



# Standard Practice for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Bunkering Hose Transfer Assembly<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the minimum requirements for the design, manufacturing, and deployment of bunker hose transfer assemblies for cryogenic service pertaining to bunkering of liquefied natural gas (LNG)-fueled vessels. The bunker hose transfer assemblies addressed by this practice are for connections between the LNG-fueled vessel bunker manifold presentation flange connections and the LNG supplier bunkering manifold presentation flange connections.

1.2 Transfer assemblies are suitable for use in multiple maritime bunkering applications, including but not limited to facilities, vessels, trucks, and other LNG bunkering supply services. This practice will directly address the hose assembly, dry quick disconnect couplings (DQD), breakaway couplings, gaskets, insulating flange, strainers, and associated fittings.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASME Standards:<sup>2</sup>

ASME B16.5 Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: NPS 1/2 through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard

ASME B16.20 Metallic Gaskets for Pipe Flanges: Ring-Joint, Spiral-Wound, and Jacketed

ASME B36.19M Stainless Steel Pipe

ASME B31.3 Process Piping

### 2.2 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

ASTM D566L Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS): 13th Edition

### 2.3 EN Standards:<sup>4</sup>

EN 1474-1 Installation and Equipment for Liquefied Natural Gas. Design and Testing of Marine Transfer Systems. Design and Testing of Transfer Arms

EN 1474-2 Installation and Equipment for Liquefied Natural Gas. Design and Testing of Marine Transfer Systems. Design and Testing of Transfer Hoses

EN 1474-3 Installation and Equipment for Liquefied Natural Gas. Design and Testing of Marine Transfer Systems. Offshore Transfer Systems

EN 13766 Thermoplastic Multi-Layer (Non-Vulcanized) Hoses and Hose Assemblies for the Transfer of Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Liquid Nitrogen, Liquefied Natural Gas

### 2.4 IMO Regulations:<sup>5</sup>

IGF Code International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels

IGC Code International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk

<sup>2</sup> Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>4</sup> Available from European Committee for Standardization (CEN), Avenue Marnix 17, B-1000, Brussels, Belgium, <http://www.cen.eu>.

<sup>5</sup> Available from International Maritime Organization (IMO), 4, Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR, United Kingdom, <http://www.imo.org>.

## 2.5 ISGOTT Publications:

ISGOTT 5th Edition International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals

## 2.6 ISO Standards:<sup>6</sup>

ISO 527-1 Plastics — Determination of Tensile Properties — Part 1: General Principles

ISO 1402 Rubber and Plastics Hoses and Hose Assemblies — Hydrostatic Testing

ISO 1746 Rubber or Plastics Hoses and Tubing — Bending Tests

ISO 2768 General Tolerances

ISO 10380 Pipework — Corrugated Metal Hoses and Hose Assemblies

ISO 13934-1 Textiles — Tensile Properties of Fabrics — Part 1: Determination of Maximum Force and Elongation at Maximum Force Using the Strip Method

ISO 14726:2008 Ships and Marine Technology — Identification Colours for the Content of Piping Systems

ISO TS 18683 Guidelines for Safety and Risk Assessments of LNG Bunkering Operations

ISO 21593:2019 Ships and marine technology — Technical requirements for dry-disconnect/connect couplings for bunkering liquefied natural gas

ISO 21593:2018-12 Ship and Marine Technology — Technical Requirements for Liquid Natural Gas Bunkering Dry-Disconnect/Connect Coupling

## 2.7 MSS Standards:<sup>7</sup>

MSS SP-43-2003 Wrought and Fabricated Butt-Welding Fittings for Low Pressure, Corrosion Resistant Applications

## 2.8 USCG Policy:<sup>8</sup>

CG-521 Policy Letter No. 01-12, CH-1 Equivalency Determination – Design Criteria For Natural Gas Fuel Systems (Change-1)

CG-ENG Policy Letter No. 02-15 Design Standards for U.S. Barges Intending to Carry Liquefied Natural Gas in Bulk

CG-OES Policy Letter No. 01-15 Guidelines for Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Transfer Operations and Training of Personnel on Vessels Using Natural Gas as Fuel

CG-OES Policy Letter No. 02-15 Guidance Related to Vessels and Waterfront Facilities Conducting Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Marine Fuel Transfer (Bunkering) Operations

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *breakaway coupling, n*—coupling which separates at a predetermined section when required and each separated section contains a self-closing shut-off valve which seals automatically.

