

**SECTION 22 15 00**  
**GENERAL SERVICE COMPRESSED-AIR SYSTEMS**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

This section describes the requirements for shop compressed air systems, including compressors, electric motors and starters, receiver, all necessary piping, fittings, valves, gages, switches and all necessary accessories, connections and equipment.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.
- B. Section 22 05 19, METERS AND GAGES FOR PLUMBING PIPING: Exposed Piping and Gages.

**1.3 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data shall be submitted for the following products:
  - 1. Aboveground Piping
  - 2. Supporting elements
  - 3. Valves
  - 4. Pressure Gages
  - 5. Air Pressure Reducing and Regulating Valves
  - 6. Automatic drain valves
  - 7. Filter capacity and operating characteristics
  - 8. Quick connect couplings
  - 8. Air Compressor System:
    - a. Characteristic performance curves.
    - b. Efficiency.
    - c. Compressor; manufacturer and model
    - d. Compressor operating speed
    - e. Capacity; (free air delivered at indicated pressure)
    - f. Type of bearing in compressor
    - g. Type of lubrication
    - h. Capacity of receiver
    - i. Unloader; manufacturer, type, and model
    - j. Type and adjustment of drive
    - k. Electrical motor; manufacturer, frame and model

- l. Speed of motor
- m. Current characteristics and HP of motor
- n. Air muffler filter; manufacture, type, and model
- C. Hydrostatic, compressed air system, drainage test reports shall be submitted.
- D. Brazing and welding certificates shall be submitted.

#### **1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American National Standards Institute (ANSI):
  - A13.1- 07.....Scheme for the Identification of Piping Systems
  - B16.22-01.....Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - B32-04.....Standard Specification for Solder Metal
  - B61-08.....Standard Specification for Steam or Valve Bronze Castings
  - B62-02.....Standard Specification for Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Castings
  - B88-03.....Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube
- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
  - 99-2008.....Health Care Facilities
- E. American Welding Society (AWS):
  - A5.8-04.....Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding
- F. Manufacturer Standardization of the Valve and Fittings Industry, Inc (MSS):
  - SP-70-06.....Standard for Cast Iron Gate Valves, Flanged and Threaded Ends
  - SP-72-99.....Standard for Ball Valves With Flanged or Butt Welding For General Purpose
  - SP-110-96.....Ball Valve Threaded, Socket Welding, Solder Joint, Grooved and Flared Ends

#### **1.5 AS-BUILT DOCUMENTATION**

- A. The electronic documentation and copies of the Operations and Maintenance Manual, approved submittals, shop drawings, and other

closeout documentation shall be prepared by a computer software program complying with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C 794d). The manufacturer or vendor of the software used to prepare the electronic documentation shall have a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template made available for review and included as part of the Operations and Maintenance Manual or closeout documentation. All available accessibility functions listed in the Voluntary Accessibility Template shall be enabled in the prepared electronic files. As Adobe Acrobat is a common industry format for such documentation, following the document, "Creating Accessible Adobe PDF files, A Guide for Document Authors" that is maintained and made available by Adobe free of charge is recommended."

- B. Four sets of manufacturer's literature and data updated to include submittal review comments and any equipment substitutions.
- C. Four sets of operation and maintenance data updated to include submittal review comments shall be inserted into a three ring binder. All aspects of system operation and maintenance procedures, including piping isometrics, wiring diagrams of all circuits, a written description of system design, control logic, and sequence of operation shall be included in the operation and maintenance manual. The operations and maintenance manual shall include troubleshooting techniques and procedures for emergency situations. Notes on all special systems or devices such as damper and door closure interlocks shall be included. A List of recommended spare parts (manufacturer, model number, and quantity) shall be furnished. Information explaining any special knowledge or tools the owner will be required to employ shall be inserted into the As-Built documentation.

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 PIPES, TUBES, AND FITTINGS**

- A. Pipe for general service compressed air system shall be drawn temper, Type "K" or "L" copper tube, conforming to ASTM B88 with wrought copper solder joint fittings conforming to ANSI B16.22.
- B. Copper unions shall conform to ASME B16.22.
- C. Cast copper alloy flanges shall be class 300 conforming to ASME B16.24.
- D. Solder filler metal shall consist of lead free alloys conforming to ASTM B 32 with water flushable flux conforming to ASTM B813.
- E. Silver Brazing Filler metals shall be BCuP series, copper phosphorus alloys for general duty brazing conforming to AWS A5.8.

