

**SECTION 21 12 00**  
**FIRE-SUPPRESSION STANDPIPES**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

Fire-suppression wet standpipes.

**1.2 SCOPE OF WORK**

- A. Design, installation and testing shall be in accordance with NFPA 14 except for specified exceptions.
- B. Design, materials, equipment and installation, inspection and testing of a complete and ready for operation fire-supply line.
- C. Modification of the existing standpipe system as indicated on the drawings and as further required by these specifications.
- F. Painting of exposed piping and supports to match surrounding background in stairways and red in unfinished areas.

**1.3 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING, Treatment of penetrations through rated enclosures.
- C. Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- D. Section 21 05 11 COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION for general mechanical requirements and items, which are common to more than one section.

**1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Designer's Qualifications: Design work and shop drawings shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.
- B. Installer Reliability: The installer shall possess a valid State of New York contractor's license. The installer shall provide documentation of having successfully completed three projects of similar size and scope.
- C. Materials and Equipment: All equipment and devices shall be of a make and type listed by UL and approved by FM, or other nationally recognized testing laboratory for the specific purpose for which it is used. All materials, devices, and equipment shall be approved by the VA.
- D. Testing: Materials and Testing Certificate as per NFPA 14. Provide certificates for all parts of the system.

**1.5 DESIGN CRITERIA**

- A. The design, materials, equipment, installation, and testing of the system shall be in accordance with NFPA 14 the latest edition.

**1.6 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit as one package in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES. Prepare detailed working drawings that are stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer practicing in the State of New York. As Government review is for technical adequacy only, the installer remains responsible for correcting any conflicts with other trades and building construction that arise during installation. Partial submittals will not be accepted. Material submittals shall be approved prior to the purchase or delivery to the job site. Suitably bind submittals in notebooks or binders and provide index referencing the appropriate specification section. Submittals shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. Certificates:
    - a. Installer's qualifications and documentation of previous work.
    - b. Materials and Testing certificates as specified.
  2. Drawings: Complete and coordinated proposed condition drawing at the loading dock entrance displaying relocated fire supply line and components.
  3. Manufacturers Literature and Data Sheets: All pertinent literature and data for the materials and equipment proposed for the project. Include listing information and installation instructions in data sheets. Clearly identify the item to be used.
    - a. For backflow preventers, provide flow test curves from UL, FM, or the Foundation for Hydraulic Research and Cross-Connection Control to verify pressure loss calculations.
    - b. Provide for materials and equipment proposed for use on the system. Include listing information and installation instructions in data sheets. Where data sheet describes items in addition to that item being submitted, clearly identify proposed item on the sheet.
  4. Final Document Submittals: Provide as-built drawings and maintenance instructions in accordance with the requirements in Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES. Submittals shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - a. One complete set of reproducible as-built drawings showing the installed system with the specific interconnections between the waterflow switch or pressure switch and the fire alarm equipment. One copy of final CADD drawing files shall be provided on diskettes that are compatible with the VAMC CADD system.
    - b. Provide maintenance instructions on replacing any components of the system including internal parts, periodic cleaning and

adjustment of the equipment and components with information as to the address and telephone number of both the manufacturer and the local supplier of each item.

- c. Certificates shall document all parts of the installation.
  - 1. Installer's qualifications and documentation of previous work.
  - 2. Materials and Testing certificates as specified.

#### **1.7 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 Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
  - B16.3-99.....Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings
- C. Factory Mutual Engineering Corporation (FM):
  - Approval Guide - 2001
- C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
  - 14-2003.....Installation of Standpipe, Private Hydrant and Hose Systems
  - 101-2003.....Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures (Life Safety Code)
  - 170-1999.....Fire Safety Symbols
- D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
  - Fire Protection Equipment Directory - 2002
- E. Uniform Building Code - 1997

#### **PART 2 PRODUCTS**

##### **2.1 GENERAL**

All devices and equipment shall be Underwriters Laboratories listed for their intended purpose.

##### **2.2 PIPING & FITTINGS**

- A. Shall be in accordance with NFPA 14, black steel, schedule 10 minimum.
- B. Threaded or flanged fittings shall be ANSI B 16.3 cast iron, class 125 minimum. Threaded fitting are not permitted on pipe with wall thickness less than Schedule 40.
- C. Clamp-on fittings with rubber gaskets shall be listed for the piping application.
- D. Plain end pipe, fittings with locking lugs or shear bolts are not permitted. Use nonferrous piping in MRI Scanning Rooms.

