§ 154.435 Semi-Membrane Tanks

(a) The design of a semi-membrane tank, the supporting insulation for the tank, and the supporting hull structure for the tank must be specially approved by the Commandant (CG–ENG).

(b) A semi-membrane tank must be designed to meet:

1. § 154.425 through § 154.432;
2. § 154.437 through § 154.440; or
3. § 154.444 through § 154.449.


§ 154.436 Design vapor pressure.

The P_o of a semi-membrane tank must not exceed 24.5 kPa gauge (3.55 psig) unless special approval by the Commandant (CG–ENG) allows a P_o between 24.5 kPa gauge (3.55 psig) and 69 kPa gauge (10 psig).


§ 154.437 General.

An independent tank type A must meet §154.438 through §154.440.

§ 154.438 Design vapor pressure.

(a) If the surface of an independent tank type A are mostly flat surfaces, the P_o must not exceed 69 kPa gauge (10 psig).

(b) If the surfaces of an independent tank type A are formed by bodies of revolution, the design calculation of the P_o must be specially approved by the Commandant (CG–ENG).


§ 154.439 Tank design.

An independent tank type A must meet the deep tank standard of the American Bureau of Shipping published in “Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels”, 1981, and must:

(a) Withstand the internal pressure determined under §154.407;

(b) Withstand loads from tank supports calculated under §§154.470 and 154.471; and

(c) Have a corrosion allowance that meets §154.412.

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§ 154.440 Allowable stress.

(a) The allowable stresses for an independent tank type A must:

1. For tank web frames, stringers, or girders of carbon manganese steel or aluminum alloys, meet σ_y/2.66 or σ_y/1.33, whichever is less; and

2. For other materials, be specially approved by the Commandant (CG–ENG).

(b) A greater allowable stress than required in paragraph (a)(1) of this section may be specially approved by the Commandant (CG–ENG) if the equivalent stress (σ_c) is calculated from the formula in appendix A of this part.

(c) Tank plating must meet the American Bureau of Shipping’s deep tank standards, for an internal pressure head that meets §154.439(a), published in “Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels”, 1981.


§ 154.444 General.

An independent tank type B must be designed to meet §§154.445 through 154.449.

§ 154.445 Design vapor pressure.

If the surfaces of an independent tank type B are mostly flat surfaces, the P_o must not exceed 69 kPa gauge (10 psig).

§ 154.446 Tank design.

An independent tank type B must meet the calculations under §154.448.

§ 154.447 Allowable stress.

(a) An independent tank type B designed from bodies of revolution must