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# Oil Burning Equipment

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Oil burning equipment standards date from 1902 when they were issued by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, based upon the recommendations of their Committee of Consulting Engineers. Subsequently, the activities of this Committee were merged with those of the NFPA and a completely revised edition was presented to the Association in 1913 by the NFPA Committee on Explosives and Combustibles. At the formation of the Flammable Liquids Committee, the jurisdiction over this standard was placed under their control. With the division of the Flammable Liquids Committee into sectional committees, the responsibility for these standards was placed with the Sectional Committee on Liquid Fuel Burning Equipment with any action subject to approval by the entire NFPA Flammable Liquids Committee. These standards have been revised by the NFPA at frequent intervals and also published by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and The Canadian Underwriters' Association.

## Changes in 1959 Edition

This edition incorporates 24 changes made in the 1957 edition. The majority of these changes are for editorial purposes or in answer to questions which have been raised since the last edition. These changes appear in the following:

Definitions for Combustible Material and Fire Wall; Paragraph 1304; Sub-Paragraph 1602 (e); Paragraph 2002, Table; Paragraph 2202; Sub-Paragraph 2202 (c); Sub-Paragraph 2304 (a); Sub-Paragraph 2304 (c); Paragraph 2401; Paragraph 3001; Paragraph 3002; Paragraph 3003; Sub-Paragraph 3101 (a); Paragraph 3102; deleted note; Paragraph 3202; Section 330; Section 410; Sub-Paragraph 5306 (c) (4); Sub-Paragraph 6004 (d); Table 6; and Sub-Paragraph 6005 (e).

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## Oil Burning Equipment

The purpose of this Standard is to provide reasonable requirements for the installation of oil burning equipment. Adherence to the requirements will assure the user of oil burning equipment reasonable safety for life and property. The intent of the Committee was to prepare a Standard which could be readily adopted by states or municipalities as ordinances. Advisory or explanatory material has been placed as notes.

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## STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OIL BURNING EQUIPMENT

### CHAPTER I General Provisions

#### 100. Definition of Terms.

1001. For the purpose of these installation standards the following terms shall be interpreted in accordance with the following definitions.

**Air Heater** — An indirect oil-fired flue connected appliance intended to supply heated air for space heating and other purposes but not intended for permanent installation. This definition does not include central heating appliances, kerosene stoves, oil stoves or unit heaters as defined heréin.

**Antiflooding Device** — A primary safety control which causes the flow of fuel to be shut off upon a rise in fuel level or upon receiving excess fuel, and which operates before the hazardous discharge of fuel can occur.

**Appliance, Industrial High Heat** — An appliance operating at a temperature above 1500° F. such as a billet and bloom furnace, brass furnace, brick kiln, earthenware kiln, glass furnace, porcelain baking or a glazing kiln.

**Appliance, Industrial Medium Heat** — An appliance operating at a temperature of about 600° F. to not more than 1500° F. such as an annealing furnace, galvanizing furnace, or a steam boiler of over ten boiler horsepower capacity operating at over 50 pounds per square inch gauge pressure. An appliance otherwise classed as a high-heat appliance may be considered as a medium-heat appliance if not larger than 100 cubic feet in size.

**Appliance, Low Heat** — An appliance operating at a temperature below 600° F. such as a central heating appliance, a heating or cooking appliance, a bakery oven, candy furnace, coffee roasting oven, core oven, lead melting furnace, a steam boiler operating at not over 50 pounds per square inch gauge pressure, or a steam boiler of not over ten boiler horsepower capacity regardless of operating pressure. An appliance otherwise classed as a medium-heat appliance may be considered as a low-heat appliance if not larger than 100 cubic feet in size.

**Approved**—Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

**Boiler**—An indirect-fired flue connected appliance built in conformance with the A.S.M.E. Boiler Construction Code, or the Canadian Regulations for the Construction and Inspection of Boilers and Pressure Vessels (B 51-1951, 3rd edition) and applicable Provincial Regulations, intended to supply hot water or steam for heating, processing or power purposes.

**Boiler, High Pressure**—A boiler furnishing steam at pressures in excess of 15 pounds per square inch gauge.

**Boiler, Hot-Water and Low-Pressure Steam**—A boiler furnishing hot water at pressures not more than 30 pounds per square inch gauge or steam at pressures not more than 15 pounds per square inch gauge.

**Burner, Automatically Lighted**—A burner where fuel to the main burner is normally turned on and ignited automatically.

**Burner, Manually Lighted**—A burner where fuel to the main burner is turned on only by hand and ignited under supervision.

**Burner, Mechanical Draft Type**—A burner which includes a power-driven fan, blower or other mechanism as the primary means for supplying air for combustion.

**Burner, Natural Draft Type**—A burner which depends primarily upon the natural draft created in the flue to induce the air required for combustion into the burner.

**Central Heating Appliance**—A stationary indirect-fired flue connected appliance comprising one of the following classes as defined herein: boiler, central furnace, floor furnace or recessed heater.

**Chimney, Factory Built**—A listed factory-built chimney to be installed and used only in accordance with the conditions of its listing.

**Chimney, Masonry**—A vertical solid masonry or reinforced concrete shaft enclosing one or more flues.

**Chimney, Metal (Smokestacks)**—A vertical metal shaft of riveted or welded construction.

**Clearance**—The distance between the appliance, chimney, flue pipe or plenum and the nearest surface of combustible material as defined herein.

**Combustible Material** — As pertaining to Materials adjacent to or in contact with heat-producing appliances, flue pipes, steam and hot water pipes, and warm air ducts, shall mean materials made of or surfaced with wood, compressed paper, plant fibres, or other material that will ignite and burn. Such material shall be considered as combustible even though flameproofed, fire retardant treated, or plastered.

**Constant-Level Valve** — A device for maintaining within a reservoir a constant level of fuel for delivery to the burner.

**Control, Limit** — An automatic control responsive to changes in liquid level, pressure or temperature; for limiting the operation of the controlled equipment.

**Control, Primary Safety** — The automatic safety control intended to prevent abnormal discharge of oil at the burner in case of ignition failure or flame failure.

**Control, Safety** — An automatic control (including relays, switches, and other auxiliary equipment used in conjunction therewith to form a safety control system) which is intended to prevent unsafe operation of the controlled equipment.

**Control, Safety Combustion** — A primary safety control responsive directly to flame properties, sensing the presence of flame and causing fuel to be shut off in event of flame failure.

**Conversion Oil Burner** — A burner for field installation in heating appliances such as boilers, furnaces, etc. It may be furnished with or without a primary safety control. Under special circumstances it may be installed for firing ovens, water heaters, ranges, special furnaces and the like. A burner of this type may be a pressure atomizing gun type, a horizontal or vertical rotary type or a mechanical or natural draft vaporizing type.

**Conversion Range Oil Burner** — An oil burner designed to burn kerosene, range oil or similar fuel. This burner is intended primarily for installation only in a stove or range, a portion or all of which originally were designed for the utilization of solid fuel and which is flue-connected.

**Cooking Appliance, Floor-Mounted Restaurant-Type**—A range, oven, broiler, and other miscellaneous cooking appliance, of a type designated for use in hotel and restaurant kitchens and for mounting on the floor.

**Damper**—A valve or plate for regulating draft.

NOTE: A damper is generally considered as being located on the downstream side of the combustion chamber usually in the flue pipe or in a flue passage of the appliance.

**Direct Fired Heater**—A unit in which combustion products or flue gases are mixed with the medium (i.e. air) being heated. For example, a salamander.

**Draft Regulator**—A device which functions to maintain a desired draft in the oil-fired appliance by automatically reducing the chimney draft to the desired value.

**Fire Wall**—A wall constructed of solid masonry units, or of hollow masonry units faced on each side with brick, or reinforced concrete. They are used to subdivide a building or separate buildings to restrict the spread of fire. The wall starts at the foundation and extends continuously, through all stories to and above the roof, except where the roof is of fire-resistive or semi-fire-resistive construction and the wall is carried up tightly against the underside of the roof slab.

**Flue**—A passageway or conduit to convey products of combustion (flue gases) to the outer air.

**Flue Collar**—That portion of an appliance designed for attachment of the flue pipe.

**Flue Pipe**—The conduit connecting the heating appliance with the vertical flue.

**Fuel Oil**—Kerosene or any hydrocarbon oil as specified by U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Standard CS12 or A.S.T.M. D396, or the Canadian Government Specification Board, 3-GP-28, and having a flash point not less than 100° F.

**Furnace, Attic**—A forced-air type central furnace designed specifically for installation in an attic or in a space with low headroom normally unoccupied.

**Furnace, Central**—A self-contained indirect-fired flue connected appliance intended primarily to supply heated air through ducts to spaces remote from or adjacent to the appliance location as well as to the space in which it is located.

**Furnace, Downflow** — A forced-air type central furnace designed with air flow through the furnace essentially in a vertical path, discharging air at or near the bottom of the furnace.

**Furnace, Duct** — A central furnace designed for insertion or installation in a duct of an air distribution system to supply warm air for heating and which depends for air circulation on a blower not furnished as part of the furnace.

**Furnace, Floor** — A self-contained indirect-fired unit furnace designed to be supported from the floor of the space being heated, taking air for combustion outside this space, and with means for observing flame and lighting the appliance from such space.

**Furnace, Forced Air** — A central furnace equipped with a fan or blower which provides the primary means for circulation of air.

**Furnace, Gravity** — A central furnace depending primarily on circulation of air by gravity.

**Furnace, Heating** — A central furnace or a floor-mounted unit heater.

**Furnace, Horizontal** — A forced-air type central furnace designed with air flow through the furnace essentially in a horizontal path.

**Furnace, Stationary-Type Industrial** — A low, medium or high-heat appliance classified in accordance with its character and size and the temperatures developed in the portions thereof where substances or materials are heated for baking, drying, roasting, melting, vaporizing or other purposes.

**Furnace, Upflow** — A central furnace designed with air flow through the furnace essentially in a vertical path, discharging air at or near the top of the furnace.

**Gallon** — A U. S. gallon with approximate or accepted Imperial gallon equivalent given in parenthesis.

**Heat Reclaimer (*Flue Pipe Type*)** — A heat exchanger intended to be installed in the flue pipe between a heating appliance and the chimney to transfer heat from the flue gases through metal to air or water.

**Heating and Cooking Appliance** — An oil-fired appliance not intended for central heating. These appliances include kerosene stoves, oil stoves, portable kerosene heaters, and conversion range oil burners.

**Indirect-Fired Appliance** — An appliance designed so that combustion products or flue gases are not mixed in the appliance with the medium (i.e. air) being heated; hence is provided with a flue collar which shall always be connected to a suitable flue for conveying the products of combustion from the appliance to the outdoors.

