

# An Introduction to Aerosol Propellants

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Aerosol Products Do Not Contain CFCs



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## Aerosol Product System

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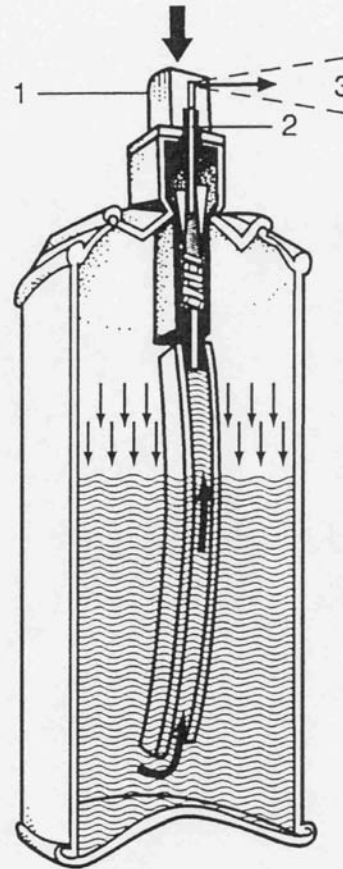
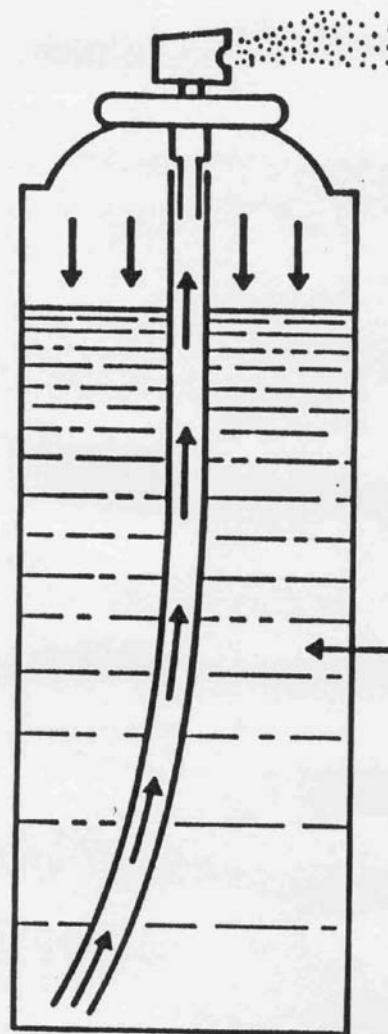


Figure A-1-6 An aerosol can (cutaway view). When the plunger (1) is pressed, a hole in the valve (2) allows a pressurized mixture of product and propellant (3) to flow through the plunger's exit orifice.  
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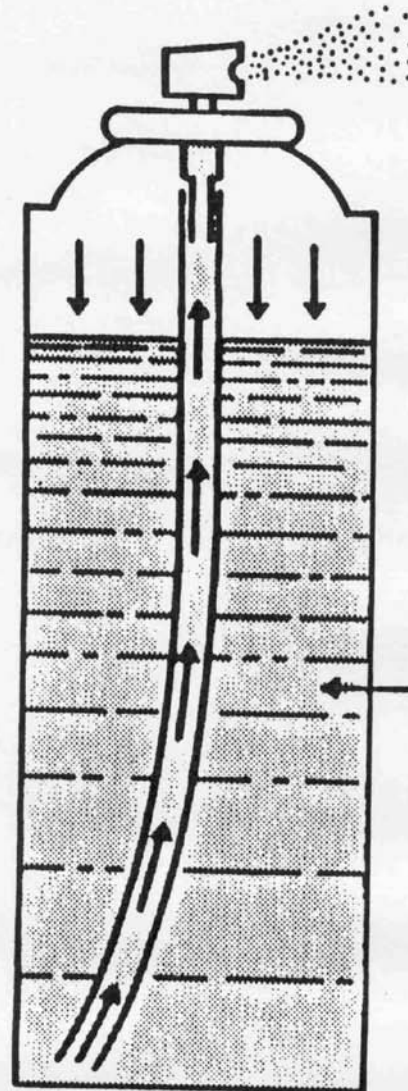


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**Solution  
of Active  
Ingredients,  
Solvents and  
Propellants**



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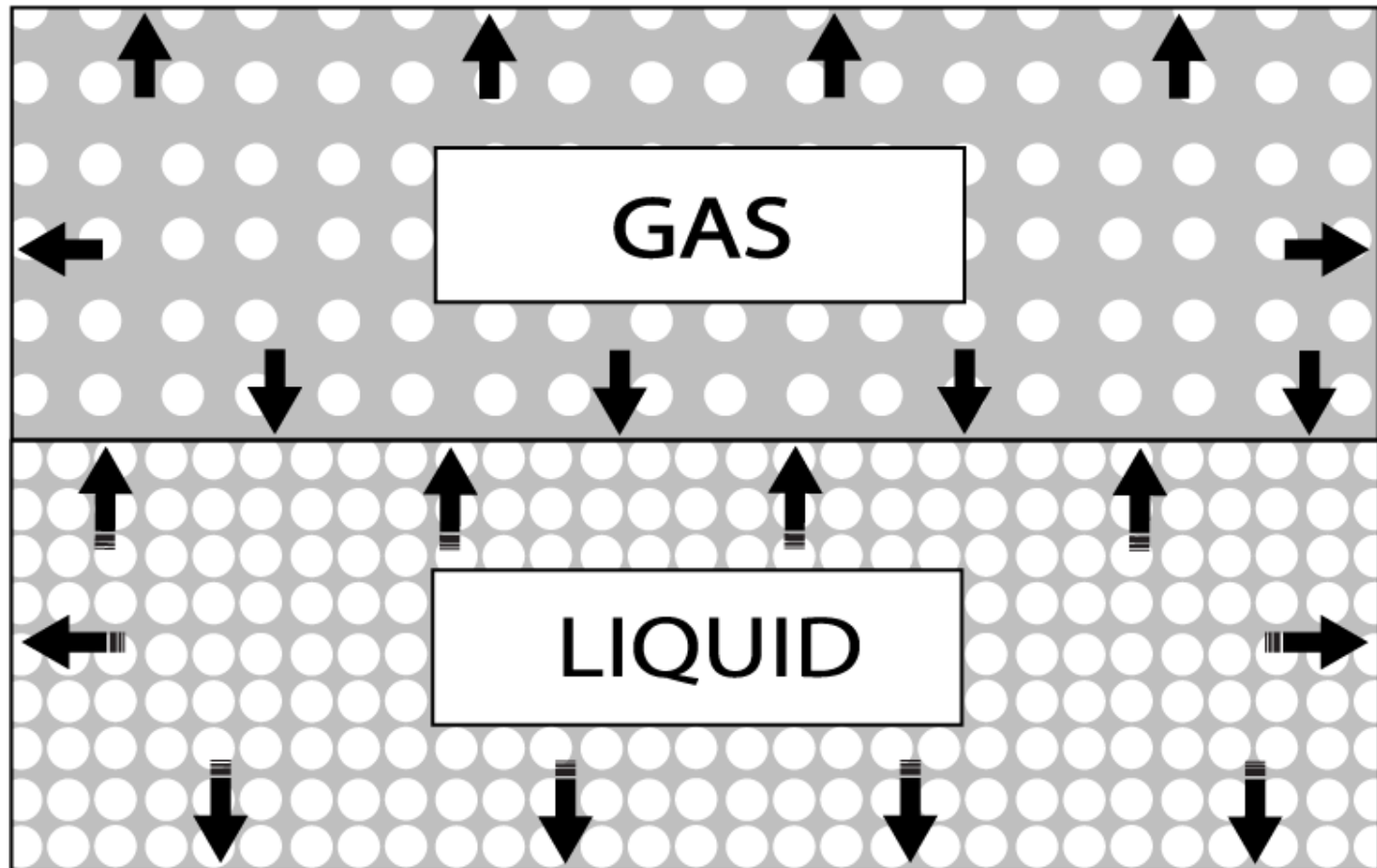


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Suspension of  
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Propellant

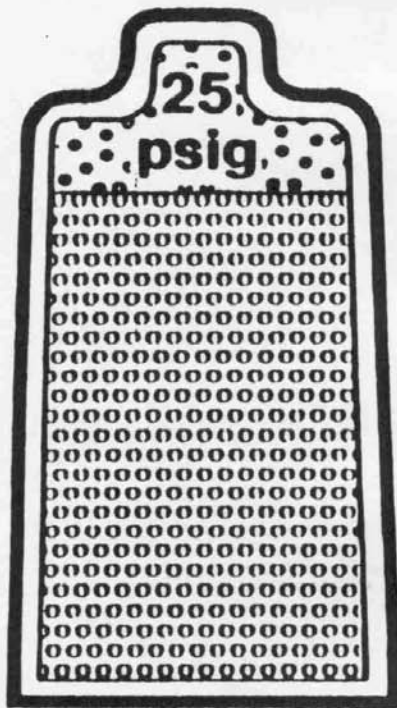
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## LIQUEFIED GAS



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## Aerosol with a Liquefied Gas



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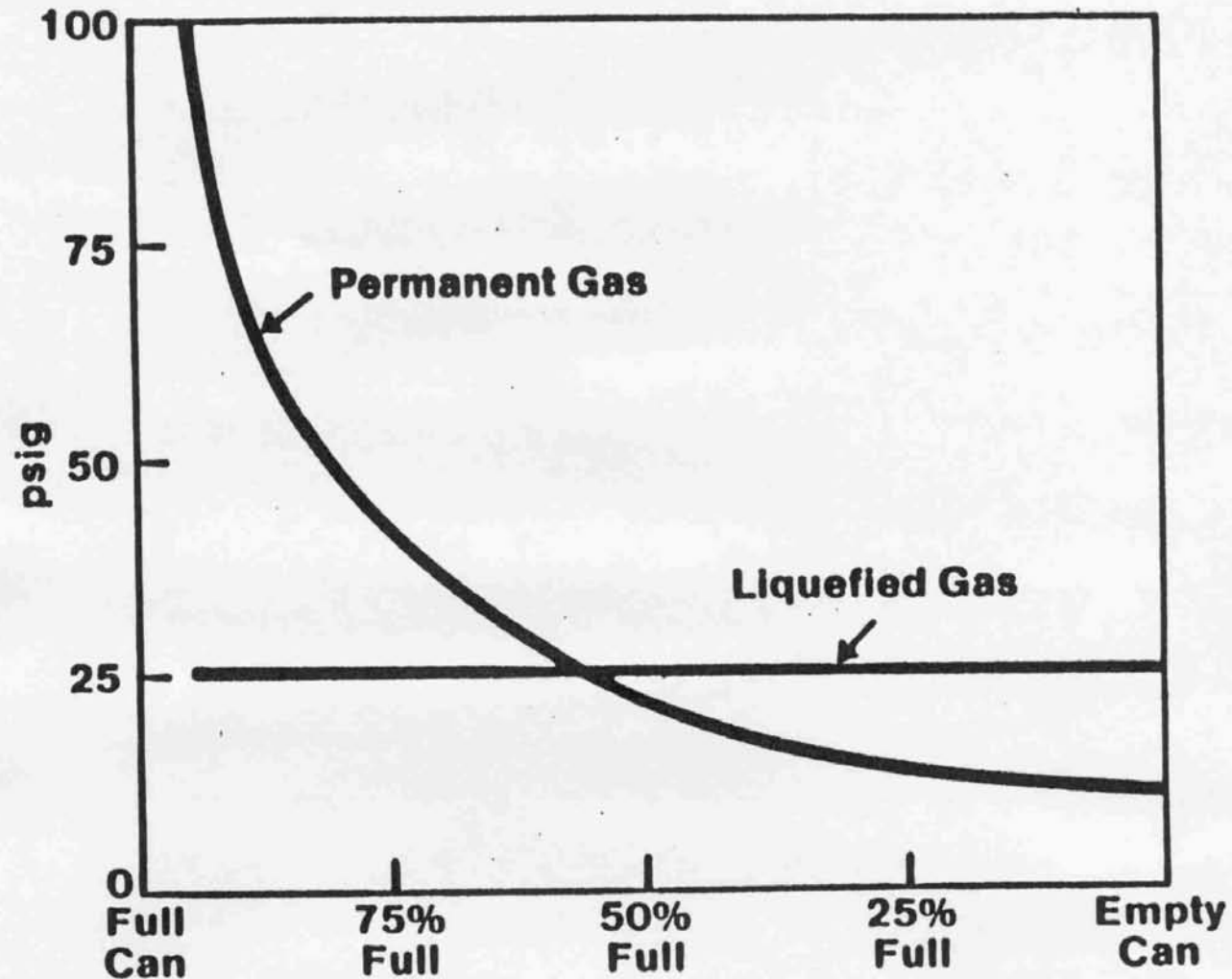
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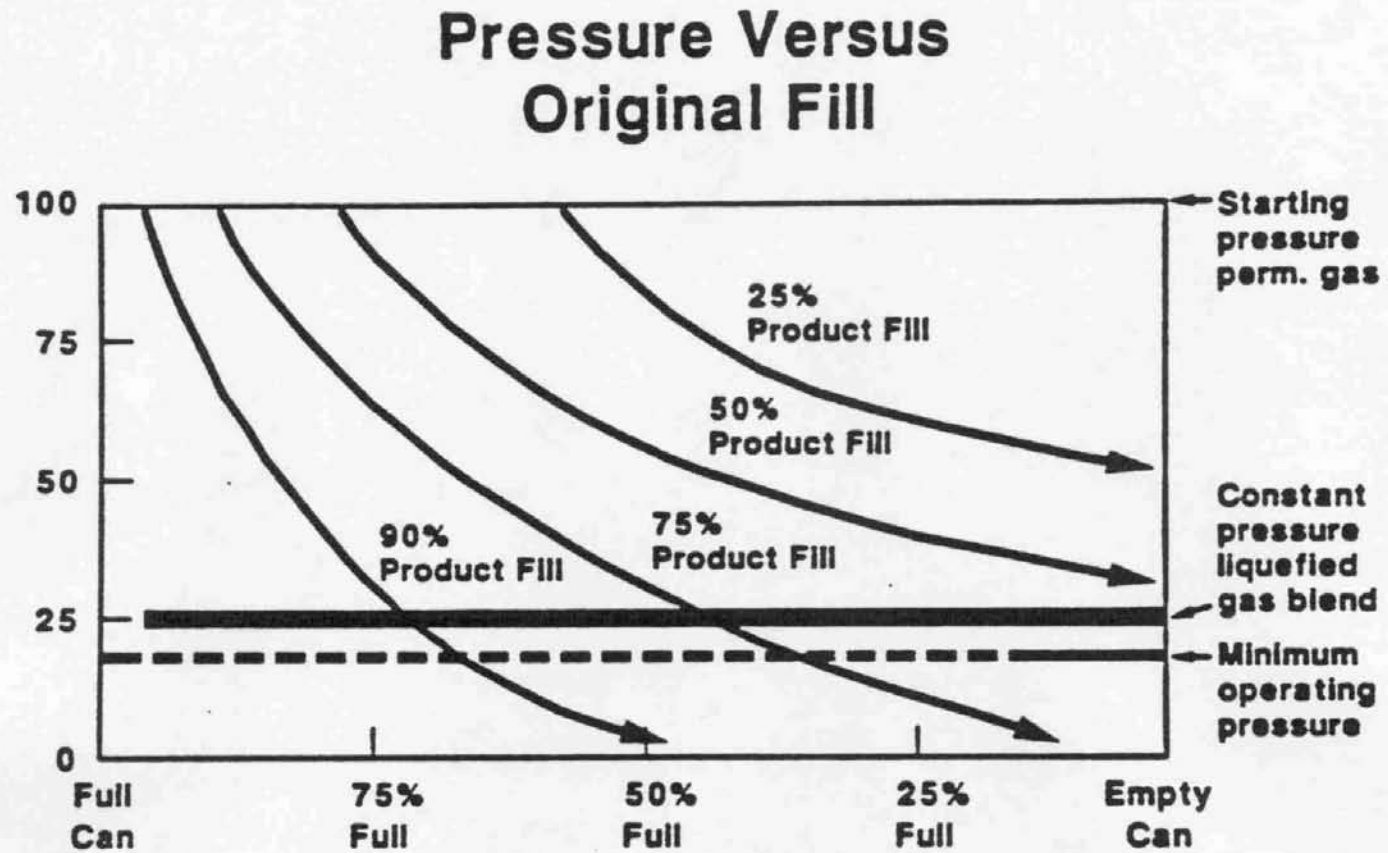


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## Pressure Drop During Discharge



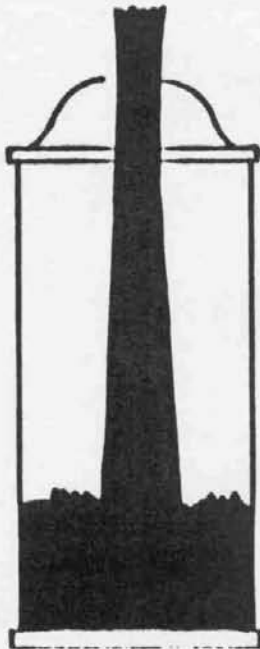
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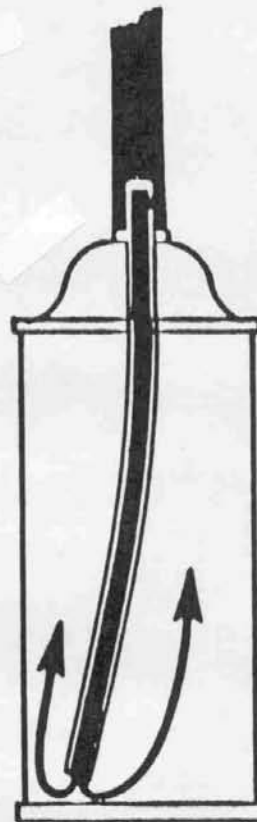


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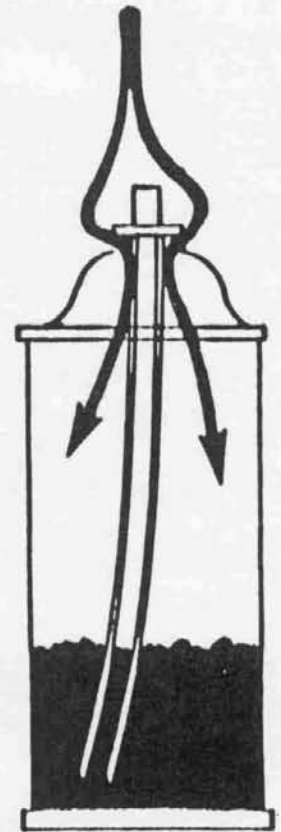
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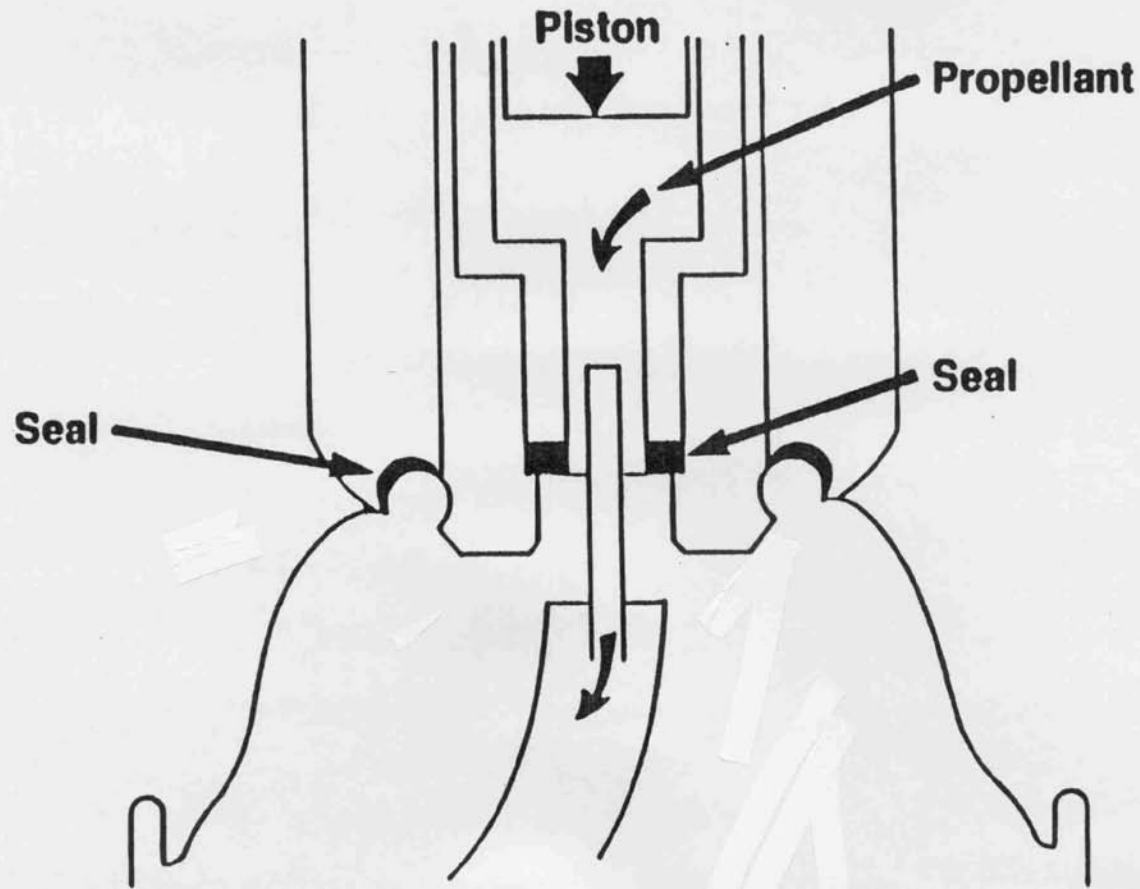
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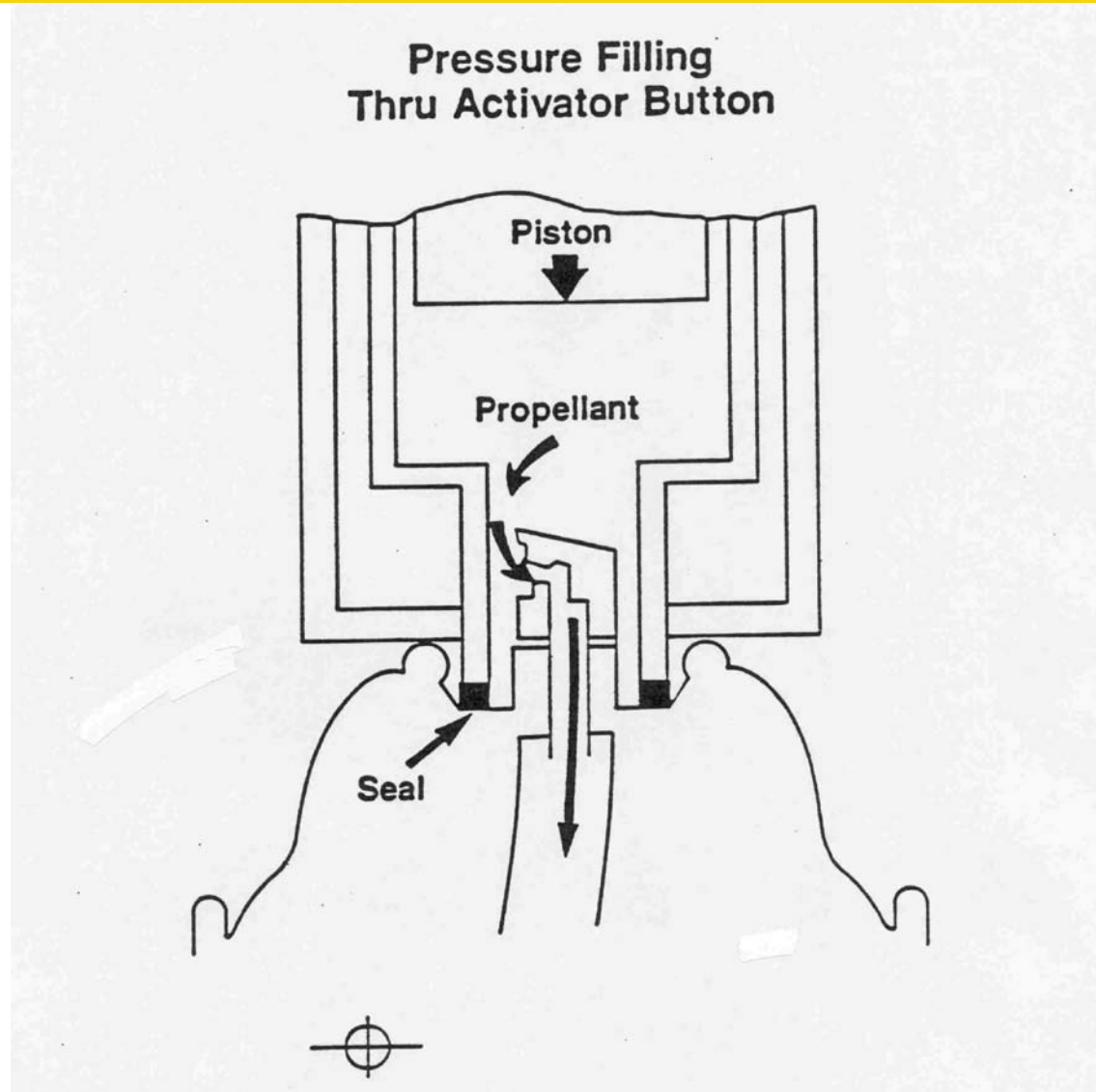
**Under-the-Cap**

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## Pressure Filling Thru Valve Without Activator Button



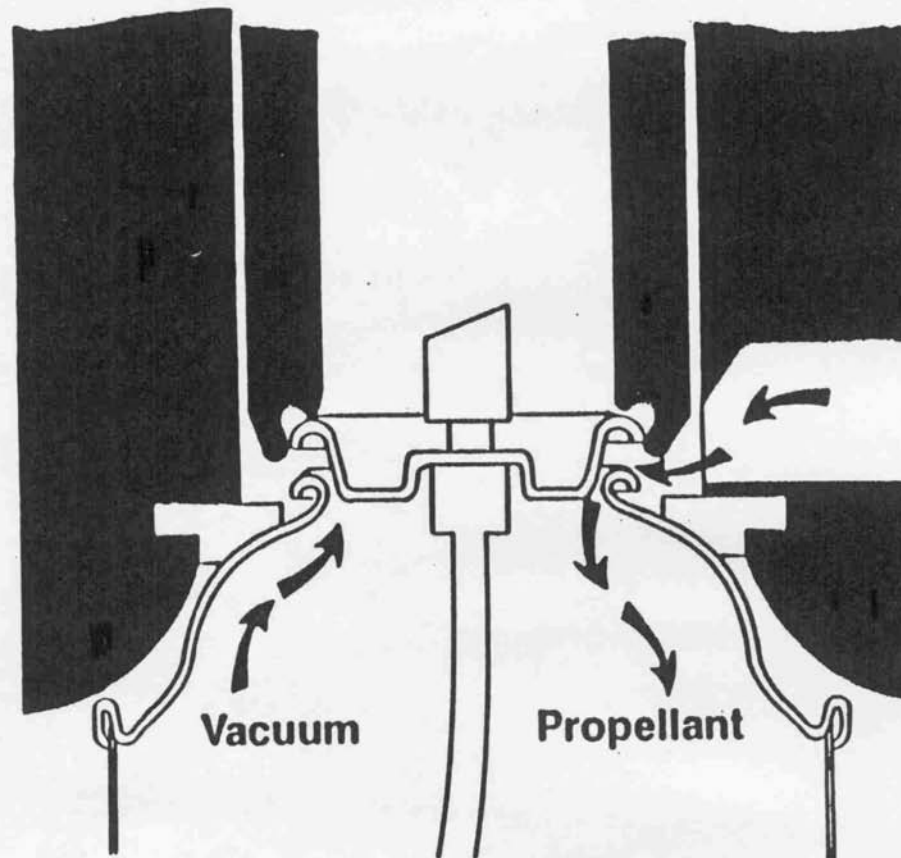
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## Under-the-Cap Filling

1. Add Product
2. Pull Vacuum on Can
3. Charge Propellant
4. Crimp Valve Cup





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## Basic Propellant Properties



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- Pressurize the aerosol package
- Influence the form in which the product is discharged:
  - Foam
  - Stream
  - Spray





# Basic Propellant Properties

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## Propellants also can act as:

- Solvent
- Diluent
- Viscosity Modifier
- Freezant
- Refrigerant Refill Liquid
- Electronic Duster
- Alarm Agent (boat horn)
- Specialty Degreaser



# Basic Propellant Properties

## Properties Conferred to Aerosol Products by Propellants:

- Pressure is created. Normal range is 0.7 to 9.8 bars @ 21.1°C (10 to 142 psig @ 70°F)
- Atomization can be produced. Droplet sizes range from below 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 125  $\mu\text{m}$  (and higher to include streaming aerosols)
- Improvement in performance. Aerosol insecticides have been reported to be more effective than equivalent pump sprays.
- Flammability is generally increased (except 134a)



# Basic Propellant Properties

## Properties Conferred to Aerosol Products by Propellants:

- Adjustment of Foam Density: Increasing propellant concentration generally produces lower density foams in the case of mousses, shaving creams, etc.
- Adjustment of Foam Stability: By adjusting the propellant and solvent used, quick breaking foams can be produced, or foams can be created that remain visually unchanged for days.



