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NOTE: This specification covers the requirements for gas meters, regulators, piping to accommodate new meters, and provisions for automated meter reading.

Edit this guide specification for project-specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable items(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

PART 1 GENERAL

NOTE: This guide specification is intended for use when specifying steel piping in nominal pipe size at pressures and other conditions governed by ASME B31.8, "Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems," and aboveground steel piping both outside (up to 1.50 meters (5 feet) beyond exterior walls) and within buildings in compliance with NFPA 54, "National Fuel Gas Code."

Show the following information on the project drawings:

1. Layout and location of piping.
2. Location of appurtenances, valves, etc.
3. Details of method of mounting piping.
4. Capacity of pressure regulators.

1.1 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Section 23 03 00.00 20 BASIC MECHANICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS applies to this section, with additions and modifications specified herein.

1.2 REFERENCES

NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a RID outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION (AGA)

AGA ANSI B109.1 (2000) Diaphragm-Type Gas Displacement Meters (Under 500 cubic ft./hour Capacity)

AGA ANSI B109.2 (2000) Diaphragm-Type Gas Displacement Meters (500 cubic ft./hour Capacity and Over)

AGA ANSI B109.3 (2000) Rotary-Type Gas Displacement Meters

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE)

ANSI/ASCE/SEI 25 (2006; R 2008) Earthquake-Activated Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices

ASME INTERNATIONAL (ASME)

ASME B1.1 (2003; R 2008) Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN and UNR Thread Form)

ASME B1.20.1 (1983; R 2006) Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)

ASME B16.11 (2009) Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and

Threaded

ASME B16.3	(2006) Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Classes 150 and 300
ASME B16.33	(2002; R 2007) Manually Operated Metallic Gas Valves for Use in Gas Piping Systems Up to 125 psi, Sizes NPS 1/2 - NPS 2
ASME B16.38	(2007) Large Metallic Valves for Gas Distribution (Manually Operated, NPS 2 1/2 to 12, 125 psig Maximum)
ASME B16.39	(2009) Standard for Malleable Iron Threaded Pipe Unions; Classes 150, 250, and 300
ASME B16.5	(2009) Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: NPS 1/2 Through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard
ASME B16.9	(2007) Standard for Factory-Made Wrought Steel Buttwelding Fittings
ASME B18.2.1	(2010) Square and Hex Bolts and Screws (Inch Series)
ASME B18.2.2	(2010) Standard for Square and Hex Nuts
ASME B31.8	(2010; Supplement 2010) Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems
ASME BPVC SEC VIII D1	(2007; Addenda 2008; Addenda 2009) BPVC Section VIII-Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels Division 1

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 193/A 193M	(2010a) Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for High-Temperature Service and Other Special Purpose Applications
ASTM A 194/A 194M	(2010) Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts for Bolts for High-Pressure or High-Temperature Service, or Both
ASTM A 53/A 53M	(2010) Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless

MANUFACTURERS STANDARDIZATION SOCIETY OF THE VALVE AND FITTINGS INDUSTRY (MSS)

MSS SP-58	(2009) Pipe Hangers and Supports - Materials, Design and Manufacture, Selection, Application, and Installation
MSS SP-69	(2003) Pipe Hangers and Supports -

Selection and Application (ANSI Approved
American National Standard)

MSS SP-89

(2003) Pipe Hangers and Supports -
Fabrication and Installation Practices

MASTER PAINTERS INSTITUTE (MPI)

MPI 9

(Oct 2009) Exterior Alkyd, Gloss, MPI
Gloss Level 6

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 54

(2009; TIA 10-3) National Fuel Gas Code

SHEET METAL AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS' NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
(SMACNA)

SMACNA 1650

(2008) Seismic Restraint Manual Guidelines
for Mechanical Systems, 2nd Edition

THE SOCIETY FOR PROTECTIVE COATINGS (SSPC)

SSPC Paint 25

(1997; E 2004) Zinc Oxide, Alkyd, Linseed
Oil Primer for Use Over Hand Cleaned
Steel, Type I and Type II