**Installation** — The complete setting-in-place, ready for operation of an oil burning equipment together with its accessories and equipment.

**Kerosene Stove** — A non flue connected, self-contained, self-supporting kerosene-burning range, room heater, or water heater equipped with an integral tank not exceeding two gallons capacity.

**Labeled** — The word "labeled" used in connection with equipment throughout these standards refers to equipment bearing the inspection label of a nationally recognized testing agency.

**Listed** — The word "listed" used throughout these standards in connection with equipment, refers to devices and materials that have been investigated by and meet the listing requirements of a nationally recognized testing agency. Such equipment shall be identifiable by means of a label or other distinguishing marking specified in the current list published by the testing agency.

**Oil Burning Equipment** — An oil burner of any type together with its tank, piping, wiring, controls and related devices and shall include all conversion oil burners, oil-fired units, and heating and cooking appliances but exclude those exempted by Section 1101.

**Oil-Fired Unit** — A heating appliance equipped with one or more oil burners and all the necessary safety controls, electrical equipment and related equipment manufactured for assembly as a complete unit. This definition does not include kerosene stoves or oil stoves.

**Oil Stove** — A flue-connected, self-contained, self-supporting oil-burning range or room heater. It may be equipped with an integral tank not exceeding ten gallons capacity or may be designed for connection to a separate oil-supply tank.

**Portable Kerosene Heater** — A non flue connected, self-contained, self-supporting heater, with integral reservoir, designed to be carried from one location to another.

**Pump, Automatic Oil** — A pump, not an integral part of a burner, stove or unit, which automatically pumps oil from the supply tank and delivers the oil by gravity under a constant head to an oil-burning appliance. The pump is designed to stop pumping automatically in case of total breakage of the oil supply line between the pump and the appliance.

**Pump, Oil Transfer** — An oil pump, automatically or manually operated, which transfers oil through continuous piping from a supply tank to an oil-burning appliance or to an auxiliary tank and which is not designed to stop pumping automatically in case of total breakage of the oil supply or return lines.

**Range** — A stove intended primarily for cooking.

**Readily Accessible** — Capable of being reached easily and quickly for operation, maintenance and inspection.

**Recessed Heater** — A self-contained, indirect-fired flue connected appliance complete with grills or equivalent, designed for incorporation in or permanent attachment to a wall or partition, and furnishing heated air directly into the space to be heated through openings or boots in the casing as supplied by the manufacturer as integral parts of the appliance. This definition does not include air heaters, central furnaces, floor furnaces or unit heaters as defined herein.

**Room Heater** — An above-the-floor stove for direct heating of the space in and adjacent to that in which the device is located, without external heating pipes or ducts.

**Room Heater, Circulating** — A room heater designed to transfer the heat of combustion to convective heat by the circulation of air heated by contact with the heating surfaces. A stove with openings in the outer jacket to permit direct radiation from the heating surfaces is classified as a radiant type from a safety point of view.

**Room Heater, Radiant** — A room heater designed to transfer heat of combustion primarily by direct radiation.

**Sump** — The receptacle employed with a vacuum tank.

**Tank, Auxiliary** — An auxiliary supply tank, having a capacity of not over 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons), listed for installation in the supply piping between a burner and its main fuel supply tank. It may be included as an integral part of an automatic pump, or a transfer pump, or may be a separate tank.

**Tank, Gravity** — A supply tank from which the oil is delivered directly to the burner by gravity.

**Tank, Integral** — A tank which is furnished by the manufacturer as an integral part of an oil-fired appliance.

**Tank, Storage** — A separate tank which is not connected to the oil-burning appliance.

**Tank, Supply** — A separate tank connected directly or by a pump to the oil-burning appliance.

**Tank, Vacuum or Barometric** — A tank not exceeding five gallons capacity, which maintains a definite level of oil in a sump or similar receptacle by barometric feed. Fuel is delivered from the sump to the burner by gravity.

**Unit Heater** — A self-contained, automatically-controlled, indirect-fired flue connected air-heating appliance, which may be of the floor-mounted or suspended type, intended for the heating of nonresidential space in which it is installed. A unit heater is an appliance consisting of a combination of heating element and fan, having a common enclosure and placed within or adjacent to the space to be heated.

**Valve, Manual Oil Shut-Off** — A manually operated valve in an oil line for the purpose of turning on or completely shutting off the oil supply to the burner.

**Valve, Oil Control** — An automatically or manually-operated device consisting essentially of an oil valve for controlling the fuel supply to a burner.

(a) **Metering (Regulating) Valve** — An oil control valve for regulating burner input.

(b) **Safety Valve** — An automatic oil control valve of the "on" and "off" type (without any by-pass to the burner) that is actuated by a safety control or by an emergency device.

**Wall Heater** — See Recessed Heater.

**Water Heater** — A flue connected appliance for heating service water; excluding hot water heating boilers.

## **110. Application and Scope.**

1101. These standards apply to stationary and portable oil-burning equipment except internal combustion engines, oil lamps, and portable devices such as blow torches, melting pots, and weed burners.

1102. These standards are intended to prescribe reasonable minimum requirements for safety to life and property from fire in the installation of oil burners and the equipment used in connection with them, including tanks, piping, pumps, control devices and accessories. Careful attention to the maintenance and proper operation of the equipment is necessary for the continued safe operation of oil burners.

1103. Where the circumstances or conditions of any particular installation are unusual and such as to render the strict application of these standards impractical, the authority having jurisdiction may permit such modifications as will provide a substantially equivalent degree of safety and be consistent with good engineering practice.

## **120. Use of Approved Equipment.**

1201. Oil-burning equipment shall be approved. Approved shall mean acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction as to design, equipment, installation or intended use as required by these standards. Devices listed for a specific purpose by a nationally recognized testing agency may be considered as meeting the requirements of these standards.

## **130. Installation.**

1301. Before installing or remodeling any oil burning equipment for commercial or industrial applications, plans or sketches showing the relative location of burners, tanks, pumps, piping and elevations of buildings and their lowest floors or pits, relating to the proposed installation or alteration, shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction.

1302. The installation shall be made in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer, by qualified mechanics experienced in making such installations.

1303. The installation shall be such as to provide reasonable accessibility for cleaning heating surfaces, removing burners,

replacing motors, controls, air filters, draft regulators and other working parts and for adjusting, cleaning and lubricating parts requiring such attention.

1304. Oil-burning appliances shall be installed only in locations where combustible dusts and flammable gases or vapors are not normally present.

1305. After installation of the oil-burning equipment, a complete cycle of operation tests shall be conducted to make certain that the burner is operating in a safe and acceptable manner and that all safety devices function properly.

1306. Contractors installing industrial oil burning systems shall furnish diagrams showing the main oil lines and controlling valves, one of which shall be posted at the oil burning equipment and another at some point which will be accessible in case of emergency.

#### **140. Ventilation.**

1401. Oil-burning equipment shall be installed in a location in which the facilities for ventilation permit satisfactory combustion of oil and proper ventilation under normal conditions of operation and use.

1402. For installations in residences and similar usages, this requirement may be met by application of one of the following:

(a) Where appliances are installed without enclosed appliance rooms in buildings of conventional brick, frame or stone construction without storm windows or tight doors, infiltration is normally adequate to provide air for combustion and ventilation.

(b) Where appliances are installed in an enclosed appliance room, air for combustion and ventilation shall be provided by openings communicating with areas of adequate air supply. See Fig. 1.

(1) Each opening shall have a total free area of not less than one square inch for each 1000 Btu per hour input (140 square inches for each gallon per hour input) to the appliance or appliances installed or not less than specified in the listing of the appliance. The openings, if not round, shall have a height approximately one-half their width.

(2) Ducts, if used as hereinafter described, shall be of the same cross-sectional area as the openings to which they are connected, and shall communicate with the source of air supply. The minimum dimension of a rectangular or oval duct shall be not

less than three inches. Any duct from the top opening shall be horizontal or pitched upward. If the air inlet is obtained from a space located above the appliance room, a duct shall be used to convey the air from the source to a level not more than one foot above the base of the appliance.

(3) If the appliance is in an enclosed appliance room within a building having adequate air infiltration, two permanent openings from the appliance room shall be used.

(4) If the appliance room is within a building of tight construction, the two openings called for in Fig. 1 shall communicate directly or by means of ducts with the outdoors or with some space that freely communicates with the outdoors.

(c) When the appliance is in a building of tight construction but not in an enclosed appliance room, a permanent opening of adequate size, or equivalent group of openings, located near the floor shall be provided, which shall communicate directly or by means of a duct to the outdoors or with some space that freely communicates with the outdoors; if the normal air change within the space is not sufficient to supply the air required for proper operation of the appliance.

\*Ventilating air outlet register for appliance room with top edge located not more than 6 inches below ceiling of appliance room. Register must not be blocked by drapes or other furnishings.

Both registers must either face same large well ventilated interior space or extend to such space by means of ducts. Vertical distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of registers should be not less than 3-1/2 feet.

Suggest room access door be not less than 6 feet high by a width sufficient to provide for installation or removal of appliance.

Air circulated by an appliance must be handled by ducts which are sealed to appliance casing and are entirely separate from means provided for supplying combustion and ventilation air.

\*Combustion and ventilation air inlet register for appliance room located at or below combustion air inlet to appliance. Register must not be blocked by drapes or other furnishings.

\*Each opening to have a total free area of not less than the area specified in 1402(b)(1)

Figure 1. Illustration Showing Air Openings Necessary to Supply Air for Combustion When Appliance is Installed in Confined Space.

1403. Operation of exhaust fans, kitchen ventilation systems or fireplaces may create conditions requiring special attention to avoid unsatisfactory appliance operation.

1404. For the installation of commercial and industrial equipment, permanent facilities for supplying an ample amount of outside air shall be provided in accordance with the burner manufacturer's instructions. Where no manufacturer's instructions are available, an opening to outside air shall be provided having an area of at least ten square inches for each gallon of fuel burned per hour.

### **150. Appliances Required to be Flue Connected.**

1501. All oil-fired appliances shall be flue-connected except:

- (a) Direct-fired heaters.
- (b) Listed kerosene stoves.
- (c) Portable kerosene heaters.

1502. Oil-fired appliances requiring flues shall be flue connected by one of the methods specified in Section 160.

### **160. Chimneys and Flues.**

1601. Chimneys.

- (a) Chimneys shall be employed for flue connections.
- (b) Masonry chimneys and metal chimneys (smokestacks) shall be built in accordance with accepted building code practice.\*
- (c) Factory-built chimneys shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing agency and installed and used in compliance with the listing requirements and the manufacturer's instructions.
- (d) The flue-gas exit of a chimney shall be at least three feet above the highest point where it passes through the roof of a building and at least two feet higher than any ridge within ten feet of such chimney. See Figure 2.

