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1. Scope

This Practice provides fabrication and installation details for piping vents, drains, and instrumentation connections including:

- a. Hydrostatic Test Vents
- b. Hydrostatic Test Drains
- c. Valved Vents
- d. Valved Drains
- e. Pressure Connections
- f. Thermowell Connections
- g. Orifice Flange Tap Connections

Cross reference Table 1 is provided to relate the vent, drain, and instrument connection details to associated *PIP Piping Material Specifications*.

2. References

Applicable parts of the following Practices 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 will be used herein where appropriate.

Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP Piping Material Specifications
- PIP PCIFL100 – *Orifice Plate Installation Details*

3. Definitions

hydrostatic test vents and drains: Connections that are located at high points and low points of piping systems for use during leak testing only. Hydrostatic test vent and drain connections are shown on the detailed construction piping drawings and are provided as required based upon the physical piping configuration. Hydrostatic test vent and drain connections are not typically shown on the P&IDs. Hydrostatic test vent and drain connections are provided without valves. Temporary valves are provided for leak tests as required. Closure devices (i.e., plug, cap, or blind) are provided for permanent installation.

orifice flange tap connections: Valved connections for flow (differential pressure) instruments

pressure connections: Valved connections for pressure instruments

thermowell connections: Unvalved connections for the installation of thermowells

valved vents and drains: Connections that are located at high points and low points of piping systems for use during operation and/or maintenance. Valved vent and drain connections are shown on the P&IDs and detailed piping drawings, are always provided with valves and closure devices (e.g., plug, cap, or blind), and are located to be accessible by operations or maintenance personnel.