

SECTION 22 63 00**GAS SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES****PART 1 - GENERAL****1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. Central Laboratory and Healthcare Gas Systems: Consisting of non-medical SPD compressed air services; complete, ready for operation, including all necessary piping, fittings, valves, rough-ins, outlets, gages, alarms including low voltage wiring, air compressors, electric motors and starters, air dryers, filters, pressure regulators, dew point, carbon monoxide monitors and all necessary parts, accessories, connections and equipment.
- B. Laboratory and healthcare gas system alarm wiring from equipment to existing building management system.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Sealing around pipe penetrations to maintain the integrity of time rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- B. Sealing around pipe penetrations through the floor to prevent moisture migration: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- C. General requirements and items common to more than one section of Division 22. Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.
- D. Alarm interface with ECC. Section 23 09 23, DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC.
- E. Conduit: Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- F. Control wiring: Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW).
- G. Electrical wiring and accessories: Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES.
- H. Electric motors: Section 22 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT.
- I. Motor starters: Section 26 29 11, LOW-VOLTAGE MOTOR STARTERS.
- J. SECTION 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.
Requirements for commissioning, systems readiness checklist, and training.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Materials and Installation: In accordance with NFPA 99, (2005) and as specified.
- B. Equipment Installer: Show technical qualifications and previous experience in installing laboratory and healthcare equipment on three similar projects. Submit names and addresses of referenced projects. Installers shall meet the qualifications of ANSI/ASSE Standard 6010.

- C. Equipment Supplier: Show evidence of equivalent product installed at three installations similar to this project that has been in satisfactory and efficient operation for three years. Submit names and addresses where the product is installed.
- D. Laboratory and healthcare System Testing Organization: The testing shall be conducted by a party technically competent and experienced in the field of laboratory and healthcare pipeline testing. Testing and systems verification shall be performed by personnel meeting the qualifications of ANSI/ASSE Standard 6030. Such testing shall be performed by a party other than the installing contractor.
- E. Provide names of three projects where testing of medical or laboratory gases systems has been performed by the testing agency. Include the name of the project, names of such persons at that project who supervised the work for the project owner, or who accepted the report for the project owner, and a written statement that the projects listed required work of similar scope to that set forth in this specification.
- F. Submit the testing agency's detailed procedure which will be followed in the testing of this project. Include details of the testing sequence, procedures for cross connection tests, outlet function tests, alarm tests, purity tests, etc., as required by this specification. For purity test procedures, include data on test methods, types of equipment to be used, calibration sources and method references.
- G. Certification: Provide documentation prior to submitting request for final inspection to include all test results, the names of individuals performing work for the testing agency on this project, detailed procedures followed for all tests, and a certification that all results of tests were within limits allowed by this specification.
- H. Installing contractor shall maintain as-built drawings of each completed phases for verification; and, shall provide the complete set at the time of final systems certification testing, for certification by the Third Party Testing Company. As-built drawings shall be provided on prints and in digital format. The digital format shall be in the native CAD system required for the project design. Should the installing contractor engage the testing company to provide as-built or any portion thereof, it shall not be deemed a conflict of interest or breach of the 'third party testing company' requirement.
- I. "Hot taps" are not permitted for operating medical oxygen systems. Methods for connection and extension of active and pressurized medical gas systems without subsequent medical gas testing and verification are not allowed.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit as one package in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
 - 1. Piping.
 - 2. Valves.
 - 3. Inlet and outlet cocks
 - 4. Gages.
 - 5. Alarm controls and panels.
 - 6. Pressure Switches.
 - 7. Manifolds.
 - 8. Air compressor systems (Provide certified compressor test data at start-up.):
 - a. Compressors: Manufacturer and model.
 - b. Characteristic performance curves.
 - c. Compressor operating speed (RPM).
 - d. Capacity: Free air delivered at indicated pressure (L/s) (SCFM).
 - e. Type of bearing in compressor.
 - f. Type of lubrication.
 - g. Type and adjustment of drive.
 - h. Electric motors: Manufacturer, frame and type.
 - i. Speed of motors (RPM).
 - j. Current characteristics and horsepower of motors.
 - k. Receiver capacity and rating.
 - l. Air silencer: Manufacturer, type and model.
 - m. Air filters: Manufacturer, type, model and capacity.
 - n. Pressure regulators: Manufacturer and capacity.
 - o. Dew point monitor: Manufacturer, type and model.
 - p. Air dryers: Manufacturer, type, model and capacity (L/s) (SCFM).
 - q. Carbon monoxide monitor manufacturer, type and model.
 - r. Aftercoolers.
- C. Certification: The completed systems have been installed, tested, purged, analyzed and verified in accordance with the requirements of this specification.
- D. Completed System Readiness Checklist provided by the Commissioning Agent and completed by the contractor, signed by a qualified technician and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