##### **2.3 VALVES**

- A. Do not use quarter turn ball valves for 50 mm (2 inch) or larger drain valves.

- B. The wet system control valve shall be a listed indicating type valve. Control valve shall be UL Listed and FM Approved for fire protection installations. System control valve shall be rated for normal system pressure but in no case less than 175 PSI. (No Substitutions Allowed).
- C. Alarm valve (required for one zone system only) shall be UL Listed and Factory Mutual Approved. The alarm valve shall be equipped with a removable cover assembly. The alarm valve shall be listed for installation in the vertical or horizontal position. The alarm valve shall be equipped with gauge connections on the system side and supply side of the valve clapper. The alarm valve shall be equipped with an external bypass to eliminate false water flow alarms. The alarm valve trim piping shall be externally galvanized. Maximum water working pressure to 250 PSI.
- D. Listed Indicating Valves:
  - 1. Gate: OS&Y, 1200kPa (175 psig) WOG.
  - 2. Butterfly: Gear operated, indicating type, 1200 kPa (175 psig) WOG.
- E. Check Valves: Swing type, rubber faced or wafer type spring loaded butterfly check valve, 1200 kPa (175 psig) WOG.
- F. Drain Valves: Threaded bronze angle, globe, ball or butterfly, 1000 kPa (150 psig.) WOG equipped with reducer and hose connection with cap or connected to a drain line.
- G. Standpipe Hose Valves: 65 mm (2-1/2 inch) screwed, brass hose angle valve, male hose threads same as local fire protection service, 65 mm (2-1/2 inch) by 40 mm (1-1/2 inch) reducer, and with permanently attached polished brass cap and chain.
- H. Automatic Ball Drips: Cast brass 20 mm (3/4 inch) in-line automatic ball drip with both ends threaded with iron pipe threads.

#### **2.4 FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLY CONNECTION**

- A. Brass, exterior fire department connection with brass escutcheon plate, and a minimum of two 65 mm (2-1/2 inch) connections, or a configuration acceptable to the responding fire department. Connections shall be threaded to match those on the local fire protection service, with polished brass caps and chains. Provide escutcheon with integral raised letters "Standpipe and Automatic Sprinkler" or "Dry Standpipe System" As appropriate. Install an automatic ball drip between fire department connection and check valve with drain piping routed to the exterior of the building or a floor drain.

**2.5 IDENTIFICATION SIGNS/HYDRAULIC PLACARDS**

- A. Provide for all new and existing sectional valves, riser control valves, drain valves and alarm devices. The signs shall be in accordance with NFPA 14 and attached securely to each item.
- B. Plastic, steel or aluminum signs with white lettering on a red background with holes for easy attachment. Enter pertinent data for each system on the hydraulic placard.

**2.6 VALVE SUPERVISORY SWITCHES:**

- A. Provide each indicating standpipe and control valve with adequate means for mounting a valve supervisory switch.
- B. Mount switch so as not to interfere with normal operation of the valve and adjust to operate within two revolutions toward the closed position of the valve control, or when the stem is moved no more than one fifth of the distance from its normal position.
- C. The mechanism shall be contained in a weatherproof die cast aluminum housing, which shall provide a 20 mm (3/4 in.) tapped conduit entrance and incorporate the necessary facilities for attachment to the valves.
- D. Switch housing to be finished in red baked enamel.
- E. Water flow Alarm Switches: Mechanical, non-coded, non-accumulative retard and adjustable from 0 to 60 seconds minimum. Set flow switches at an initial setting between 20 and 30 seconds.
- F. Valve Supervisory Switches for Ball and Butterfly Valves: May be integral with the valve.
- G. All conduit and wiring connected thereto shall be provided by the contractor.

**2.7 GAUGES**

Provide gauges as required by NFPA 14.

**2.8 PIPE HANGERS AND SUPPORTS**

Supports, hangers, etc., of an approved pattern placement to conform to NFPA 14. System piping shall be substantially supported to the building structure. Materials used in the installation or construction of hangers and supports shall be listed and approved for such application. Hangers or supports not specifically listed for service shall be designed and bear the seal of a professional engineer.

