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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 These requirements cover products described in [1.2](#) when used with one or more of the fuels described in [1.3](#).

1.2 These requirements cover electrically-, hydraulically-, or pneumatically-driven power-operated pumps for use with petroleum products in the following applications:

a) Self-contained dispensing devices and submerged pumps used in storage tanks that provide the fuel to remote control dispensing devices. They are intended for operation at discharge pressures of 50 pounds per square inch (psig) (345 kPa), or the marked maximum discharge pressure rating, when less, with the ambient and liquid temperature within the range of minus 29°C (minus 20°F) – 52°C (125°F).

b) Dispensing systems to transfer the fuel from a tank or container to a vehicle or another container. They are intended for operation at the marked maximum discharge pressure, or less, with the ambient and liquid temperature within the range of minus 29°C (minus 20°F) – 52°C (125°F).

c) Vapor recovery applications for dispensing devices. They are intended to operate under a vacuum at the inlet and a maximum discharge pressure of 50 psig (345 kPa), or marked discharge pressure, whichever is less.

1.3 Pumps covered by these requirements are intended for use with one or more of the following:

a) Diesel Fuel, which includes renewable diesel and diesel/biodiesel blends with nominal biodiesel concentrations up to 5 percent (B0 – B5) formulated in accordance with the Standard Specification for Diesel Fuel Oils, ASTM D975.

b) Diesel/biodiesel, renewable diesel/biodiesel blends, blends with nominal biodiesel concentrations from 5 percent up to 20 percent (B6 – B20) formulated in accordance with the Standard Specification for Diesel Fuel Oil, Biodiesel Blends (B6 – B20), ASTM D7467.

c) Biodiesel (B99.9/B100) formulated in accordance with the Standard Specification for Biodiesel Fuel Blend Stock (B100) for Middle Distillate Fuels, ASTM D6751.

d) Kerosene formulated in accordance with the Standard Specification for Kerosene, ANSI/ASTM D3699.

e) Fuel Oil (Heating Oil) formulated in accordance with the Standard Specification for Fuel Oils, ASTM D396.

1.4 Requirements for the installation and use of these products are included in the Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, ANSI/NFPA 30; the Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages Code, ANSI/NFPA 30A; and the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.

1.5 These requirements do not cover:

a) Oil burner pumps, which are evaluated under the Standard for Pumps for Oil-Burning Appliances, UL 343.

b) Pumps for engine-powered automotive equipment.

c) Pumps for marine use which are evaluated under the Standard for Mechanically and Electrically Operated Fuel Pumps for Marine Use, UL 1130.

d) Pumps for use in chemical, petrochemical, or petroleum processing plants; utility power plants; petroleum production facilities; pipeline pump stations; pipeline or marine terminals; or bulk plant distribution and related facilities.

e) Pumps used in mobile applications, such as on tank trucks, portable tanks, or portable containers mounted on vehicles.

f) Pumps rated more than 600 volts.

g) Pump assemblies also provided with a flammable liquid meter or electrically-operated shutoff valve, which are evaluated in accordance with the Standard for Power-Operated Dispensing Devices for Gasoline and Gasoline/Ethanol Blends with Nominal Ethanol Concentrations up to 85 Percent (E0 – E85), UL 87A.

h) Pumps intended for use with gasoline and gasoline/ethanol blends which are evaluated in accordance with the Standard for Power Operated Pumps for Gasoline and Gasoline/Ethanol Blends with Nominal Ethanol Concentrations up to 85 Percent (E0 – E85), UL 79A.

1.6 The pump assembly may be constructed such that it provides for the installation and use of a hose and hose nozzle valve.

2 General

2.1 Components

2.1.1 Except as indicated in [2.1.2](#), a component of a product covered by this standard shall comply with the requirements for that component.

2.1.2 A component is not required to comply with a specific requirement that:

a) Involves a feature or characteristic not required in the application of the component in the product covered by this standard, or

b) Is superseded by a requirement in this .

2.1.3 A component shall be used in accordance with its rating established for the intended conditions of use.

2.1.4 Specific components are incomplete in construction features or restricted in performance capabilities. Such components are intended for use only under limited conditions, such as certain temperatures not exceeding specified limits, and shall be used only under those specific conditions.

2.1.5 Electrical components, including motors and wiring, when incorporated by a manufacturer in an assembly with a pump, and including the means provided in the pump assembly for electrical connections, shall comply with the requirements for equipment for use in hazardous locations, Class I, Group D, National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, Articles 500 and 501.

2.2 Units of measurement

2.2.1 Values stated without parentheses are the requirement. Values in parentheses are explanatory or approximate information.

2.3 Undated references

2.3.1 Any undated reference to a code or standard appearing in the requirements of this shall be interpreted as referring to the latest edition of that code or standard.

3 Glossary

3.1 For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions apply.

3.2 DIESEL/BIODIESEL BLENDS – Blended fuels composed of a diesel component and a biodiesel component. The numerical value corresponding to the biodiesel component determines the blend rating (such as B20 for 20% biodiesel and 80% diesel).

3.3 HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS – Locations in which flammable gases or vapors are or may be present in the air in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixture.

3.4 INTRINSICALLY SAFE CIRCUIT – A circuit incapable of releasing sufficient electrical energy under normal or abnormal conditions to cause ignition of a specific hazardous atmospheric mixture. Abnormal conditions include unintentional damage to any part of the equipment or wiring, insulation or other malfunction of electrical components, application of overvoltage, adjustment and maintenance operations, and other similar conditions.

3.5 LINE-VOLTAGE CIRCUIT – A circuit involving a potential of not more than 600 volts and having circuit characteristics in excess of those of a low-voltage circuit.