3.1.2 *design pressure, n*—the pressure to which each piping component of a piping system is designed.

3.1.3 *design temperature, n*—the temperature at which each piping component is designed to operate.

3.1.4 *dry quick disconnect (DQD), n*—a device designed to make a quick, secure connection and disconnection between a hose and pipe, two pipes or between two hoses.

3.1.5 *flange, n*—a joint in a bolted connection.

3.1.6 *insulating flange, n*—a flanged joint incorporating an insulating gasket, sleeves, and washers to prevent electrical continuity between ship and shore.

3.1.7 *gasket, n*—a mechanical seal which fills the space between two or more mating surfaces, generally to prevent leakage from or into the joined objects while under compression.

3.1.8 *hose assembly, n*—components of the hose including inner liquid barriers, reinforcement, protective covers, and end configurations like flange or threads that have been assembled and tested to meet specification requirements.

3.1.9 *maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP), n*—the maximum pressure of a piping system determined, in general, by the weakest piping component in the system or by the relief valve setting.

3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—The MAWP is not to exceed the design pressure.

3.1.10 *polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) reinforced gasket material, n*—a flat gasket material made from PTFE with special fillers designed to increase the materials tensile properties and decrease the creep relaxation that can occur with virgin PTFE material in cryogenic applications.

3.1.11 *presentation flange, n*—the last permanent flange at the transfer manifold of both the bunker receiver and supplier.

3.1.12 *seal, n*—a mechanical device that helps join mechanisms together by preventing leakage, containing pressure, or preventing contamination.

3.1.12.1 *Discussion*—In most cases a seal is dependent on compression between a compressible material or device and solid mating surface.

3.1.13 *spiral wound gasket, n*—a gasket categorized as semi-metallic gasket consisting of sealing elements formed by winding two materials (one for sealing, one for resilience) into thin v-shaped spirals.

3.1.14 *transfer assembly, n*—liquid or vapor transfer assembly, components of the transfer system that include the hose assembly, dry quick disconnect couplings (DQD), breakaway couplings, insulating flange, and gaskets that connect the bunker supply of LNG to the bunker manifold of an LNG-fueled vessel.

<sup>6</sup> Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.

<sup>7</sup> Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.mss-hq.org>.

<sup>8</sup> Available from United States Coast Guard (USCG), 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC, 20593-700, <https://www.uscg.mil>.

### 3.2 Acronyms:

- 3.2.1 *ISO*—International Organization for Standardization
- 3.2.2 *LNG*—liquefied natural gas
- 3.2.3 *MAWP*—maximum allowable working pressure
- 3.2.4 *PPE*—personal protective equipment
- 3.2.5 *SGMF*—The Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel
- 3.2.6 *USCG*—United States Coast Guard

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides guidance on the minimum requirements for the design, manufacture, installation, and operation of bunker hose transfer assemblies for cryogenic service pertaining to bunkering of LNG-fueled vessels. The bunker hose transfer assemblies addressed by this practice are for connections between the LNG-fueled vessel bunker manifold presentation flange connections and the LNG supplier bunkering manifold presentation flange connections.

## 5. Transfer Assembly

5.1 The bunker hose transfer assemblies are connections between the receiving LNG-fueled vessel bunker manifold and the LNG supplier bunkering manifold. A bunker hose transfer assembly may be for either a liquid natural gas transfer or a combination of liquid and vapor transfer. The transfer system assembly consists of numerous components which may include but not limited to the hose assembly, DQD breakaway couplings, insulating flange, strainers, gaskets, and associated fittings.

