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Origin and Development of NFPA 24

In 1903, the NFPA Committee on Hose and Hydrants first presented *Specifications for Mill Yard Hose Houses*, taken substantially from a standard published by the Eastern Factory Insurance Association. This text was revised and adopted in 1904. The NFPA Committee on Field Practice amended the Specifications in 1926, published as NFPA 25.

In 1925, the Committee on Field Practice prepared a *Standard on Outside Protection, Private Underground Piping Systems Supplying Water for Fire Extinguishment*, which was adopted by NFPA. It was largely taken from the 1920 edition of the NFPA *Automatic Sprinkler Standard*, Section M on Underground Pipes and Fittings. In September 1931, a revision was made, with the resulting standard designated as NFPA 24. In the 1981 edition the title was changed from *Standard for Outside Protection* to *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*.

In 1953, on recommendation of the Committee on Standpipes and Outside Protection, the two standards (NFPA 24 and NFPA 25) were completely revised and adopted as NFPA 24. Amendments were made leading to separate editions in 1955, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1977, 1981, 1983, and 1987.

The 1992 edition included amendments to further delineate the point at which the water supply stops and the fixed fire protection system begins. Minor changes were made concerning special topics such as thrust restraint and equipment provisions in valve pits.

The 1995 edition clarified requirements for aboveground and buried piping. Revisions were made to provide additional information regarding listing requirements, signage, valves, valve supervision, hydrant outlets, system attachments, piping materials, and thrust blocks. User friendliness of the document was also addressed.

The 2002 edition represents a complete revision of NFPA 24. Changes include reorganization and editorial modifications to comply with the NFPA *Manual of Style*. Additionally, all of the underground piping requirements were relocated into a new Chapter 10.

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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex C.

Chapter 1 Administration

1.1 Scope.

1.1.1 This standard shall cover the minimum requirements for the installation of private fire service mains and their appurtenances supplying the following:

- (1) Automatic sprinkler systems
- (2) Open sprinkler systems
- (3) Water spray fixed systems
- (4) Foam systems
- (5) Private hydrants
- (6) Monitor nozzles or standpipe systems with reference to water supplies
- (7) Private hydrants
- (8) Hose houses

1.1.2 This standard shall apply to combined service mains used to carry water for fire service and other uses.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard shall be to provide a reasonable degree of protection for life and property from fire through installation requirements for private fire service main systems based on sound engineering principles, test data, and field experience.

1.3 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.

1.3.1 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.

1.3.2 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.

1.3.3 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.

1.4 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. Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency. The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.

1.5 Units.

1.5.1 Metric units of measurement in this standard shall be in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI). Liter and bar units are not part of, but are recognized by, SI and are commonly used in international fire protection. These units are shown in Table 1.5.1 with conversion factors.

Table 1.5.1 Conversion Table for SI Units

Name of Unit	Unit Symbol	Conversion Factor
Liter	L	1 gal = 3.785 L
Liter per minute per square meter	(L/min)/m ²	1 gpm/ft ² = (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 E 380-1989, *Standard for Metric Practice*.

1.5.2 If a value for measurement as given in this standard is followed by an equivalent value in other units, the first stated is to be regarded as the requirement. A given equivalent value might be approximate.

1.5.3 SI units have been converted by multiplying the quantity by the conversion factor and then rounding the result to the appropriate number of significant digits.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, 1999 edition.

NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*, 1998 edition.

NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*, 2002 edition.
 NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*, 1998 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 ANSI Publication. American National Standards Institute, Inc., 11 West 42nd Street, 13th floor, New York, NY 10036.

ANSI B16.1, *Standard for Cast-Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings for 25, 125, 250 and 800 lb*, 1975.

2.3.2 ASME Publications. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990.

ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*, 1983.

ASME B16.1, *Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*, 1989.

ASME B16.3, *Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 150 and 300*, 1992.

ASME B16.4, *Cast Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 125 and 250*, 1992.

ASME B16.5, *Steel Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*, 1996.

ASME B16.9, *Factory-Made Wrought Steel Butt-welded Fittings*, 1993.

ASME B16.11, *Forged Steel Fittings, Socket Welded and Threaded*, 1996.

ASME B16.18, *Cast Bronze Solder Joint Pressure Fittings*, 1984.

ASME B16.22, *Wrought Copper and Bronze Solder Joint Pressure Fittings*, 1995.

ASME B16.25, *Butt-welding Ends for Pipe, Valves, Flanges, and Fittings*, 1997.

2.3.3 ASTM Publications. American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM A 234, *Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures*, 1995.

ASTM B 75, *Specification for Seamless Copper Tube*, 1999.

ASTM B 88, *Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube*, 1999.

ASTM B 251, *Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube*, 1999.

ASTM E 380, *Standard for Metric Practice*, 1989.

ASTM F 437, *Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Specification for Schedule 80 CPVC Threaded Fittings*, 1995.

ASTM F 438, *Specification for Schedule 40 CPVC Socket-Type Fittings*, 1993.

ASTM F 439, *Specification for Schedule 80 CPVC Socket-Type Fittings*, 1993.

2.3.4 AWS Publication. American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126.

AWS B2.1, *Specification for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification*, 2000.

2.3.5 AWWA Publications. American Water Works Association, 6666 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235.

AWWA C104, *Cement Mortar Lining for Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings for Water*, 1990.

AWWA C105, *Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile Iron Pipe Systems*, 1993.

AWWA C110, *Ductile Iron and Gray Iron Fittings, 3-in. Through 48-in., for Water and Other Liquids*, 1993.

AWWA C111, *Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings*, 1990.

AWWA C115, *Flanged Ductile Iron Pipe with Ductile Iron or Gray Iron Threaded Flanges*, 1988.

AWWA C150, *Thickness Design of Ductile Iron Pipe*, 1991.

AWWA C151, *Ductile Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast for Water*, 1991.

AWWA C200, *Steel Water Pipe 6 in. and Larger*, 1991.

AWWA C203, *Coal-Tar Protective Coatings and Linings for Steel Water Pipelines Enamel and Tape — Hot Applied*, 1991.

AWWA C205, *Cement-Mortar Protective Lining and Coating for Steel Water Pipe 4 in. and Larger — Shop Applied*, 1989.

AWWA C206, *Field Welding of Steel Water Pipe*, 1991.

AWWA C207, *Steel Pipe Flanges for Waterworks Service — Sizes 4 in. Through 144 in.*, 1986.

AWWA C208, *Dimensions for Fabricated Steel Water Pipe Fittings*, 1983.

AWWA C300, *Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids*, 1989.

AWWA C301, *Prestressed Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids*, 1992.

AWWA C302, *Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Non-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids*, 1987.

AWWA C303, *Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, Pretensioned, for Water and Other Liquids*, 1987.

AWWA C400, *Standard for Asbestos-Cement Distribution Pipe, 4 in. Through 16 in., for Water and Other Liquids*, 1993.

AWWA C401, *Standard Practice for the Selection of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe*, 1993.

AWWA C600, *Standard for the Installation of Ductile Iron Water Mains and Their Appurtenances*, 1993.

AWWA C602, *Cement-Mortar Lining of Water Pipe Lines 4 in. and Larger — in Place*, 1989.

AWWA C603, *Standard for the Installation of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe*, 1990.

AWWA C900, *Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe, 4 in. Through 12 in., for Water and Other Liquids*, 1989.

AWWA M11, *A Guide for Steel Pipe Design and Installation*, 3rd edition, 1989.

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 included, common usage of the terms shall apply.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The organization, office, or individual responsible for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3 Labeled. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.

3.2.4* 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.

3.2.5 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

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

3.2.7 Standard. A document, the main text of which contains only mandatory provisions using the word “shall” to indicate requirements and which is in a form generally suitable for mandatory reference by another standard or code or for adoption into law. Nonmandatory provisions shall be located in an appendix or annex, footnote, or fine-print note and are not to be considered a part of the requirements of a standard.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1* 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. [13:3.8]

Chapter 4 General Requirements

4.1* Plans.

4.1.1 Working plans shall be submitted for approval to the authority having jurisdiction before any equipment is installed or remodeled.

4.1.2 Deviation from approved plans shall require permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

4.1.3 Working plans shall be drawn to an indicated scale on sheets of uniform size, with a plan of each floor, and shall include the following items that pertain to the design of the system:

- (1) Size and location of all water supplies
- (2) Size and location of standpipe risers, hose outlets, hand hose, monitor nozzles, and related equipment
- (3) The following items that pertain to private fire service mains:

- (a) Size
 - (b) Length
 - (c) Location
 - (d) Weight
 - (e) Material
 - (f) Point of connection to city main
 - (g) Sizes, types, and locations of valves, valve indicators, regulators, meters, and valve pits
 - (h) Depth at which the top of the pipe is laid below grade
- (4) The following items that pertain to hydrants:
- (a) Size and location, including size and number of outlets and whether outlets are to be equipped with independent gate valves.
 - (b) Whether hose houses and equipment are to be provided, and by whom
 - (c) Static and residual hydrants used in flow
- (5) Size, location, and piping arrangement of fire department connections

4.2 Installation Work.

4.2.1 Installation work shall be performed by fully experienced and responsible persons.

4.2.2 The authority having jurisdiction shall always be consulted before the installation or remodeling of private fire service mains.

Chapter 5 Water Supplies

5.1* Connection to Waterworks Systems.

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

5.1.2 The volume and pressure of a public water supply shall be determined from waterflow test data.

5.1.3 An adjustment to the waterflow test data to account for the following shall be made, as appropriate:

- (1) Daily and seasonal fluctuations
- (2) Possible interruption by flood or ice conditions
- (3) Large simultaneous industrial use
- (4) Future demand on the water supply system
- (5) Other conditions that could affect the water supply

5.2 Size of Fire Mains.

5.2.1 Private Fire Service Mains. Pipe smaller than 6 in. (152.4 mm) in diameter shall not be installed as a private service main supplying hydrants.

5.2.2 Mains Not Supplying Hydrants. For mains that do not supply hydrants, sizes smaller than 6 in. (152.4 mm) shall be permitted to be used subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The main shall supply only the following types of systems:
 - (a) Automatic sprinkler systems
 - (b) Open sprinkler systems
 - (c) Water spray fixed systems
 - (d) Foam systems
 - (e) Class II standpipe systems
- (2) Hydraulic calculations shall show that the main is able to supply the total demand at the appropriate pressure.
- (3) Systems that are not hydraulically calculated shall have a main at least as large as the riser.

5.3 Pressure-Regulating Devices and Meters.

5.3.1 No pressure-regulating valve shall be used in the water supply, except by special permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

5.3.2 Where meters are required by other authorities, they shall be listed.

5.4* Connection from Waterworks Systems.