1.5 TRAINING

- A. Furnish the services of a competent instructor for not less than two four-hour periods for instructing personnel in the operation and maintenance of the laboratory and healthcare gas systems, on the dates requested by COTR.
- B. Coordinate with other requirements specified in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the test by the basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
B819-(R2006).....Seamless Copper Tube for Medical Gas Systems
- C. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
A13.1-07.....Scheme for Identification of Piping Systems
B16.22-01(R2005).....Wrought Copper and Bronze Solder-Joint Pressure Fittings
B40.100 (2005)Pressure Gauges and Gauge Attachments Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code -
Section VIII-07.....Pressure Vessels, Division I
Section IX-07.....Welding and Brazing Qualifications
- D. American Welding Society (AWS):
AWS A5.8-04.....Brazing Filler Metal
AWS B2.2-91.....Standard for Brazing Procedure and Performance Qualification (Modified per NFPA 99)
- E. Compressed Gas Association (CGA):
C-9-04.....Standard Color Marking of Compressed Gas Cylinders
G-4.1 (2009).....Cleaning Equipment for Oxygen Service
G-10.1(2008)Nitrogen, Commodity
P-9-01.....Inert Gases Argon, Nitrogen and Helium
V-1-05.....Standard for Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Outlet and Inlet Connections
- F. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
ICS-6-93(R2006).....Industrial Controls and Systems Enclosures
- G. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
99-05.....Health Care Facilities
- H. United States Pharmacopoeia XXI/National Formulary XVI (USP/NF)

I. Manufacturing Standardization Society (MSS):

MSS-SP-72-99.....Ball Valves With Flanged or Butt Welding For
General Purpose

MSS-SP-110-96.....Ball Valve Threaded, Socket Welding, Solder
Joint, Grooved and Flared Ends

MSS-SP-73-03.....Brazing Joints for Copper and Copper Alloy
Solder Pressure Fittings

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 PIPING AND FITTINGS**

- A. Copper Tubing: Type "K", ASTM B819, seamless copper tube, hard drawn temper, with wrought copper fittings conforming to ASME B16.22 or brazing fittings complying with MSS SP-73. Size designated reflecting nominal inside diameter. All tubing and fittings shall be labeled "ACR/OXY", "OXY", "OXY/MED", "ACR/MED", or "MED".
- B. Brazing Alloy: AWS A5.8, Classification BCuP, greater than 537 °C (1000 °F) melting temperature. Flux is strictly prohibited for copper-to-copper connections.
- C. Screw Joints: Polytetrafluoroethylene (teflon) tape.
- D. Underground Protective Pipe: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), ASTM D1785, Schedule 80.
- E. Memory metal couplings: Temperature and pressure rating shall not be less than that of a brazed joint.
- F. Apply piping identification labels at the time of installation in accordance with current NFPA. Apply supplementary color identification in accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-9.
- G. Special Fittings: The following special fittings shall be permitted to be used in lieu of brazed joints:
 - 1. Memory-metal couplings having temperature and pressure ratings joints not less than that of a brazed joint.
 - 2. Listed or approved metallic gas tube fittings that, when made up, provide a permanent joint having the mechanical, thermal, and sealing integrity of a brazed joint.
 - 3. Dielectric fittings where required by the manufacturer of special medical equipment to electrically isolate the equipment from the piping distribution system.
 - 4. Axially swaged, elastic strain preload fittings providing metal to metal seal having pressure and temperature ratings not less than that of a brazed joint and when complete are permanent and non-separable.