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\*Reference may be made to NFPA Standard No. 211, published in National Fire Codes Vol. III, to the National Building Code of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St., New York 38, N. Y., or the National Building Code of Canada published by the National Research Council, Ottawa.

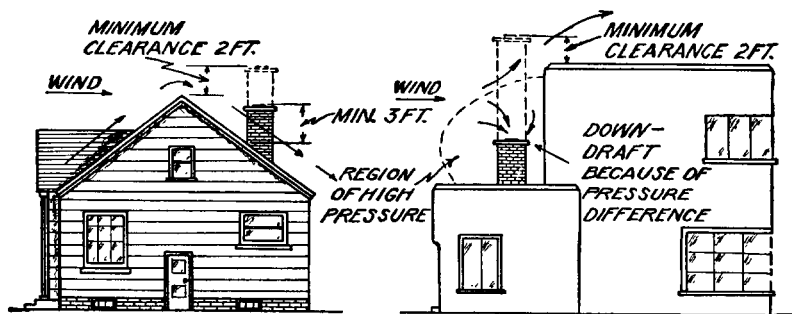


Figure 2. Typical Chimney Conditions Apt to Result in Back Drafts.

### 1602. Flue Pipe.

(a) Every flue pipe shall connect to a chimney as specified in Paragraph 1601.

(b) No flue pipe shall pass through any floor or ceiling.

(c) No flue pipe of any medium or high-heat appliance shall pass through any combustible wall or partition. Flue pipes of other appliances shall not pass through combustible walls or partitions unless they are guarded at the point of passage by (1) metal ventilated thimbles not less than 12 inches larger in diameter than the pipe, or (2) metal or burned fire-clay thimbles built in brickwork or other approved fire-proofing materials extending not less than eight inches beyond all sides of the thimble; or in lieu of such protection all combustible material in the wall or partitions shall be cut away from the flue pipe a sufficient distance to provide the clearance required from such flue pipe—any material used to close up such opening shall be noncombustible insulating material.

(d) The flue pipe shall extend through a chimney wall to the inner face or liner but not beyond, and shall be firmly cemented to masonry. A thimble may be used to facilitate removal of the flue pipe for cleaning, in which case the thimble shall be permanently cemented in place with high-temperature cement.

(e) The flue pipe for its entire length shall be not smaller than the flue collar of the appliance unless otherwise recommended by the appliance manufacturer. The flue pipe throughout its entire length shall be readily accessible for inspection, cleaning and replacement.

(f) The flue pipe shall be of steel or refractory masonry and shall be maintained in good condition.

(g) The flue pipe shall maintain a pitch or rise of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to the foot (horizontal length of pipe) from the appliance to the chimney or vertical flue.

(h) The flue pipe shall be installed so as to avoid sharp turns or other construction features which would create excessive resistance to the flow of flue gases. No device which will obstruct the free flow of flue gases shall be installed in a flue pipe or chimney. This shall not be construed to prohibit the use of devices specifically listed for installation in a flue pipe such as heat reclaimers, automatic dampers and safety controls.

(i) The flue pipe shall be securely supported and joints fastened by sheet metal screws or rivets.

(j) An appliance shall be placed so that the flue pipe connecting the appliance to the chimney will be as short as practicable. The horizontal length of the flue pipe for natural draft burners shall not exceed ten feet unless a draft booster is used. For appliances requiring a negative chimney draft, the flue pipe shall be not longer than 75 per cent of the portion of the chimney or vertical flue above the flue pipe inlet.

### **1603. Draft.**

(a) A chimney shall be capable of producing a draft not less than that for which the appliance connected thereto is listed and as recommended by the manufacturer of the appliance. To conform with this requirement, a draft booster may be used to increase low draft. When a draft booster is used provision shall be made to shut off the fuel supply to the main burner in the event of failure of the draft booster.

NOTE: A natural draft burner should be connected to an individual chimney or flue used for no other appliance.

(b) Flue downdraft conditions cause faulty operations thereby creating a hazard and where this condition exists corrective steps shall be taken.

### **1604. Draft Regulators.**

(a) A draft regulator shall be provided for each oil-fired appliance unless the burner is listed for use without one.

(b) A draft regulator when used shall be installed in the same room or enclosure as the appliance and in such a manner

that no difference in pressure between the air in the vicinity external to the regulator and the combustion air supply will be permitted

(c) A manually-operated damper shall not be placed in the flue pipe from an oil-fired appliance.

(d) Automatically operated dampers shall be of approved type designed to maintain a safe damper opening at all times and arranged to prevent starting of the burner unless the damper is opened to a safe position.

## **170. Electrical Wiring and Equipment.**

1701. Electrical wiring and equipment used in connection with oil-burning equipment shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA No. 70\* (The Canadian Electrical Code applies in Canada).

## **180. Fuel Oil.**

1801. The grade of fuel oil used in a burner shall be that for which the burner is approved and as stipulated by the manufacturer. Crankcase oil or any oil containing gasoline shall not be used.

NOTE: The label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada stipulates for each burner the grade of fuel oil for which the burner is listed.

## **190. Preheating of Oil.**

1901. Where heavy oils are used, provision shall be made for maintaining the oil at the proper atomizing temperature. Automatically-operated burners requiring the preheating of oil shall be arranged so that no oil can be delivered for combustion until the oil is at a suitable atomizing temperature.

1902. No steam coil operating at a pressure greater than 15 pounds per square inch gauge shall be installed in an oil tank.

NOTE: Coils supplied by an indirect heater or which are connected so that the condensate or water is not returned to the boiler are preferred.

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\*NFPA Standard No. 70 published by the National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch St., Boston 10, Mass. in National Fire Codes, Vol. V and in separate form; also available from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St., New York 38, N. Y. (NBFU No. 70).

## CHAPTER II

## TANKS

**200. Design and Construction of Tanks.**

2001. GENERAL: A tank shall be used under substantially atmospheric pressure and shall be built of steel, concrete or other suitable material. Steel commonly known as "mill seconds" shall not be used. A tank built of material other than steel shall be designed to specifications embodying safety factors equivalent to those obtained in steel tanks built as specified herein. Joints shall be welded, riveted and caulked, or made tight by other approved process. All shop built tanks shall be tested by the manufacturer and proved tight against leakage under a test pressure of not less than five nor more than ten pounds per square inch (measured at the top of the tank). When the static head imposed by the fill or vent pipe exceeds 10 psig, the tank shall be designed for the maximum static head which will be imposed. The thickness of steel employed in shop built tanks shall be not less than specified in the following requirements.

**2002. UNDERGROUND TANKS OR ENCLOSED TANKS INSIDE OF BUILDINGS:**

| CAPACITY         |                              | MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| U. S. Gallons    | Approx.<br>Imperial<br>Gals. | Mfrs. Std.<br>Gauge No.    |
| 285 or less      | 250 or less                  | 14                         |
| 286 to 560       | 251 to 500                   | 12                         |
| 561 to 1,100     | 501 to 1,000                 | 10                         |
| 1,101 to 4,000   | 1,001 to 3,330               | 7                          |
| 4,001 to 12,000  | 3,331 to 10,000              | 3 ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " )      |
| 12,001 to 20,000 | 10,001 to 16,650             | 0 ( $\frac{1}{8}$ " )      |
| 20,001 to 30,000 | 16,651 to 25,000             | 000 ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " )    |

If adequate internal bracing is provided, tanks of 12,001 to 30,000 gallons (10,001 to 25,000 Imp. gallons) capacity may be built of No. 3 gauge ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) Steel.

NOTE: Tanks in this category labeled "Underground Storage Tanks" by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada may be considered as meeting the requirements of this section.

2003. CONCRETE TANKS: Unlined concrete tanks shall be used only for storage of liquids having a gravity of 40 degrees API or heavier. Concrete tanks shall be built in accordance with sound engineering practice.

## 2004. UNENCLOSED TANKS INSIDE OF BUILDINGS:

(a) Unenclosed tanks inside of buildings shall not exceed 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) individual capacity. They may be cylindrical or of a special form which has been demonstrated by appropriate tests to possess strength and tightness of an acceptable degree.

| CAPACITY      | MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL   |                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|               | Approx.<br>Imperial<br>Gals. | Not Galv.<br>Mfrs. Std.<br>Gauge No. |
| U. S. Gallons |                              | Galv.<br>Mfrs. Std.<br>Gauge No.     |
| 10 or less    |                              | 18                                   |
| 11 to 180     | 11 to 150                    | 20                                   |
| 181 to 275    | 151 to 250                   | 16                                   |
| 276 to 550    | 251 to 500                   | 14                                   |
|               |                              | 12                                   |

NOTE: Tanks in this category labeled "Inside Storage Tanks for Oil Burners" by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada may be considered as meeting the requirements of this section.

## 2005. ABOVEGROUND TANKS, SHOP BUILT:

(a) Small, shop built, vertical tanks. Vertical tanks not over 1,100 gallons (1,000 Imp. gallons) shall comply with the following:

| CAPACITY      | MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL   |                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|               | Approx.<br>Imperial<br>Gals. | Manufacturers'<br>Standard Gauge No. |
| U. S. Gallons |                              |                                      |
| 60 or less    | 50 or less                   | 18                                   |
| 61 to 350     | 51 to 290                    | 16                                   |
| 351 to 560    | 291 to 500                   | 14                                   |
| 561 to 1,100  | 501 to 1,000                 | 12                                   |

(b) Large, shop built, vertical tanks. Vertical tanks over 1,100 gallons (1,000 Imp. gallons) shall comply with the following:

(1) The tops shall be either dished or cone-shaped and of not less than No. 10 gauge steel.

(2) The shell of the tank shall comply with the following:

| MAXIMUM HEIGHT | MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL |                                      |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                |                            | Manufacturer's<br>Standard Gauge No. |
| 25' or less    | All Rings                  | 7                                    |
| 25'-1" to 30'  | Bottom Ring                | 3( $\frac{1}{4}$ ")                  |
|                | Other Rings                | 7                                    |
| 30'-1" to 35'  | 1st Two Bottom Rings       | 3( $\frac{1}{4}$ ")                  |
|                | Other Rings                | 7                                    |

All shell rings that are No. 3 gauge ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) or heavier shall be at least five feet wide.

(3) The roof of the tank shall be securely fastened to the top ring of the shell with a joint having the same tightness as the joints between rings. The joint between roof and shell shall be weaker than any other joints in the shell of the tank, or the tank provided with other means for emergency relief in accordance with 2508 (b). Joints in the roof shall be welded or riveted or made tight by other process. The roofs of tanks shall have no unprotected openings.