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

5.4.2 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.

5.5 Connections to Public Water Systems. Connections to public water systems shall be controlled by post indicator valves of an approved type and installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.3.

5.6* Pumps. A single, automatically controlled fire pump installed in accordance with NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, shall be an acceptable water supply source.

5.7 Tanks. Tanks shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*.

5.8 Penstocks, Flumes, Rivers, Lakes, or Reservoirs. 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.

5.9* Fire Department Connections.

5.9.1 General. A fire department connection shall be provided as described in Section 5.9.

5.9.1.1 Fire department connections shall not be required where approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

5.9.1.2 Fire department connections shall be properly supported.

5.9.1.3 Fire department connections shall be of an approved type.

5.9.1.4 Fire department connections shall be equipped with listed plugs or caps that are secured and arranged for easy removal by fire departments.

5.9.2 Couplings.

5.9.2.1 The fire department connection(s) shall use an NH internal threaded swivel fitting(s) with an NH standard thread(s).

5.9.2.2 At least one of the connections shall be the 2.5-7.5 NH standard thread specified in NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*.

5.9.2.3 Where local fire department connections do not conform to NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*, the authority having jurisdiction shall designate the connection to be used.

5.9.2.4 The use of threadless couplings shall be permitted where required by the authority having jurisdiction and where listed for such use.

5.9.3 Valves.

5.9.3.1 A listed check valve shall be installed in each fire department connection.

5.9.3.2 No shutoff valve shall be permitted in the fire department connection piping.

5.9.4 Drainage.

5.9.4.1 The pipe between the check valve and the outside hose coupling shall be equipped with an approved automatic drip.

5.9.4.2 An automatic drip shall not be required in areas not subject to freezing.

5.9.5 Location and Signage.

5.9.5.1 Fire department connections shall be located on the street side of buildings.

5.9.5.2 Fire department connections shall be located and arranged so that hose lines can be readily and conveniently attached to the inlets without interference from any nearby objects, including buildings, fences, posts, or other fire department connections.

5.9.5.3 Each fire department connection to sprinkler systems shall be designated by a sign as follows:

- (1) The sign shall have raised or engraved letters at least 1 in. (25.4 mm) in height on a plate or fitting.
- (2) The sign shall indicate the service for which the connection is intended and shall read, for example, as follows:

AUTOSPKR
OPEN SPKR
AND STANDPIPE

5.9.5.4 A sign at inlets shall indicate the pressure required to deliver the greatest system demand.

5.9.5.5 The sign specified in 5.9.5.3 shall not be required where the system demand pressure is less than 150 psi (10.3 bar).

5.9.5.6 Where a fire department connection only supplies a portion(s) of the building, a sign shall be attached to indicate the portion(s) of the building supplied.

Chapter 6 Valves

6.1 Types of Valves.

6.1.1 All valves controlling connections to water supplies and to supply pipes to sprinklers shall be listed indicating valves.

6.1.2 Indicating valves shall not close in less than 5 seconds when operated at maximum possible speed from the fully open position.

6.1.3 A listed underground gate valve equipped with a listed indicator post shall be permitted.

6.1.4 A listed water control valve assembly with a reliable position indication connected to a remote supervisory station shall be permitted.

6.1.5 A nonindicating valve, such as an underground gate valve with approved roadway box, complete with T-wrench, and accepted by the authority having jurisdiction, shall be permitted.

6.2 Valves Controlling Water Supplies.

6.2.1 At least one listed indicating valve shall be installed in each source of water supply.

6.2.2 No shutoff valve shall be permitted in the fire department connection.

6.2.3 Where more than one source of water supply exists, a check valve shall be installed in each connection.

6.2.4 Where cushion tanks are used with automatic fire pumps, a check valve shall not be required in the cushion tank connection.

6.2.5* 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 6.2.3.

6.2.6 In the discharge pipe from a pressure tank or a gravity tank of less than 15,000 gal (56.78 m³) capacity, a control valve shall not be required to be installed on the tank side of the check valve.

6.2.7* The following requirements shall apply where a gravity tank is located on a tower in the yard:

- (1) The control valve on the tank side of the check valve shall be an outside screw and yoke or a listed indicating valve.
- (2) The other control valve shall be either an outside screw and yoke, a listed indicating valve, or a listed valve having a post-type indicator.

6.2.8* The following requirements shall apply where a gravity tank is located on a building:

- (1) Both control valves shall be outside screw and yoke or listed indicating valves.
- (2) All fittings inside the building, except the drain tee and heater connections, shall be under the control of a listed valve.

6.2.9 One of the following requirements shall be met where a pump is located in a combustible pump house or exposed to danger from fire or falling walls, or where a tank discharges into a private fire service main fed by another supply:

- (1)*The check valve in the connection shall be located in a pit.
- (2) The control valve shall be of the post indicator type and located a safe distance outside buildings.

6.2.10* All control valves shall be located where readily accessible and free of obstructions.

6.3 Post Indicator Valves.

6.3.1* General. Every connection from the private fire service main to a building shall be provided with a listed post indicator valve located to control all sources of water supply.

6.3.2 Alternate Provision for Post Indicator Valves. The authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to waive the requirement for the post indicator valves required in 6.3.1 where the provisions of Sections 6.1 and 6.4 are met.

6.3.3 Location.

6.3.3.1 Post indicator valves shall be located not less than 40 ft (12.2 m) from buildings.

6.3.3.2* Where post indicator valves cannot be located in accordance with 6.3.3.1, they shall be permitted to be located closer where approved by the authority having jurisdiction, or

wall post indicator valves shall be used, provided they are set in locations near 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.

6.3.4 Arrangement.

6.3.4.1 Post indicator valves shall be set so that the top of the post is 36 in. (0.9 m) above the final grade.

6.3.4.2 Post indicator valves shall be protected against mechanical damage where needed.

6.4 Valves in Pits.

6.4.1 Where it is impractical to provide a post indicator valve, valves shall be permitted to be placed in pits and shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

6.4.2 Valve pits located at or near the base of the riser of an elevated tank shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 9 of NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*.

6.4.3* Where used, valve pits shall be of adequate size and readily accessible for inspection, operation, testing, maintenance, and removal of equipment contained therein.

6.4.4 Valve pits shall be constructed and arranged to properly protect the installed equipment from movement of earth, freezing, and accumulation of water.

6.4.4.1 Depending on soil conditions and the size of the pit, valve pits shall be permitted to be constructed of any of the following materials:

- (1) Poured-in-place or precast concrete, with or without reinforcement
- (2) Brick
- (3) Other approved materials

6.4.4.2 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.

6.4.5 The location of the valve shall be marked, and the cover of the pit shall be kept free of obstructions.

6.5 Sectional Valves.

6.5.1 Large, private, fire service main systems shall have sectional controlling valves at appropriate points to permit sectionalizing the system in the event of a break or to make repairs or extensions.

6.5.2 A sectional valve shall be provided at the following locations:

- (1) On each bank where a main crosses water
- (2) Outside the building foundation(s) where a main or a section of a main runs under a building.

6.6 Identifying and Securing Valves.

6.6.1 Identification signs shall be provided at each valve to indicate its function and what it controls.

6.6.2* 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 causes the sounding of an audible signal at a constantly attended location

- (3) An approved procedure to ensure that valves are locked in the correct position
- (4) An approved procedure to ensure that valves are located within fenced enclosures under the control of the owner, sealed in the open position, and inspected weekly

6.6.3 Supervision of underground gate valves with roadway boxes shall not be required.

6.7 Check Valves. Check valves shall be installed in a vertical or horizontal position in accordance with their listing.

Chapter 7 Hydrants

7.1 General.

7.1.1 Hydrants shall be of approved type and have not less than a 6-in. (152-mm) diameter connection with the mains.

7.1.1.1 A valve shall be installed in the hydrant connection.

7.1.1.2 The number, size, and arrangement of outlets; the size of the main valve opening; and the size of the barrel shall be suitable for the protection to be provided and shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

7.1.1.3 Independent gate valves on 2½-in. (64-mm) outlets shall be permitted.

7.1.2* Hydrant outlet threads shall have NHS external threads for the size outlet(s) supplied as specified in NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*.

7.1.3 Where local fire department connections do not conform to NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*, the authority having jurisdiction shall designate the connection to be used.

7.1.4* Hydrants on private service mains shall not be equipped with pumper outlets unless the calculated demand for large hose [3.5 in. (88.9 mm) and larger] is added to the attack hose and sprinkler system demands when determining the total demand on the fire protection water supply.

7.2 Number and Location.

7.2.1* Hydrants shall be provided and spaced in accordance with the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.

7.2.2 Public hydrants shall be permitted to be recognized as meeting all or part of the requirements of Section 7.2.

7.2.3* Hydrants shall be located not less than 40 ft (12.2 m) from the buildings to be protected.

7.2.4 Where hydrants cannot be located in accordance with 7.2.3, locations closer than 40 ft (12.2 m) from the building or wall hydrants shall be permitted to be used where approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

7.2.5 Hydrants shall not be installed at less than the equivalent depth of bury from retaining walls where there is danger of frost through the walls.

7.3 Installation and Maintenance.

7.3.1* Hydrants shall be set on flat stones or concrete slabs and shall be provided with small stones (or the equivalent) placed about the drain to ensure drainage.

7.3.2 Where soil is of such a nature that the hydrants will not drain properly with the arrangement specified in 7.3.1, or

where groundwater stands at levels above that of the drain, the hydrant drain shall be plugged at the time of installation.

7.3.2.1 If the drain is plugged, hydrants in service in cold climates shall be pumped out after usage.

7.3.2.2 Such hydrants shall be marked to indicate the need for pumping out after usage.

7.3.3* The center of a hose outlet shall be not less than 18 in. (457 mm) above final grade or, where located in a hose house, 12 in. (305 mm) above the floor.

7.3.4 Hydrants shall be fastened to piping and anchored in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*.

7.3.5 Hydrants shall be protected if subject to mechanical damage.

7.3.6 The means of hydrant protection shall be arranged in a manner that does not interfere with the connection to, or operation of, hydrants.

7.3.7 The following shall not be installed in the service stub between a fire hydrant and private water supply piping:

- (1) Check valves
- (2) Detector check valves
- (3) Backflow prevention valves
- (4) Other similar appurtenances

7.3.8* To ensure proper functioning, wet barrel hydrants shall be tested at least annually, and dry barrel hydrants tested semi-annually in the early spring and fall, in accordance with the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.

Chapter 8 Hose Houses and Equipment

8.1 General.

8.1.1* A supply of hose and equipment shall be provided where hydrants are intended for use by plant personnel or a fire brigade.

