barrel should be sealed to avoid leakage of air into the freezing area that could result in the formation of condensate around the

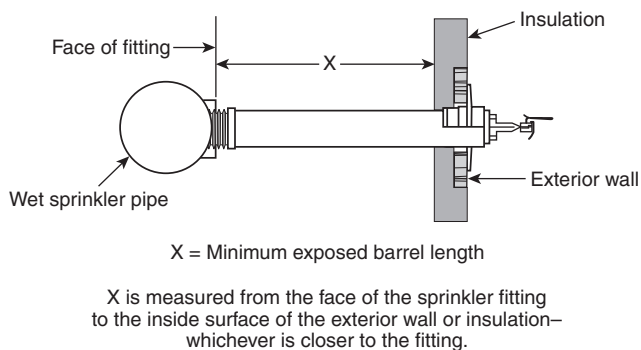


FIGURE A.15.3.1(a) Dry Sidewall Sprinkler Through Wall.

sprinkler frame that could inhibit or cause premature operation. See Figure A.15.3.3(a) and Figure A.15.3.3(b).

- N A.15.3.4** Generally dry sprinklers are installed in tees. Dry sprinklers should never be installed in 90-degree elbows. Some manufacturers allow installation of dry sprinklers in couplings, CPVC adapters, and so forth.

A.16.1.1 The components need not be open or exposed. Doors, removable panels, or valve pits can satisfy this need. Such equipment should not be obstructed by such permanent features as walls, ducts, columns, or direct burial.

A.16.2.1.1 Sprinklers should be permitted to be reinstalled when the sprinkler being removed from the system remains attached to the original fitting or welded outlet, provided care has been taken to ensure the sprinkler has not been damaged. Flexible hose connections are considered a fitting.

In new installations, where sprinklers are installed on pendent drop nipples or sidewall sprinklers prior to final cut-back, protective caps and/or straps should remain in place until after the drop nipple has been cut to fit to the final ceiling elevation.

A.16.2.2.1.1 Care should be taken in the handling and installation of wax-coated or similar sprinklers to avoid damaging the coating.

A.16.2.4.2 Plastic bags should not be used for this purpose due to the fact that shrinkage prior to development of temperatures needed to ensure sprinkler activation can interfere with proper sprinkler operation and development of spray patterns. The prohibition against plastic bags should include polypropylene bags commonly marketed as “cello” bags. True cellophane degrades rather than melts and, like paper, does not display shrinkage.

- N A.16.2.5.1** It is the intent to provide the owner’s certificate for all new systems and where there is a change of occupancy and/or building use.

- N A.16.2.5.2** The use of the wrong type of escutcheon with recessed or flush-type sprinklers can result in severe disruption of the spray pattern, which can destroy the effectiveness of the sprinkler.

A.16.2.7.1 A minimum of two sprinklers of each type and temperature rating should be provided.

A.16.2.7.6 One sprinkler wrench design can be appropriate for many types of sprinklers and should not require multiple wrenches of the same design.

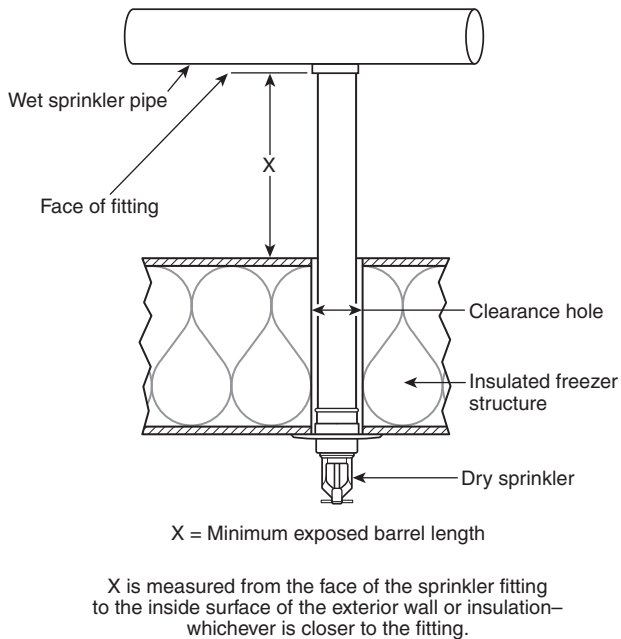


FIGURE A.15.3.1(b) Dry Pendent Sprinkler Through Ceiling or Top of Freezer.

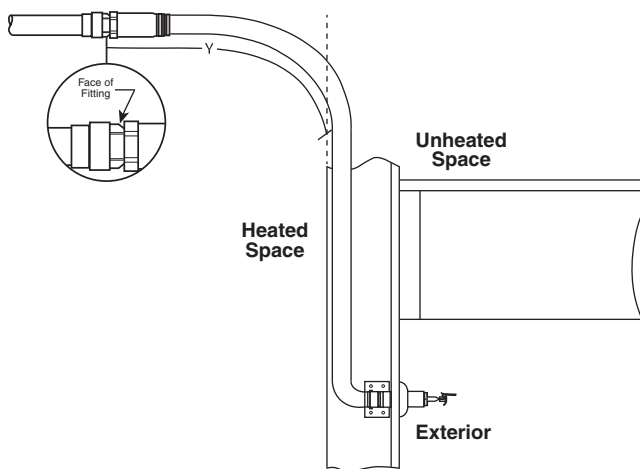


FIGURE A.15.3.1(c) Dry Sidewall Sprinkler Through Wall

A.16.2.7.7.1 The minimum information in the list contained in the spare sprinkler cabinet should be marked with the sprinkler identification described in 7.2.1; a general description of the sprinkler, including upright, pendent, residential, ESFR, and so forth; and the quantity of sprinklers that is to be maintained in the spare sprinkler cabinet.

An example of the list is shown in Figure A.16.2.7.7.1.

A.16.3.2 See Table A.16.3.2.

A.16.3.9.4 When fabricating steel pipe for a combination (CPVC–steel) system, the cutting oil and lubricants can cause performance degradation of the CPVC piping. Cutting oils and lubricants found to be compatible are available and should be used.

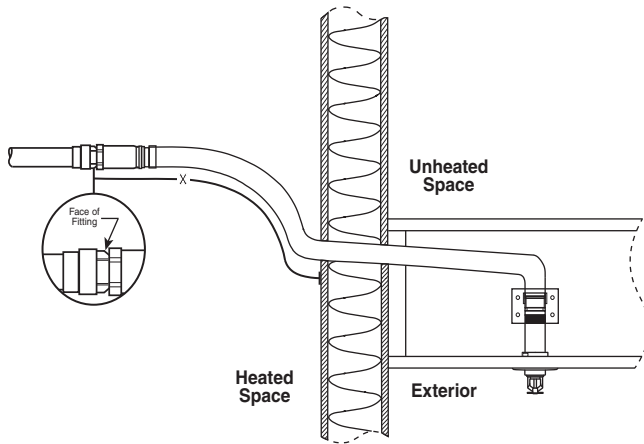


FIGURE A.15.3.1(d) Dry Pendent Sprinkler Through Ceiling

A.16.3.12.1 Outlets meeting the requirements of this standard should be provided in anticipation of the final finished area.

A.16.3.12.2 Providing 1 in. (25 mm) minimum outlets with bushings can provide for future changes in building uses or occupancies.

A.16.4.1.1 Water-filled piping can be run in spaces above heated room, such as attics, even if the space above the room is not heated itself. Insulation can be located above the pipe to trap the heat from below and prevent the pipe from freezing. It is important not to bury the piping in the insulation because if too much insulation ends up between the pipe and the heated space, the insulation will prevent the heat from getting to the pipe. This method of protecting the pipe is acceptable to this standard.

A.16.4.2 Where approved, the pipe identification can be covered with paint or other protective coatings before installation.

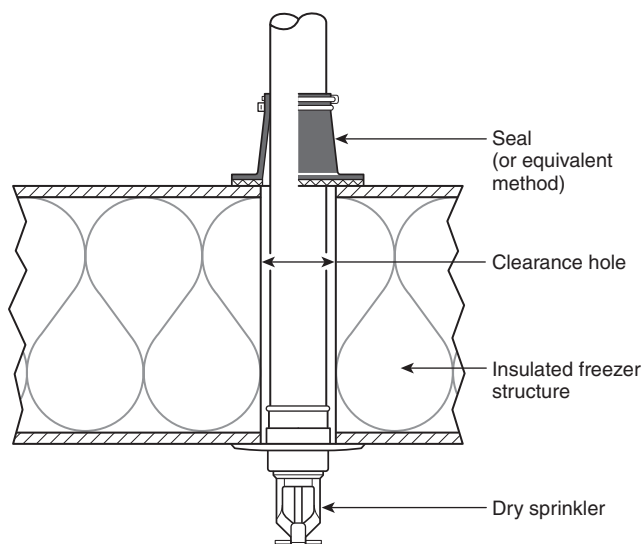


FIGURE A.15.3.3(a) Dry Sprinkler Seal Arrangement — Seal on Exterior of Freezer Structure.

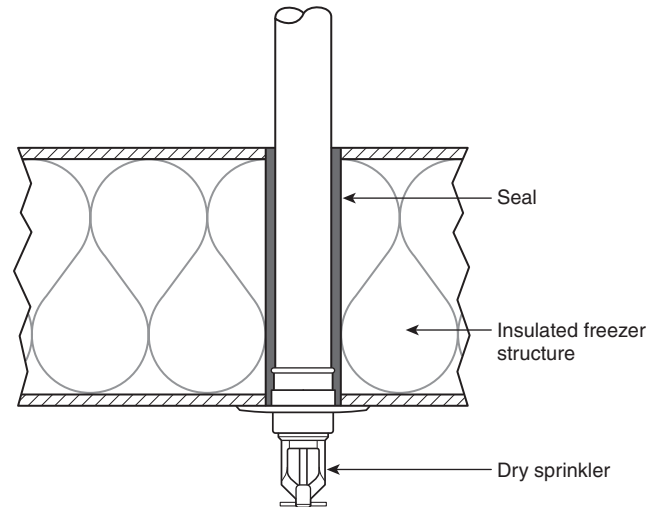


FIGURE A.15.3.3(b) Dry Sprinkler Seal Arrangement — Seal Within Freezer Structure.

A.16.4.2.1 Being exposed to the outside atmosphere is not necessarily a corrosive environment. Types of locations where corrosive conditions can exist include bleacheries, dye houses, metal plating processes, animal pens, and certain chemical plants. If corrosive conditions are not of great intensity and humidity is not abnormally high, good results can be obtained by using a good grade of commercial acid-resisting paint. The paint manufacturer's instructions should be followed in the preparation of the surface and in the method of application.

Where moisture conditions are severe but corrosive conditions are not of great intensity, copper tube or galvanized steel pipe, fittings, and hangers might be suitable. The exposed threads of steel pipe should be painted.

In instances where the piping is not accessible and where the exposure to corrosive fumes is severe, either a protective coating of high quality can be employed or some form of corrosion-resistant material used.

A.16.4.3 Protection should be provided in any area of a structure or building that poses a degree of hazard greater than that normal to the general occupancy of the building or structure. These areas include areas for the storage or use of combustibles or flammables; toxic, noxious, or corrosive materials; and heat-producing appliances.

Sprinklers Contained in this Cabinet			
Sprinkler Identification, SIN	General Description	Temperature Rating, °F	Sprinkler Quantity Maintained
TY9128	Extended Coverage, K-25, upright	165	6
VK494	Residential concealed pendent	155	6
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FIGURE A.16.2.7.7.1 Sample List.

A.16.7 A manual or automatic air venting valve can be a reasonable approach on wet pipe sprinkler systems to reduce corrosion activity. The purpose of the air venting valve is to exhaust as much trapped air as possible from a single location every time the system is filled. The objective of venting is to reduce the amount of oxygen trapped in the system that will fuel corrosion and microbial activity. It is neither the intent nor practical to exhaust all trapped air from a single location on a wet pipe sprinkler system; however, more than one vent can be used on a system at the designer's discretion. Interconnection of branch line piping for venting purposes is not necessary. An inspector's test valve can serve this purpose.

The air venting valve should be located where it will be most effective. System piping layout will guide the designer in choosing an effective location for venting. In order to effectively accomplish venting, it is necessary to choose a location where the greatest volume of trapped air is vented during the first fill and each subsequent drain and fill event. The vent connection to the system should be located off the top of horizontal piping at a high point in the system; however, the vent connection can also be effectively located off the side of a riser or riser nipple at a high point in the system.

Manual air venting valves should be accessible. The manual air venting valve should be located at an accessible point and preferably not over 7 ft (2.1 m) above the floor. Automatic air valves are not required to comply with the accessibility requirement of manual air venting valves; however, it is recommended the designer locate automatic air vents over areas without ceilings, above a lay-in ceiling, or above an access panel.

Each wet pipe sprinkler system should be vented every time the system is filled.

A.16.8.2.1 CPVC is a plastic material and consideration is necessary when other materials or chemicals come in contact with CPVC that can cause degradation of performance of the fitting due to interaction of materials. Compliance with 7.4.3 combined with following manufacturer's guidance on installation and compatible materials will help prevent premature performance degradation of non-metallic fittings. Mechanical stress caused by hanging methods or bending on non-metallic

piping beyond the manufacturer's recommended limitations can cause stress failure over time and should be avoided.

A.16.8.2.2 When fabricating steel pipe for a system using non-metallic and steel pipe, the cutting oil and lubricants can cause performance degradation of the non-metallic fitting.

A.16.8.3 The rupture strength of cast-iron fittings 2 in. (50 mm) in size and smaller and malleable iron fittings 6 in. (150 mm) in size and smaller is sufficient to provide an adequate factor of safety.

A.16.8.4 Listed flexible connections are permissible and encouraged for sprinkler installations in racks to reduce the possibility of physical damage. Where flexible tubing is used, it should be located so that it will be protected against mechanical injury.

A.16.9.3 See Figure A.16.9.3.

A.16.9.3.1 A water supply connection should not extend into a building or through a building wall unless such connection is under the control of an outside listed indicating valve or an inside listed indicating valve located near the outside wall of the building.

All valves controlling water supplies for sprinkler systems or portions thereof, including floor control valves, should be accessible to authorized persons during emergencies. Permanent ladders, clamped treads on risers, chain-operated hand wheels, or other accepted means should be provided where necessary.

Outside control valves are suggested in the following order of preference:

- (1) Listed indicating valves at each connection into the building at least 40 ft (12 m) from buildings if space permits
- (2) Control valves installed in a cutoff stair tower or valve room accessible from outside
- (3) Valves located in risers with indicating posts arranged for outside operation
- (4) Key-operated valves in each connection into the building

Table A.16.3.2 Steel Pipe Dimensions

Nominal Pipe Size		Schedule 5				Schedule 10 ^a				Schedule 30				Schedule 40			
		Outside Diameter		Inside Diameter		Wall Thickness		Inside Diameter		Wall Thickness		Inside Diameter		Wall Thickness		Inside Diameter	
in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
½ ^b	15	0.840	21.3	—	—	—	—	0.674	17.1	0.083	2.1	—	—	—	—	0.622	15.8
¾ ^b	20	1.050	26.7	—	—	—	—	0.884	22.4	0.083	2.1	—	—	—	—	0.824	21.0
1	25	1.315	33.4	1.185	30.1	0.065	1.7	1.097	27.9	0.109	2.8	—	—	—	—	1.049	26.6
1¼	32	1.660	42.2	1.530	38.9	0.065	1.7	1.442	36.6	0.109	2.8	—	—	—	—	1.380	35.1
1½	40	1.900	48.3	1.770	45.0	0.065	1.7	1.682	42.7	0.109	2.8	—	—	—	—	1.610	40.9
2	50	2.375	60.3	2.245	57.0	0.065	1.7	2.157	54.8	0.109	2.8	—	—	—	—	2.067	52.5
2½	65	2.875	73.0	2.709	68.8	0.083	2.1	2.635	66.9	0.120	3.0	—	—	—	—	2.469	62.7
3	80	3.500	88.9	3.334	84.7	0.083	2.1	3.260	82.8	0.120	3.0	—	—	—	—	3.068	77.9
3½	90	4.000	101.6	3.834	97.4	0.083	2.1	3.760	95.5	0.120	3.0	—	—	—	—	3.548	90.1
4	100	4.500	114.3	4.334	110.1	0.083	2.1	4.260	108.2	0.120	3.0	—	—	—	—	4.026	102.3
5	125	5.563	141.3	—	—	—	—	5.295	134.5	0.134	3.4	—	—	—	—	5.047	128.2
6	150	6.625	168.3	6.407	162.7	0.109	2.8	6.357	161.5	0.134 ^c	3.4	—	—	—	—	6.065	154.1
8	200	8.625	219.1	—	—	—	—	8.249	209.5	0.188 ^c	4.8	8.071	205.0	0.277 ^d	7.0	7.981	—
10	250	10.750	273.1	—	—	—	—	10.370	263.4	0.188 ^c	4.8	10.140	257.6	0.307 ^d	7.8	10.020	—
12	300	12.750	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.090	—	0.330 ^c	—	11.938	—

^aSchedule 10 defined to 5 in. (127 mm) nominal pipe size by ASTM A135, *Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe*.

^bThese values applicable when used in conjunction with Section 29.4 and Section 29.5.

^cWall thickness specified in 16.3.2.

^dWall thickness specified in 16.3.3.

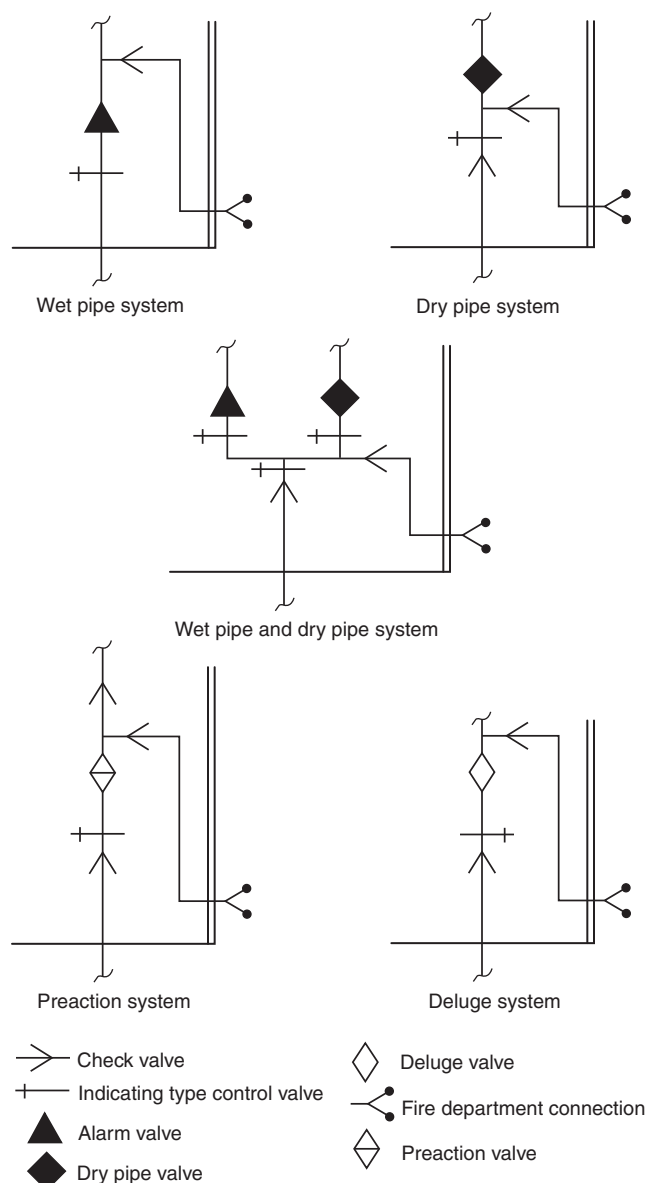


FIGURE A.16.9.3 Examples of Acceptable Valve Arrangements.

A.16.9.3.3 The management is responsible for the supervision of valves controlling water supply for fire protection and should exert every effort to see that the valves are maintained in the normally open position. This effort includes special precautions to ensure that protection is promptly restored by completely opening valves that are necessarily closed during repairs or alterations. The precautions apply equally to valves controlling sprinklers and other fixed water-based fire suppression systems, hydrants, tanks, standpipes, pumps, street connections, and sectional valves.

Either one or a combination of the methods of valve supervision described in the following list is considered essential to ensure that the valves controlling fire protection systems are in the normally open position. The methods described are intended as an aid to the person responsible for developing a

systematic method of determining that the valves controlling sprinkler systems and other fire protection devices are open.

Continual vigilance is necessary if valves are to be kept in the open position. Responsible day and night employees should be familiar with the location of all valves and their proper use.

The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted as to the type of valve supervision required. Contracts for equipment should specify that all details are to be subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

- (1) *Central Station Supervisory Service.* Central station supervisory service systems involve complete, constant, and automatic supervision of valves by electrically operated devices and circuits continually under test and operating through an approved outside central station, in compliance with *NFPA 72*. It is understood that only such portions of *NFPA 72* that relate to valve supervision should apply.
- (2) *Proprietary Supervisory Service Systems.* Proprietary supervisory service systems include systems where the operation of a valve produces some form of signal and record at a common point by electrically operated devices and circuits continually under test and operating through a central supervising station at the property protected, all in compliance with the standards for the installation, maintenance, and use of local protective, auxiliary protective, remote station protective, and proprietary signaling systems. It is understood that only portions of the standards that relate to valve supervision should apply.

The standard method of locking, sealing, and tagging valves to prevent, so far as possible, their unnecessary closing, to obtain notification of such closing, and to aid in restoring the valve to normal condition is a satisfactory alternative to valve supervision. The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted regarding details for specific cases.

Where electrical supervision is not provided, locks or seals should be provided on all valves and should be of a type acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

Seals can be marked to indicate the organization under whose jurisdiction the sealing is conducted. All seals should be attached to the valve in such a manner that the valves cannot be operated without breaking the seals. Seals should be of a character to prevent injury in handling and to prevent reassembly when broken. When seals are used, valves should be inspected weekly. The authority having jurisdiction can require a valve tag to be used in conjunction with the sealing.

A padlock, with a chain where necessary, is especially desirable to prevent unauthorized closing of valves in areas where valves are subject to tampering. When such locks are employed, valves should be inspected monthly.

If valves are locked, any distribution of keys should be restricted to only those directly responsible for the fire protection system. Multiple valves should not be locked together; they should be individually locked.

The individual performing the inspections should determine that each valve is in the normal position, properly locked or sealed, and so note on an appropriate record form while still at the valve. The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted for assistance in preparing a suitable report form for this activity.

Identification signs should be provided at each valve to indicate its function and what it controls.

The position of the spindle of OS&Y valves or the target on the indicator valves cannot be accepted as conclusive proof that the valve is fully open. The opening of the valve should be followed by a test to determine that the operating parts have functioned properly.

The test consists of opening the main drain valve and permitting free flow of water until the gauge reading becomes stationary. If the pressure drop is excessive for the water supply involved, the cause should be determined immediately and the proper remedies taken. When sectional valves or other special conditions are encountered, other methods of testing should be used.

If it becomes necessary to break a seal for emergency reasons, the valve, following the emergency, should be opened by the person responsible for the fire protection of the plant, or his or her designated representative, and this person should apply a seal at the time of the valve opening. This seal should be maintained in place until such time as the authority having jurisdiction can replace it with one of its own.

Seals or locks should not be applied to valves reopened after closure until such time as the inspection procedure is carried out.

Where water is shut off to the sprinkler or other fixed water-based fire suppression systems, a guard or other qualified person should be placed on duty and required to continuously patrol the affected sections of the premises until such time as protection is restored.

During specific critical situations, a person should be stationed at the valve so that the valve can be reopened promptly if necessary. It is the intent of this section that the person remain within sight of the valve and have no other duties beyond this responsibility. This procedure is considered imperative when fire protection is shut off immediately following a fire.

An inspection of all other fire protection equipment should be made prior to shutting off water in order to make sure it is in operative condition.

In case of changes to fire protection equipment, all possible work should be done in advance of shutting off the water so that final connections can be made quickly and protection restored promptly. Many times it will be found that by careful planning open outlets can be plugged and protection restored on a portion of the equipment while the alterations are being made.

Where changes are being made in underground piping, all possible piping should be laid before shutting off the water for final connections. Where possible, temporary feed lines, such as temporary piping for reconnection of risers by hose lines, and so forth, should be used to afford maximum protection. The plant, public fire department, and other authorities having jurisdiction should be notified of all impairments to fire protection equipment.

A.16.9.3.4 It might be necessary to provide valves located in pits with an indicator post extending above grade or other means so that the valve can be operated without entering the pit.

A.16.9.5 Where check valves are buried, they should be made accessible for maintenance. This can be accomplished by a valve pit or any means that renders the valve accessible. See Figure A.16.9.6.

A.16.9.5.5 Where a system having only one dry pipe valve is supplied with city water and a fire department connection, it will be satisfactory to install the main check valve in the water supply connection immediately inside of the building. In instances where there is no outside control valve, the system indicating valve should be placed at the service flange, on the supply side of all fittings.

A.16.9.6 See Figure A.16.9.6. For additional information on controlling valves, see NFPA 22.

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A.16.9.7 Check valves on tank or pump connections, when located underground, can be placed inside of buildings and at a safe distance from the tank riser or pump, except in cases where the building is entirely of one fire area, when it is ordinarily considered satisfactory to locate the check valve overhead in the lowest level.

A.16.9.8.3 Where the relief valve operation would result in water being discharged onto interior walking or working surfaces, consideration should be given to piping the discharge from the valve to a drain connection or other safe location.

A.16.9.9 Outside control valves are suggested in the following order of preference:

- (1) Listed indicating valves at each connection into the building at least 40 ft (12 m) from buildings if space permits
- (2) Control valves installed in a cutoff stair tower or valve room accessible from outside
- (3) Valves located in risers with indicating posts arranged for outside operation
- (4) Key-operated valves in each connection into the building

Post-indicator valves should be located not less than 40 ft (12 m) from buildings. When post-indicator valves cannot be placed at this distance, they are permitted to be located closer, or wall post-indicator valves can be used, provided they are set in locations by blank walls where the possibility of injury by falling walls is unlikely and from which people are not likely to be driven by smoke or heat. Usually, in crowded plant yards, they can be placed beside low buildings, near brick stair towers, or at angles formed by substantial brick walls that are not likely to fall.

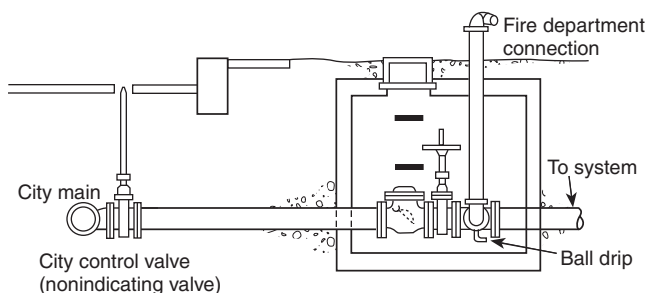


FIGURE A.16.9.6 Pit for Gate Valve, Check Valve, and Fire Department Connection.

A.16.9.10.2 A valve wrench with a long handle should be provided at a convenient location on the premises.

A.16.9.11.5 See Figure A.16.9.11.5.

A.16.9.12 The intent of 16.9.12 is to provide assistance in determining the area of a building served by a particular control valve.

A.16.9.12.3.1 Care should be taken to ensure that all water supplies are isolated before work begins. Work on systems by shutting one valve and not knowing about another valve could result in unexpected water discharge.

A.16.10.4.6 See Figure A.16.10.4.6(a) and Figure A.16.10.4.6(b).

A.16.10.5.2.1 An example of an accessible location would be a valve located approximately 7 ft (2.1 m) above the floor level to which a hose could be connected to discharge the water in an acceptable manner.

A.16.11.1.1 Audible alarms are normally located on the outside of the building. Listed electric gongs, bells, horns, or sirens inside the building, or a combination of such used inside and outside, are sometimes advisable.

Outside alarms might not be necessary where the sprinkler system is used as part of a central station, auxiliary, remote

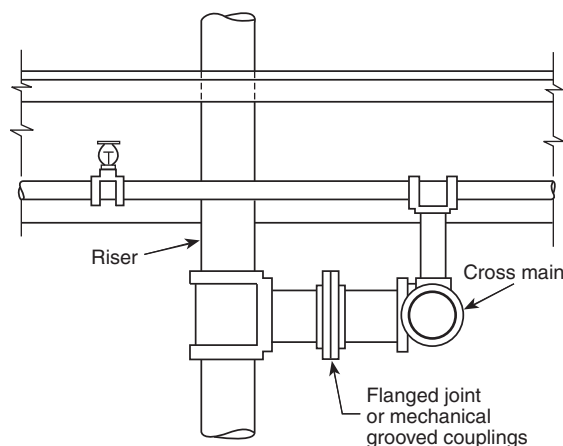


FIGURE A.16.9.11.5 One Arrangement of Flanged Joint at Sprinkler Riser.