# Basic Propellant Properties

To produce a spray, the propellant must have sufficient dispersive energy to overcome the surface tension of the liquid mixture, plus the cohesive and adhesive forces.

Dispersive Energy of a Propellant is generally related to:

- Pressure
- Molecular weight (lower MW propellants generally exhibit better dispersancy, with exceptions due to interactions of the propellant/solvent system.)



# Basic Propellant Properties

Nitrogen gas: Virtually no solubility in liquids

- Will produce only a liquid stream
  - water/saline solution for rinsing hydrophilic contact lenses
  - petroleum distillates (wasp & hornet killers)
- The liquid stream produced by N<sub>2</sub>, CAIR and similar compressed gases can be converted to coarse sprays by outfitting the valve with a mechanical breakup actuator



# Basic Propellant Properties

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Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) dissolves up to about 2.6 - 2.9% in petroleum distillates

- Can produce a medium to coarse spray which gets more coarse as the molecular weight of the base product increases.





# Basic Propellant Properties

It may be advantageous to use as little propellant as possible to allow the inclusion of a maximum amount of the product. This may not always be practical:

- A larger amount of lower pressure propellant will often give a smoother, less “blasty” spray
- This also allows for the use of valves with a larger orifice - which can be important to help eliminate clogging by powder-containing formulas



# Basic Propellant Properties

- Provides more reserve propellant for vapor-tap aerosols and allows for possible product misuse, such as inverting the container.
- Reduces viscosity of the formulation and in some cases reduces or eliminates unwanted foaming tendencies.
- Organic Solvents will exert a pressure-reducing effect on the propellant, possibly necessitating a higher pressure propellant or else a higher concentration of propellant in the formula



# Basic Propellant Properties

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## Aerosol Product Formulation Considerations

- Vapor Pressure
- Spray Characteristics
- Solubility
- Flammability
- Corrosion



# Basic Propellant Properties

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## Three Categories of Aerosol Propellants



# Basic Propellant Properties

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## Categories of Aerosol Propellants

- Compressed Gases
- Soluble Gases
- Liquefied Gases



# Basic Propellant Properties

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## Compressed and Soluble Gas Propellants



# Compressed and Soluble Gases

Physical and Chemical Properties  
Compressed Gas Propellants<sup>1</sup>

Properties	Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	Compressed Air	Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Nitrous Oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O)
Vapor Pressure (psig 70°F, 21°C) (bar 70°F, 21°C)	N/A <sup>a</sup>	N/A <sup>a</sup>	844.7 (58.2)	759.7 (52.38)
Pressure (psig 130°F, 54°C) (bar 130°F, 54°C)	N/A <sup>a</sup>	N/A <sup>a</sup>	1485 (102.3)	1420 (97.8)
Boiling (°F) (at one atm) (°C)	-320.4 (-195.8)	-317.8 <sup>b</sup> (-194)	-109.2 <sup>c</sup> (-78.4)	-127.4 (-88.5)
Liquid Density (g/ml)	0.00114 <sup>d</sup> (@25°C)	0.00129 <sup>d</sup> (@25°C)	0.713 (@25°C)	0.913 (@25°C)
Specific Gravity Gas Density (Air = 1)	0.967	1.000	1.530	1.530
Water Solubility (vol./vol. at 1.00 atm. abs.)	0.015 (@25°C)	0.018 (@25°C)	0.759 (@25°C)	0.588 (@25°C)

Table 9.1

- a. Not Applicable. (Gas cannot be condensed by pressure.)
- b. Initial boiling point of mixture.
- c. Actually, the sublimation point; solid to gas
- d. The densities for nitrogen and compressed air are for the gaseous phase, since they cannot be liquefied under pressure at these temperatures.



# Basic Propellant Properties

## Liquefied Gas Propellants

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## General Liquefied Gas Propellant Comparisons

	Hydrocarbons	DME	HFCs
Flammability	Flammable	Flammable	152a is Flammable 134a is Non-Flammable
Toxicity	Low (OK for Food Products)	Low	Low
Solvency	Poor	Good	Poor
Density	Low	Low	Intermediate
Solubility In Water	Low	High	Low
Environmental	VOC	VOC	GWP (134a only)
Cost	LOW	LOW	HIGH

# Liquefied Gas Propellants

## VAPOR DENSITIES of Liquefied Gas Aerosol Propellants (@70 °F)

<i>Liquefied Gas Propellant</i>	<i>V a p o r (lb/ cu.ft)</i>	<i>L i q u i d (lb/ cu.ft)</i>	<i>Vapor/Liquid Ratio</i>	<i>Vapor/Air Ratio</i>
<i>Propane</i>	0.116	28.41	245	1.55
<i>Isobutane</i>	0.154	32.36	210	2.05
<i>N-butane</i>	0.155	33.44	216	2.07
<i>DME</i>	0.119	41.18	346	1.59
<i>Dymel 152a</i>	0.171	56.78	332	2.28
<i>134a</i>	0.264	76.26	289	3.52
<i>Air @ 70F</i>	0.075	N / A	N / A	1.00

Liquefied gas propellants expand substantially from a liquid to a gas when released to the atmosphere. Vapors are heavier than air.

# Liquefied Gas Propellants

## Properties of DME and HFC Propellants

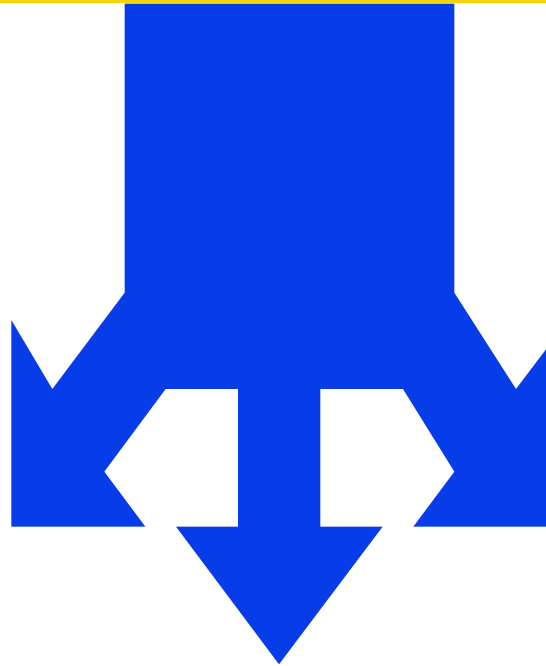
	DME	HFC-152a	HFC-134a
<b>Chemical Formula</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CHF <sub>2</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F
<b>Molecular weight</b>	46.1	66.0	102.0
<b>Boiling point (°F)</b>	-13.0	-13.0	-15.7
<b>Vapor Pressure @70°F (psig)</b>	63.0	63.0	71.0
<b>Liquid Density @ 70°F (g/cc)</b>	0.66	0.91	1.21
<b>Flammability in air</b>	<b>LEL</b> 3.3 <b>UEL</b> 18.0	3.9 16.9	n/a n/a
<b>Flash Point (°F)</b>	-42.0	-58.0	none
<b>Kauri-Butanol value</b>	60	11	10
<b>Solubility in Water (wt.% @ 70°F, autogeneous pressure)</b>	35.0	1.7	1.0

# Propellant Blends

## Vapor Pressure

**LOW**

*Shave Cream  
Gels and Mousse  
Oven Cleaner  
Perfume*



**MEDIUM**

*Hard Surface Cleaners  
Furniture Polish  
Deodorant Sprays*

**HIGH**

*Air Fresheners  
Automotive products  
Flying Insect Spray  
Spray Paint*



# Basic Propellant Properties

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## Hydrocarbon Propellants



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Organic Compounds  
Derived from Natural Gas Liquids  
(liquefied under pressure)



**Methane**

**Ethane**

**Propane**

**Butanes**

**Pentanes**

# Hydrocarbon Propellants

## Properties of the Hydrocarbons

	Propane	I-Butane	N-Butane	I-Pentane	N-Pentane
<b>Chemical Formula</b>	$C_3H_8$	$C_4H_{10}$	$C_4H_{10}$	$C_5H_{12}$	$C_5H_{12}$
<b>Molecular weight</b>	44.1	58.1	58.1	72.2	72.2
<b>Boiling point (°F)</b>	-43.7	10.9	31.1	82	97
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	109.3	31.1	16.9	-3.1	-6.2
<b>@70°F (psig)</b>					
<b>Liquid Density</b>	0.51	0.56	0.58	0.62	0.63
<b>@ 70°F (g/cc)</b>					
<b>Flammability in air</b>					
LEL	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.5
UEL	9.5	8.4	8.5	7.6	7.8
<b>Flash Point (°F)</b>	-156	-117	-101	-60	-40
<b>Kauri-Butanol value</b>	15	18	20	n/a	n/a
<b>Solubility in Water</b>	0.007	0.008	0.008	----	----
<b>(wt.% @ 70°F, autogeneous pressure)</b>					

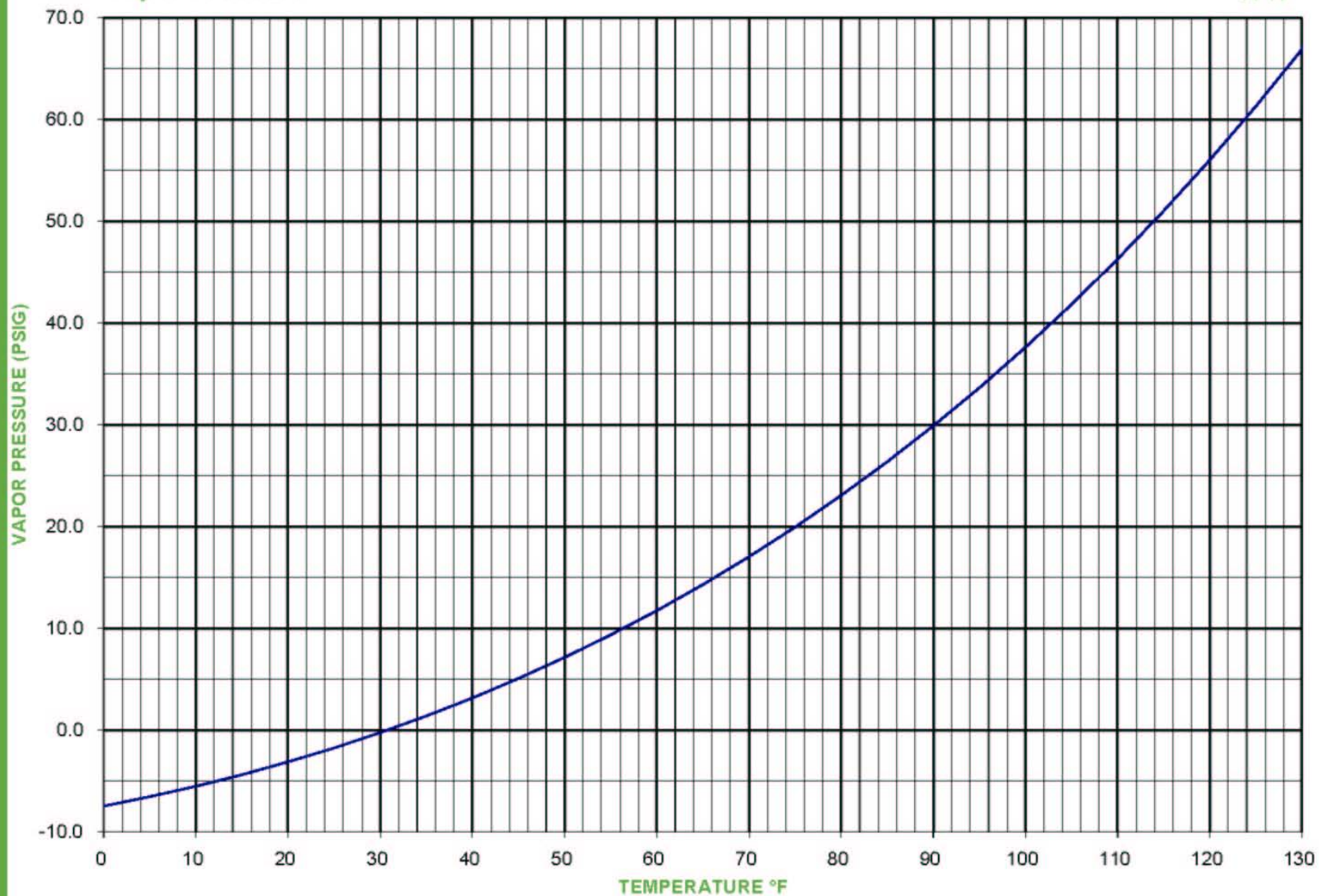


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Vapor Pressure

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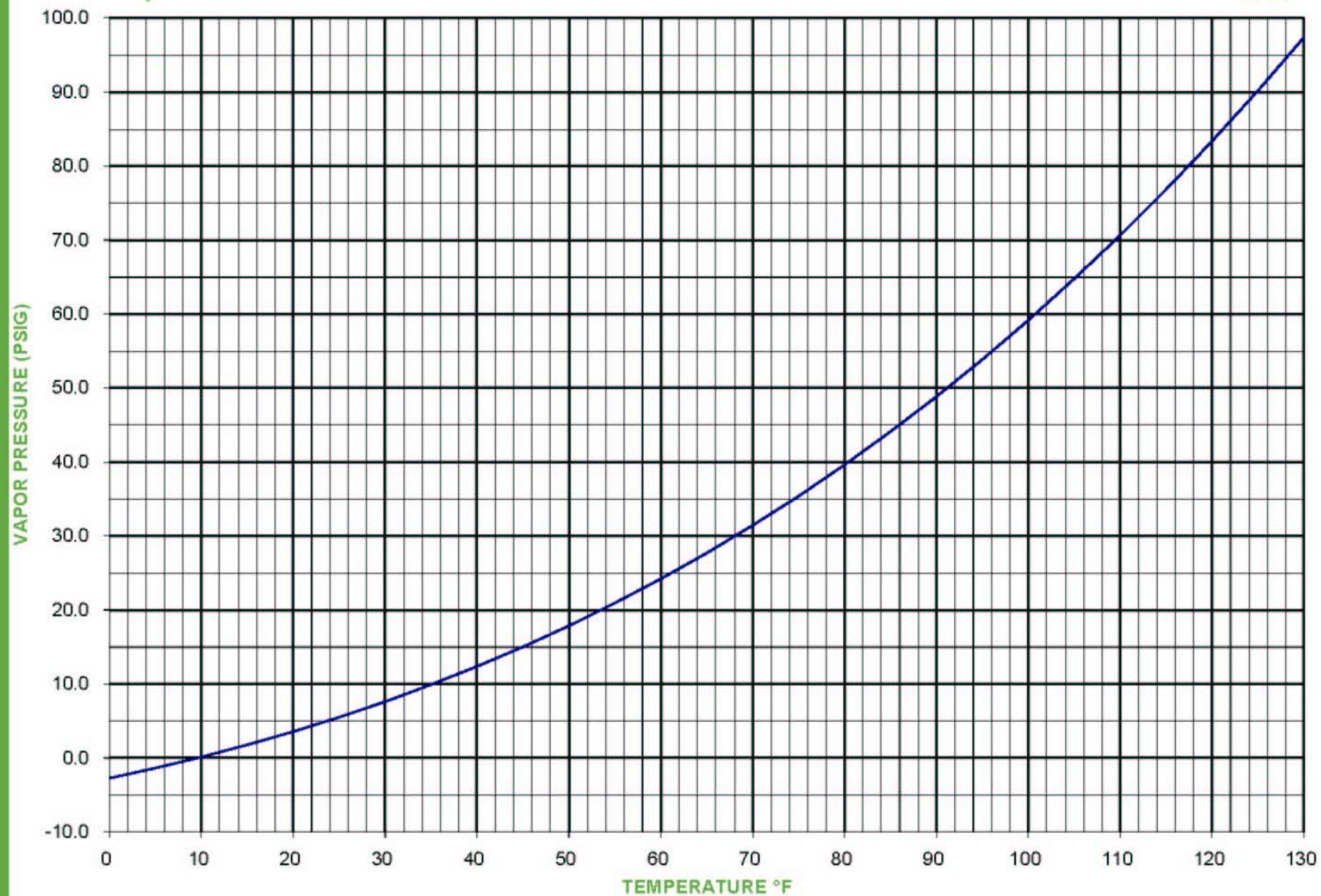


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Vapor Pressure

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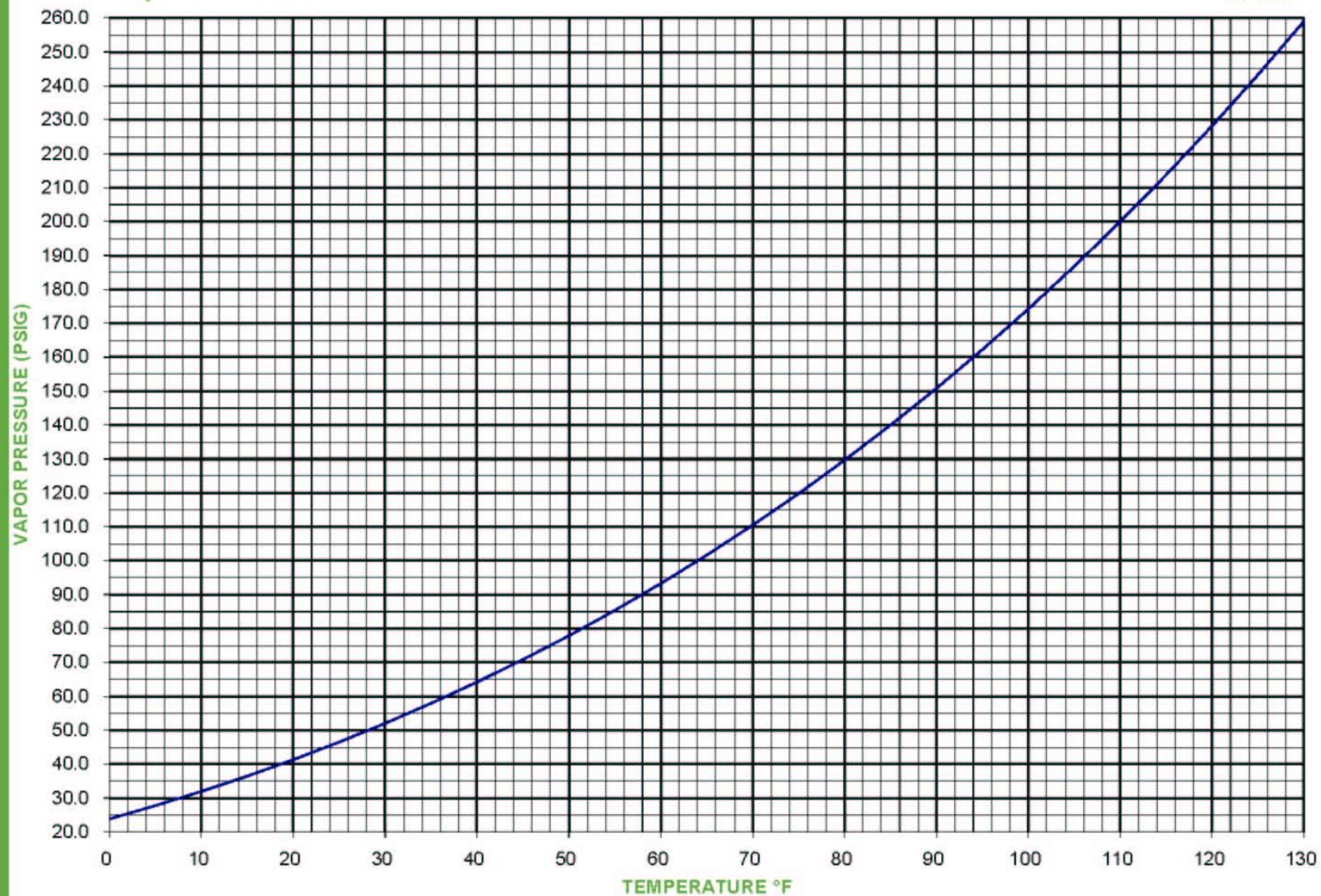


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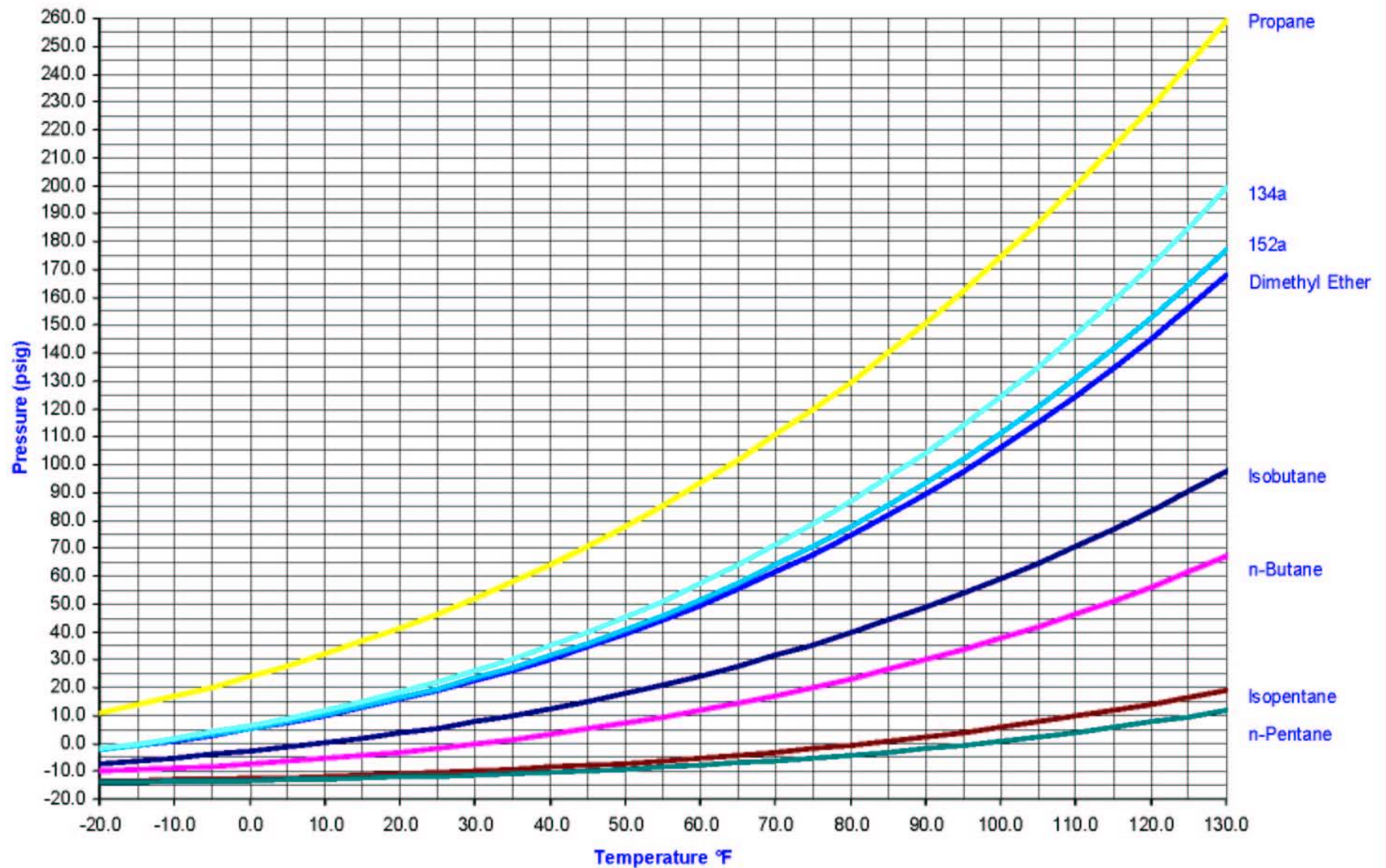
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# Vapor Pressure of Liquefied Gases

