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INSTRUMENT VALVES FOR CODE APPLICATIONS

1. SCOPE

1.1 This Standard Practice applies to small valves and manifold valves developed for and predominately used in instrument, control, and sampling piping systems. It covers steel and alloy valves of nominal pipe size (NPS) 2 and smaller, and pressure ratings of 15,000 psi and lower at 100 °F.

1.2 This Standard Practice applies to instrument valve designs including, but not limited to, needle valves, packless valves, ball valves, plug valves, check valves, and manifold valves. Instrument valves are generally of proprietary design. This Standard Practice is not intended to define or limit designs, construction, performance, envelope dimensions, or valve types.

1.3 The application of valve type, size, rating, materials of construction, and suitability for the service are the responsibility of the purchaser and are outside the scope of this Standard Practice.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **General** Definitions given in MSS SP-96 apply to this Standard Practice.

2.2 **Cold Working Pressure Rating (CWP)** The maximum allowable working pressure of a valve at ambient conditions (-20 °F to 100 °F).

2.3 **Control Piping** Piping used to interconnect pneumatically or hydraulically operated control apparatuses, or to signal control systems.

2.4 **Instrument Piping** Piping used to connect instruments to main piping or other instruments.

2.5 **Instrument Valves** Valves designed for use in instrument, control, and sampling piping systems, (e.g., see ASME B31.1, Article 122.3).

2.6 **Manifold Valve** Two or more instrument valves fabricated into a single valve body.

2.7 **Packless Valve** A valve with a diaphragm or bellows stem seal instead of a packing or O-ring seal at the stem.

2.8 **Pressure Boundary Parts** The following items are defined to be pressure boundary parts. Each item may not apply to all valve designs.

- a) Body
- b) Bonnet
- c) Union Nut
- d) Body to Bonnet Bolting
- e) Body Bolting

2.9 **Sampling Piping** Piping used for the collection of samples (such as steam, water, oil, gas, and chemicals) from process systems.