SSPC SP 1

(1982; E 2004) Solvent Cleaning

SSPC SP 3

(1982; E 2004) Power Tool Cleaning

SSPC SP 7/NACE No.4

(2007) Brush-Off Blast Cleaning

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

MIL-STD-101

(1970; Rev B) Color Code for Pipelines &
for Compressed Gas Cylinders

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

49 CFR 192

Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by
Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards

49 CFR 195

Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by
Pipeline

1.3 SUBMITTALS

NOTE: Review submittal description (SD) definitions
in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit
the following list to reflect only the submittals
required for the project. Submittals should be kept
to the minimum required for adequate quality control.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the
submittal requires Government approval. Some
submittals are already marked with a "G". Only
delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not

complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are for [Contractor Quality Control approval.] [information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-03 Product Data

Pressure regulator[; G][; G, [____]]
Valves
Risers
Transition fittings
Gas meter[; G][; G, [____]]

SD-07 Certificates

Welder's qualifications
Welder's identification symbols

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.4.1 Welder's Qualifications

Comply with ASME B31.8. The steel welder shall have a copy of a certified ASME B31.8 qualification test report. Submit each welder's identification symbols, assigned number, or letter, used to identify work of the welder. Affix symbols immediately upon completion of welds. Welders making defective welds after passing a qualification test shall be given a requalification test and, upon failing to pass this test, shall not be permitted to work this contract.

1.4.2 Safety Standards

Conform to 49 CFR 192 [and 49 CFR 195].

1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Handle, transport, and store pipe and fittings carefully. Plug or cap pipe ends during transportation or storage to minimize dirt and moisture entry. Do not subject to abrasion or concentrated external loads.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Conform to NFPA 54 and with requirements specified herein.

2.2 PIPE AND FITTINGS

2.2.1 Aboveground and Within Buildings and Vaults

NOTE: For steam electric generation stations, industrial and institutional plants, and central heating plants, use Schedule 80 black steel piping in accordance with ANSI B31.1 for threaded joints.

- a. Pipe: Black steel in accordance with ASTM A 53/A 53M, Schedule [40] [80], threaded ends for sizes 50 mm 2 inches and smaller; otherwise, plain end beveled for butt welding.
- b. Threaded Fittings: ASME B16.3, black malleable iron.
- c. Socket-Welding Fittings: ASME B16.11, forged steel.
- d. Butt-Welding Fittings: ASME B16.9, with backing rings of compatible material.
- e. Unions: ASME B16.39, black malleable iron. Provide dielectric unions where cathodic protection is provided on steel gas mains and/or service lines.
- f. Flanges and Flanged Fittings: ASME B16.5 steel flanges or convoluted steel flanges conforming to ASME BPVC SEC VIII D1. Flange faces shall have integral grooves of rectangular cross-sections which afford containment for self-energizing gasket material.

2.2.2 Risers

Manufacturer's standard riser, transition from plastic to steel pipe with 0.18 to 0.30 mm 7 to 12 mil thick epoxy coating. Use swaged gas-tight construction with O-ring seals, metal insert, and protective sleeve. Provide [remote bolt-on or bracket] [or] [wall-mounted] riser supports [as indicated].

2.2.3 Transition Fittings

NOTE: Choose the applicable options from the following.

- [a. Steel to Plastic (PE): As specified for "riser" except designed

for steel-to-plastic with tapping tee or sleeve. Coat or wrap exposed steel pipe with heavy plastic coating.]

[b. Plastic to Plastic: [Manufacturer's standard bolt-on (PVC to PE) plastic tapping saddle tee, UL listed for gas service, rated for 690 kPa (gage) 100 psig, and O-ring seals.] [Manufacturer's standard slip-on PE mechanical coupling, molded, with stainless-steel ring support, O-ring seals, and rated for 1035 kPa (gage) 150 psig gas service.] [Manufacturer's standard fused tapping (PE-to-PE) tee assembly with shut-off feature.]]

2.3 VALVES, ABOVEGROUND

[Provide lockable valves where indicated.]

2.3.1 Shutoff Valves, Sizes Larger Than 50 mm 2 Inches

NOTE: Choose one of the options below.

Do not use cast-iron material for valve body or
gas-meter body in seismic zones 3 and 4.

