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Foreword

The FM Approvals certification mark is intended to verify that the products and services described will meet FM Approvals' stated conditions of performance, safety and quality useful to the ends of property conservation. The purpose of Approval Standards is to present the criteria for Approval of various types of products and services, as guidance for FM Approvals personnel, manufacturers, users and authorities having jurisdiction.

Products submitted for certification by FM Approvals shall demonstrate that they meet the intent of the Approval Standard, and that quality control in manufacturing shall ensure a consistently uniform and reliable product. Approval Standards strive to be performance-oriented. They are intended to facilitate technological development.

For examining equipment, materials and services, Approval Standards:

- a) Must be useful to the ends of property conservation by preventing, limiting or not causing damage under the conditions stated by the Approval listing; and
- b) Must be readily identifiable.

Continuance of Approval and listing depends on compliance with the Approval Agreement, satisfactory performance in the field, successful re-examinations of equipment, materials, and services as appropriate, and surveillance audits of the manufacturing facility.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 This standard states Approval criteria for Fire Department Connections which are used to provide a means to pump water into a sprinkler system, or standpipe, from a public hydrant or other water supply.
- 1.1.2 Approval criteria may include, but are not limited to, performance requirements, marking requirements, examination of manufacturing facility(ies), audit of quality assurance procedures, and a surveillance audit program.

1.2 Scope

- 1.2.1 This standard encompasses the design and performance requirements for fire department connections.
- 1.2.2 Approval Standards are intended to verify that the product described will meet stated conditions of performance, safety and quality useful to the ends of property conservation.

1.3 Basis for Requirements

- 1.3.1 The requirements of this standard are based on experience, research and testing, and/or the standards of other organizations. The advice of manufacturers, users, trade associations, jurisdictions and/or loss control specialists may also be considered.
- 1.3.2 The requirements of this Standard reflect tests and practices used to examine characteristics of fire department connections for the purpose of obtaining Approval. Fire department connections having characteristics not anticipated by this Standard may be FM Approved if performance equal, or superior, to that required by this Standard is demonstrated, or if the intent of the Standard is met. Alternatively, fire department connections which meet all of the requirements identified in this Standard may not be FM Approved if other conditions which adversely affect performance exist or if the intent of this standard is not met.

1.4 Basis for Approval

Approval is based upon satisfactory evaluation of the product and the manufacturer in the following major areas:

- 1.4.1 Examination and tests on production samples shall be performed to evaluate:
 - The suitability of the product
 - The performance of the product as specified by the manufacturer and required by FM Approvals; and as far as practical,
 - The durability and reliability of the product.
- 1.4.2 An examination of the manufacturing facilities and audit of quality control procedures is made to evaluate the manufacturer's ability to consistently produce the product that was examined and tested as part of the Approval project. The audit shall review the facility and in-place quality control procedures used in the manufacturing of the product. Typically, areas of review are incoming inspection, work in progress, production testing, final quality control, marking, calibration of equipment, shipping procedures, and document and drawing control. These

examinations are repeated periodically as part of the FM Approvals product follow-up program. (Refer to Section 5.2, Surveillance Audit Program)

1.5 Basis for Continued Approval

1.5.1 Continued Approval is based upon:

- Production or availability of the product as currently FM Approved;
- The continued use of acceptable quality assurance procedures;
- Satisfactory field experience;
- Compliance with the terms stipulated in the Master Agreement;
- Satisfactory re-examination of production samples for continued conformity to requirements; and
- Satisfactory Surveillance Audits conducted as part of FM Approvals' surveillance audit program.

1.5.2 Also, as a condition of retaining Approval, manufacturers may not change an FM Approved product or service without prior written authorization by FM Approvals. (Refer to Section 5.1.3 for further details regarding changes.)

1.6 Effective Date

The effective date of an Approval standard mandates that all products tested for Approval after the effective date shall satisfy the requirements of that standard. Products FM Approved under a previous edition shall comply with the new version by the effective date or forfeit Approval.

The effective date of this standard is **February 28, 2017** for compliance with all requirements.

1.7 System of Units

Units of measurement used in this standard are United States (U.S.) customary units. These are followed by their arithmetic equivalents in International System (SI) units, enclosed in parentheses. The first value stated shall be regarded as the requirement. The converted equivalent value may be approximate. Appendix A lists the selected units and conversions to SI units for measures appearing in this standard. Conversion of U.S. customary units is in accordance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)/American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) SI 10-2010, "*American National Standard for Metric Practice*."

1.8 Applicable Documents

The following standards, test methods, and practices are referenced in this standard:

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

B1.20.1 - 2013, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*

ANSI / ASME B1.20.3 - 2013, *Dryseal Pipe Threads (Inch)*

ANSI / ASME B1.20.7 - 2013, *Hose Coupling Screw Threads*

ANSI / IEEE / ASTM SI 10 - 2010, *American National Standard for Metric Practice*

ANSI / American Water Works Association (AWWA) C606 – 2015, *Grooved and Shoulder Joints*

FM Global Property Loss Prevention Data Sheet 2-0 – January 2014, *Installation Guidelines for Automatic Sprinklers*

FM Global Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) / International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
17025-2005, *General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13 - 2016, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems
NFPA 14 - 2016, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems
NFPA 15 - 2012, Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection
NFPA 25 - 2014, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-based Fire Protection Systems
NFPA 1962 - 2013, Standard for the Care, Use, Inspection, Service Testing, and Replacement of Fire Hose, Couplings, Nozzles, and Fire Hose Appliances
NFPA 1963 - 2014, Standard for Fire Hose Connections

1.9 Definitions

For purposes of this standard, the following terms apply:

Accepted

This term refers to installations acceptable to the authority enforcing the applicable installation rules. When the authority is FM Global, such locations are termed “FM Global Accepted.” Acceptance is based upon an overall evaluation of the installation. Factors other than the use of FM Approved equipment impact upon the decision to accept, or not to accept. Acceptance is not a characteristic of a product. It is installation specific. A product accepted for one installation may not be acceptable elsewhere. (Contrast with FM Approved.)

End Connections

The means by which components of a sprinkler system are connected to the sprinkler fitting or piping. Typical end connections are grooved and threaded.

FM Approved

This term refers to products FM Approved by FM Approvals. Such products are listed in the Approval Guide, an on-line resource of FM Approvals. All products so listed have been successfully examined by FM Approvals, and their manufacturers have signed and returned a Master Agreement to FM Approvals. This form obligate the manufacturer to allow re-examination of the product and surveillance audits at FM Approval’s discretion. It further requires the manufacturer not to deviate from the as-FM Approved configuration of the product without review by and agreement of FM Approvals.

FM Approvals Certification Mark

Product markings, applied by the manufacturer, that identify the product as FM Approved. Their use is mandatory on all units of FM Approved fire department connections. These registered marks cannot be used except as authorized by FM Approvals via the granting of Approval to a specific product.

Rated Working Pressure

This is the maximum sustained pressure at or below which the fire department connections shall operate trouble free. This also sets the basis for the testing described in Section 4, Performance Requirements. The minimum pressure rating considered for FM Approval is 175 psi (1205 kPa).