2.2 EXPOSED LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE GASES PIPING

- A. Finished Room: Use full iron pipe size chrome plated brass piping for exposed laboratory and healthcare gas piping connecting fixtures, casework, cabinets, equipment and reagent racks when not concealed by apron including those furnished by the Government or specified in other sections.
1. Pipe: Fed. Spec. WW-P-351, standard weight.
 2. Fittings: ASME B16.15 cast bronze threaded fittings with chrome finish, (125 and 250 PS1 Classes).
 3. Nipples: ASTM B 687, Chromium-plated.
 4. Unions: Mss SP-72, SP-110, Brass or Bronze with chrome finish. Unions 65 mm (2-1/2 inches) and larger shall be flange type with approved gaskets.
 5. Valves: Mss SP-72, SP-110, Brass or bronze with chrome finish.

2.3 VALVES

- A. Ball: In-line, other than zone valves in cabinets:
1. Seventy five millimeter (2 1/2 inches) and smaller: Bronze/ brass body, Fed. Spec. MSS SP72 & SP 110 , Type II, Class 150, Style 1, with tubing extensions for brazed connections, full port, three-piece or double union end connections, teflon seat seals, full flow, 4125 kPa (600 psi) WOG minimum working pressure, with locking type handle, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service
 2. Eighty to one hundred millimeter (3-4 inches): Bronze/ brass body, Fed. Spec. MSS SP72 & SP 110, Type II, Class 150, Style 1 with tubing extensions brazed to flanges, full ported, three piece, double seal, teflon seals, full flow, 4125 kPa (600 psi) WOG minimum working pressure, with locking type handle, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service.
- B. Check:
1. Eighty millimeter (3 inches) and smaller: Bronze/brass body, straight through design for minimum pressure drop, spring loaded, self aligning with teflon cone seat, vibration free, silent operation, supplied NPT female threads at each end with flow direction arrow permanently cast into, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service, 2750 kPa (400 psi) WOG minimum working pressure.
 2. One hundred millimeter (4 inches) and larger: Iron body, bronze trim, swing type, vertical or horizontal installation, flange connection, with flow direction arrow permanently cast into, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service, 1025 kPa (150 psi) WSP.

2.4 GAGES

- A. Pressure Gages: Includes gages temporarily supplied for testing purposes.
 - 1. For line pressure use adjacent to source equipment: ASME B40.1, pressure gage, single, size 115 mm (4-1/2 inches), for compressed air, nitrogen and oxygen, accurate to within two percent, with metal case. Range shall be two times operating pressure. Dial graduations and figures shall be black on a white background, or white on a black background. Gage shall be cleaned for oxygen use, labeled for appropriate service, and marked "USE NO OIL". Install with gage cock.
 - 2. For all services downstream of main shutoff valve: Manufactured for oxygen use, labeled for the appropriate service and marked "USE NO OIL", 40 mm (1-1/2 inch) diameter gage with dial range 1-690 kPa (1-100 psi) for air service.

2.5 ALARMS

- A. Provide all low voltage control wiring, except for wiring from alarm relay interface control cabinet to ECC, required for complete, proper functioning system, in conformance with Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW). Run wiring in conduit, in conformance with Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- B. Local Alarm Functions: Provide individual local air compressor malfunction alarms at each compressor system main control panel.
 - 1. Compressor Malfunction Alarm: Each compressor system receiving any of the following individual signals and sends a single combined "compressor malfunction alarm" signal to master alarm panel.
 - a. Thermal Malfunction Alarm: Functions when discharge air temperature exceeds 177 °C (350 °F), shutting down affected compressor.
 - b. Lead Compressor Fails to Start: Functions when lead compressor fails to start when actuated, causing lag pump to start.
 - c. Lag Compressor in Use: Functions when the primary or lead compressor is incapable of satisfying the demand. When three or more compressors are part of the system, the lag compressor in use alarm shall energize when the last compressor has been signaled to start.
 - d. High Water Level in Receiver. (Liquid ring or water-cooled units)
 - e. High Water Level in Separator (if so required). (Liquid ring unit)