[[Cast-iron] [or] [steel] body ball valve with flanged ends in accordance with ASME B16.38. Provide PTFE seats.] [Cast-iron body plug valve in accordance with ASME B16.38, nonlubricated, wedge-mechanism or tapered lift plug, and flanged ends.]

2.3.2 Shutoff Valves, Sizes 50 mm 2 Inches and Smaller

NOTE: Choose one of the options below.

[[Bronze] [Steel] body ball valve in accordance with ASME B16.33, full port pattern, reinforced PTFE seals, threaded ends, and PTFE seat.] [[Bronze] [Steel] body plug valve in accordance with ASME B16.33, straightway, taper plug, regular pattern with a port opening at least equal to the internal pipe area or round port full bore pattern, non-lubricated, PTFE packing, flat or square head stem with lever operator, 860 kPa (gage) 125 psig rating, threaded ends.]

2.3.3 Pressure Regulator

Self-contained with spring-loaded diaphragm pressure regulator, kPa to mm psig to inches water reduction, pressure operating range as required for the pressure reduction indicated, volume capacity not less than indicated, and threaded ends for sizes 50 mm 2 inches and smaller, otherwise flanged.

2.3.4 Earthquake Automatic Gas Shutoff Valves

NOTE: Provide this earthquake protective feature
primarily for seismic zones 3 and 4.

ANSI/ASCE/SEI 25 and UL listed or AGA listed or International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) listed. The valve may be

either pendulum or ball construction with [remote [, pneumatic]
[electronic] [or] [electric]] actuator.

2.4 GAS METER

NOTE: Do not use cast-iron material for valve body
or gas-meter body in seismic zones 3 and 4.

[AGA ANSI B109.1] [AGA ANSI B109.2] [AGA ANSI B109.3] [pipe] [pedestal]
mounted, [diaphragm] or [bellows] [style], [cast-iron] [enamel-coated steel]
[aluminum] case. Provide combined [odometer-type] register totalizer
index, UV-resistant index cover, water escape hole in housing, and means
for sealing against tampering. Meter shall be temperature-compensated type
and sized for the required CFM [BTU/HR] flow rate. Provide meters with a
pulse switch initiator capable of operating up to speeds of 500 maximum
pulses per minute with no false pulses and requiring no field adjustments.
Provide not less than one pulse per 2.83 cubic meters 100 cubic feet) of
gas. Minimum service life shall be 30,000,000 cycles.

2.4.1 Energy Monitoring and Control (EMCS) or Automatic Meter Reading Interfaces

NOTE: Where an Installation-wide Energy Monitoring
and Control System exists, provide EMCS manufacturer
compatible remote monitoring, meter reading and data
collection. Designer should verify EMCS
compatibility with specific gas meter manufacturer
to ensure accurate transmission of data as
generated. Of particular note is if there are
"pre-divide" parameters associated with the meter
that reflects the actual volume measurement and the
meter cam settings.

Designer will have to edit this paragraph to include
specific requirements for the EMCS or for an
automated meter reading system. Since there are
several protocols and proprietary systems, meter
data capture and transmission are unique to each
project and Installation. Typically there are data
loggers and remote reporting units that may use
communication protocols and transmission such as a
local LAN, hardwire, or radio frequencies.
Specifications for the communication protocol should
be listed here or included in a separate
specification.

Gas meters shall be capable of interfacing (output signal equivalent to
flow rate) with the existing Energy Management Control System (EMCS) for
data gathering in units of CFM. Meters shall not require power to function
and deliver data. Output signal shall be either a voltage or amperage
signal with can be converted to a flow rate specification.

2.5 HANGERS AND SUPPORTS

MSS SP-58, as required by MSS SP-69.

2.6 WELDING FILLER METAL

ASME B31.8.

2.7 PIPE-THREAD TAPE

Antiseize and sealant tape of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).

2.8 BOLTING (BOLTS AND NUTS)

Stainless steel bolting; ASTM A 193/A 193M, Grade B8M or B8MA, Type 316, for bolts; and ASTM A 194/A 194M, Grade 8M, Type 316, for nuts. Dimensions of bolts, studs, and nuts shall conform with ASME B18.2.1 and ASME B18.2.2 with coarse threads conforming to ASME B1.1, with Class 2A fit for bolts and studs and Class 2B fit for nuts. Bolts or bolt-studs shall extend through the nuts and may have reduced shanks of a diameter not less than the diameter at root of threads. Bolts shall have American Standard regular square or heavy hexagon heads; nuts shall be American Standard heavy semifinished hexagonal.