8.1.1.1 The quantity and type of hose and equipment shall depend on the following:

- (1) Number and location of hydrants relative to the protected property
- (2) Extent of the hazard
- (3) Fire-fighting capabilities of potential users

8.1.1.2 The authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted regarding quantity and type of hose.

8.1.2 Hose shall be stored so it is readily accessible and is protected from the weather by storing in hose houses or by placing hose reels or hose carriers in weatherproof enclosures.

8.1.3* Hose shall conform to NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*.

8.1.4 Hose Connections.

8.1.4.1 Hose connections shall have external National Hose Standard (NHS) threads, for the valve size specified, in accordance with NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*.

8.1.4.2 Hose connections shall be equipped with caps to protect the hose threads.

8.1.4.3 Where local fire department hose threads do not conform to NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections*, the au-

thority having jurisdiction shall designate the hose threads to be used.

8.2 Location.

8.2.1 Where hose houses are utilized, they shall be located over or immediately adjacent to the hydrant.

8.2.2 Hydrants within hose houses shall be as close to the front of the house as possible and still allow sufficient room in back of the doors for the hose gates and the attached hose.

8.2.3 Where hose reels or hose carriers are utilized, they shall be located so that the hose can be brought into use at a hydrant.

8.3 Construction.

8.3.1 Hose houses shall be of substantial construction on foundations.

8.3.2 The construction shall protect the hose from weather and vermin and shall be designed so that hose lines can be brought into use.

8.3.3 Clearance shall be provided for operation of the hydrant wrench.

8.3.4 Ventilation shall be provided.

8.3.5 The exterior shall be painted or otherwise protected against deterioration.

8.4* Size and Arrangement. Hose houses shall be of a size and arrangement that provide shelves or racks for the hose and equipment.

8.5 Marking. Hose houses shall be plainly identified.

8.6 General Equipment.

8.6.1* Where hose houses are used in addition to the hose, each shall be equipped with the following:

- (1) Two approved adjustable spray-solid stream nozzles equipped with shutoffs for each size of hose provided
- (2) One hydrant wrench (in addition to wrench on hydrant)
- (3) Four coupling spanners for each size hose provided
- (4) Two hose coupling gaskets for each size hose

8.6.2 Where two sizes of hose and nozzles are provided, reducers or gated wyes shall be included in the hose house equipment.

8.7 Domestic Service Use Prohibited. The use of hydrants and hose for purposes other than fire-related services shall be prohibited.

Chapter 9 Master Streams

9.1* Master Streams. Master streams shall be delivered by monitor nozzles, hydrant-mounted monitor nozzles, and similar master stream equipment capable of delivering more than 250 gpm (946 L/min).

9.2 Application and Special Considerations. Master streams shall be provided as protection for the following:

- (1) Large amounts of combustible materials located in yards
- (2) Average amounts of combustible materials in inaccessible locations
- (3) Occupancies presenting special hazards as required by the authority having jurisdiction

Chapter 10 Underground Piping

10.1* Piping Materials.

10.1.1* Listing. Piping shall be listed for fire protection service or shall comply with the standards in Table 10.1.1.

Table 10.1.1 Manufacturing Standards for Underground Pipe

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Ductile Iron	
<i>Cement Mortar Lining for Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings for Water</i>	AWWA C104
<i>Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile Iron Pipe Systems</i>	AWWA C105
<i>Ductile Iron and Gray Iron Fittings, 3-in. Through 48-in., for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C110
<i>Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings</i>	AWWA C111
<i>Flanged Ductile Iron Pipe with Ductile Iron or Gray Iron Threaded Flanges</i>	AWWA C115
<i>Thickness Design of Ductile Iron Pipe</i>	AWWA C150
<i>Ductile Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast for Water</i>	AWWA C151
<i>Standard for the Installation of Ductile Iron Water Mains and Their Appurtenances</i>	AWWA C600
Steel	
<i>Steel Water Pipe 6 in. and Larger</i>	AWWA C200
<i>Coal-Tar Protective Coatings and Linings for Steel Water Pipelines Enamel and Tape — Hot Applied</i>	AWWA C203
<i>Cement-Mortar Protective Lining and Coating for Steel Water Pipe 4 in. and Larger — Shop Applied</i>	AWWA C205
<i>Field Welding of Steel Water Pipe</i>	AWWA C206
<i>Steel Pipe Flanges for Waterworks Service — Sizes 4 in. Through 144 in.</i>	AWWA C207
<i>Dimensions for Fabricated Steel Water Pipe Fittings</i>	AWWA C208
<i>A Guide for Steel Pipe Design and Installation</i>	AWWA M11
Concrete	
<i>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C300
<i>Prestressed Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C301
<i>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Non-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C302
<i>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, Pretensioned, for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C303
<i>Standard for Asbestos-Cement Distribution Pipe, 4 in. Through 16 in., for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C400
<i>Standard Practice for the Selection of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe</i>	AWWA C401
<i>Cement-Mortar Lining of Water Pipe Lines 4 in. and Larger — in Place</i>	AWWA C602
<i>Standard for the Installation of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe</i>	AWWA C603

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Table 10.1.1 *Continued*

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Plastic <i>Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe, 4 in. Through 12 in., for Water and Other Liquids</i>	AWWA C900
Copper <i>Specification for Seamless Copper Tube</i>	ASTM B 75
<i>Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube</i>	ASTM B 88
<i>Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube</i>	ASTM B 251

10.1.2 Steel Pipe. Steel piping shall not be used for general underground service unless specifically listed for such service.

10.1.3 Steel Pipe Used with Fire Department Connections. Where externally coated and wrapped and internally galvanized, steel pipe shall be permitted to be used between the check valve and the outside hose coupling for the fire department connection.

10.1.4* Pipe Type and Class. The type and class of pipe for a particular underground installation shall be determined through consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Fire resistance of the pipe
- (2) Maximum system working pressure
- (3) Depth at which the pipe is to be installed
- (4) Soil conditions
- (5) Corrosion
- (6) Susceptibility of pipe to other external loads, including earth loads, installation beneath buildings, and traffic or vehicle loads

10.1.5 Working Pressure. Pipe shall be designed to withstand a system working pressure of not less than 150 psi (10.3 bar).

10.1.6* Lining of Buried Pipe.

10.1.6.1 Unless the requirements of 10.1.6.2 are met, all ferrous metal pipe shall be lined in accordance with the applicable standards in Table 10.1.1.

10.1.6.2 Steel pipe utilized in fire department connections and protected in accordance with the requirements of 10.1.3 shall not be additionally required to be lined.

10.2 Fittings.

10.2.1 Standard Fittings. Fittings shall meet the standards in Table 10.2.1 (a) or shall be in accordance with 10.2.2. In addition to the standards in Table 10.2.1 (a), CPVC fittings shall also be in accordance with 10.2.2 and with the portions of the ASTM standards specified in Table 10.2.1 (b) that apply to fire protection service.

10.2.2 Special Listed Fittings. Other types of fittings investigated for suitability in automatic sprinkler installations and listed for this service including, but not limited to, polybutylene, CPVC, and steel differing from that provided in Table 10.2.1 (a), and shall be permitted when installed in accordance with their listing limitations, including installation instructions.

10.2.3 Pressure Limits. Listed fittings shall be permitted for the system pressures as specified in their listings, but not less than 150 psi (10 bar).

Table 10.2.1(a) **Fittings Materials and Dimensions**

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Cast Iron <i>Cast Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 125 and 250</i>	ASME B16.4
<i>Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings</i>	ASME B16.1
Malleable Iron <i>Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 150 and 300</i>	ASME B16.3
Steel <i>Factory-Made Wrought Steel Butt Welded Fittings</i>	ASME B16.9
<i>Butt Welding Ends for Pipe, Valves, Flanges, and Fittings</i>	ASME B16.25
<i>Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures</i>	ASTM A 234
<i>Steel Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings</i>	ASME B16.5
<i>Forged Steel Fittings, Socket Welded and Threaded</i>	ASME B16.11
Copper <i>Wrought Copper and Bronze Solder Joint Pressure Fittings</i>	ASME B16.22
<i>Cast Bronze Solder Joint Pressure Fittings</i>	ASME B16.18

Table 10.2.1(b) **Specially Listed Fittings Materials and Dimensions**

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
<i>Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC)</i>	ASTM F 437
<i>Specification for Schedule 80 CPVC Threaded Fittings</i>	
<i>Specification for Schedule 40 CPVC Socket-Type Fittings</i>	ASTM F 438
<i>Specification for Schedule 80 CPVC Socket-Type Fittings</i>	ASTM F 439

10.2.4* Buried Joints. Joints shall be approved.

10.2.5* Buried Fittings. Fittings shall be of an approved type with joints and pressure class ratings compatible with the pipe used.

10.3 Joining of Pipe and Fittings.

10.3.1 Threaded Pipe and Fittings. All threaded steel pipe and fittings shall have threads cut in accordance with ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*.

10.3.2 Welded Pipe and Fittings. Welding methods that comply with the applicable requirements of AWS B2.1, *Specification for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification*, shall be permitted as means of joining steel piping.

10.3.3 Groove Joining Methods. Pipes joined with grooved fittings shall be joined by a listed combination of fittings, gaskets, and grooves.

10.3.4 Brazed and Pressure Fitting Methods. Joints for the connection of copper tube shall be brazed or joined using pressure fittings as specified in Table 10.2.1(a).

10.3.5 Other Joining Methods. Other joining methods listed for this service shall be permitted where installed in accordance with their listing limitations.

10.3.6 Pipe Joint Assembly.

10.3.6.1 Joints shall be assembled by persons familiar with the particular materials being used and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and specifications.

10.3.6.2 All bolted joint accessories shall be cleaned and thoroughly coated with asphalt or other corrosion-retarding material after installation.

10.4 Depth of Cover.

10.4.1* The depth of cover over water pipes shall be determined by the maximum depth of frost penetration in the locality where the pipe is laid.

10.4.2 The top of the pipe shall be buried not less than 1 ft (0.3 m) below the frost line for the locality.

10.4.3 In those locations where frost is not a factor, the depth of cover shall be not less than 2½ ft (0.8 m) to prevent mechanical damage.

10.4.4 Pipe under driveways shall be buried at a minimum depth of 3 ft (0.9 m).

10.4.5 Pipe under railroad tracks shall be buried at a minimum depth of 4 ft (1.2 m).

10.4.6 The depth of cover shall be measured from the top of the pipe to finished grade, and due consideration shall always be given to future or final grade and nature of soil.

10.5 Protection Against Freezing.

10.5.1* Where it is impracticable to bury pipe, pipe shall be permitted to be laid aboveground, provided that the pipe is protected against freezing and mechanical damage.