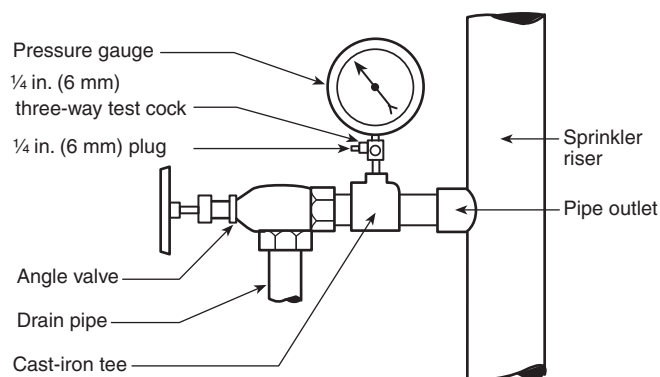


FIGURE A.16.10.4.6(a) Unacceptable Pressure Gauge Location.

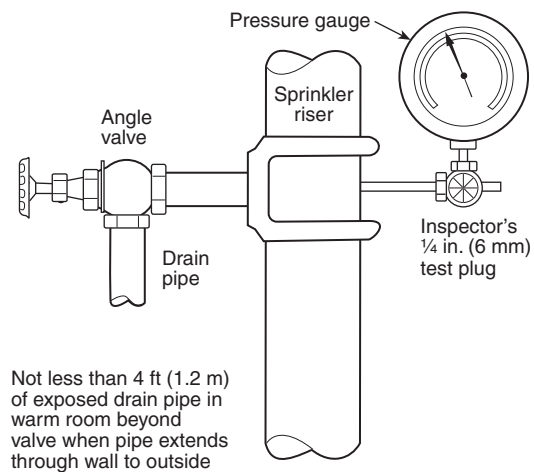


FIGURE A.16.10.4.6(b) Drain Connection for System Riser.

station, or proprietary signaling fire alarm system, utilizing listed audible inside alarm devices.

A.16.11.1.2 All alarm apparatus should be so located and installed that all parts are accessible for inspection, removal, and repair, and such apparatus should be substantially supported.

The water motor gong bell mechanism should be protected from weather-related elements such as rain, snow, or ice. To the extent practicable, it should also be protected from other influencing factors such as birds or other small animals that might attempt to nest in such a device.

A.16.11.2 Central station, auxiliary, remote station, or proprietary protective signaling systems are a highly desirable supplement to local alarms, especially from a safety to life standpoint. (See 16.11.10.)

Approved identification signs, as shown in Figure A.16.11.2, should be provided for outside alarm devices. The sign should be located near the device in a conspicuous position and should be worded as follows:

SPRINKLER FIRE ALARM — WHEN BELL RINGS

CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE.

A.16.11.3.4 The surge of water that occurs when the valve trips can seriously damage the device. Paddle-type waterflow devices are also permitted to be installed on wet systems that supply auxiliary dry pipe and/or preaction systems.

A.16.11.7 Switches that will silence electric alarm-sounding devices by interruption of electric current are not desirable; however, if such means are provided, then the electric alarm-sounding device circuit should be arranged so that, when the sounding device is electrically silenced, that fact should be indicated by means of a conspicuous light located in the vicinity of the riser or alarm control panel. This light should remain in operation during the entire period of the electric circuit interruption.

A.16.11.8 Water motor-operated devices should be located as near as practicable to the alarm valve, dry pipe valve, or other waterflow detection device. The total length of the pipe to these devices should not exceed 75 ft (23 m), nor should the



FIGURE A.16.11.2 Identification Sign.

water motor-operated device be located over 20 ft (6.1 m) above the alarm device or dry pipe valve.

A.16.11.10 Monitoring should include but not be limited to control valves, building temperatures, fire pump power supplies and running conditions, and water tank levels and temperatures. Pressure supervision should also be provided on pressure tanks.

Check valves can be required to prevent false waterflow signals on floors where sprinklers have not activated — for example, floor systems interconnected to two supply risers.

A.16.12 The fire department connection should be located not less than 18 in. (500 mm) and not more than 4 ft (1.2 m) above the level of the adjacent grade or access level. Typical fire department connections are shown in Figure A.16.12. See NFPA 13E.

A.16.12.1 Fire department connections should be located and arranged so that hose lines can be readily and conveniently attached without interference from nearby objects, including buildings, fences, posts, or other fire department connections. Where a hydrant is not available, other water supply sources such as a natural body of water, a tank, or a reservoir should be utilized. The water authority should be consulted when a nonpotable water supply is proposed as a suction source for the fire department.

A.16.12.3.1 The purpose of the fire department connection is to supplement the water supply but not necessarily provide the entire sprinkler system demand. Fire department connections are not intended to deliver a specific volume of water.

A.16.12.4 The purpose of a fire department connection is to supplement the pressure to an automatic fire sprinkler system. It is not the intent to size the fire department connection piping based on system demand. For multiple system risers supplied by a manifold, the fire department connection need not be larger than that for an individual system.

A.16.12.5 The check valve should be located to maximize accessibility and minimize freezing potential. It is recommended that the check valve be located to reduce the length of nonpressurized pipe in the fire department connection supply line.

A.16.12.5.1 The fire department connection should be connected to the system riser. For single systems, it is an acceptable arrangement to attach the fire department connection to any point in the system, provided the pipe size meets the requirements of 16.12.4.

A.16.12.5.5 Figure A.16.12.5.5(a) and Figure A.16.12.5.5(b) depict fire department connections to the underground pipe.

A.16.12.5.7 Obstructions to fire department connections include but are not limited to buildings, fences, posts, shrubbery, other fire department connections, gas meters, and electrical equipment.

A.16.12.7 In cases where water in the piping between the system side and the fire department connection check valve would be trapped, an auxiliary drain is required.

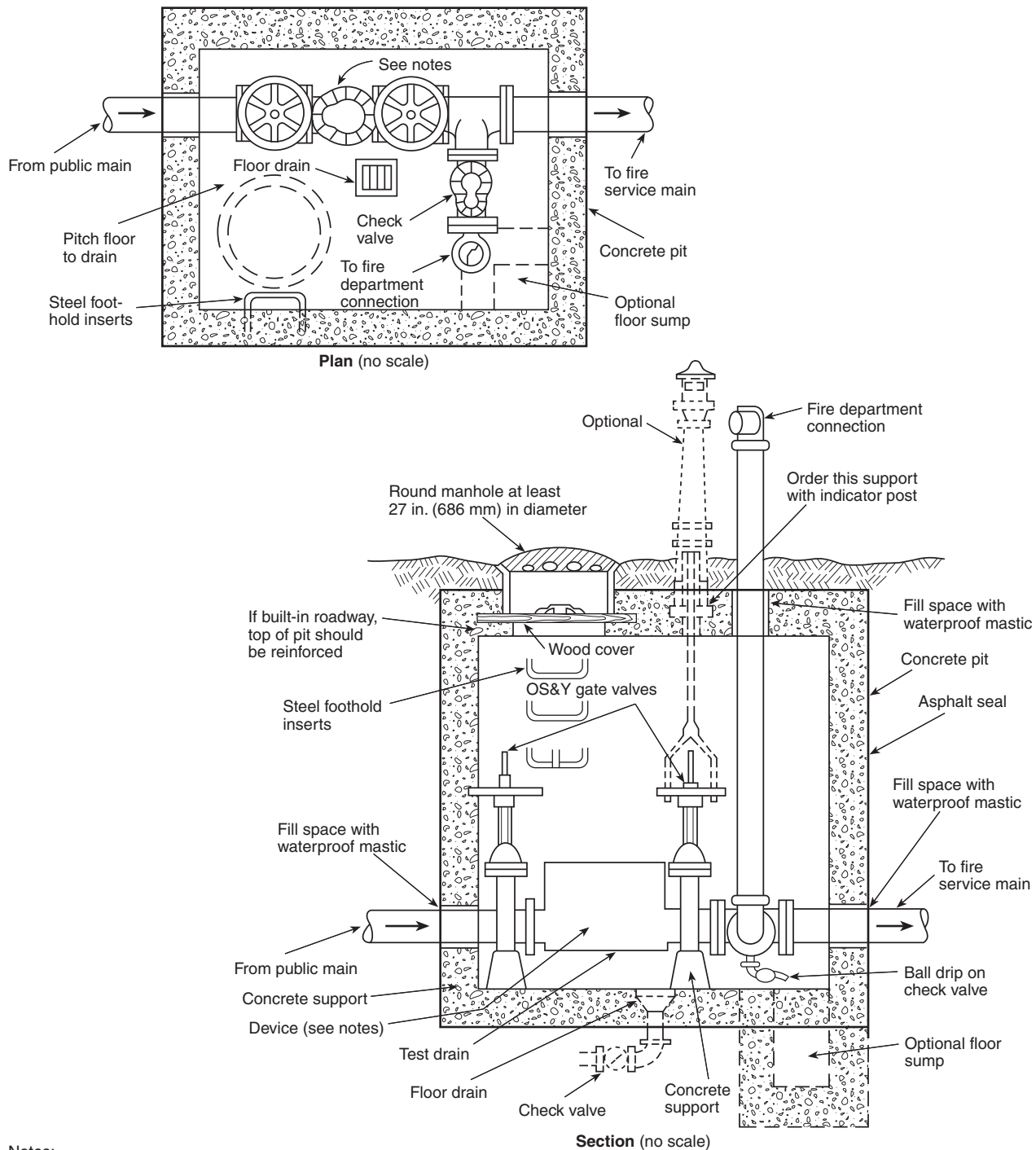
A.16.14.1 The purpose of this alarm test connection is to make sure the alarm device is sensitive enough to determine the flow from a single sprinkler and sound an alarm. The purpose of this test connection is not to ensure that water will flow through the entire system. When this test connection is installed on the upper story, and at the end of the most remote branch line, the user is able to tell that there is water flowing in one path through the system, but there is no assurance that water will flow to other branch lines. Putting the test connection at the most remote portion of the system causes the introduction of fresh oxygen into a large part of the system each time the alarm is tested and increases the corrosion that will occur in the piping. The discharge should be at a point where it can be readily observed. In locations where it is not practical to terminate the test connection outside the building, the test connection is permitted to terminate into a drain capable of accepting full flow under system pressure. In this event, the test connection should be made using an approved sight test connection containing a smooth bore corrosion-resistant orifice giving a flow equivalent to one sprinkler simulating the least flow from an individual sprinkler in the system. [See Figure A.16.14.1(a) and Figure A.16.14.1(b).] The test valve should be located at an accessible point and preferably not over 7 ft (2.1 m) above the floor. The control valve on the test connection should be located at a point not exposed to freezing.

A.16.14.2 See Figure A.16.14.2 and Figure A.8.2.3.7.

A.16.14.5 Where backflow prevention devices are installed, they should be in an accessible location to provide for service and maintenance.

A.16.14.5.1 System demand refers to flow rate and pressure. This test is only concerned with testing at the proper flow rate.

The full flow test of the backflow prevention valve can be performed with a test header or other connection downstream of the valve. A bypass around the check valve in the fire department connector line with a control valve in the normally closed position can be an acceptable arrangement. When flow to a visible drain cannot be accomplished, closed loop flow can be acceptable if a flowmeter or site glass is incorporated into the system to ensure flow. When a backflow prevention device is retroactively installed on a pipe schedule system, the revised hydraulic calculation still follows the pipe schedule method of 19.3.2 with the inclusion of friction loss for the device.



Notes:

- Various backflow prevention regulations accept different devices at the connection between public water mains and private fire service mains.
- The device shown in the pit could be any or a combination of the following:
 - Gravity check valve
 - Detector check valve
 - Double check valve assembly
 - Reduced pressure zone (RPZ) device
 - Vacuum breaker
- Some backflow prevention regulations prohibit these devices from being installed in a pit.
- In all cases, the device(s) in the pit should be approved or listed as necessary. The requirements of the local or municipal water department should be reviewed prior to design or installation of the connection.
- Pressure drop should be considered prior to the installation of any backflow prevention devices.

FIGURE A.16.12 Typical City Water Pit — Valve Arrangement.

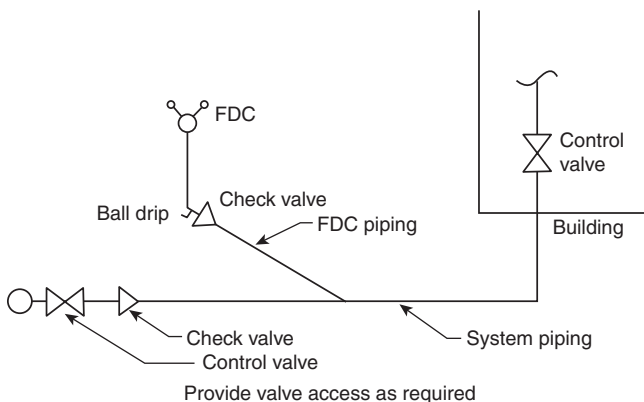


FIGURE A.16.12.5(a) Fire Department Connection to Underground Piping for a Single System.

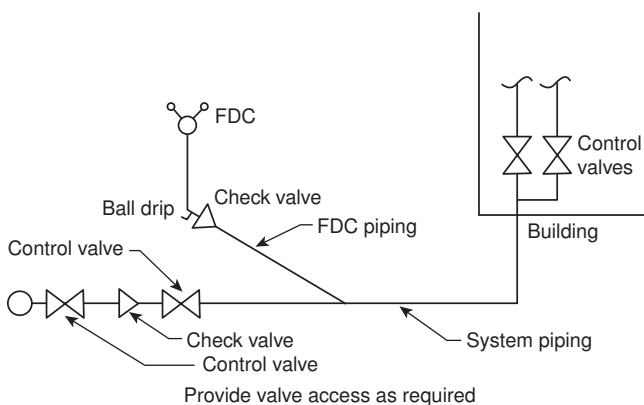
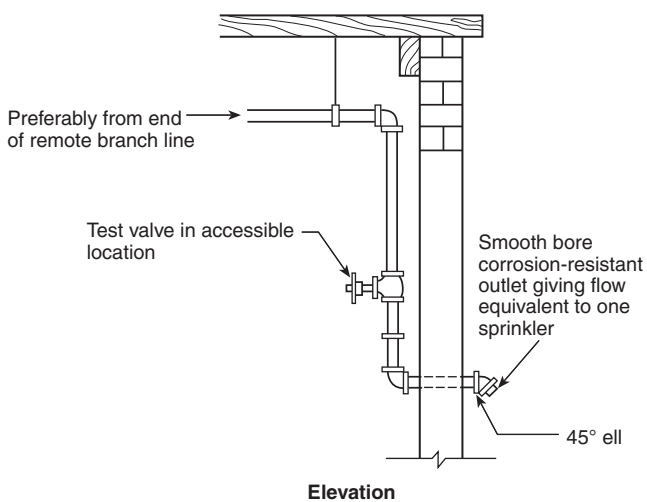


FIGURE A.16.12.5(b) Fire Department Connection to Underground Piping for Multiple Systems.



Note: Not less than 4 ft (1.2 m) of exposed test pipe in warm room beyond valve where pipe extends through wall to outside.

FIGURE A.16.14.1(a) System Test Connection on Wet Pipe System.

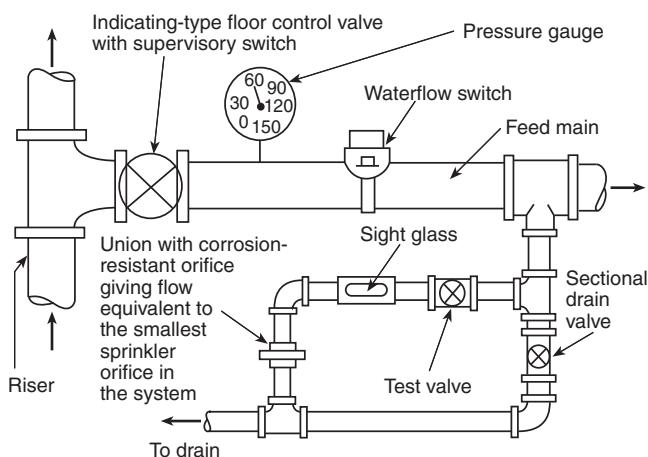
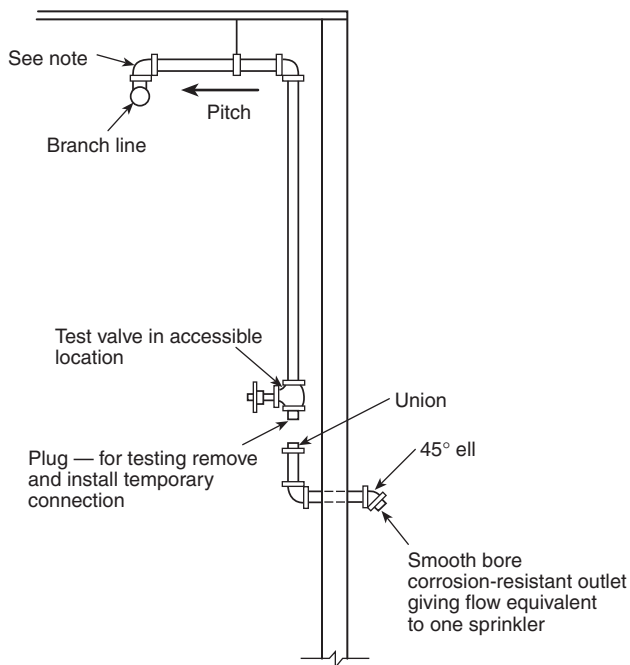


FIGURE A.16.14.1(b) Zone Control Station System Test Connection on Wet Pipe System.



Note: To minimize condensation of water in the drop to the test connection, provide a nipple-up off of the branch line.

FIGURE A.16.14.2 System Test Connection on Dry Pipe System.

A.16.15.1.1 One and one-half inch (40 mm) fire hose packs are not required unless designated by the authority having jurisdiction, as it is not likely that such hoses will be adequately maintained for safe use by first responders. Civilian workers who are not properly trained in fire-fighting techniques are expected to evacuate the building in the event of a fire.

A.16.15.1.4 This standard covers 1½ in. (40 mm) hose connections for use in storage occupancies and other locations where standpipe systems are not required. Where Class II standpipe systems are required, see the appropriate provisions of NFPA 14 with respect to hose stations and water supply for hose connections from sprinkler systems.

A.16.15.2.2 See Figure A.16.15.2.2(a) and Figure A.16.15.2.2(b).

A.16.16.2 While the use of the sprinkler system piping as the grounding electrode for the building is prohibited, NFPA 70 requires that all metallic piping systems be bonded to disperse stray electrical currents. Therefore, the sprinkler system piping might be bonded to other metallic systems.

A.16.17 Table A.16.17 is a summary of the requirements for signs in NFPA 13.

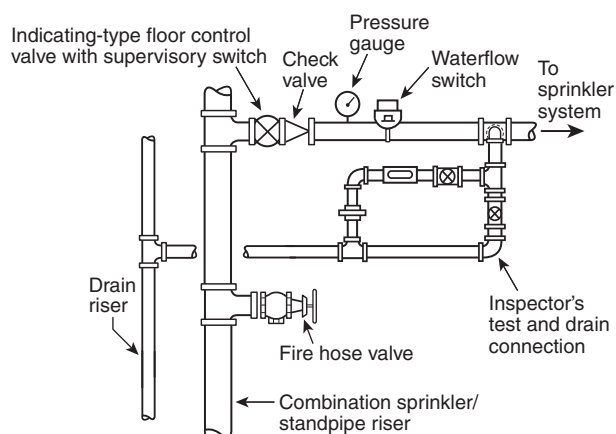


FIGURE A.16.15.2.2(a) Acceptable Piping Arrangement for Combined Sprinkler/Standpipe System. [14:Figure A.6.3.5(a)]

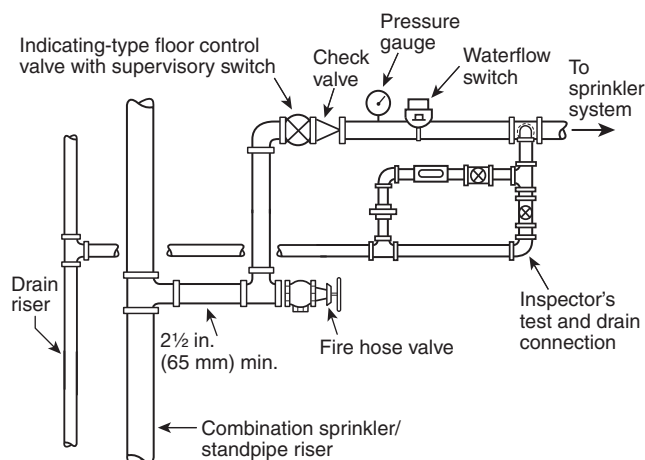


FIGURE A.16.15.2.2(b) Acceptable Piping Arrangement for Combined Sprinkler/Standpipe System. [14:Figure A.6.3.5(b)]

A.17.1 See Figure A.17.1. As an alternative to the conventional method of hanging pipe from the structure using attachments and rod, the piping can be simply laid on the structural member, provided the structure can adequately support the added load in accordance with 17.4.1.3.1 and the maximum distance between supports as required by Chapter 17 is not exceeded. Listed pipe should still be installed and supported in accordance with its listing limitations.

To prevent pipe movement, it should be secured with an approved device to the structure and located to ensure that the system piping remains in its original location and position.

A.17.1.3.1 The rules covering the hanging of sprinkler piping take into consideration the weight of water-filled pipe plus a safety factor. No allowance has been made for the hanging of non-system components from sprinkler piping. NFPA 13 provides the option to support sprinkler piping from other sprinkler piping where the requirements of 17.1.2 are met.

A.17.1.4.1 A shared support structure can be in the form of a pipe rack structure, a trapeze assembly, pipe stand, or other similar assembly. It is not the intent of this section for a building structure to be considered a shared support structure. Storage racks are not intended to be considered a shared support structure.

A.17.1.4.1.4 It is not the intent of 17.1.4.1 to apply to flexible sprinkler hose fittings or ceiling systems.

A.17.1.6.1 The listing requirements for water-based fire protection system hanger components include five times the weight of water-filled piping plus 250 lb (115 kg). However, once the listing is achieved, manufacturers often present their data in simple terms of what size pipe can be supported. The published loads in technical data sheets often represent one times the load of the piping that can be supported at maximum hanger spacing. If the product has been listed for use with fire protection systems, it has been shown to accommodate five times the weight of the water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg).

A.17.1.6.2 Generic items utilized with hanger rods and fasteners are not required to be listed. These include items such as bolts, screws, washers, nuts, and lock nuts.

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A.17.2.1.3(1) Hanger rods are intended only to be loaded axially (along the rod). Lateral loads can result in bending, weakening, and even breaking of the rod. Additional hangers or restraints could be necessary to minimize nonaxial loads that could induce bending or deflection of the rods. See Figure A.17.2.1.3(1) for an example of additional hangers utilized to minimize nonaxial loads.

A.17.2.2 In areas that are subject to provisions for earthquake protection, the fasteners in concrete will need to be prequalified. See 18.7.8 for information.

A.17.2.2.9.3 The ability of concrete to hold the studs varies widely according to type of aggregate, quality of concrete, and proper installation.

A.17.2.3.1 Powder-driven studs should not be used in steel of less than ⅜ in. (5 mm) total thickness.

Table A.16.17 Sprinkler System Signage Summary

Section	Sign Location	Sign Information/Requirements
16.9.12	Control valves Drain valves Test connection valves	Identification sign Sign must be made of weatherproof metal or rigid plastic and attached with corrosion-resistant wire or chain
8.6.1.4 and 8.6.1.5	Antifreeze system main valve	Indicate the following: Antifreeze manufacturer Antifreeze type Antifreeze concentration
16.9.3.5	Control valves	Indicate valve function Indicate system being controlled
16.10.5.3.7	Dry valve Preaction valve	Number of low point drains Location of each drain
16.12.5.6	Fire department connections not serving the whole building	Indicate portion of the building served by the fire department connection
16.12.5.8	All fire department connections	Indicate systems served by the fire department connection Indicate system pressure demand [for systems requiring more than 150 psi (10 bar)] Letters must be 1 in. (25 mm) in height
28.5	Alarm valve Dry pipe valve Preaction valve Deluge valve	Indicate the following: Location of the design area or areas Size (area) of or number of sprinklers in the design area Discharge densities over the design area or areas Required flow and residual pressure demand at the base of the riser Occupancy classification or commodity classification and maximum permitted storage height and configuration Hose stream allowance The installing contractor Sign must be made of weatherproof metal or rigid plastic and attached with corrosion-resistant wire or chain
28.6	System control riser Antifreeze loops Auxiliary systems Control valves	Indicate the following: Name and location of the facility protected Occupancy classification Commodity classification Presence of high-piled and/or rack storage Maximum height of storage planned Aisle width planned Encapsulation of pallet loads Presence of solid shelving Flow test data Presence of flammable/combustible liquids Presence of hazardous materials Presence of other special storage Location of venting valve Location of auxiliary drains and low point drains on dry pipe and preaction systems Sign must be made of weatherproof metal or rigid plastic and attached with corrosion-resistant wire or chain
30.2.7.5	Fire department connection (FDC)	18 in. × 18 in. (450 mm × 450 mm) sign FDC symbol from NFPA 170 Located at connection in plain sight from shore access point
A.16.11.2	Central station, auxiliary, remote station, or proprietary protective signaling systems	Recommended: Located near the device Direct people to call police or fire department when bell rings

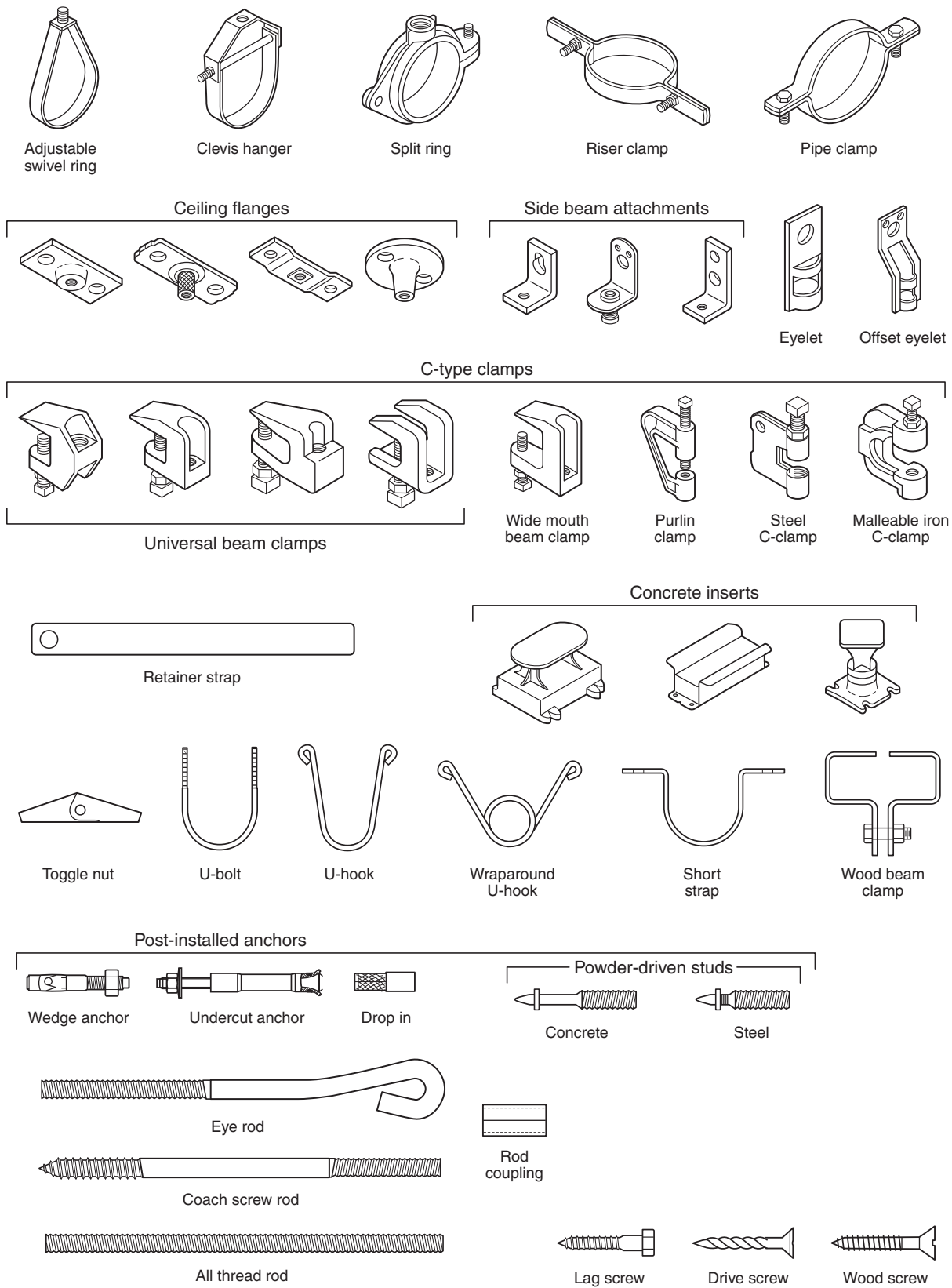


FIGURE A.17.1 Common Types of Acceptable Hangers.