2.9 GASKETS

Fluorinated elastomer, compatible with flange faces.

2.10 IDENTIFICATION FOR ABOVEGROUND PIPING (INTERIOR)

MIL-STD-101 for legends and type and size of characters. For pipes 19 mm 3/4 inch OD and larger, provide printed legends to identify contents of pipes and arrows to show direction of flow. Color code label backgrounds to signify levels of hazard. Make labels of plastic sheet with pressure-sensitive adhesive suitable for the intended application. For pipes smaller than 19 mm 3/4 inch OD, provide brass identification tags 40 mm 1-1/2 inches in diameter with legends in depressed black-filled characters.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

NOTE: To assist the designer in selecting the proper documents for a specific project, the following scope in accordance with documents is provided:

1. NFPA 54 Scope: "1.1.1 Applicability: Coverage of piping systems extends from the point of delivery to the connections with each gas utilization device. For other than indicated liquefied petroleum gas systems, the point of delivery is the outlet of the service meter assembly, or the outlet of the service regulator."

2. ASME B31.8 Scope: "802.11. This code covers the design, fabrication, installation, inspection, testing and safety aspects of operation and maintenance of gas transmission and distribution systems, including gas pipelines, gas compressor

stations, gas metering and regulation stations, gas mains, and service lines up to the outlet of the customer's meter set assembly 802.14. This code does not apply to (c) piping beyond the outlet of the customers meter set assembly."

Install gas piping, appliances, and equipment in accordance with NFPA 54.
[Install distribution piping in accordance with ASME B31.8.]

3.1.1 Meters

Meters shall be installed in accordance with [AGA ANSI B109.1] [AGA ANSI B109.2] [AGA ANSI B109.3]

3.1.2 Piping

Cut pipe to actual dimensions and assemble to prevent residual stress.
[Provide supply connections entering the buildings as indicated.] Within buildings, run piping parallel to structure lines and conceal in finished spaces. Terminate each vertical supply pipe to burner or appliance with tee, nipple and cap to form a sediment trap. To supply multiple items of gas-burning equipment, provide manifold with inlet connections at both ends.

3.1.2.1 Cleanliness

Clean inside of pipe and fittings before installation. Blow lines clear using 550 to 690 kPa (gage) 80 to 100 psig clean, dry compressed air. Rap steel lines sharply along entire pipe length before blowing clear. Cap or plug pipe ends to maintain cleanliness throughout installation.

3.1.2.2 Aboveground Steel Piping

Determine and establish measurements for piping at the job site and accurately cut pipe lengths accordingly. For 50 mm 2 inch diameter and smaller, use threaded or socket-welded joints. For 65 mm 2-1/2 inch diameter and larger, use flanged or butt-welded joints.

a. Threaded Joints: Where possible, use pipe with factory-cut threads; otherwise cut pipe ends square, remove fins and burrs, and cut taper pipe threads in accordance with ASME B1.20.1. Provide threads smooth, clean, and full-cut. Apply anti-seize paste or tape to male threads portion. Work piping into place without springing or forcing. Backing off to permit alignment of threaded joints will not be permitted. Engage threads so that not more than three threads remain exposed. Use unions for connections to [valves] [meters] for which a means of disconnection is not otherwise provided.

b. Welded Joints: Weld by the shielded metal-arc process, using covered electrodes and in accordance with procedures established and qualified in accordance with ASME B31.8.

c. Flanged Joints: Use flanged joints for connecting welded joint pipe and fittings to valves to provide for disconnection. Install joints so that flange faces bear uniformly on gaskets. Engage bolts so that there is complete threading through the nuts and tighten so that bolts are uniformly stressed and equally torqued.

d. Pipe Size Changes: Use reducing fittings for changes in pipe size.

