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History of the development of ANSI Z21.22-2015 • CSA 4.4-2015

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With the onset of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Canada on January 2, 1988, significant attention was given to the harmonization of the United States and Canadian safety standards addressing gas-fired equipment for residential, commercial and industrial applications. It was believed that the elimination of the differences between the standards would remove potential trade barriers and provide an atmosphere in which North American manufacturers could market more freely in the United States and Canada. The harmonization of these standards was also seen as a step toward harmonization with international standards. Joint subcommittees were established to facilitate the standards harmonization process between the United States and Canada.

At its October 24, 1995 meeting, the Z21/CGA Joint Subcommittee on Standards for Relief Valves and Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices for Hot Water Supply Systems appointed an ad hoc working group to prepare a draft bi-national standard for Relief Valves. By letter ballot dated May 16, 1997, the joint subcommittee approved sending the draft standard for public review and comment.

The first draft harmonized standard was based on current coverage from the American National Standard for Relief Valves and Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices for Hot Water Supply Systems, Z21.22-1986, and the Canadian Gas Association Standard for Temperature, Pressure, Temperature and Pressure Relief Valves and Vacuum Relief Valves, CAN1-4.4-M80 (R1996).

Following reconsideration and modification of the proposed draft standard, in light of comments received, the joint relief valve subcommittee at its September 30, 1997 meeting, recommended the proposed draft standard to Accredited Standards Committee Z21/83 and the (Interim CSA) Standards Steering Committee for approval.

The proposed draft of the harmonized standard for automatic gas shutoff devices, as modified by the joint subcommittee, was approved by the Z21/83 Committee at its April 30, 1998 meeting, and by the CGA Standards Steering Committee by letter ballot dated October 27, 1998.

The first edition of the American National Standard/CSA Standard for Relief Valves for Hot Water Supply Systems was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council on January 21, 1999, and by the American National Standards Institute, Inc., on October 16, 1998.

The previous editions of the Standard for Relief Valves for Hot Water Supply Systems, and addenda thereto, approved by the Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council and American National Standards Institute, Inc. are as follows:

ANSI Z21.22-1999 • CSA 4.4-1999

ANSI Z21.22a-2000 • CSA 4.4a-2000

ANSI Z21.22b-2001 • CSA 4.4b-2001

The following identifies the designation and year of the second edition of the Standard:

Z21.22-2015 • CSA 4.4-2015

Note: *This, the 2015 edition of ANSI Z1.22 • CSA 4.4, incorporates changes to the 1999 edition. Changes, other than editorial, are denoted by a delta in the margin.*

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Relief valves for hot water supply systems

1 Scope

1.1

This Standard applies to the following types of relief valves constructed entirely of new, unused parts and materials:

- a) combination temperature and pressure relief valves for use on storage tanks of hot water supply systems without heater input limitation, hereinafter called "T&P" valves;
- b) valves having only pressure relief features for use on storage tanks of hot water supply systems without heater input limitation; and
- c) vacuum relief valves.

1.2

A T&P valve operates when the temperature sensing element is at 210 °F (99 °C) or less. A device with a higher operating temperature is not acceptable under this Standard.

1.3

A vacuum relief valve is a single-purpose type.

1.4

All references to psi throughout this Standard are to be considered gage pressures unless otherwise specified.

1.5

Clause [9](#) contains provisions that are unique to Canada.

1.6

In this Standard, "shall" is used to express a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user shall satisfy in order to comply with the standard; "should" is used to express a recommendation or that which is advised but not required; and "may" is used to express an option or that which is permissible within the limits of the standard.

Notes accompanying clauses do not include requirements or alternative requirements; the purpose of a note accompanying a clause is to separate from the text explanatory or informative material.

Notes to tables and figures are considered part of the table or figure and may be written as requirements.

Annexes are designated normative (mandatory) or informative (non-mandatory) to define their application.