**2.9 WALL, FLOOR AND CEILING PLATES**

Provide chrome plated steel escutcheon plates for exposed piping passing through walls, floors or ceilings.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION****3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Installation shall be accomplished by the licensed contractor. Provide a qualified technician, experienced in the installation and operation of the type of system being installed, to supervise the installation and testing of the system.
- B. Installation of Piping: Accurately cut pipe to measurements established by the installer and work into place without springing or forcing. In any situation where bending of the pipe is required, use a standard pipe-bending template. Install concealed piping in spaces that have finished ceilings. Sidewall heads may need to be utilized. Locate piping in stairways as near to the ceiling as possible to prevent tampering by unauthorized personnel, and to provide a minimum headroom clearance of 2250 mm (seven feet six inches). To prevent an obstruction to egress, provide piping clearances in accordance with NFPA 101.
- C. Face fire department connections outward in a manner which prevents crimping of the hose.
- D. Welding: Conform to the requirements and recommendations of NFPA 14.
- E. Drains: Pipe drains to discharge at safe points outside of the building or to sight cones attached to drains of adequate size to readily carry the full flow from each drain under maximum pressure. Do not provide a direct drain connection to sewer system or discharge into sinks. Install drips and drains where necessary and required by NFPA 14.
- F. Valve Supervisory Switches: Provide supervisory switches for standpipe control valves. Do not provide standpipe hose valves and test and drain valves with supervisory switches. Do not provide valve supervisory switches on standpipe hose valves, test or drain valves.
- G. Waterflow Alarm Switches: Install waterflow switch and adjacent valves in easily accessible locations.
- H. Affix cutout disks, which are created by cutting holes in the walls of pipe for flow switches and non-threaded pipe connections to the respective waterflow switch or pipe connection near to the pipe from where they were cut.
- I. Provide pressure gauge at each water flow alarm switch location, at the top of each standpipe, and at each main drain connection.
- J. For each fire department connection, provide the symbolic sign given in NFPA 170 and locate 2400 to 3000 mm (8 to 10 feet) above each connection location. Size the sign to 450 by 450 mm (18 by 18 inches) with the symbol being at least 350 by 350 mm (14 by 14 inches).
- K. Penetrations: Sleeve or core drill concrete and masonry. Provide clearance between pipe and openings as required by NFPA 14. Seal

penetrations and clearances in fire rated wall and floor assemblies with listed through-penetration firestop materials in accordance with Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.

- L. Securely attach identification signs to control valves, drain valves, and test valves. Locate hydraulic placard information signs at each sectional control valve where there is a zone water flow switch.
- Q. Interruption of Service: There shall be no interruption of the existing sprinkler protection, water, electric, or fire alarm services without prior permission of the Contracting Officer. Contractor shall develop an interim fire protection program where interruptions involve in occupied spaces. Request in writing at least one (1) week prior to the planned interruption. Any interruption shall be limited to 4 hours for final connections or repairs.
- M. Welding: All welding shall conform to the requirements and recommendations of NFPA 14 latest editions.

### **3.2 INSPECTION AND TEST**

- A. Flushing: Flush newly installed systems prior to performing hydrostatic tests in order to remove any debris which may have been left as well as ensuring piping is unobstructed.
- B. Hydrostatic Testing: Hydrostatically test the system including the fire department connections, as specified in NFPA 14, NFPA-25 and NFPA 13 latest edition, in the presence of the Authority Having Jurisdiction or his designated representative.
- C. Final Inspection and Testing: Test the system in accordance with NFPA 14, NFPA 25 and NFPA 13 latest editions after all necessary corrections have been accomplished. Advise the Authority Having Jurisdiction who will then schedule the final inspection and test. Furnish all instruments, labor and materials required for the tests and provide the services of the installation foreman or other competent representative of the installer to perform the tests. Correct any deficiencies found and retest the system. Include the operation of all features of the systems under normal conditions in the test.

### **3.3 INSTRUCTIONS**

Furnish the services of a competent instructor for not less than two hours for instructing personnel in the operation and maintenance of the system, on the dates requested by the COR.

### **3.3 WARRANTY**

- A. All work performed and materials and equipment furnished under this contract shall be free from defects for a period of one year from date of acceptance by the government.

B. All new piping and equipment incorporated into the new system shall be hydrostatically tested and warranted as new.

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