2. Desiccant Air Dryer Malfunction Alarm: Dryer receives the following individual signals and sends a single consolidated dryer malfunction alarm signal to master alarm panel.
 - a. Dew Point Alarm: Functions when line pressure dew point rises above 4 °C (39 °F) at 380 kPa (55 psi).
- C. Master Alarm Functions: Provide the following individual alarms at the master alarm panel.
 1. Compressed Air Alarms:
 - a. Medical air dew point high alarm: Functions when the line pressure dew point rises above 2 °C (35 °F) at 380 kPa (55 psi).
 - b. Carbon Monoxide Alarm: Functions when the carbon monoxide levels rise above 10 parts per million; receives signal from the carbon monoxide monitor.
 - c. Main Bank Filter Set Alarm: Functions when the pressure drop across filter set increases more than 14 kPa (2 psi) over that when filters are clean and new; operates by differential pressure switch or transmitters.
 - d. Desiccant Prefilter Alarm: Functions when pressure across the filter increases more than 21 kPa (3 psi) over that when filters are clean and new; operates by pressure differential switch.
 - e. Desiccant Post Filter Alarm: Functions when pressure drop across filter increases more than 21 kPa (3 psi) over that when filters are clean and new; operates by pressure differential switch.
 - f. Desiccant Dryer Malfunction Alarm: Functions on any combination of failure of tower cycling and/or pressure dew point rise above 60 ° C at 690 kPa (140 ° F at 100 psi).
 - g. Aftercooler High temperature Alarm: Functions when aftercooler discharge air temperature exceeds 38 ° C (100 ° F).
 - h. Pressure Abnormal Alarm: Functions when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve drops below 550 kPa (80 psi) (plus/minus gage or increases above 830 kPa (120 psi) (plus/minus 14 kPa (2 psi) set points; operated by pressure switch.
 - i. Compressor Malfunction Alarm: Functions when compressor system control panel signals compressor thermal malfunction alarm, lead compressor fails to start alarm or high water level in receiver or separator (if so required) receives signal from system control panel.

- j. Low Lubricant Shutdown: For rotary screw compressors. Functions when lubricant level drops to a low point. Receives signal from compressor control panel.
- k. Instrument air dew point high alarm: Functions when the line pressure dew point rises above -30 °C (-22 °F) at 380 kPa (55 psi).

D. Alarm Panels:

1. General: Modular design, easily serviced and maintained; alarms operate on alternative current low voltage control circuit; provide required number of transformers for efficient functioning of complete system.
2. Box: Flush mounted, sectional or one piece, corrosion protected. Size to accommodate required number of service functions for each location, and for one audible signal in each box. Anchor box securely. Provide spare capacity to accommodate 50% of the number of provided alarm points.
3. Cover plate: Designed to accommodate required number of signals, visual and audible, for each location, and containing adequate operating instructions within the operator's view. Bezel shall be extruded aluminum, chromium plated metal, or plastic. Secure to the box with chromium plated or stainless steel countersunk screws.
4. Service indicator lights: Red translucent plastic or LED with proper service identification inscribed thereon. Number of lights and service instruction shall be as required for each location. Provide each panel with a green test button of the same material, inscribed with "PUSH TO TEST" or similar message.
5. Audible signal: Provide one in each alarm panel and connect electrically with all service indicator light functions.
6. Controls:
 - a. Visual signal: When the condition occurs which any individual service indicator light is to report, button for particular service shall give a lighted visual signal which cannot be canceled until such condition is corrected.
 - b. Audible signal: Alarm shall give an audible signal upon circuit energization of any visual signal. Audible signal shall be continuous until silenced by pushing a button. This shall cancel and reset audible only, and not affect the visual signal. After silencing, subsequent alarms shall reactivate the audible alarm.
 - c. Signal tester: Test button or separate normal light shall be continuously lighted to indicate electrical circuit serving each

individual alarm is energized. Pushing test button shall temporarily activate all visual signals and sound audible signal, thereby providing desired indications of status of system.

