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Direct-fired heaters are used extensively in oil refineries, chemical, petrochemical, and other industrial plants to heat fluids within tubes at high temperatures not achievable by other methods. Heat is provided by combustion of fuel in burners. API 560 is the industry-recognized standard for design and fabrication of direct-fired heaters. This document defines common terms and requirements for the design, fabrication, and inspection of direct-fired heaters for general refinery service.

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Fired Heaters for General Refinery Service

1 Scope

This standard specifies requirements and guidance for the design, specification, materials, refractory lining systems, fabrication, inspection, testing, and preparation for shipment of direct-fired heaters, including air preheaters, fans, and burners for general refinery service.

2 Normative References

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any addenda) applies.

NOTE 1 See F.3 for normative references specific to air preheat and ducting systems.

NOTE 2 See M.2 for normative references specific to ceramic coatings.

API Standard 530, *Calculation of Heater Tube Thickness in Petroleum Refineries*

API Recommended Practice 535, *Burners for Fired Heaters in General Refinery Services*

API Standard 673, *Centrifugal Fans for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services*

API Standard 936, *Refractory Installation Quality Control—Inspection and Testing Monolithic Refractory Linings and Materials*

API Standard 975, *Refractory Installation Quality Control—Inspection and Testing of Refractory Brick Systems and Materials*

API Standard 976, *Refractory Installation Quality Control—Inspection and Testing of AES/RCF Fiber Linings and Materials*

ASME STS-1[1], *Steel Stacks*

ASTM A123/A123M [2], *Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products*

ASTM A143/A143M, *Standard Practice for Safeguarding Against Embrittlement of Hot-Dip Galvanized Structural Steel Products and Procedure for Detecting Embrittlement*

ASTM A153/A153M, *Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware*

ASTM A240/A240M, *Standard Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications*

ASTM A387/A387M, *Standard Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Alloy Steel, Chromium-Molybdenum*

ASTM A1008/A1008M, *Standard Specification For Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy With Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, And Bake Hardenable*

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