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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 10497:2010), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared are as follows:

- clarification and emphasised importance around the monitoring of cavity pressure during testing for double-seated valves;
- catering for the testing of valves with more than one obturator;
- update of the qualification of other valves by “materials of construction” and inclusion of a new “design” clause;
- accepted fire test certificates of valves tested according to ISO 10497:2010.

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Introduction

This document covers the requirements and method for evaluating the performance of valves when they are exposed to specified fire conditions. The performance requirements establish limits of acceptability of a valve, regardless of size, material or pressure rating. The burn period has been established to represent the maximum time required to extinguish most fires. Fires of longer duration are considered to be of major magnitude, with consequences greater than those anticipated in the test.

The test pressure during the burn is set at 0,2 MPa (2 bar) for soft-seated valves rated PN 10, PN 16, PN 25 and PN 40, Class 150 and Class 300, to better simulate the conditions that would be expected in a process plant when a fire is detected, and pumps are shut down. In this case, the source of pressure in the system is the hydrostatic head resulting from liquid levels in towers and vessels. This situation is approximated by this lower test pressure.

In production facilities, valves are typically of a higher rating and the pressure source is not easily reduced when a fire is detected. Therefore, for all other valves, the test pressure during the burn is set at a higher value to better simulate the expected service conditions in these facilities.

Use of this document assumes that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced personnel, because it calls for procedures that can be injurious to health, if adequate precautions are not taken. This document refers only to technical suitability and does not absolve the user from legal obligations relating to health and safety at any stage of the procedure.

This document highlights the importance of accurate monitoring and recording of test data during fire testing. The monitoring and measuring of cavity pressure has been emphasised for all double-seated valves. Empirical evidence has shown that the cavity pressure during a fire test can increase significantly unless relieved internally (by design) or externally. Without meeting the minimum requirements of the test report, valves cannot be certified as a fire safe design to this document.

It is recognised by this document that not all combinations of potential trim arrangements can be covered by a single fire test report. Certain design or material differences can be accepted by the purchaser if they do not influence sealing or operating performance. Further clarification on soft materials grouping and bolting has been included in this document.

Valves with more than one obturator are regularly used for in-line isolation and instrumentation service. As such, the need to qualify such designs as fire safe certified is now a common requirement. This document now caters for such valve designs.