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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 These requirements cover electric heating, water supply, and power boilers rated at 15,000 volts or less intended for commercial or industrial applications utilizing hot water or steam. They may also be used for commercial, industrial, or residential use space heating applications.

1.2 The boilers covered by these requirements are intended for installation in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, the International Mechanical Code, and the Uniform Mechanical Code.

1.3 Each boiler consists of sheathed resistance-type heating elements and a vessel or tank constructed, inspected, and stamped in accordance with the applicable sections of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Each boiler is provided with one or more safety valves or safety relief valves conforming to ASME requirements with all necessary temperature or pressure regulating controls, including an integral limit control, wiring, and auxiliary equipment assembled as a unit.

1.4 These requirements do not cover water supply boilers and hot water and steam generating equipment employing constructions which are outside the scope of, or not covered by, the ASME codes, nor commercial cooking or medical and dental equipment, nor other electric heating equipment or appliances which are covered in, or as part of, separate, individual requirements. Electrode-type boilers also are not covered by these requirements.

1.5 The equipment covered by this standard shall be one of the following types of water heating boilers:

a) High Pressure – A boiler furnishing:

1) Steam at pressures in excess of 15 psi (103 kPa); or

2) Hot water at temperatures in excess of 250°F (121°C) or at pressures in excess of 160 psi (1103 kPa).

b) Low-Pressure Hot-Water and Low-Pressure Steam – A boiler furnishing:

1) Hot water at pressures not exceeding 160 psi and at temperatures not more than 250°F; or

2) A boiler furnishing steam at pressures not more than 15 psi.

c) Miniature – A boiler that does not exceed the following limits:

1) 16 inches (406 mm) inside diameter of shell; and

2) 5 cubic feet (0.14 m³) gross volume, exclusive of casing and insulation, and 100 psi (690 kPa) maximum allowable working pressure.

For the applicable ASME Code symbol, see Section 5.

2 Components

2.1 Except as indicated in 2.2, a component of a product covered by this standard shall comply with the requirements for that component. See Appendix A for a list of standards covering components generally used in the products covered by this standard.

2.2 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 standard.

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

2.4 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.

2.5 A component of a boiler intended to be manually operated or adjusted or that will definitely require periodic servicing, for example replacement or cleaning, shall be accessible without the use of special tools.

3 Units of Measurement

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

4 Undated References

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

5 Special Designations

5.1 A boiler assembly shall be constructed, equipped, inspected, tested, and marked in accordance with the applicable sections of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The boiler marking shall consist of the ASME Code symbol and one of the following Designators.

"E" – Designates a high pressure boiler [see 1.5(a)] constructed as follows:

- 1) The boiler pressure vessel has been assembled by a manufacturer other than the boiler manufacturer in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, Rules for Construction of Power Boilers or Section VIII, Division 1 as permitted by ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, Part PEB, Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels;
- 2) The pressure vessel is stamped with the ASME Code Designator "S", "M", or "U"; and
- 3) The boiler is assembled by methods that do not involve any welding or brazing of parts to the pressure vessel.

"H" – Designates a low pressure steam or hot water boiler [see 1.5(b)] constructed in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IV, Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.

"M" – Designates a miniature boiler [see 1.5(c)] constructed in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, Part PMB, Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.

"S" – Designates a high pressure steam or high-temperature water boiler [see 1.5(a)] constructed in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.

"U" – This Designator, along with the letters "UB", applies only to a pressure vessel when the vessel is constructed in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1, Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels. The boiler has been completed in accordance with Section I, Part PEB, of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Rule for Construction of Power Boilers.

6 Glossary

6.1 For the purpose of this standard the following definitions apply.

6.1.1 CONTROL ENCLOSURE PANEL – An enclosure for individual electrical components to prevent accidental contact with energized parts and to protect the components from physical damage.

6.2 PROTECTIVE (SAFETY) CONTROL – A control intended to prevent the risk of electric shock, fire, or injury to persons during abnormal operation of the appliance. An example would be a water temperature limit control. A protective control always provides Type 2 action. (See definitions 6.11 and 6.12.)

6.3 LIMIT CONTROL – A protective (safety) control that is responsive to changes in pressure, temperature, liquid level, or flow. This control may be used for regulating purposes or may be set beyond the intended operating range of the controlled equipment to limit its operation. This control may be electrical or mechanical in nature.

6.4 LOW VOLTAGE CIRCUIT – A circuit involving a potential of not more than 30 volts rms (42.4 volts peak) supplied by a battery or by a standard Class 2 transformer or other acceptable transforming device, or by a combination of transformer and fixed impedance having output characteristics in compliance with requirements established for a Class 2 transformer. A circuit obtained by connecting resistance in series with a line voltage supply circuit as a means of limiting the voltage and current is not considered to be a low voltage circuit.

6.5 OPERATING CONTROL – A control intended to start or regulate the appliance during normal operation. An example would be a water temperature-regulating control. An operating control could provide Type 1 and Type 2 actions. (See definitions 6.11 and 6.12). However, for the purposes of these requirements, is not intended to provide the regulating function of the boiler, see Section 31, Limit Controls.

6.6 PORTABLE – A boiler that is moved or can be easily moved from one place to another in normal use.

6.7 SAFETY RELIEF VALVE – An automatic pressure relieving device actuated by pressure upstream of the valve and characterized by opening pop action with further opening with increase in pressure over the popping pressure.