3.6 LOW-VOLTAGE CIRCUIT – A circuit involving a peak open-circuit potential of not more than 42.2 volts supplied by:

- a) A battery;
- b) A Class 2 transformer; or
- c) A combination of a transformer and a fixed impedance that, as a unit, complies with the performance requirements for Class 2 transformers in accordance with the Standard for Standard for Low Voltage Transformers – Part 1: General Requirements, UL 5085-1 and the Standard for Low Voltage Transformers – Part 3: Class 2 and Class 3 Transformers, UL 5085-3.

A circuit derived from a line-voltage circuit by connecting a resistance in series with the supply circuit as a means of limiting the voltage and current is not a low-voltage circuit.

3.7 RAINPROOF ENCLOSURE – An enclosure that prevents the entrance of a beating rain to the extent that there is no wetting of electrical parts and no water enters a compartment housing field installed wiring.

3.8 SEALS, DYNAMIC – A seal that is subject to mechanical movement or other applied forces that result in movement or flexing of the seal under normal use conditions.

3.9 SEALS, STATIC – A seal that is not subject to mechanical movement or other applied forces other than compression forces that are applied during installation and maintained during normal use conditions.

CONSTRUCTION

4 Assembly

4.1 The construction of a pump shall be such that parts can be assembled in the intended manner after being dismantled to the extent needed for replacement of parts or for other maintenance or servicing.

4.2 When a pump requires the use of special pipe flanges, gaskets, bolts, or other special fittings or parts for making connections, such parts shall be furnished as part of the pump assembly.

4.3 A product shall be formed and assembled so that it has the strength and rigidity required to resist the abuses to which it is subjected without resulting in the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons due to total or partial collapse with:

- a) Resulting reduction of spacings;
- b) Loosening or displacement of parts; or
- c) Other defects.

4.4 A pump-motor assembly to be shipped from the manufacturer disassembled shall be provided with the marking described in [74.9](#).

5 Materials

5.1 Metallic materials

5.1.1 General

5.1.1.1 A metallic part, in contact with the fuels anticipated by these requirements, shall be resistant to the action of the fuel if degradation of the material will result in leakage of the fuel or if it will impair the function of the device. See the Long Term Exposure Test, Section [41](#).

5.1.1.2 The exposed surfaces of metallic parts shall be resistant to atmospheric corrosion if this corrosion will lead to leakage of the fluid or if it will impair the function of the device. The material shall comply with the requirements in Atmospheric corrosion, [5.1.2](#).

5.1.1.3 Metallic parts in contact with the fuels anticipated by these requirements shall not be constructed of lead, or materials that are substantially lead. In addition, no coatings or platings containing lead shall be used, such as terne-plated steel.

5.1.1.4 With reference to the above requirements, metallic parts include metallic materials used to form fluid confining parts as well as metallic coatings or plating that may be applied to a base material.

5.1.2 Atmospheric corrosion

5.1.2.1 Metallic materials used for fluid confining parts shall be resistant to atmospheric corrosion. In addition, metallic materials that are required to operate to address safety (e.g. thermal links on shear valves) shall be resistant to atmospheric corrosion. Ferrous materials of the thickness specified in the following items are acceptable for the preceding when uncoated:

- a) A casting having a wall thickness of not less than 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) if shown by production test to be free of leakage;

- b) Standard pipe and fittings conforming to the Standard for Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe, ANSI/ASME B36.10M; and
- c) Fabricated sheet steel parts having a minimum wall thickness of 0.093 inch (2.36 mm).

5.1.2.2 A protective coating shall provide resistance against atmospheric corrosion to a degree not less than that provided by the protective coatings specified in [5.1.2.3](#).

5.1.2.3 Cadmium plating shall not be less than 0.0003 inch (0.008 mm) thick, and zinc plating shall not be less than 0.0005 inch (0.013 mm) thick, except on parts where threads constitute the major portion of the area in which case the cadmium or zinc plating shall not be less than 0.00015 inch (0.0038 mm) thick. Metallic parts are considered to comply with [5.1.2.1](#) when they are protected against atmospheric corrosion by:

- a) Hot dipped, mill galvanized sheet steel complying with the coating designation G90 in Table I of the Specification for Sheet Steel, Zinc Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron-Alloy Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot Dip Process, ASTM A653/A653M; or
- b) Coatings which have been determined to be equivalent to G90 under the requirements of the Standard for Organic Coatings for Steel Enclosures for Outdoor Use Electrical Equipment, UL 1332.

5.1.2.4 A metallic material other than as described in [5.1.2.1](#) – [5.1.2.3](#) shall be painted or protected in a manner that has been determined to be equivalent.

5.2 Nonmetallic materials

5.2.1 General

5.2.1.1 A nonmetallic part in contact with the fuels anticipated by these requirements, shall be resistant to the action of the fuel if degradation of the material will result in leakage of the fuel, or if it will impair the function of the device.

5.2.1.2 Gaskets or seals shall be designated as dynamic and/or static seals. See [3.8](#) and [3.9](#) respectively. If the type of seal cannot be determined, then the material shall be treated as both a static and a dynamic seal.

5.2.1.3 Gaskets and seals shall comply with the requirements as d in Nonmetallic materials – material level, [5.2.2](#) and Materials – system level, [5.3](#).

5.2.1.4 Nonmetallic materials in contact with the fuels anticipated by these requirements shall not be constructed of the following:

- a) Polysulfide rubber;
- b) Ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) rubber;
- c) Methyl-Methacrylate;
- d) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC);
- e) Nylon 6/6; or
- f) Polyurethane.