- E. Alarm Relay Interface Control Cabinet: Design cabinet to transfer the closed circuit alarm signals through relays to a set of terminals for monitoring signals at the existing ECC without interrupting the closed circuit system. Construct of 1.9 mm (14 gage) steel, conforming with NEMA ICS-6, Type 1, enclosures. Provide both normally open and normally closed contacts for output signals, with number of circuits required for full alarm capability at the ECC. Refer to Section 23 09 23, DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC for compatibility.
- F. Alarm Network Communication: Network communications board shall be installed in local alarm and connected to the facility's Ethernet. Local alarm modules shall send information to the master alarm and the data can be downloaded thru the computer connected to the facility's Ethernet. Master alarm displays the message, sound its alarm and saves the information in an event log. This event log shall be downloaded to a computer file for tracking data and troubleshooting.

2.6 PRESSURE SWITCHES

General purpose, contact or mercury type, allowing both high and low pressure set points, with contact type provided with a protective dust cover; adjustable range set by inside or outside adjustment; switches activate when indicated by alarm requirements. Use one orifice nipple (or DISS demand check valve) for each sensor or pressure switch.

2.7 AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS

- A. System Design: The laboratory air system shall be of a modular base mounted design consisting of multiplexed compressor, dryer/control, and an air receiver. Each unit must be fully compliant with the latest edition of NFPA 99.
- B. Compressor Module: The compressors are continuous duty rated scroll type, single stage and air-cooled. The compressors have one fixed and one orbiting scroll sealed with PTFE tip seals.
 - 1. Field replaceable tip seals.
 - 2. Dust and contamination protection from two part face seal.
 - 3. Orbiting bearing and pin crank bearings are grease filled with maintenance intervals of 10,000 hours for 10 Hp and 8,000 hours for 15 Hp.
 - 4. Heat dissipation maximized by an integral cooling fan.
 - 5. V-belt driven compressor protected by totally enclosed beltguard.
 - 6. Fully adjustable motor mounting base to achieve belt tensioning.

- C. Compressor Motor: The motor is NEMA rated, open dripproof and operates at 3600 RPM with 1.15 service factor suitable for 230/460V or 208V electrical service, as specified in Section 22 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT and Section 26 29 11, LOW-VOLTAGE MOTOR STARTERS.
- D. Intake Piping: Provide a pre-piped intake manifold with one "hospital type" inlet air filter with threaded opening for remote intake connection. Isolate filter housing from the intake manifold with a braided 304 stainless steel flex connector.
- E. Discharge Piping: Provide an integral air cooled aftercooler designed for a maximum approach temperature of 12 degrees F complete with moisture separator and timed automatic solenoid drain valve with a manual drain valve by-pass. Provide each cylinder head with a pre-wired high discharge air temperature shutdown switch. Include a flex connector, safety relief valve, and check valve. The compressor discharge line the piping shall be of ASTM B-819 copper tubing, brass, and/or stainless steel. The discharge flex connector shall be braided 304 stainless steel, brass or bronze.
- F. Isolation System: Isolate the compressor and monitor from the main compressor module base by means of a four point, heavy duty, spring isolation system for a minimum of 95% isolation efficiency.
- G. Dryer/Control: The dryer/control shall include a NEMA 12, U.L. labeled control system, duplexed desiccant drying system, duplexed final line filters, duplexed final line regulators, and combination dew point/CO monitor. All of the above shall be pre-wired and pre-piped in accordance with NFPA 99 and include valving to allow complete air receiver by-pass, as well as air sampling port.
- H. Dryer: Size each desiccant dryer for the peak calculated demand and capable of producing 10 °F (-12 °C) pressure dew point. Dryer purge flow shall be minimized through an on-demand purge saving control system. Include a mounted prefilter rated for 0.01 micron with automatic drain and element change indicator on the inlet of each dryer.
- I. Control System: Mounted and pre-wired control system shall be NEMA 12 and U.L. labeled. This control system shall provide automatic lead/lag sequencing with circuit breaker disconnects for each compressor with external operators, one non-fused main disconnect with external operators, full voltage motor magnetic starters with overload protection, redundant 120V control circuit transformers, visual and audible reserve unit alarm with isolated contacts for remote alarm, hand-off-auto (HOA) lighted selector switches, automatic alternation of

both compressors with provisions for simultaneous operation if required, automatic activation of reserve unit if required, visual alarm indication for high discharge air temperature shutdown with isolated contacts for remote alarm, and duplexed run time hour meters.