10.5.2 Pipe shall be buried below the frost line where entering streams and other bodies of water.

10.5.3 Where pipe is laid in water raceways or shallow streams, care shall be taken that there will be sufficient depth of running water between the pipe and the frost line during all seasons of frost; a safer method is to bury the pipe 1 ft (0.3048 m) or more under the bed of the waterway.

10.5.4 Pipe shall be located at a distance from stream banks and embankment walls that prevents danger of freezing through the side of the bank.

10.6 Protection Against Damage.

10.6.1 Pipe shall not be run under buildings.

10.6.2 Where pipe must be run under buildings, special precautions shall be taken, including the following:

- (1) Arching the foundation walls over the pipe
- (2) Running pipe in covered trenches
- (3) Providing valves to isolate sections of pipe under buildings

10.6.3 Fire service mains shall be permitted to enter the building adjacent to the foundation.

10.6.4 Where adjacent structures or physical conditions make it impractical to locate risers immediately inside an exterior wall, such risers shall be permitted to be located as close as practical to exterior walls to minimize underground piping under the building.

10.6.5 Where a riser is located close to building foundations, underground fittings of proper design and type shall be used to avoid locating pipe joints in or under the foundations.

10.6.6 Mains shall be subjected to an evaluation of the following specific loading conditions and protected, if necessary:

- (1) Mains running under railroads carrying heavy cargo
- (2) Mains running under large piles of heavy commodities
- (3) Mains located in areas that subject the main to heavy shock and vibrations

10.6.7* 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.

10.6.8 In no case shall pipe specified in 10.6.7 be used for grounding of electrical services.

10.7 Requirement for Laying Pipe.

10.7.1 Pipes, valves, hydrants, and fittings shall be inspected for damage when received and shall be inspected prior to installation.

10.7.2 The torquing of bolted joints shall be checked.

10.7.3 Pipe, valves, hydrants, and fittings shall be clean inside.

10.7.4 When work is stopped, the open ends of pipe, valves, hydrants, and fittings shall be plugged to prevent stones and foreign materials from entering.

10.7.5 All pipe, fittings, valves, and hydrants shall be carefully lowered into the trench using appropriate equipment and carefully examined for cracks or other defects while suspended above the trench.

10.7.6 Plain ends shall be inspected for signs of damage prior to installation.

10.7.7 Under no circumstances shall water main materials be dropped or dumped.

10.7.8 Pipe shall not be rolled or skidded against other pipe materials.

10.7.9 Pipes shall bear throughout their full length and shall not be supported by the bell ends only or by blocks.

10.7.10 If the ground is soft or of a quicksand nature, special provisions shall be made for supporting pipe.

10.7.11 Valves and fittings used with nonmetallic pipe shall be supported and restrained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

10.8 Joint Restraint.

10.8.1 General.

10.8.1.1* All tees, plugs, caps, bends, reducers, valves, and hydrant branches shall be restrained against movement by using thrust blocks in accordance with 10.8.2 or restrained joint systems in accordance with 10.8.3.

10.8.1.2 Piping with fused, threaded, grooved, or welded joints shall not require additional restraining, provided that

such joints can pass the hydrostatic test of 10.10.2.2 without shifting of piping or leakage in excess of permitted amounts.

10.8.1.3 Steep Grades. On steep grades, mains shall be additionally restrained to prevent slipping.

10.8.1.3.1 Pipe shall be restrained at the bottom of a hill and at any turns (lateral or vertical).

10.8.1.3.2 The restraint specified in 10.8.1.3.1 shall be to natural rock or to suitable piers built on the downhill side of the bell.

10.8.1.3.3 Bell ends shall be installed facing uphill.

10.8.1.3.4 Straight runs on hills shall be restrained as determined by the design engineer.

10.8.2* Thrust Blocks.

10.8.2.1 Thrust blocks shall be considered satisfactory where soil is suitable for their use.

10.8.2.2 Thrust blocks shall be of a concrete mix not leaner than one part cement, two and one-half parts sand, and five parts stone.

10.8.2.3 Thrust blocks shall be placed between undisturbed earth and the fitting to be restrained and shall be capable of such bearing to ensure adequate resistance to the thrust to be encountered.

10.8.2.4 Wherever possible, thrust blocks shall be placed so that the joints are accessible for repair.

10.8.3 Restrained Joint Systems. Fire mains utilizing restrained joint systems shall include the following:

- (1) Locking mechanical or push-on joints
- (2) Mechanical joints utilizing setscrew retainer glands
- (3) Bolted flange joints
- (4) Heat-fused or welded joints
- (5) Pipe clamps and tie rods
- (6) Other approved methods or devices

10.8.3.1 Sizing Clamps, Rods, Bolts, and Washers.

10.8.3.1.1 Clamps.

10.8.3.1.1.1 Clamps shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 2 in. (12.7 mm \times 50.8 mm) for pipe 4 in. to 6 in.
- (2) $\frac{3}{8}$ in. \times 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (15.9 mm \times 63.5 mm) for pipe 8 in. to 10 in.
- (3) $\frac{3}{8}$ in. \times 3 in. (15.9 mm \times 76.2 mm) for 12-in. pipe

10.8.3.1.1.2 The diameter of a bolt hole shall be $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) larger than that of the corresponding bolt.

10.8.3.1.2 Rods.

10.8.3.1.2.1 Rods shall be not less than $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15.9 mm) in diameter.

10.8.3.1.2.2 Table 10.8.3.1.2.2 provides the numbers of various diameter rods that shall be used for a given pipe size.

10.8.3.1.2.3 Where using bolting rods, the diameter of mechanical joint bolts shall limit the diameter of rods to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19.1 mm).

10.8.3.1.2.4 Threaded sections of rods shall not be formed or bent.

10.8.3.1.2.5 Where using clamps, rods shall be used in pairs for each clamp.

Table 10.8.3.1.2.2 Rod Number — Diameter Combinations

Nominal Pipe Size (in.)	$\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15.9 mm)	$\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19.1 mm)	$\frac{7}{8}$ in. (22.2 mm)	1 in. (25.4 mm)
4	2	—	—	—
6	2	—	—	—
8	3	2	—	—
10	4	3	2	—
12	6	4	3	2
14	8	5	4	3
16	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).

10.8.3.1.2.6 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 authority having jurisdiction.

10.8.3.1.2.7 Where using combinations of rods in numbers greater than two, the rods shall be symmetrically spaced.

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

- (1) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15.9 mm) for pipe 4 in., 6 in., and 8 in.
- (2) $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19.1 mm) for pipe 10 in.
- (3) $\frac{7}{8}$ in. (22.2 mm) for 12-in. pipe

10.8.3.1.4 Washers.

10.8.3.1.4.1 Washers shall be permitted to be cast iron or steel and round or square.

10.8.3.1.4.2 Cast-iron washers shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. \times 3 in. (15.9 mm \times 76.2 mm) for 4-in., 6-in., 8-in., and 10-in. pipe
- (2) $\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (19.1 mm \times 88.9 mm) for 12-in. pipe

10.8.3.1.4.3 Steel washers shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 3 in. (12.7 mm \times 76.2 mm) for 4-in., 6-in., 8-in., and 10-in. pipe
- (2) $\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (12.7 mm \times 88.9 mm) for 12-in. pipe

10.8.3.1.4.4 The diameter of holes shall be $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) larger than that of rods.

10.8.3.2 Sizes of Restraint Straps for Tees.

10.8.3.2.1 Restraint straps for tees shall have the following dimensions:

- (1) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15.9 mm) thick and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (63.5 mm) wide for 4-in., 6-in., 8-in., and 10-in. pipe
- (2) $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15.9 mm) thick and 3 in. (76.2 mm) wide for 12-in. pipe

10.8.3.2.2 The diameter of rod holes shall be $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm) larger than that of rods.

10.8.3.2.3 Figure 10.8.3.2.3 and Table 10.8.3.2.3 shall be used in sizing the restraint straps for both mechanical and push-on joint tee fittings.

Table 10.8.3.2.3 Restraint Straps for Tees

Nominal Pipe Size (in.)	A		B		C		D	
	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
4	12½	318	10⅞	257	2½	64	1¾	44
6	14½	368	12⅞	308	3⅞	90	2⅞	71
8	16¾	425	14⅞	365	4⅞	118	3⅞	99
10	19¼	484	16⅞	424	5¾	146	5	127
12	22¼	567	19¼	487	6¾	171	5⅞	149

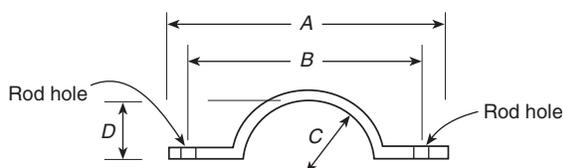


FIGURE 10.8.3.2.3 Restraint Straps for Tees.

10.8.3.3 Sizes of Plug Strap for Bell End of Pipe.

10.8.3.3.1 The strap shall be ¾ in. (19.1 mm) thick and 2½ in. (63.5 mm) wide.

10.8.3.3.2 The strap length shall be the same as dimension A for tee straps as shown in Figure 10.8.3.2.3.

10.8.3.3.3 The distance between the centers of rod holes shall be the same as dimension B for tee straps as shown in Figure 10.8.3.2.3.

10.8.3.4 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.

10.8.3.5* 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.

10.9 Backfilling.

10.9.1 Backfill shall be tamped in layers or puddled under and around pipes to prevent settlement or lateral movement and shall contain no ashes, cinders, refuse, organic matter, or other corrosive materials.

10.9.2 Rocks shall not be placed in trenches.

10.9.3 Frozen earth shall not be used for backfilling.

10.9.4 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 (0.6 m) above the pipe.

10.10 Testing and Acceptance.

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

- (1) Notifying the authority having jurisdiction and 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 10.10.1.

10.10.2 Acceptance Requirements.

10.10.2.1* Flushing of Piping.

10.10.2.1.1 Underground piping, from the water supply to the system riser, and lead-in connections to the system riser shall be completely flushed before the connection is made to downstream fire protection system piping.

10.10.2.1.2 The flushing operation shall be continued for a sufficient time to ensure thorough cleaning.

10.10.2.1.3 The minimum rate of flow shall be not less than one of the following:

- (1) Hydraulically calculated water demand flow rate of the system, including any hose requirements
- (2) Flow necessary to provide a velocity of 10 ft/sec (3.1 m/sec) in accordance with Table 10.10.2.1.3
- (3) Maximum flow rate available to the system under fire conditions

Table 10.10.2.1.3 Flow Required to Produce a Velocity of 10 ft/sec (3 m/sec) in Pipes

Pipe Size		Flow Rate	
in.	mm	gpm	L/min
4	102	390	1,476
6	152	880	3,331
8	203	1,560	5,905
10	254	2,440	9,235
12	305	3,520	13,323

10.10.2.2 Hydrostatic Test.

10.10.2.2.1* All piping and attached appurtenances subjected to system working pressure shall be hydrostatically tested at 200 psi (13.8 bar) or 50 psi (3.5 bar) in excess of the system working pressure, whichever is greater, and shall maintain that pressure without loss for 2 hours.