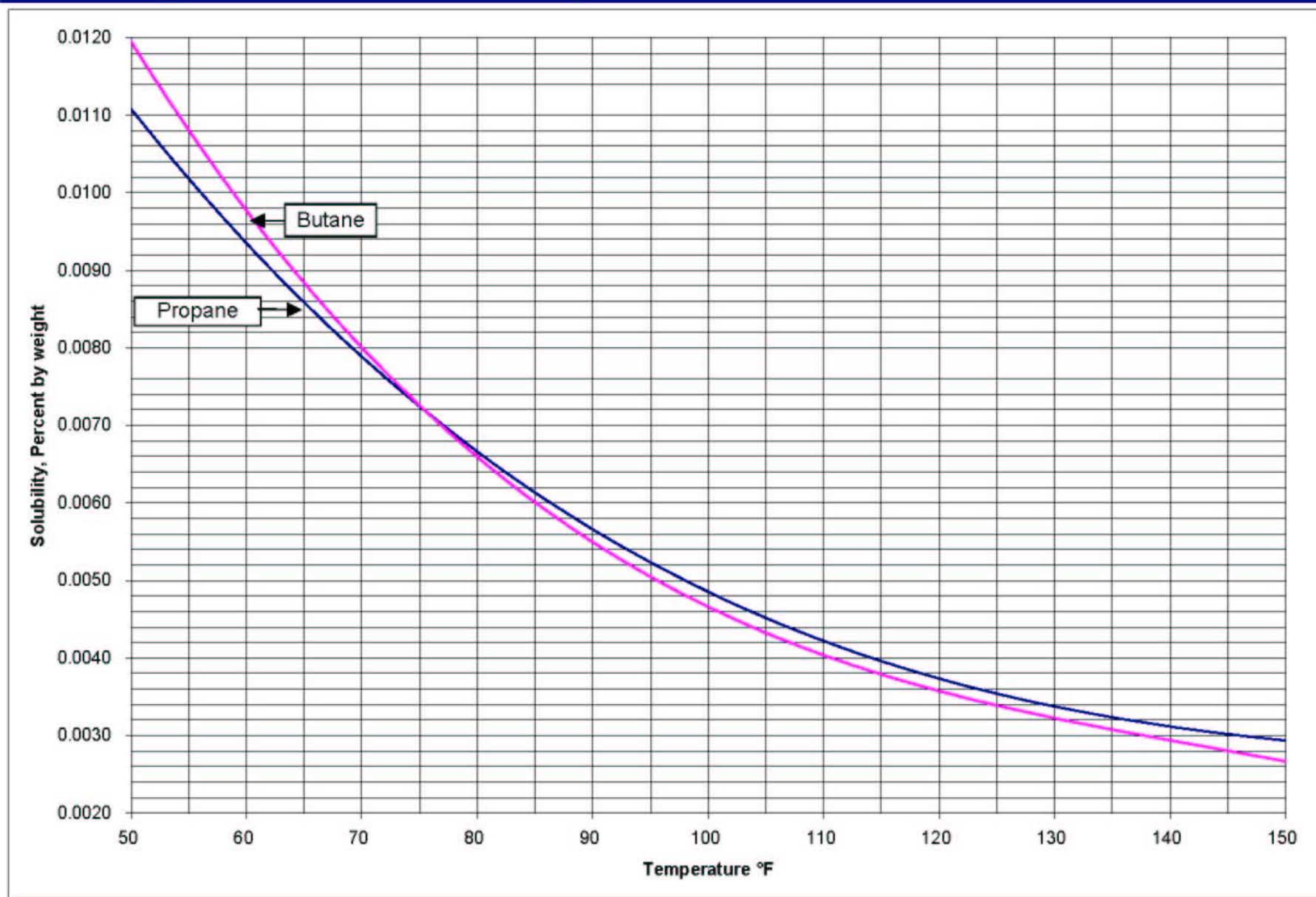
Figure 2





# Solubility of Butane and Propane in Water

Figure 4



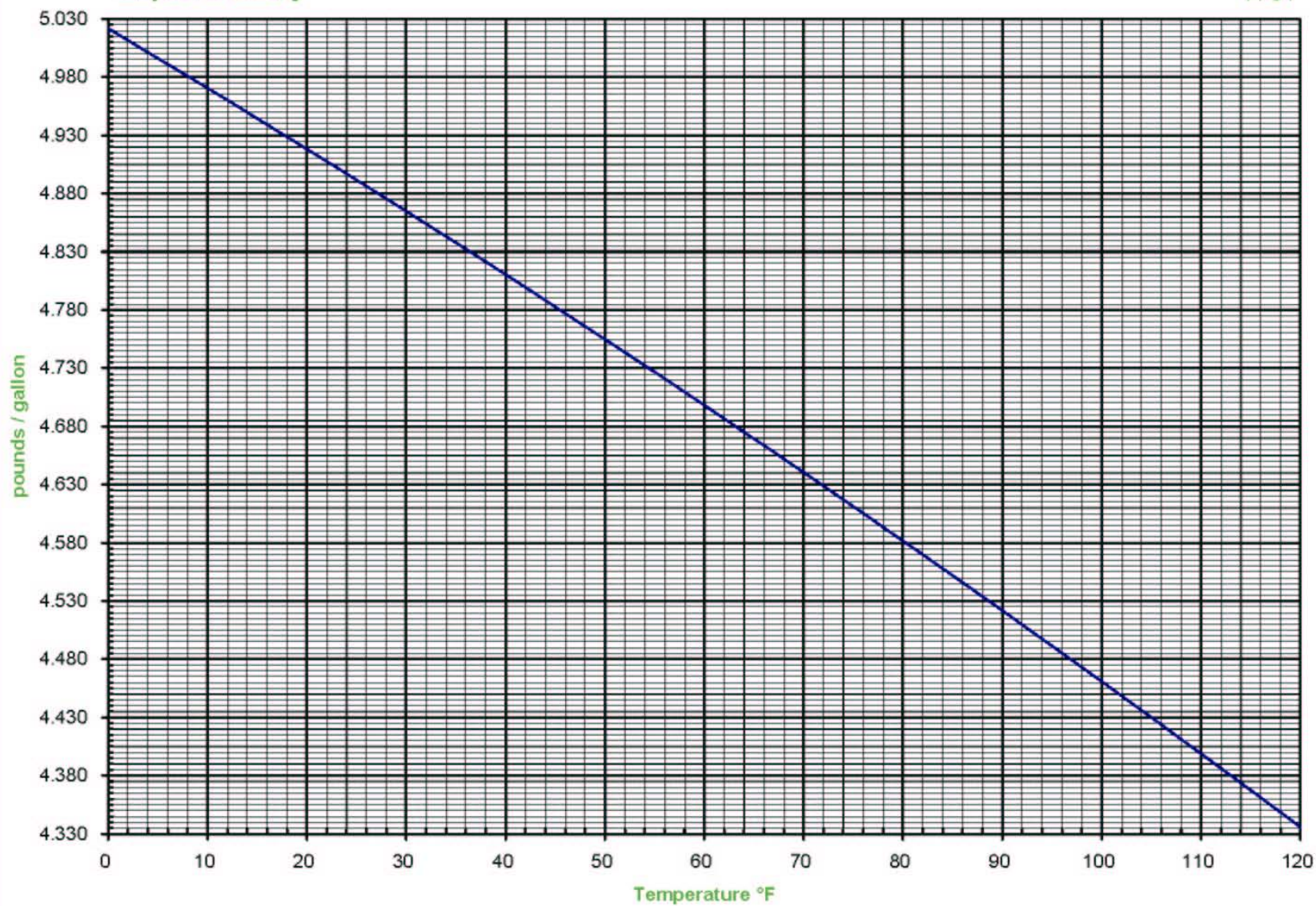


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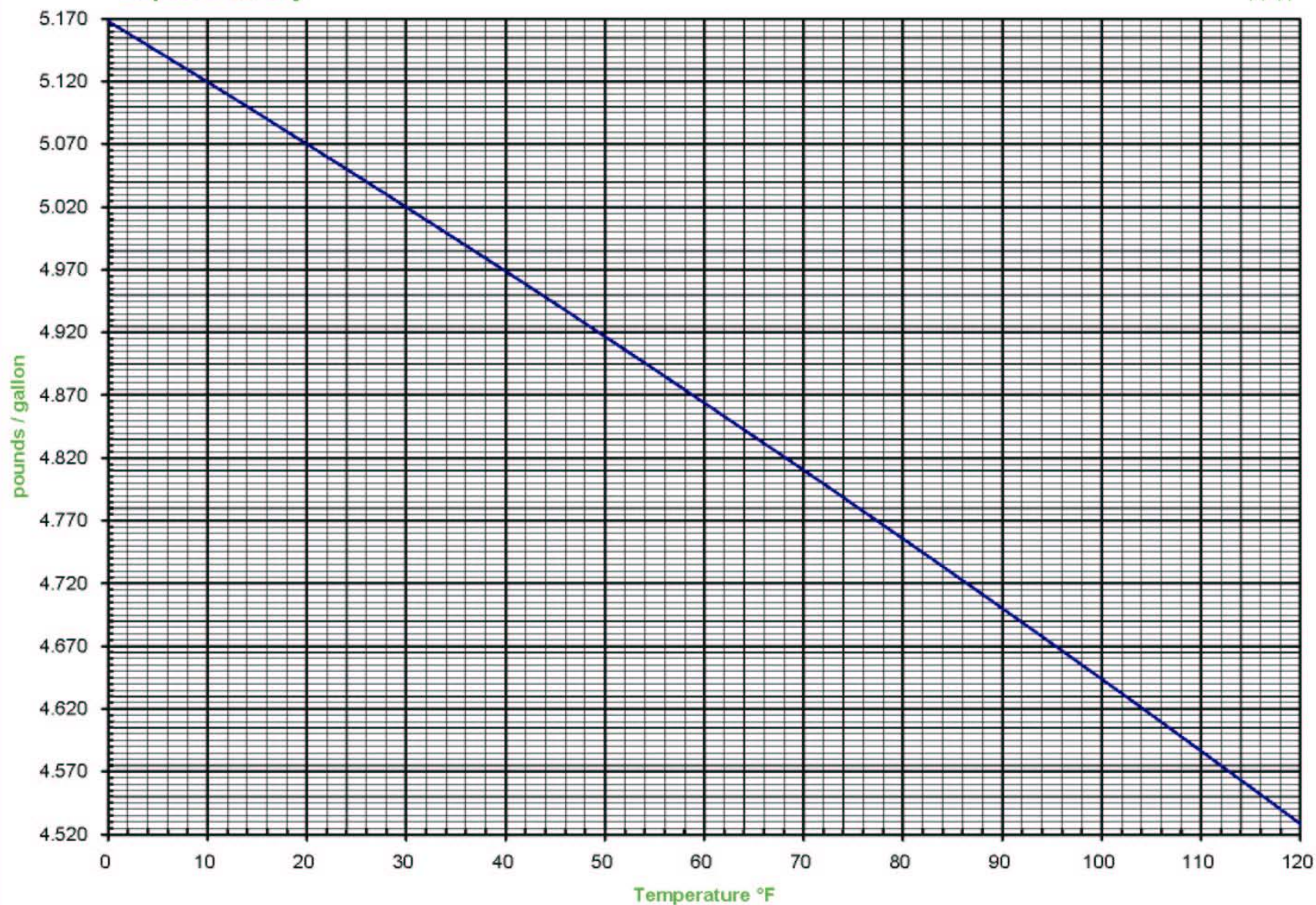


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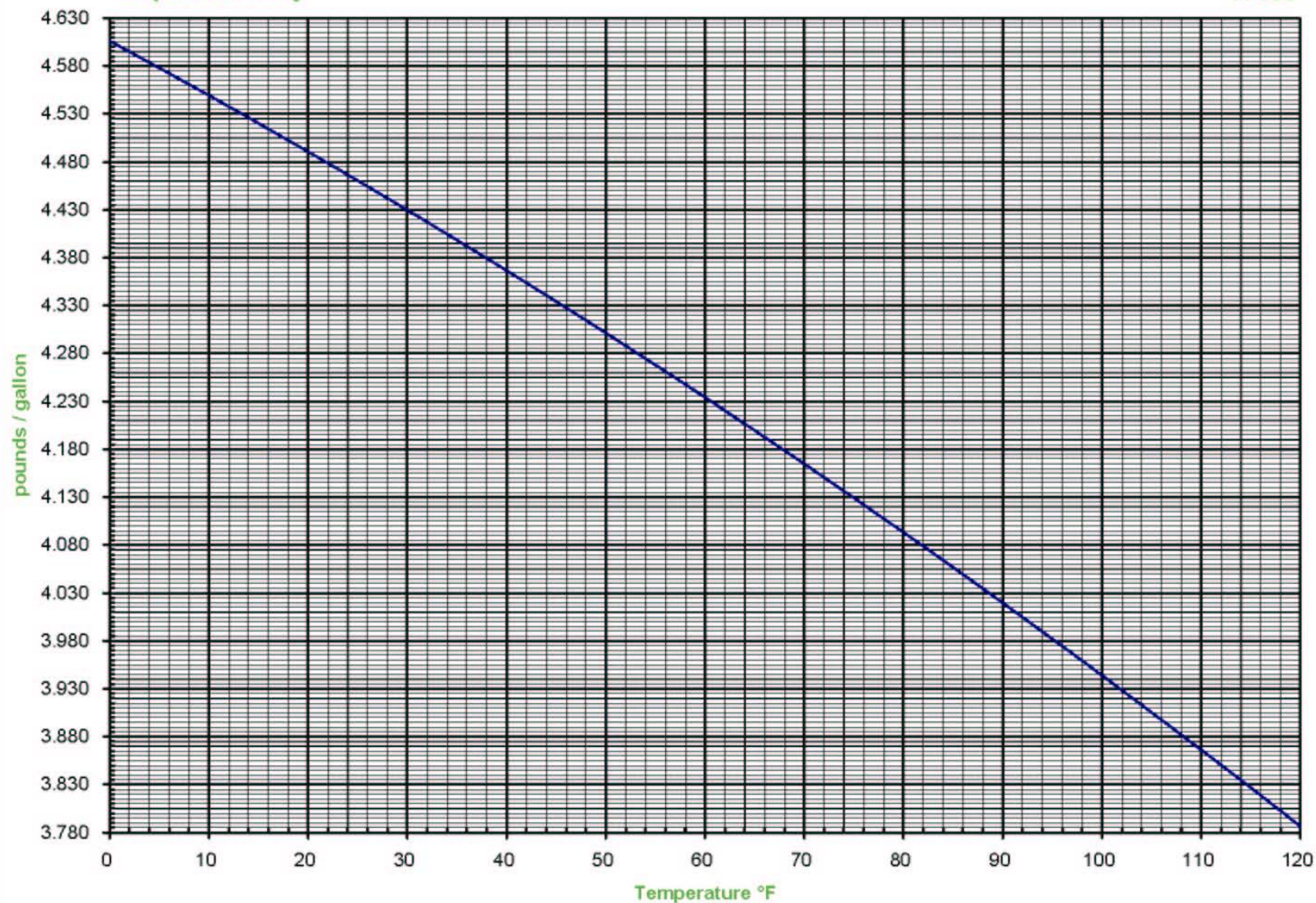


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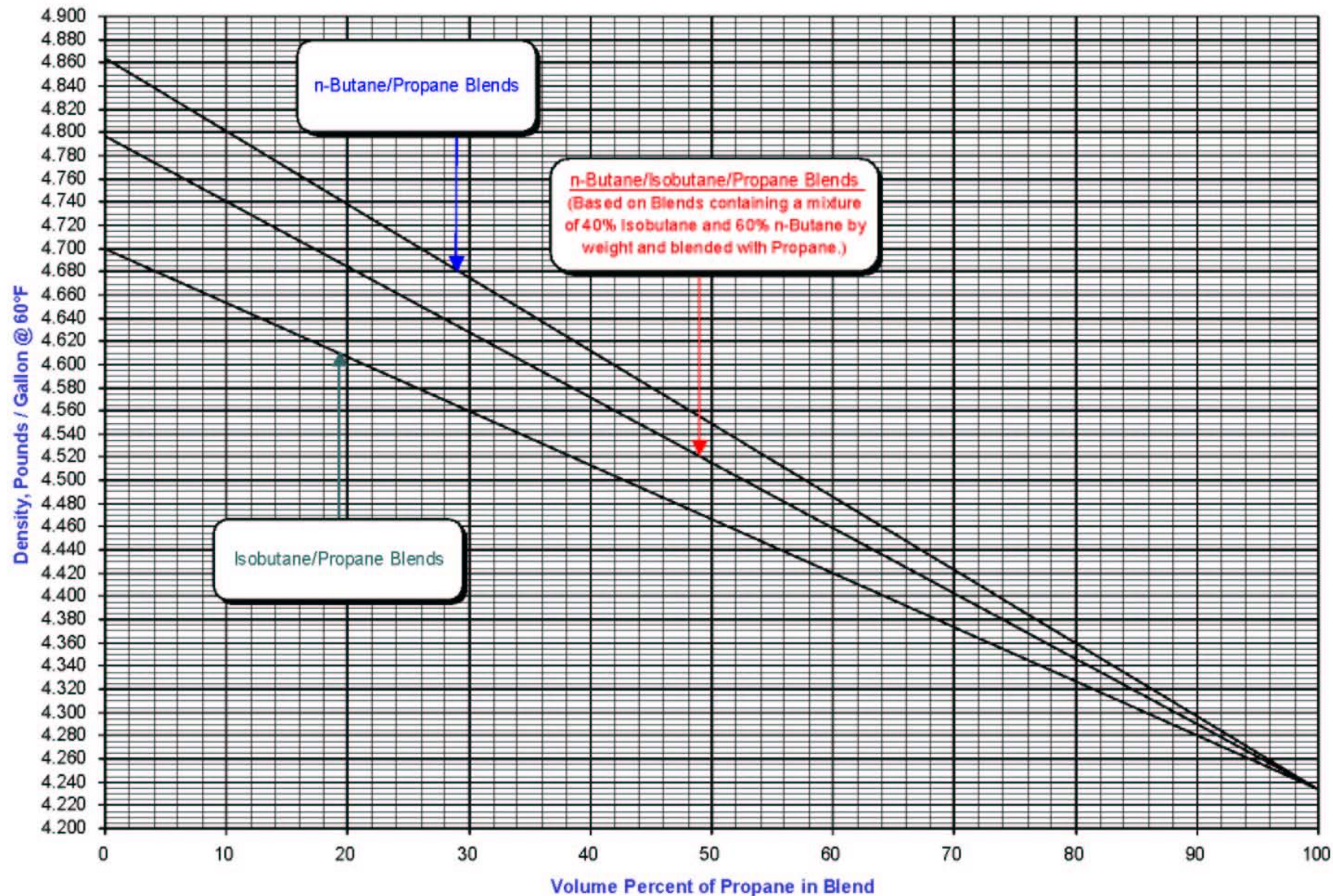
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# Liquid Density of LP Gas Blends

Figure 3





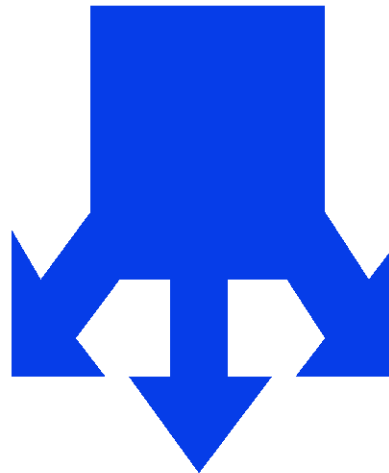
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## Standard Hydrocarbon Propellant Blends

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## Hydrocarbon Blend Components

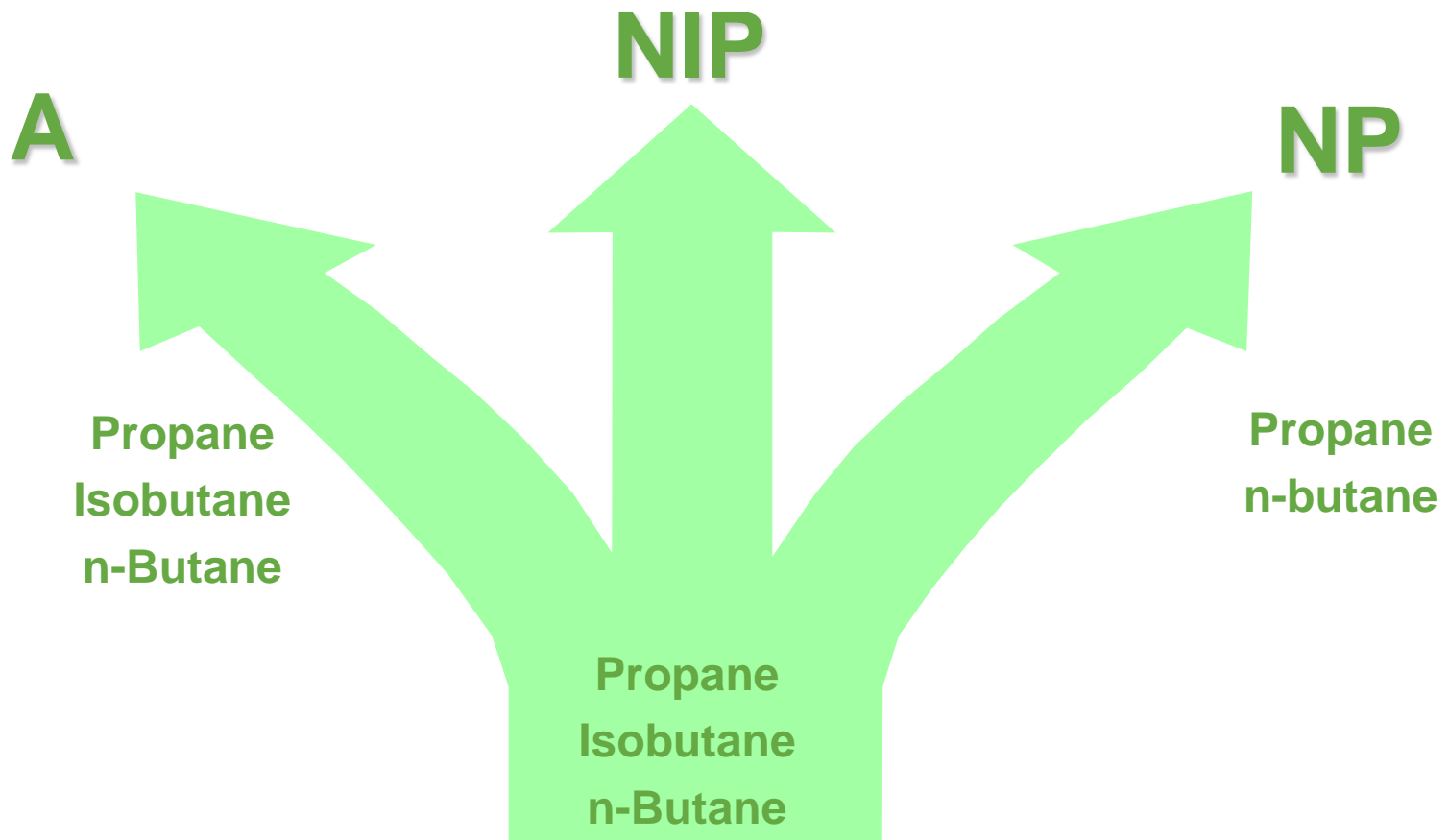
*N-Butane A-17*



*Propane A-108*

*IsoButane A-31*

# Standard Hydrocarbon Blends



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Three Major Types



# Standard Hydrocarbon Blends

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## Typical Hydrocarbon Blends

- A-46 (15.2% Propane / 84.8% Isobutane)
- NP-46 (25.9% Propane / 74.1% N-butane)
- NIP-46 (21.9% Propane / 31.3% Isobutane / 46.8% N-Butane)



# Standard Hydrocarbon Blends

## Typical Hydrocarbon Blends

- A-31
- NP-31
- NIP-31
- A-46
- NP-46
- NIP-46
- A-70
- NP-70
- NIP-70
- A-85
- NP-85
- A-108





# Hydrocarbon Propellants

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## Processing



# Processing of Hydrocarbon Propellants

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## 1 - Fractionation of Selected Feedstocks

## 2 - Hydrogenation and Stabilization

- Conversion of Unsaturated hydrocarbons
- Elimination of trace alcohol or peroxide compounds