### 5.2 Materials:

5.2.1 Examples of approved materials are but not limited to 9 % nickel steel, type 304, 304L, 316, 316L, 321, and 347 solution treated stainless steel.

### 5.3 Physical Properties:

5.3.1 All materials must be capable of withstanding cryogenic temperatures of  $-320^{\circ}\text{F}$  [ $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$ ] found in liquid nitrogen. The use of liquid nitrogen is commonly used for the testing of components with a non-volatile cryogenic liquid or vapor. Common usages would include cool down of equipment before the LNG transfer and in purging cycles. All components shall be employed in accordance with the recognized standards (inch-pound and SI) and applicable regulations as referenced in Section 2.

### 5.4 Design:

5.4.1 The transfer assembly is to have an internal MAWP at least 150 PSIG [10.34 BAR].

5.4.2 The design pressure is not to be less than the pressure of the most severe condition of coincidental internal or external pressure and temperatures (maximum or minimum) expected during service. However, this practice does impose a specific minimum design pressure that has the potential to exceed the maximum expected service pressure.

5.4.3 The design temperature is not to be greater or less than the temperature of the piping component material at the most severe condition (maximum or minimum) of temperature and coincidental pressure expected during service.

5.4.4 Suitable means shall be provided to relieve the pressure and remove LNG from any piping between the outermost manifold valves and bunker hoses to the tanks, or other suitable location, prior to disconnection.

5.4.5 Means are to be provided for the elimination of any sparks or static electricity when bunkering systems are in use, connected or disconnected. The hose, pipes, and transfer system components shall be electrically continuous, but shall be electrically insulated from the vessel receiving the bunker and compliant with a recognized standard, see 5.7.

### 5.5 Fittings:

5.5.1 The selection of the proper fittings for all cryogenic applications needs are to be in accordance with the following:

5.5.1.1 Welding (ASME B31.3).

5.5.1.2 National Pipe Thread (NPT) (ASME B31.3).

5.5.1.3 Flange bolting dimensions (ASME B16.5).

5.5.1.4 JIC threaded connections for sizes 1 in. [25 mm] and below.

5.5.1.5 Floating flange and turn back nipples as in accordance with MSS SP-43 as part of ASME B36.19M.

### 5.6 Gaskets:

5.6.1 The gaskets must be capable of maintaining a seal at temperatures as low as  $-320^{\circ}\text{F}$  [ $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$ ].

5.6.2 Spiral wound gaskets are to comply with ASME B16.20.

5.6.3 Virgin PTFE shall not be used as it susceptible to creep and can be displaced during thermal cycling.

5.6.4 The gaskets are to be fabricated of compound materials. This would include ‘semi-metal’ gaskets containing expanded graphite or PTFE filler or expanded PTFE with multi directional strength.

5.6.5 Gaskets are to be used in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. To mitigate the risk of spraying leaks, flange connections must be protected by a spray shield.

5.6.6 Gaskets need to be regularly inspected.

5.6.7 Gasketed pipe joints and hose connections shall generally be electrically bonded. However, an approved insulating flange shall be in a section of the hose string between the bunker supply and the vessel receiving the bunker fuel (refer to 5.7 of this practice).

### 5.7 Insulating Flange:

5.7.1 The use of an approved insulating flange shall be in a section of the hose string between the bunker supply and the vessel receiving the bunker. The specification of this insulation flange can be found in ISO 20519, Section 5.5.6, and ISGOTT, 17.5.5.

### 5.8 Strainer:

5.8.1 Strainers shall be placed in use as close to the bunkering manifolds as possible.

5.8.2 Strainers are to be made of materials that will be suitable for the cryogenic temperatures found in LNG transfer, nitrogen testing, cool down, and purging operations.

5.8.3 The proper sizing of strainers shall be employed to protect the valves, pumps, and engine components from damage causing dirt, debris, and ice.