10.10.2.2.2 Pressure loss shall be determined by a drop in gauge pressure or visual leakage.

10.10.2.2.3 The test pressure shall be read from a gauge located at the low elevation point of the system or portion being tested.

10.10.2.2.4 The permitted amount of underground piping leakage shall be as follows:

Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping	
<p>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.</p>	
Property name	Date
Property address	
Plans	Accepted by approving authorities (names)
	Address
	Installation conforms to accepted plans <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Equipment used is approved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, state 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? If no, explain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Have copies of appropriate instructions and care and maintenance charts been left on premises? If no, explain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Location	Supplies buildings
Underground pipes and joints	Pipe types and class _____ Type joint _____ Pipe conforms to Fittings _____ standard <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No conforms to _____ standard <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain
	Joints needed anchorage clamped, strapped, or blocked in accordance with _____ standard <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain
	<p>Flushing: Flow the required rate until water is clear as indicated by no collection of foreign material in burlap bags at outlets such as hydrants and blow-offs. Flush at flows not less than 390 gpm (1476 L/min) for 4-in. pipe, 880 gpm (3331 L/min) for 6-in. pipe, 1560 gpm (5905 L/min) for 8-in. pipe, 2440 gpm (9235 L/min) for 10-in. pipe, and 3520 gpm (13,323 L/min) for 12-in. pipe. When supply cannot produce stipulated flow rates, obtain maximum available. Hydrostatic: 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. Leakage: New pipe laid with rubber gasketed joints shall, if the workmanship is satisfactory, have little or no leakage at the joints. The amount of leakage at the joints shall not exceed 2 quarts per hour (1.89 L/hr) per 100 joints irrespective of pipe diameter. The leakage shall be distributed over all joints. If such leakage occurs at a few joints, the installation shall be considered unsatisfactory and necessary repairs made. The amount of allowable leakage specified above can be increased by 1 fluid ounce per inch valve diameter per hr. (30 mL/25 mm/hr) for each metal seated valve isolating the test section. If dry barrel hydrants are tested with the main valve open so the hydrants are under pressure, an additional 5 ounces per minute (150 mL/min) leakage is permitted for each hydrant.</p>
Flushing tests	New underground piping flushed according to _____ standard by (company) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain
	How flushing flow was obtained Through what type opening <input type="checkbox"/> Public water <input type="checkbox"/> Tank or reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Fire pump <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrant butt <input type="checkbox"/> Open pipe
	Lead-ins flushed according to _____ standard by (company) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain
	How flushing flow was obtained Through what type opening <input type="checkbox"/> Public water <input type="checkbox"/> Tank or reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Fire pump <input type="checkbox"/> Y connection to flange and spigot <input type="checkbox"/> Open pipe (NFPA 24, 1 of 2)

FIGURE 10.10.1 Sample of Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping.

Hydrostatic test	All new underground piping hydrostatically tested at _____ psi for _____ hours		Joints covered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Leakage test	Total amount of leakage measured _____ gallons _____ hours		
	Allowable leakage _____ gallons _____ hours		
Hydrants	Number installed	Type and make	All operate satisfactorily <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Water control valves left wide open If no, state reason		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Control valves	Hose threads of fire department connections and hydrants interchangeable with those of fire department answering alarm		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Remarks		
Signatures	Date left in service		
	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 10.10.1 Continued

- (1)*The amount of leakage at the joints shall not exceed 2 qt/hr (1.89 L/hr) per 100 gaskets or joints, irrespective of pipe diameter.
- (2)*The amount of leakage specified in 10.10.2.2.4(1) shall be permitted to be increased by 1 fl oz (30 ml) per inch valve diameter per hour for each metal-seated valve isolating the test section.
- (3) If dry barrel hydrants are tested with the main valve open so the hydrants are under pressure, an additional 5 fl oz/min (150 ml/min) of leakage shall be permitted for each hydrant.
- (4) The amount of leakage in buried piping shall be measured at the specified test pressure by pumping from a calibrated container.

Chapter 11 Hydraulic Calculations

11.1* **Calculations in English Units.** Pipe friction losses shall be determined based on the Hazen-Williams formula, as follows:

$$p = \frac{4.52Q^{1.85}}{C^{1.85}d^{4.87}}$$

where:

- p = frictional resistance (psi/ft of pipe)
- Q = flow (gpm)
- C = friction loss coefficient
- d = actual internal diameter of pipe (in.)

11.2 **Calculations in SI Units.** Pipe friction losses shall be determined based on the Hazen-Williams formula in SI units, as follows:

$$p_m = 6.05 \left(\frac{Q_m^{1.85}}{C^{1.85}d_m^{4.87}} \right) 10^5$$

where:

- p_m = frictional resistance (bar/m of pipe)
- Q_m = flow (L/min)
- C = friction loss coefficient
- d_m = actual internal diameter of pipe (mm)

Chapter 12 Aboveground Pipe and Fittings

12.1 **General.** Aboveground pipe and fittings shall comply with the applicable sections of Chapters 6 and 8 of NFPA 13,

Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, that address pipe, fittings, joining methods, hangers, and installation.

12.2 Protection of Piping.

12.2.1 Aboveground piping for private fire service mains shall not pass through hazardous areas and shall be located so that it is protected from mechanical and fire damage.

12.2.2 Aboveground piping shall be permitted to be located in hazardous areas protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

12.2.3 Where aboveground water-filled supply pipes, risers, system risers, or feed mains pass through open areas, cold rooms, passageways, or other areas exposed to freezing temperatures, the pipe shall be protected against freezing by the following:

- (1) Insulating coverings
- (2) Frostproof casings
- (3) Other reliable means capable of maintaining a minimum temperature between 40°F and 120°F (4°C and 48.9°C)

12.2.4 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.

12.2.5 To minimize or prevent pipe breakage where subject to earthquakes, aboveground pipe shall be protected in accordance with the seismic requirements of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*.

12.2.6 Mains that pass through walls, floors, and ceilings shall be provided with clearances in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*.

Chapter 13 Sizes of Aboveground and Buried Pipe

13.1 Private Service Mains. Pipe smaller than 6 in. (152 mm) in diameter shall not be installed as a private service main supplying hydrants.

13.2 Mains Not Supplying Hydrants. For mains that do not supply hydrants, sizes smaller than 6 in. (152 mm) shall be permitted to be used, subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The main shall supply only the following types of systems:
 - (a) Automatic sprinkler systems
 - (b) Open sprinkler systems
 - (c) Water spray fixed systems
 - (d) Foam systems
 - (e) Class II standpipe systems
- (2) Hydraulic calculations shall show that the main is able to supply the total demand at the appropriate pressure.
- (3) Systems that are not hydraulically calculated shall have a main at least as large as the riser.

13.3 Mains Supplying Fire Protection Systems. The size of private fire service mains supplying fire protection systems shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction, and the following factors shall be considered:

- (1) Construction and occupancy of the plant
- (2) Fire flow and pressure of the water required
- (3) Adequacy of the water supply

Chapter 14 Operating Test

14.1 Hydrant Test Procedure.

14.1.1 Each hydrant shall be fully opened and closed under system water pressure.

14.1.2 Dry barrel hydrants shall be checked for proper drainage.

14.1.3 Where fire pumps are available, the tests required in 14.1.1 and 14.1.2 shall be completed with the pumps running.

14.2 Control Valves Test Procedures. All control valves shall be fully closed and opened under system water pressure to ensure proper operation.

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.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.

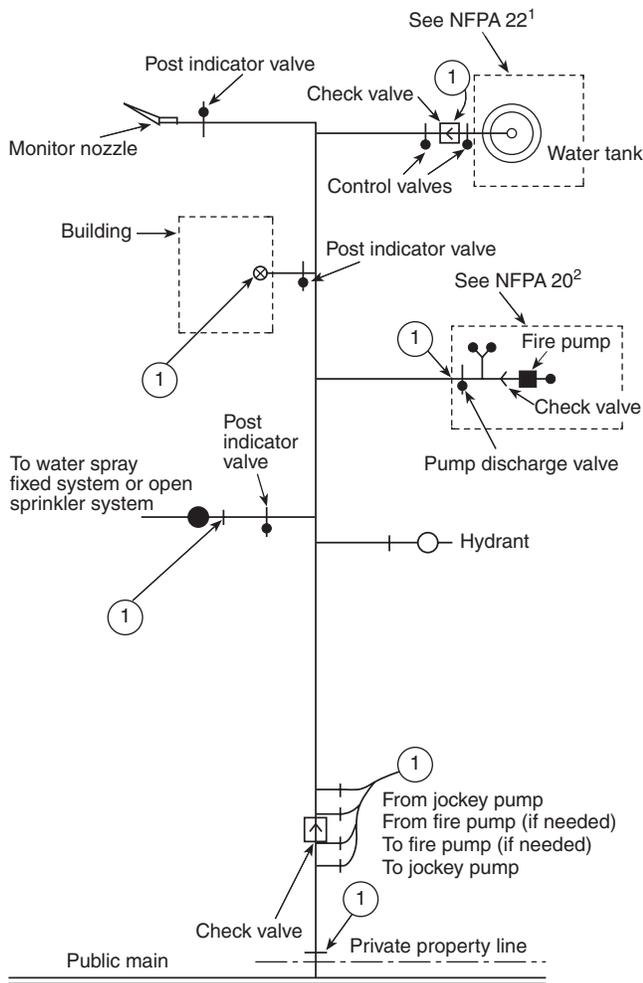
A.3.2.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The phrase “authority having jurisdiction,” or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may 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.3.2.4 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.3.3.1 Private Fire Service Main. See Figure A.3.3.1.

A.4.1 Underground mains should be designed so that the system can be extended with a minimum of expense. Possible future plant expansion should also be considered and the piping designed so that it is not covered by buildings.

A.5.1 If possible, dead-end mains should be avoided by arranging for mains to be supplied from both directions. Where 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 to obtain a more reliable supply.



① End of private fire service

Note: The piping (aboveground or buried) shown is specific as to the end of the private fire service main and this schematic is only for illustrative purposes beyond the end of the fire service main. Details of valves and their location requirements are covered in the specific standard involved.

1. See NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*, 1998.
2. See NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, 1999.

FIGURE A.3.3.1 Typical Private Fire Service Main.

A.5.4 Where connections are made from public waterworks systems, such systems should be guarded against possible contamination as follows (see AWWA M14, *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.

