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## Small, General Purpose Packaged Equipment Instrumentation Specification

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### Data Form

PCSPS010-D – Small, General Purpose Packaged Equipment Instrumentation Data Sheet

## 1. Scope

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This Practice provides the minimum requirements for the performance, design, fabrication, testing, and inspection of instrumentation and control systems installed on small, general purpose packaged equipment units.

This Practice is not intended for packaged analyzers systems or for safety-instrumented systems (SIS). For instrumentation associated with larger, more complex equipment packages, see *PIP PCSPS001*.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following Practices, industry codes and standards, and 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 PCTPS001 - *Packaged Equipment Instrumentation Inspection and Testing Requirements Data Sheet*
- PIP PCDPS001-R - *Packaged Equipment Instrumentation Documentation Requirements Sheet*
- PIP PCSPS010-D – *Small General Purpose Packaged Equipment Instrumentation*
- PIP PCSPS001 – *Packaged Equipment Instrumentation Specification*

### 2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
  - API RP 520 - *Sizing, Selection and Installation of Pressure-Relieving Devices*
  - API RP 576 - *Inspection of Pressure Relieving Devices*
  - API 598 - *Valve Inspection and Testing*
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
  - *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*
    - *Section I - Rules for Construction of Power Boilers*
    - *Section IV - Rules for Construction of Heating-Boilers*
    - *Section VIII - Rules for construction of Pressure Vessels*
- Fluid Controls Institute (FCI)
  - FCI/ANSI 70-2 - *Quality Control Standard for Control Valve Seat Leakage*
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
  - NFPA 70 - *National Electrical Code (NEC)*

### 3. Requirements

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#### 3.1 Instrument Selection and Installation

- 3.1.1 All instruments shall be provided with permanently attached stainless steel tags engraved with customers tag numbers.
- 3.1.2 All instruments shall be installed according to the Manufacturer's instructions in addition to the requirements stated herein.
- 3.1.3 The entire instrumentation system shall be fully assembled, wired and piped.  
*Comment:* Some components may be removed prior to shipment.
- 3.1.4 All instruments shall be installed so that they are easily accessible for operation, maintenance and inspection. They shall not be located under grating or in any place or manner that would make it difficult or dangerous for personnel to inspect or work on them during operation or shutdown.
- 3.1.5 Instruments that are connected to the process shall have primary isolation (root) block valve to permit safe maintenance while equipment is operating.
- 3.1.6 Process instruments that are not line mounted shall have a secondary isolating valve and bleeder valve or manifold at the instrument.
- 3.1.7 Instrument primary isolation (root) block valves shall be in accordance with the applicable piping specification.
- 3.1.8 Instruments shall be located and installed such that accuracy and reliability are not impaired by vibration, pulsation, temperature, or contamination.
- 3.1.9 Length of impulse lines connected to process pipelines or equipment shall be minimized. Impulse lines shall be supported and protected.
- 3.1.10 Process transmitters shall be used preferentially to process switches (e.g., level, flow, pressure, temperature, etc.). Use of switches shall be approved by owner.
- 3.1.11 Transmitter outputs shall be owner specified in accordance with *PIP PCSPS010-D*.
- 3.1.12 Normal operating pressure for transmitters shall be between 30% and 70% of scale range.
- 3.1.13 Pressure instruments in steam, liquid, liquid-sealed, and condensing services shall be located below process connections, and impulse tubing/piping shall slope continuously down to instruments.
- 3.1.14 Pressure instruments in gas and vapor services shall be located above process connections, and impulse tubing/piping shall slope continuously up to instruments.
- 3.1.15 Process tubing to instrumentation shall be 1/2-inch OD minimum (outside diameter), 316 stainless steel, with 0.049-in. minimum wall thickness, or other compatible material as specified in the datasheet *PIP PCSPS010-D*.
- 3.1.16 Instrument supports shall be designed and installed in such a way to avoid strain on equipment, piping connections, and instruments, and shall allow for flexibility required for thermal expansion of equipment and piping.