(c) Small, shop built, horizontal tanks. Horizontal tanks not over 1,100 gallons (1,000 Imp. gallons) capacity shall comply with the following:

| CAPACITY      |                                | MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL           |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U. S. Gallons | Approx.<br>Imperial<br>Gallons | Manufacturers'<br>Standard Gauge No. |
| 60 or less    | 50 or less                     | 18                                   |
| 61 to 275     | 51 to 250                      | 14                                   |
| 276 to 550    | 251 to 500                     | 12                                   |
| 551 to 1,100  | 501 to 1,000                   | 10                                   |

(d) Large, shop built, horizontal tanks. Horizontal tanks over 1,100 gallons (1,000 Imp. gallons) capacity shall comply with the following:

| MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| MAXIMUM DIAMETER           | Manufacturers'<br>Standard Gauge No. |
| 6' or less                 | 7                                    |
| 6'-1" to 12'               | 3( $\frac{1}{4}$ " )                 |

Tank heads shall be dished, stayed, braced or reinforced.

NOTE: Underground tanks smaller than 2,500 gallons (2,100 Imp. gallons) capacity, above-ground tanks and inside storage tanks for oil burners labeled by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada may be considered as meeting the requirements of this section.

2006. ABOVEGROUND TANKS, FIELD ERECTED: Vertical tanks erected in the field and built in accordance with American Petroleum Institute Standard No. 12A, 7th Edition, reissued September 1951, "Specification for Standard Tanks with Riveted Shells for Oil Storage" or American Petroleum Institute Standard No. 12C, 13th Edition, September 1955 "Specification for All Welded Oil Storage Tanks"\* may be considered as meeting the requirements of this section.

\*Copies of these standards are available from: American Petroleum Institute, 50 West 50th St., New York 20, N. Y.

## 210. Installation of Underground Tanks.

2101. Only a tank meeting the requirements of 2002 shall be buried underground.

2102. An underground tank or a tank under a building shall be set on a firm foundation and surrounded with soft earth or sand well tamped in place and shall not be backfilled with cinders. A tank shall be covered with a minimum of two feet of earth, or shall be covered with not less than one foot of earth on top of which shall be placed a slab of reinforced concrete not less than four inches thick. When subjected to traffic or likely to be so subjected in the future, a tank shall be protected against damage from vehicles passing over it by at least three feet of earth cover, or 18 inches of well tamped earth, plus either eight inches of asphaltic concrete or six inches of reinforced concrete. When asphaltic or reinforced concrete paving is used as part of the protection it shall extend at least one foot horizontally beyond the outline of the tank in all directions.

2103. Where a tank may become buoyant due to a rise in the level of the water table or due to its location in an area that may be subjected to flooding, precautions shall be observed to anchor the tank in place.\*

2104. A tank for fuel oil shall be located not less than one foot measured horizontally from the nearest point of the shell to the nearest line of adjoining property that may be built upon and the nearest outside wall of any basement or pit. Underground tanks or tanks under buildings shall be so located with respect to existing building foundations and supports that the loads carried by the latter cannot be transmitted to the tank.

2105. Underground tanks shall be equipped with an open vent or an automatically operated vent, arranged to discharge to the open air. Vent openings and vent pipes shall be of ample size to prevent abnormal pressure in the tank during filling but not smaller than the pipe size specified in Table 1.

2106. All connections to an underground tank shall be made through the top of the tank.

2107. An underground tank shall be provided with means for gauging. (See Section 340.)

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\*Protection of Tanks Containing Flammable Liquids in Locations That May Be Flooded, NFPA No. 30A published in NFPA No. 30 and in National Fire Codes, Vol. I; also available from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St., New York 38, N. Y. (No. 30) and Canadian Underwriters' Association, 460 St. John St., Montreal, Que. (No. 30).

Table 1

| Capacity of Tank,<br>U. S. Gallons | Approx.<br>Imperial<br>Gallons | Diameter of Vent,<br>Iron Pipe Size |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 500 or less                        | 500 or less                    | 1¼ in.                              |
| 501 to 3,000                       | 501 to 2,500                   | 1½ in.                              |
| 3,001 to 10,000                    | 2,501 to 8,300                 | 2 in.                               |
| 10,001 to 20,000                   | 8,301 to 16,600                | 2½ in.                              |
| 20,001 to 30,000                   | 16,601 to 25,000               | 3 in.                               |

**NOTE:** Where tanks are filled by the use of a pump through tight connections, special consideration should be given to the size of the vent pipe to insure that it is adequate to prevent the development of abnormal pressure in the tank during filling. This may be accomplished by providing a vent pipe not less in size than the discharge of the pump.

## 220. Installation of Unenclosed Supply Tank Inside Building.

2201. An unenclosed supply tank inside of a building shall conform to the following requirements:

(a) A supply tank not larger than ten gallons shall be specifically approved for the purpose.

(b) An approved safety can may be used as a storage tank.

(c) A supply tank larger than ten gallons but not larger than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) capacity shall meet the requirements of Paragraph 2004.

(d) A supply tank shall be of such size and shape that it can be installed in and removed from the building as a unit.

2202. The size and location of unenclosed tanks inside of any building or any one portion of a building separated from other portions by a fire wall shall be in accordance with the following:

(a) Not more than six supply tanks having an individual capacity of ten gallons or less or not more than six safety cans may be located in any one or more stories.

(b) A supply or storage tank located above the lowest story, cellar or basement shall not exceed 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons) capacity and the total capacity of tanks so located shall not exceed 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons).

(c) A supply tank shall be not larger than 550 gallons. Not more than one 550 gallon tank or two tanks of aggregate capacity

of 550 gallons or less shall be connected to one oil burning appliance and the aggregate capacity of such tanks installed in the lowest story, cellar or basement of a building shall not exceed 1100 gallons unless separation is provided for each 550 gallons of tank capacity. Such separation shall consist of an unpierced masonry wall or partition extending from the lowest floor to the ceiling above the tank or tanks and shall have a fire resistance rating of not less than two hours.

2203. An unenclosed supply tank not larger than ten gallons shall be placed not less than two feet horizontally from any source of heat either in or external to the appliance being served but in any case shall be located so that the temperature of the oil in tank will not exceed 25° F. above room temperature.

2204. An unenclosed supply tank larger than ten gallons shall be placed not less than five feet horizontally from any fire or flame either in or external to the appliance being served by the tank.

2205. An unenclosed supply tank shall be securely supported by rigid noncombustible supports to prevent settling, sliding or lifting.

2206. When a supply tank larger than ten gallons capacity is provided with an opening in the bottom for use as a burner supply connection or as a drain, the tank shall be pitched toward the opening with a slope of not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch per foot of length.

2207. A shut-off valve shall be provided immediately adjacent to the burner supply connection at the bottom of a supply tank.

2208. A supply tank larger than ten gallons capacity shall be provided with an open vent pipe not smaller than the pipe size specified in Table 1 and a fill pipe, both terminating outside the building.

NOTE: Where tanks are filled by the use of a pump through tight connections special consideration should be given to the size of the vent pipe to insure that it is adequate to prevent the development of abnormal pressure in the tank during filling. This may be accomplished by providing a vent pipe not less in size than the discharge of the pump.

2209. A supply tank provided with fill and vent pipes shall be equipped with a gauging device. See Section 340.

2210. Any unused opening in a tank equipped with fill and vent pipes shall be closed vapor tight by a pipe plug or cap screwed up tightly.

2211. Two supply tanks connected to the same burner as permitted by 2202 (c) may be cross-connected and provided with a single fill and a single vent pipe as described in Appendix A.

### **230. Installation of Enclosed Supply Tanks Inside Buildings.**

2301. A supply tank larger than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) capacity shall be enclosed when installed inside of a building.

2302. Tankage inside of a building in excess of that permitted in unenclosed tanks by 2202 (c) shall be enclosed.

2303. Only a tank meeting the requirements of 2002 shall be installed enclosed inside of a building.

2304. The nominal gross capacity of enclosed tanks inside a building shall not exceed:

(a) 10,000 gallons (8,000 Imp. gallons) in buildings of other than fire-resistive construction.

(b) 15,000 gallons (12,000 Imp. gallons) in buildings of fire-resistive construction.

(c) 50,000 gallons (40,000 Imp. gallons) with an individual tank capacity not exceeding 25,000 gallons (20,000 Imp. gallons) in any building; provided that the tank or tanks are enclosed as specified in paragraph 2307, and in addition are located in a room cut off vertically and horizontally from other floors of the main building by construction having a fire resistance rating of two hours.

2305. The tank shall be supported at least four inches above the floor by masonry saddles at least 12 inches thick, spaced not more than eight feet on centers and extending the full width of the tank.

2306. All connections to an enclosed supply tank having a capacity of more than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) shall be made through the top of the tank, and the transfer of oil shall be by pump only and through continuous piping to and from the consuming appliances.

2307. The walls of tank enclosures shall be constructed of solid masonry units or poured concrete construction having a fire-resistance rating of not less than three hours and bonded

to the floor. The floor shall be of concrete or other fire-resistive construction. The top shall be of reinforced concrete at least five inches thick or equivalent fire-resistive construction, except that where the floor or roof construction above the enclosure is concrete or other fire-resistive construction, the walls may be extended to and bonded to the underside of the construction above in lieu of a separate top. At least 15 inches clearance shall be left around the tank for the purpose of inspection and repair.

2308. Each tank enclosure shall be provided with an opening closed by a self-closing Class A fire door and a noncombustible liquid tight sill or ramp at least six inches high. If the sill or ramp is more than six inches high, the walls to a height corresponding to the level of oil that will be retained shall be built to withstand the lateral pressure due to the liquid head.

2309. Provision shall be made for adequate ventilation of such enclosures prior to entering for inspection or repair of tanks.

2310. An enclosed supply tank shall be equipped with an open vent or an automatically-operated vent, terminating outside the building. Vent openings and vent pipes shall be of ample size to prevent abnormal pressure in the tank during filling but not smaller than the pipe size specified in Table 2.

**Table 2**

| Capacity of Tank,<br>U. S. Gallons | Approx.<br>Imperial<br>Gallons | Diameter of Vent,<br>Iron Pipe Size |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 500 or less                        | 500 or less                    | 1¼ in.                              |
| 501 to 3,000                       | 501 to 2,500                   | 1½ in.                              |
| 3,001 to 10,000                    | 2,501 to 8,300                 | 2 in.                               |
| 10,001 to 20,000                   | 8,301 to 16,600                | 2½ in.                              |
| 20,001 to 30,000                   | 16,601 to 25,000               | 3 in.                               |

**NOTE:** Where tanks are filled by the use of a pump through tight connections, special consideration should be given to the size of the vent pipe to insure that it is adequate to prevent the development of abnormal pressure in the tank during filling. This may be accomplished by providing a vent pipe not less in size than the discharge of the pump.