## 3 - Catalytic Desulfurization

## 4 - Dehydration and Sweetening

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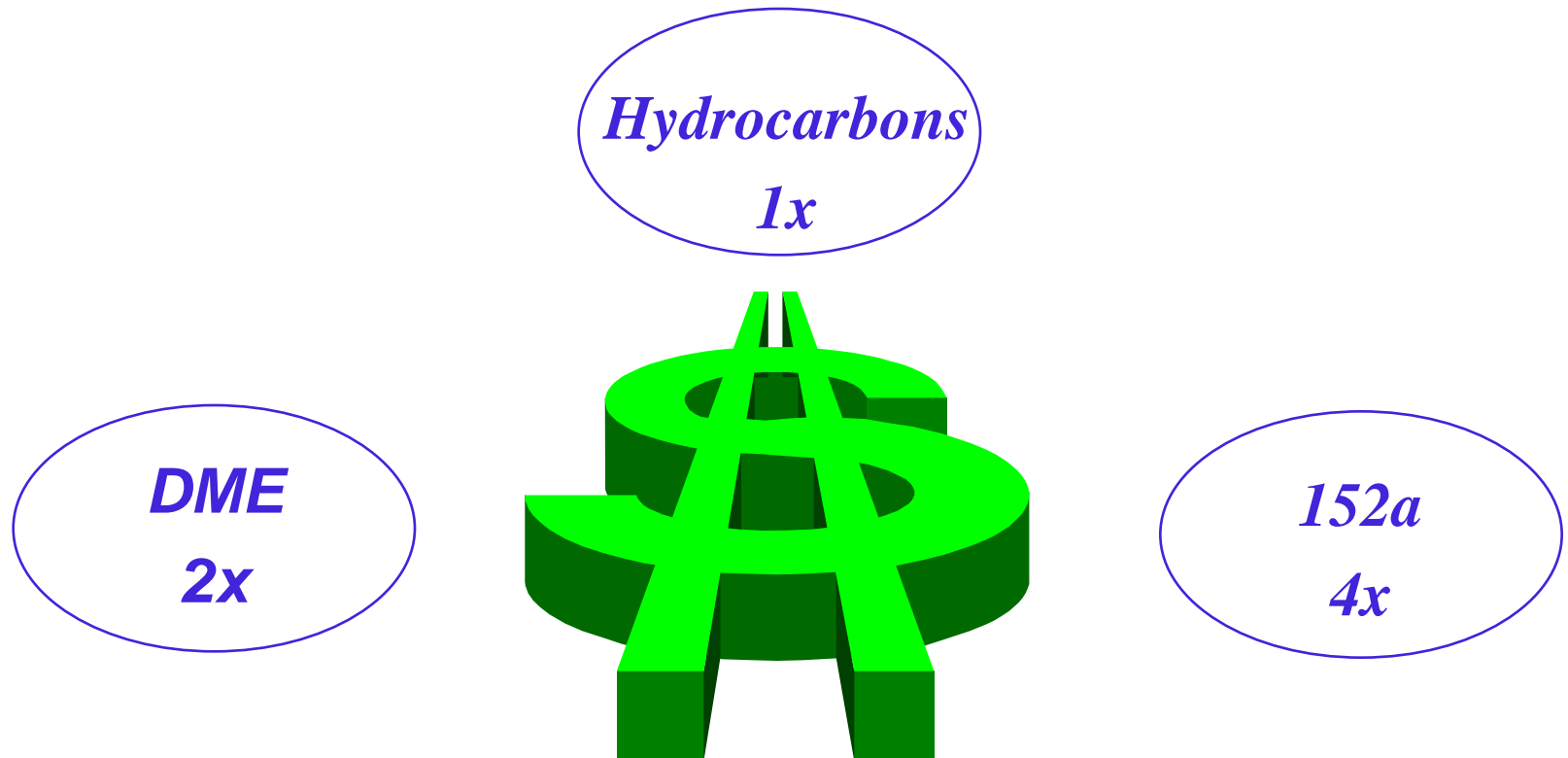


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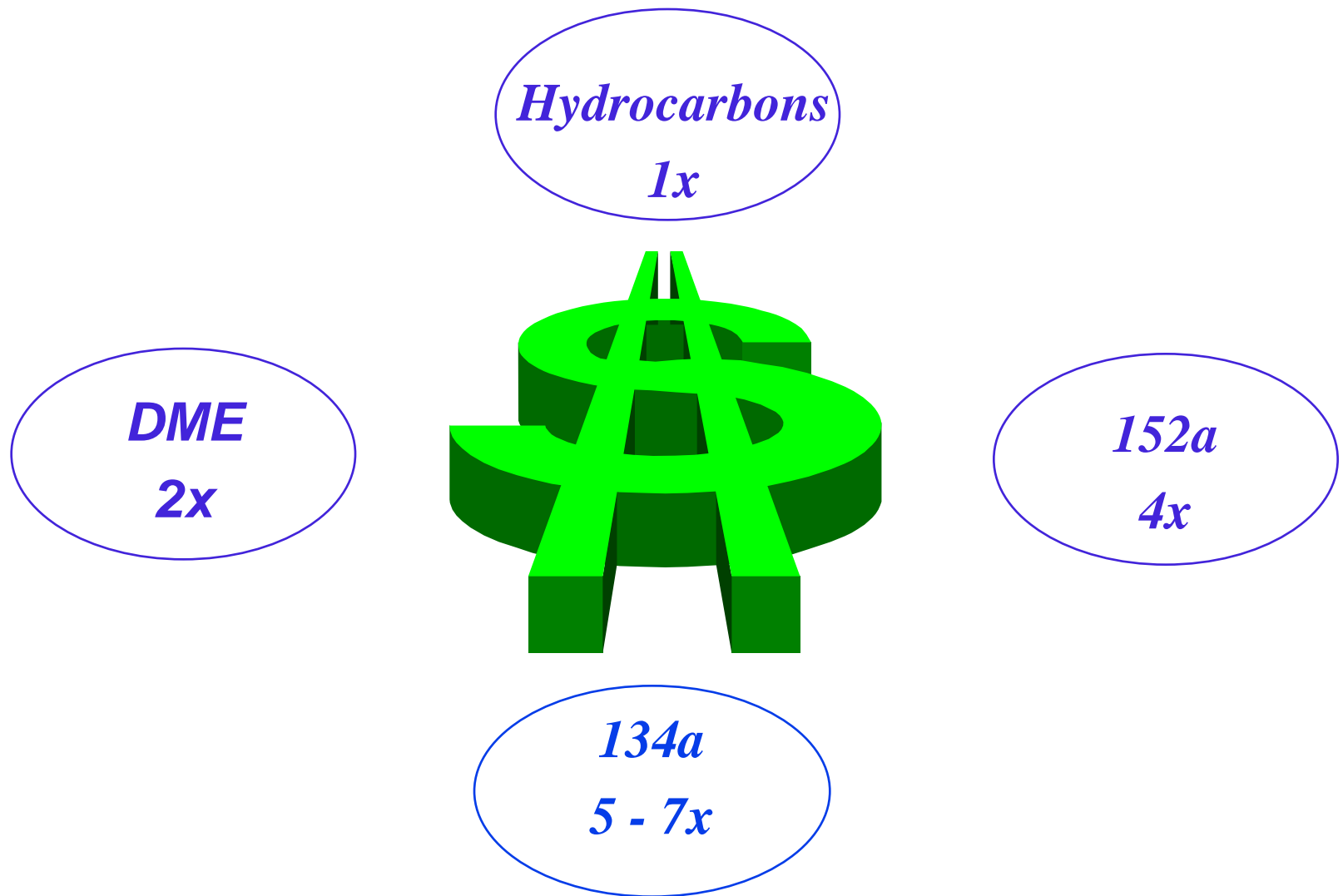
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## Propellant Cost

# Cost Comparison



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# Characteristics of Hydrocarbon Aerosol Propellants

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- Low Relative Cost
- Stability and Purity
- Low Odor
- Range of Boiling Points
- Wide Range of Vapor Pressures
- Low Toxicity
- Versatility and Efficiency
- Natural Compounds
- Flammability
- Environmental (VOC)

# Characteristics of Hydrocarbon Aerosol Propellants



**Flammability, the principal  
disadvantage, is controllable**



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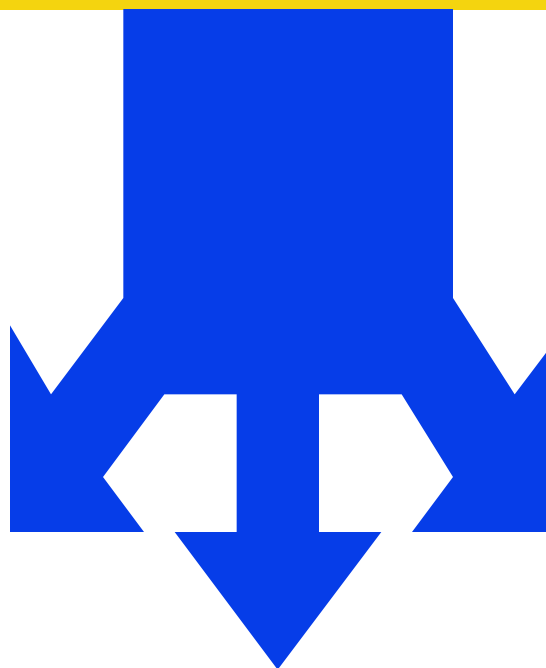
**V O C   Issues**

# Low VOC Propellant Options

*Non VOC  
Propellants*

*152a*

*134a*



*Low VOC Blends*

*DME - Water Based*

*DME/HC/Water*

*HFC/Hydrocarbon*

*Adjust Pressure*

*Use higher vapor pressure  
hydrocarbon propellant  
and reduce fill volume*



# VOC Reduction Strategies

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- Add more non-VOC concentrate
- Add more water
- Replace VOC Solvent with non-VOC solvent
- Formulate with a higher vapor pressure propellant and use less gas in the can
- Replace VOC Propellant
- Formulate based on relative reactivity





# Low VOC (Liquefied Gas) Propellant Alternatives

- **Aqueous Aerosols**
  - DME
  - DME/Hydrocarbon
  - Dymel 152a
  - Dymel 152a/Hydrocarbon
  - Dymel 152a/DME
- **Anhydrous Aerosols**
  - Dymel 152a
  - Dymel 152a/Hydrocarbon



# Custom Blends

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*152a/A17*

*IsoPentane*

*152a/A31*

*A31/IsoPentane*

*152a/A46*

*A31/N-Pentane*

*152a/A17/DME*

*A17/N-Pentane*

*134a/DME*

*152a/A31/DME*

*A80/DME*

*134a/A31*

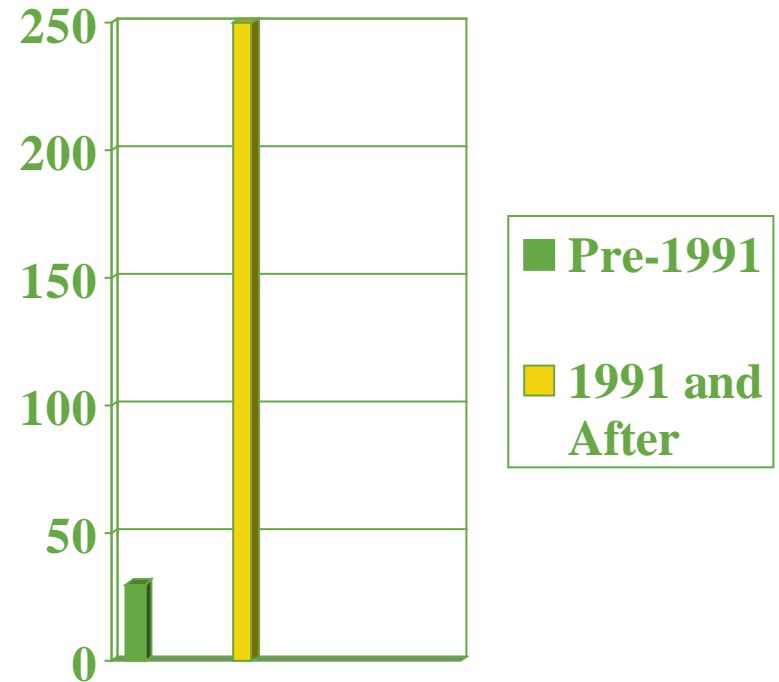
*A17/DME*

*134a/A17*

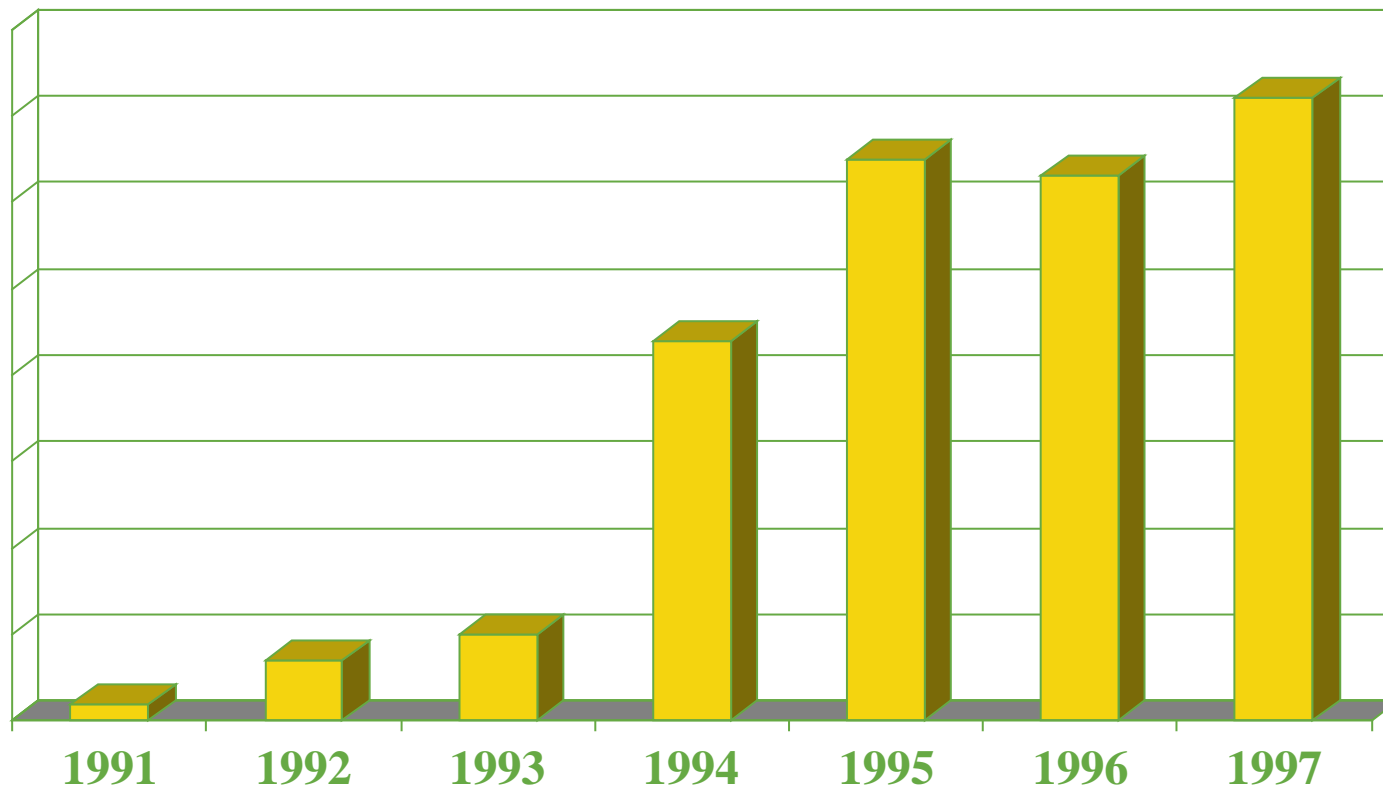
*Pentane/DME*

# Expanding Complexity

- Approximately 30 basic hydrocarbon propellant blends prior to VOC Issue
- Over 250 custom binary (2-part) and ternary (3-part) blends today to meet low VOC demands



# Low VOC Propellant Shipments





# US EPA Supports Hydrocarbon Propellants

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“Hydrocarbons are acceptable substitutes as propellants in the aerosol sector. Hydrocarbons have several environmental advantages over other substitutes. For example, they have zero ozone depletion potential, and because of their extremely short atmospheric residence times, they are estimated to have insignificant impact on global warming. Yet their reactivity contributes to formation of tropospheric ozone. The Agency has assessed this effect, however, and found that the increase in volatile organic compound emissions (VOCs) from these substitutes will have no significant effect on tropospheric ozone formation.”

*Unfortunately, the US EPA forgot to tell  
California!*





# Photochemical Reactivity Concepts

- Reactivity - Measure of a VOC's potential to react in the atmosphere and lead to the formation of ozone
- Use of “lower reactive” VOCs may provide means for ozone reduction benefit where mass-based VOC reductions alone are not sufficient for attainment or feasible
- Flexible approach that gives manufacturers more reformulation options



## Maximum Incremental Reactivity Scale

- Allows comparison of VOC reactivities
- Basis for scale is peer-reviewed
- Scientific basis sufficient to use reactivity in a more detailed manner



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**NO CFCs  
(CAPCO)**

# *It's OK to Spray !*



# NO CFCs





# An Introduction to Aerosol Propellants

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## Transportation





# Delivery of Aerosol Propellants

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**1 - Truck Transports**

**2 - Railroad Tank Cars**

**3 - DOT Cylinders**

- **1#** (laboratory sample)
- **20#** (barbecue size)
- **100#**
- **200#**
- **420#**



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## Transportation - Trucks -

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## **Transportation - Rail Cars -**

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**Transportation**  
**- ISO Containers -**

# Transportation – ISO Containers



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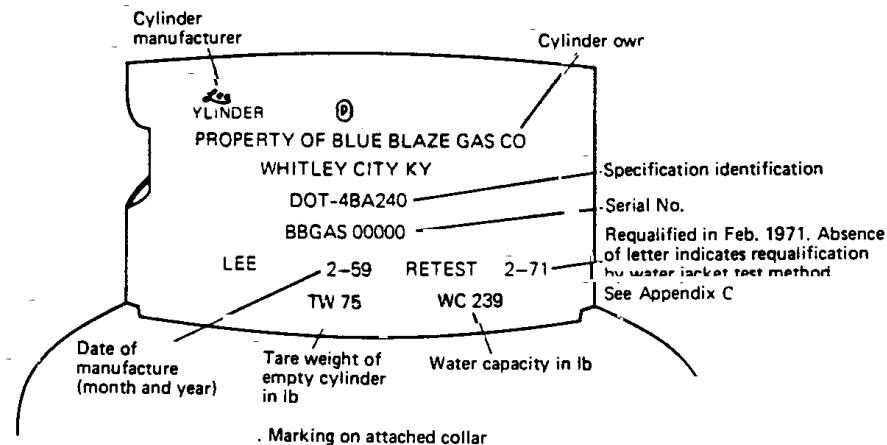
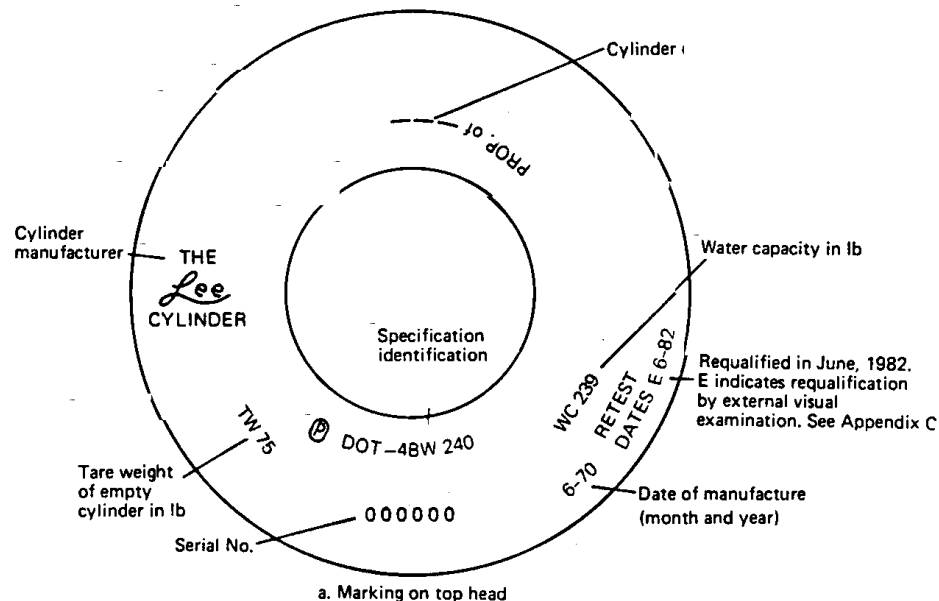
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# Transportation - Cylinders





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## **Liquefied Gas Propellant Tank Farm Operations**

**\* Propellant Delivery and Unloading**

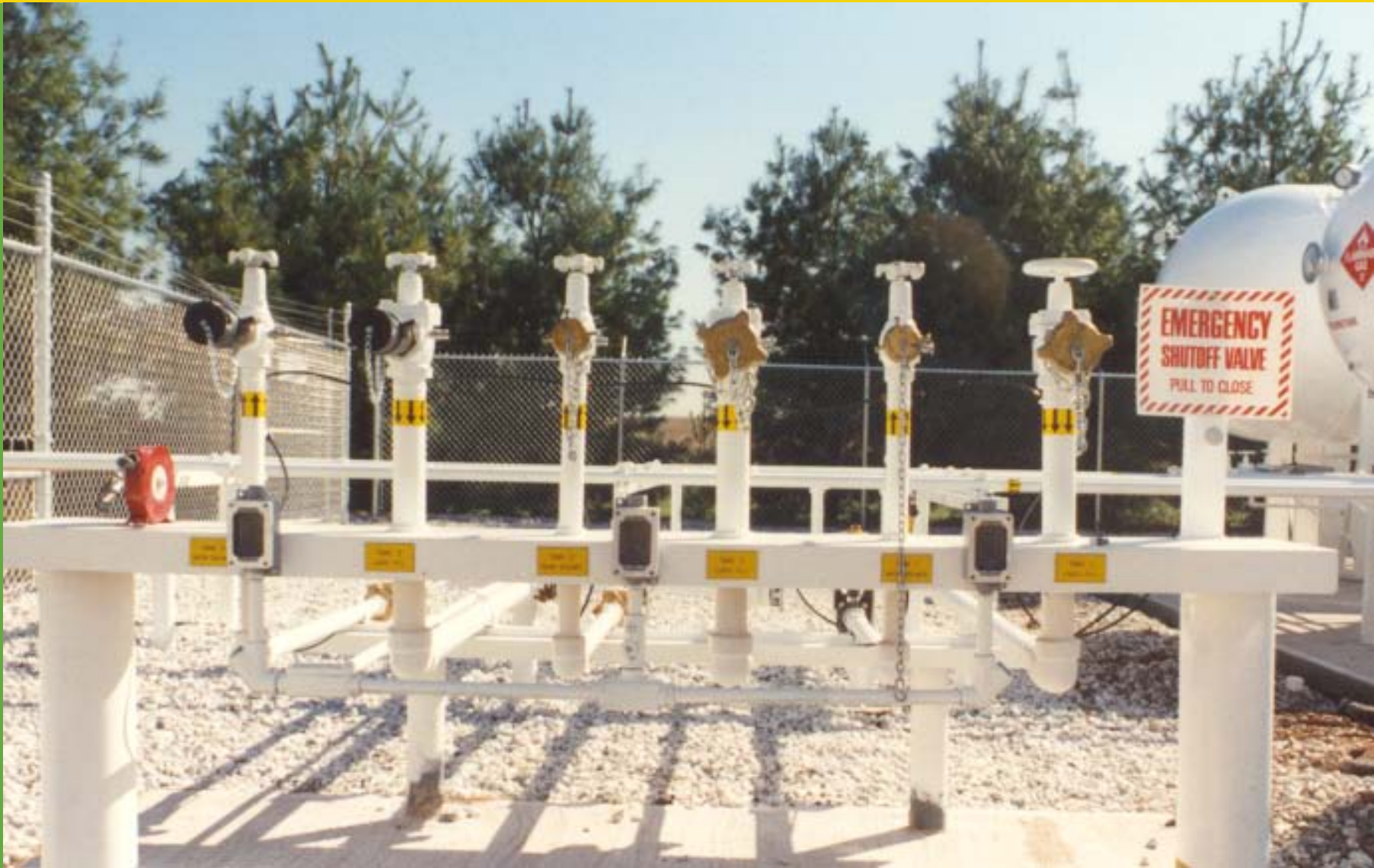
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SAMPLE VALVE  
AND ROTO GAGE



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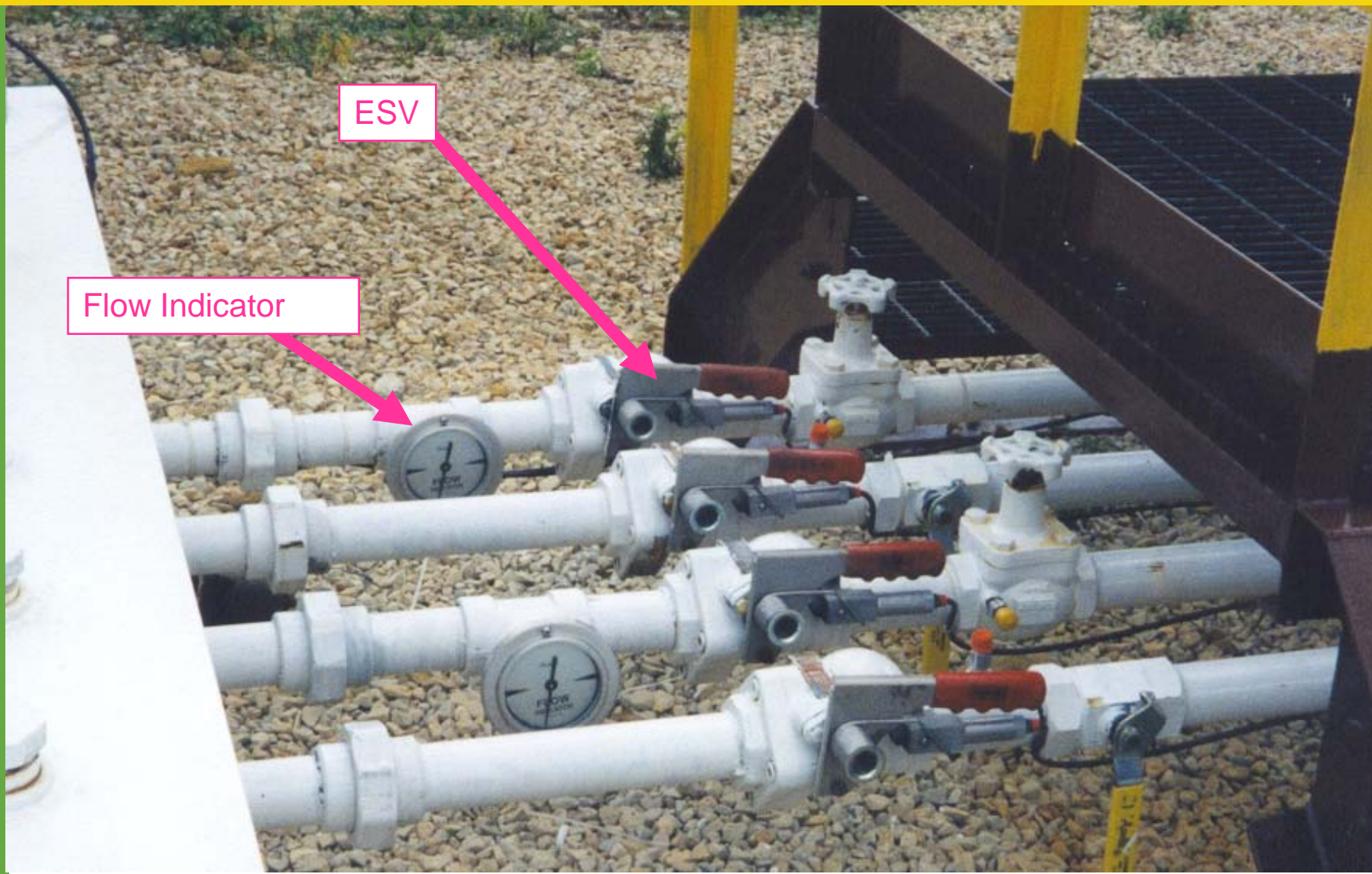


