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verifying the fatigue and establishing the burst pressure ratings
of the pressure containing envelope of a metal fluid power
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Foreword

This Foreword is not part of NFPA Recommended Standard *Accumulator – Pressure rating supplement to NFPA/T2.6.1 R2-2000, Fluid power components – Method for verifying the fatigue and establishing the burst pressure ratings of the pressure containing envelope of a metal fluid power accumulator*, NFPA/T3.4.7 R2-2000.

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Introduction

In fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid or gas) under pressure within an enclosed circuit.

There are many ways in which internal pressure loads are imposed upon an accumulator. This standard considers a broad range of waveforms but within prescribed time limits, temperatures, environmental conditions and only upon certain metals. It is anticipated that these limitations could still provide sufficient common ground for comparing products. This rating method, therefore, provides the system designer with certain information to assist in a selection of accumulator(s) for an application. The designer still has the responsibility to consider the other loading characteristics described above and to determine how they might affect the accumulator's ultimate pressure retaining capability.

There are many standards already in existence for pressure rating accumulators (e.g. maximum allowable operating pressure) and this standard is not intended to displace them. Instead, a method of fatigue verification is provided.

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1 Scope

1.1 This standard provides:

- test and statistical methods for generating fatigue distribution data;
- test and statistical methods for conducting a verification of the pressure ratings on fluid power accumulators;
- common requirements and an industry-wide philosophy in judging one type of pressure capability for fluid power accumulators;
- uniform methods of product comparison.

1.2 This standard covers the pressure containing envelope of the following accumulator types:

- piston;
- bladder;
- diaphragm;
- direct acting;
- mechanical;
- mechanical spring;
- mechanical weighted;
- metal bellows;
- gas bottles, are also included, only when they are used as an extension of the gas volume of one of the above mentioned accumulators.

1.3 This standard limits conditions as follows:

Follow 1.2 from NFPA/T2.6.1 R2.

1.4 This standard encourages manufacturers to use this common method to enhance the credibility of their pressure ratings.

2 Normative references

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ASTM E466, *Standard Practice for Conducting Force Controlled Constant Amplitude Axial Fatigue Tests of Metallic Materials*.