2311. An enclosed supply tank shall be provided with a gauging device. See Section 340.

**240. Installation of Outside Aboveground Tanks Not Larger Than 550 Gallons (500 Imp. Gallons)**

2401. Tankage not in excess of that permitted by 2202 may be installed outside aboveground in a built-up area. The tanks may be adjacent to buildings but the distance to the line of adjoining property shall be in accordance with Table 3. Such tanks shall be suitably protected from the weather and from physical damage incident to outside use. The tanks shall not block normal means of egress.

2402. A tank not larger than 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons) capacity may be an ICC-5 Shipping Container (drum) (BTC-5)\* and so marked, a listed safety can, or a tank meeting the requirements of 2004.

2403. A tank other than an ICC-5 Shipping Container (BTC-5)\* having a capacity of not more than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) shall meet the requirements of 2004.

2404. A supply or storage tank located above the lowest story, cellar or basement shall not exceed 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons) capacity and the total capacity of tanks so located shall not exceed 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons).

2405. Not more than one 550 gallon (500 Imp. gallons) tank or two tanks of aggregate capacity of 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) or less shall be connected to one oil-burning appliance.

2406. Two supply tanks connected to the same burner as permitted by 2405 above may be cross-connected and provided with a single fill and a single vent as described in Appendix A but when so connected they shall be on a common slab and rigidly secured one to the other.

2407. Tanks having a capacity of 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) or less shall be securely supported by rigid noncombustible supports to prevent settling, sliding or lifting.

2408. The filling of a container from a storage tank larger than 60 gallons (50 Imp. gallons) shall be by means of a hand pump only.

2409. A shut-off valve shall be provided in the burner supply line immediately adjacent to the gravity feed connection of a supply tank.

NOTE: Refer to NFPA No. 30, Flammable Liquids Code for tanks larger than 50,000 gallons.

2410. A tank not larger than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) capacity shall be equipped with an open vent not smaller than the pipe size specified in Table 2.

\*Board of Transport Commissioners, Ottawa.

2411. A tank shall be provided with a means to determine the liquid level. See Section 340.

2412. The fill opening shall be of such size and so located as to permit ready filling in a manner which will avoid spillage.

## **250. Installation of Outside Aboveground Tanks Larger Than 550 Gallons (500 Imp. Gallons)**

2501. A tank having a capacity of more than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) shall meet the requirements of 2005 or 2006 except that a tank having a capacity less than 2,500 gallons (2,100 Imp. gallons) may meet the requirements of 2002.

2502. A tank having a capacity of more than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) shall not be located in closely built-up areas.

2503. The location of the tank with respect to distance from the nearest line of adjoining property which may be built upon, shall be such that the distance between any part of the tank and the line shall be not less than that specified in Table 3.

**Table 3**

### **Minimum Distance of Outside Aboveground Tanks to Line of Adjoining Property Which May Be Built Upon**

| <b>Capacity of Tank,<br/>U. S. Gallons</b> | <b>Approx.<br/>Imperial<br/>Gallons</b> | <b>Minimum Distance<br/>Feet</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0 to 275                                   | 250 or less                             | 0                                |
| 276 to 750                                 | 251 to 625                              | 5                                |
| 751 to 12,000                              | 626 to 10,000                           | 10                               |
| 12,001 to 24,000                           | 10,001 to 20,000                        | 15                               |
| 24,001 to 30,000                           | 20,001 to 25,000                        | 20                               |
| 30,001 to 50,000                           | 25,001 to 40,000                        | 25                               |

## **2504. Spacing Between Tanks.**

(a) The location of a tank with respect to any such other tank except tanks of 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) capacity or less shall be such that the distance between them shall be not less than three feet.

**NOTE:** Refer to NFPA No. 30, Flammable Liquids Code for tanks larger than 50,000 gallons.

Table 4

## Required Total Pressure Relief Capacity of Vents

NOTE: Venting equipment installed for normal operation may serve as emergency relief, provided that it has the requisite capacity under the pressure limitation fixed by this table. Responsibility for selecting the limiting pressure is placed on the owner or operator.

| Capacity of Tank |                          |                   |                      | Total Pressure Relief Capacity<br>Cu. Ft. of Free Air Per Hour | Approximate Diameter in Inches of Free Circular Opening for Various Pressures |       |        |       |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| U. S. Gallons    | Approx. Imperial Gallons | 42-Gallon Barrels | 35 Imp. Gal. Barrels |                                                                | 3 In. Water                                                                   | 1 psi | 2½ psi | 5 psi |
| 1,000 or less    | 835 or less              | 23.8              | 23.8                 | 25,300                                                         | 4                                                                             | 2½    | 2      | 1½    |
| 4,000            | 3,330                    | 95.2              | 95.2                 | 69,500                                                         | 6¾                                                                            | 3¾    | 3      | 2½    |
| 18,000           | 15,000                   | 428               | 428                  | 139,000                                                        | 9½                                                                            | 5½    | 4¾     | 3¾    |
| 25,000           | 20,000                   | 595               | 595                  | 166,000                                                        | 10¾                                                                           | 6     | 4¾     | 4     |
| 56,000           | 46,600                   | 1,330             | 1,330                | 253,000                                                        | 12¾                                                                           | 7¼    | 5¾     | 5     |
| 100,000          | 83,300                   | 2,380             | 2,380                | 363,000                                                        | 15¼                                                                           | 8¾    | 7      | 6     |
| 155,000          | 129,000                  | 3,690             | 3,690                | 458,000                                                        | 17¼                                                                           | 9¾    | 7¾     | 6½    |
| 222,000          | 185,000                  | 5,290             | 5,290                | 522,000                                                        | 18¼                                                                           | 10½   | 8¼     | 7     |
| 475,000          | 396,000                  | 11,300            | 11,300               | 624,000                                                        | 20                                                                            | 11¼   | 9      | 7¾    |
| 735,000          | 612,000                  | 17,500            | 17,500               | 648,000                                                        | 20                                                                            | 11½   | 9¼     | 7¾    |
| Unlimited        |                          |                   |                      | 648,000                                                        | 20                                                                            | 11½   | 9¼     | 7¾    |

(b) The minimum separation between an LP Gas container and a fuel oil tank shall be 20 feet. Suitable means shall be taken to prevent the accumulation of fuel oil under adjacent LP Gas containers such as by diking, diversion curbs or grading. When fuel oil tanks are diked, the LP Gas containers shall be outside the diked area and at least ten feet away from the center line of the dike. *The foregoing provisions shall not apply when LP Gas containers of 125 gallons or less capacity are installed adjacent to fuel oil tanks of 275 gallons (250 Imp. gallons) or less capacity.*

2505. An outside aboveground tank larger than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) capacity shall rest on a foundation or support of concrete, masonry piling or steel except that vertical tanks may rest on the ground. Exposed piling or steel supports shall be protected by fire-resistive material to provide a fire-resistance rating of not less than two hours.

2506. Each connection to an aboveground tank storing fuel oil, located below normal liquid level, shall be provided with an internal or external shut-off valve located as close as practicable to the shell of the tank. External valves and their connections to the tank shall be of steel.

2507. A tank shall be provided with a means to determine the liquid level. See Section 340.

#### 2508. Vents.

(a) Normal Breathing: Tanks shall have normal venting capacity sufficient to permit the filling and emptying of such tanks, plus their breathing due to temperature changes, without distortion of tank shell or roof.

(b) Emergency Relief: Every aboveground tank larger than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) capacity shall have some form of construction or device that will relieve excessive internal pressure, caused by exposure fires, that might cause the rupture of the tank shell or bottom. In a vertical tank, this construction may take the form of a weakened seam in the roof. The joint between the roof and the shell of a tank 36 feet or more in diameter, if built in accordance with 2006 of these Standards shall be deemed to be a weakened seam for this purpose. Where entire dependence for such additional relief is placed upon some device other than a weak roof seam or joint, the total venting capacity of both normal and emergency vents shall be enough to prevent rupture of the shell or bottom of the tank if vertical, or

of the shell or heads if horizontal. Such device may be a self-closing manhole cover, or one using long bolts that permit the cover to lift under internal pressure, or an additional or larger relief valve or valves. For the purpose of computing the number and area of such vents and emergency relief devices, reference may be made to Table 4.

#### 2509. Dikes and Walls.

(a) Individual tanks or groups of tanks, where deemed necessary by the authority having jurisdiction on account of proximity to waterways, character of topography, or nearness to structures of high value, or to places of habitation or assembly, shall be diked or the yard shall be provided with a curb or other suitable means taken to prevent the spread of liquid onto other property or waterways. Where a diked enclosure is required under this section, it shall have a net capacity not less than that of the largest tank plus ten per cent of the aggregate capacity of all other tanks served by the enclosure.

(b) Dike Construction: Except where protection is provided by natural topography, dikes or retaining walls required under the foregoing section shall be of earth, concrete or solid masonry designed to be liquid tight and to withstand the full hydraulic head, and so constructed as to provide the required protection. Earthen dikes three feet or more in height shall have a flat section at the top not less than two feet wide. The slope shall be consistent with the angle of repose of the material of which the dikes are constructed.

(c) Drainage: Where provision is made for draining rain water from diked areas, such drains shall normally be kept closed and shall be so designed that when in use, they will not permit flammable liquids to enter natural water courses, public sewers, or public drains, if their presence would constitute a hazard.

## CHAPTER III

### INSTALLATION OF FILL, RETURN, SUPPLY, AND VENT PIPING

#### 300. Fill and Return Piping.

3001. A fill pipe shall terminate outside of a building at a point at least two feet from any building opening at the same or lower level. A fill pipe shall terminate in a manner designed to minimize spilling when the filling hose is disconnected. Fill terminal shall be equipped with a tight metal cover designed to discourage tampering.

3002. A return line from a burner or pump to a supply tank shall enter the top of the tank.

3003. Cross connections, except between two supply tanks not exceeding 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) aggregate capacity, permitting gravity flow from one tank to another shall be prohibited.

3004. An auxiliary tank shall be filled by a pump transferring the oil through continuous piping from the supply tank.

3005. An auxiliary tank shall be located at a level above the top of the supply tank from which it is filled.

3006. An auxiliary tank shall be provided with an overflow pipe draining to the supply tank and extending into the top of the supply tank not more than one inch. This requirement does not apply to an auxiliary tank specifically listed for use without an overflow pipe.

