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§ 108.437 Pipe sizes and discharge rates for enclosed ventilation systems for rotating electrical equipment.

(a) The minimum pipe size for the initial charge must meet table 108.441 and the discharge of the required amount of CO₂ must be completed within 2 minutes.

(b) The minimum pipe size for the delayed discharge must be at least 1.25 centimeters (½ inch) standard pipe.

(c) The pipe used for the initial discharge must not be used for the delayed discharge, except systems having a volume of less than 57 cubic meters (2,000 cubic feet).

§ 108.439 Quantity of CO₂ for protection of spaces.

(a) The number of pounds of CO₂ required to protect a space must be equal to the gross volume of the space divided by the appropriate factor from Table 108.439.

(b) If a machinery space includes a casing, the gross volume of the space may be calculated using the reductions allowed in 46 CFR 95.10–5(e).

(c) If fuel can drain from a space to an adjacent space or if two spaces are not entirely separate, the requirements for both spaces must be used to determine the amount of CO₂ to be provided and the CO₂ system must be arranged to discharge into both spaces simultaneously.

TABLE 108.439—CO₂ Supply Factors
[Gross volume of space in cubic feet]

| Over | Not over | Factor |
|--------|----------|--------|
| 0 | 500 | 15 |
| 500 | 1,600 | 16 |
| 1,600 | 4,500 | 18 |
| 4,500 | 50,000 | 20 |
| 50,000 | | 22 |

§ 108.441 Piping and discharge rates for CO₂ systems.

(a) The size of branch lines to spaces protected by a CO₂ system must meet Table 108.441.

(b) Distribution piping within a space must be proportioned from the supply line to give proper distribution to the outlets without throttling.

(c) The number, type, and location of discharge outlets must distribute the CO₂ uniformly throughout the space.

TABLE 108.441—CO₂ System Pipe Size

| CO ₂ supply in system, kilograms (pounds) | Minimum pipe size (inches), millimeters (inches) |
|--|--|
| 45 (100) | 12.7 (½). |
| 104 (225) | 19.05 (¾). |
| 136 (300) | 25.4 (1). |
| 272 (600) | 31.75 (1¼). |
| 450 (1,000) | 38.10 (1½). |
| 1,110 (2,450) | 50.80 (2). |
| 1,130 (2,500) | 63.5 (2½). |
| 2,023 (4,450) | 76.2 (3). |
| 3,229 (7,100) | 88.9 (3½). |
| 4,750 (10,000) | 101.6 (4). |
| 6,818 (15,000) | 114.3 (4½). |

(d) The total area of all discharge outlets must be more than 35 percent and less than 85 percent of the nominal cylinder outlet area or the area of the supply pipe, whichever is smaller. The nominal cylinder outlet area in square centimeters is determined by multiplying the factor 0.0313 by the number of kilograms of CO₂ required. (The nominal cylinder outlet area in square inches is determined by multiplying the factor 0.0022 by the number of pounds of CO₂ required). The nominal cylinder outlet area must not be less than 71 square millimeters (0.110 square inches).

(e) A CO₂ system must discharge at least 85 percent of the required amount within 2 minutes.

§ 108.443 Controls and valves.

(a) At least one control for operating a CO₂ system must be outside the space or spaces that the system protects and in a location that would be accessible if a fire occurred in any space that the system protects. Control valves must not be located in a protected space unless the CO₂ cylinders are also in the protected space.

(b) A CO₂ system that protects more than one space must have a manifold with a stop valve, the normal position of which is closed, that directs the flow of CO₂ to each protected space.

(c) A CO₂ system that protects only one space must have a stop valve installed between the cylinders and the discharge outlets in the system, except on a system that has a CO₂ supply of 136 kilograms (300 pounds) or less.

(d) At least one of the control stations in a CO₂ system that protects a machinery space must be as near as