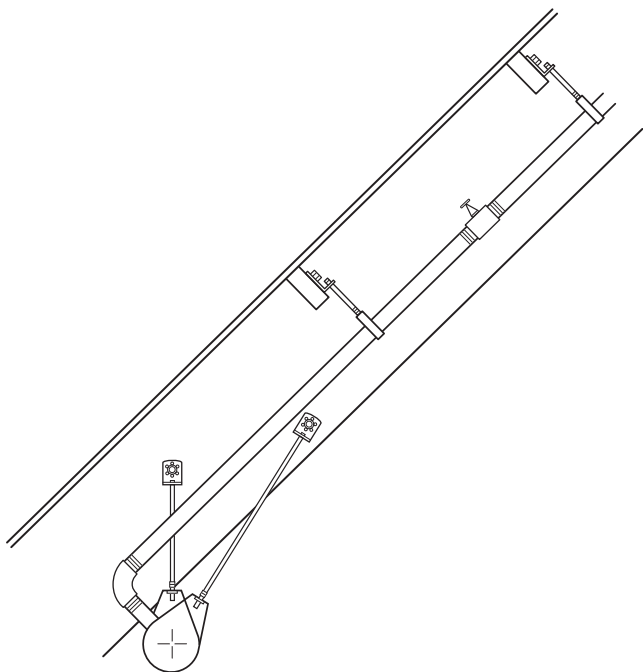


FIGURE A.17.2.1.3(1) Example of Additional Hangers Utilized to Minimize Nonaxial Loads.

A.17.3 Table 17.3.1(a) assumes that the load from 15 ft (5 m) of water-filled pipe, plus 250 lb (115 kg), is located at the midpoint of the span of the trapeze member, with a maximum allowable bending stress of 15 ksi (111 kg). If the load is applied at other than the midpoint, for the purpose of sizing the trapeze member, an equivalent length of trapeze can be used, derived from the following formula:

[A.17.3]

$$L = \frac{4ab}{a+b}$$

where:

L = equivalent length

a = distance from one support to the load

b = distance from the other support to the load

Where multiple mains are to be supported or multiple trapeze hangers are provided in parallel, the required or available section modulus can be added. The table values are based on the trapeze being a single continuous member.

A.17.3.5 Hanger components are sized based upon an ultimate strength limit of 5 times the weight of water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg). The section moduli used to size the trapeze member are based on a maximum bending stress, which provides an acceptable level of safety that is comparable to that of the other hanger components.

A.17.4 To enhance permanence, proper hanger installation is important. Installation procedures should meet industry standards of practice and craftsmanship. For example, hanger assemblies are straight, perpendicular to the pipe, uniformly located, and snug to the structure with fasteners fully engaged.

A.17.4.1.1.1 Fasteners used to support sprinkler system piping should not be attached to ceilings of gypsum or other similar soft material.

A.17.4.1.3 The method used to attach the hanger to the structure and the load placed on the hanger should take into account any limits imposed by the structure. Design manual information for pre-engineered structures or other specialty construction materials should be consulted, if appropriate.

System mains hung to a single beam, truss, or purlin can affect the structural integrity of the building by introducing excessive loads not anticipated in the building design. Also, special conditions such as collateral and concentrated load limits, type or method of attachment to the structural components, or location of attachment to the structural components might need to be observed when hanging system piping in pre-engineered metal buildings or buildings using other specialty structural components such as composite wood joists or combination wood and tubular metal joists.

The building structure is only required to handle the weight of the water-filled pipe and components, while the hangers are required to handle 5 times the weight of the water-filled pipe. In addition, a safety factor load of 250 lb (115 kg) is added in both cases. The difference in requirements has to do with the different ways that loads are calculated and safety factors are applied.

When sprinkler system loads are given to structural engineers for calculation of the structural elements in the building, they apply their own safety factors in order to determine what structural members and hanging locations will be acceptable.

In contrast, when sprinkler system loads are calculated for the hangers themselves, there is no explicit safety factor, so NFPA 13 mandates a safety factor of 5 times the weight of the pipe.

A.17.4.1.3.3 Examples of areas of use include cleanrooms, suspended ceilings, and exhaust ducts.

A.17.4.1.3.3.3 The committee evaluation of flexible sprinkler hose fittings supported by suspended ceilings was based on information provided to the committee showed that the maximum load shed to the suspended ceiling by the flexible hose fitting was approximately 6 lb (2.7 kg) and that a suspended ceiling meeting ASTM C635, *Standard Specification for the Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems of Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panel Ceilings*, and installed in accordance with ASTM C636, *Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panels*, can substantially support that load. In addition, the supporting material showed that the flexible hose connection can be attached to the suspended ceilings because it allows the necessary deflections under seismic conditions.

A.17.4.1.3.3.4 An example of language for the label is as follows:

CAUTION: DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL.

Relocation of this device should only be performed by qualified and/or licensed individuals that are aware of the original system design criteria, hydraulic criteria, sprinkler listing parameters, and knowledge of the state and local codes including NFPA 13 installation standards. Relocation of the device without this knowledge could adversely affect the performance of this fire protection and life safety system.

A.17.4.1.4.1 Piping in excess of 1 in. (25 mm) shall be permitted to be supported from a metal deck if the method of attachment and ability of the deck to support loads as specified in 17.4.1.3.1 are approved by a registered professional engineer.

A.17.4.2 Where copper tube is to be installed in moist areas or other environments conducive to galvanic corrosion, copper hangers or ferrous hangers with an insulating material should be used.

A.17.4.3.2 The hangers required by Chapter 9 are intended to accommodate general loading such as check valves, control valves, or dry or deluge valves. Where additional equipment such as backflow prevention assemblies and other devices with substantial loads are added, additional hangers should be considered.

A.17.4.3.2.2 See Figure A.17.4.3.2.2.

A.17.4.3.2.4 The “starter length” is the first piece of pipe on a branch line between the main, riser nipple, or drop and the first sprinkler. Starter pieces that are less than 6 ft (1.8 m) in length do not need a hanger of their own because they are supported by the main. However, if the intermediate hanger on the main is omitted, the starter piece needs to have a hanger because the main is going to be supported from the branch lines. The starter lengths can also apply to other piping, such as drains and test connections.

A.17.4.3.2.5 When a branchline contains offsets, sections of pipe are considered adequately supported by the hangers on the adjacent pipe sections when the overall distance between hangers does not exceed the requirements in Table 17.4.2.1(a) and Table 17.4.2.1(b). The cumulative distance includes

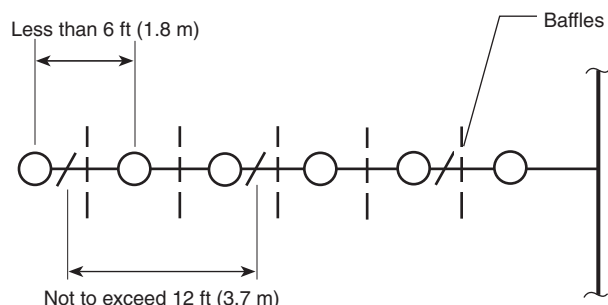


FIGURE A.17.4.3.2.2 Distance Between Hangers.

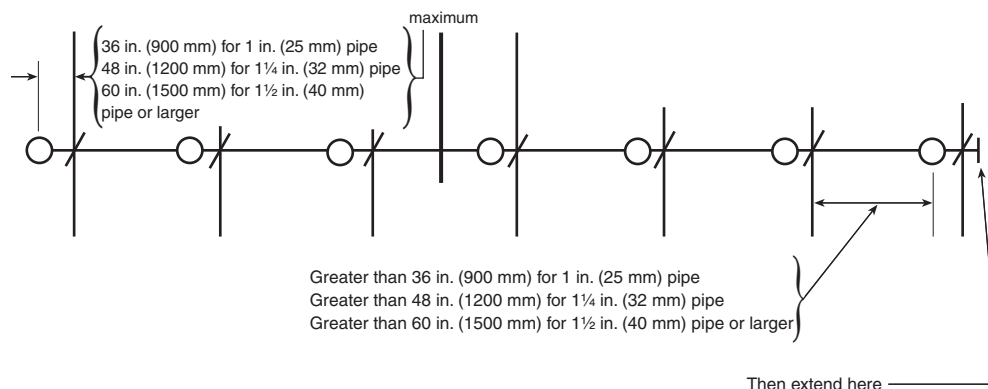


FIGURE A.17.4.3.4 Distance from Sprinkler to Hanger.

changes in horizontal direction. Multiple consecutive sections of pipe should be permitted to omit hangers.

A.17.4.3.4 Sprinkler piping should be adequately secured to restrict the movement of piping upon sprinkler operation. The reaction forces caused by the flow of water through the sprinkler could result in displacement of the sprinkler, thereby adversely affecting sprinkler discharge. Listed CPVC pipe has specific requirements for piping support to include additional pipe bracing of sprinklers. (See Figure A.17.4.3.4.)

A.17.4.3.4.4 See Figure A.17.4.3.4.4(a) and Figure A.17.4.3.4.4(b).

A.17.4.3.5 See Figure A.17.4.3.5.

A.17.4.3.5.2 See Figure A.17.4.3.5.2.

A.17.4.3.6 The movement that is being restrained is to keep the sidewall sprinkler in its intended location during and post-operation. This should not be confused with the loads applicable to seismic restraints.

A.17.4.4.8 When a main contains offsets, sections of pipe are considered adequately supported by the hangers on the adjacent pipe sections when the overall distance between hangers does not exceed the requirements in Table 17.4.2.1(a) and Table 17.4.2.1(b). The cumulative distance includes changes in horizontal direction. Multiple consecutive sections of pipe should be permitted to omit hangers.

A.17.4.5.3 This arrangement is acceptable to establish and secure the riser's lateral position but not to support the riser's vertical load.

A.17.4.5.4.2 The restraint required by 17.4.5.4.2 is needed to prevent accumulated vertical movement when the riser is pressurized. Restraint is generally provided by use of a riser clamp at the underside of a floor slab.

A.17.5 Where applicable, the design of pipe stands should consider additional loading from other sources. Environmental impacts, including water accumulation at the base, corrosion, and wind, should also be taken into account as appropriate.

The performance of piping support systems should allow for expansion and contraction due to temperature change, expansion due to internal water pressure (thrust), restrained and/or unrestrained joints or pipe runs, heavy point loads (e.g., valves), and pipe deflection (span/support spacing). Manufacturer's installation instructions and engineering design guides should be consulted when available.

Examples of common applications include headers and horizontal runs of pipe that need support from the floor.

A.17.5.3.1 When a pipe stand does not resist lateral (e.g., earthquake or wind) forces, its maximum height and the weight of pipe it can support are based primarily on a limiting slenderness ratio (Kl/r), and on the axial and bending stresses caused by the vertical load applied at a specified eccentricity.

The pipe stand heights presented in Table 17.5.3.1 have been calculated using a "K" of 2.1 (i.e., assuming the pipe stand is an individual cantilever column) and a slenderness ratio limit of 300, except where combined axial and bending stresses caused by the vertical load at an eccentricity of 12 in. (300 mm) controls the design. In these cases, the pipe stand height is reduced such that the allowable axial stress (F_a) is sufficient to limit the combined axial stress ratio (f_a/F_a , i.e., actual axial stress divided by allowable axial stress) plus the bending stress ratio (f_b/F_b , i.e., actual bending stress divided by allowable bending stress) to 1.0. Two cases are considered: a vertical load at a 12 in. (300 mm) eccentricity equal: a) 5 times the weight of the water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg) using a bending stress allowable of 28,000 psi (193 MPa), and b) the weight of the water-filled pipe plus 250 lb (115 kg) using a bending stress allowable of 15,000 psi (103 MPa). No drift limit was imposed.

When an engineering analysis is conducted, different pipe stand heights could be calculated if other assumptions are warranted based on actual conditions. For example, $K=1.0$ can be used if the pipe at the top of the pipe stand is braced in both horizontal directions, or a shorter cantilever column could be used to limit drift.

Pipe stands are intended to be a single piece of pipe. For lengths that require joining pipes they should be welded to ensure the strength is maintained.

A.17.5.3.2 These short pipe stands commonly support items such as backflow preventers, header piping, and other appurtenances.

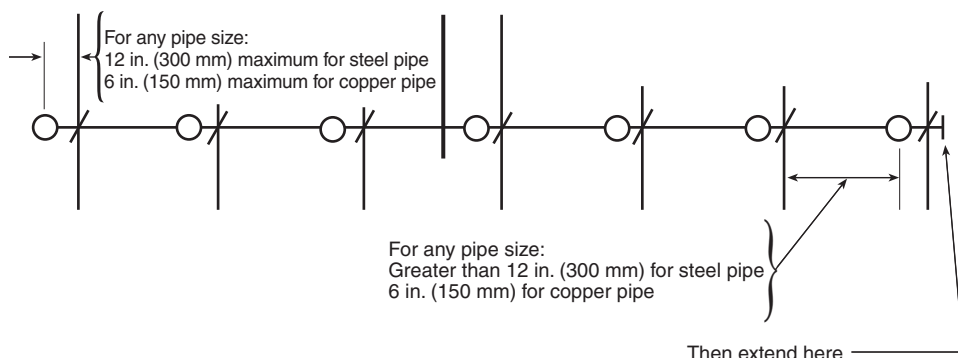


FIGURE A.17.4.3.4.4(a) Distance from Sprinkler to Hanger Where Maximum Pressure Exceeds 100 psi (6.9 bar) and Branch Line Above Ceiling Supplies Pendent Sprinklers Below Ceiling.

A.17.5.3.2(2) The allowances for these short pipe stands do not account for eccentric loadings. See Figure A.17.5.3.2(2).

A.17.5.4.2 Where welded steel flanges are used for the base plate, the entire circumference of the flange should be welded.

A.17.5.4.3 Examples of acceptable anchors can be listed inserts set in concrete, listed post-installed anchors, bolts for concrete, or cast-in-place J hooks.

A.17.5.5.2 See Figure A.17.5.5.2.

A.17.5.6.1 The support and restraint are needed in order to maintain system performance and integrity. Water surges could be from filling the system, from system operation, or water supply related.

A.17.5.6.2 Traditionally, pipe saddles have been used, which creates a "U" for the pipe to rest in. However, thrust forces in some applications can be large enough to move the pipe off the saddle. Therefore, a pipe ring or clamps should be around the system piping to keep it in place.

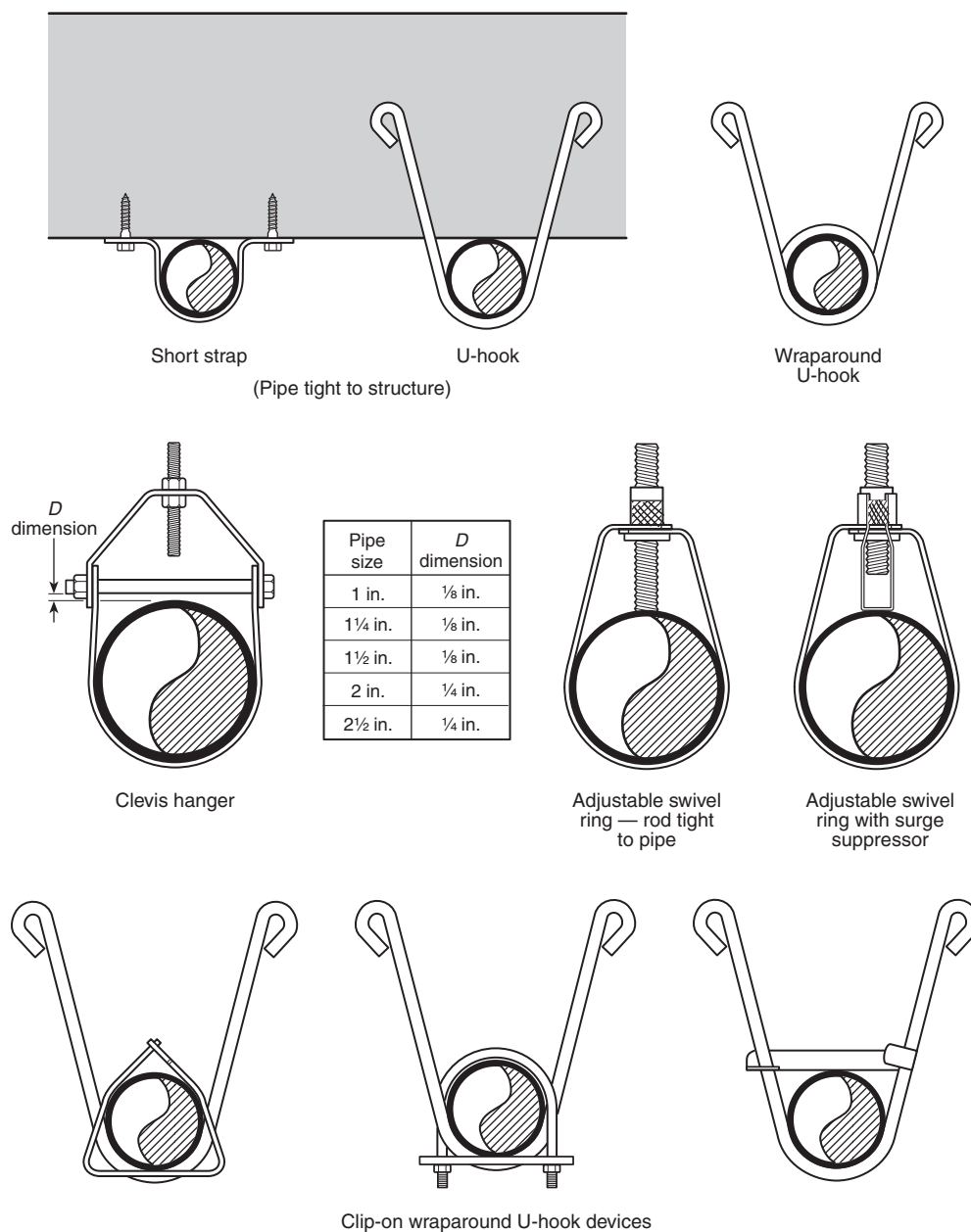
N A.18.1 Sprinkler systems are protected against earthquake damage by means of the following:

- (1) Stresses that would develop in the piping due to differential building movement are minimized through the use of flexible joints or clearances.
- (2) Bracing is used to keep the piping fairly rigid when supported from a building component expected to move as a unit, such as a ceiling.

Areas known to have a potential for earthquakes have been identified in building code and insurance maps.

Displacement due to story drift is addressed in Sections 18.2 through 18.4.

Piping in racks needs to be treated like other sprinkler piping and protected in accordance with the proper rules. Piping to which in-rack sprinklers are directly attached should be treated as branch line piping. Piping that connects branch lines in the racks should be treated as mains. The bracing, restraint, flexibility, and requirements for flexible couplings are the same in the rack structures as at the ceiling.



For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

FIGURE A.17.4.3.4.4(b) Examples of Acceptable Hangers for End-of-Line (or Armover) Pendant Sprinklers.

Cloud ceilings can cause challenges for a sprinkler system in an earthquake where sprinklers are installed below the clouds to protect the floor below. Depending on the support structure of the cloud and the construction material of the cloud, differential movement could damage a sprinkler that is not installed in a fashion to accommodate the movement. Currently, there are no structural requirements in ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, for the clouds to be seismically braced. Unbraced cloud ceilings in higher seismic areas could easily displace during design earthquakes half the suspension length or more. One solution might be to use flexible sprinkler hose with the bracket connected to the cloud so

that the sprinkler will move with the cloud should seismic motion occur provided the ceiling system is constructed per ASTM C635/C635M, *Standard Specification for the Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems of Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panel Ceilings*, and ASTM C636/C636M, *Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panels*, then special connections could require an engineered design. When a sprinkler is rigidly piped to the cloud, appropriate flexibility and clearances should be maintained to handle the anticipated movement.

A.18.2 Strains on sprinkler piping can be greatly lessened and, in many cases, damage prevented by increasing the flexibility between major parts of the sprinkler system. One part of the piping should never be held rigidly and another part allowed to move freely without provision for relieving the strain. Flexibility can be provided by using listed flexible couplings, by joining grooved end pipe at critical points, and by allowing clearances at walls and floors.

Tank or pump risers should be treated the same as sprinkler risers for their portion within a building. The discharge pipe of

tanks on buildings should have a control valve above the roof line so any pipe break within the building can be controlled.

Piping 2 in. (50 mm) or smaller in size is pliable enough so that flexible couplings are not usually necessary. "Rigid-type" couplings that permit less than 1 degree of angular movement at the grooved connections are not considered to be flexible couplings. [See Figure A.18.2(a) and Figure A.18.2(b).]

A.18.2.3.1(1) Risers do not include riser nipples as defined in 3.3.180.

N A.18.2.3.1(2)(a) See Figure A.18.2.3.1(2)(a).

A.18.2.3.1(4) A building expansion joint is usually a bituminous fiber strip used to separate blocks or units of concrete to prevent cracking due to expansion as a result of temperature changes. Where building expansion joints are used, the flexible coupling is required on one side of the joint by 18.2.3.1(4).

For seismic separation joints, considerably more flexibility is needed, particularly for piping above the first floor. Figure A.18.3(a) shows a method of providing additional flexibility through the use of swing joints.

A.18.2.3.2(1) See Figure A.18.2.3.2(1).

A.18.2.3.2(2) The flexible coupling should be at the same elevation as the flexible coupling on the main riser. [See Figure A.18.2.3.2(2).]

A.18.2.4 See Figure A.18.2.4. Drops that extend into free-standing storage racks or other similar structures should be designed to accommodate a horizontal relative displacement between the storage rack and the overhead supply piping. Free standing structures include but are not limited to freezers, coolers, spray booths, and offices.

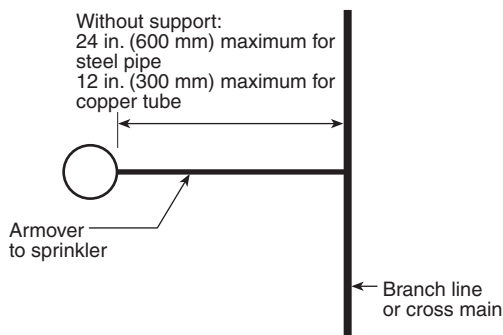
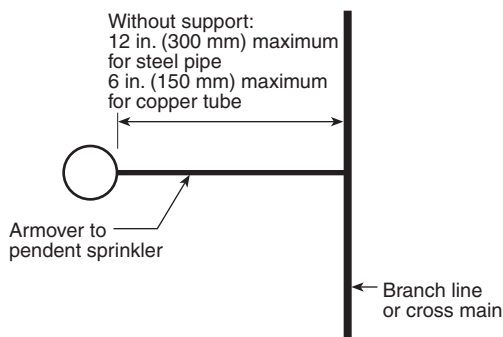


FIGURE A.17.4.3.5 Maximum Length for Unsupported Armover.



Note: The pendent sprinkler can be installed either directly in the fitting at the end of the armover or in a fitting at the bottom of a drop nipple.

FIGURE A.17.4.3.5.2 Maximum Length of Unsupported Armover Where Maximum Pressure Exceeds 100 psi (6.9 bar) and Branch Line Above Ceiling Supplies Pendent Sprinklers Below Ceiling.

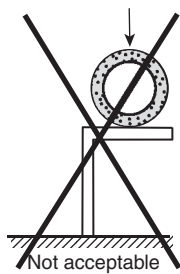
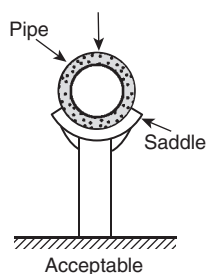


FIGURE A.17.5.3.2(2) Acceptable Axial Loading and Unacceptable Loading.

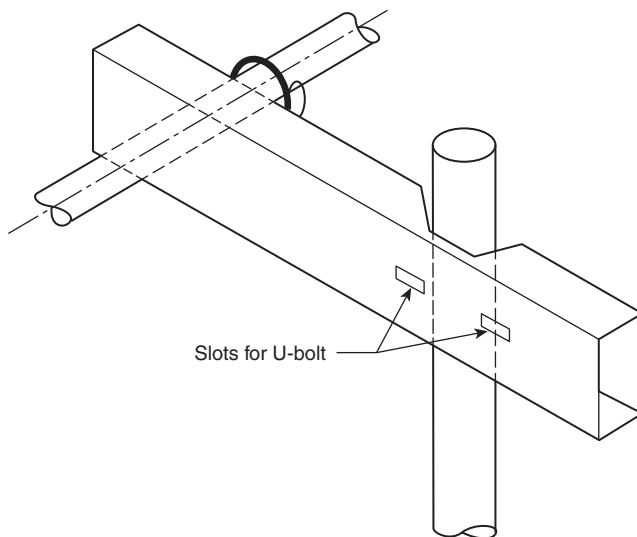
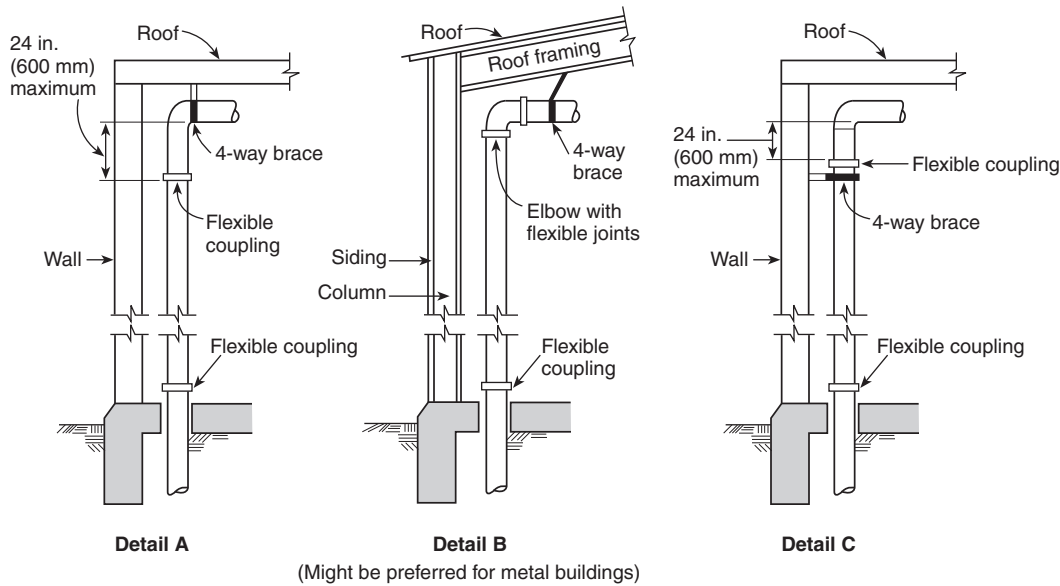


FIGURE A.17.5.5.2 Example of a Horizontal Bracket Attached to a Pipe Stand.



Note to Detail A: The four-way brace should be attached above the upper flexible coupling required for the riser and preferably to the roof structure if suitable. The brace should not be attached directly to a plywood or metal deck.

FIGURE A.18.2(a) Riser Details.

The horizontal relative displacement should be determined using the least value from one of the following formulas and be taken as the height of the top point of attachment to the storage rack above its base or the highest point of potential contact between the rack structure and the piping above its base, whichever is higher. The design should account for the differential movement value as determined from one of the two formulas, not both, and the lesser of the two values is acceptable. It should be determined how to account for the differential movement using flexible couplings or other approved means.

[A.18.2.4]

$$D = H * 0.06 * S_1 * F_v$$

or

$$D = H * 0.05$$

where:

D = differential movement between the rack and the roof [ft (m)]

H = height of the top point of attachment to the rack [ft (m)]

S_1 = one second period spectral acceleration per USGS 2010 Seismic Design Maps (see ASCE/SEI 7)

F_v = one second period site coefficient (Site Class D)

F_v is a function of S_1 and is determined as follows:

S_1	F_v
≤0.1	2.4
=0.2	2.0
=0.3	1.8
=0.4	1.6
≥0.5	1.5

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of S_1 .