3007. An overflow pipe from an auxiliary tank and a return line from a burner or pump shall have no valves or obstructions.

#### 310. Supply Piping.

3101. Connections to tanks shall be as follows:

(a) All piping, except the burner supply line from a tank having a capacity not over 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) and the cross connection between two tanks having an aggregate capacity of 550 gallons or less, shall be connected into the top

of a supply tank. When two tanks are cross connected, the tops of the tanks shall be on the same horizontal plane. See Figures 5 and 6 of Appendix A.

(b) The burner supply connection to tankage having a capacity of more than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons) shall be connected into the top of the tank, except as permitted by 3102.

(c) A transfer pump may be used to deliver oil from a supply tank to a burner or to an auxiliary tank. Except as permitted by 3102, such a pump shall be connected to tankage having a capacity of not more than 550 gallons (500 Imp. gallons).

3102. For commercial and industrial installations the oil supply from tankage of any capacity permitted by these Standards may be in accordance with the following:

(a) The burner supply line may be connected to an outside supply tank for Nos. 5 and 6 oil at a point below the liquid level.

(b) A transfer pump may be used.

3103. For commercial and industrial installations, connections to outside aboveground storage tanks may be located below the normal liquid level but each such connection shall be provided with an internal or external shut-off valve located as close as practicable to the shell of the tank. External valves and their connections to the tank shall be of steel.

## **320. Vent Piping.**

3201. Vent pipes shall be so laid as to drain toward one tank without sags or traps in which liquid can collect. They shall be located so that they will not be subjected to physical damage aboveground. Vent pipes from tanks may be connected into one outlet pipe. The outlet pipe shall at least be one pipe size larger than the largest individual vent pipe connected thereto. In no case shall the point of connection between two or more vent pipes be lower than the top of any fill pipe opening. The lower end of a vent pipe shall enter the tank through the top and shall extend into the tank not more than one inch.

3202. Vent pipes shall terminate outside of buildings at a point not less than two feet measured vertically or horizontally

from any window or other building opening. Outer ends of vent pipes shall terminate in a weather-proof vent cap or fitting or be provided with a weather-proof hood. All vent caps shall have a minimum free open area equal to the cross-sectional area of the vent pipe and shall not employ screens finer than four mesh. Vent pipes shall terminate sufficiently above the ground to avoid being obstructed with snow and ice. Vent pipes from tanks containing heaters shall be extended to a location where oil vapors discharging from the vent will be readily diffused. The static head with a vent pipe filled with oil shall not exceed the tested pressure of the tank.

3203. Vent pipes shall not be cross connected with fill pipes, return lines from burners or overflow lines from auxiliary tanks.

### **330. Pressurized Tank Feed.**

3301. Pressurized tank feed shall not be used.

### **340. Oil Gauging.**

3401. All tanks in which a constant oil level is not maintained by an automatic pump shall be equipped with a method of determining the oil level.

3402. Test wells shall not be installed inside buildings. For outside service they shall be equipped with a tight metal cover designed to discourage tampering.

NOTE: The gauging of inside tanks by means of measuring sticks is a pronounced hazard and should not be permitted.

3403. Gauging devices such as liquid level indicators or signals shall be designed and installed so that oil or vapor will not be discharged into a building from the fuel supply system

NOTE: An inside tank provided with fill and vent pipes should be provided with a device to indicate either visually or audibly at the fill point when the oil in the tank has reached a predetermined safe level.

3404. No tank used in connection with any oil burner shall be equipped with a glass gauge or any gauge which, when broken, will permit the escape of oil from the tank.

## CHAPTER IV.

### PUMPS, PIPING AND VALVES.

#### 400. Oil Pumps.

4001. An oil pump not a part of a listed burner shall be a positive displacement type which automatically shuts off the oil supply when stopped.

4002. An automatic pump not an integral part of a burner shall be a listed type installed in full compliance with its listing.

#### 410. Piping.

4101. All piping shall be standard full weight wrought iron, steel or brass pipe, or brass or copper tubing. Aluminum tubing shall not be used between the fuel oil tank and the burner unit. Listed flexible metal hose may be used to reduce the effect of jarring and vibration or where rigid connections are impracticable and shall be installed in full compliance with its listing.

4102. Piping used in the installation of oil burners and appliances other than conversion range oil burners shall be not smaller than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch iron pipe size or  $\frac{3}{8}$  OD tubing. Copper or brass tubing shall have 0.035 inch nominal and 0.032 inch minimum wall thickness.

4103. Pipe shall be connected with standard fittings and tubing with fittings of listed type. If used, connectors shall be of listed type and installed in accordance with their listing. Unions requiring gaskets or packing, right and left couplings, and sweat fittings employing solder having a melting point of less than 1,000°F. shall not be used in oil lines. Cast iron fittings shall not be used. All threaded joints and connections shall be made tight with suitable lubricant or pipe compound.

4105. Proper allowance shall be made for expansion, contraction, jarring and vibration. Pipe lines, other than tubing, connected to underground tanks, except straight fill lines and test wells, shall be provided with double swing joints arranged to permit the tanks to settle without impairing the tightness of the pipe connections.

4106. Where supply tanks are set below the level of the burner, the oil piping shall be so laid as to pitch toward the supply tank without traps.

#### **420. Valves.**

4201. A readily accessible manual shut-off valve shall be installed at each point where required to avoid oil spillage during servicing. The valve shall be installed to close against the supply.

NOTE: An automatically operated device designed to shut off the oil supply in case of fire in the immediate vicinity of the burner should be provided.

4202. Where a shutoff is installed in the discharge line of an oil pump not an integral part of a burner, a pressure relief valve shall be connected into the discharge line between the pump and the shut-off valve and arranged to return surplus oil to the supply tank or to bypass it around the pump, unless the pump includes an internal bypass.

4203. Any fuel oil line incorporating a heater shall be provided with a relief valve arranged to discharge to the return line when any valve, pump, or other device may prevent the release of excessive pressure because of the expansion of the oil when heated.

4204. Where oil is supplied to a burner requiring uniform flow by gravity feed and a constant level valve is not incorporated in the burner assembly or the oil is not supplied by an automatic pump, a constant level valve shall be installed in the supply line at the gravity tank or as close thereto as practicable, to insure uniform delivery of oil to the burner. The vent opening of such constant level valve shall be connected by piping or tubing to the outside of the building, unless the constant level valve is provided with an anti-flooding device. Vent piping or tubing of constant level valves shall not be connected to tanks or tank vents

#### **430. Tests of Tanks and Piping.**

4301. After installation and before an underground tank is covered, tests shall be made for leaks. Piping shall be tested hydrostatically, or with equivalent air pressure, at not less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the maximum working pressure but not less than five pounds per square inch at the highest point of the system. The test shall be made so as not to impose a pressure of more than ten pounds per square inch on the tank. Instead of a pressure

test, suction lines may be tested under a vacuum of not less than 20 inches of mercury.

4302. When the vertical length of the fill and vent pipes is such that when filled with liquid the static head imposed exceeds 10 psig, the tank and related piping shall be tested hydrostatically to a pressure equal to the static head thus imposed.

## **CHAPTER V.**

### **INSTALLATION OF CONVERSION OIL BURNERS AND OIL-FIRED UNITS.**

#### **500. General Requirements.**

5001. Conversion oil burners may be installed in boilers and furnaces. They may also be permitted by authorities having jurisdiction for use in firing ovens, water heaters, ranges, special furnaces and the like.

5002. Where conversion oil burners are installed in appliances originally designed for solid fuel, the ash door of the appliance shall be removed or bottom ventilation otherwise provided to prevent the accumulation of vapors in the ash pit, unless the ash pit is used as part of the combustion chamber.

5003. Oil-fired appliances shall be installed in rooms that are large compared with the size of the appliances, unless they are specifically listed for installation otherwise. In no case shall an oil-fired unit be installed with less clearance from combustible material than that for which it is listed.

5004. A suitable combustion chamber of firebrick, stainless steel, or other material as furnished by the manufacturer or specified in his installation instructions shall be employed.

5005. Prior to installation of an oil burner, the furnace, boiler or appliance shall be examined and shown to be in good condition and repair and that the combustion chamber and flue gas passages are tight against leaks.

#### **510. Posting of Instructions.**

5101. Complete instruction for the care and operation of the central heating appliances as furnished by the manufacturer shall be conspicuously posted near the equipment.

## 520. Controls.

5201. Oil burners other than oil stoves with integral tanks, shall be provided with some means for manually stopping the flow of oil to the burner. Such device or devices shall be placed in a convenient location at a safe distance from the burner. With electrically-driven equipment this may be accomplished by an identified switch in the burner supply circuit, placed near the entrance to the room where the burner is located. A valve in the oil supply line operable from a location reached without passing near the burner may also be used.

5202. Oil burners for which a competent attendant will not be constantly on duty in the room where the burner is located while the burner is in operation shall be equipped with a primary safety control of a type specifically listed for the burner with which it is used.

NOTE: Burners and oil-fired units so equipped are listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada as Conversion Oil Burners with primary safety controls and Oil-Fired Units with primary safety controls respectively.

5203. Oil burners for which a competent attendant will be constantly on duty in the room where the burner is located, while the burner is in operation, are not required to be equipped with primary safety controls. When primary safety controls are installed in connection with oil burners of this type such automatic devices shall be of a type specifically listed for use with the burner to which they are attached.

NOTE: Oil burners of this type are listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada as Industrial Oil Burners without primary safety controls.

5204. Primary safety controls for burners may consist of the combustion type electrical control or an anti-flooding device. The proper control to be furnished with each burner is indicated in the listing by the testing agency.

5205. Each appliance fired by conversion oil burners and each oil-fired unit shall be provided with automatic limit controls which will prevent unsafe pressure or low water in a steam boiler or overheating within a hot-water boiler, furnace or heater.

NOTE: "Closed" hot water space heating and process water heating boilers should, in addition to temperature limit switch protection, be provided with at least one ASME Code rated relief valve. If the boiler BTU output, determined in accordance with the ASME Code, paragraph H-44 is greater than relief valve BTU rating, additional relief valves or rupture discs should be

provided so that the combined BTU rating of all relief devices is equal to or greater than the boiler BTU output rating. In addition, protection against an emergency low water condition (such as may originate from prolonged water discharge from a relief valve; water leakage from system; inoperative water feeder valve; or water line shut off) is recommended, as this is the only method to cause automatic cessation of burner firing in the event of low water.