# Tank Farm Operations





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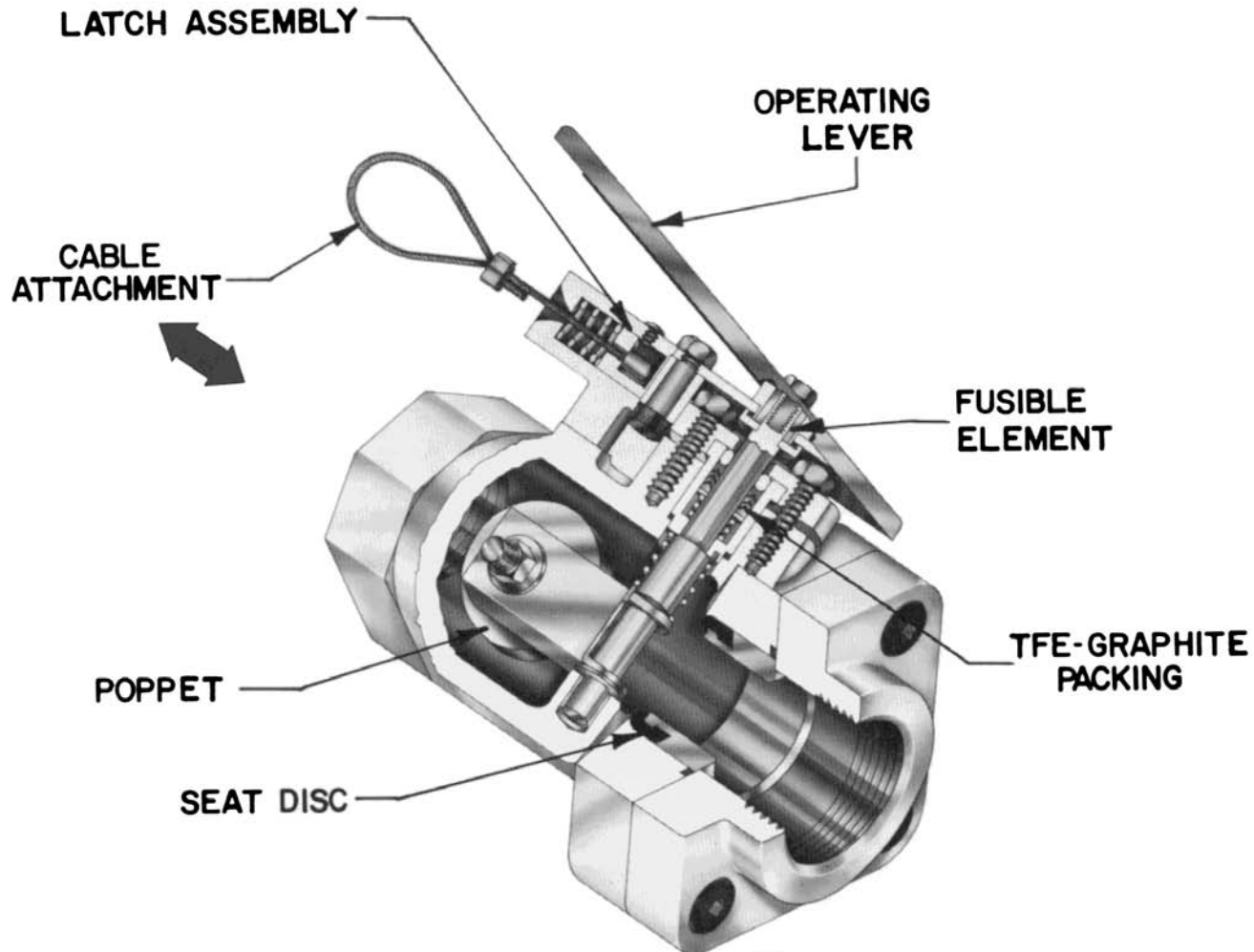
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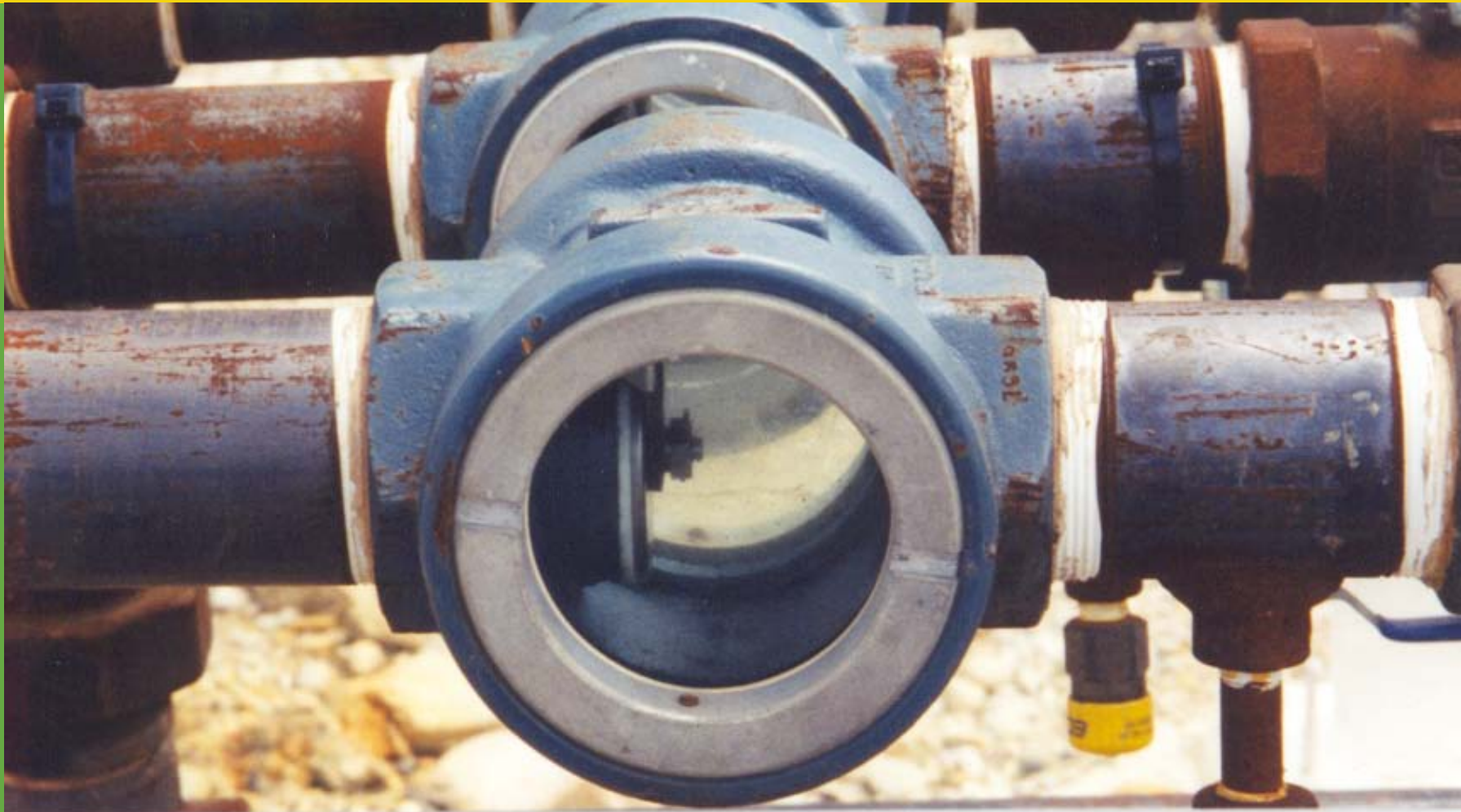
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## TYPE N550 EMERGENCY SHUTOFF VALVES



Type N550 in the open position

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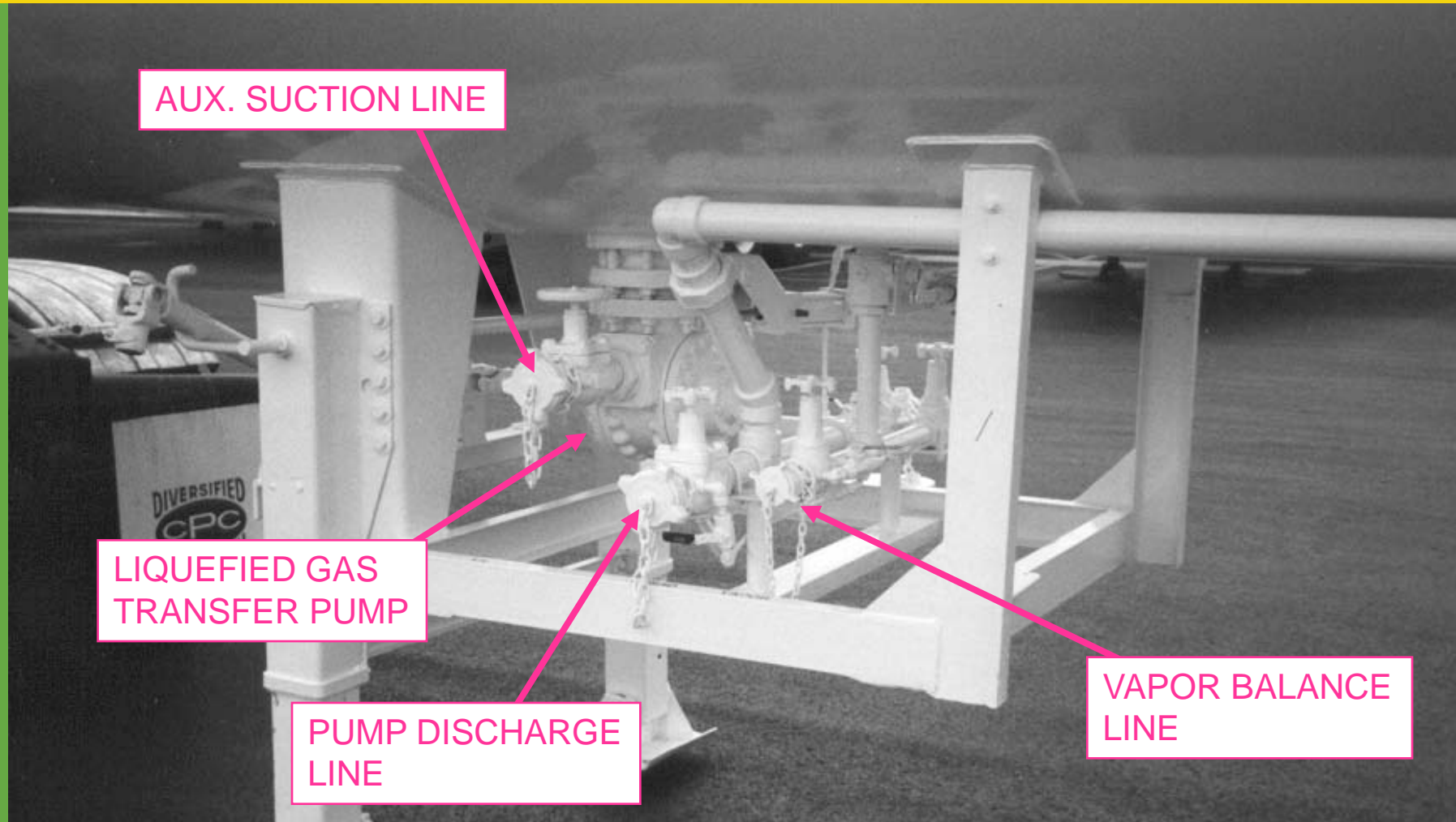


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**TRANSPORT TRUCK PUMP - PTO DRIVEN**



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Gas Transfer Compressor

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Internal Safety Valve  
(pneumatically operated)



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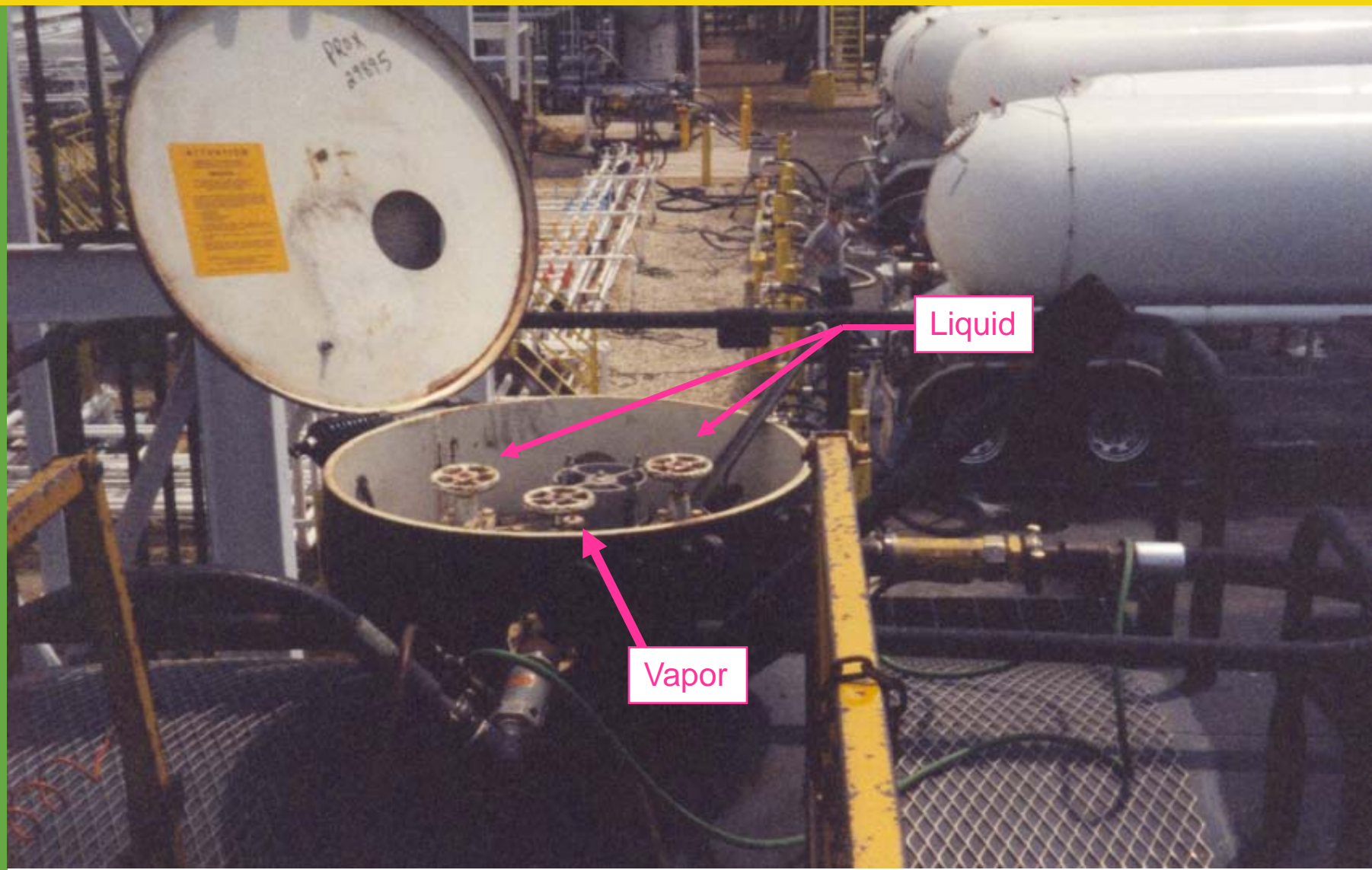
Driver must remain with the vehicle during the entire unloading operation!



An attendant from the customer should remain close by as well to react quickly to any plant-related issues that may arise.



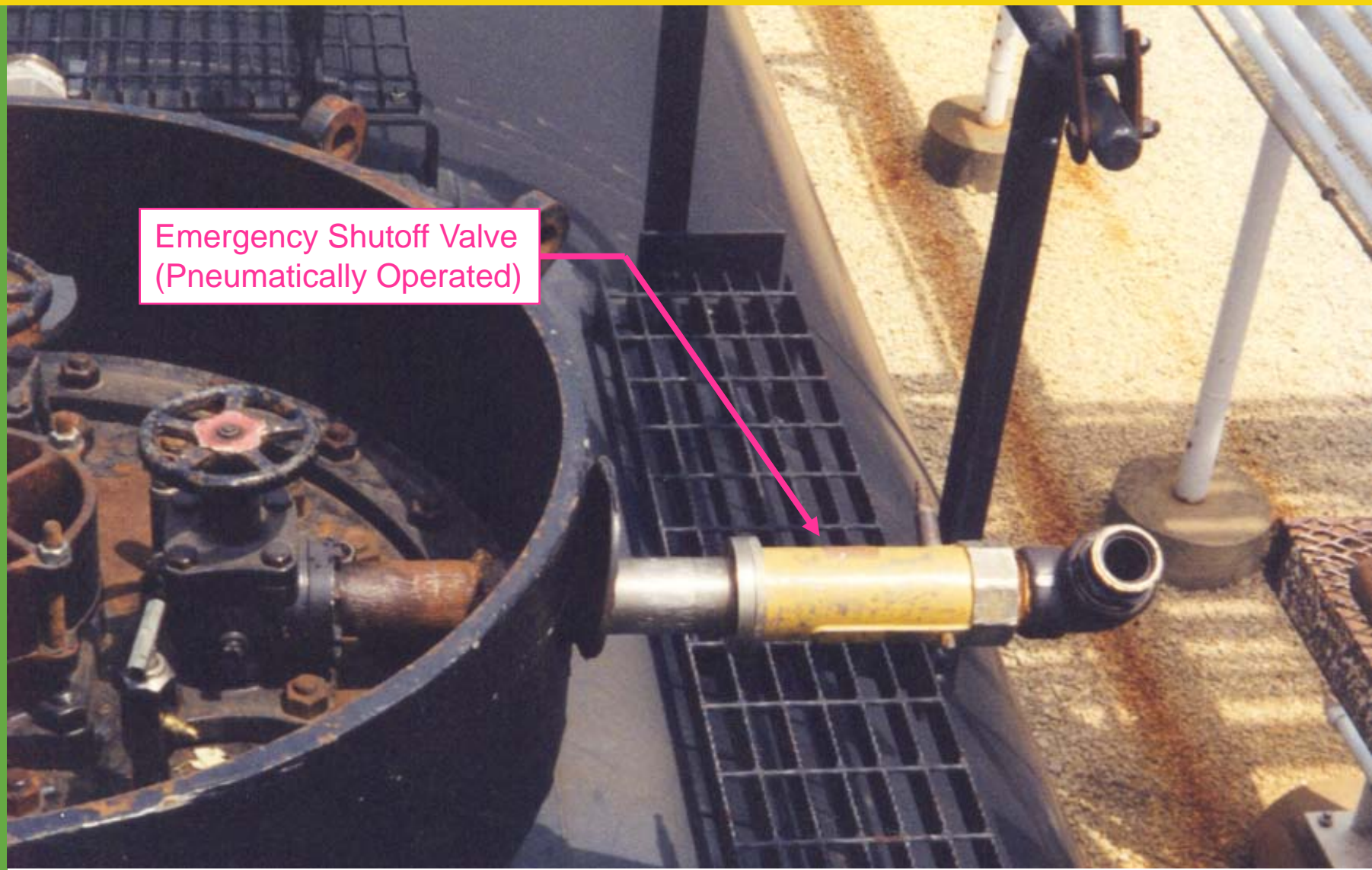
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Liquid

Vapor

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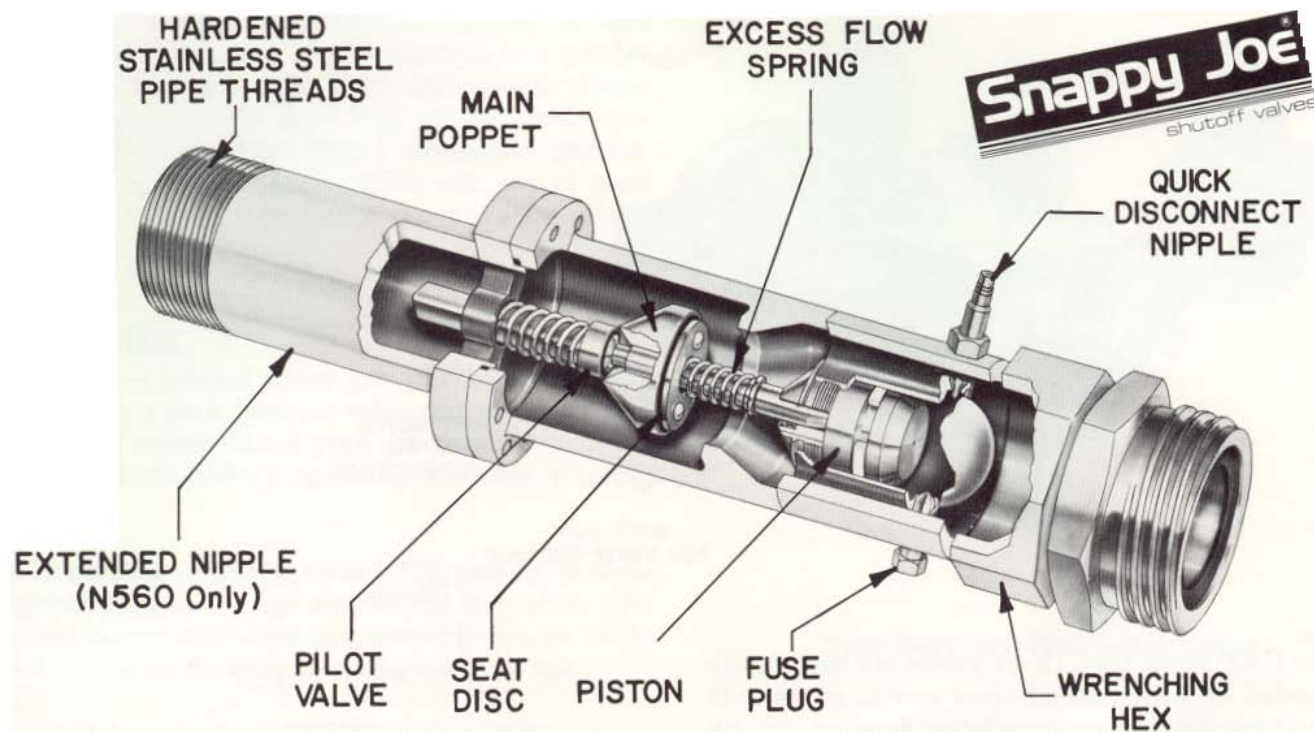


Emergency Shutoff Valve  
(Pneumatically Operated)



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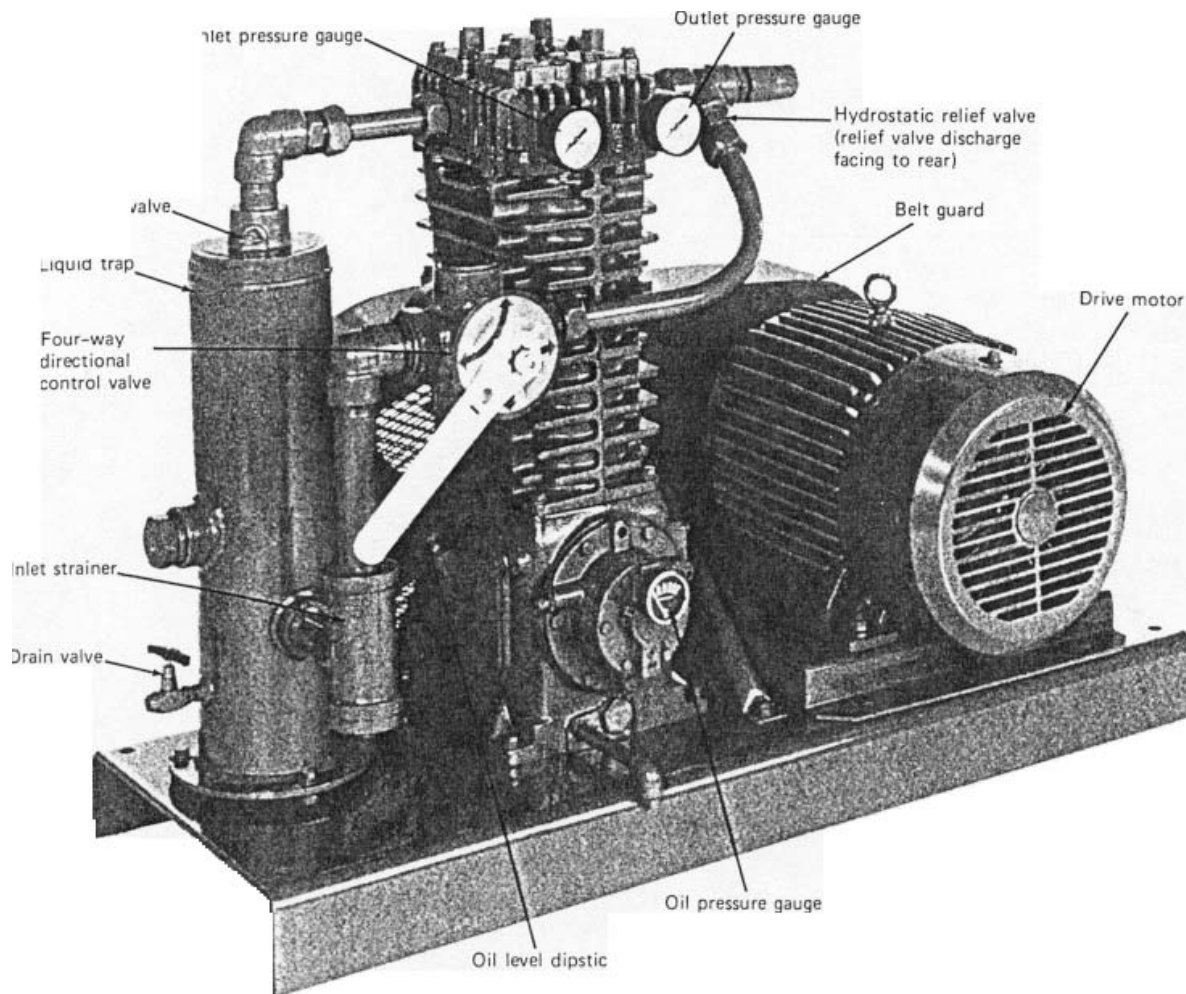
## TYPE N560 EMERGENCY SHUTOFF VALVES



