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1. Scope

This Practice provides requirements for use by a Purchaser for determining the design criteria for pressure vessels constructed in accordance with ASME *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, Section VIII, Division 1 or Division 2, henceforth referred to as the *Code*. Requirements that are specific to *Code*, Section VIII, Division 2 are shown in braces { }.

This Practice describes the requirements for the design, materials of construction, inspection and testing of pressure vessels constructed in accordance with *Code*, Section VIII, Division 1 {or 2}. Guidance is also provided for the development of purchase specifications for the construction of new pressure vessels which meet the philosophy and requirements of *Code*, Section VIII, Division 1 {or 2}.

This Practice also applies to bulk solids product containers, electric immersion process heaters, shell and plate exchangers, shell and tube exchangers, and air-cooled exchangers. See *PIP VECBI001* and *PIP VESBI002* for the additional requirements specific to bulk solids product containers only. See *PIP VESEH001* for the additional requirements specific to electric immersion process heaters. See *PIP VECSP001* and *PIP VESSP002* for the additional requirements specific to shell and plate exchangers only. See *PIP VESST001* and *PIP VESST002* for the additional requirements specific to shell and tube exchangers only. See *PIP VESAC001* for the additional requirements specific to air-cooled exchangers only.

This Practice is intended to be used for the purchase of vessels where the Manufacturer is also responsible for performing detailed design for the vessels in accordance with the *Code* and *PIPVESV1002*. If Purchaser also performs a detailed design, the design shall also be in accordance with *PIPVESV1002*.

The following are not covered by this Practice:

- a. Standardized pre-designed (i.e., off-the-shelf) vessels (see *PIP VESSM001*)
- b. Vessels with layered construction
- c. Small vessels and low-pressure vessels (see *PIP VESSM001* and *PIP VESLP001*)
- d. Process design of trays and other removable internals

2. References

Applicable parts of the following Practices, industry codes and standards, government regulations, 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 VEDV1003 - *Documentation Requirements for Vessels, ASME Code Section VIII, Divisions 1 and 2*
- PIP VEFV1100 - *Vessel/Heat Exchanger Standard Details (US Customary Units)*
- PIP VEFV1100M - *Vessel/Heat Exchanger Standard Details (Metric Units)*
- PIP VEFV1116 - *Vessel Manway Hinges (US Customary Units)*