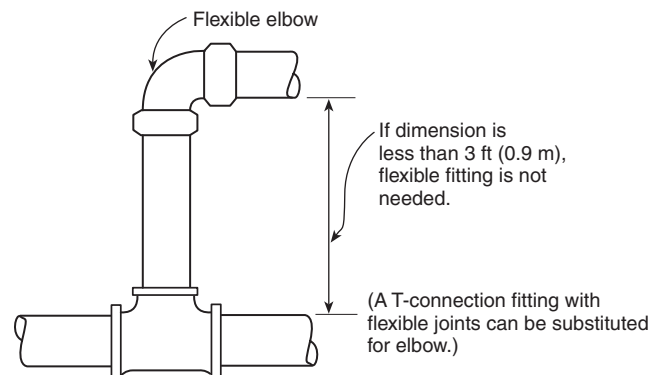


FIGURE A.18.2(b) Detail at Short Riser.

A.18.3 Plan and elevation views of a seismic separation assembly configured with flexible elbows are shown in Figure A.18.3(a) or Figure A.18.3(b).

The extent of permitted movement should be sufficient to accommodate calculated differential motions during earthquakes. In lieu of calculations, permitted movement can be made at least twice the actual separations, at right angles to the separation as well as parallel to it.

A.18.3.3 Each four-way brace should be attached to the building structure on opposite sides of the seismic separation joint.

A.18.4 While clearances are necessary around the sprinkler piping to prevent breakage due to building movement, suitable provision should also be made to prevent passage of water, smoke, or fire.

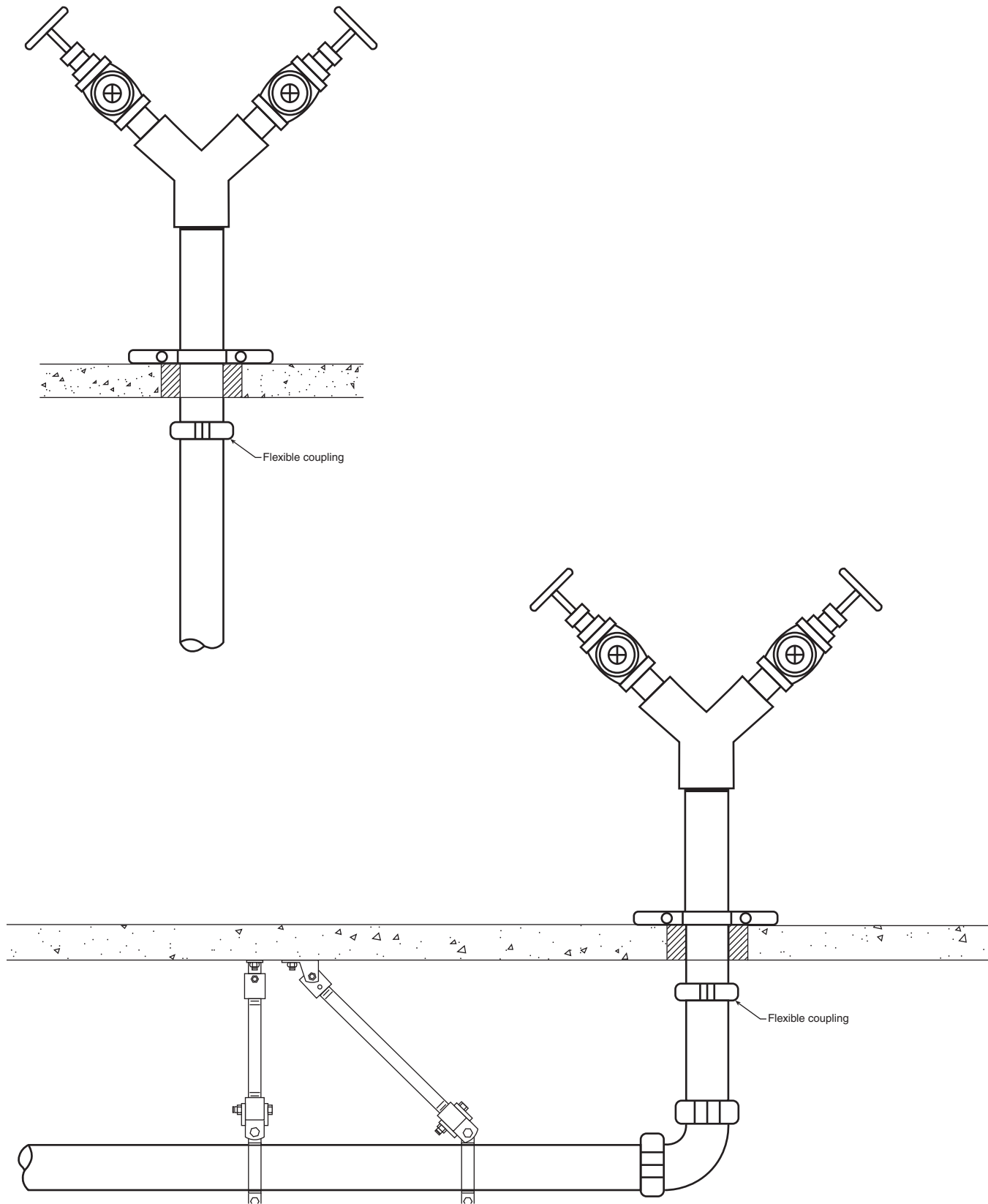


FIGURE A.18.2.3.1(2)(a) Flexible Coupling on Upper Landing or Roof Assembly.

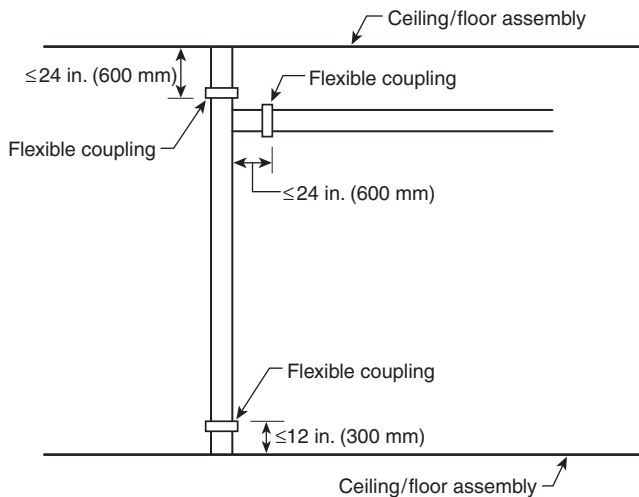


FIGURE A.18.2.3.2(1) Flexible Coupling on Horizontal Portion of Tie-In.

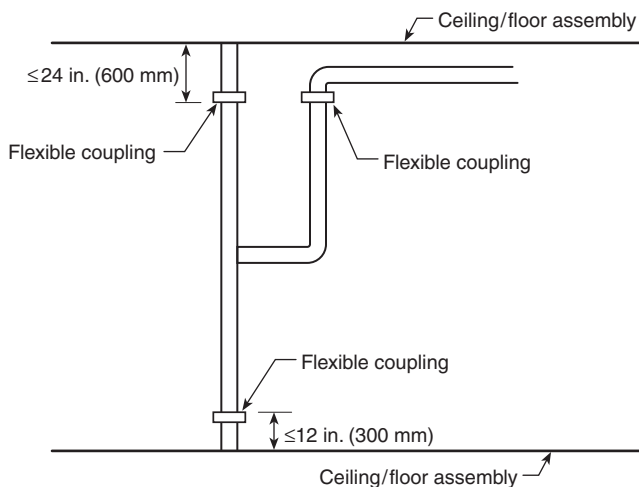


FIGURE A.18.2.3.2(2) Flexible Coupling on Vertical Portion of Tie-In.

Drains, fire department connections, and other auxiliary piping connected to risers should not be cemented into walls or floors; similarly, pipes that pass horizontally through walls or foundations should not be cemented solidly, or strains will accumulate at such points.

Where risers or lengths of pipe extend through suspended ceilings, they should not be fastened to the ceiling framing members.

In areas that use suspended ceilings and are a seismic design category of D, E, or F, a larger clearance could be necessary around the sprinkler unless the suspended ceiling is rigidly braced or flexible sprinkler hose fitting are used as noted in ASTM E580, *Standard Practice for Installation of Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels in Areas Subject to Earthquake Ground Motions*.

A.18.4.1 Penetrations with or without clearance for seismic protection also need to meet building code requirements for fire resistance ratings as applicable.

A.18.4.10 Figure A.18.4.10 is an example of piping supported by structure where there is no clearance required at the point of contact between the piping and structure.

A.18.4.11 Structural elements include, but are not limited to, beams, girders, and trusses. Frangible ceilings should not be considered structural elements for this purpose.

A.18.5 Figure A.18.5(a) and Figure A.18.5(b) are examples of forms used to aid in the preparation of bracing calculations.

A.18.5.1.3 All horizontal loads given in this document are at allowable stress design levels. When performing a more advanced analysis procedure, as described in 18.1.2, care should be taken to ensure that the correct load factors (strength design or allowable stress design) are used.

A.18.5.1.4 A shared support structure can be used to provide both support as defined in 17.1.4.1 and provide resistance to seismic forces. When a shared support structure is used for both support and seismic forces, the shared support structure should be designed to resist the seismic force for all of the distribution system. The shared support structure should be designed for a load in which the zone of influence includes the water-filled sprinkler pipe and all other distribution systems attached to the shared support structure.

A.18.5.1.5 It is the intent of this section to avoid any incompatibility of displacements between the shared support structure and the sprinkler seismic bracing, as might occur if the supports are located on separate adjacent structures.

A.18.5.2.3 The listed load rating should include a minimum safety factor of 2.2 against the ultimate break strength of the brace components and then be further reduced according to the brace angles.

A.18.5.2.3.1 Depending on the configuration of bracing fittings and connections, it is not always the case that the weakest component of a brace assembly tested at a brace angle of 90 degrees will be the same or will fail in the same way as the weakest component when tested at other brace angles. Therefore, determining an allowable horizontal load using the factors in Table 18.5.2.3 and a listed load rating established solely by testing along the brace assembly at 90 degrees might not be conservative. In most cases, a single listed load rating can be determined by testing the brace assembly at angles of 30, 45, 60, and 90 degrees, reducing the horizontal force at failure found for each of these angles by an appropriate safety factor and then resolving the resulting maximum allowable horizontal loads to a direction along the brace, and finally taking the minimum of these values along the brace assembly as the listed load rating. By taking the minimum value so determined as the listed load rating, allowable horizontal loads determined using Table 18.5.2.3 will be conservative. In some cases, and where justified by engineering judgment, fewer or additional tests might be needed to establish a listed load rating.

A.18.5.4.2 The investigation of tension-only bracing using materials, connection methods, or both, other than those described in Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f), should involve consideration of the following:

- (1) Corrosion resistance.

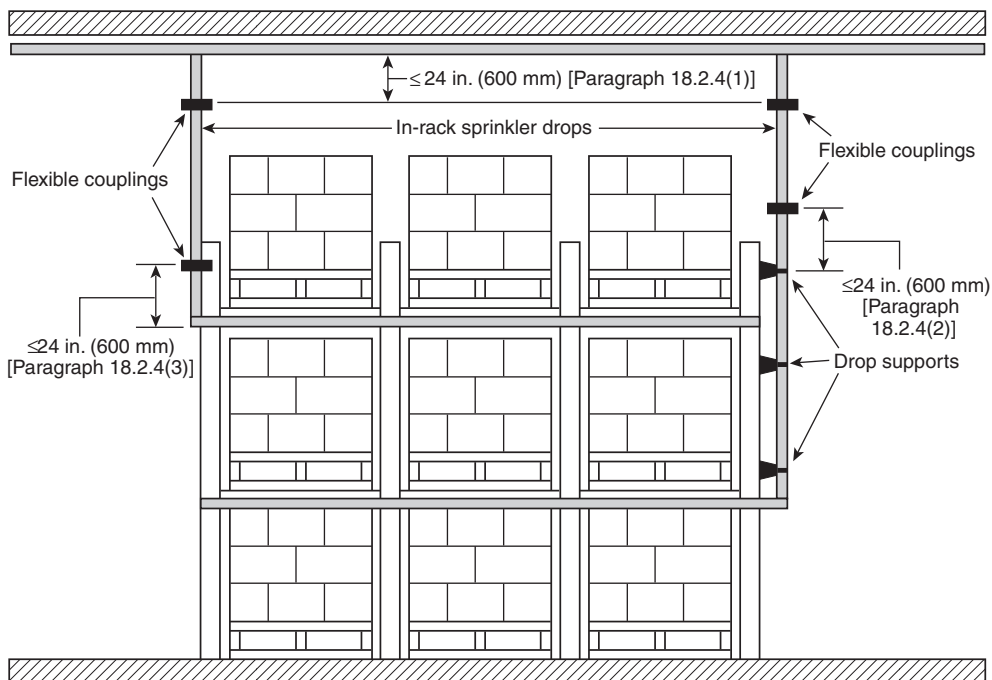


FIGURE A.18.2.4 Flexible Couplings for Drops.

- (2) Prestretching to eliminate permanent construction stretch and to obtain a verifiable modulus of elasticity.
- (3) Color coding or other verifiable marking of each different size cable for field verification.
- (4) The capacity of all components of the brace assemblies, including the field connections, to maintain the manufacturer's minimum certified break strength.
- (5) Manufacturer's published design data sheets/manual showing product design guidelines, including connection details, load calculation procedures for sizing of braces, and the maximum recommended horizontal load-carrying capacity of the brace assemblies including the associated fasteners as described in Figure 18.5.12.1. The maximum allowable horizontal loads must not exceed the manufacturer's minimum certified break strength of the brace assemblies, excluding fasteners, after taking a safety factor of 2.2 and then adjusting for the brace angle.
- (6) **Bracing** product shipments accompanied by the manufacturer's certification of the minimum break strength and prestretching and installation instructions.
- (7) The manufacturer's literature, including any special tools or precautions required to ensure proper installation.
- (8) A means to prevent vertical motion due to seismic forces when required.

Table A.18.5.4.2 identifies standards for specially listed tension-only bracing systems.

A.18.5.5.1 A brace assembly includes the brace member, the attachment components to pipe and building, and their fasteners. There are primarily two considerations in determining the spacing of lateral earthquake braces in straight runs of pipe: (1) deflection and (2) stress. Both deflection and stress tend to increase with the spacing of the braces. The larger the midspan deflection, the greater the chance of impact with adjacent structural/nonstructural components. The higher the stress in the pipe, the greater the chance of rupture in the pipe or

coupling. Braces are spaced to limit the stresses in the pipe and fittings to the levels permitted in modern building codes, with an upper limit of 40 ft (12.2 m). The braces also serve to control deflection of the pipe under earthquake loads. In the longitudinal direction, there is no deflection consideration, but the pipe must transfer the load to the longitudinal braces without inducing large axial stresses in the pipe and the couplings.

A.18.5.5.2 The sway brace spacings in Table 18.5.5.2(a) through Table 18.5.5.2(f) were developed to allow designers to continue to use familiar concepts, such as zone of influence, to lay out and proportion braces while ensuring compatibility with modern seismic requirements. The spacing of braces was determined using the provisions of ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, assuming steel pipe with threaded or grooved connections for Table 18.5.5.2(a) through Table 18.5.5.2(f). The tabulated values are based on conservative simplifying assumptions. A detailed engineering analysis, taking into account the properties of the specific system, might provide greater spacing. However, in order to control deflections, in no case should the lateral sway brace spacing exceed 40 ft (12.2 m).

A.18.5.5.10 This does not apply to piping supported by or suspended from trapeze hangers.

A.18.5.5.10.1(1) Figure A.18.5.5.10.1(1)(a) and Figure A.18.5.5.10.1(1)(b) are examples of how to measure the distance between the top of pipe and the point of attachment.

A.18.5.5.10.2(1) See Figure A.18.5.5.10.1(1)(a) and Figure A.18.5.5.10.1(1)(b).

A.18.5.7.2 See Figure A.18.5.7.2.

A.18.5.8.1 The four-way brace provided at the riser can also provide longitudinal and lateral bracing for adjacent mains.

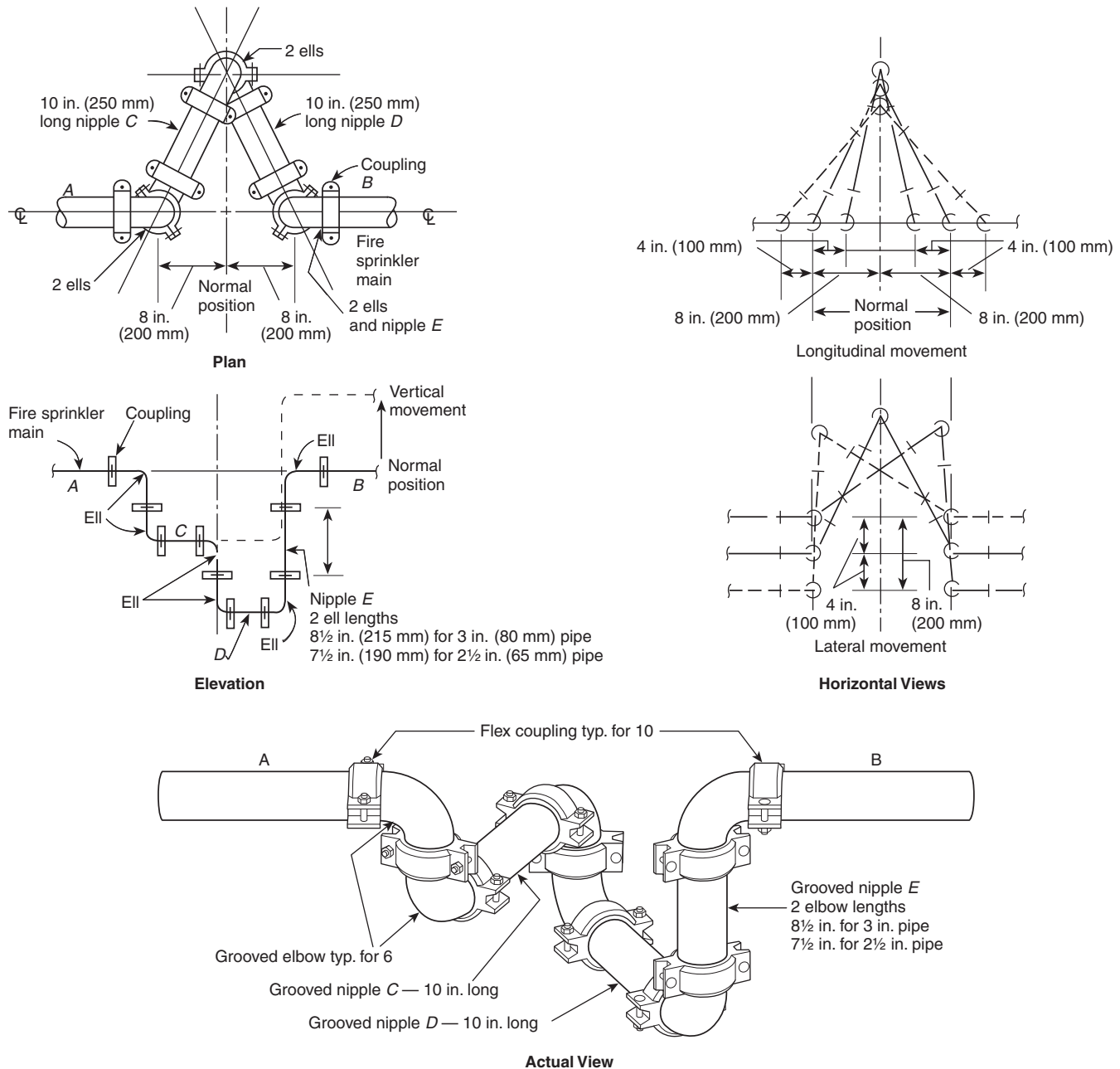


FIGURE A.18.3(a) Seismic Separation Assembly in which 8 in. (200 mm) Separation Crossed by Pipes Up to 4 in. (100 mm) in Nominal Diameter. (For other separation distances and pipe sizes, lengths and distances should be modified proportionally.)

This section is not intended to require four-way bracing on a sprig or on a drop to a single sprinkler.

A.18.5.8.1.1 See Figure A.18.2.3.1(2)(a).

A.18.5.9 Location of Sway Bracing. Two-way braces are either longitudinal or lateral, depending on their orientation with the axis of the piping. [See Figure A.18.5.9(a), Figure A.18.5.9(b), Figure A.18.5.9(c), and Figure A.18.5.9(d).] The simplest form of two-way brace is a piece of steel pipe or angle. Because the brace must act in both compression and tension, it is necessary to size the brace to prevent buckling.

An important aspect of sway bracing is its location. In Building 1 of Figure A.18.5.9(a), the relatively heavy main will pull on the branch lines when shaking occurs. If the branch lines are held rigidly to the roof or floor above, the fittings can fracture due to the induced stresses. In selecting brace locations, one must consider both the design load on the brace, as well as the ability of the pipe to span between brace locations.

Bracing should be on the main as indicated at Location B of Figure A.18.5.9(a). With shaking in the direction of the arrows, the light branch lines will be held at the fittings. Where necessary, a lateral brace or other restraint should be installed to

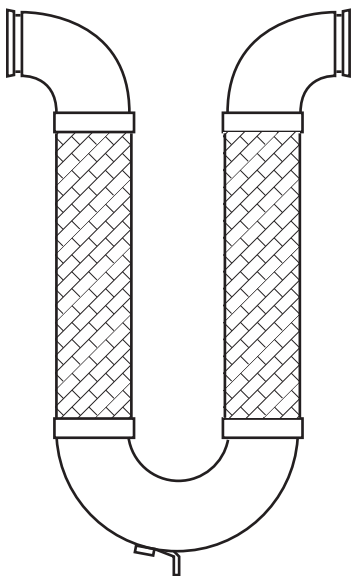


FIGURE A.18.3(b) Seismic Separation Assembly Incorporating Flexible Piping.

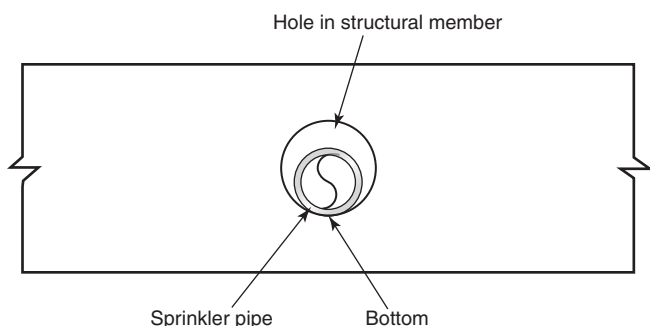


FIGURE A.18.4.10 Pipe with Zero Clearance.

prevent a branch line from striking against building components or equipment.

A four-way brace is indicated at Location A of Figure A.18.5.9(a). This keeps the riser and main lined up and also prevents the main from shifting.

In Building 1 of Figure A.18.5.9(a), the branch lines are flexible in a direction parallel to the main, regardless of building movement. The heavy main cannot shift under the roof or floor, and it also steadies the branch lines. While the main is braced, the flexible couplings on the riser allow the sprinkler system to move with the floor or roof above, relative to the floor below.

Figure A.18.5.9(b), Figure A.18.5.9(c), and Figure A.18.5.9(d) show typical locations of sway bracing.

For all threaded connections, sight holes or other means should be provided to permit indication that sufficient thread is engaged.

To properly size and space braces, it is necessary to employ the following steps:

- (1) Determine the seismic coefficient, C_p , using the procedures in 18.5.9.3 or 18.5.9.4. This is needed by the designer to verify that the piping can span between brace points. For the purposes of this example, assume that $C_p = 0.5$.
- (2) Based on the distance of system piping from the structural members that will support the braces, choose brace shapes and sizes from Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f) such that the maximum slenderness ratios, l/r , do not exceed 300. The angle of the braces from the vertical should be at least 30 degrees and preferably 45 degrees or more.
- (3) Tentatively space lateral braces at 40 ft (12 m) maximum distances along system piping, and tentatively space longitudinal braces at 80 ft (24 m) maximum distances along system piping. Lateral braces should meet the piping at right angles, and longitudinal braces should be aligned with the piping.
- (4) Determine the total load tentatively applied to each brace in accordance with the examples shown in Figure A.18.5.9(e) and the following:
 - (a) For the loads on lateral braces on cross mains, add C_p times the weight of the branch line to C_p times the weight of the portion of the cross main within the zone of influence of the brace. [See examples 1, 3, 6, and 7 in Figure A.18.5.9(e).]
 - (b) For the loads on longitudinal braces on cross mains, consider only C_p times the weight of the cross mains and feed mains within the zone of influence. Branch lines need not be included. [See examples 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 in Figure A.18.5.9(e).]
 - (c) For the four-way brace at the riser, add the longitudinal and lateral loads within the zone of influence of the brace [see examples 2, 3, and 5 in Figure A.18.5.9(e)]. For the four-way bracing at the top of the riser, C_p times the weight of the riser should be assigned to both the lateral and longitudinal loads as they are separately considered.
 - (d) When a single brace has a combined load from both lateral and longitudinal forces (such as a lateral brace at the end of a main that turns 90 degrees), only the lateral should be considered for comparison with the load tables in 18.5.5.2.
- (5) If the total expected loads are less than the maximums permitted in Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f) for the particular brace and orientation, and the maximum loads in the zone of influence of each lateral sway brace are less than the maximum values in Table 18.5.5.2(a) or Table 18.5.5.2(c), go on to A.18.5.9(6). If not, add additional braces to reduce the zones of influence of overloaded braces.
- (6) Check that fasteners connecting the braces to structural supporting members are adequate to support the expected loads on the braces in accordance with Figure 18.5.12.1. If not, again add additional braces or additional means of support. Plates using multiple fasteners in seismic assemblies should follow the plate manufacturer guidelines regarding the applied loads.

Use the information on weights of water-filled piping contained within Table A.18.5.9. The factor of 1.15 is intended to approximate the additional weight of all the valves, fittings, and other devices attached to the system.

Seismic Bracing Calculations						Sheet _____ of _____
Project: _____		Contractor: _____				
Address: _____		Address: _____				
		Telephone: _____				
		Fax: _____				
Brace Information			Seismic Brace Attachments			
Length of brace: _____ Diameter of brace: _____ Type of brace: _____ Angle of brace: _____ Least radius of gyration:* _____ //r value:* _____ Maximum horizontal load: _____			Structure attachment fitting or tension-only bracing system: Make: _____ Model: _____ Transition attachment fitting (where applicable): Make: _____ Model: _____ Listed load rating: _____ Adjusted load rating per 18.5.2.3: _____ Sway brace (pipe attachment) fitting: Make: _____ Model: _____ Listed load rating: _____ Adjusted load rating per 18.5.2.3: _____			
Fastener Information			Seismic Brace Assembly Detail (Provide detail on plans)			
Orientation of connecting surface: _____ Fastener: Type: _____ Diameter: _____ Length (in wood): _____ Maximum load: _____			Brace identification no. (to be used on plans) _____ ☐ Lateral brace ☐ Longitudinal brace ☐ 4-way brace			
Sprinkler System Load Calculation ($F_{pw} = C_p W_p$)						
$C_p =$ _____						
Diameter	Type	Length (ft)	Total (ft)	Weight per ft	Weight	
				lb/ft	lb	
				lb/ft	lb	
				lb/ft	lb	
				lb/ft	lb	
				lb/ft	lb	
				Subtotal weight	lb	
W_p (incl. 15%)					lb	
Main Size	Type\Sch.	Spacing (ft)	Total (F_{pw})		lb	
Maximum F_{pw} per 18.5.5.2 (if applicable)						
* Excludes tension-only bracing systems © 2018 National Fire Protection Association						
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FIGURE A.18.5(a) Seismic Bracing Calculation Form.

