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1. Scope

This Practice describes the guidelines and background information for the application of pneumatically actuated control valves. Issues addressed include valve selection, valve and actuator sizing, material selection, flow characteristic evaluation, valve accessories, and consideration of the effects of flashing, cavitation, and noise.

2. References

Applicable parts of the following PIP Practices, industry codes and standards, and other references shall be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award shall be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles are used herein where appropriate.

2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP PCCGN002 - *General Instrument Installation Criteria*
- PIP PCSCV001 - *Specification of Control Valves*
- PIP PNSC0001 - *Fabrication and Examination Specification for ASME B31.3 Metallic Piping*

2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

Applicable requirements in the latest edition (or the edition indicated) of the following standards shall be considered an integral part of this Practice:

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
 - API 609 - *Butterfly Valves: Double Flanged, Lug- and Wafer-Type*
- American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
 - ASME B31.3 - *Process Piping*
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
 - ASTM A193 - *Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for High-Temperature Service*
 - ASTM A194 - *Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts for High Pressure or High-Temperature Service, or Both*
 - ASTM A216 - *Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Carbon, Suitable for Fusion Welding, for High-Temperature Service*
 - ASTM A217 - *Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Martensitic Stainless and Alloy, for Pressure-Containing Parts, Suitable for High-Temperature Service*
 - ASTM A320 - *Standard Specification for Alloy/Steel Bolting Materials for Low-Temperature Service*
 - ASTM A351 - *Standard Specification for Castings, Austenitic, Austenitic-Ferritic (Duplex), for Pressure-Containing Parts*
 - ASTM A352 - *Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Ferritic and Martensitic for Pressure-Containing Parts, Suitable for Low-Temperature Service*