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the valve shall be adjusted by the manufacturer or his authorized representative.

(g) The design and construction of safety relief valves shall permit easy access for inspection and repair.

(h) Safety relief valves shall be tapped for not less than ½ inch pipe size drain at the lowest practicable point where liquid can collect.

[CGFR 52–43, 17 FR 9540, Oct. 18, 1952]

§ 162.018–5 Blow-down adjustment and popping tolerance.

(a) Safety relief valves shall be so constructed that no shocks detrimental to the valve or pressure vessel are produced when lifting or closing. Safety relief valves shall be designed to open sharply and reach full lift and capacity at the maximum accumulation. Valve closure after popping shall be clean and sharp. Safety relief valves shall operate satisfactorily without wiredrawing and chattering at any stage of operation.

(b) Safety relief valves having adjustable blow-down construction shall be adjusted to close after blowing down not more than 5 percent of the set pressure. Valves shall be adjusted to pop within a tolerance of plus or minus 3 percent of the set pressure, except that for pressures of 70 p.s.i. and below, the tolerance in popping pressure shall not vary more than plus or minus 2 p.s.i.

[CGFR 52–43, 17 FR 9541, Oct. 18, 1952]

§ 162.018–6 Marking.

(a) Each safety relief valve shall be plainly marked by the manufacturer with the required data in such a way that the marking will not be obliterated in service. The marking may be stamped on the valve or stamped or cast on a plate securely fastened to the valve. The marking shall include the following data:

(1) The name or identifying trademark of the manufacturer.

(2) Manufacturer’s design or type number.

(3) Size ___ inches. (The pipe size of the valve inlet).

(4) Set pressure ___ p.s.i.

(5) Rated capacity ___ cubic feet per minute of the gas or vapor (at 60 °F and 14.7 p.s.i.a.).

(6) Coast Guard approval number. The minimum wording for showing approval shall be "USCG 162.018/* *" or "USCG 162.018–* *".

(b) [Reserved]


§ 162.018–7 Flow rating tests.

(a) Flow rating of valves shall be conducted in accordance with UG–131 of section VIII of the ASME Code, S–1.2.5.2 of the Compressed Gas Association Standards, or other procedure approved by the Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Center.

(b) [Reserved]


§ 162.018–8 Procedure for approval.

(a) General. Safety relief valves for use on pressure vessels containing liquefied compressed gases must be approved by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center. Applications for approval may be delivered by visitors to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center, 1900 Half Street, SW., Suite 1000, Room 525, Washington, DC 20593–7126, in a written or electronic format. Information for submitting the VSP electronically can be found at http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/MSC.

(b) Plan submittal. Manufacturers desiring to secure approval of a new design or type of safety relief valve shall submit in quadruplicate detail drawings showing the valve construction, and material specifications of the component parts. In the event the design is changed, amended drawings shall be submitted to the Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Center, for re-approval.

* * Number to be assigned by the Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Center.
(c) Pre-approval tests. (1) Prior to approval of safety relief valves by the Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Center, manufacturers shall have capacity certification tests conducted, in accordance with §162.018–7 or submit satisfactory evidence that such tests have been conducted and approved by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors or by a properly supervised and inspected test laboratory acceptable to the Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Center.

(2) Reports of conducted tests on designs of safety relief valves different from those previously approved shall be submitted by the manufacturer when requesting approval for different designs.


Subpart 162.027—Combination Solid Stream and Water Spray Firehose Nozzles

Source: CGD 95–027, 61 FR 26009, May 23, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

§162.027–1 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish a notice of change in the Federal Register and the material must be available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Design and Engineering Standards (CG–ENG), 2100 2nd St., SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126 and is available from the sources indicated in paragraph (b) of this section. For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/ code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.”

(b) The material approved for incorporation by reference in this part and the sections affected are as follows:

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428–2959.


§162.027–2 Design, construction, testing and marking requirements.

(a) Each combination solid stream and water spray firehose nozzle required to be approved under the provisions of this subpart must be designed, constructed, tested, and marked in accordance with the requirements of ASTM F 1546 (incorporated by reference, see §162.027–1).

(b) All inspections and tests required by ASTM F 1546 (incorporated by reference, see §162.027–1) must be performed by an independent laboratory accepted by the Coast Guard under subpart 159.010 of this chapter. A list of independent laboratories accepted by the Coast Guard as meeting subpart 159.010 of this chapter may be obtained by contacting the Commandant (CG–ENG).

(c) The independent laboratory shall prepare a report on the results of the testing and shall furnish the manufacturer with a copy of the test report upon completion of the testing required by ASTM F 1546 (incorporated by reference, see §162.027–1).


§162.027–3 Approval procedures.

(a) Firehose nozzles designed, constructed, tested, and marked in accordance with ASTM F 1546 (incorporated by reference, see §162.027–1) are considered to be approved under the provisions of this chapter.