Seismic Bracing Calculations						Sheet _____ of _____
Project: <u>Acme Warehouse</u>		Contractor: <u>Smith Sprinkler Company</u>				
Address: <u>321 First Street</u>		Address: <u>123 Main Street</u>				
<u>Any City, Any State</u>		<u>Any City, Any State</u>				
		Telephone: <u>(555) 555-1234</u>				
		Fax: <u>(555) 555-4321</u>				
Brace Information			Seismic Brace Attachments			
Length of brace:	<u>3 ft 6 in.</u>		Structure attachment fitting or tension-only bracing system:			
Diameter of brace:	<u>1 in.</u>		Make: <u>Bolt</u> Model: <u>Bolt</u>			
Type of brace:	<u>Schedule 40</u>		Listed load rating: <u>- - -</u> Adjusted load rating per 18.5.2.3: <u>- - -</u>			
Angle of brace:	<u>45° to 59°</u>		Transition attachment fitting (where applicable):			
Least radius of gyration:*	<u>0.421</u>		Make: <u>Acme</u> Model: <u>123</u>			
//r value:*	<u>100</u>		Listed load rating: <u>1000</u> Adjusted load rating per 18.5.2.3: <u>707</u>			
Maximum horizontal load:	<u>4455 lb</u>		Sway brace (pipe attachment) fitting:			
			Make: <u>Acme</u> Model: <u>321</u>			
			Listed load rating: <u>1200</u> Adjusted load rating per 18.5.2.3: <u>849</u>			
Fastener Information			Seismic Brace Assembly Detail			
Orientation of connecting surface: <u>"E"</u>			(Provide detail on plans)			
Fastener:						
Type:	<u>Through bolt</u>		Brace identification no. (to be used on plans) <u>SB-1</u>			
Diameter:	<u>3/4 in.</u>		☒ Lateral brace ☐ Longitudinal brace ☐ 4-way brace			
Length (in wood):	<u>5 1/2 in.</u>					
Maximum load:	<u>620 lb</u>					
Sprinkler System Load Calculation ($F_{pw} = C_p W_p$)						
$C_p = \underline{0.40}$						
Diameter	Type	Length (ft)	Total (ft)	Weight per ft	Weight	
1 in.	Sch. 40	15 ft + 25 ft + 8 ft + 22 ft	70 ft	2.05 lb/ft	143.5 lb	
1 1/4 in.	Sch. 40	25 ft + 33 ft + 18 ft	76 ft	2.93 lb/ft	222.7 lb	
1 1/2 in.	Sch. 40	8 ft + 8 ft + 10 ft + 10 ft	36 ft	3.61 lb/ft	130.0 lb	
2 in.	Sch. 40	20 ft	20 ft	5.13 lb/ft	102.6 lb	
4 in.	Sch. 10	20 ft	20 ft	11.78 lb/ft	235.6 lb	
Subtotal weight					834.4 lb	
W_p (incl. 15%)					959.6 lb	
Main Size	Type\Sch.	Spacing (ft)	Total (F_{pw})		383.8 lb	
4 in.	Sch. 10	20 ft	Maximum F_{pw} per 18.5.5.2 (if applicable)		1634	

FIGURE A.18.5(b) Sample Seismic Bracing Calculation Form.

Table A.18.5.4.2 Specially Listed Tension-Only Seismic Bracing

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
<i>Manual for Structural Application of Steel Cables</i>	ASCE 19
<i>Wire Rope Users Manual of the Wire Rope</i>	—
<i>Technical Board</i>	
<i>Mechanical Strength Requirements</i>	ASTM A603
<i>Small Diameter Steel Cable for Bracing</i>	ASTM A1023
<i>Breaking Strength Failure Testing</i>	ASTM E8

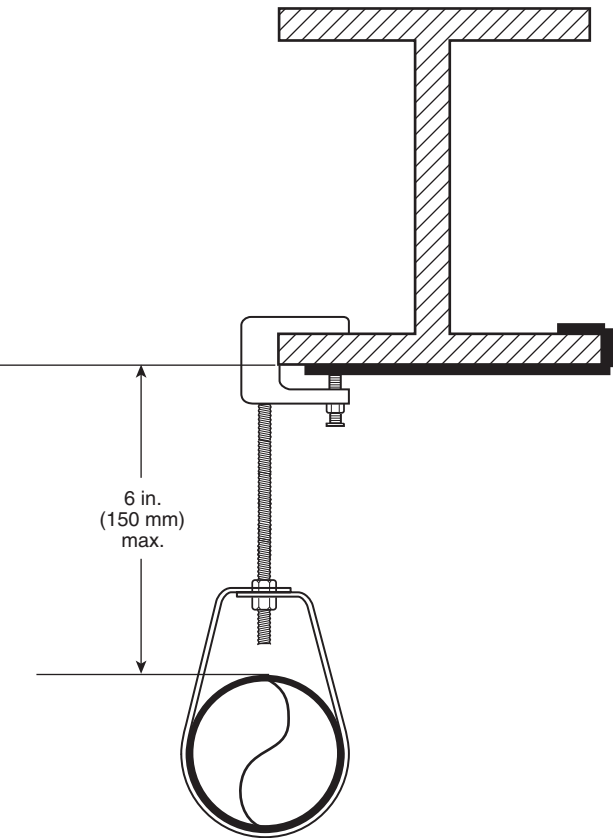


FIGURE A.18.5.5.10.1(1)(a) Measurement for Distance Between Top of Pipe and Point of Attachment (Example 1).

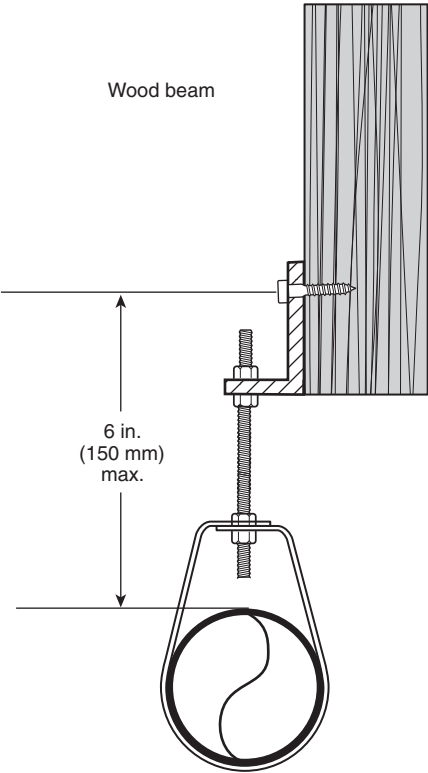


FIGURE A.18.5.5.10.1(1)(b) Measurement for Distance Between Top of Pipe and Point of Attachment (Example 2).

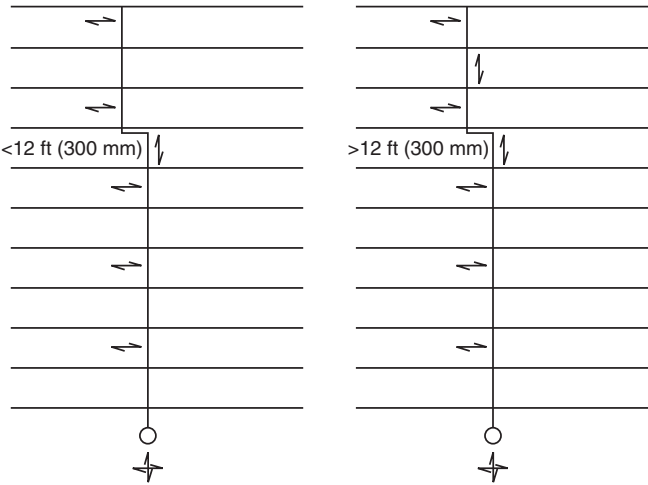


FIGURE A.18.5.7.2 Examples of Brace Locations for Change in Direction of Pipe.

Table A.18.5.9 Piping Weights for Determining Horizontal Load

Nominal Dimensions		Weight of Water-Filled Pipe	
in.	mm	lb/ft	kg/m
Schedule 40 Pipe			
1	25	2.05	3.05
1¼	32	2.93	4.36
1½	40	3.61	5.37
2	50	5.13	7.63
2½	65	7.89	11.74
3	80	10.82	16.10
3½	90	13.48	20.06
4	100	16.40	24.40
5	125	23.47	34.92
6	150	31.69	47.15
8*	200	47.70	70.98
Schedule 10 Pipe			
1	25	1.81	2.69
1¼	32	2.52	3.75
1½	40	3.04	4.52
2	50	4.22	6.28
2½	65	5.89	8.76
3	80	7.94	11.81
3½	90	9.78	14.55
4	100	11.78	17.53
5	125	17.30	25.74
6	150	23.03	34.27
8	200	40.08	59.64

*Schedule 30.

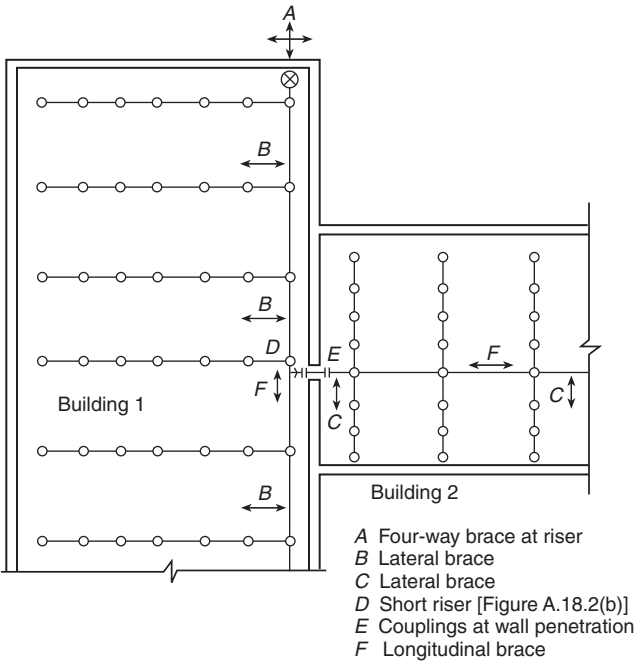


FIGURE A.18.5.9(a) Typical Earthquake Protection for Sprinkler Main Piping.

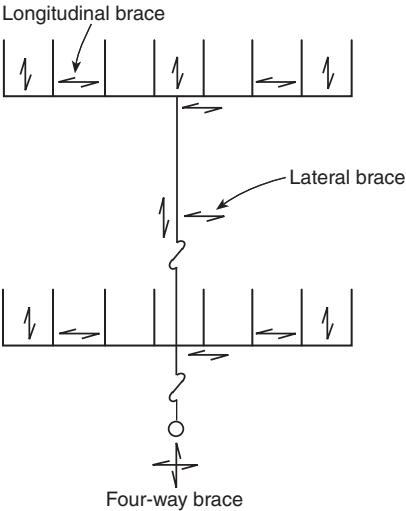


FIGURE A.18.5.9(b) Typical Location of Bracing on Mains on Tree System.

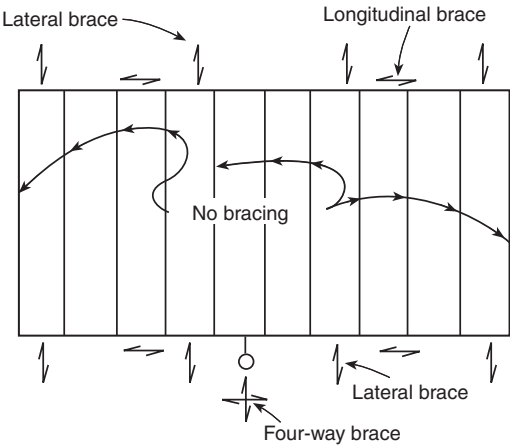


FIGURE A.18.5.9(c) Typical Location of Bracing on Mains on Gridded System.

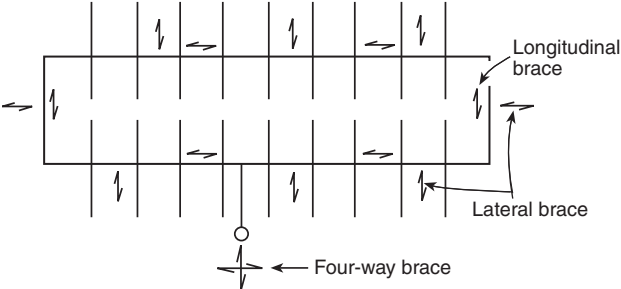


FIGURE A.18.5.9(d) Typical Location of Bracing on Mains on Looped System.

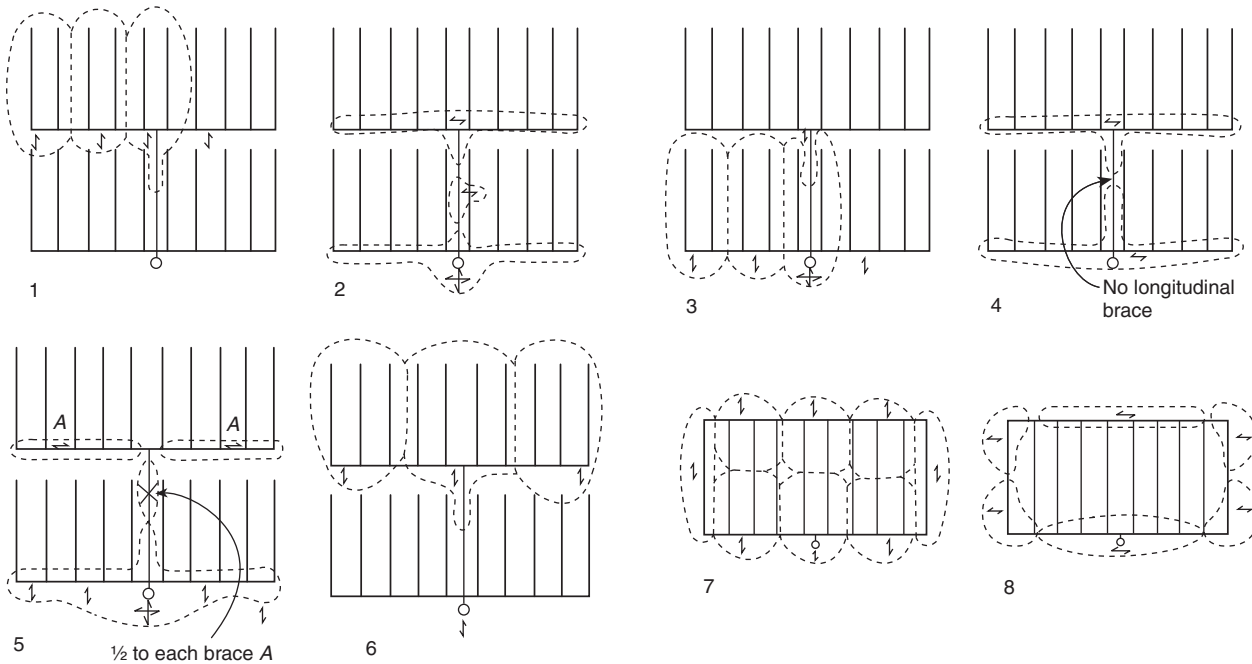


FIGURE A.18.5.9(e) Examples of Load Distribution to Bracing.

A.18.5.9.1 The factors used in the computation of the horizontal seismic load should be available from several sources, including the project architect or structural engineer or the authority having jurisdiction. In addition, the ground motion parameter S_s is available using maps or software developed by the U.S. Geological Survey. The approach presented in NFPA 13 is compatible with the requirements of ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, which provides the seismic requirements for model building codes. Sprinkler systems are emergency systems and as such should be designed for an importance factor (I_p) of 1.5. Seismic load equations allow the reduction of the seismic force by a component response modification factor (R_p) that reflects the ductility of the system; systems where braced piping is primarily joined by threaded fittings should be considered less ductile than systems where braced piping is joined by welded or mechanical-type fittings. In addition, a factor, a_p , is used to account for dynamic amplification of nonstructural systems supported by structures. Currently, steel piping systems typically used for fire sprinklers are assigned an R_p factor of 4.5 and an a_p factor of 2.5.

A.18.5.9.3.2 As linear interpolation of Table 18.5.9.3 is permitted, the following equation can be used to achieve the interpolated values:

[A.18.5.9.3.2]

$$C_p = C_{p-low} + \frac{C_{p-high} - C_{p-low}}{S_{s-high} - S_{s-low}} (S_s - S_{s-low})$$

where:

C_p = seismic coefficient value being sought

C_{p-low} = next lower seismic coefficient value from Table 18.5.9.3

C_{p-high} = next higher seismic coefficient value from Table 18.5.9.3

S_s = spectral response as defined in 3.3.207

S_{s-low} = next lower S_s value from Table 18.5.9.3

S_{s-high} = next higher S_s value from Table 18.5.9.3

A.18.5.9.4 NFPA 13 has traditionally used the allowable stress design (ASD) method for calculations. The building codes typically use an ultimate strength design. The 0.7 referred to in this section is a conversion value to accommodate the different calculation methods. (See also Annex E.)

A.18.5.9.5 S_s is a measure of earthquake shaking intensity. S_s shall be taken as the maximum considered earthquake ground motion for 0.2-second spectral response acceleration (5 percent of critical damping), Site Class B. The data are available from the authority having jurisdiction or, in the United States, from maps developed by the U.S. Geological Survey. All that is required to get S_s is the latitude and longitude of the project site.

The horizontal force factor was given as F_p in earlier editions of NFPA 13. It has been changed to F_{inv} , to clearly indicate that it is a working, not an ultimate, load. In model building codes, F_p is used to denote the strength design level load.

It is not the intent of this section to default to the C_p value of 0.5 before attempts to determine the value of S_s and related coefficient value for C_p are made, such as on-line information provided by the U.S. Geological Survey website.

A.18.5.9.6 The zones of influence do not have to be symmetrically based on brace spacing. It is the intent of NFPA 13 that the chosen zone of influence be the worst-case load scenario.

A.18.5.9.6.1 Where the C_p is 1.0 or greater, the calculation should be done for any length riser nipple. The loads in this condition can rapidly exceed the yield strength. Where Schedule 10 and Schedule 40 steel pipe are used, the section modulus can be found in Table 17.3.1(b). Table A.18.5.9.6.1

Table A.18.5.9.6.1 Required Yield Strength Calculation Based on Riser Nipple Length on C_p

Riser Nipple Length	Seismic Coefficient			
	$C_p \leq 0.50$	$C_p \leq 0.67$	$C_p < 1.0$	$C_p > 1.0$
>4 ft (1.2 m)	X	X	X	X
≤4 ft (1.2 m)		X	X	X
≤3 ft (915 mm)			X	X
≤2 ft (610 mm)				X

Note: Conditions marked X are required to satisfy the equation provided in 18.5.9.6.1.

illustrates the required yield strength calculation based on riser nipple length.

A.18.5.11 Sway brace members should be continuous. Where necessary, splices in sway bracing members should be designed and constructed to ensure that brace integrity is maintained.

A.18.5.11.1 Sway brace design and installation is critical to performance and requires attention to detail. Sway brace design parameters are dynamic and interdependent. Accordingly, seismic force is influenced by geography, brace location is impacted by system design, and brace geometry is relative to the building structure.

To enhance system durability and performance, sway brace installation should show evidence of good craftsmanship in conformance to approved drawings, correctly assembled and mounted at proper angles on a plane that corresponds to the parallel and perpendicular axis of the system pipe.

A.18.5.11.9 Maximum allowable horizontal loads for steel sway braces shown in Table 18.5.11.8(a) through Table 18.5.11.8(f) are applicable when the system is designed using allowable stress design methods. The maximum allowable loads have been derived for the controlling condition (braces in compression) using allowable stress design provisions of American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) 360, *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*.

In determining allowable horizontal loads in the tables, a modulus of elasticity (E) of 29,000 ksi, a yield stress (F_y) of 36 ksi, and an effective length factor (K) of 1.0 were assumed, since these are common. If these values are different in a specific situation, table values might need to be adjusted. Gross section properties are used for all shapes except for all-thread rods. For all-thread rods, area and radius of gyration are based on the minimum area of the threaded rod based on the radius at the root of the threads.

A.18.5.12 Concrete anchors can be cast-in-place [installed before the concrete is placed — see Figure A.18.5.12(a) and Figure A.18.5.12(b)] or post-installed [installed in hardened concrete — see Figure A.18.5.12(c)]. Examples of cast-in-place concrete anchors are embedded steel bolts or concrete inserts. There are several types of post-installed anchors, including expansion anchors, chemical or adhesive anchors, and undercut anchors. The criteria in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(j) are based on the use of listed cast-in-place concrete inserts and listed post-installed wedge expansion anchors. The values for “effective embedment” for cast-in-place anchors and “nominal embedment” for post-installed anchors as shown in the tables represent the majority of commonly available anchors on the market at the time of publishing. Use of other

anchors in concrete should be in accordance with the listing provisions of the anchor. Anchorage designs are usable under allowable stress design (ASD) methods.

Values in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(j) are based on ultimate strength design values obtained using the procedures in ACI 318, *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary*, Chapter 17, which are then adjusted for ASD. Concrete inserts are installed into wood forms for concrete members using fasteners prior to the casting of concrete or inserted into wood forms for concrete members using fasteners prior to the casting of concrete or inserted into a hole cut in steel deck that will be filled with concrete topping slab. A bolt or rod can be installed into the internally threaded concrete insert after the wood form is removed from the concrete or from the underside of the steel deck after it is filled with concrete topping slab. Wedge anchors are torque-controlled expansion anchors that are set by applying a torque to the anchor's nut, which causes the anchor to rise while the wedge stays in place. This causes the wedge to be pulled onto a coned section of the anchor and presses the wedge against the wall of the hole. Undercut anchors might or might not be torque-controlled. Typically, the main hole is drilled, a special second drill bit is inserted into the hole, and flare is drilled at the base of the main hole. Some anchors are self-drilling and do not require a second drill bit. The anchor is then inserted into the hole, and when torque is applied, the bottom of the anchor flares out into the flared hole, and a mechanical lock is obtained. Consideration should be given with respect to the position near the edge of a slab and the spacing of anchors. For full capacity in Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(j), the edge distance spacing between anchors and the thickness of concrete should conform to the anchor manufacturer's recommendations.

Calculation of ASD shear and tension values to be used in A.18.5.12.2 calculations should be performed in accordance with ACI 318, Chapter 17 formulas using the variables and recommendations obtained from the approved evaluation service reports (such as ICC-ES Reports) for a particular anchor, which should then be adjusted to ASD values. All post-installed concrete anchors must be prequalified in accordance with ACI 355.2, *Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary*, or other approved qualification procedures (ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, Section 13.4.2.3). This information is usually available from the anchor manufacturer.

The following variables are among those contained in the approved evaluation reports for use in ACI 318, Chapter 17 calculations. These variables do not include the allowable tension and shear capacities but do provide the information needed to calculate them. The strength design capacities must be calculated using the appropriate procedures in ACI 318, Chapter 17, and then converted to allowable stress design capacities.

D_a = anchor diameter

L_{anch} = total anchor length

h_{nom} = nominal embedment

h_{ef} = effective embedment

h_{min} = minimum concrete thickness

C_{ac} = critical edge distance

N_{sa} = steel strength in tension

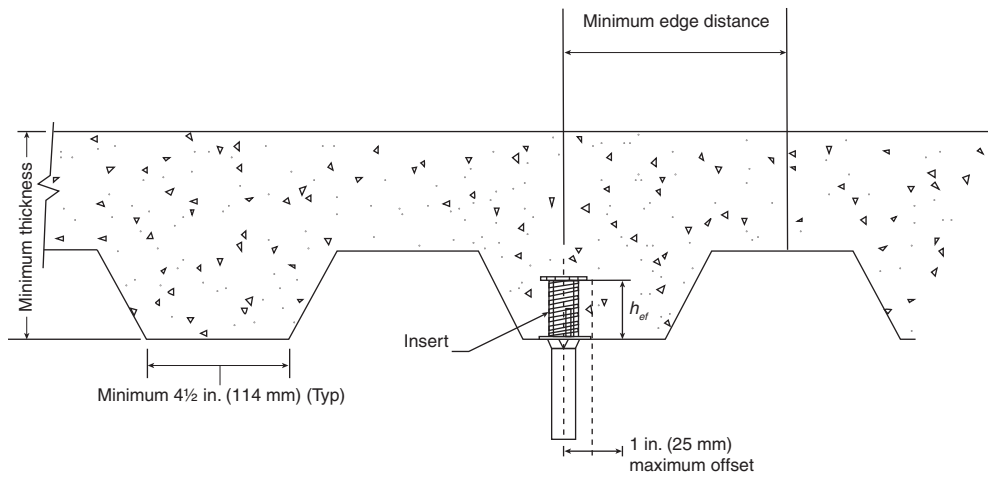
l_e = length of anchor in shear

$N_{p,cr}$ = pull-out strength cracked concrete

K_{cp} = coefficient for pryout strength

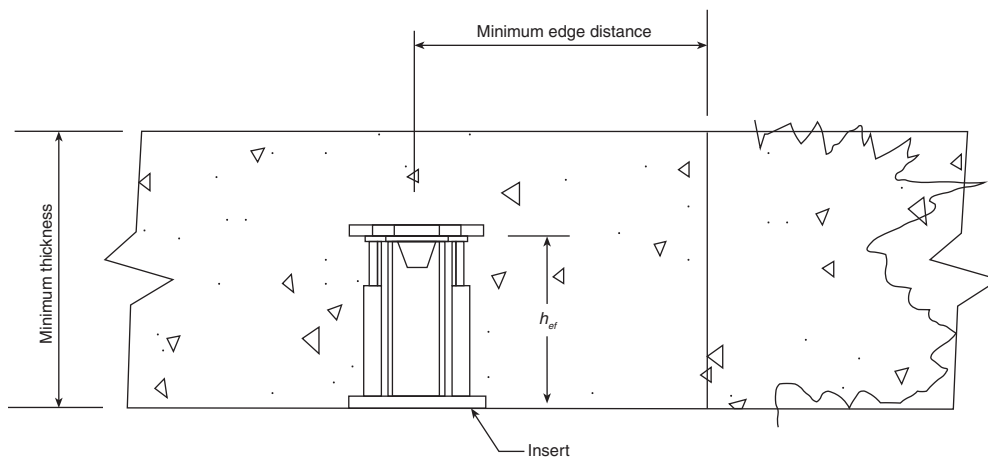
$V_{sa,eq}$ = shear strength single anchor seismic loads

$V_{st,deck,eq}$ = shear strength single anchor seismic loads installed through the soffit of the metal deck



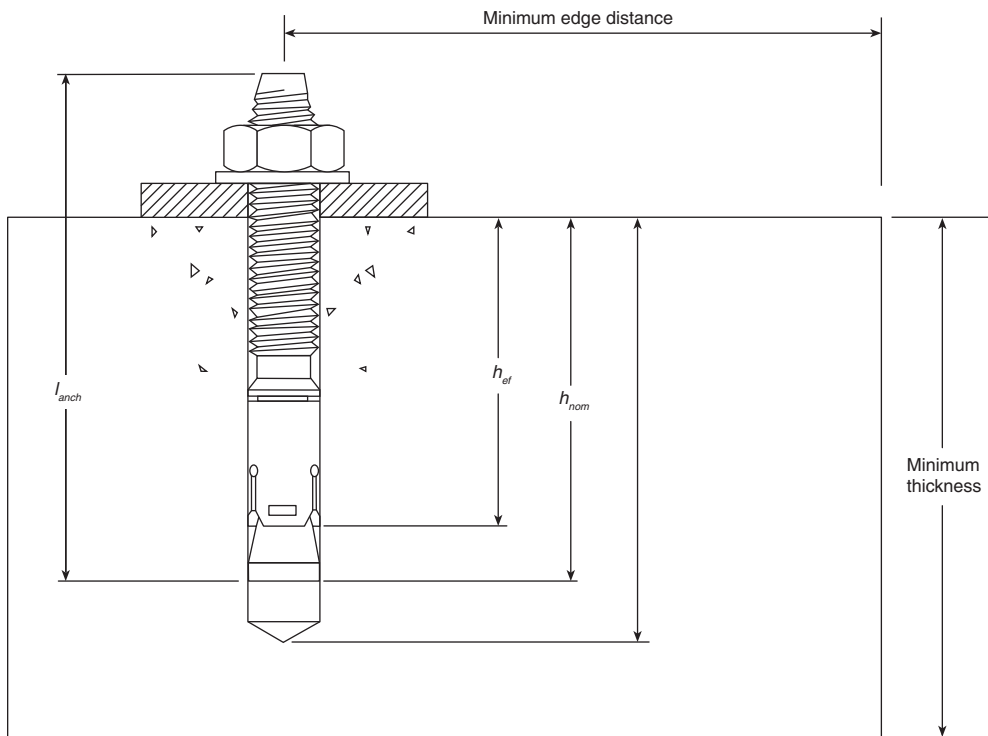
Note: h_{ef} is the effective embedment depth per Table 18.5.12.2(f).

FIGURE A.18.5.12(a) **Metal Deck Insert.**



Note: h_{ef} is the effective embedment depth given in Tables 18.5.12.2(g) through (j).

FIGURE A.18.5.12(b) **Wood Form Insert.**



Note: h_{nom} is the nominal embedment depth given in Tables 18.5.12.2(a) through (e).

FIGURE A.18.5.12(c) Wedge Anchor.

A.18.5.12.2 The values for the concrete insert and wedge anchor tables have been developed using the following formula:

[A.18.5.12.2a]

$$\left(\frac{T}{T_{allow}} \right) + \left(\frac{V}{V_{allow}} \right) \leq 1.2$$

where:

T = applied service tension load, including the effect of prying ($F_{pw} \times Pr$)

F_{pw} = horizontal earthquake load

Pr = prying factor based on fitting geometry and brace angle from vertical

T_{allow} = allowable service tension load

V = applied service shear load

V_{allow} = allowable service shear load

T/T_{allow} = shall not be greater than 1.0.

