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(c) Boiler uptakes. (1) Where dampers are installed in the uptakes or funnels, the arrangement shall be such that it will not be possible to shut off the gas passages from the operating boilers. (2) Each main power boiler and auxiliary boiler shall be fitted with a separate gas passage.

§ 52.01–135 Inspection and tests (modifies PG–90 through PG–100).

(a) Requirements. Inspection and test of boilers and boiler pressure parts shall be as indicated in PG–90 through PG–100 of section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (incorporated by reference; see 46 CFR 52.01–1) except as noted otherwise in this section.

(b) The inspections required by PG–90 through PG–100 of the ASME Code shall be performed by the “Authorized Inspector” as defined in PG–91 of section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (incorporated by reference; see 46 CFR 52.01–1). The Authorized Inspector shall hold a valid commission issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. After installation, boilers will be inspected for compliance with this part by the “Marine Inspector” as defined in § 50.10–15 of this subchapter.

(c) Hydrostatic test (Modifies PG–99). Each new boiler shall be hydrostatically tested after installation to 11⁄2 times the maximum allowable working pressure as indicated in PG–99 of section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (incorporated by reference; see 46 CFR 52.01–1). Before the boilers are insulated, accessible parts of the boiler shall be emptied, opened up and all interior surfaces shall be examined by the marine inspector to ascertain that no defects have occurred due to the hydrostatic test.

(d) Operating tests. In addition to hydrostatic tests prescribed in paragraph (c) of this section, automatically controlled auxiliary boilers must be subjected to operating tests as specified in §§ 61.30–20, 61.35–1, 61.35–3, 62.30–10, 63.15–9, 63.25–3, and 63.25–5 of this chapter, as appropriate, or as directed by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, for propulsion boilers. These tests are to be performed after final installation.

§ 52.01–140 Certification by stamping (modifies PG–104 through PG–113).

(a) All boilers built in accordance with this part must be stamped with the appropriate ASME Code symbol as required by PG–104 through PG–113 of section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (incorporated by reference; see 46 CFR 52.01–1).

(b)(1) Upon satisfactory completion of the tests and Coast Guard inspections, boilers must be stamped with the following: (i) Manufacturer’s name and serial number; (ii) ASME Code Symbol; (iii) Coast Guard symbol, which is affixed only by marine inspector (see § 50.10–15 of this subchapter); (iv) Maximum allowable working pressure at °C (°F); and (v) Boiler rated steaming capacity in kilograms (pounds) per hour (rated joules (B.T.U.) per hour output for high temperature water boilers).

(2) The information required in paragraph (b)(1) of this section must be located on: (i) The front head or shell near the normal waterline and within 610 mm (24 inches) of the front of firetube boilers; and (ii) The drum head of water tube boilers.

(c) The data shall be legibly stamped and shall not be obliterated during the life of the boiler. In the event that the portion of the boiler upon which the data is stamped is to be insulated or otherwise covered, a metal nameplate as described in PG–106.6 of section I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code must be affixed to the boiler. Such nameplate shall be marked with the data specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.