A.5.6 A fire pump installation consisting of pump, driver, and suction supply, when of adequate capacity and reliability and properly located, makes a good supply. An automatically controlled fire pump taking water from a water main of adequate capacity or taking draft under a head from a reliable storage of adequate capacity, shall be permitted to be, under certain conditions, accepted by the authority having jurisdiction as a single supply.

A.5.9 The fire department connection should be located not less than 18 in. (457 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.5.9(a) and Figure A.5.9(b). Fire department connections should be located and arranged so that hose lines can be readily and con-

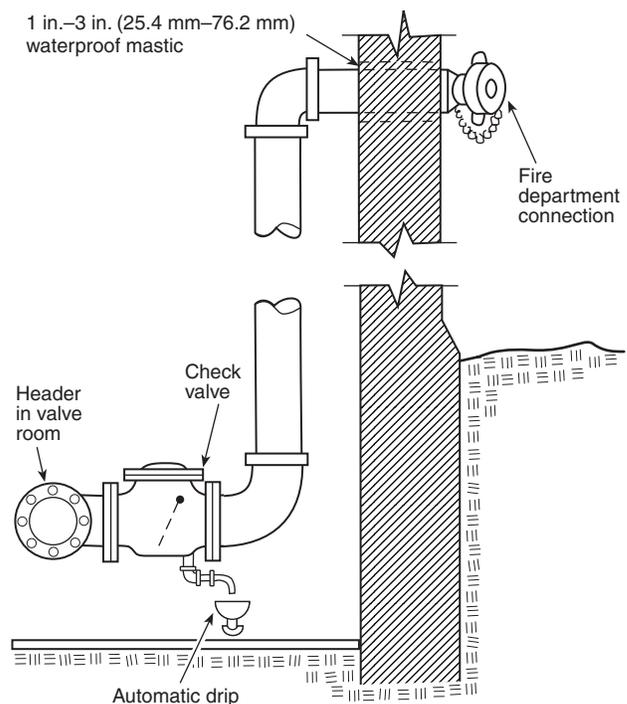
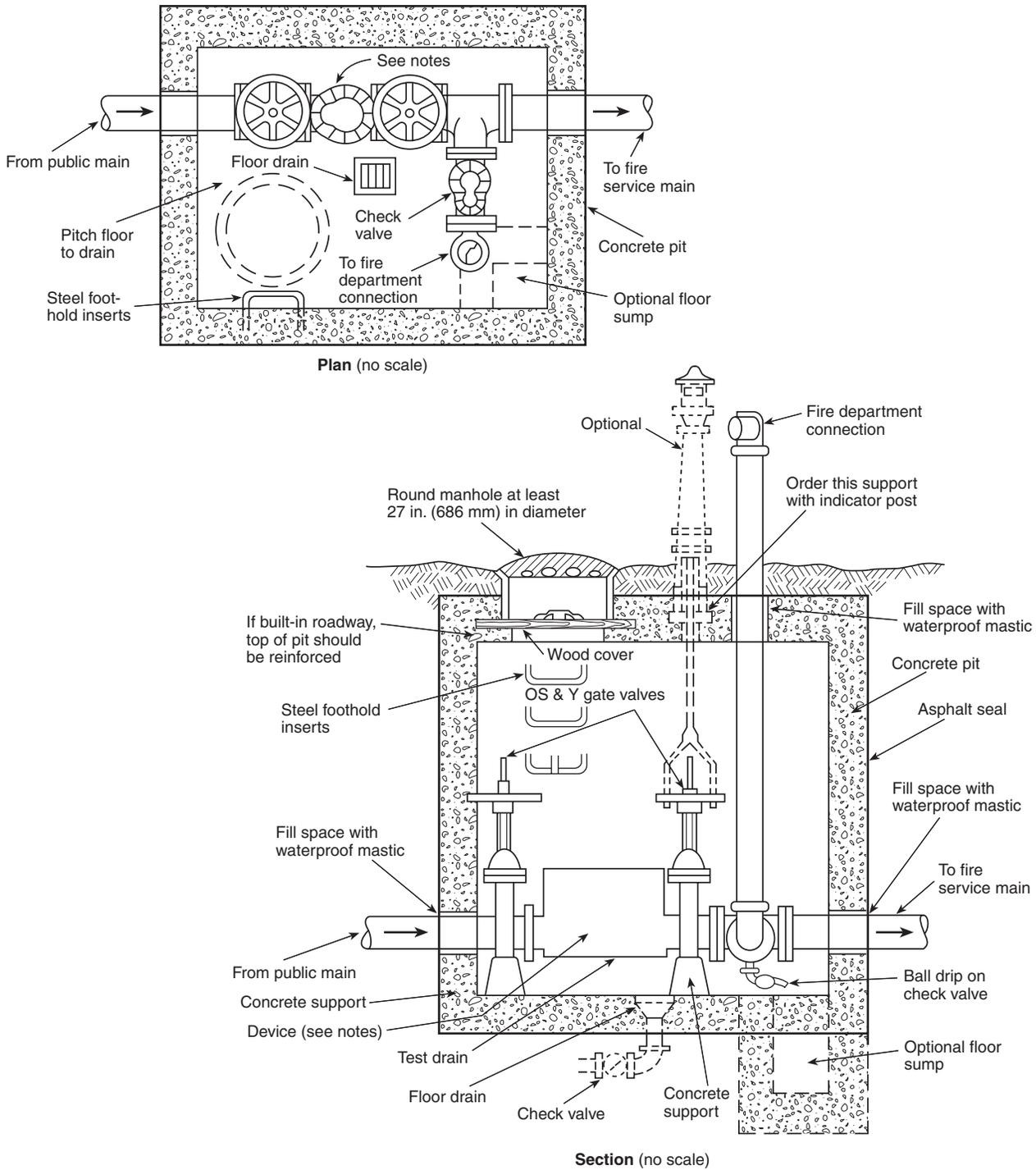


FIGURE A.5.9(a) Typical Fire Department Connection.



Notes:

1. Various backflow prevention regulations accept different devices at the connection between public water mains and private fire service mains.
2. The device shown in the pit could be any or a combination of the following:

(a) Gravity check valve	(d) Reduced pressure zone (RPZ) device
(b) Detector check valve	(e) Vacuum breaker
(c) Double check valve assembly	
3. Some backflow prevention regulations prohibit these devices from being installed in a pit.
4. 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.
5. Pressure drop should be considered prior to the installation of any backflow prevention device.

FIGURE A.5.9(b) Typical City Water Pit — Valve Arrangement.

veniently 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 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.6.2.5 See Figure A.6.2.5. For additional information on controlling valves, see NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*.

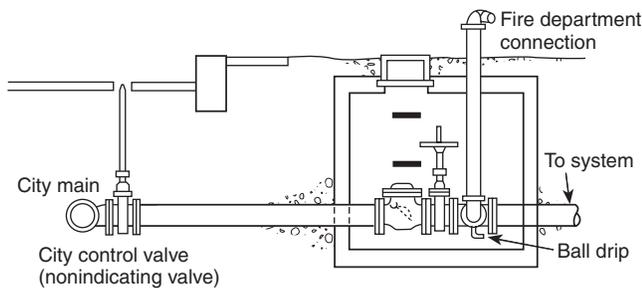


FIGURE A.6.2.5 Pit for Gate Valve, Check Valve, and Fire Department Connection.

A.6.2.7 For additional information on controlling valves, see NFPA 22, *Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection*.

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A.6.2.9(1) Where located underground, check valves on tank or pump connections 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. Where the building is one fire area, it is ordinarily considered satisfactory to locate the check valve overhead in the lowest level.

A.6.2.10 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.6.3.1 Outside control valves are recommended in the following order of preference:

- (1) Listed indicating valves at each connection into the building at least 40 ft (12.2 m) from buildings if space allows
- (2) Control valves installed in a cut-off 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

A.6.3.3.2 Usually, in crowded plant yards, indicator valves can be placed beside low buildings, near brick stair towers, or at angles formed by substantial brick walls that are not likely to fall.

A.6.4.3 A valve wrench with a long handle should be provided at a convenient location on the premises.

A.6.6.2 See Annex B.

A.7.1.2 All barrels should be white except in cases where another color has already been adopted. The tops and nozzle caps should be painted with the following capacity-indicating color

scheme to provide simplicity and consistency with colors used in signal work for safety, danger, and intermediate condition:

- (1) Class AA — light blue
- (2) Class A — green
- (3) Class B — yellow
- (4) Class C — red

For rapid identification at night, it is recommended that the capacity colors be of a reflective-type paint.

Hydrants rated at less than 20 psi (1.4 bar) should have the rated pressure stenciled in black on the hydrant top.

In addition to the painted top and nozzle caps, it can be advantageous to stencil the rated capacity of high volume hydrants on the top.

The classification and marking of hydrants provided for in Chapter 5 anticipate determination based on an individual flow test. Where a group of hydrants can be used during a fire, some special marking designating group-flow capacity can be desirable.

A.7.1.4 Location markers for flush hydrants should carry the same color background as specified in A.7.1.2 for class indication, with other such data stenciled thereon as deemed necessary.

Marking on private hydrants within private enclosures is to be done at the owner's discretion.

When private hydrants are located on public streets, they should be painted red, or another color, to distinguish them from public hydrants.

A.7.2.1 Fire department pumpers will normally be required to augment the pressure available from public hydrants.

A.7.2.3 Where wall hydrants are used, the authority having jurisdiction should be consulted regarding the necessary water supply and arrangement of control valves at the point of supply in each individual case. (See Figure A.7.2.3.)

A.7.3.1 See Figure A.7.3.1 (a) and Figure A.7.3.1 (b).

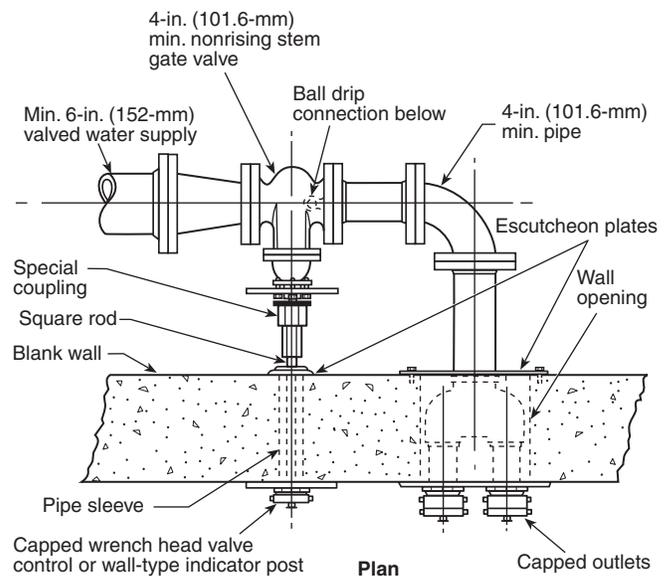


FIGURE A.7.2.3 Typical Wall Fire Hydrant Installation.