V/V_{allow} = shall not be greater than 1.0.

The allowable tension and shear loads come from the anchor manufacturer's published data. The design loads have been amplified by an overstrength factor of 2.0, and the allowable strength of the anchors has been increased by a factor of 1.2. The effect of prying on the tension applied to the anchor is considered when developing appropriate capacity values. The applied tension equation includes the prying effect, which varies with the orientation of the fastener in relationship to the brace necessary at various brace angles. The letters A through

D in the following equations are dimensions of the attachment geometry as indicated in Figure A.18.5.12.2(a) through Figure A.18.5.12.2(c).

where:

Cr = critical angle at which prying flips to the toe or the heel of the structure attachment fitting

Pr = prying factor for service tension load effect of prying

$Tan\theta$ = tangent of brace angle from vertical

$Sin\theta$ = sine of brace angle from vertical

The greater Pr value calculated in tension or compression applies.

The Pr value cannot be less than $1.000/Tan\theta$ for designated angle category A, B, and C; 1.000 for designated angle category D, E, and F; or 0.000 for designated angle category G, H, and I.

For designated angle category A, B, and C, the applied tension, including the effect of prying (Pr), is as follows:

[A.18.5.12.2b]

$$Cr = Tan^{-1} \left(\frac{C}{D} \right)$$

For braces acting in **TENSION**

If $Cr >$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{\left(\frac{C+A}{\tan\theta}\right) - D}{A}$$

[A.18.5.12.2c]

If $Cr <$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{D - \left(\frac{C-B}{\tan\theta}\right)}{B}$$

[A.18.5.12.2d]

For braces acting in **COMPRESSION**

If $Cr >$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{\left(\frac{C-B}{\tan\theta}\right) - D}{B}$$

[A.18.5.12.2e]

If $Cr <$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{D - \left(\frac{C+A}{\tan\theta}\right)}{A}$$

[A.18.5.12.2f]

For designated angle category D, E, and F, the applied tension, including the effect of prying (Pr), is as follows:

[A.18.5.12.2g]

$$Cr = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{D}{C}\right)$$

For braces acting in **TENSION**

If $Cr >$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{\left(\frac{D}{\tan\theta}\right) - (C-B)}{B}$$

[A.18.5.12.2h]

If $Cr <$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{(C+A) - \left(\frac{D}{\tan\theta}\right)}{A}$$

[A.18.5.12.2i]

For braces acting in **COMPRESSION**

If $Cr >$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{\left(\frac{D}{\tan\theta}\right) - (C+A)}{A}$$

[A.18.5.12.2j]

If $Cr <$ brace angle from vertical:

$$Pr = \frac{(C-B) - \left(\frac{D}{\tan\theta}\right)}{B}$$

[A.18.5.12.2k]

For designated angle category G, H, and I the applied tension, including the effect of prying (Pr), is as follows:

For braces acting in **TENSION**

[A.18.5.12.2l]

$$Pr = \frac{\left(\frac{D}{B}\right)}{\sin\theta}$$

For braces acting in **COMPRESSION**

[A.18.5.12.2m]

$$Pr = \frac{\left(\frac{D}{A}\right)}{\sin\theta}$$

The lightweight concrete anchor tables, Table 18.5.12.2(a) through Table 18.5.12.2(c) were based on sand lightweight concrete, which represents a conservative assumption for the strength of the material. For seismic applications, cracked concrete was assumed.

A.18.5.12.3 Listed devices might have accompanying software that performs the calculations to determine the allowable load.

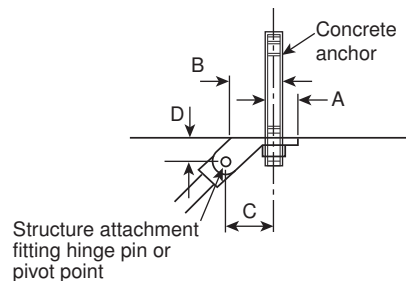


FIGURE A.18.5.12.2(a) Dimensions of Concrete Anchor for Orientations A, B, and C.

A.18.5.12.4 Through-bolt as described in 18.5.12.4 is intended to describe a method of bolting and attachment. It is the intent of the committee that a “through-bolt” could consist of threaded rod with a flat washer and nut on each end.

A.18.5.12.7.1 Concrete anchors included in current Evaluation Service Reports conforming to the requirements of acceptance criteria AC193 as issued by ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. should be considered to meet ACI 355.2, *Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete* & Commentary.

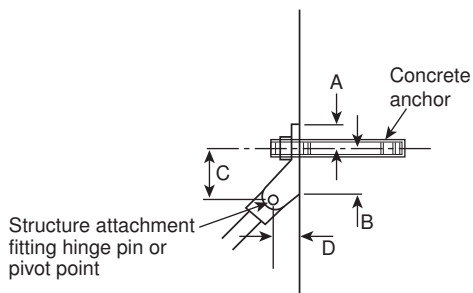


FIGURE A.18.5.12.2(b) Dimensions of Concrete Anchor for Orientations D, E, and F.

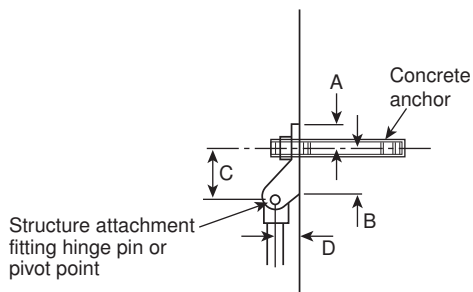
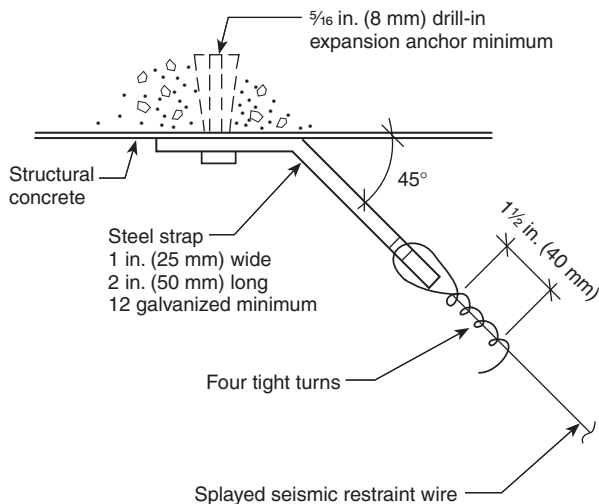
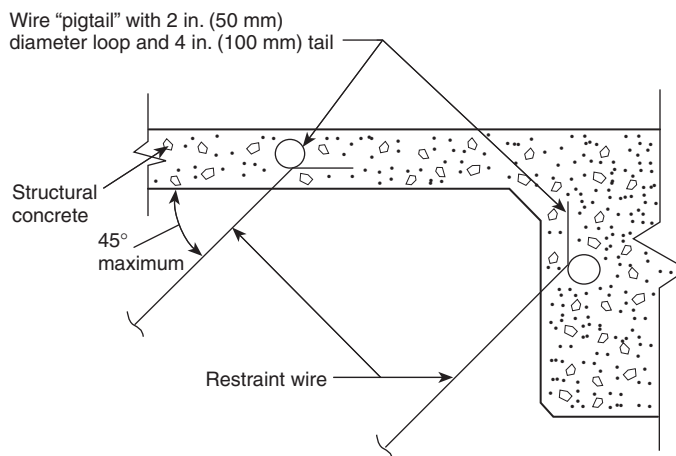


FIGURE A.18.5.12.2(c) Dimensions of Concrete Anchor for Orientations G, H, and I.



Detail A — Splayed seismic restraint wire attachment



Detail B

FIGURE A.18.6.1(a) Wire Attachment to Cast-in-Place Concrete.

A.18.5.12.7.3(D) The values from ACI 318, Chapter 17 are strength (LRFD) values that must be divided by 1.4 in order to convert them to ASD values. The factor of 0.43 was created to simplify the steps needed to account for the strength capacities and the ASD method of calculation. The 0.43 is a rounded value determined by 1.2 (allowable stress increase) divided by the quantity of 2.0 times 1.4 [i.e., $0.4286 = 1.2 / (2.0 \times 1.4)$].

A.18.6.1 Wires used for piping restraints should be attached to the branch line with two tight turns around the pipe and fastened with four tight turns within 1½ in. (38 mm) and should be attached to the structure in accordance with the details shown in Figure A.18.6.1(a) through Figure A.18.6.1(d) or other approved method.

A.18.6.1(5) See Figure A.18.6.1(5)(a) and Figure A.18.6.1(5)(b). When hangers are installed on both sides of the pipe, the l/r is not restricted.

A.18.6.4 Modern seismic codes require branch lines to be restrained, both to limit interaction of the pipe with other portions of the structure and to limit stresses in the pipes to permissible limits. The maximum spacing between restraints is dependent on the seismic coefficient, C_p , as shown in Table 18.6.4(a). Table 18.6.4(a) has been limited to 2 in. (50 mm) lines and smaller, because branch lines 2½ in. (65 mm) or larger are required to be seismically braced.

It is not the intent of this section to require restraint of piping associated with valve trim, water motor gong piping, air or nitrogen supply piping, or other piping that is not essential to the operation of the sprinkler system. Essential piping such as fire pump sensing lines and diesel fuel lines are some examples of small piping that should be restrained.

A.18.6.6 Such restraint can be provided by using the restraining wire discussed in 18.6.1. For the purposes of determining the need for restraint, the length of the sprig is determined by measuring the length of the exposed pipe and does not include the fittings and sprinkler.

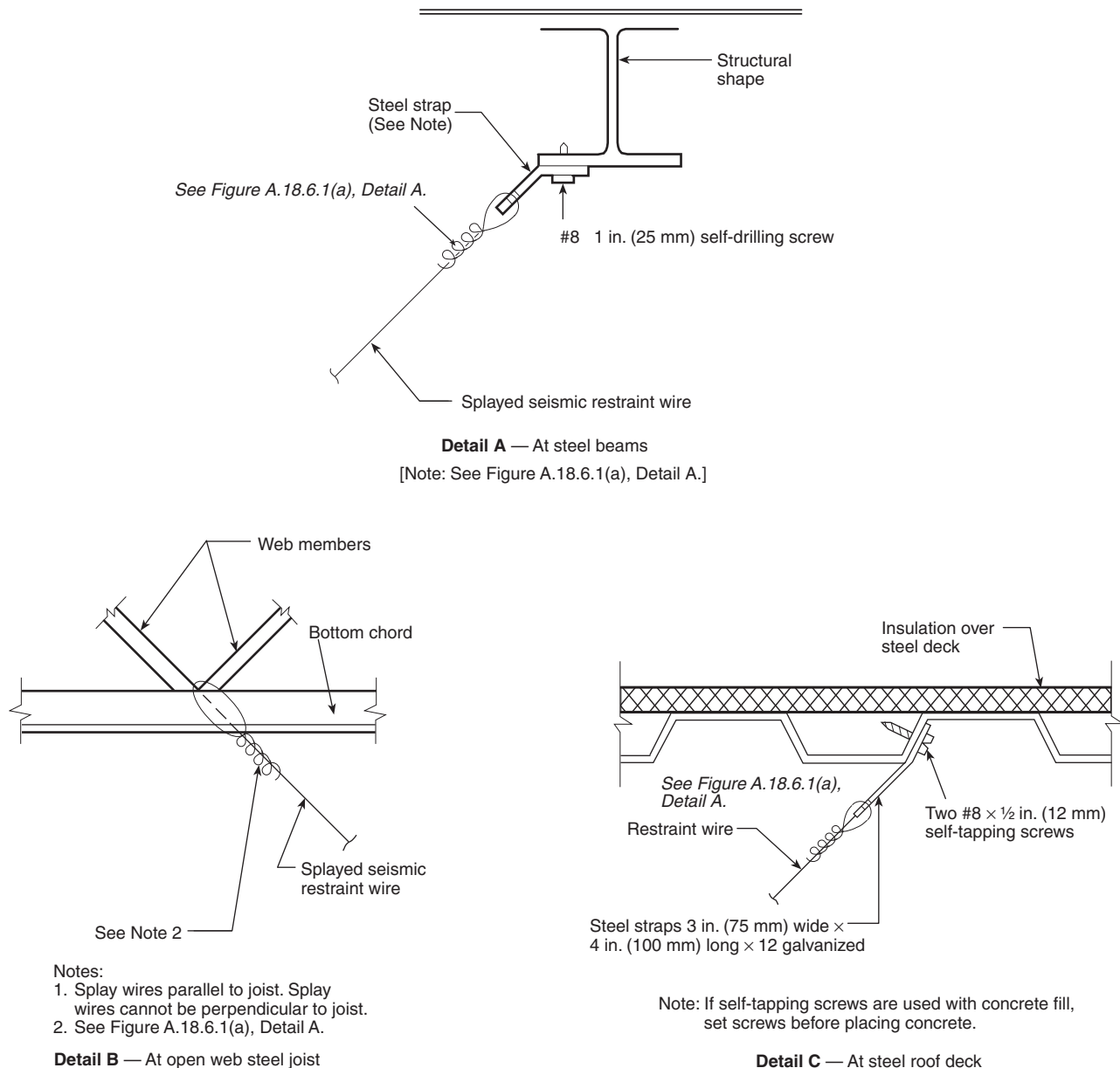


FIGURE A.18.6.1(b) Acceptable Details — Wire Connections to Steel Framing.

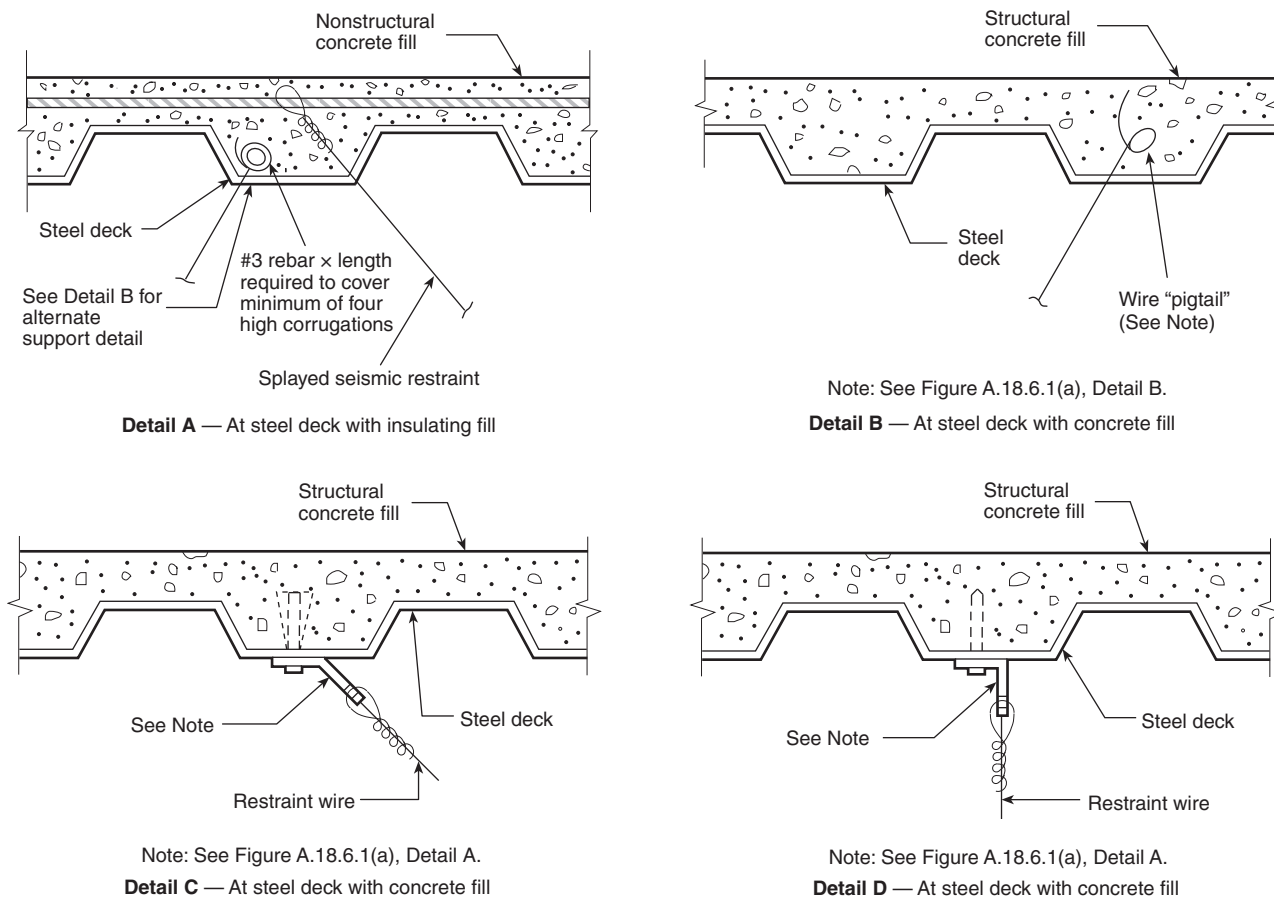
A.18.7.8 Concrete anchors included in current Evaluation Service Reports conforming to the requirements of acceptance criteria AC193 or AC308 as issued by ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. should be considered to meet ACI 355.2, *Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete & Commentary*.

A.18.8 When using a pipestand to support the gravity load of a water-based fire protection system in an earthquake area, care should be taken in planning the seismic protection. This includes close attention to the differential movement between the system and the building or other components.

A.19.2.2 The situation frequently arises where a small area of a higher hazard is surrounded by a lesser hazard. For example, consider a 600 ft² (56 m²) area consisting of 10 ft (3 m) high on-floor storage of cartoned nonexpanded plastic commodities

surrounded by a plastic extruding operation in a 15 ft (4.6 m) high building. In accordance with Chapter 20, the density required for the plastic storage must meet the requirements for extra hazard (Group 1) occupancies. The plastic extruding operation should be considered an ordinary hazard (Group 2) occupancy. In accordance with Chapter 19, the corresponding discharge densities should be 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) over 2500 ft² (230 m²) for the storage and 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) over 1500 ft² (140 m²) for the remainder of the area. (Also see Chapter 19 for the required minimum areas of operation.)

If the storage area is not separated from the surrounding area by a wall or partition (see 19.2.2), the size of the operating area is determined by the higher hazard storage.



For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

Note: If self-tapping screws are used with concrete fill, set screws before placing concrete.

FIGURE A.18.6.1(c) Acceptable Details — Wire Connections to Steel Decking with Fill.

For example, the operating area is 2500 ft² (230 m²). The system must be able to provide the 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density over the storage area and 15 ft (4.6 m) beyond. If part of the remote area is outside the 600 ft² (56 m²) plus the 15 ft (4.6 m) overlap, only 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) is needed for that portion.

If the storage is separated from the surrounding area by a floor-to-ceiling/roof partition that is capable of preventing heat from a fire on one side from fusing sprinklers on the other side, the size of the operating area is determined by the occupancy of the surrounding area. In this example, the design area is 1500 ft² (140 m²). A 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density is needed within the separated area with 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) in the remainder of the remote area.

When the small higher hazard area is larger than the required minimum area dictated by the surrounding occupancy, even when separated by partitions capable of stopping heat, the size of the operating area is determined by the higher hazard storage.

A.19.2.4.1 See A.4.2.

A.19.2.4.2 Appropriate area/density, other design criteria, and water supply requirements should be based on scientifically based engineering analyses that can include submitted fire

testing, calculations, or results from appropriate computational models.

Recommended water supplies anticipate successful sprinkler operation. Because of the small but still significant number of uncontrolled fires in sprinklered properties, which have various causes, there should be an adequate water supply available for fire department use.

The hose stream demand required by this standard is intended to provide the fire department with the extra flow they need to conduct mop-up operations and final extinguishment of a fire at a sprinklered property. This is not the fire department manual fire flow, which is determined by other codes or standards. However, it is not the intent of this standard to require that the sprinkler demand be added to the manual fire flow demand required by other codes and standards. While the other codes and standards can factor in the presence of a sprinkler system in the determination of the manual fire flow requirement, the sprinkler system water demand and manual fire flow demand are intended to be separate stand-alone calculations. NFPA 1 emphasizes this fact by the statement in A.18.4.1 that "It is not the intent to add the minimum fire protection water supplies, such as for a sprinkler system, to the minimum fire flow for manual fire suppression purposes required by this section."

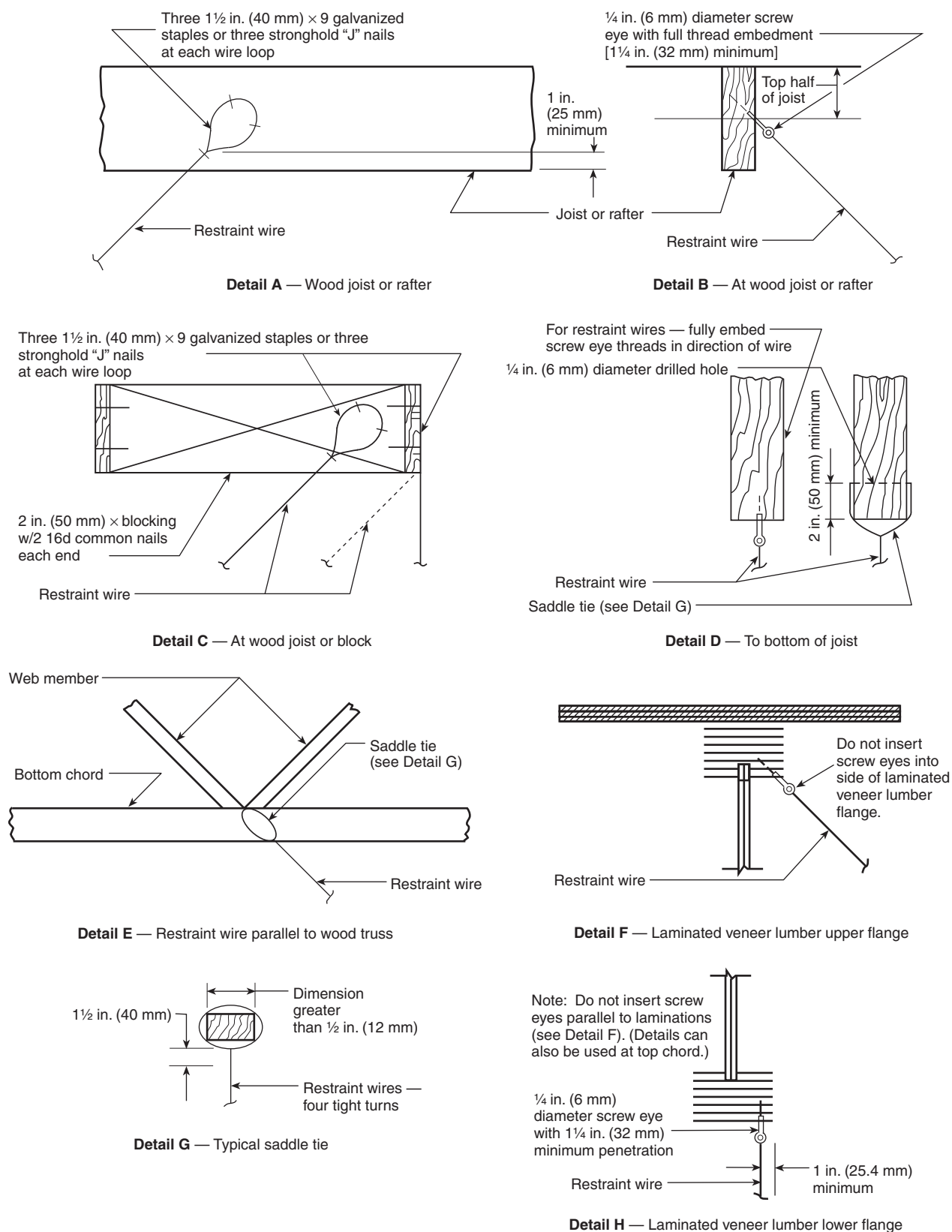


FIGURE A.18.6.1(d) Acceptable Details — Wire Connections to Wood Framing.

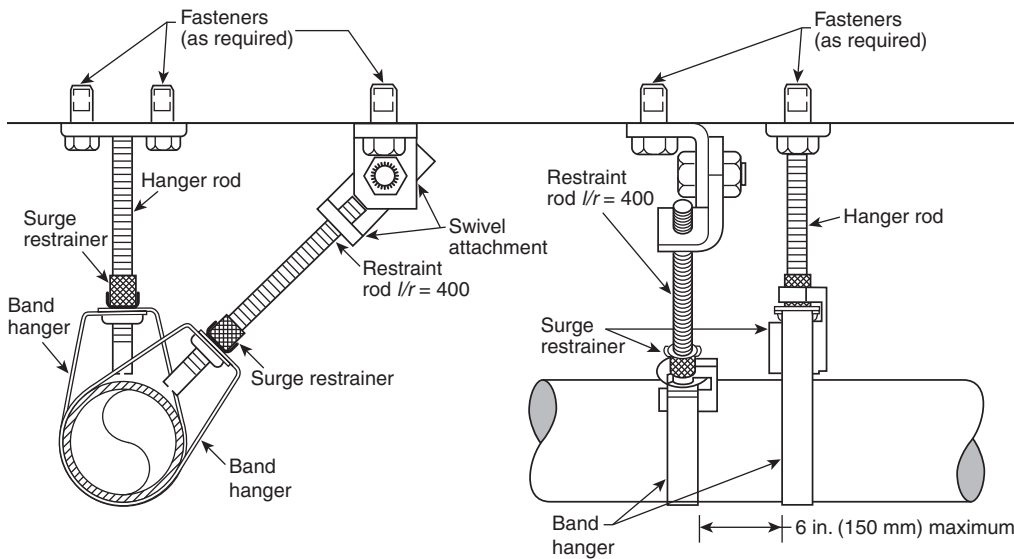


FIGURE A.18.6.1(5)(a) Hangers, with Surge Clips, Used in Combination for Restraint of Branch Lines.

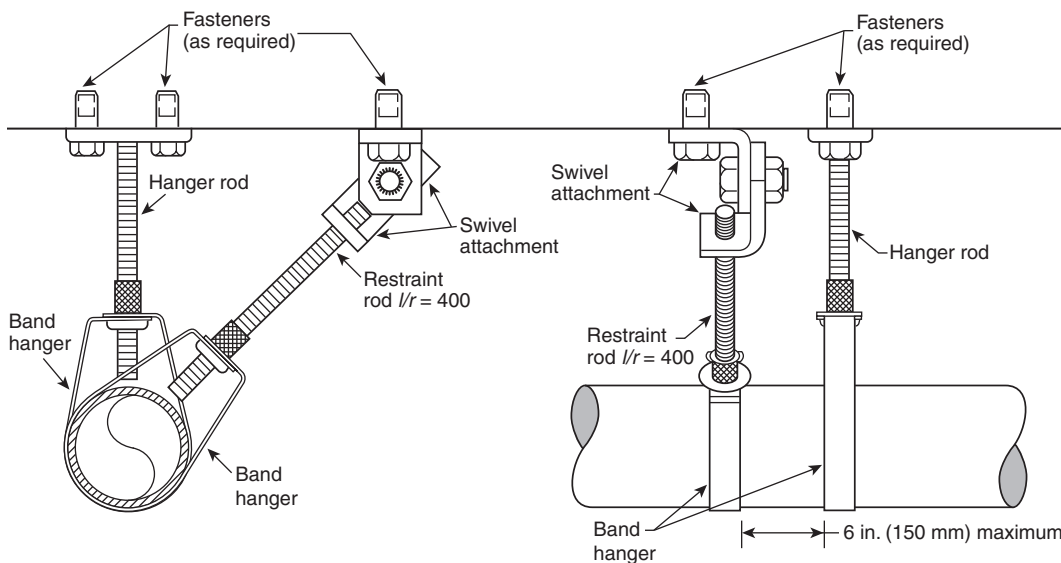


FIGURE A.18.6.1(5)(b) Hangers, with Threaded Rod Extended to Pipe, Used in Combination for Restraint of Branch Lines.

A.19.2.5.2 Where tanks serve sprinklers only, they can be sized to provide the duration required for the sprinkler system, ignoring any hose stream demands. Where tanks serve some combination of sprinklers, inside hose stations, outside hose stations, or domestic/process use, the tank needs to be capable of providing the duration for the equipment that is fed from the tank, but the demands of equipment not connected to the tank can be ignored. Where a tank is used for both domestic/process water and fire protection, the entire duration demand of the domestic/process water does not need to be included in the tank if provisions are made to segregate the tank so that adequate fire protection water is always present or if provisions are made to automatically cut off the simultaneous use in the event of fire.