## PNEUMATIC CLOSURE ACCESSORIES

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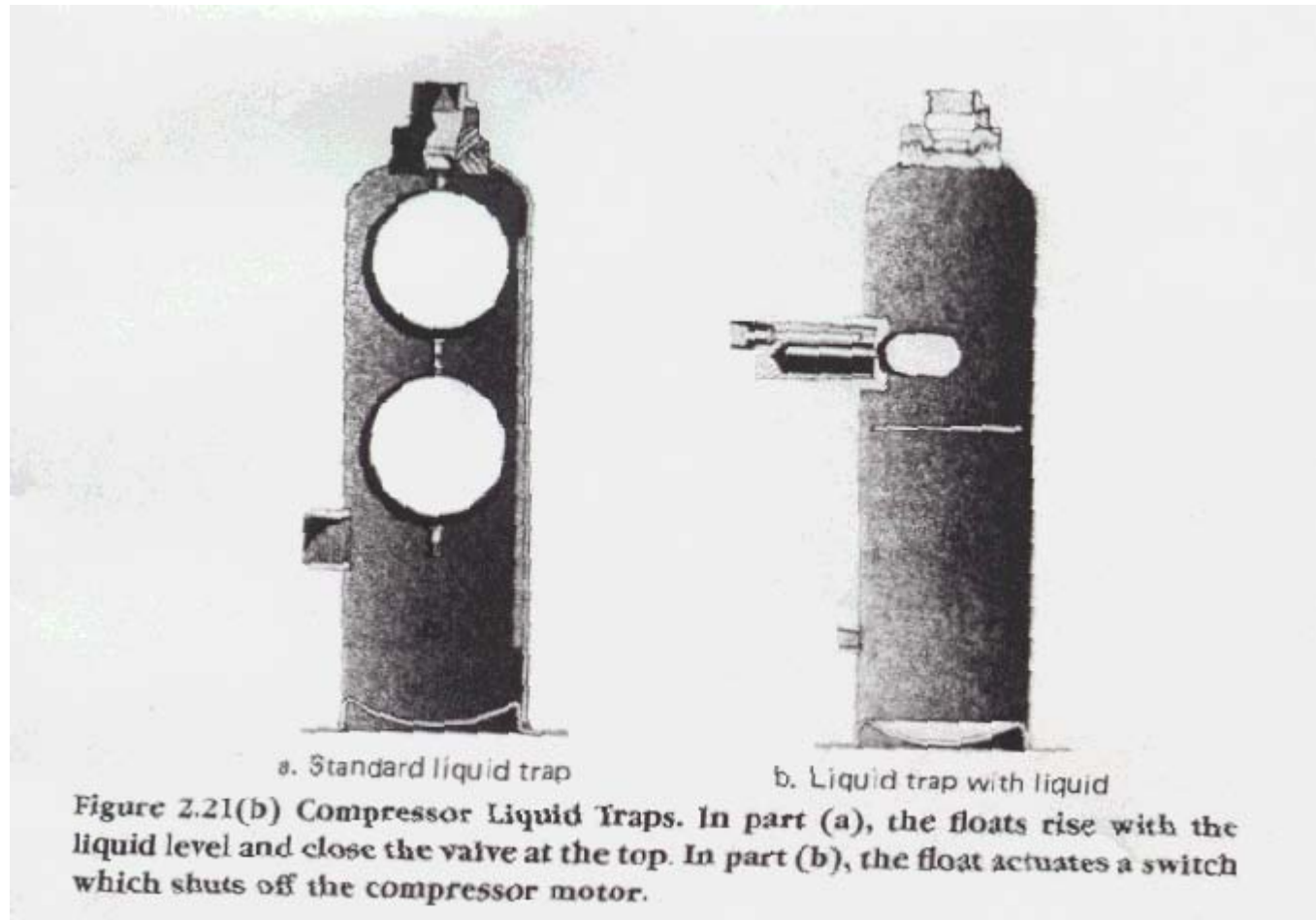
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## GAS TRANSFER COMPRESSOR

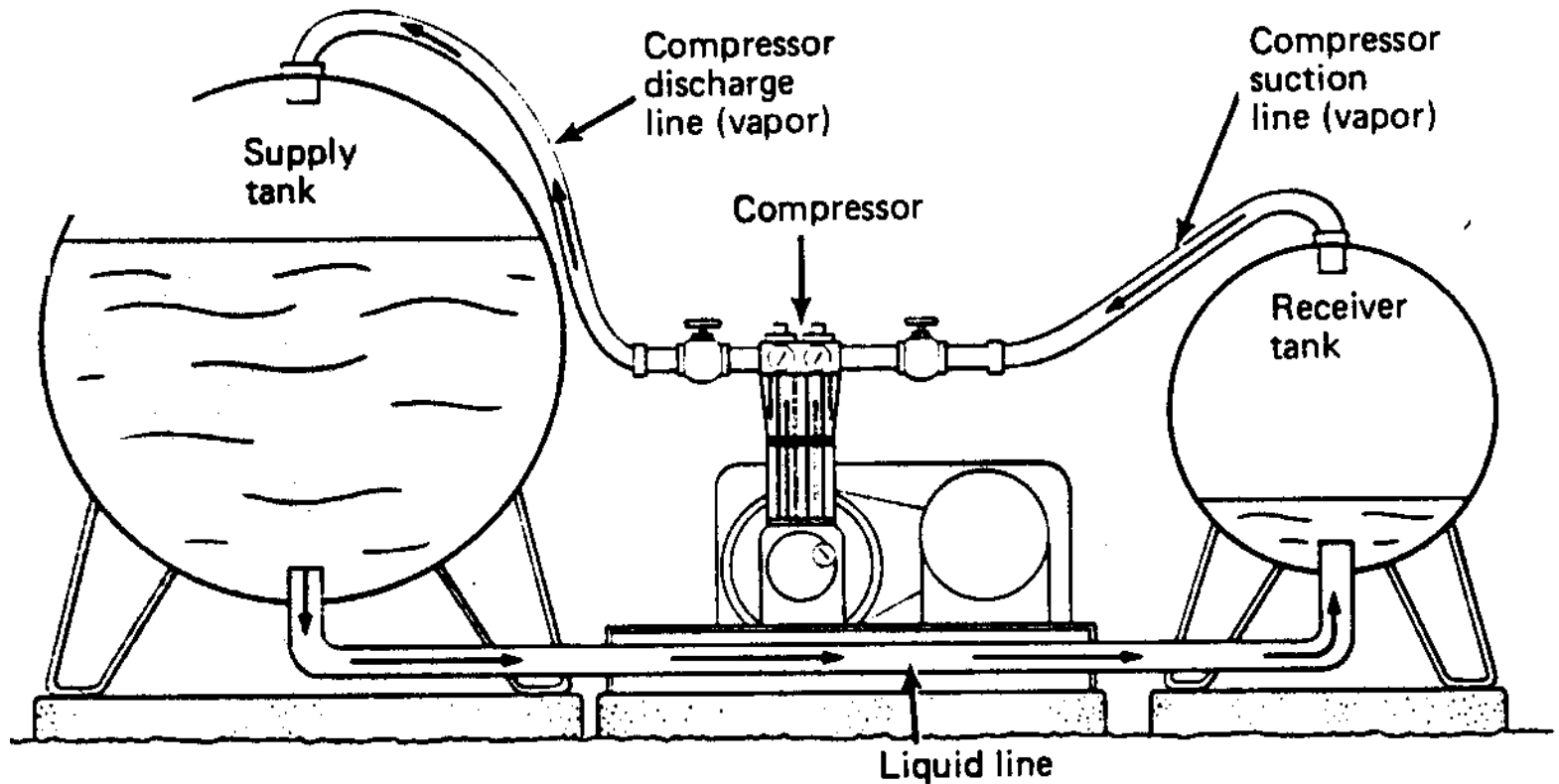


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## LIQUID TRAPS FOR COMPRESSOR SUCTION LINE

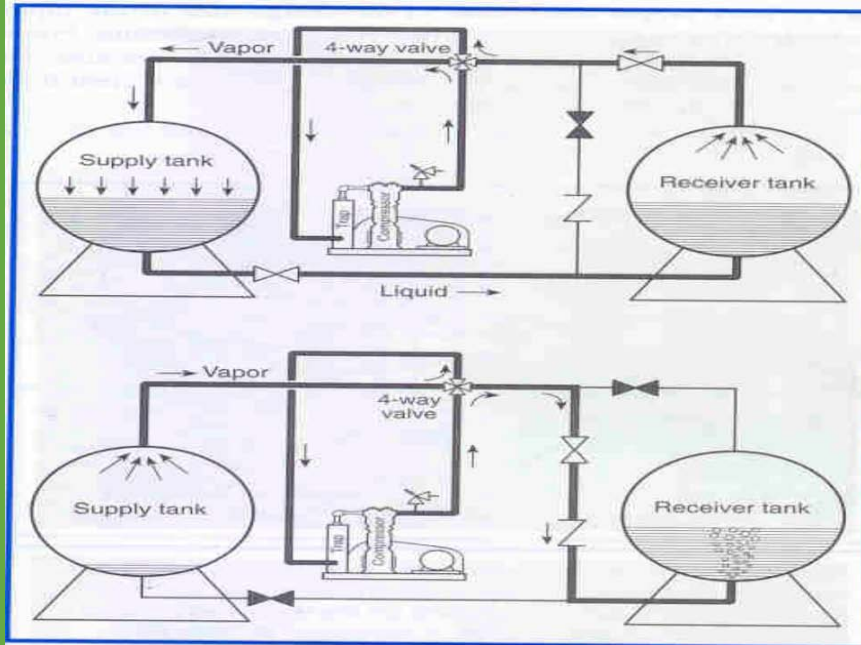
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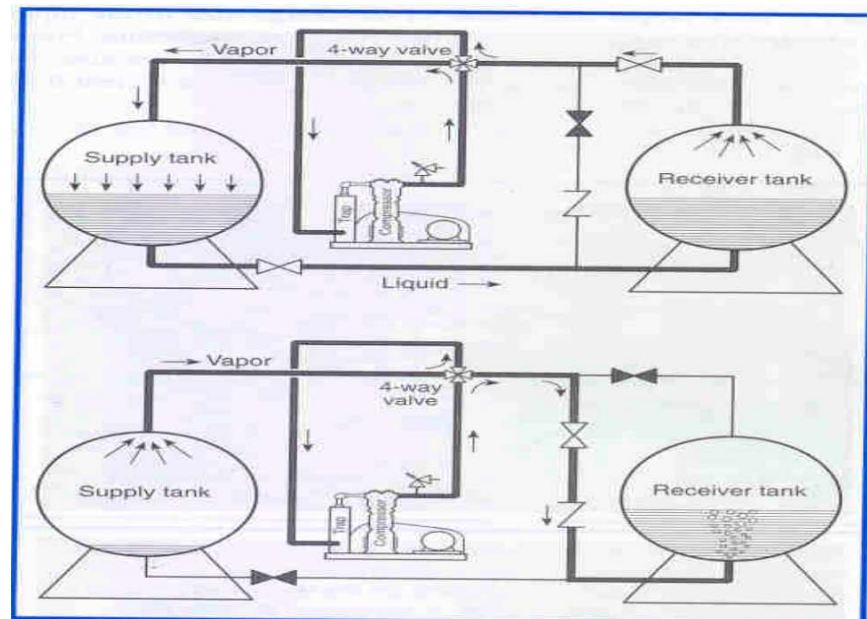
**Figure 3.12 Transferring with Compressors.**

(For Tank Car Unloading, the “Supply Tank” is the Tank Car and the “Receiver Tank” is the Propellant Storage Tank)

# Tank Farm Operations



Liquid Transfer Using  
a Gas Compressor  
(Tank Car Unloading)



Vapor Recovery  
Operations



# Tank Farm Operations

## **Propellant Storage Tanks, Equipment and Safety Systems**



# Storage Tanks, Equipment, & Safety Systems



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## INSTALLATION OF LP-GAS SYSTEMS

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Table 3-2.2.2

Water Capacity Per Container Gallons (m <sup>3</sup> )	Minimum Distances		
	Mounded or Underground Containers [Note (d)]	Aboveground Containers [Note (f)]	Between Containers [Note (e)]
Less than 125 (0.5) [Note (a)]		None [Note (b)]	None
125 to 250 (0.5 to 1.0)	10 ft (3 m)	10 ft (3 m)	None
251 to 500 (1.0 + to 1.9)	10 ft (3 m)	10 ft (3 m)	3 ft (1 m)
501 to 2,000 (1.9 + to 7.6)	10 ft (3 m)	25 ft (7.6 m) [Note (c)]	3 ft (1 m)
2,001 to 30,000 (7.6 + to 114)	50 ft (15 m)	50 ft (15 m)	5 ft (1.5 m)
30,001 to 70,000 (114 + to 265)	50 ft (15 m)	75 ft (23 m)	(¼ of sum of diameters of adja- cent containers)
70,001 to 90,000 (265 + to 341)	50 ft (15 m)	100 ft (30 m)	
90,001 to 120,000 (341 + to 454)	50 ft (15 m)	125 ft (38 m)	
120,001 to 200,000 (454 to 757)		200 ft (61 m)	
200,001 to 1,000,000 (757 to 3 785)		300 ft (91 m)	
Over 1,000,000 (3 785)		400 ft (122 m)	

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## MANUFACTURER'S DATA PLATE FOR LPG STORAGE TANK





	CERTIFIED BY <b>TRINITY INDUSTRIES, INC.</b> DALLAS, TEXAS		PLANT _____
	MAWP:	250 PSIG @ 125 °F	
	MDMT:	-20 °F @ 250 PSIG	
			LISTED CONTAINER ASSEMBLY FOR LP GAS 599N
W			19
RT3	SERIAL NO.		YEAR BUILT
	HEMI	500	4,167
	HEAD D.R.	WATER GALS.	WATER LBS.
37.42"	0.291"	0.210"	118.75"
O.S. DIA	SHELL THK	HEAD THK	LENGTH
UG	97	89%	
TYPE	OSSA, S.F.	DIP TUBE	
THIS CONTAINER SHALL NOT CONTAIN A PRODUCT HAVING A VAPOR PRESSURE IN EXCESS OF 215 PSIG AT 100 °F			
S-50218-SS-1			

Figure 2.8 Marking Required by 2-2.6.5 as Given on a Nameplate. Container listing [in this example, by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)] is optional.

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MANUFACTURER'S DATA PLATE FOR LPG STORAGE TANK

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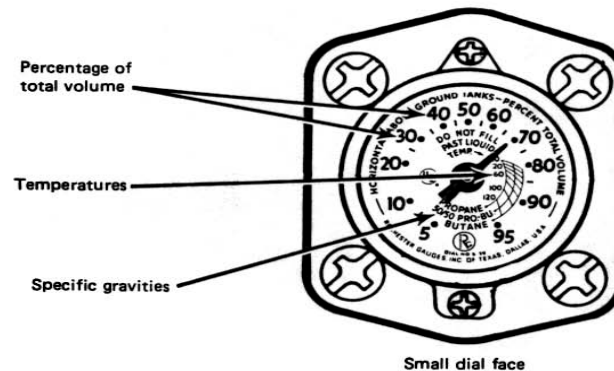
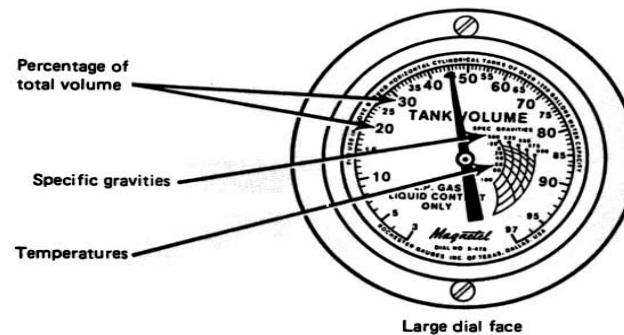
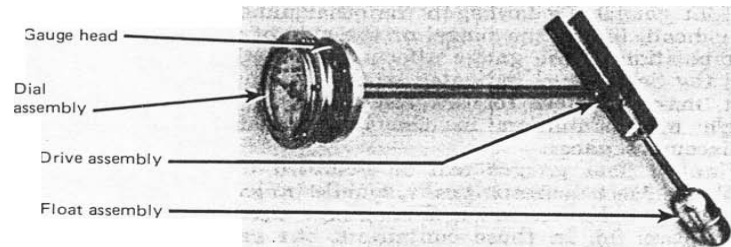
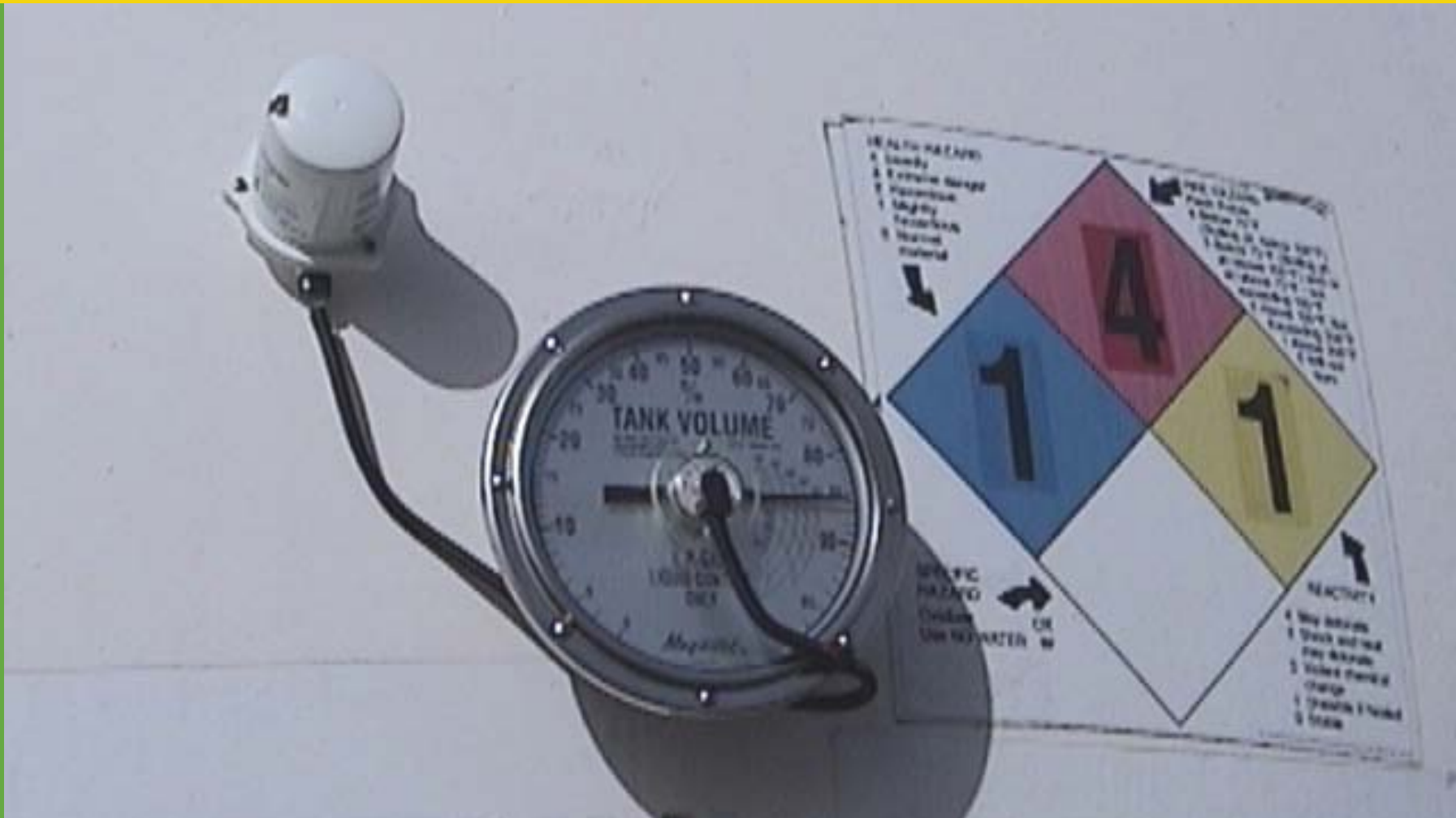


Figure 2.17(c) Float Type of Variable Liquid Level Gauge.



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Liquid Level Gauges



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**Liquid Level Gauges**

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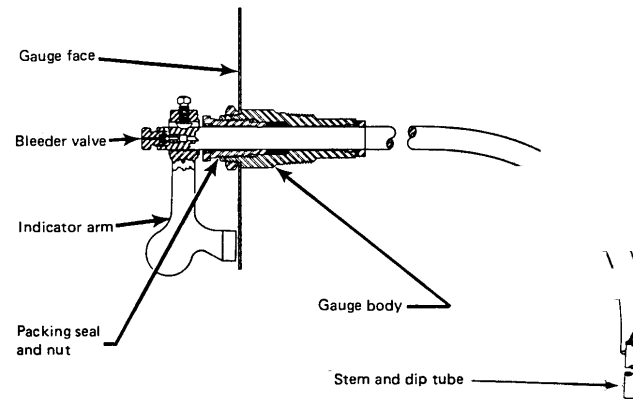


Figure 2.17(a) Rotary Type of Variable Liquid Level Gauge.

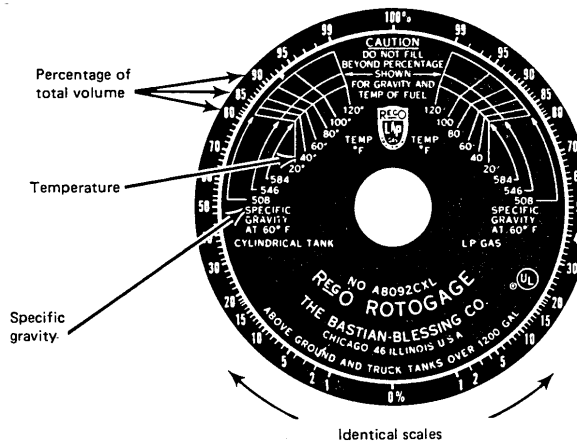


Figure 2.17(b) Rotary Gauge Face.

