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ISO 13679 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 67, *Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*, Subcommittee SC 5, *Casing, tubing and drill pipe*.

Introduction

This International Standard is part of a process to provide reliable tubing and casing connections for the oil and natural gas industry which are fit for purpose. It has been developed based on improvements to API Recommended Practice 5C5 and proprietary test procedures, with input from leading users, manufacturers and testing consultants from around the world. This International Standard represents the knowledge of many years of testing and qualification experiences.

The validation of connection test load envelope and failure limit loads is relevant to design of tubing and casing for the oil and natural gas industries. Tubing and casing are subject to loads which include internal pressure, external pressure, axial tension, axial compression, bending, torsion, transverse forces and temperature changes. The magnitude and combination of these loads result in various pipe body and connection failure modes. Although pipe body test and limit loads are well understood in general, the same cannot be stated for the connection. These failure modes and loads are generally different and often less than that of the pipe. Consequently experimental validation is required. Well design matches the test and limit loads of both the connection and pipe to the well conditions to provide load capacities with suitable reliability.

The validation of test and limit loads requires testing at the extremes of performance parameters to these defined loads. Testing at the extremes of the performance parameters assures that the production population, which falls within these limits, will meet or exceed the performance of the test population. Thread connection performance parameters include dimensional tolerances, mechanical properties, surface treatment, make-up torque and the type and amount of thread compound. For typical proprietary connections, worst-case tolerances are known and defined in this International Standard. For other connections design analysis is required to define worst-case tolerance combinations.

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This International Standard consists of the following major parts. Based on manufacturer's-supplied data specified in Annex A and/or calculations in Annex B, tests are conducted in accordance with Clauses 4 to 8 and reported on the data forms given in Annex C. Annex D lists all the information that is to be provided in the full report whereas Annex E lists the information that is to be provided in a summary test report. This summary test report lists the minimum information necessary to fully specify the connection tested and its preparation is intended for broader distribution. Annex F gives an example of a load frame calibration. Annex G gives considerations for possible connection product line qualification. Annex H provides guidelines for supplemental tests, which may be required for special applications. Annex I gives the design rationale for this International Standard. Annex J gives requirements for connections that contain both a metal-to-metal seal and a resilient seal which are tested separately.

Supplementary tests may be appropriate for specific applications that are not evaluated by the tests herein. The user and manufacturer should discuss well applications and limitations of the connection being considered.

Representatives of users and/or other third party personnel are encouraged to monitor the tests. ISO 13679 covers the testing of connections for the most commonly encountered well conditions. Not all possible service scenarios are included. For example, the presence of a corrosive fluid, which may influence the service performance of a connection, is not considered.

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Petroleum and natural gas industries — Procedures for testing casing and tubing connections

1 Scope

This International Standard establishes minimum design verification testing procedures and acceptance criteria for casing and tubing connections for the oil and natural gas industries. These physical tests are part of a design verification process and provide objective evidence that the connection conforms to the manufacturer's claimed test load envelope and limit loads.

It categorizes test severity into four test classes.

It describes a system of identification codes for connections.

This International Standard does not provide the statistical basis for risk analysis.

This International Standard addresses only three of the five distinct types of primary loads to which casing and tubing strings are subjected in wells: fluid pressure (internal and/or external), axial force (tension or compression), bending (buckling and/or wellbore deviation), as well as make-up torsion. It does not address rotation torsion and non-axisymmetric (area, line or point contact) loads.

This International Standard specifies tests to be performed to determine the galling tendency, sealing performance and structural integrity of casing and tubing connections. The words casing and tubing apply to the service application and not to the diameter of the pipe.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3183-1, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipe for pipelines — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Pipes of requirement class A*

ISO 3183-2, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipe for pipelines — Technical delivery conditions — Part 2: Pipes of requirements class B*

ISO 3183-3, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipe for pipelines — Technical delivery conditions — Part 3: Pipes of requirement class C*

ISO 10400:1993, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Formulae and calculation for casing, tubing, drill pipe, and line pipe properties*

ISO 10422, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Threading, gauging and thread inspection of casing, tubing and line pipe threads*

ISO 11960, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipes for use as casing or tubing for wells*

ISO 13680, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Corrosion-resistant alloy seamless tubes for use as casing, tubing and coupling stock — Technical delivery conditions*