A.19.2.5.3 Where pumps serve sprinklers only, they can be sized to provide the flow required for the sprinkler system, ignoring any hose stream demands. Where pumps serve some combination of sprinklers, inside hose stations, or outside hose stations, the pump needs to be capable of providing the flow for the equipment that is fed from the pump, but the demands of equipment not connected to the pump can be ignored except for evaluating their impact on the available water supply to the pump.

A.19.2.6.1(3) When a light hazard occupancy, such as a school, contains separate ordinary hazard rooms no more than 400 ft² (37 m²), the hose stream allowance and water supply duration would be that required for a light hazard occupancy.

A.19.2.6.2 When the hose demand is provided by a separate water supply, the sprinkler calculation does not include the outside hose demand.

A.19.2.6.4 For fully sprinklered buildings, if hose valves or stations are provided on a combination sprinkler riser and standpipe for fire department use in accordance with NFPA 14, the hydraulic calculation for the sprinkler system is not required to include the standpipe allowance.

A.19.2.7 A series of 10 full-scale fire tests and limited-scale testing were conducted to determine the impact of HVLS fan operation on the performance of sprinkler systems. The project, sponsored by the Property Insurance Research Group (PIRG) and other industry groups, was coordinated by the Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF). The complete test report, *High Volume/Low Speed Fan and Sprinkler Operation — Ph. 2 Final Report* (2011), is available from the FPRF. Both control mode density area and early suppression fast response sprinklers were tested. Successful results were obtained when the HVLS fan was shut down upon the activation of the first sprinkler followed by a 90-second delay. Other methods of fan shutdown were also tested including shutdown by activation of air sampling-type detection and ionization-type smoke detectors. Earlier fan shutdown resulted in less commodity damage.

A.19.3.1.1 This approach is based on a general occupancy classification applied to the building or a portion of the building.

A.19.3.2.6 The additional pressure that is needed at the level of the water supply to account for sprinkler elevation is 0.433 psi/ft (0.098 bar/m) of elevation above the water supply.

A.19.3.3.1.4(1) The area of sprinkler operation typically encompasses enough of the floor area to make-up the minimum allowed size of the remote area up to the entire area of a single floor of the building.

A.19.3.3.1.5.1 This section is included to compensate for possible delay in operation of sprinklers from fires in combustible concealed spaces found in wood frame, brick veneer, and ordinary construction.

In order for the minimum 3000 ft² (280 m²) requirement for the size of the remote area to not be extended to the adjacent area, the qualifying concealed space must be separated by the entire fire-rated assembly. Such assemblies often have combustible structural members separating the exterior membranes that can create a concealed combustible space that can qualify for omitting sprinkler protection. If the fire-rated assembly is the qualifying concealed space, an interior fire would greatly reduce the assigned fire-rated duration.

A.19.3.3.1.5.2(4) Composite wood joists are not considered solid wood joists for the purposes of this section. Their web members are too thin and easily penetrated to adequately compartment a fire in an unsprinklered space. Application of this item is not affected by the depth of the joist channel except in determining the volume. The concealed space above the insulation can be an attic, roof space, or floor space within a floor assembly.

A.19.3.3.1.5.2(10) The gypsum board (or equivalent material) used as the firestopping will compartment the concealed space and restrict the ability for fire to spread beyond 160 ft³ (4.5 m³) zones covering multiple joist channels.

A.19.3.3.2.5 Where extended coverage sprinklers are used and the design area (after appropriate increases) is satisfied by five sprinklers, no additional increase is required. With regard to preaction systems, the discharge criteria of Chapter 11 are written based upon the assumption that the release system will activate before the sprinkler system. It is generally accepted that smoke detectors and rate-of-rise detectors are more sensitive than sprinklers and that fixed-temperature release devices with RTIs lower than sprinklers will react faster than sprinklers at similar spacings and locations.

A.19.3.3.2.8 Example 1. A dry pipe sprinkler system (OH2) in a building with a ceiling slope exceeding 2 in 12 in. (50 in 300 mm) (16.6 percent slope). The initial area must be increased 30 percent for the dry pipe system and the resulting area an additional 30 percent for the roof slope. If the point 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) over 1500 ft² (140 m²) is chosen from Figure 19.3.3.1.1, the 1500 ft² (140 m²) area is increased 450 ft² (42 m²) to 1950 ft² (180 m²), which is then further increased 585 ft² (54 m²). The final discharge criterion is then 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.2 mm/min) over 2535 ft² (235 m²).

Example 2. A wet pipe sprinkler system (light hazard) in a building with a 16 ft 8 in. (5.1 m) ceiling and a slope exceeding 2 in 12 in. (50 in 300 mm) (16.6 percent slope) employs quick-response sprinklers qualifying for a 30 percent reduction as permitted by 19.3.3.2.3. The initial area must be increased 30 percent for the ceiling slope and the resulting area decreased 30 percent for quick-response sprinklers. It does not matter whether the reduction is applied first. If a discharge density of 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) over 1500 ft² (140 m²) is chosen from Figure 19.3.3.1.1, the 1500 ft² (140 m²) is increased 450 ft² (42 m²), resulting in 1950 ft² (180 m²), which is then decreased 585 ft² (54 m²). The final design is 0.1 gpm/ft² (4.1 mm/min) over 1365 ft² (125 m²).

A.19.3.3.3.1 This subsection allows for calculation of the sprinklers in the largest room, so long as the calculation produces the greatest hydraulic demand among selection of rooms and communicating spaces. For example, in a case where the largest room has four sprinklers and a smaller room has two sprinklers but communicates through unprotected openings with three other rooms, each having two sprinklers, the smaller room and group of communicating spaces should also be calculated.

Corridors are rooms and should be considered as such.

Walls can terminate at a substantial suspended ceiling and need not be extended to a rated floor slab above for this section to be applied.

A.19.3.3.4.2 This section is intended to apply to all types of systems including dry pipe and preaction systems.

A.19.4.1.1 In Figure A.19.4.1.1(a), calculate the area indicated by the heavy outline and X. The circle indicates sprinklers.

The protection area for residential sprinklers with extended coverage areas is defined in the listing of the sprinkler as a maximum square area for pendent sprinklers or a square or rectangular area. Listing information is presented in even 2 ft (0.6 m) increments for residential sprinklers. When a sprinkler is selected for an application, its area of coverage must be equal to or greater than both the length and width of the hazard area. For example, if the hazard to be protected is a room 14 ft 6 in. (4.4 m) wide and 20 ft 8 in. (6.3 m) long, a sprinkler that

is listed to protect an area of 16 ft × 22 ft (4.9 m × 6.7 m) must be selected. The flow used in the calculations is then selected as the flow required by the listing for the selected coverage. [See Figure A.19.4.1.1(b).]

A.19.4.1.2 It should be noted that the provisions of Section 19.3 do not normally apply to the residential sprinkler design approach. The reference to 19.3.3.1.5.2 is merely to provide a consistent approach between the occupancy hazard fire control approach and the residential sprinkler design approach with respect to unsprinklered combustible concealed spaces.

A.19.4.1.2.1 In order for the minimum eight sprinkler requirement for the size of the remote area to not be extended to the adjacent area, the qualifying concealed space must be separated by the entire fire-rated assembly. Such assemblies often have combustible structural members separating the exterior membranes that can create a concealed combustible space that can qualify for omitting sprinkler protection. If the fire-rated assembly is the qualifying concealed space, an interior fire would greatly reduce the assigned fire-rated duration.

A.19.4.2.1 If the system is a deluge type, all the sprinklers need to be calculated even if they are located on different building faces.

A.20.3 Commodity classification is governed by the types and amounts of materials (e.g., metal, paper, wood, plastics) that are a part of a product and its primary packaging. Considera-

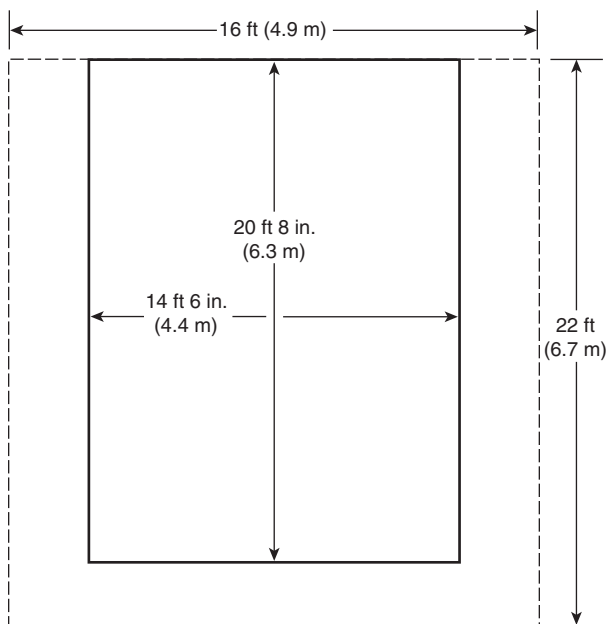


FIGURE A.19.4.1.1(b) Determination of Protection Area of Coverage for Residential Sprinklers.

tion of all characteristics of the individual storage units, not just the product, is critical to identify the appropriate commodity classification. Refer to Table A.20.3 for general guidance for classifying commodities. For situations where it is difficult to determine the appropriate classification, testing should be considered to appropriately characterize the commodity.

A.20.3.1 Unit loads and pallet loads are examples of individual storage units.

A.20.3.2.2.1 For example, Class III will become Class IV, and Class IV will become a cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic commodity.

A.20.3.2.2.2.1 For example, Class II will become Class IV, and Class III and Class IV will become a cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic commodity.

A.20.4 Specification of the type, amount, and arrangement of combustibles for any commodity classification is essentially an attempt to define the potential fire severity, based on its burning characteristics, so the fire can be successfully controlled by the prescribed sprinkler protection for the commodity class. In actual storage situations, however, many storage arrays do not fit precisely into one of the fundamental classifications; therefore, the user needs to make judgments after comparing each classification to the existing storage conditions. Storage arrays consist of thousands of products, which makes it impossible to specify all the acceptable variations for any class. As an alternative, a variety of common products are classified in this annex based on judgment, loss experience, and fire test results.

Table A.20.4(a) provides examples of commodities not addressed by the classifications in Section 20.4. The commodities listed in Table A.20.4(a) are outside the scope of NFPA 13 protection.

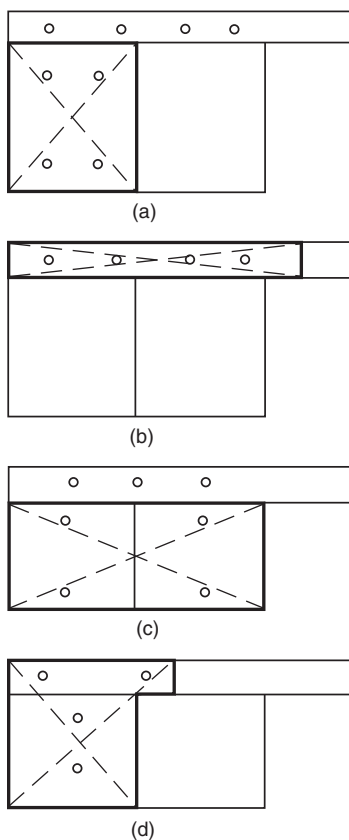


FIGURE A.19.4.1.1(a) Examples of Design Area for Dwelling Units.

Table A.20.3 General Guide to Identifying the Commodity Class for Solid Combustibles

Characteristics of Unit Load			Commodity Class
Material Used to Construct Product	Packaging Material	Pallet Material	
Noncombustible Product			
Entirely noncombustible	None or single-layer corrugated cartons	None, metal, or wood	Class I
Entirely noncombustible	None or single-layer corrugated cartons	Plastic	Class I, II, or III; see 20.3.2
Entirely noncombustible	Multiple-layered corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	None, metal, or wood	Class II
Entirely noncombustible	Multiple-layered corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	Plastic	Class II, III, or IV; see 20.3.2
Entirely noncombustible	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with internal plastic packaging	None, metal, or wood	See Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Entirely noncombustible	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wooden boxes, with internal plastic packaging	Plastic	See 20.3.2 and Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Wood, Paper, Natural Fibers, or Group C Plastics			
Entirely wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible materials	None, corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	None, metal, or wood	Class III
Entirely wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with internal plastic packaging	None, metal, or wood	See Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Entirely wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible materials	None, corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	Plastic	Class III or IV or cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic; see 20.3.2
Entirely wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with internal plastic packaging	Plastic	See 20.3.2 and Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Group B Plastics			
Entirely Group B plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics materials	None, corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	None, metal, or wood	Class IV
Entirely Group B plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	Plastic	Class IV or cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic; see 20.3.2
Entirely Group B plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics materials	None	Plastic	Class IV or cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic; see 20.3.2
Entirely Group B plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with plastic internal packaging	None, metal, or wood	See Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Entirely Group B plastics, or a mix of these with noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, or Group C plastics materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with plastic internal packaging	Plastic	See 20.3.2 and Figure 20.4.3.3(a)

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Table A.20.3 *Continued*

Characteristics of Unit Load			Commodity Class
Material Used to Construct Product	Packaging Material	Pallet Material	
Group A Plastics			
Free-flowing Group A plastic materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, wood boxes, or bagged	None, metal, wood	Class IV
Free-flowing Group A plastic materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, wood boxes, or bagged	Plastic	Class IV or cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic; see 20.3.2
Entirely nonexpanded Group A plastic	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	None, metal, wood, or plastic	Cartoned nonexpanded Group A plastic
Entirely nonexpanded Group A plastic	None	None, metal, wood, or plastic	Exposed nonexpanded Group A plastic
Entirely nonexpanded Group A plastic	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with internal plastic packaging	None, metal, wood, or plastic	See Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Entirely expanded Group A plastic	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with or without internal plastic packaging	None, metal, wood, or plastic	Cartoned expanded Group A plastic
Entirely expanded Group A plastic	None	None, metal, wood, or plastic	Exposed expanded Group A plastic
Mix of Group A plastics, noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, Group B or C plastics materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes, with or without internal plastic packaging	None, metal, or wood	See Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Mix of Group A plastics, noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, Group B or C plastics materials	Corrugated cartons, wooden crates, or wood boxes	Plastic	See 20.3.2 and Figure 20.4.3.3(a)
Mix of Group A plastics, noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, Group B or C plastics materials	None	None, metal, or wood	See Figure 20.4.3.3(b)
Mix of Group A plastics, noncombustible, wood, paper, natural fibers, Group B or C plastics materials	None	Plastic	See 20.3.2 and Figure 20.4.3.3(b)

Note: This table provides guidance for the general characteristics to be considered in classifying a commodity. The additional commodity classification information included in this standard as well as any relevant test data that is available should be considered in identifying the appropriate classification.

Table A.20.4(a) includes lithium ion batteries. Lithium ion batteries have been a research project within the NFPA Research Foundation. As a result, the following reports have been published:

- (1) *Lithium Ion Batteries Hazard and Use Assessment*, published July 2011 and available at the NFPA Research Foundation web site.
- (2) *Flammability Characterization of Lithium-ion Batteries in Bulk Storage*, published March 2013 and available at www.fmglobal.com/researchreports.
- (3) *Lithium Ion Batteries Hazard and Use Assessment Phase IIB, Flammability Characterization of Li-ion Batteries for Storage Protection*, published April 2013 and available at the NFPA Research Foundation web site.
- (4) *Lithium Ion Batteries Hazard and Use Assessment — Phase III*, published November 2016 and available at the NFPA Research Foundation web site.

Table A.20.4(b) is an alphabetized list of commodities with corresponding classifications.

Table A.20.4.1, Table A.20.4.2, Table A.20.4.3, Table A.20.4.4, and Table A.20.4.5.1 provide examples of commodities within a specific class.

A.20.4.1 See Table A.20.4.1.

A.20.4.2 See Table A.20.4.2.

A.20.4.3 See Table A.20.4.3.

A.20.4.4 See Table A.20.4.4.

A.20.4.5 The categories listed in 20.4.5.1, 20.4.6, and 20.4.7 are based on unmodified plastic materials. The use of fire- or flame-retarding modifiers or the physical form of the material could change the classification.

Table A.20.4(a) Examples of Commodities Not Addressed by Classifications in Section 20.4

Ammunition Components
- Bulk primers and powder
Batteries
- Lithium and other similar exotic metals
- Lithium-ion and other rechargeable batteries that contain combustible electrolyte
Boat Storage
- Stored on racks
Boxes, Crates
- Empty, wood slatted*
Carpet Rolls
Combustible Metals — unless specifically identified otherwise
Compressed or Liquefied Flammable Gases (i.e., filled propane cylinders) — unless specifically identified otherwise
Explosives
- Blasting primers and similar items
Fertilizers (nitrates)
Fireworks
- Consumer and display
Flammable and Combustible Liquids — unless specifically identified otherwise
- Liquids that contain greater than 20 percent alcohol
Hanging Garments, Bulk Storage
Lighters (butane)
- Loose in large containers (Level 3 aerosol)
Storage Container
- Large container storage of household goods

*Should be treated as idle pallets.

The addition of fire retardants to plastic should not be relied upon as the sole basis for a reduction in classification given the unknown performance of the fire retardant under a storage scenario. It is expected that full-scale or commodity classification type testing would be necessary to justify any such reduction in classification. No reduction in classification should be given for plastics simply because they contain a fire retardant.

Plastic materials not specifically classified in 20.4.5 should be protected as Group A plastics unless full-scale or commodity classification type testing demonstrates otherwise. It is not possible to classify full-scale fire performance of plastics by looking solely at heat of combustion. Plastic materials should not be categorized into a Group (A, B, or C) based upon comparing heat of combustion with values for plastics already classified in NFPA 13.

A.20.4.5.1 See Table A.20.4.5.1.

A.20.4.5.2 Generally, expanded plastics are low-density materials and commonly referred to as “foam plastics.”

A.20.4.8 All arrangements of exposed plastics cannot be protected with all types of sprinklers. Only certain combinations of ceiling sprinklers and in-rack sprinklers have been found to provide acceptable protection. No full-scale fire testing has been performed that has determined acceptable criteria for exposed expanded plastics. Factory Mutual has published criteria in its data sheets to protect exposed expanded plastics based on a risk analysis and small/intermediate-

scale test data. Some authorities having jurisdiction accept that criteria as an alternative to the intent of NFPA 13.

A.20.4.10 Paper Classification. These classifications were derived from a series of large-scale and laboratory-type small-scale fire tests. It is recognized that not all paper in a class burns with exactly the same characteristics.

Paper can be soft or hard, thick or thin, or heavy or light and can also be coated with various materials. The broad range of papers can be classified according to various properties. One important property is basis weight, which is defined as the weight of a sheet of paper of a specified area. Two broad categories are recognized by industry — paper and paperboard. Paperboard normally has a basis weight of 20 lb (9.1 kg) or greater measured on a 1000 ft² (93 m²) sheet. Stock with a basis weight less than 20 lb/1000 ft² (0.1 kg/m²) is normally categorized as paper. The basis weight of paper is usually measured on a 3000 ft² (280 m²) sheet. The basis weight of paper can also be measured on the total area of a ream of paper, which is normally the case for the following types of printing and writing papers:

- (1) *Bond paper* — 500 sheets, 17 in. × 22 in. (425 mm × 550 mm) = 1300 ft² (120 m²) per ream
- (2) *Book paper* — 500 sheets, 25 in. × 38 in. (625 mm × 950 mm) = 3300 ft² (305 m²) per ream
- (3) *Index paper* — 500 sheets, 25½ in. × 30½ in. (640 mm × 765 mm) = 2700 ft² (250 m²) per ream
- (4) *Bristol paper* — 500 sheets, 22½ in. × 35 in. (565 mm × 890 mm) = 2734 ft² (255 m²) per ream
- (5) *Tag paper* — 500 sheets, 24 in. × 36 in. (600 mm × 900 mm) = 3000 ft² (280 m²) per ream

For the purposes of this standard, all basis weights are expressed in lb/1000 ft² (kg/93 m²) of paper. To determine the basis weight per 1000 ft² (93 m²) for papers measured on a sheet of different area, the following formula should be applied:

[A.20.4.10a]

$$\frac{\text{Basis weight}}{1000 \text{ ft}^2} = \text{basis weight} \times 1000 \text{ measured area}$$

Example: To determine the basis weight per 1000 ft² (93 m²) of 16 lb (7.3 kg) bond paper:

[A.20.4.10b]

$$\left(\frac{16 \text{ lb}}{1300 \text{ ft}^2} \right) 1000 = \frac{12.3 \text{ lb}}{1000 \text{ ft}^2}$$

Large- and small-scale fire tests indicate that the burning rate of paper varies with the basis weight. Heavyweight paper burns more slowly than lightweight paper. Full-scale roll paper fire tests were conducted with the following types of paper:

- (1) *Linerboard* — 42 lb/1000 ft² (0.2 kg/m²) nominal basis weight
- (2) *Newsprint* — 10 lb/1000 ft² (0.05 kg/m²) nominal basis weight
- (3) *Tissue* — 5 lb/1000 ft² (0.02 kg/m²) nominal basis weight

Table A.20.4(b) Alphabetical Listing of Commodity Classes

Product Heading	Product	NFPA 13
Batteries	Dry cells (excludes lithium, lithium-ion, and other similar exotic metals or combustible electrolyte); without blister packing (if blister packed refer to commodity classification definitions)	Class I
	Vehicle; any size (e.g., automobile or truck); empty plastic casing	Group A Nonexpanded
	Vehicle; large (e.g., truck or larger); dry or wet (excludes lithium-ion and other cells containing combustible electrolyte) cells	Group A Nonexpanded
	Vehicle; small (e.g., automobile); wet (excludes lithium-ion and other cells containing combustible electrolyte) cells	Class I
Empty Containers	Noncombustible	Class I
	PET, bottles or jars	Class IV
	Rigid plastic (not including PET), up to 32 oz. (1 L)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Rigid plastic (not including PET), greater than 32 oz. (1 L)	Group A Expanded
	Wood; solid sided (e.g., crates, boxes)	Class II
Film Rolls, Including Photographic	Film (polypropylene, polyester, polyethylene); rolled on any reel type	Group A Nonexpanded
	Film; 35 mm metal film cartridges in polyethylene cans; cartoned	Class III
	Film; motion picture or bulk rolls in polycarbonate, polyethylene or in metal cans; polyethylene bagged; cartoned	Class II
	Film; rolls in polycarbonate plastic cassettes; cartoned	Class IV
	Photographic paper; sheets; bagged in polyethylene; cartoned	Class III
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	Aerosol; Level 1	Class III
	Lighters; butane; blister-packed; cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); greater than 5 gal (20 L) plastic containers with wall thickness greater than ¼ in. (6 mm)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); metal, glass or ceramic containers	Class I
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); plastic containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) and wall thickness up to ¼ in. (6 mm)	Class II
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); up to 5 gal (20 L) plastic bottles or jars	Class I
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); wood containers	Class II
Food Products — Frozen	Frozen foods; nonwaxed or nonplastic packaging	Class I
	Frozen foods; plastic trays	Class III
	Frozen foods; waxed or plastic-coated paper packaging	Class II
Food Products — Non-Frozen	Butter (stick or whipped spread) or margarine (up to 50 percent oil)	Class III
	Dry foods (such as baked goods, candy, cereals, cheese, chocolate, cocoa, coffee, grains, granular sugar, nuts, etc.); bagged or cartoned	Class III
	Foods (e.g., coffee, fish products, fruit, meat products, nuts, poultry, etc.); metal cans	Class I
	Fruits and vegetables (noncombustible semi-liquids); crushed; plastic containers up to 5 gal (20 L)	Class I
	Fruits and vegetables; fresh; wood spacers, non-plastic trays or containers	Class I
	Margarine; over 50 and up to 80 percent oil	Group A Nonexpanded
	Meat; fresh; no plastic packaging; exposed	Class I
	Meat; fresh; no plastic packaging; cartoned	Class II

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Table A.20.4(b) *Continued*

Product Heading	Product	NFPA 13
	Meat; fresh; plastic trays	Class III
	Milk; any container; stored in solid plastic crates	Group A Nonexpanded
	Milk; paper containers, or plastic bottles or jars up to 5 gal (20 L) plastic bottles or jars	Class I
	Salt; bagged	Class I
	Salt; cartoned	Class II
	Snack foods (e.g., potato chips); plasticized aluminum bags; cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Syrup; wooden container	Class II
Furniture and Bedding	Furniture and bedding; with foam cushioning	Group A Expanded
	Furniture; metal (e.g., file cabinets or desks with plastic trim); cartoned	Class I
	Furniture; wood (e.g., doors, windows, cabinets, etc.); no plastic coverings or foam cushioning	Class III
	Furniture; wood; plastic coverings nonexpanded plastic trim	Class IV
	Box spring; standard (minimal plastic materials)	Class III
	Box spring; wrapped in plastic cover	Class IV
	Mattress; foam (in finished form)	Group A Expanded
Housing Materials/ Appliances	Appliances; major (e.g., stoves, refrigerators); no appreciable plastic interior or exterior trim; cartoned	Class II
	Appliances; major (e.g., stoves, refrigerators); no appreciable plastic interior or exterior trim; exposed	Class I
	Appliances; no appreciable plastic exterior trim (interior of unit can have appreciable plastic)	Class III
	Carpet tiles; cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Fiberglass insulation; paper-backed rolls; bagged or unbagged	Class IV
	Floor coverings; vinyl, stacked tiles	Class IV
	Floor coverings; vinyl; rolled	Group A Nonexpanded
	Gypsum board	Class I
	Housing materials (such as sinks, countertops, etc.); noncombustible, cartoned or crated	Class II
	Paint; oil-based; friction-top metal containers; cartoned	Class IV
	Paint; water-based (latex); friction-top metal containers; cartoned	Class I
	Roofing shingles; asphalt-coated fiberglass	Class III
	Roofing shingles; asphalt-impregnated felt	Class IV
Miscellaneous	Ammunition; small arms and shotgun; cartoned	Class IV
	Charcoal; mineral spirit impregnated; bagged	Group A Expanded
	Charcoal; standard (non-mineral spirit impregnated); bagged	Class III
	Leather hides; baled	Class II
	Leather; finished products (e.g., shoes, jackets, gloves, bags, luggage, belts)	Class III
	Motors; electric	Class I
	Shock absorbers; metal dust cover	Class II
	Shock absorbers; plastic dust cover	Class III
	Skis; composite materials (plastic, fiberglass, foam, etc.)	Class IV
	Tobacco products; cartoned	Class III
	Toys; stuffed; foam or synthetic	Group A Expanded
	Transformer; dry or empty (i.e., void of oil)-filled	Class I

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Product Heading	Product	NFPA 13
Noncombustible Liquids	Liquids or semi-liquids; PET containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) having a nominal wall thickness greater than 0.25 in. (6 mm)	Class IV
	Liquids or semi-liquids; PET containers up to 5 gal (20 L) or greater than 5 gal (20 L) having a nominal wall thickness up to 0.25 in. (6 mm)	Class I
	Liquids or semi-liquids (e.g., crushed fruits and vegetables); plastic containers up to 5 gal (18.9 L) capacity	Class I
	Liquids or semi-liquids; plastic (except PET) containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) capacity having a nominal wall thickness greater than 0.25 in. (6 mm)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Liquids or semi-liquids; plastic (except PET) containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) capacity having a nominal wall thickness up to 0.25 in. (6 mm)	Class II
	Liquids; cardboard drink boxes, plastic-coated, wax-coated, and/or aluminum-lined; exposed or on corrugated carton trays with plastic sheeting.	Class I
	Liquids; cardboard drink boxes, plastic-coated, wax-coated, and/or aluminum-lined; stored in plastic containers	Group A Nonexpanded
	Liquids; glass bottles or jars; cartoned	Class I
	Liquids; pharmaceuticals (nonflammable); glass bottles or jars; cartoned	Class II
	Liquids; plastic bottles or jars; stored in open or solid plastic crates	Group A Nonexpanded
Paper Products	Book signatures (paper part of book without hard cover)	Class II
	Cartons (i.e., cardboard flats); corrugated; partially assembled	Class IV
	Cartons (i.e., cardboard flats); corrugated; unassembled in neat piles	Class III
	Cartons; wax-coated, single-walled corrugated	Group A Nonexpanded
	Cellulosic paper products; nonwax-coated (e.g., books, cardboard games, cartoned tissue products, magazines, newspapers, paper cups, paper plates, paper towels, plastic-coated paper food containers, stationery)	Class III
	Cellulosic paper products; wax-coated (e.g., paper plates, cups); loosely packed; cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Cellulosic paper products; wax-coated (e.g., paper plates, cups.); nested; cartoned	Class IV
	Matches; paper-type; cartoned	Class IV
	Matches; wooden; cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Rolled; lightweight; in storage racks	Class IV
	Rolled; medium or heavyweight; in storage racks or on-side	Class III
	Tissue products; plastic-wrapped; cartoned	Class III
	Tissue products; plastic-wrapped; exposed	Group A Nonexpanded
Plastic/Rubber	ABS (Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Acetal (polyformaldehyde)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Acrylic (polymethyl methacrylate)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Automobile bumpers and dashboards	Group A Expanded
	Butyl rubber	Group A Nonexpanded
	Cellulose Acetate	Class IV
	Cellulose Acetate Butyrate	Group A Nonexpanded
	Chloroprene rubber	Class IV
	Containers; nonexpanded plastic gridded or solid; collapsed or nested with no air spaces	Group A Nonexpanded
	ECTFE (ethylene-chlorotrifluoro-ethylene copolymer)	Class IV
	EPDM (ethylene-propylene rubber)	Group A Nonexpanded
	ETFE (ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer)	Class IV
	Ethyl Cellulose	Group A Nonexpanded