5206. Limiting controls and low-water shutoffs intended to prevent unsafe operation of heating equipment by opening an electrical circuit to the burner or oil shut-off device shall be so arranged as to effect the direct opening of that circuit, whether the switching mechanism is integral with the sensing element or remote from same.

NOTE: The purpose of this requirement is to avoid interposing in the limit control circuit other controls the failure of which may be the cause of an unsafe condition which the limit control is intended to prevent. However, a limit control may interrupt the pilot circuit of a magnetic type motor controller which in turn directly opens the safety circuit when it is necessary to interrupt a single phase circuit carrying a load greater than the capacity of available limit controls or to interrupt a multiphase circuit.

5207. A water heater shall be provided with water pressure, temperature and vacuum relief devices. Means shall be provided to prevent siphoning in any boiler or tank to which any circulating water heater is attached.

NOTE: A cold water tube with a hole near the top is commonly accepted for this purpose.

5208. Electric motor-driven oil burners of the type described in 5203 with integral oil pumps and electric motor-driven pump sets for use with such burners not equipped with integral pumps, shall be provided with a motor controller incorporating no-voltage protection to be wired into the power supply to the motor.

NOTE: On failure of voltage, such controllers cause and maintain the interruption of the power from the main circuit. These controllers are included in Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada "Gas and Oil Equipment List" under the heading "Industrial Control Equipment".

5209. In systems where either steam or air is used for atomizing the oil or where air for combustion is supplied by a source which may be interrupted without shutting off the oil supply, the oil and atomizing or air supply shall be interlocked in a manner to immediately shut off the oil supply upon failure of the atomizing or air supply.

NOTE: Burners listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada conform to this requirement.

5210. When automatically-operated burners are used in installations equipped with forced or induced draft fans or both, means shall be provided to immediately shut off the oil supply upon fan failure.

NOTE: Oil-Fired Units listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. and Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada are so equipped.

5211. Oil burners not equipped to provide safe automatic restarting after shut down shall require manual restarting after any control functions to extinguish the burner flame.

5212. An acceptance test shall be conducted where more than one burner is fired in a single combustion chamber or one burner is adapted to firing two or more combustion chambers, to make sure that the primary safety control will function properly in the event of ignition failure or unsafe flame extinguishment at one or more burners.

### **530. Requirements for Specific Appliances (Clearances, Mounting, Etc.).**

5301. Boilers, Furnaces, Floor-Mounted Unit Heaters and Water Heaters.

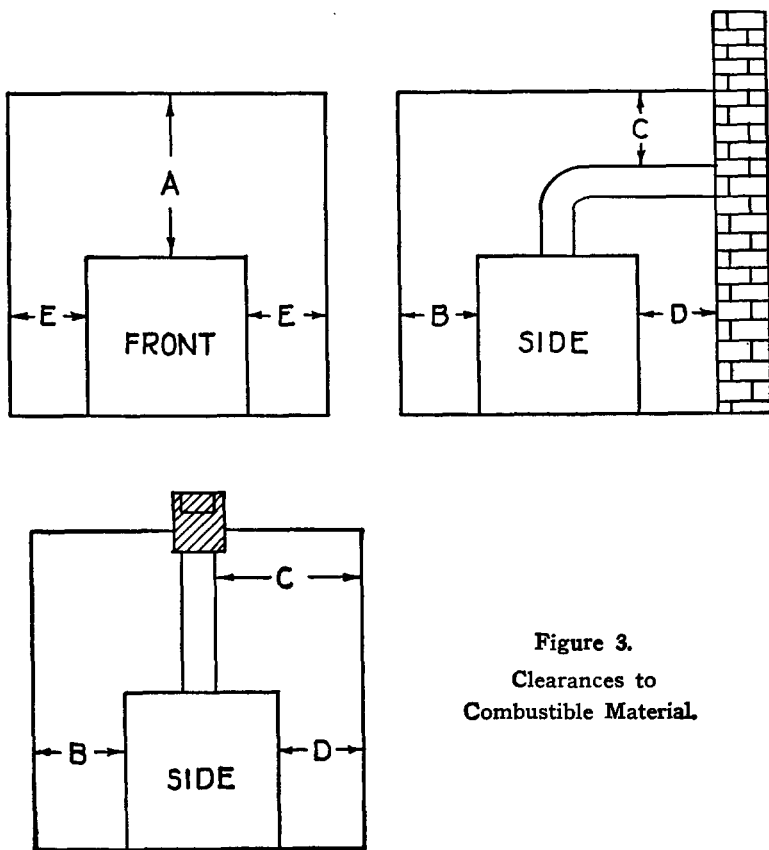
(a) Oil-fired appliances shall be installed in rooms that are large compared with the size of the appliance except that an appliance specifically listed for installation in a confined space such as an alcove or closet may be so installed when the installation is in compliance with the listing. In alcove and closet installations, the clearances from the appliance to the walls and ceilings shall be not less than as specified in the listing, regardless of the type of construction.

(b) Appliances in rooms shall be installed with the clearances from combustible material not less than as indicated in Figure 3 and Table 5, except that appliances specifically listed for installation at lesser clearance may be installed in accordance with their listing. In no case shall the clearance be such as to interfere with the requirements for combustion air and accessibility. See Sections 130 and 140. For installation of flue pipe see Section 160.

(c) Appliances may be installed in rooms, but not in alcoves or closets, with lesser clearances to combustible material, provided the combustible material or appliance is protected as described in Appendix B.

(d) Floor-mounted appliances, except as provided in Paragraphs (e) and (f), shall be placed on the ground, or on floors of fire-resistive construction with noncombustible flooring or surface finish and with no combustible material against the underside thereof, or on fire-resistive slabs or arches having no combustible material against the underside thereof. Such construction shall extend not less than 12 inches beyond the appliance on all sides.

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**Figure 3.**  
**Clearances to**  
**Combustible Material.**

TABLE 5

| CLASSIFI-<br>CATION AS TO<br>TYPE OF<br>APPLIANCE | A<br>ABOVE(1) | B<br>FRONT | C<br>FLUE<br>PIPE(4) | D<br>REAR | E<br>SIDES |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Form I                                            | 2(2)          | 24         | 18                   | 6         | 6          |
| Form II(3)                                        | 6             | 24         | 18                   | 6         | 6          |
| Form III                                          | 18            | 48         | 18                   | 18        | 18         |
| Form IV                                           | 48            | 96         | 36                   | 36        | 36         |
| Form V(3)                                         | 6             | 24         | 18                   | 18        | 18         |

NOTES: (1) This column indicates clearances above the top of the appliance or above the top and from the sides of furnace bonnet or plenum.

(2) This clearance may be reduced to 1 inch above and from the sides of furnace bonnet or plenum when furnace is equipped with approved limit control that cannot be set higher than 250° F. installed centrally not more than 10 inches above the top surface of the heat exchanger in a supply plenum that extends at least 12 inches above the top surface of the heat exchanger.

(3) The clearance from the bottom of a suspended furnace or unit heater to combustible material shall be not less than 18 inches.

(4) See Section 160 for clearance from flues.

### Description of Classifications — Refer to Table 5.

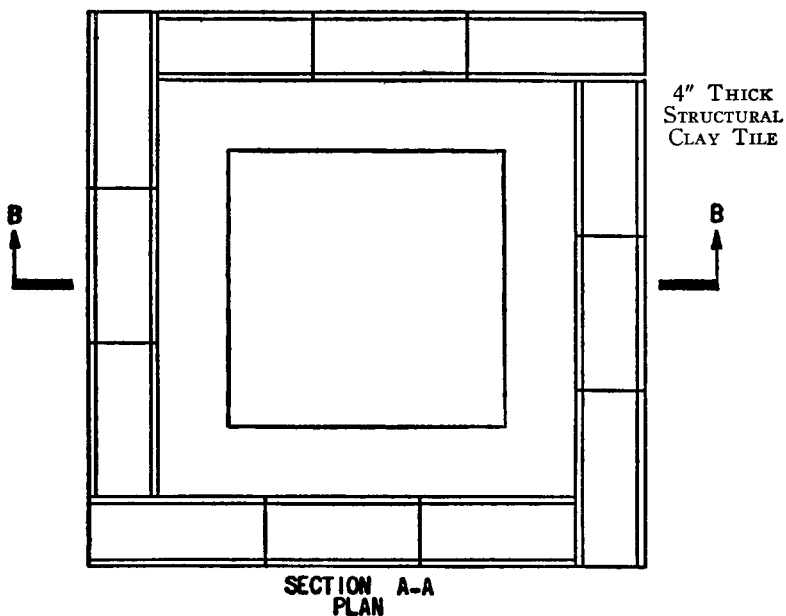
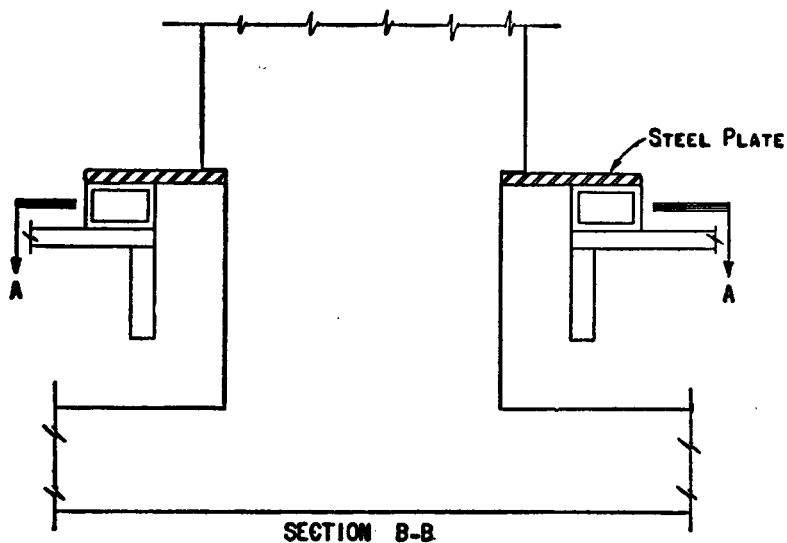
**FORM I.** Automatically fired warm-air furnaces, except horizontal types, and floor mounted unit heaters equipped with approved limit controls that cannot be set higher than 250° F., not larger than 100 cubic feet in size (excluding blower compartments and burner equipment).

**FORM II.** Horizontal type warm-air furnaces, and water-wall type heating boilers operating at not in excess of 250° F. for water boilers and at not over 15 pounds per square inch gauge pressure for steam boilers, and water heaters, not larger than 100 cubic feet in size (excluding burner equipment and blower compartments of furnaces).

**FORM III.** Low-heat appliances, which include steam boilers operating at not more than 50 pounds per square inch gauge pressure, or not larger than ten boiler horsepower regardless of operating pressure, and boilers, furnaces except floor furnaces, and heaters not classified under Forms I, II, IV, and V.