Size changes made with bushings will not be accepted.

e. Painting: Paint new ferrous metal piping, including supports, in accordance with Section 09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS. Do not apply paint until piping tests have been completed.

f. Identification of Interior Piping: Identify interior piping aboveground in accordance with MIL-STD-101, using adhesive-backed or snap-on plastic labels and arrows. In lieu of labels, identification tags may be used. Apply labels or tags to finished paint at intervals of not more than 15 meters 50 feet). Provide two copies of the piping identification code framed under glass and install where directed.

3.1.2.3 Wrapping

Where connection to existing steel line is made underground, tape wrap new steel transition fittings and exposed existing pipe having damaged coating. Clean pipe to bare metal. Initially stretch first layer of tape to conform to the surface while spirally half-lapping. Apply a second layer, half-lapped and spiraled as the first layer, but with spirals perpendicular to first wrapping. Use 0.025 mm 10 mil minimum thick polyethylene tape. In lieu of tape wrap, heat shrinkable 0.025 mm 10 mil) minimum thick polyethylene sleeve may be used.

3.1.3 Regulators and Valves

3.1.3.1 Pressure Regulator

Provide [plug cock] [or] [ball valve] ahead of regulator. [Install regulator outside of building and 450 mm 18 inches aboveground on riser.] [Install regulator inside building and extend a full-size vent line from relief outlet on regulator to a point outside of building.] [Install gas meter in conjunction with pressure regulator]. On outlet side of [regulator] [meter], provide a union and a 10 mm 3/8 inch gage tap with plug.

3.1.3.2 Stop Valve and Shutoff Valve

Provide stop valve on service branch at connection to main and shut-off valve on riser outside of building.

3.1.4 Pipe Sleeves

[Comply with Section 07 84 00 FIRESTOPPING.] Where piping penetrates concrete or masonry wall, floor, or firewall, provide pipe sleeve poured or grouted in place. Make sleeve of steel or cast-iron pipe of such size to provide 6 mm 1/4 inch) or more annular clearance around pipe. Extend sleeve through wall or slab and terminate flush with both surfaces. Pack annular space with oakum, and caulk at ends with silicone construction sealant.

3.1.5 Piping Hangers and Supports

NOTE: In seismic zone 3 or 4, provide seismic
restraints in accordance with SMACNA Seismic
Restraint Mnl.

Selection, fabrication, and installation of piping hangers and supports

shall conform with MSS SP-69 and MSS SP-89, unless otherwise indicated.
[Provide seismic restraints in accordance with SMACNA 1650.]

3.2 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

3.2.1 Metal Welding Inspection

NOTE: To assist the designer in selecting the proper documents for a specific project, the following scope in accordance with documents is provided:

1. NFPA 54 Scope: "1.1.1 Applicability: Coverage of piping systems extends from the point of delivery to the connections with each gas utilization device. For other than indicated liquefied petroleum gas systems, the point of delivery is the outlet of the service meter assembly, or the outlet of the service regulator or service shutoff valve when no gas meter is provided.

2. ASME B31.8 Scope: "802.11. This code covers the design, fabrication, installation, inspection, testing and safety aspects of operation and maintenance of gas transmission and distribution systems, including gas pipelines, gas compressor stations, gas metering and regulation stations, gas mains, and service lines up to the outlet of the customer's meter set assembly 802.14. This code does not apply to (c) piping beyond the outlet of the customers meter set assembly."

Inspect for compliance with [NFPA 54] [and] [ASME B31.8]. Replace, repair, and then re-inspect defective welds.

3.3 PROTECTIVE COVERING FOR ABOVEGROUND PIPING SYSTEMS

Apply finish painting conforming to the applicable paragraphs of Section 09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS and as follows: for Ferrous Surfaces, touch up shop-primed surfaces with ferrous metal primer of the same type paint as the shop primer. Solvent-clean surfaces that have not been shop primed in accordance with SSPC SP 1. Mechanically clean surfaces that contain loose rust, loose mill scale, and other foreign substances by power wire brushing in accordance with SSPC SP 3 or brush-off blast clean in accordance with SSPC SP 7/NACE No.4 and primed with ferrous metal primer in accordance with SSPC Paint 25. Finish primed surfaces with two coats of exterior alkyd paint conforming to MPI 9.

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