- J. Final Line Filters and Regulators: Fully duplexed final line filters rated for 0.01 micron with element change indicators shall be factory mounted and pre-piped, along with duplexed factory mounted and pre-piped final line regulators and duplex safety relief valves.
- K. Dew Point Hygrometer/CO Monitor: Mounted, pre-piped and wired, combination dew point hygrometer/CO monitor shall be of the ceramic type with integral chemical type CO sensor. System accuracy shall be ± 2 °F for dew point and 2PPM (at 10 PPM) for carbon monoxide. Dew point alarm shall be factory set at 39 °F (4 °C) per NFPA 99, and the CO alarm shall be factory set at 10 PPM. Both set points shall be field adjustable.
- L. Air Receiver: Vertical air receiver, galvanized, ASME Coded, National Board Certified, rated for minimum 150 PSIG design pressure and includes a sight gauge glass as well as a timed automatic solenoid drain valve. Provide three valve bypass on supply.
- M. Example of an acceptable product and manufacturer: Beacon Medaes Medical Products "Lifeline Medical Air Systems".

2.8 PRESSURE REGULATORS:

- A. For 690 kPa (100 psi) regulator, provide duplex in parallel, valve for maintenance shut-down without service interruption. For additional pressures, locate regulators remote from compressor near point of use, and provide with isolation valves and valve bypass.
 - 1. For systems 5 L/s (10 scfm) and below: Brass or bronze body and trim, reduced pressure range 170 - 850 kPa (25 - 125 psi) adjustable, spring type, diaphragm operated diaphragm operated, relieving. Delivered pressure shall vary not more than one kPa (0.15psi) for each 10 kPa (1.5psi) variation in inlet pressure.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. In accordance with current NFPA. Run buried oxygen piping in PVC protective pipe for entire length including enclosure of fittings and changes of direction.
- B. Install cast escutcheon with set screw at each wall, floor and ceiling penetration in exposed finished locations and within cabinets and millwork.

- C. Keep open ends of tube capped or plugged at all times or otherwise sealed until final assembly.
- D. Cut piping square and accurately with a tube cutter (sawing not permitted) to measurements determined at place of installation. Ream tube to remove burrs, being careful not to expand tube, and so no chips of copper remain in the tube. Work into place without springing or forcing. Bottom tube in socket so there are no gaps between tube and fitting. Exercise care in handling equipment and tools used in cutting or reaming of tube to prevent oil or grease being introduced into tubing. Where contamination has occurred, material is no longer suitable for oxygen service.
- E. Spacing of hangers: Current NFPA.
- F. Rigidly support valves and other equipment to prevent strain on tube or joints.
- G. While being brazed, joints shall be continuously purged with oil free nitrogen. The flow of purged gas shall be maintained until joint is cool to touch.
- H. Do not bend tubing. Use fittings.
- I. Install pressure switches, transmitter and gauges to be easily accessed, and provide access panel where installed above plaster ceiling. Install pressure switch and sensors with orifice nipple between the pipe line and switches/sensors.
- J. Apply pipe labeling during installation process and not after installation is completed. Size of legend letters shall be in accordance with ANSI A13.1.
- K. Pipe compressor intake to a source of clean ambient air as indicated in current NFPA.
- L. After initial leakage testing is completed, allow piping to remain pressurized with testing gas until testing agency performs final tests.
- M. Penetrations:
 - 1. Fire Stopping: Where pipes pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoked partitions, or floors, install a fire stop that provides an effective barrier against the spread of fire, smoke and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING, with intumescent materials only. Completely fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with the fire stopping material.
 - 2. Waterproofing: At floor penetrations, completely seal clearances around the pipe and make watertight with sealant as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.