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Table A.20.4(b) *Continued*

Product Heading	Product	NFPA 13
	FEP (fluorinated ethylene-propylene copolymer)	Class IV
	FRP (fiberglass-reinforced polyester)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Melamine (melamine formaldehyde)	Class III
	Nitrile Rubber (acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Nylon (nylon 6, nylon 6/6)	Group A Nonexpanded
	PCTFE (polychlorotrifluoroethylene)	Class III
	PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate — thermoplastic polyester)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Phenolic	Class III
	Plastics; stored in fully closed and solid (no openings), metal containers	Class I
	Polybutadiene	Group A Nonexpanded
	Polycarbonate	Group A Nonexpanded
	Polyester elastomer	Group A Nonexpanded
	Polyethylene	Group A Nonexpanded
	Polypropylene	Group A Nonexpanded
	Polystyrene; foam products (plates, cups, etc.)	Group A Expanded
	Polystyrene; rigid products	Group A Nonexpanded
	Polyurethane	Group A Expanded
	PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene)	Class III
	PVC (polyvinyl chloride) products, up to 20 percent plasticizer	Class III
	PVC (polyvinyl chloride) products, greater than 20 percent plasticizer	Group A Nonexpanded
	PVC resins; bagged	Class III
	PVDC (polyvinylidene chloride)	Class III
	PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride)	Class III
	PVF (polyvinyl fluoride)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Rubber; natural in blocks; cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Rubber; natural; expanded	Group A Expanded
	Rubber; natural; nonexpanded	Group A Nonexpanded
	Rubber; synthetic (santoprene)	Group A Nonexpanded
	SAN (styrene acrylonitrile)	Group A Nonexpanded
	SBR (styrene-butadiene rubber)	Group A Nonexpanded
	Silicone rubber	Class IV
	Urea (urea formaldehyde)	Class III
Plastic Containers	Bottles or jars (except PET) greater than 1 gal (4 L) containing noncombustible solids	Group A Nonexpanded
	Bottles or jars (except PET) up to 1 gal (4 L) containing noncombustible solids	Group A, cartoned (treat as cartoned even if exposed) Nonexpanded
Powders/Pills	Pharmaceutical pills; glass bottles or jars; cartoned	Class II
	Pharmaceuticals pills; plastic bottles or jars; cartoned	Class IV
	Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) resins; bagged	Class IV
	Powders; combustible (ordinary such as sugar or flour); free-flowing; bagged	Class II
	Powders; noncombustible free-flowing powdered or granular materials (cement, calcium chloride, clay, iron oxide, sodium chloride, sodium silicate, etc.)	Class I

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Table A.20.4(b) *Continued*

Product Heading	Product	NFPA 13
	Powders; noncombustible; glass bottles or jars; cartoned	Class I
	Powders; noncombustible; PET bottles or jars	Class II
	Powders; noncombustible; plastic (other than PET) bottles or jars; exposed	Group A Nonexpanded
	Powders; noncombustible; plastic bottles or jars greater than 1 gal (4 L) capacity	Group A Nonexpanded
	Powders; noncombustible; plastic bottles or jars up to 1 gal (4 L) capacity; cartoned	Class IV
Textile Materials/Products	Cloth; natural fibers; baled	Class III
	Cloth; synthetic cloth	Group A Nonexpanded
	Clothing; natural fibers (e.g., wool, cotton) and viscose	Class III
	Cotton; cartoned	Class III
	Diapers; cotton or linen	Class III
	Diapers; plastic or nonwoven fabric; cartoned	Class IV
	Diapers; plastic or nonwoven fabric; plastic-wrapped; exposed	Group A Nonexpanded
	Fabric; rayon and nylon	Group A Nonexpanded
	Fabric; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); greater than 50/50 blend	Group A Nonexpanded
	Fabric; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); up to 50/50 blend	Group A Nonexpanded
	Fabric; vinyl-coated (e.g., tablecloth); cartoned	Group A Nonexpanded
	Fibers; rayon and nylon; baled	Class IV
	Fibers; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); baled	Group A Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; rayon and nylon; wood or paper spools	Class IV
	Thread or yarn; rayon or nylon; plastic spools	Group A Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); greater than 50/50 blend; paper or wood spools	Group A Nonexpanded Plastic
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); greater than 50/50 blend; plastic spools	Group A Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); up to 50/50 blend; plastic spools	Group A Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); up to 50/50 blend; wood or paper spools	Group A Nonexpanded Plastic
Wax Products	Candles	Group A Expanded
	Paraffin or petroleum wax; blocks	Group A Expanded
Wire/Cable/Spools	Spools; plastic; empty	Group A Nonexpanded
	Spools; wood; empty	Class III
	Wire or cable; PVC insulated; metal or wood spools	Class II
	Wire or cable; PVC insulated; plastic spools	Class IV
	Wire; bare; metal spools, exposed	Class I
	Wire; bare; metal spools; cartoned	Class II
	Wire; bare; plastic spools; cartoned	Class IV
	Wire; bare; plastic spools; exposed	Group A Nonexpanded
	Wire; bare; wood or cardboard spools	Class II
Wood Products	Wood patterns	Class IV
	Wood products (e.g., fiberboard, lumber, particle board, plywood, pressboard with smooth ends and edges); bundled solid blocks	Class II
	Wood products (e.g., fiberboard, lumber, particle board, plywood, pressboard with smooth ends and edges); unbundled or non-solid blocks	Class III
	Wood products (e.g., toothpicks, clothespins and hangers)	Class III

Table A.20.4.1 Examples of Class I Commodities

Product Heading	Product
Batteries	Dry cells (excludes lithium, lithium-ion, and other similar exotic metals or combustible electrolyte); without blister packing (if blister packed refer to commodity classification definitions)
	Vehicle; small (e.g., automobile); wet (excludes lithium-ion and other cells containing combustible electrolyte) cells
Empty Containers	Noncombustible
Flammable/ Combustible Liquids	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); metal, glass or ceramic containers
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); up to 5 gal (20 L) plastic bottles or jars
Food Products — Frozen	Frozen foods; nonwaxed or nonplastic packaging
Food Products — Non-Frozen	Foods (coffee, fish products, fruit, meat products, nuts, poultry, etc.); metal cans
	Fruits and vegetables (noncombustible semi-liquids); crushed; plastic containers up to 5 gal (20 L)
	Fruits and vegetables; fresh; wood spacers, non-plastic trays or containers
	Meat; fresh; no plastic packaging; exposed
	Milk; paper containers, or plastic bottles or jars up to 5 gal (20 L) plastic bottles or jars
	Salt; bagged
Furniture and Bedding	Furniture; metal (e.g., file cabinets or desks with plastic trim); cartoned
Housing Materials/ Appliances	Appliances; major (e.g., stoves, refrigerators); no appreciable plastic interior or exterior trim; cartoned
	Gypsum board
	Paint; water-based (latex); friction-top metal containers; cartoned
Miscellaneous	Motors; electric
	Transformer; dry or empty (i.e., void of oil)
Noncombustible Liquids	Liquids or semi liquids; PET containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) having a nominal wall thickness greater than 0.25 in. (6 mm)
	Liquids or semi-liquids (e.g., crushed fruits and vegetables); plastic containers up to 5 gal (20 L) capacity
	Liquids; cardboard drink boxes, plastic-coated, wax-coated, and/or aluminum-lined; exposed or on corrugated carton trays with plastic sheeting
	Liquids; glass bottles or jars; cartoned

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Product Heading	Product
Plastic/Rubber	Plastics; stored in fully closed and solid (no openings), metal containers
Powders/Pills	Powders; noncombustible free-flowing powdered or granular materials (cement, calcium chloride, clay, iron oxide, sodium chloride, sodium silicate, etc.); bagged
	Powders; noncombustible; glass bottles or jars; cartoned
Wire/Cable/ Spools	Wire; bare; metal spools, exposed

The rate of firespread over the surface of the tissue rolls was extremely rapid in the full-scale fire tests. The rate of firespread over the surface of the linerboard rolls was slower. Based on the overall results of these full-scale tests, along with additional data from small-scale testing of various paper grades, the broad range of papers has been classified into three major categories as follows:

- (1) *Heavyweight* — Basis weight of 20 lb/1000 ft² (0.098/m²) or greater
- (2) *Mediumweight* — Basis weight of 10 lb to 20 lb/1000 ft² (0.098 kg/m²)
- (3) *Lightweight* — Basis weight of less than 10 lb/1000 ft² (0.05 kg/m²) and tissues regardless of basis weight

The following SI units were used for conversion of U.S. customary units:

1 lb = 0.45 kg

1 in. = 25 mm

1 ft = 0.3 m

1 ft² = 0.09 m²

The various types of papers normally found in each of the four major categories are provided in Table A.20.4.10.

A.20.4.11 Exposed, expanded Group A plastic dunnage, instrument panels, and plastic bumper facia were the automotive components with their related packaging that were utilized in the fire tests. This test commodity used in the large-scale sprinklered fire test proved to be the worst challenge per the large-scale calorimeter tests of available components. See *Technical Report of Fire Testing of Automotive Parts in Portable Storage Racking*, prepared by Underwriters Laboratories, Project 99NK29106, NC4004, January 5, 2001, and *Commodity Hazard Comparison of Expanded Plastic in Portable Bins and Racking*, Project 99NK29106, NC4004, September 8, 2000.

A.20.5.3 Many factors affect the protection of rack storage. Section 20.5.3 defined the variables that limit or change the available protection criteria found in Chapters 21 through 25. Paragraphs 20.5.3.1 through 20.5.3.3 identify the general terms of rack storage that identify which type of rack and shelving criteria is to be used in Chapters 21 through 25.

A.20.5.5.1 These special designs are based on fire heat release calorimeter tests and 11 full-scale tests conducted by the Retail Fire Research Coalition at Underwriters Laboratories in 2000 and 2007. [See Figure A.20.5.5.1(a) through Figure A.20.5.5.1(f).]

Table A.20.4.2 Examples of Class II Commodities

Product Heading	Product
Empty Containers	Wood; solid sided (e.g., crates, boxes)
Film Rolls, Including Photographic	Film; motion picture or bulk rolls in polycarbonate, polyethylene or in metal cans; polyethylene bagged; cartoned
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); plastic containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) and wall thickness up to ¼ in. (6 mm)
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g., alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); wood containers
Food Products — Frozen	Frozen foods; waxed or plastic-coated paper packaging
Food Products — Non-Frozen	Meat; fresh; no plastic packaging; cartoned
	Salt; cartoned
	Syrup; wooden container
Housing Materials/ Appliances	Appliances; major (e.g., stoves, refrigerators); no appreciable plastic interior or exterior trim; cartoned
	Housing materials (such as sinks, countertops, etc.); noncombustible, cartoned or crated
Miscellaneous	Leather hides; baled
	Shock absorbers; metal dust cover
Noncombustible Liquids	Liquids or semi-liquids; plastic (except PET) containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) capacity having a nominal wall thickness up to 0.25 in. (6 mm)
	Liquids; pharmaceuticals (nonflammable); glass bottles or jars; cartoned
Paper Products	Book signatures (paper part of book without hard cover)
Powders/Pills	Pharmaceutical pills; glass bottles or jars; cartoned
	Powders; combustible (ordinary such as sugar or flour); free-flowing; bagged
	Powders; noncombustible; PET bottles or jars
Wire/Cable/Spools	Wire or cable; PVC insulated; metal or wood spools
	Wire; bare; metal spools; cartoned
	Wire; bare; wood or cardboard spools
Wood Products	Wood products (e.g., fiberboard, lumber, particle board, plywood, pressboard with smooth ends and edges); bundled solid blocks

Table A.20.4.3 Examples of Class III Commodities

Product Heading	Product
Film Rolls, Including Photographic	Film; 35 mm metal film cartridges in polyethylene cans; cartoned
	Photographic paper; sheets; bagged in polyethylene; cartoned
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	Aerosol; Level 1
Food Products — Frozen	Frozen foods; plastic trays
Food Products — Non-Frozen	Butter (stick or whipped spread) or margarine (up to 50 percent oil)
	Dry foods (such as baked goods, candy, cereals, cheese, chocolate, cocoa, coffee, grains, granular sugar, nuts, etc.); bagged or cartoned
	Meat; fresh; plastic trays
Furniture and Bedding	Furniture; wood (doors, windows, cabinets, etc.); no plastic coverings or foam cushioning
	Box spring; standard (minimal plastic materials)
Housing Materials/ Appliances	Appliances; no appreciable plastic exterior trim (interior of unit can have appreciable plastic)
	Roofing shingles; asphalt-coated fiberglass
Miscellaneous	Charcoal; standard (non-mineral spirit impregnated); bagged
	Leather; finished products (e.g., shoes, jackets, gloves, bags, luggage, belts)
	Shock absorbers; plastic dust cover
	Tobacco products; cartoned
Paper Products	Cartons (i.e., cardboard flats); corrugated; unassembled in neat piles
	Cellulosic paper products; nonwax-coated (e.g., books, cardboard games, cartoned tissue products, magazines, newspapers, paper cups, paper plates, paper towels, plastic-coated paper food containers, stationery)
	Rolled; medium or heavyweight; in storage racks or on-side
Plastic/Rubber	Tissue products; plastic-wrapped; cartoned
	Melamine (melamine formaldehyde)
	PCTFE (polychlorotrifluoroethylene)
	Phenolic
	PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene)
	PVC (polyvinyl chloride) products, up to 20 percent plasticizer
	PVC resins; bagged
	PVDC (polyvinylidene chloride)
	PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride)
	Urea (urea formaldehyde)

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Product Heading	Product
Textile Materials/ Products	Cloth; natural fibers; baled
	Clothing; natural fibers (e.g., wool, cotton) and viscose
	Cotton; cartoned
	Diapers; cotton or linen
	Fabric; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); up to 50/50 blend
Wire/Cable/ Spools	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); up to 50/50 blend; wood or paper spools
	Spools; wood; empty
	Wood products (e.g., fiberboard, lumber, particle board, plywood, pressboard with smooth ends and edges); unbundled or non-solid blocks
	Wood products (e.g., toothpicks, clothespins and hangers)

A.20.6.2 The fire protection system design should consider the maximum storage height. For new sprinkler installations, maximum storage height is the usable height at which commodities can be stored above the floor while the minimum required unobstructed space below sprinklers is maintained. Where evaluating existing situations, maximum storage height is the maximum existing storage height if space between the sprinklers and storage is equal to or greater than that required.

Building heights where baled cotton is stored should allow for proper clearance between the pile height and sprinkler deflectors. Fire tests of high-piled storage have shown that sprinklers are generally more effective if located 1½ ft to 4½ ft (0.45 m to 1.4 m) above the storage height.

A.20.6.2.5 In the example shown in Figure A.20.6.2.5, the maximum ceiling height shown is 30 ft (9.1 m). Sprinkler protection under the highest part of the ceiling must be designed for that height to a point at least 15 ft (4.6 m) beyond where the ceiling height drops to 25 ft (7.6 m). Sprinkler protection beyond that point can be designed for a 25 ft (7.6 m) ceiling.

A.20.6.4.1 Batt insulation creates an effective thermal barrier and can be considered the ceiling/roof deck when determining the clearance to ceiling. The insulation needs to be installed in each pocket (not just above the sprinkler) and attached to the ceiling/roof in such a manner that it will not fall out during a fire prior to sprinkler activation.

A.20.6.5.1 Sprinkler protection criteria are based on the assumption that roof vents and draft curtains are not being used. (See Section C.6.)

A.20.6.5.3 Draft curtains have been shown to have a negative effect on sprinkler effectiveness. If they are mandated, extreme care needs to be taken to minimize any potential impacts.

Table A.20.4.4 Examples of Class IV Commodities

Product Heading	Product
Empty Containers	PET, bottles or jars
Film Rolls, Including Photographic	Film; rolls in polycarbonate plastic cassettes; cartoned
Furniture and Bedding	Furniture; wood; plastic coverings nonexpanded plastic trim
	Box spring; wrapped in plastic cover
Housing Materials/ Appliances	Fiberglass insulation; paper-backed rolls; bagged or unbagged
	Floor coverings; vinyl, stacked tiles
	Paint; oil-based; friction-top metal containers; cartoned
	Roofing shingles; asphalt-impregnated felt
Miscellaneous	Ammunition; small arms and shotgun; cartoned
	Skis; composite materials (plastic, fiberglass, foam, etc.)
Noncombustible Liquids	Liquids or semi-liquids; PET containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) having a nominal wall thickness greater than 0.25 in. (6 mm)
Paper Products	Cartons (i.e., cardboard flats); corrugated; partially assembled
	Cellulosic paper products; wax-coated (paper plates, cups, etc.); nested; cartoned
	Matches; paper-type; cartoned
	Rolled; lightweight; in storage racks
Plastic/Rubber	Cellulose Acetate
	Chloroprene rubber
	ECTFE (ethylene-chlorotrifluoro-ethylene copolymer)
	ETFE (ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer)
	FEP (fluorinated ethylene-propylene copolymer)
Powders/Pills	Silicone rubber
	Pharmaceuticals pills; plastic bottles or jars; cartoned
	Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) resins; bagged
	Powders; noncombustible; plastic bottles or jars up to 1 gal (4 L) capacity; cartoned
Textile Materials/ Products	Cloth; synthetic cloth
	Diapers; plastic or nonwoven fabric; cartoned
	Fabric; rayon and nylon
	Fibers; rayon and nylon; baled
	Thread or yarn; rayon and nylon; wood or paper spools
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); greater than 50/50 blend; paper or wood spools

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Product Heading	Product
Wire/Cable/ Spools	Wire or cable; PVC insulated; plastic spools
	Wire; bare; plastic spools; cartoned
Wood Products	Wood patterns

A.20.6.7 A series of 10 full-scale fire tests and limited-scale testing were conducted to determine the impact of HVLS fan operation on the performance of sprinkler systems. The project, sponsored by the Property Insurance Research Group (PIRG) and other industry groups, was coordinated by the Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF). The complete test report, *High Volume/Low Speed Fan and Sprinkler Operation — Ph. 2 Final Report (2011)*, is available from the FPRF. Both control mode density area and early suppression fast response sprinklers were tested. Successful results were obtained when the HVLS fan was shut down upon the activation of the first sprinkler followed by a 90-second delay. Other methods of fan shutdown were also tested including shutdown by activation of air sampling-type detection and ionization-type smoke detectors. Earlier fan shutdown resulted in less commodity damage.

A.20.7.1 In order for the minimum 3000 ft² (280 m²) requirement for the size of the remote area to not be extended to the adjacent area, the qualifying concealed space must be separated by the entire fire-rated assembly. Such assemblies often have combustible structural members separating the exterior membranes that can create a concealed combustible space that can qualify for omitting sprinkler protection. If the fire-rated assembly is the qualifying concealed space, an interior fire would greatly reduce the assigned fire-rated duration.

A.20.8.1 This subsection allows for calculation of the sprinklers in the largest room, so long as the calculation produces the greatest hydraulic demand among selection of rooms and communicating spaces. For example, in a case where the largest room has four sprinklers and a smaller room has two sprinklers but communicates through unprotected openings with three other rooms, each having two sprinklers, the smaller room and group of communicating spaces should also be calculated.

Corridors are rooms and should be considered as such.

Walls can terminate at a substantial suspended ceiling and need not be extended to a rated floor slab above for this section to be applied.

A.20.9 Detection systems, concentrate pumps, generators, and other system components that are essential to the operation of the system should have an approved standby power source.

Where high-expansion foam is contemplated as the protection media, consideration should be given to possible damage to the commodity from soaking and corrosion. Consideration also should be given to the problems associated with the removal of the foam after discharge.

A.20.10 The situation frequently arises where a small area of a higher hazard is surrounded by a lesser hazard. For example, consider a 600 ft² (56 m²) area consisting of 10 ft (3 m) high on-floor storage of cartoned nonexpanded plastic commodities surrounded by a plastic extruding operation in a 15 ft (4.6 m)

high building. In accordance with Chapter 12, the density required for the plastic storage must meet the requirements for extra hazard (Group 1) occupancies. The plastic extruding operation should be considered an ordinary hazard (Group 2) occupancy. In accordance with Chapter 11, the corresponding discharge densities should be 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) over 2500 ft² (230 m²) for the storage and 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) over 1500 ft² (140 m²) for the remainder of the area. (Also see Chapter 11 for the required minimum areas of operation.)

If the storage area is not separated from the surrounding area by a wall or partition (see 19.2.2), the size of the operating area is determined by the higher hazard storage.

For example, the operating area is 2500 ft² (230 m²). The system must be able to provide the 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density over the storage area and 15 ft (4.6 m) beyond. If part of the remote area is outside the 600 ft² (56 m²) plus the 15 ft (4.6 m) overlap, only 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) is needed for that portion.

If the storage is separated from the surrounding area by a floor-to-ceiling/roof partition that is capable of delaying heat from a fire on one side from fusing sprinklers on the other side, the size of the operating area is determined by the occupancy of the surrounding area. In this example, the design area is 1500 ft² (140 m²). A 0.3 gpm/ft² (12.2 mm/min) density is needed within the separated area with 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) in the remainder of the remote area.

Where high temperature-rated sprinklers are installed at the ceiling, high temperature-rated sprinklers also should extend beyond storage in accordance with Table A.20.10.

When the small higher hazard area is larger than the required minimum area dictated by the surrounding occupancy, even when separated by draft curtains, barriers, or partitions capable of delaying heat, the size of the operating area is determined by the higher hazard storage.

A.20.10.2 Information for the protection of Classes I, II, III, and IV commodities was extrapolated from full-scale fire tests that were performed at different times than the tests that were used to develop the protection for plastic commodities. It is possible that, by selecting certain points from the tables (and after applying the appropriate modifications), the protection specified by 21.4.1.4 exceeds the requirements of Section 21.5. In such situations, the protection specified for plastics, although less than that required by the tables, can adequately protect Class I, II, III, and IV commodities.

This section also allows storage areas that are designed to protect plastics to store Class I, II, III, and IV commodities without a re-evaluation of fire protection systems.

A.20.10.4(3) When a light hazard occupancy, such as a school, contains separate ordinary hazard rooms no more than 400 ft² (37 m²), the hose stream allowance and water supply duration would be that required for a light hazard occupancy.

A.20.11 Authorities having jurisdiction have varying requirements for plant first-aid and fire-fighting operations. Examples include no hose stations, hose stations with hose line and nozzles, and hose stations with no hose line or nozzles.

Table A.20.4.5.1 Examples of Group A Plastic Commodities

Product Heading	Product	Expanded/ Nonexpanded
Batteries	Vehicle; any size (e.g., automobile or truck); empty plastic casing	Nonexpanded
	Vehicle; large (e.g. truck or larger); dry or wet (excludes lithium-ion and other cells containing combustible electrolyte) cells	Nonexpanded
Empty Containers	Rigid plastic (not including PET), up to 32 oz (1 L)	Nonexpanded
	Rigid plastic (not including PET), greater than 32 oz (1 L)	Expanded
Film Rolls, Including Photographic	Film (polypropylene, polyester, polyethylene); rolled on any reel type	Nonexpanded
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	Lighters; butane; blister-packed; cartoned	Nonexpanded
	Liquids; up to 20 percent alcohol (e.g. alcoholic beverages, flavoring extracts); greater than 5 gal (20 L) plastic containers with wall thickness greater than ¼ in. (6 mm)	Nonexpanded
Food Products — Non-Frozen	Margarine; over 50 and up to 80 percent oil	Nonexpanded
	Milk; any container; stored in solid plastic crates	Nonexpanded
	Snack foods (e.g., potato chips); plasticized aluminum bags; cartoned	Nonexpanded
Furniture and Bedding	Furniture and bedding; with foam cushioning	Expanded
	Mattress; foam (in finished form)	Expanded
Housing Materials/Appliances	Carpet tiles; cartoned	Nonexpanded
	Floor coverings; vinyl; rolled	Nonexpanded
Miscellaneous	Charcoal; mineral spirit impregnated; bagged	Expanded
	Toys; stuffed; foam or synthetic	Expanded
Noncombustible Liquids	Liquids or semi-liquids; plastic (except PET) containers greater than 5 gal (20 L) capacity having a nominal wall thickness greater than ¼ in. (6 mm)	Nonexpanded
	Liquids; cardboard drink boxes, plastic-coated, wax-coated, and/or aluminum-lined; stored in plastic containers	Nonexpanded
	Liquids; plastic bottles or jars; stored in open or solid plastic crates	Nonexpanded
Paper Products	Cartons; wax-coated, single-walled corrugated	Nonexpanded
	Cellulosic paper products; wax-coated (paper plates, cups, etc.); loosely packed; cartoned	Nonexpanded
	Matches; wooden; cartoned	Nonexpanded
	Tissue products; plastic-wrapped; exposed	Nonexpanded
Plastic/Rubber	ABS (Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer)	Nonexpanded
	Acetal (polyformaldehyde)	Nonexpanded
	Acrylic (polymethyl methacrylate)	Nonexpanded
	Automobile bumpers and dashboards	Expanded
	Butyl rubber	Nonexpanded
	Cellulose Acetate Butyrate	Nonexpanded
	Containers; nonexpanded plastic gridded or solid; collapsed or nested with no air spaces	Nonexpanded
	EPDM (ethylene-propylene rubber)	Nonexpanded
	Ethyl Cellulose	Nonexpanded
	FRP (fiberglass-reinforced polyester)	Nonexpanded

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Product Heading	Product	Expanded/ Nonexpanded
	Nitrile Rubber (acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber)	Nonexpanded
	Nylon (nylon 6, nylon 6/6)	Nonexpanded
	PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate - thermoplastic polyester)	Nonexpanded
	Polybutadiene	Nonexpanded
	Polycarbonate	Nonexpanded
	Polyester elastomer	Nonexpanded
	Polyethylene	Nonexpanded
	Polypropylene	Nonexpanded
	Polystyrene; foam products (e.g., plates, cups, etc.)	Expanded
	Polystyrene; rigid products	Nonexpanded
	Polyurethane	Expanded
	PVC (polyvinyl chloride) products, greater than 20 percent plasticizer	Nonexpanded
	PVF (polyvinyl fluoride)	Nonexpanded
	Rubber; natural in blocks; cartoned	Nonexpanded
	Rubber; natural; expanded	Expanded
	Rubber; natural; nonexpanded	Nonexpanded
	Rubber; synthetic (santoprene)	Nonexpanded
	SAN (styrene acrylonitrile)	Nonexpanded
	SBR (styrene-butadiene rubber)	Nonexpanded
Plastic Containers	Bottles or jars (except PET) greater than 1 gal (4 L) containing noncombustible solids	Nonexpanded
	Bottles or jars (except PET) up to 1 gal (4 L) containing noncombustible solids (Group A, cartoned (treat as cartoned even if exposed))	Nonexpanded
Powders/Pills	Powders; noncombustible; plastic (other than PET) bottles or jars; exposed	Nonexpanded
	Powders; noncombustible; plastic bottles or jars greater than 1 gal (4 L) capacity	Nonexpanded
Textile Materials/Products	Diapers; plastic or nonwoven fabric; plastic-wrapped; exposed	Nonexpanded
	Fabric; vinyl-coated (e.g., tablecloth); cartoned	Nonexpanded
	Fabric; synthetic (except rayon and nylon; greater than 50/50 blend	Nonexpanded
	Fibers; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); baled	Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; rayon or nylon; plastic spools	Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); greater than 50/50 blend; plastic spools	Nonexpanded
	Thread or yarn; synthetic (except rayon and nylon); up to 50/50 blend; plastic spools	Nonexpanded
Wax Products	Candles	Expanded
	Paraffin or petroleum wax; blocks	Expanded
Wire/Cable/Spools	Spools; plastic; empty	Nonexpanded
	Wire; bare; plastic spools; exposed	Nonexpanded