F. Pipe identification shall comply with ANSI A13.1.

## **2.2 VALVES**

### **A. Ball:**

1. Ball valves 80 millimeters or DN80 (3 inches) and smaller shall be full port, two or three piece ball valve conforming to MSS SP-72 and SP-110. The ball valve shall have a SWP rating of 1035 kPa (150 psig) and a CWP rating of 4140 kPa (600 psig). The body material shall be Bronze ASTM B584, Alloy C844. The ends shall be soldered.

### **B. Check:**

1. Check valves less than 100 mm or DN100 (3 inches) and smaller) shall be class 125, bronze swing check valves with non metallic Buna-N disc. The check valve shall meet MSS SP-80 Type 4 standard. The check valve shall have a CWP rating of 1380 kPa (200 psig). The check valve shall have a Y pattern horizontal body design with bronze body material conforming to ASTM B 62, solder joints, and PTFE or TFE disc.

## **2.3 DIELECTRIC FITTINGS**

- A. Fittings joining copper alloy and ferrous materials shall be isolated.
- B. Dielectric unions shall be factory fabricated union assemblies, rated at 1725 kPa (250 psig) minimum working pressure at 82 degrees C (180 degrees F) suitable for compressed air service.
- C. Dielectric flanges shall be factory fabricated companion flange assemblies, rated at 2070 kPa (300 psig) minimum working pressure at 82 degrees C (180 degrees F) suitable for compressed air service.

## **2.4 FLEXIBLE PIPE CONNECTORS**

- A. Stainless steel hose flexible connectors shall be corrugated, stainless steel tubing with stainless steel wire braid covering and ends welded to inner tubing. The stainless steel hose connectors shall be rated at 1380 kPa (200 psig) minimum. The end connections for 50 millimeter or DN50 (NPS 2 inches) and smaller shall be threaded steel pipe nipple. The end connections for 65 millimeter or DN65 (NPS 2-1/2 inches and larger shall be flanged steel nipple.

## **2.5 SPECIALTIES**

### **A. PRESSURE GAGES**

1. Pressure gages permanently installed in the system or used for testing purposes shall be listed for compressed air service. For pressure gage requirements, see Section 22 05 19, METERS AND GAGES FOR PLUMBING PIPING.

**B. AIR PRESSURE REGULATING VALVES**

1. Air pressure regulating valves under 80 mm or DN80 (NPS 3 inches) shall be pilot or diaphragm operated, bronze body and trim, direct acting, spring loaded manual pressure setting adjustment and rated for 1380 kPa (200 psig) inlet pressure.

C. Safety valves shall be constructed according to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Code, Section VIII "Pressure Vessels," and be National Board Certified, labeled, and factory sealed. The safety valve shall be constructed of bronze body with poppet type safety valve for compressed air service.

D. The automatic drain valves shall have stainless steel body and internal parts rated for 1380 kPa (200 psig) minimum working pressure. The automatic drain valve shall be capable of automatic discharge of collected condensate.

E. The coalescing filter shall be capable of removing water and oil aerosols, with color change dye to indicate when carbon is saturated and warning light to indicate when selected maximum pressure drop has been exceeded. The coalescing filter shall including mounting brackets for wall mount application.

F. Air line lubricators shall come with a drip chamber and sight dome for observing oil drop entering air stream. The air line lubricator shall have oil feed adjustment screw and quick release collar for easy bowl removal. The Air line lubricators shall including mounting brackets for wall mount application.

**2.6 QUICK CONNECT COUPLINGS**

A. The quick connect coupling assemblies shall have a locking mechanism feature for quick connection and disconnection of compressed air hose.

B. Automatic shutoff quick couplings shall be straight through brass body with O-ring or gasket seal and stainless steel or nickel plated steel operating parts. The automatic shutoff quick connect coupling shall consist of socket or plug ends with one way valve and with barbed outlet or threaded hose fittings for attaching hose.

C. Valve less quick couplings shall be straight through brass body with O-ring or gasket seal and stainless steel or nickel plated steel operating parts. The valve less quick connect coupling shall consist of socket or plug ends and with barbed outlet or threaded hose fittings for attaching hose.