- N. Provide 40mm (1 1/2 inch) diameter line pressure gage downstream of zone valve in cabinets.

3.2 TESTS

- A. Initial Tests: Blow down, and high and low pressure leakage tests as required by current NFPA with documentation.
- B. Laboratory and healthcare testing agency shall perform the following:
1. Perform and document all cross connection tests, labeling verification, supply system operation, and valve and alarm operation tests as required by, and in accordance with, current NFPA and the procedures set forth in pre-qualification documentation.
 2. Verify that the systems, as installed, meet or exceed the requirements of current NFPA, this specification, and that the systems operate as required.
 3. Piping purge test: For each positive pressure gas system, verify cleanliness of piping system. Filter a minimum of 35 cubic feet (1000 liters) of gas through a clean white 0.45 micron filter at a minimum velocity of 3.5 scfm (100 Lpm). Filter shall show no discoloration, and shall accrue no more than 0.1 mg of matter. Test each zone at the outlet most remote from the source. Perform test with the use of an inert gas as described in CGA P-9.
 4. Piping purity test: For each positive pressure system, verify purity of piping system. Test each zone at the most remote outlet for dew point, carbon monoxide, total hydrocarbons (as methane), and halogenated hydrocarbons, and compare with source gas. The two tests must in no case exceed variation as specified in Paragraph, Maximum Allowable Variation. Perform test with the use of an inert gas as described in CGA P-9.
 5. Outlet and inlet flow test:
 - a. Test all outlets for flow. Perform test with the use of an inert gas as described in CGA P-9.
 - b. Oxygen, nitrous oxide and air outlets must deliver 100 Lpm (3.5 scfm) with a pressure drop of no more than 35 kPa (5 psi), and static pressure of 350 kPa (50 psi).
 - c. Nitrogen outlets must deliver 565 Lpm (20 scfm) with a pressure drop of no more than 35 kPa (5 psi), and static pressure of 1445 kPa (210 psi).
 - d. Needle valve air outlets must deliver 1.5 scfm with a pressure drop of no more than five psi, and static pressure of 350 kPa (50 psi).

6. Source Contamination Test: Analyze each pressure gas source for concentration of contaminants, by volume. Take samples for air system test at the intake and at a point immediately downstream of the final filter outlet. The compared tests must in no case exceed variation as specified in Paragraph, Maximum Allowable Variation. Allowable concentrations are below the following:

Dew point, air	4 degrees C (39 degrees F) pressure dew point at 690 kPa (100 psi)
Carbon monoxide, air	10 mg/L (ppm)
Carbon dioxide, air	500 mg/L (ppm)
Gaseous hydrocarbons as methane, air	25 mg/L (ppm)
Halogenated hydrocarbons, air	2 mg/L (ppm)

7. Analysis Test:

- Analyze each pressure gas source and outlet for concentration of gas, by volume.
- Make analysis with instruments designed to measure the specific gas dispensed.
- Allowable concentrations are within the following:
 - Laboratory air 19.5 percent to 23.5 percent oxygen.

Medical air	19.5 percent to 23.5 percent oxygen
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8. Maximum Allowable Variation: Between comparative test results required are as follows:

Dew point	2 degrees C (36 degrees F)
Carbon monoxide	2 mg/L (ppm)
Total hydrocarbons as methane	1 mg/L (ppm)
Halogenated hydrocarbons	2 mg/L (ppm)

- C. The Commissioning Agent will observe startup and contractor testing of selected equipment. Coordinate the startup and contractor testing schedules with the COTR and Commissioning Agent. Provide a minimum of 7 days prior to notice.

3.4 COMMISSIONING

- A. Provide commissioning documentation accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS for all inspection, startup, and contractor testing required above and required by the System Readiness Checklist provided by the Commissioning Agent.

- B. Components provided under this section of the specification will be tested as part of a larger system. Refer to Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS and related sections for contractor responsibilities for system commissioning.

3.5 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for four hours to instruct VA Personnel in operation and maintenance of units.
- B. Submit training plans and instructor qualifications in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

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