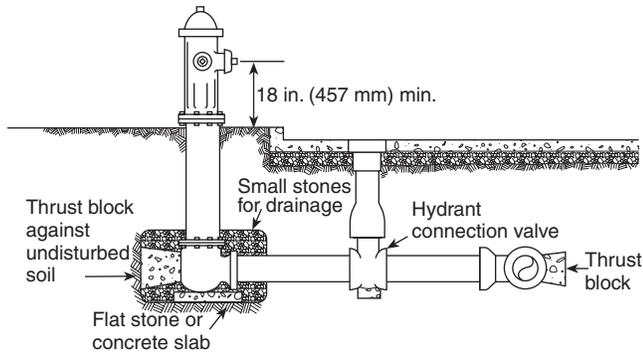


FIGURE A.7.3.1(a) Typical Hydrant Connection with a Minimum Height Requirement.

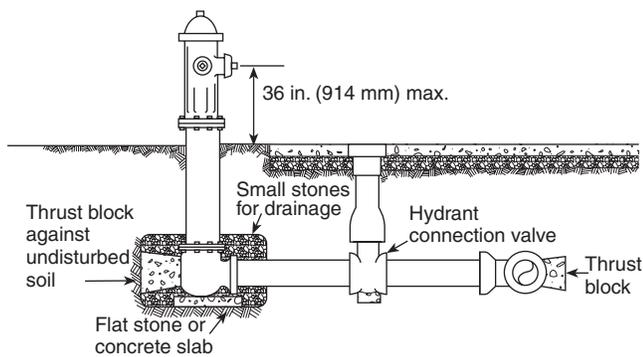


FIGURE A.7.3.1(b) Typical Hydrant Connection with Maximum Height Requirement.

A.7.3.3 When setting hydrants, due regard should be given to the final grade line.

A.7.3.8 See AWWA M 17, *Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants*.

A.8.1.1 All hose should not be removed from a hose house for testing at the same time, since the time taken to return the hose in case of fire could allow a fire to spread beyond control. (See NFPA 1962, *Standard for the Care, Use, and Service Testing of Fire Hose Including Couplings and Nozzles*.)

A.8.1.3 Where hose will be subjected to acids, acid fumes, or other corrosive materials, as in chemical plants, the purchase of approved rubber-covered, rubber-lined hose is advised. Hose used in plant yards containing rough surfaces that cause heavy wear or used where working pressures are above 150 psi (10.3 bar), double-jacketed hose should be considered.

A.8.4 Typical hose houses are shown in Figure A.8.4(a) through Figure A.8.4(c).

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A.9.1 For typical master stream devices, see Figure A.9.1(a) and Figure A.9.1(b). Gear control nozzles are acceptable for use as monitor nozzles.

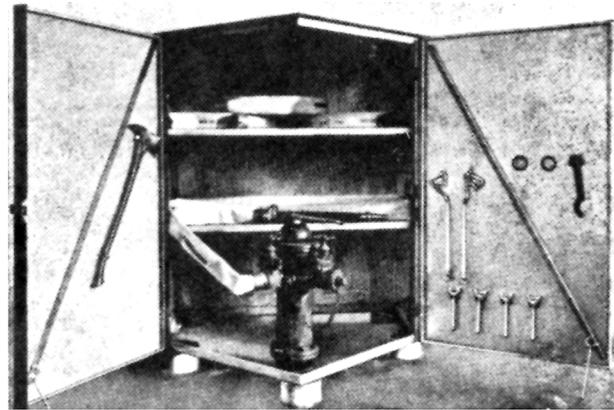


FIGURE A.8.4(a) House of Five-Sided Design for Installation over a Private Hydrant.

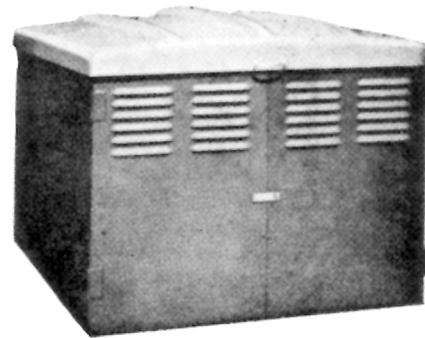


FIGURE A.8.4(b) Closed Steel House of Compact Dimensions for Installation over a Private Hydrant, in Which Top Lifts Up and Doors on Front Side Open for Complete Accessibility.

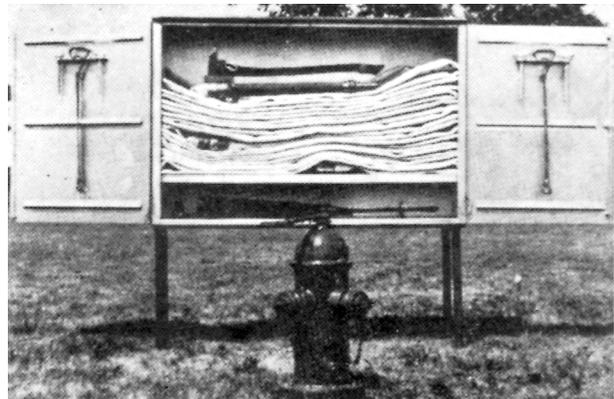


FIGURE A.8.4(c) Hose House That Can Be Installed on Legs, as Shown, or Installed on a Wall near, But Not Directly over, a Private Hydrant.

A.10.1 The term *underground* is intended to mean direct buried piping. For example, piping installed in trenches and tunnels but exposed should be treated as aboveground piping.

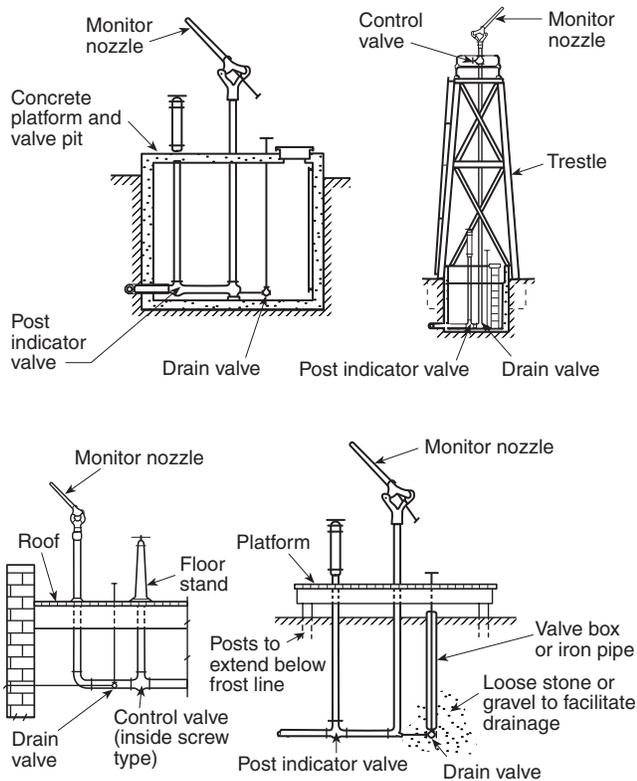


FIGURE A.9.1(a) Standard Monitor Nozzles.

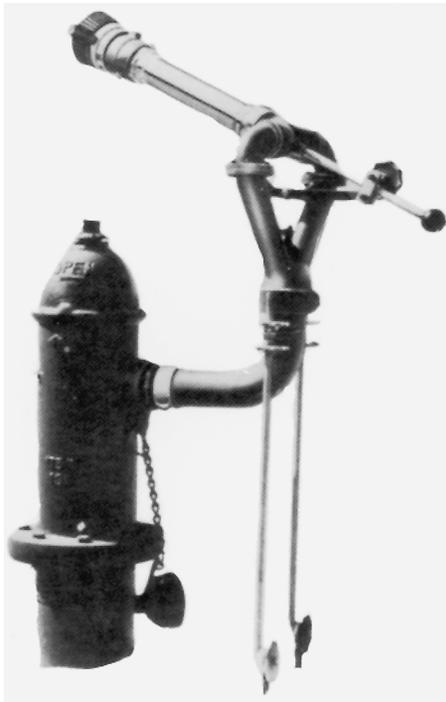


FIGURE A.9.1(b) Typical Hydrant-Mounted Monitor Nozzle.

Loop systems for yard piping are recommended for increased reliability and improved hydraulics. Loop systems should be sectionalized by placing valves at branches and at strategic locations to minimize the extent of impairments.

A.10.1.1 Copper tubing (Type K) with brazed joints conforming to Table 10.1.1 and Table 10.2.1 (a) is acceptable for underground service. Listing and labeling information, along with applicable publications for reference, is as follows:

- (1) *Listing and Labeling.* Testing laboratories list or label the following:
 - (a) Cast-iron and ductile iron pipe (cement-lined and unlined, coated and uncoated)
 - (b) Asbestos-cement pipe and couplings
 - (c) Steel pipe
 - (d) Copper pipe
 - (e) Fiberglass filament-wound epoxy pipe and couplings
 - (f) Polyethylene pipe
 - (g) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and couplings
 - (h) Underwriters Laboratories Inc. lists, under re-examination service, reinforced concrete pipe (cylinder pipe, nonprestressed and prestressed).
- (2) *Pipe Standards.* The various types of pipe are usually manufactured to one of the following standards:
 - (a) ASTM C296, *Standard Specification for Asbestos-Cement Pressure Pipe*
 - (b) AWWA C151, *Ductile Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast for Water*
 - (c) AWWA C300, *Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids*
 - (d) AWWA C301, *Prestressed Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids*
 - (e) AWWA C302, *Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Non-Cylinder Type, for Water and Other Liquids*
 - (f) AWWA C303, *Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type, Pretensioned, for Water and Other Liquids*
 - (g) AWWA C400, *Standard for Asbestos-Cement Distribution Pipe, 4 in. Through 16 in., for Water and Other Liquids*
 - (h) AWWA C900, *Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe, 4 in. Through 12 in., for Water and Other Liquids*

A.10.1.4 The following pipe design manuals can be used as guides:

- (1) AWWA C150, *Thickness Design of Ductile Iron Pipe*
- (2) AWWA C401, *Standard Practice for the Selection of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe*
- (3) AWWA M41, *Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings*
- (4) *Concrete Pipe Handbook*, American Concrete Pipe Association

A.10.1.6 The following standards apply to the application of coating and linings:

- (1) AWWA C104, *Cement Mortar Lining for Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings for Water*
- (2) AWWA C105, *Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile Iron Pipe Systems*
- (3) AWWA C203, *Coal-Tar Protective Coatings and Linings for Steel Water Pipelines Enamel and Tape — Hot Applied*
- (4) AWWA C205, *Cement-Mortar Protective Lining and Coating for Steel Water Pipe 4 in. and Larger — Shop Applied*
- (5) AWWA C602, *Cement-Mortar Lining of Water Pipe Lines 4 in. and Larger — in Place*

A.10.2.4 The following standards apply to joints used with the various types of pipe:

- (1) ASME B16.1, *Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*
- (2) AWWA C111, *Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings*
- (3) AWWA C115, *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*

A.10.2.5 Fittings generally used are cast iron with joints made to the specifications of the manufacturer of the particular type of pipe (see the standards listed in A.10.2.4). Steel fittings also have some applications. The following standards apply to fittings:

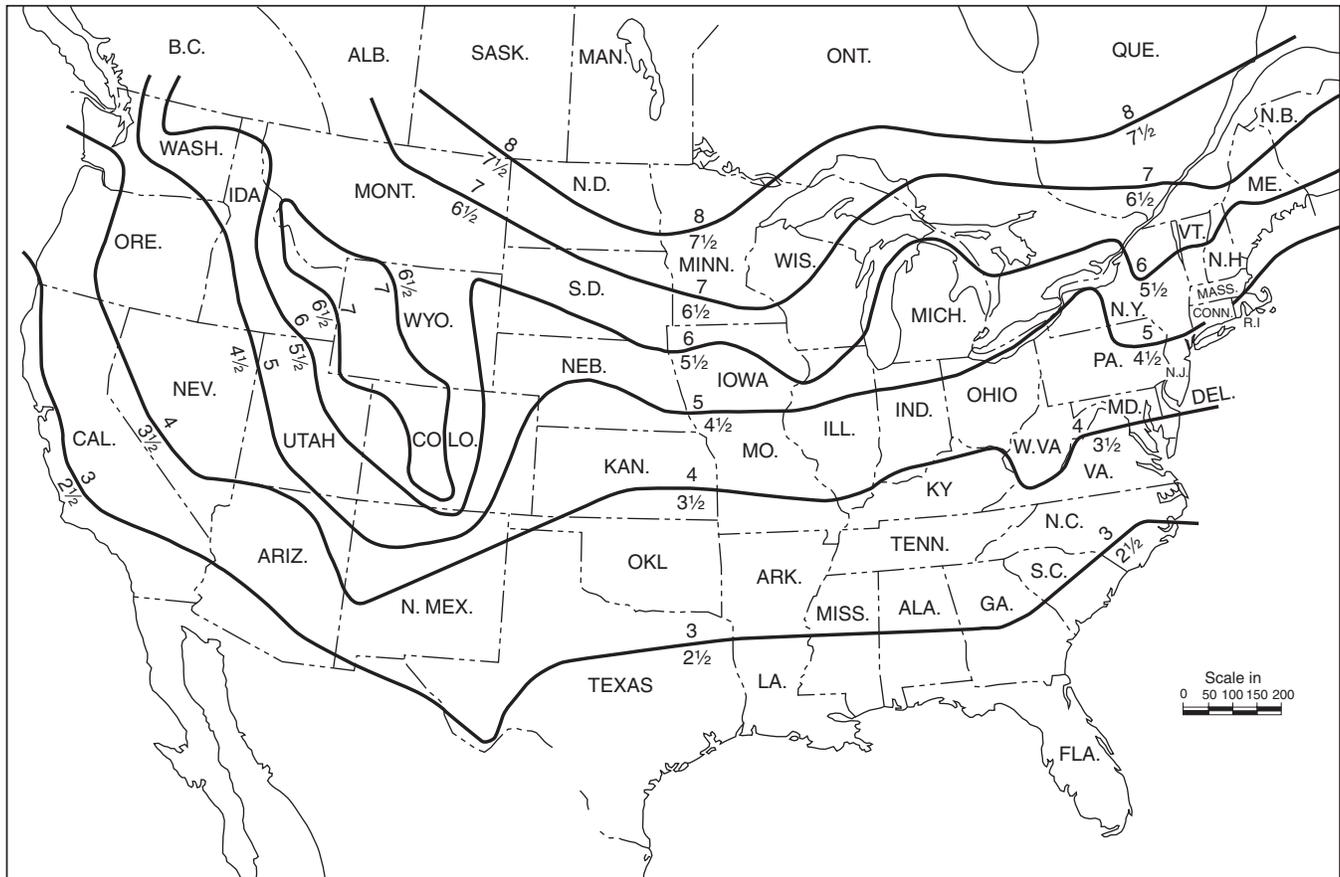
- (1) ASME B16.1, *Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings*
- (2) AWWA C110, *Ductile Iron and Gray Iron Fittings, 3-in. Through 48-in., for Water and Other Liquids*
- (3) AWWA C153, *Ductile Iron Compact Fittings, 3 in. through 24 in. and 54 in. through 64 in. for Water Service*
- (4) AWWA C208, *Dimensions for Fabricated Steel Water Pipe Fittings*

A.10.4.1 The following documents apply to the installation of pipe and fittings:

- (1) AWWA C603, *Standard for the Installation of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe*
- (2) AWWA C600, *Standard for the Installation of Ductile-Iron Water Mains and Their Appurtenances*
- (3) AWWA M11, *A Guide for Steel Pipe Design and Installation*
- (4) AWWA M41, *Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings*
- (5) *Concrete Pipe Handbook*, American Concrete Pipe Association
- (6) *Handbook of PVC Pipe*, Uni-Bell Plastic Pipe Association
- (7) *Installation Guide for Ductile Iron Pipe*, Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association
- (8) *Thrust Restraint Design for Ductile Iron Pipe*, Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association

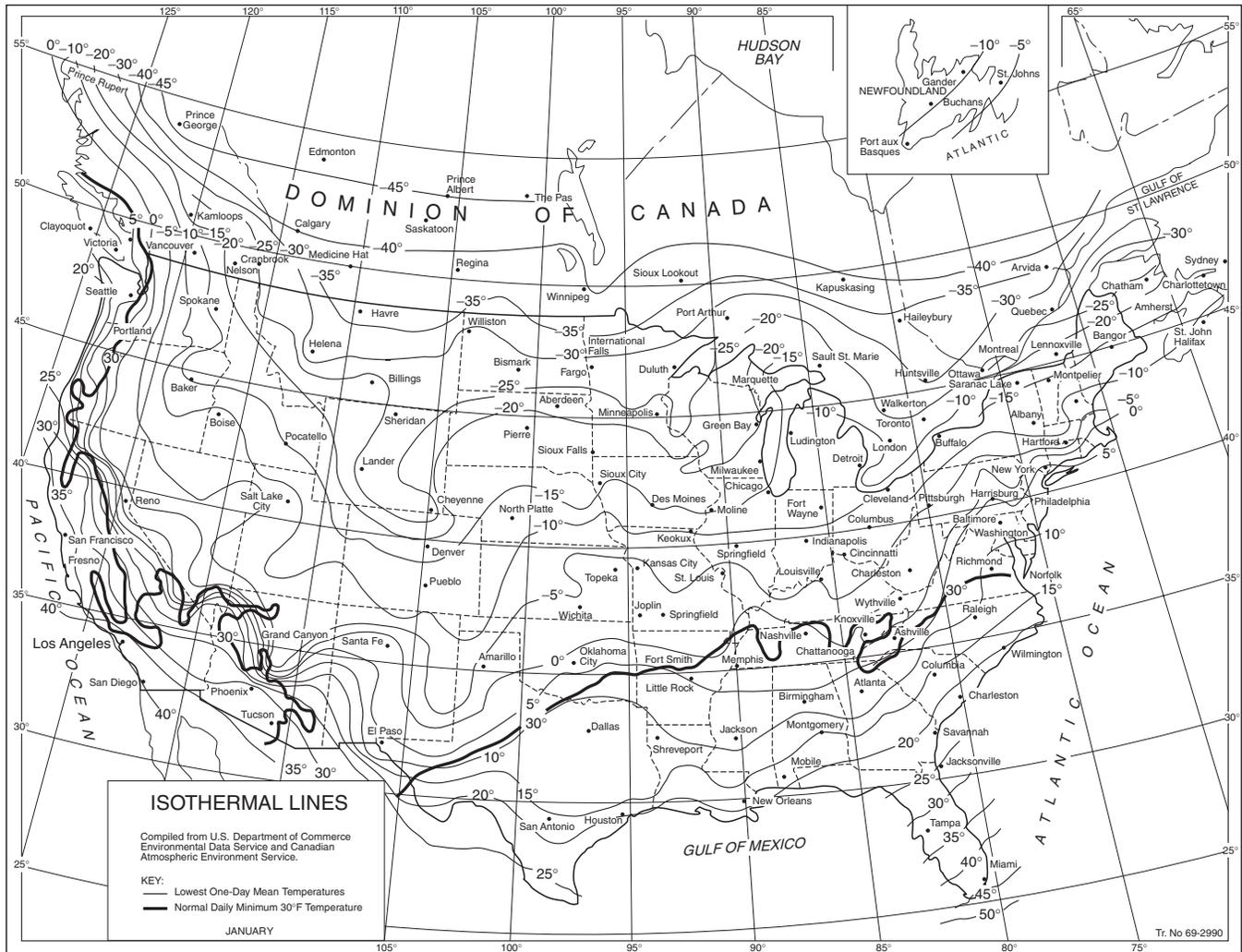
As there is normally no circulation of water in private fire mains, they require greater depth of covering than do public mains. Greater depth is required in a loose gravelly soil (or in rock) than in compact soil containing large quantities of clay. The recommended depth of cover above the top of underground yard mains is shown in Figure A.10.4.1.

A.10.5.1 In determining the need to protect aboveground piping from freezing, the lowest mean temperature should be considered as shown in Figure A.10.5.1.



- 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 water works. Greater depth is needed because of the absence of flow in yard mains.

FIGURE A.10.4.1 Recommended Depth of Cover (in feet) Above Top of Underground Yard Mains.



Source: Compiled from United States Weather Bureau records.
 For SI units, $^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{5}{9} (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)$; 1 mi = 1.609 km.

FIGURE A.10.5.1 Isothermal Lines — Lowest One-Day Mean Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$).

A.10.6.7 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, *Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile Iron Pipe Systems*.

A.10.8.1.1 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.10.1.1 for a list of references for use in calculating and determining joint restraint systems.

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.

A.10.8.2 Thrust Blocks. Concrete thrust blocks are one of the most common methods of restraint now in use, provided that stable soil conditions prevail and space requirements permit placement. Successful blocking is dependent upon 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 such that the resultant pressure against the soil does not exceed the horizontal 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.