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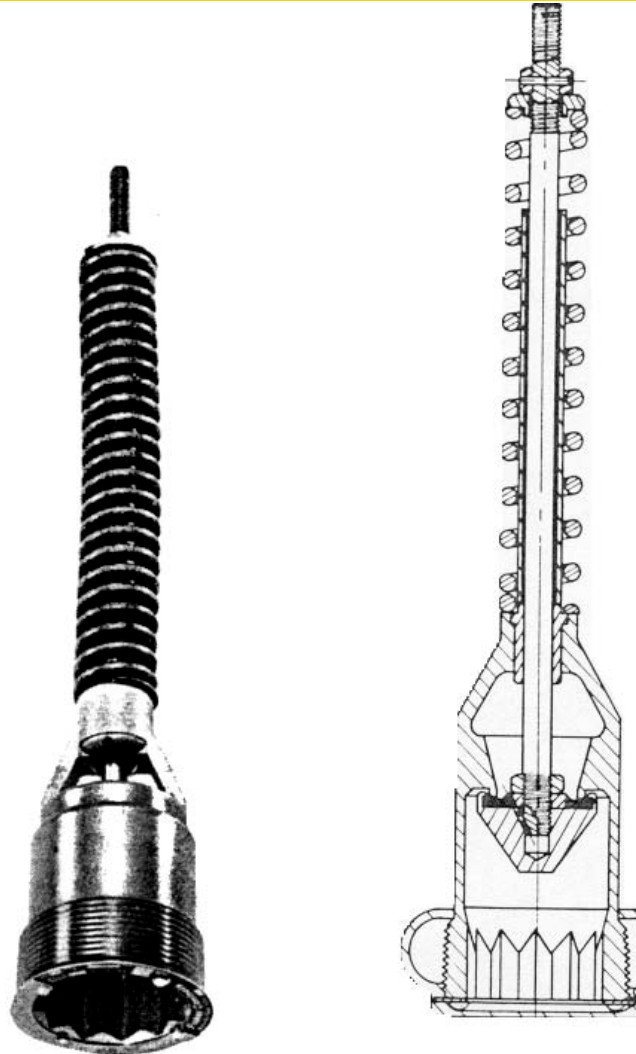


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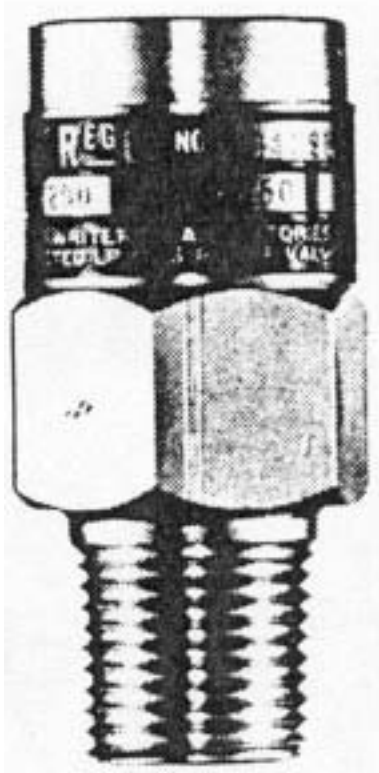
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INTERNAL SPRING SAFETY RELIEF VALVE

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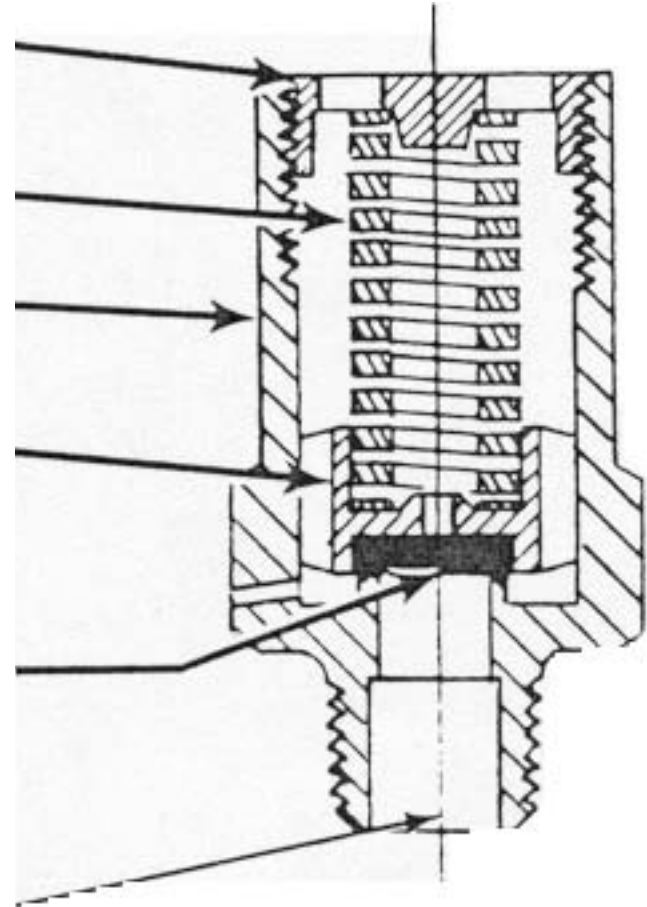
Retainer

Spring

Valve  
Body

Poppet

Seat

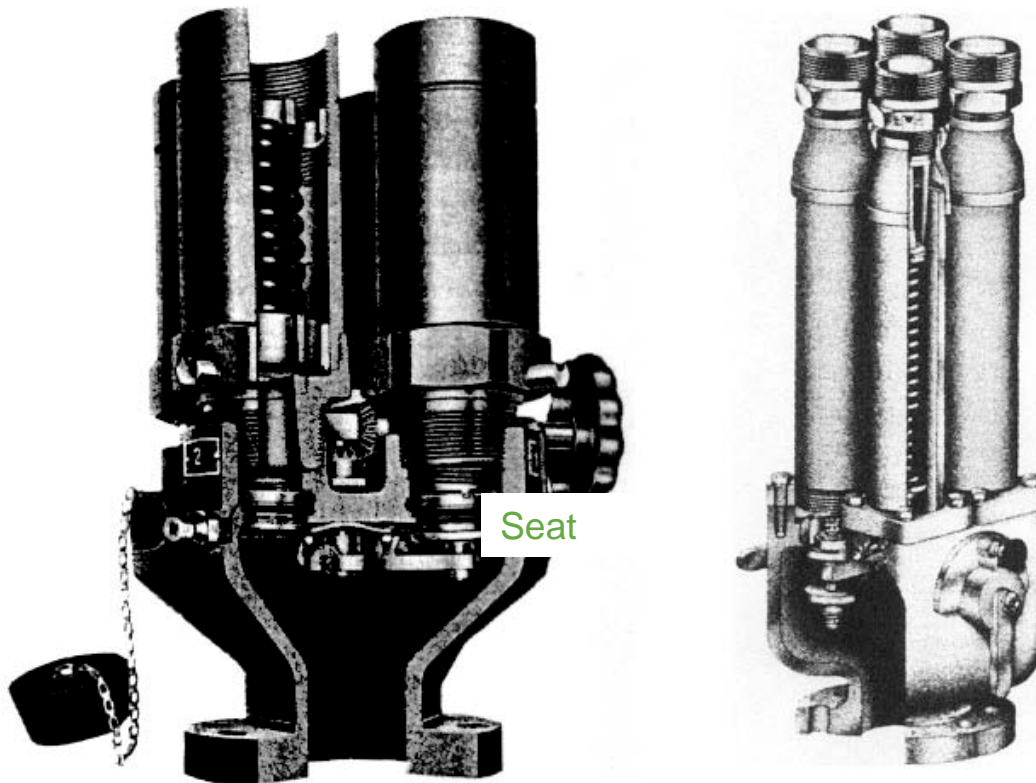


## EXTERNAL SPRING RELIEF VALVE

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**Figure 2.12 ASME Container Relief Valve Manifolds.** The container requires three relief valves. The manifold contains four. By manipulating the handwheel or lever, an internal clapper-type valve can be rotated to isolate any one of the four relief valves for testing, maintenance, or replacement.



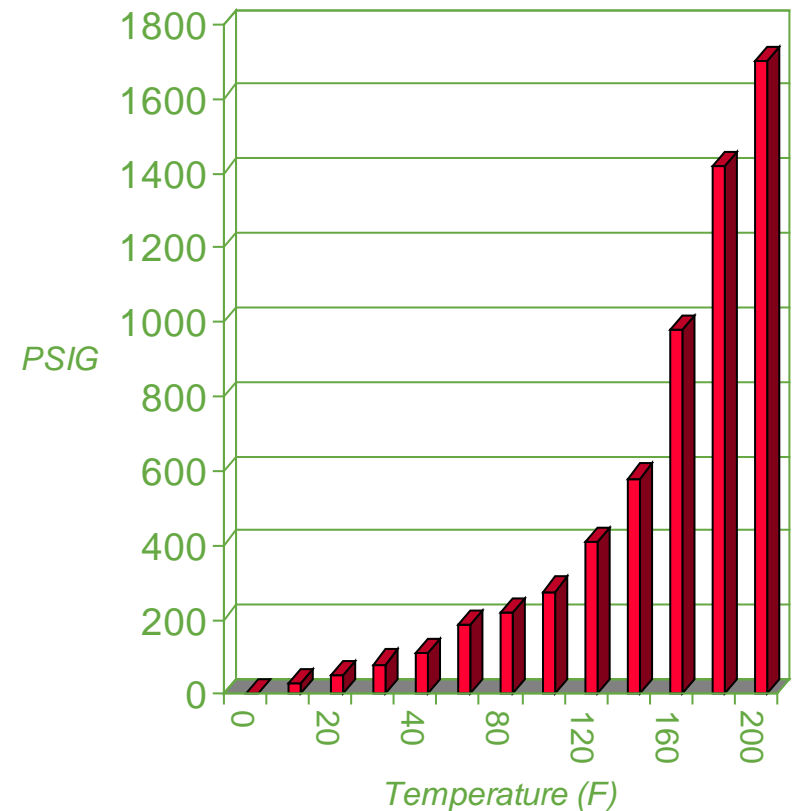
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Hydrostatic Relief Valve

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## Pressure Rise in a Constant Volume Vessel or Pipe



- Pressure Increase from 24 to 1800 psig as temperature rises from 0 to 200 °F***

*(Basis-100% Propane Liquid Full at 130 °F)*

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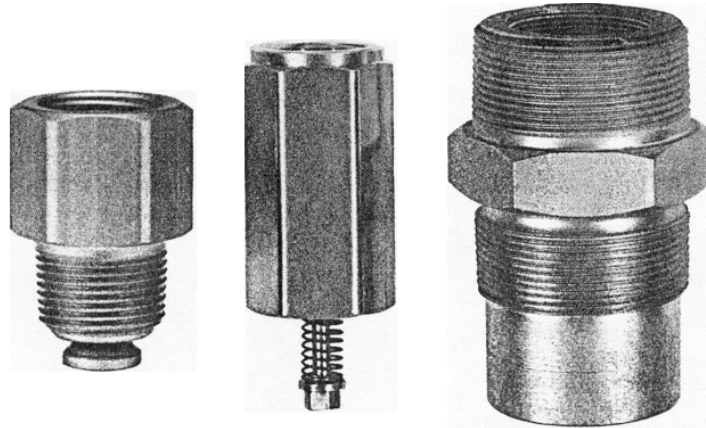


Figure 2.13(b) Various Excess-flow Check Valves.

stopped or reversed. Both valves of double backflow check valves shall comply with this provision.

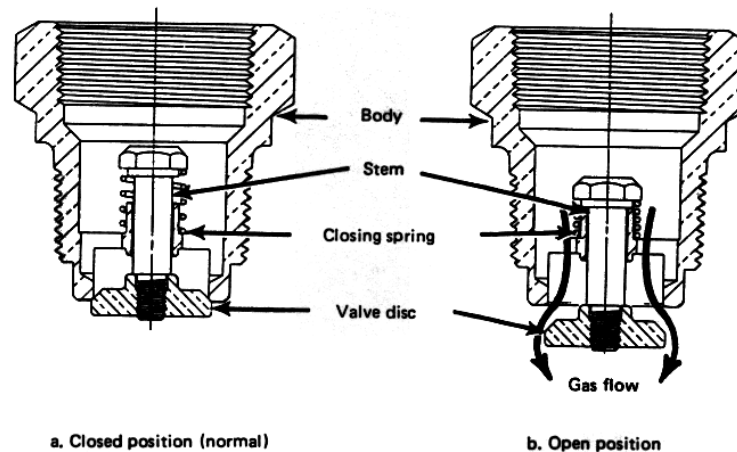
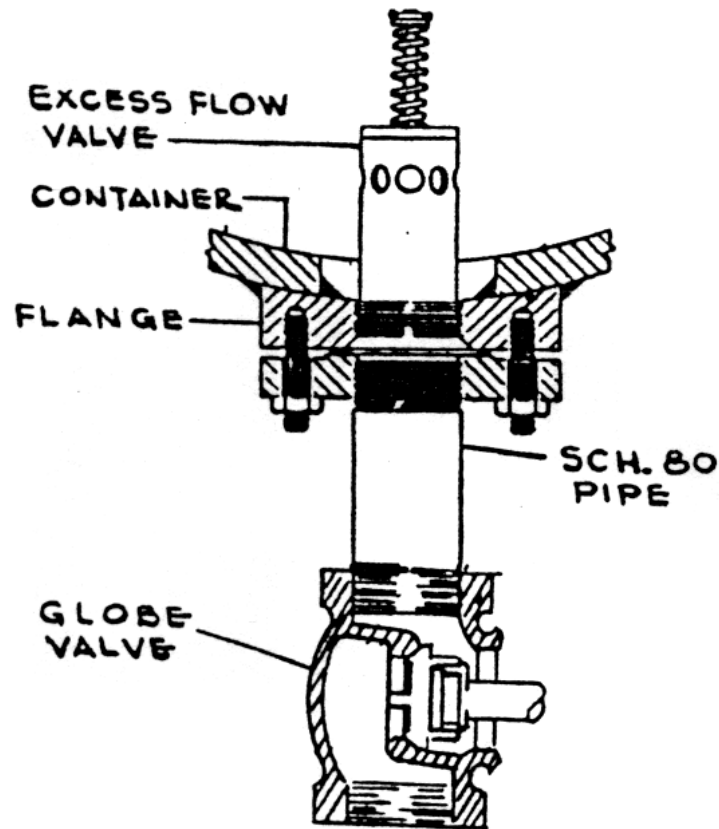


Figure 2.14 Operation of Backflow Check Valve.

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NOZZLE DETAIL "B"  
N. T. S.





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Storage Tank Safety Valves

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Storage Tank Safety Valves




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## Pipe and Pipe Fittings

- Carbon Steel schedule 80 pipe and 2000# forged steel fittings are recommended to be used throughout the propellant storage and handling system for maximum safety and maintenance flexibility.
- Pipe joints may be threaded, flanged or welded. Welded joints are preferred to minimize the potential for leaks, especially in long piping runs or piping that is hard to reach for inspection.






# Storage Tanks, Equipment, & Safety Systems

## Pipe and Pipe Fittings


- Piping must be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 58 and ASME B31.3 *Chemical Plant and Petroleum Refinery Piping*.
- Cast Iron fittings must not be used. (Malleable or ductile iron may be used for equipment handling liquefied gas propellants).
- All materials must be inert to the chemical action of the propellant.
- Metal or Spiral wound metal gaskets required.



# Storage Tanks, Equipment, & Safety Systems

## Pipe and Pipe Fittings

- Piping should be installed above ground and must be well supported and protected against damage.
  - Buried piping requires special protective coating systems and cathodic protection. Buried piping is generally not recommended due to corrosion, settling and difficulty with leak detection. For buried piping considerations, see NFPA 58, Chapter 3 (section 3-2.12)
- Grounding of the piping system is recommended.
- Piping Systems must be properly labeled.



# Storage Tanks, Equipment, & Safety Systems

## Pipe and Pipe Fittings

- Elastomers
  - Hydrocarbons and Hydrofluorocarbons
    - Buna-N, Neoprene and Butyl Rubber acceptable
  - Dimethyl Ether (DME)
    - Teflon® is a suitable plastic sealant
    - Kalrez® and Ethylene Propylene (EP) are the best elastomers for DME service

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Forged Steel  
Sch. 80 Pipe  
and 2000#  
Fittings

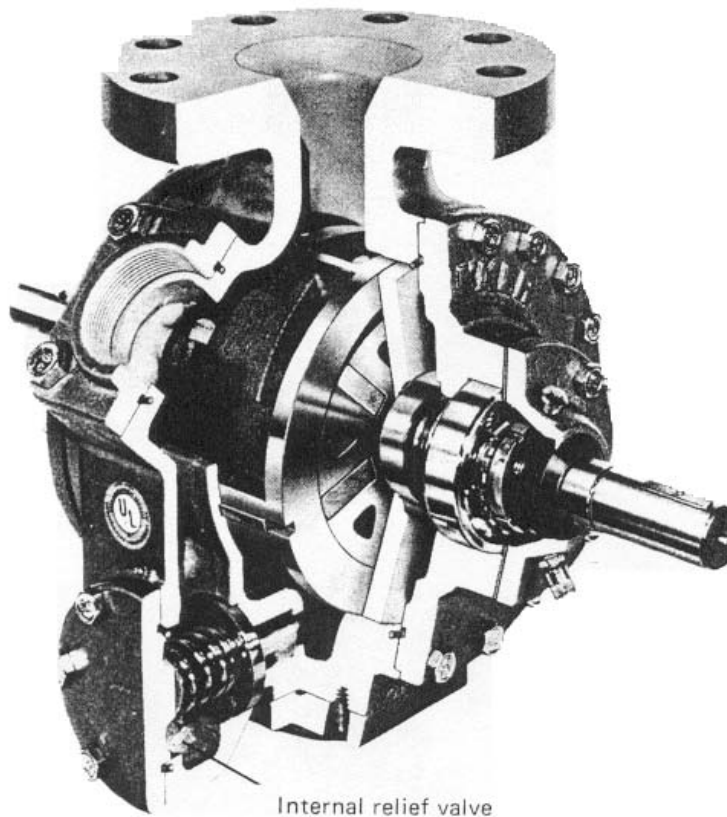




# Storage Tanks, Equipment, & Safety Systems

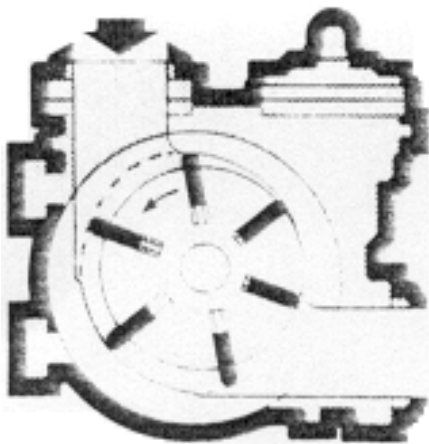
## 2-5.2 Pumps.

**2-5.2.1** Pumps shall be designed for LP-Gas service and may be of rotary, centrifugal, turbine or reciprocating type.

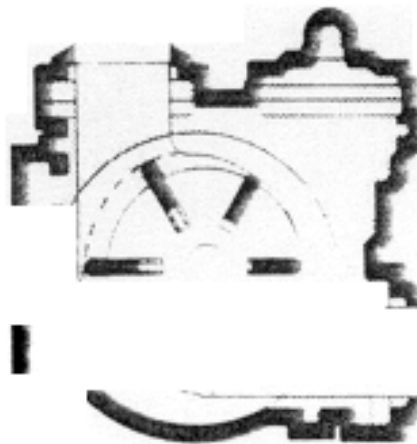


**Figure 2.20(a) Sliding Vane Positive Displacement Pump.**

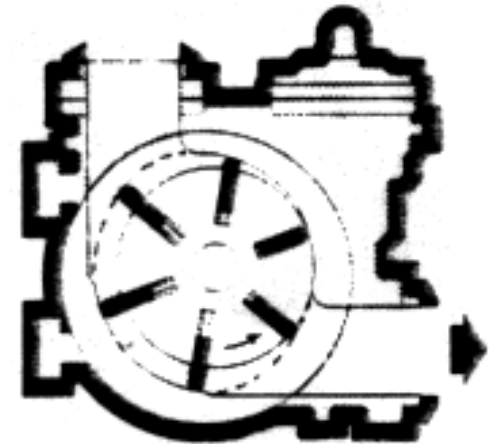
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a. Vanes move out, trapping liquid at the pump inlet.



b. Liquid is transferred toward the outlet between the vanes.

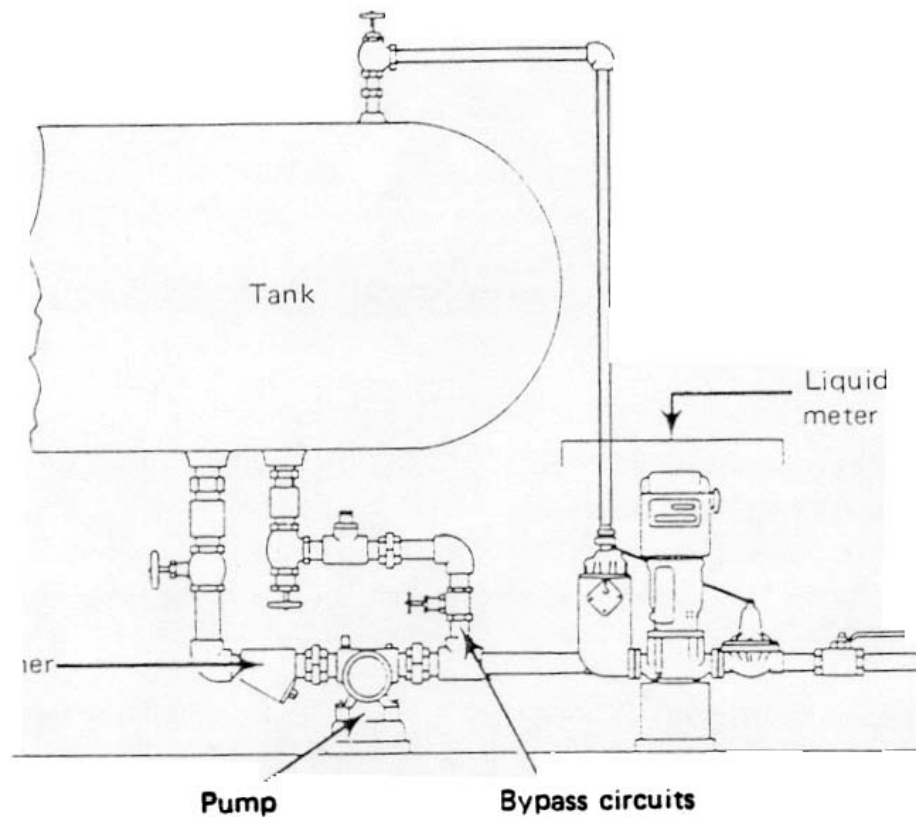


c. As the vanes move back into their slots, liquid is discharged through the outlet.

**Figure 2.20(c) Operation of Sliding Vane Pump.**

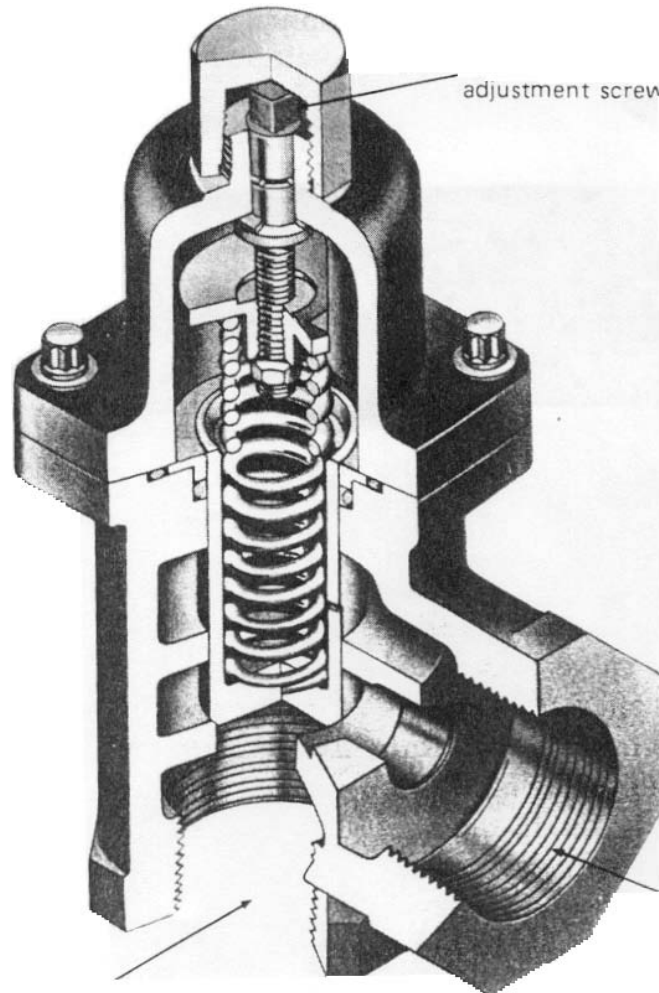
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## INSTALLATION OF LP-GAS SYSTEMS



**Figure 3.11(b) Typical Pump and Meter Installation.**

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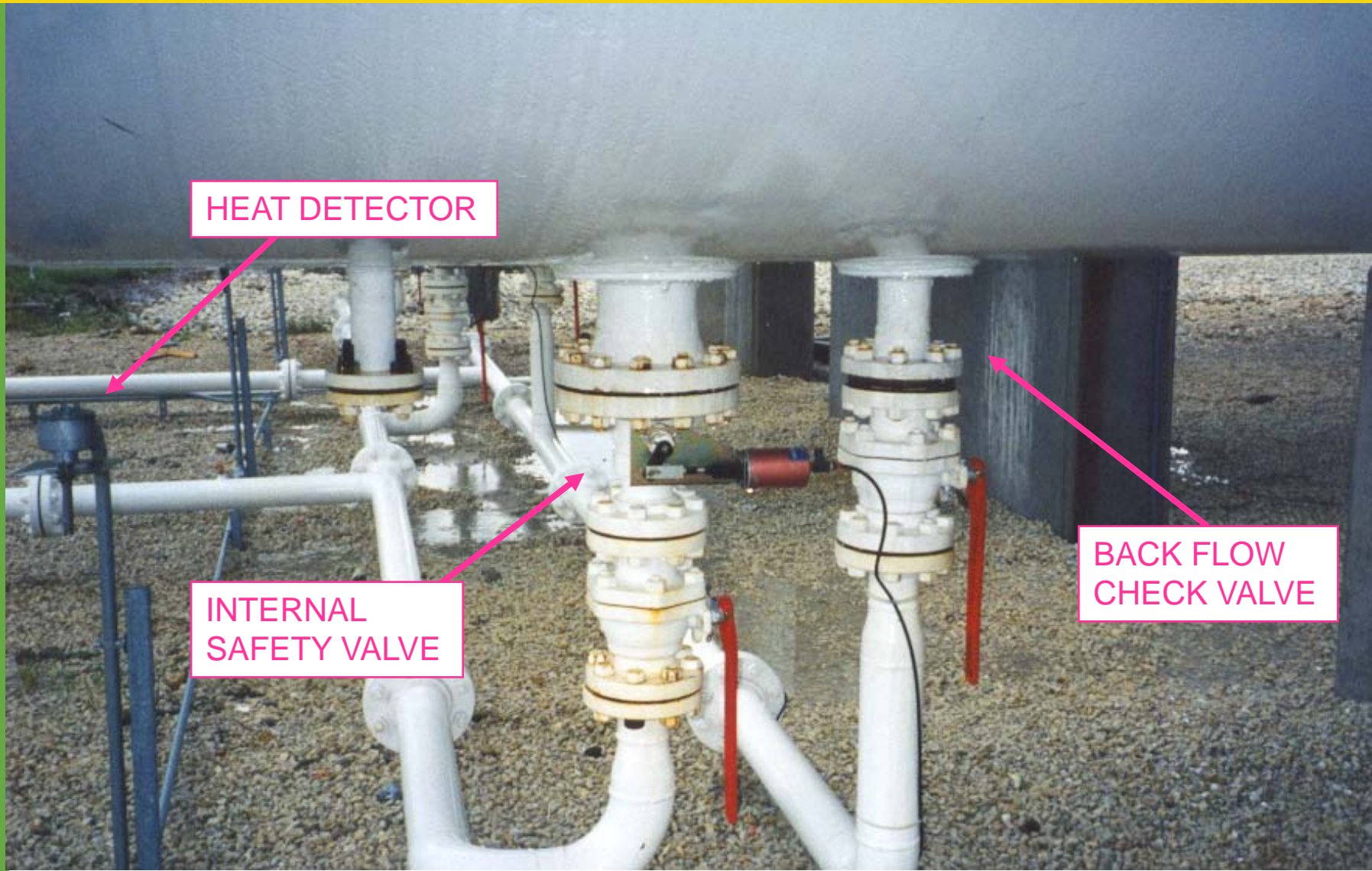
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## Theoretical Maximum Release of Liquefied Flammable Gas

The theoretical maximum release of 3 different hydrocarbon propellants @ 70 °F to the atmosphere through a 0.25" diameter opening has been calculated to be:

