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Hairpin-type Heat Exchangers

1 Scope

This standard specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the mechanical design, materials selection, fabrication, inspection, testing and preparation for shipment of hairpin heat exchangers for use in the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries. Hairpin heat exchangers include double-pipe and multi-tube type heat exchangers.

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.

API Standard 521, *Pressure-relieving and Depressuring Systems*

ASME B16.5 [1], *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: NPS 1/2 through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard*

NACE MR0103 [2], *Materials Resistant to Sulfide Stress Cracking in Corrosive Petroleum Refining Environments*

NACE MR0175, *Petroleum and natural gas industries—Materials for use in H_2S containing environments in oil and gas production—Parts 1, 2 and 3*

NACE SP0472, *Methods and Controls to Prevent In-Service Environmental Cracking of Carbon Steel Weldments in Corrosive Petroleum Refining Environments*

TEMA [3], Ninth Edition, *Standards of the Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association*

3 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply.

3.1
cyclic service
Process operation with periodic variation in temperature, pressure and/or flowrate.

3.2
double-pipe
Single pipe within a shell.

3.3
effective heat transfer area
Outside surface area of the tubes that contributes to heat transfer including finned surface area (if any).

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2 NACE International (formerly the National Association of Corrosion Engineers), 1440 South Creek Drive, Houston, Texas 77218-8340, www.nace.org.

3 Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association, 25 North Broadway, Tarrytown, New York 10591, www.tema.org.