## 2.7 AIR COMPRESSOR FOR SHOP AIR SYSTEMS

- A. The packaged air compressor and receiver shall be a factory assembled, wired, piped, and tested that deliver air of quality equal to intake air. The packaged air compressor shall be air cooled, continuous duty. The packaged air compressor shall be capable of operating against a pressure of 690 kPa (100 psig).
- B. The automatic control panel shall house local control and protection functions. The control panel shall comply with NEMA ICS 2 and UL 508. The motor controllers shall be full voltage, combination magnetic type with under-voltage release feature and motor circuit protector type disconnecting means and short circuit protective device. The control voltage shall be 120 volts or less. The motor overload protection shall consist of overload relays in each phase. Starting devices shall consist of Hand-off-Auto selector switch in cover of control panel plus pilot device for automatic control. Compressed air system shall include discharge air pressure gage, air filter maintenance indicator, hour meter, compressor discharge air and coolant temperature gages, and control transformer. For connection to alarm system, an alarm signaling device shall annunciate when backup air compressor is operating.
- C. The receiver shall be a vertical steel tank constructed according to ASME Boler and Pressure Vessel code Section VIII, Division 1. The receiver pressure rating shall be at least as high as highest discharge pressure of connected compressors and bearing appropriate code symbols and markings. The interior finish shall be corrosion resistant. The tank shall include a safety valve, pressure gage, drain, and pressure regulating valves.
- D. The packaged air compressor unit shall be secured to a mounting frame strong enough to resist movement due to a seismic event on top of receiver tank.
- E. The compressor shall be reciprocating or rotary, receiver mounted with a maximum speed of 1400 RPM. The Lubrication system may be automatic flood system or forced feed. A belt guard shall totally enclose all pulleys and shafts.
- F. Motor and Starter: The motor shall be designed to operate to 120 degrees F (48 degrees C) ambient temperature rise type motor, ball bearing, voltage and phase as indicated in schedule and conforming to NEMA standards. The maximum motor speed shall be 1800 RPM. The motor

shall be of sufficient size to operate compressor without overloading. Each motor with automatic, fully enclosed, magnetic starter controlled by a (H-O-A) switch.

- G. Filtered Muffler shall have a Capacity of 7.1 L/s (15.2 cfm). Filter shall be finned, dry type and be replaceable by removing cover. Muffling shall be by a series of silencer tubes.
- H. The in line Filter shall have a Fifty micron element with 23 mL (1/2 pint) safety green transparent bowl. The filter shall be rated at 1025 kPa (150 psig) at 52°C (125°F).
- I. The Sound level of the compressor package shall not exceed 62dB (A) when measured in the free field conditions at one meter.

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Piping shall be installed concealed from view and protected from physical contact unless indicated to be exposed. Piping shall be installed exposed in mechanical rooms and service areas.
- B. Exposed piping shall be installed at right angles or parallel to building walls. Diagonal runs are prohibited unless indicated.
- C. Piping shall be installed above accessible ceilings, allowing for sufficient space for ceiling panel removal and to coordinate with other services occupying that that space.
- D. Piping installed adjacent to equipment shall be located that allows for the required service clearances.
- E. Air and drain piping shall be installed with a 1% slope downward in direction of flow.
- F. Nipples, flanges, unions, transitions, and special fittings, and valves shall be installed with pressure ratings same as or higher than system pressure rating..
- G. Cast copper alloy companion flange with gasket and soldered joints shall be used to connect equipment and specialties with flanged connections.
- H. Flanged joints may be used instead of specified joint for any piping or tubing system.
- I. Only eccentric reducers shall be installed where compressed air piping is reduced in direction of flow, with bottoms of both pipes and reducers fitting flush.

- J. Branch connections shall be installed from the top of the main compressed air line. Drain legs and drain trap shall be installed at the end of each main and branch and at all low points in the system.
- K. Thermometers and pressure gages shall be installed on discharge piping from each air compressor and on each receiver.
- L. Valves shall be installed to permit servicing to all equipment.
- M. Pipes shall be installed free of all sags and bends.
- N. Seismic restraint shall be installed for all piping and equipment as required for location.
- O. Piping shall be cut square and accurately with a tube cutter (sawing is not permitted) to measurements determined at place of installation and worked into place without springing or forcing the pipe. Tube must bottom in each solder socket so there are no gaps between tube and fitting where solder can enter the inside of line. The tube shall be reamed to remove burrs, being careful not to expand tube and that no chips of copper remain in the line. Care shall be exercised in handling equipment and tools used in cutting or reaming of pipe to prevent oil or grease being introduced into piping.
- P. Particular care shall be exercised, when flux is applied to avoid leaving any excess inside the completed joints. Thoroughly wash the outside of each joint with clean hot water after assembly to remove oxide coating.
- Q. Hanger spacing shall be based upon NFPA 99.
- R. The Filtered Muffler shall be mounted to the air compressor outdoor intake line without the use of foundations or support frames. Silencer tubes shall be located between the filter and the housing.
- S. Rigidly support valves and other equipment to prevent strain on tube or joints.

### 3.2 TESTS

Make tests under actual or simulated operating conditions and prove full compliance with design and specified requirements. Tests of compressors shall be performed simultaneously with the compressed air system of which each compressor is an integral part.

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