

Tank Base Surface Treatment

Procedure

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Foreword

This Standard is the English version (issued in 04/2014) of PETROBRAS N-1822 REV. C 12/2013, including its Amendment - 04/2014. In case of doubt, the Portuguese version, which is the valid document for all intents and purposes, shall be used.

1 Scope

1.1 This Standard establishes the conditions required for surface treatment of steel tank seating base for storage of oil and its products.

1.2 The base surface treatment is intended to protect the tank bottom plates against the soil moisture, establish an leak alarm system, and to ensure proper conditions of support.

1.3 In case of storage tanks for high temperature products which may affect the foundation elements, the base surface treatment is intended to provide thermal protection to those elements.

1.4 This Standard applies to services started as of its date of issuance.

1.5 This Standard contains only Technical Requirements.

2 Normative References

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document applies.

PETROBRAS [N-38](#) - Criterion for Design of Drainage, Segregation, Flow Preliminary Treatment of Liquid Effluents of Onshore Installations;

PETROBRAS [N-1618](#) - Thermal Insulation Material;

DNIT [031/2006-ES](#) - Pavimentos Flexíveis - Concreto Asfáltico;

DNIT [144/2010-ES](#) - Pavimentação Asfáltica - Imprimação com Ligante Asfáltico;

DNIT [146/2010-ES](#) - Pavimentação - Tratamento Superficial Simples com Ligante Asfáltico Convencional;

DNIT [152/2010-ES](#) - Pavimentação - Macadame Hidráulico;

DNIT [153/2010-ES](#) - Pavimentação Asfáltica- Pré-Misturado a Frio com Emulsão Catiônica Convencional;

ABNT [NBR 17505-2](#) - Armazenamento de Líquidos Inflamáveis e Combustíveis Parte 2: Armazenamento em Tanques, em Vasos e em Recipientes Portáteis com Capacidade Superior a 3 000 L;

API [STD 650:2013](#) - Welded Tanks for Oil Storage Eleventh.

NOTE For documents referred in this Standard and for which only the Portuguese version is available, the PETROBRAS department that uses this Standard should be consulted for any information required for the specific application.

3 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

draining base

layer of granular material intended to provide formation to the tank base surface, allowing the draining from underground water, as well as the stabilization of the land, so as to allow the handling of materials and equipment during construction and assembly of the tank.

3.2

covering

layer of material meant for waterproofing the tank base, so as to protect the tank bottom plates against the soil aggressiveness.

4 General Conditions

The surface treatment of storage tank bases shall be designed considering the product temperature and foundation type of the tank.

4.1 Bases of Tanks Storing Non-Heated Products

On base of tanks storing non-heated products, which temperature in lower face of the tank bottom plate is below 70 °C, one of the solutions described in 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 shall be adopted.

4.1.1 Tanks in Direct Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Ring Under the Shell

The solution shown on Figure A.1 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.1.2 Tanks in Direct Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Slab

The solution shown on Figure A.2 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.1.3 Tanks with Pile Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Ring Under the Shell

The solution shown on Figure A.1 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.1.4 Tanks in Pile Cap Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Slab

No specific treatment is required.

4.2 Bases of Tanks Storing Heated Products

On base of tanks storing heated products, which temperature in lower face of the tank bottom plate is 70 °C or above, one of the solutions described in items 4.2.1 to 4.2.4 shall be adopted.

4.2.1 Tanks in Direct Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Ring Under the Shell

The solution shown on Figure A.3 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.2.2 Tanks in Direct Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Slab

The solution shown on Figure A.4 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.2.3 Tanks with Pile Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Ring under the Shell

The solution shown on Figure A.3 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.2.4 Tanks in Pile Cap Foundation with Reinforced Concrete Slab

The solution shown on Figure A.5 of Annex A shall be adopted.

4.3 Installation of Tank Bottom Accessories

For tank bottom accessories which installation interferes with surface treatment of tank, reinforced concrete pits shall be built, with details and sizes defined in the design. Reinforced concrete pits for tank bottom accessories shall be waterproof internally, if the cathodic protection of tank bottom requires so.

5 Specific Conditions

The elements composing the treatment of tank bases shall meet the requirements of API [STD 650:2013](#), in addition to the conditions below.

5.1 Draining Base

5.1.1 The draining base shall be applied on soil, with maximum permeability of 10^{-6} cm/s relating to water at 20 °C, as provided for in ABNT [NBR 17505-2](#), or on a geosynthetic system made of a High Density Polyethylene (PEAD) waterproof geomembrane and a non-woven geotextile mat to protect the geomembrane during compaction of draining base. The geomembrane shall be welded on a PEAD membrane built in the concrete ring of shell foundation.

5.1.2 For tanks in pile cap foundation with reinforced concrete slab, due to the huge stiffness of this structural system, which implies the lack of through-thickness cracks on the slab and, therefore, ensures its tightness, there is no need for soil treatment or use of waterproof geosynthetic in tank plot, regardless the permeability of local soil.

5.1.3 The material of draining base shall be selected among the following options:

- a) crushed stone ($d_{\max} = 25$ mm) + sand;
- b) washed coarse gravel ($d_{\max} = 25$ mm) + sand;
- c) clean coarse sand.

5.1.4 In order to establish the leak alarm system, the draining base shall be connected to the outer side of ring through drain pipes, enveloped in non-woven geotextile, with maximum spacing of 15 m.

5.1.5 The draining base shall be performed on the regularized and compacted land, with slopes and other characteristics defined in design. The compaction shall be executed with plain rollers or with a hand-operated vibrating plate.