**FORM IV.** Medium-heat appliances, which include steam boilers other than as classified above.

**FORM V.** Suspended-type unit heaters not more than 100 cubic feet in size (excluding fan and burner equipment).



Installation of Downflow Furnace on Combustible Floor  
Figure 4.

(e) Appliances listed specifically for installation on a floor constructed of combustible material may be placed in accordance with the conditions of such listing.

(f) Appliances may be placed on combustible floors although not listed for such installation, provided the floor under the appliance is protected in accordance with the requirements of accepted building code practice.\* An appliance listed for installation under Form I or II in Table 5 may be placed on a combustible floor protected with hollow masonry not less than four inches thick covered with sheet metal not less than 24 gauge. Such masonry shall be laid with ends unsealed and joints matched in such a way as to permit free circulation of air from side to side through the masonry. Figure 4 shows a permissible variation for placing the hollow masonry to accommodate a downflow furnace. For such installations the furnace shall be securely anchored to maintain the clearances required in Table 5.

(g) The supply and return duct system of a central heating appliance shall be installed in accordance with the Standards for Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems of Other Than Residence Type, No. 90A and Residence Type Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Systems, No. 90B.\*\*

(h) A return system shall be arranged so that negative pressure from the circulating fan cannot affect the air supply for combustion or act to draw products of combustion from joints or openings in the appliance, flue pipes or chimney.

(i) A downflow furnace shall be installed so that there are no open passages in the floor through which flame or hot gases from a fire originating in the room below the floor can travel to the room above.

(j) A down flow furnace shall be automatically operated and equipped with an approved temperature limit control that will limit outlet air temperature to 200° F. The furnace shall be designed to prevent unsafe temperatures in the event of reverse flow.

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\*For details of protection reference may be made to the Code for the Installation of Heat Producing Appliances, obtainable from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St., New York 38, N. Y., or Part 6 of the National Building Code of Canada published by The National Research Council, Ottawa.

\*\*Published in National Fire Codes, Vol III, and printed in separate pamphlets; also available from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St., New York 38, N. Y., and The Canadian Underwriters' Association, Montreal.

### 5302. Attic Furnaces.

(a) A furnace may be installed in an attic provided it is listed for such installation and installed in accordance with its conditions of listing.

### 5303. Duct Furnaces.

(a) A duct furnace except as provided in Paragraph (c) below shall be installed with clearances of at least 6 inches to adjacent walls, ceilings and floors of combustible material except a duct furnace listed for installation at lesser clearance may be installed in accordance with its listing.

(b) A duct furnace flue pipe shall be installed to provide a clearance to combustible material of not less than 18 inches.

(c) A duct furnace and its flue pipe may be installed in a room but not in a confined space such as an alcove or closet, with reduced clearances to combustible material, provided the combustible material is protected as described in Table 7 and the requirements for combustion air and accessibility comply with Sections 130 and 140.

(d) A duct furnace shall be firmly supported.

(e) Access panels shall be provided in the ducts on both the upstream and downstream sides of the furnace.

(f) Controls shall be located outside the duct except for the sensing element of a control.

### 5304. Floor Furnaces.

(a) Floor furnaces shall not be installed in floors of combustible construction unless specifically listed for such installation and installed in accordance with their listing.

(b) The floor around the furnace shall be braced and headed with a framework of material not lighter than the joists. Floor furnaces shall be supported independently of the floor grills.

(c) With the exception of wall-register models, a floor furnace shall be placed not closer than six inches to the nearest wall, and wall-register models shall be placed not closer than six inches to a corner. The furnace shall be so placed that a door, drapery, or similar object cannot be nearer than 12 inches to any portion of the register of the furnace.

(d) The bottoms of the floor furnaces shall have at least six inches clearance from the ground. Where the ground must be excavated to provide this clearance, the excavation shall extend at least 12 inches beyond the furnace on all sides, and not less than 18 inches on the control side. Where such excavation exceeds 12 inches, or the ground contour and ground moisture conditions are such that water seepage is likely, a watertight pan constructed of copper, galvanized iron, or other suitable corrosion resistant material and properly anchored in place, or a waterproof concrete pit shall be provided under the furnace. The sides of a pan or pit shall extend four inches above ground level.

(e) Floor furnaces shall be made readily accessible. Openings in foundation walls and trap doors in floors shall be not smaller than 18 by 24 inches. Under-floor passageways to the furnace shall be not less than 24 inches high by 24 inches wide.

(f) Provision shall be made for proper air supply for combustion.

(g) Listed floor furnaces may be installed in an upper floor provided the furnace assembly projects below into a utility room, closet, garage, or similar nonhabitable space. In such installations, the floor furnace shall be enclosed completely (entirely separated from the nonhabitable space) with means for air intake and with access facilities for servicing on the control side. The minimum furnace clearances shall be six inches to all sides and bottom. The enclosure shall be constructed of Portland cement plaster on metal lath or material of equal fire resistance.

(h) No floor furnace shall be installed in the floor of any aisle or passageway of any auditorium, public hall or public assembly room or in an exit way from any such room or space.

(i) Except as indicated in (j) below, a floor furnace flue pipe shall be installed with clearances to combustible material of not less than nine inches.

(j) A floor furnace flue pipe may be installed with lesser clearances to combustible material provided the combustible material is protected as described in Appendix B.

#### 5305. Furnaces Used with Refrigeration Systems.

(a) Heating furnaces of the combustion type shall not be located downstream from cooling units unless the furnace is listed for such use.

(b) Heating furnaces shall not be located upstream from cooling units unless the cooling unit is designed or equipped so as not to develop excessive temperature or pressure.

(c) Heating furnaces may be installed in parallel with cooling units by use of dampers located to direct the air to either the furnace only, or to the cooling unit only, as desired.

#### 5306. Industrial Furnaces and Boilers, Stationary Type.

(a) Industrial furnaces and power boilers, stationary type, shall include low heat, medium heat and high heat appliances. See Definitions for examples of each.

##### (b) Low-heat appliances:

(1) Low-heat appliances shall be installed with clearances not less than those indicated by Form III, in Table 5.

(2) Low-heat appliances which are approved for installation with lesser clearances than specified in paragraph (1) above, may be installed in accordance with their listing.

(3) Low-heat appliances may be installed with lesser clearances to combustible material provided the combustible material is protected as described in Appendix B.

(4) Floor-mounted low-heat appliances, except as provided in Paragraphs (5) and (6) below, shall be placed on the ground, or on floors of fire-resistive construction with noncombustible flooring or surface finish and with no combustible material against the underside thereof, or on fire-resistive slabs or arches having no combustible material against the underside thereof. Such construction shall extend not less than 12 inches beyond the appliance on all sides.

(5) Appliances which are listed specifically for installation on a floor constructed of combustible material may be placed in accordance with the conditions of such listing.

(6) Low-heat appliances may be placed on combustible floors although not listed for such installation, provided the floor under the appliance is protected in accordance with the requirements of accepted building code practice.\*

##### (c) Medium-heat appliances:

(1) Medium-heat appliances shall be installed with clearances not less than those indicated by Form IV, Table 5.

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\*For details of protection reference may be made to the Code for the Installation of Heat Producing Appliances, obtainable from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St., New York 38, N. Y., or Part 6 of the National Building Code of Canada published by The National Research Council, Ottawa.

(2) Medium-heat appliances, except as provided in Paragraph (3) below, shall be placed on the ground or on floors of fire-resistive construction with noncombustible flooring or surface finish and with no combustible material against the underside thereof, or on fire-resistive slabs or arches having no combustible material against the underside thereof. Such construction shall extend not less than three feet beyond the appliance on all sides.

(3) Medium-heat appliances may be placed on combustible floors although not listed for such installation, provided the floor under the appliance is protected in accordance with accepted building code practice.\*

(4) Rooms containing medium heat appliances shall be provided with means of ventilation adequate to prevent accumulation of hot air over or near the appliance.

(d) High-heat appliances:

(1) High-heat appliances shall be installed with clearances to combustible material of not less than 10 feet at the sides and rear, and not less than 15 feet above, and not less than 30 feet at the front or side where hot products are removed.

(2) Rooms containing high-heat appliances shall be provided with means of ventilation adequate to prevent accumulation of hot air over or near the appliance.

(3) High-heat appliances shall be mounted on the ground, or on floors of fire-resistive construction with noncombustible flooring or surface finish and with no combustible material or construction against the underside thereof, which floors shall in all cases extend not less than ten feet on all sides and not less than 30 feet at the front or side where hot products are removed.

5307. Miscellaneous Heaters. (Air Heater, Salamander, etc.).

(a) A direct-fired heater, salamander, shall not be used within an enclosed space or in proximity to combustible material. It may be used where salamanders fired by coal or coke are allowed.

(b) An air heater shall be of a type designed to discharge air at a temperature of not more than 250° F.

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(c) A flexible duct, if used, shall be made of material resistant to heat and flame and that will withstand prolonged exposure to temperatures as high as 250° F.

(d) An air heater installed inside a building shall be provided with a flue pipe to conduct the flue gases to the outside.

#### 5308. Recessed Heaters.

(a) Listed recessed heaters may be installed in combustible construction. Because of the necessity for closely correlating the installation of recessed heaters with the building construction, the authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted for the proper installation methods to be followed. Recessed heaters shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(b) Recessed heaters shall be located so as not to cause a hazard to walls, floors, curtains, furniture, doors, etc. The face of a warm air register shall be not less than 36 inches from any wall or combustible surface directly opposite the register.

(c) Panels, grills, and access doors which must be removed for normal servicing operations shall not be attached to the building construction.

(d) Adequate combustion and circulating air shall be provided.

#### 5309. Restaurant-Type Cooking Appliances, Floor Mounted.

(a) Floor-mounted restaurant-type cooking appliances shall be installed with clearances to combustible material of not less than 18 inches at the sides and rear of the appliance and from the flue pipe thereof, and not less than 48 inches above the cooking top and at the front of the appliance.

(b) Floor-mounted restaurant-type cooking appliances which are listed for installation with lesser clearances than specified in (a) above, may be installed in accordance with the conditions of their listing.

(c) Floor-mounted restaurant-type cooking appliances may be installed in rooms, but not in confined spaces such as alcoves, with lesser clearance to woodwork or other combustible material, provided the combustible material is protected as described in Appendix B, Protection Types (b), (c) and (d). Where a wall or cabinet of combustible material adjacent to the cooking top section of the appliance is not shielded from the cooking top section by a high shelf, warming closet, or other such part of the appliance, the protection shall extend for a distance of at least