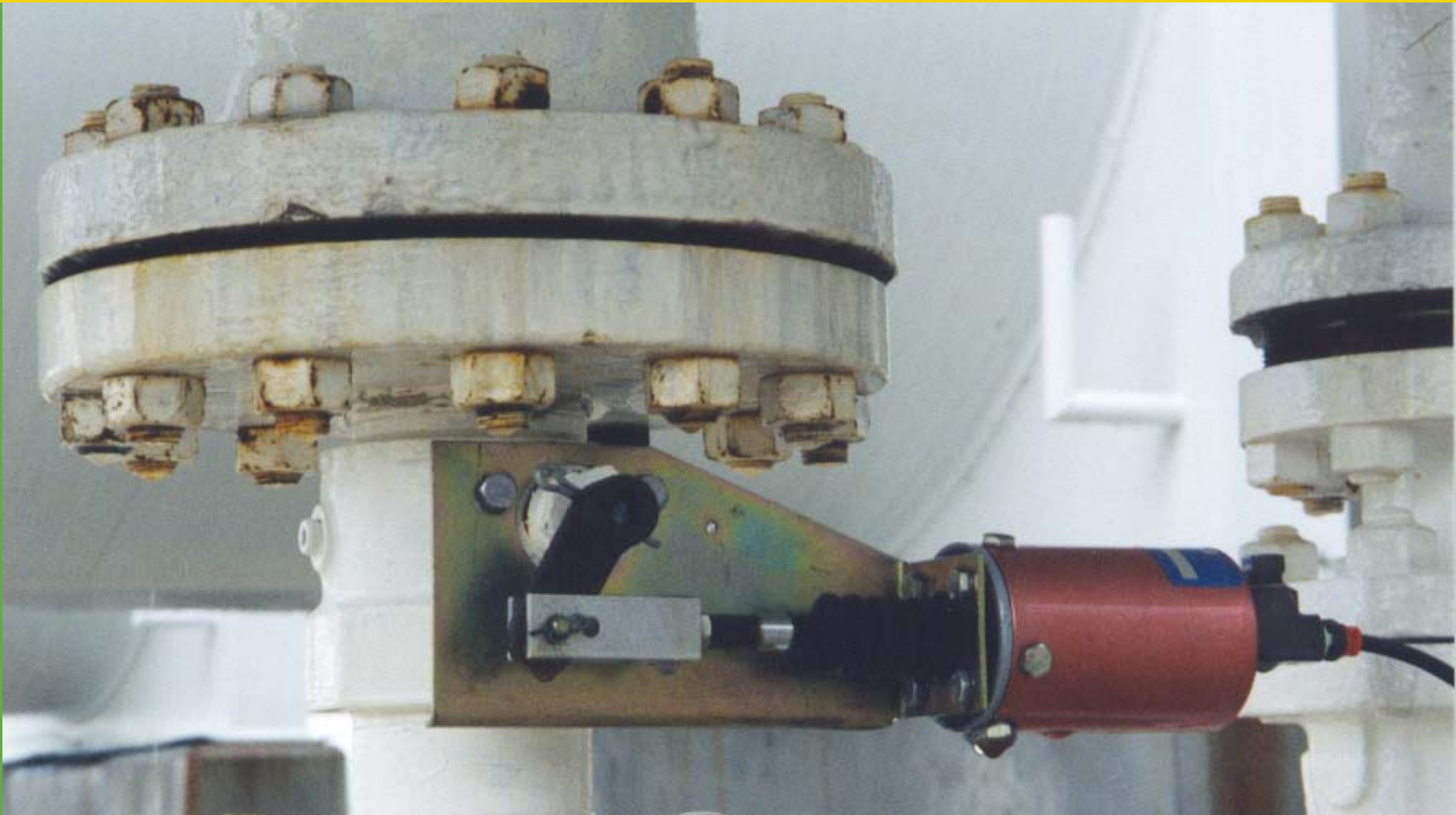
<u>Hydrocarbon</u>	<u>Pressure (psig)</u>	<u>Vapor (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec)</u>	<u>Liquid (gal/min)</u>
P r o p a n e	108	12.20	28.60
I s o b u t a n e	31	5.94	14.39
N - b u t a n e	17	4.66	10.50

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FISHER CONTROLS INTERNAL SAFETY VALVE  
(PNEUMATICALLY ACTUATED)

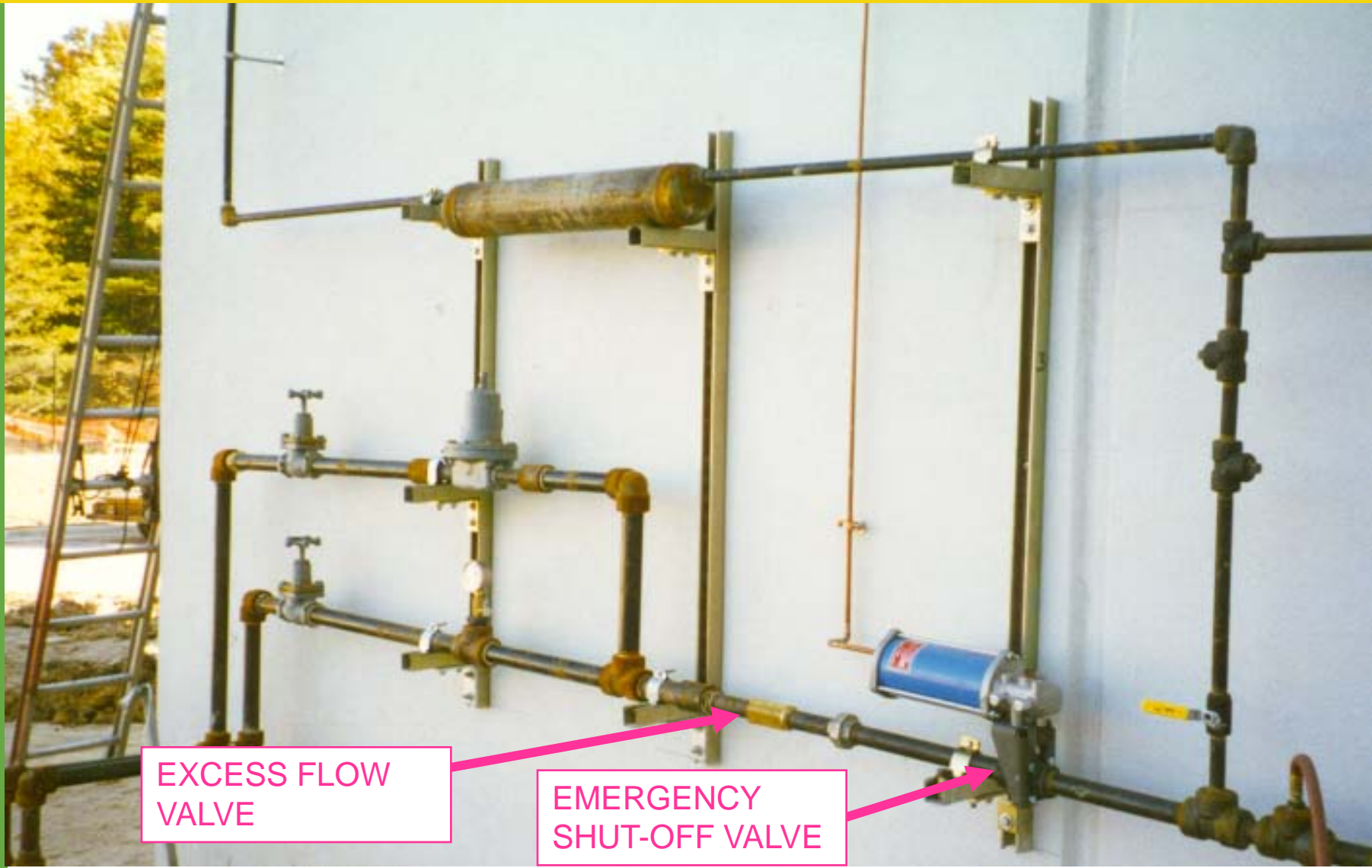


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REMOTE STATION FOR ESVs

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EXCESS FLOW  
VALVE

EMERGENCY  
SHUT-OFF VALVE



# An Introduction to Liquefied Gas Aerosol Propellants

## Fire Protection

# Fire Protection

## Flammability of Common Aerosol Propellants

- LEL and UEL (lower and upper explosive limits) are tabulated below

<u>Propellant</u>	<u>LEL</u>	<u>UEL</u>
Propane	2.2	9.5
Isobutane	1.8	8.4
N-Butane	1.9	8.5
Dimethyl Ether	3.4	18.0
Dymel 152a	3.9	16.9
R 134a	non-flammable	

- Auto ignition temperatures range from 662 °F for DME to 940 °F for Propane.  
(Note: The temperature of an idly burning cigarette is over 1000 °F).



# Fire Protection



# Fire Protection



## **Automatic Detection Systems**



# Automatic Detection Systems

## General Safety Practices

- Unlike LPG used in fuel applications, flammable liquefied gas propellants are **Colorless and Odorless gases**. You cannot smell a gas leak.
- Consideration should be given to installing automatic detection systems such as combustible gas detectors, Infrared flame detectors, and rate-of-rise temperature detectors. These systems can be used to automatically close shut-off valves, activate plant alarm systems, notify emergency personnel and activate fire protection systems in the event of an emergency.



# Automatic Detection Systems



COMBUSTIBLE GAS DETECTORS

# Automatic Detection Systems



## SEARCHLINE 500 Open Path Infrared Hydrocarbon Gas Detector

### BENEFITS:

- Unrivalled open area coverage
- Low maintenance
- Low installation costs
- Impervious to catalytic poisons
- Can operate in gas saturated environments
- No moving parts
- Easier decisions on siting of detectors

Sieger, the world leader in combustible gas detection, presents SEARCHLINE 500 - an intensely practical gas detection system incorporating all the experience of over 30 years in gas detection and of many hundreds of open path installations throughout the world.

SEARCHLINE 500 combines infrared technology with the latest in microprocessor technology to provide a system of hydrocarbon gas detection that is uncomplicated in operation and requires minimal maintenance.

The basis of SEARCHLINE 500 open path gas detection is simple - you are more likely to detect significant leaks of hydrocarbon gases with open monitoring than with any other system of comparable price available today.

Sieger SEARCHLINE 500's innovative technique projects an infrared beam over distances of between 35 and 650 feet, detecting potentially explosive or environmentally harmful leaks of hydrocarbons anywhere in the beam. This is true whether the escaping gas is of a localized high concentration or of a lower concentration over a wider area - either way you need to know about the leak, and either way SEARCHLINE 500 will provide an alarm.

Sieger SEARCHLINE 500 units are available approved and certified to North American CSA and UL standards. SEARCHLINE 500 offers a 4-20 mA signal output which is compatible with standard PLC or DCS systems. The output is also compatible with a variety of Sieger control equipment.

Quality assurance is assessed to ISO 9001, and is backed by a most committed worldwide sales and service organization, itself assessed where appropriate to ISO 9002.



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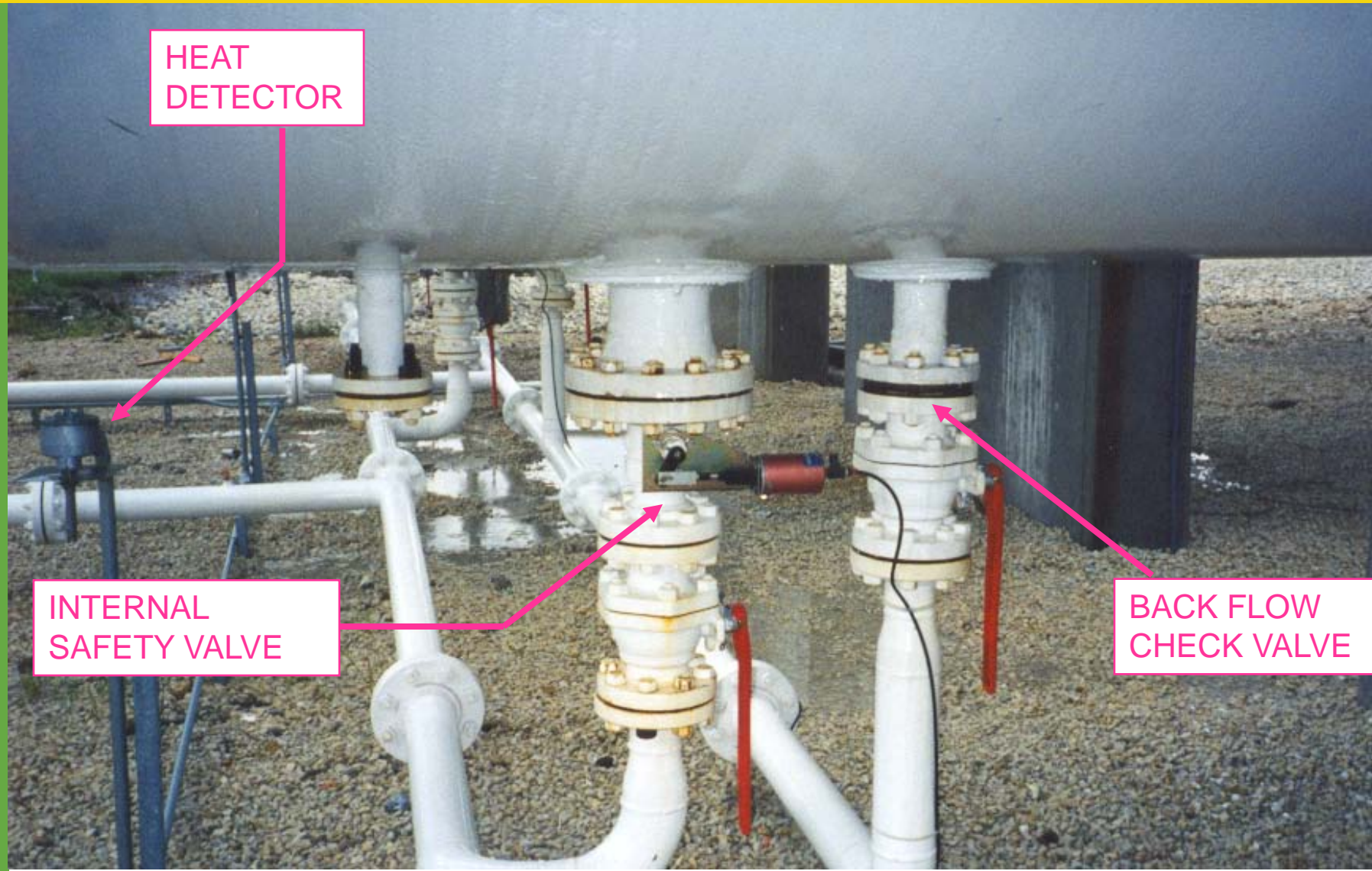
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RATE OF RISE HEAT DETECTOR

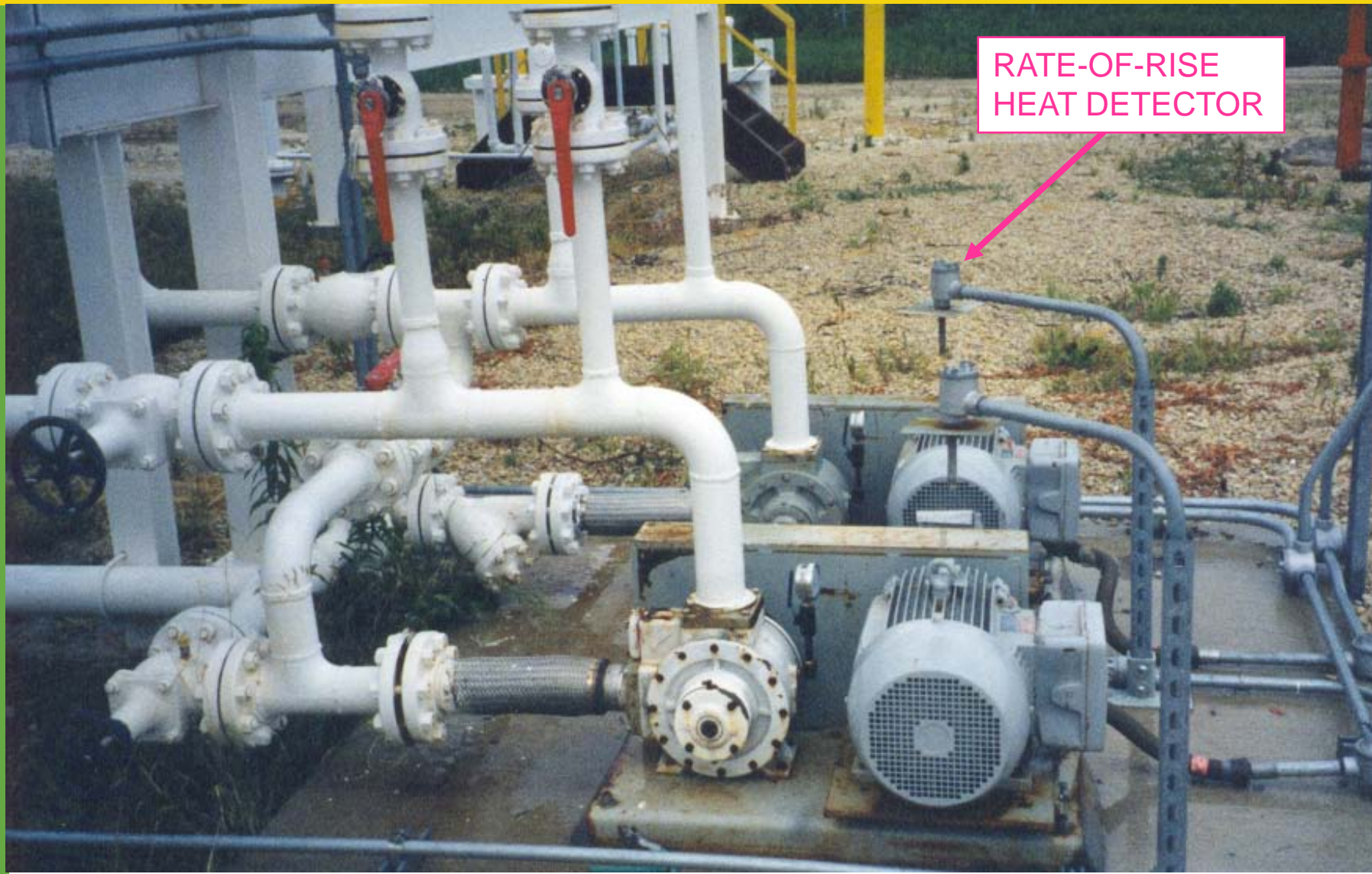


# Automatic Detection Systems





# Automatic Detection Systems



RATE-OF-RISE  
HEAT DETECTOR

# Automatic Detection Systems



IR FLAME DETECTOR



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## **Fire Protection Water Deluge Systems**



# Water Deluge Systems





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# Water Deluge Systems

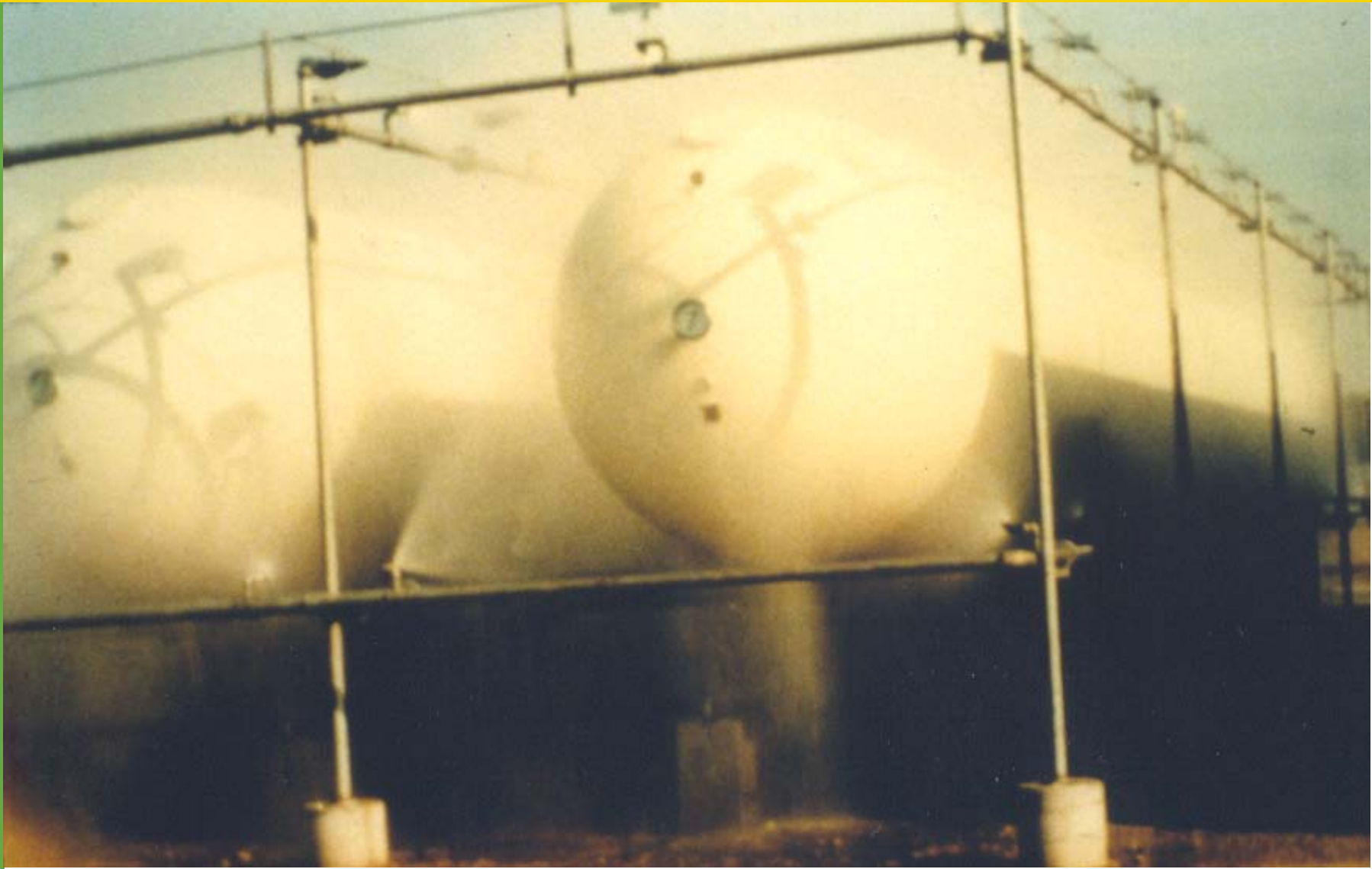


# Water Deluge Systems





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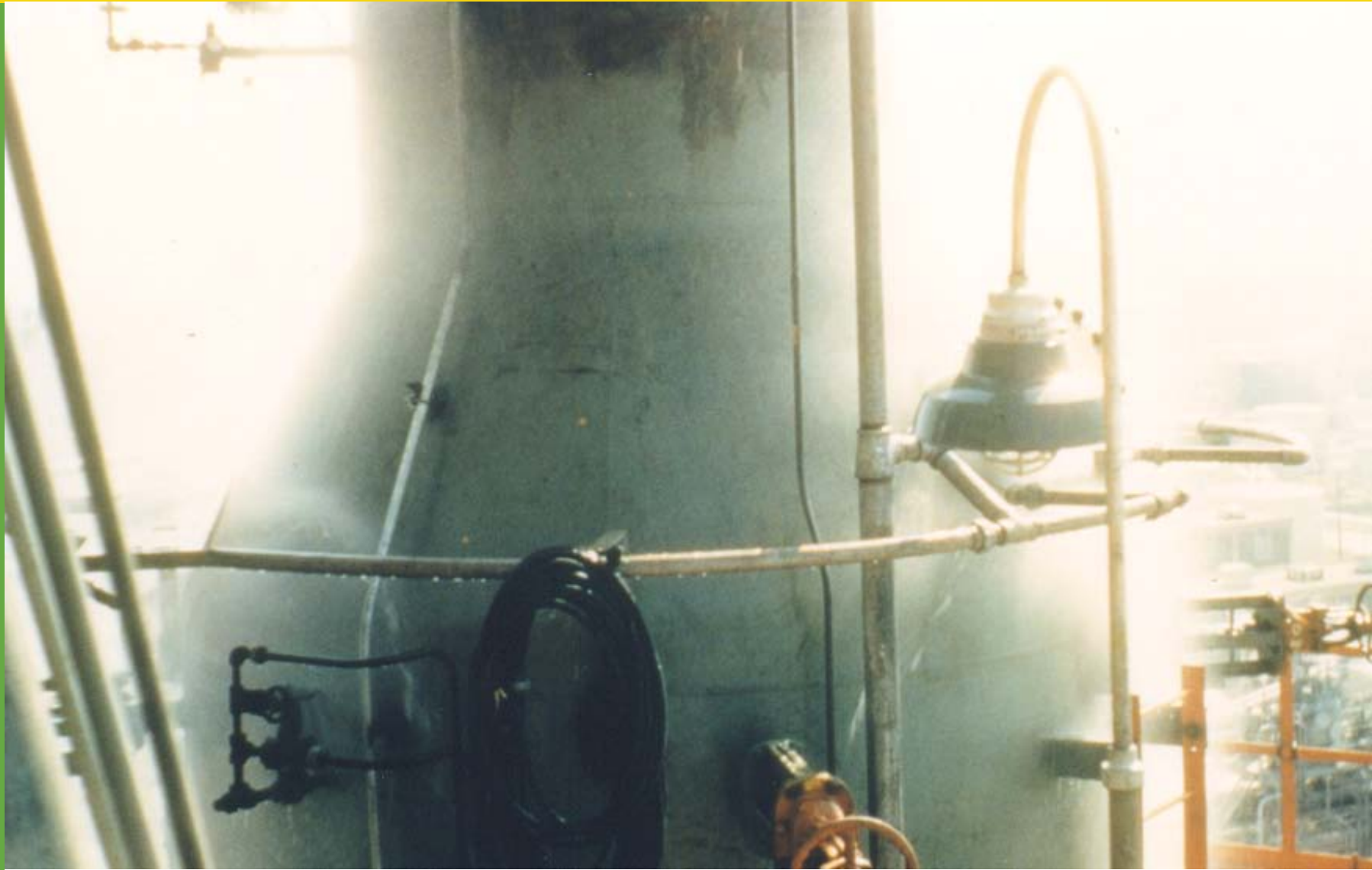


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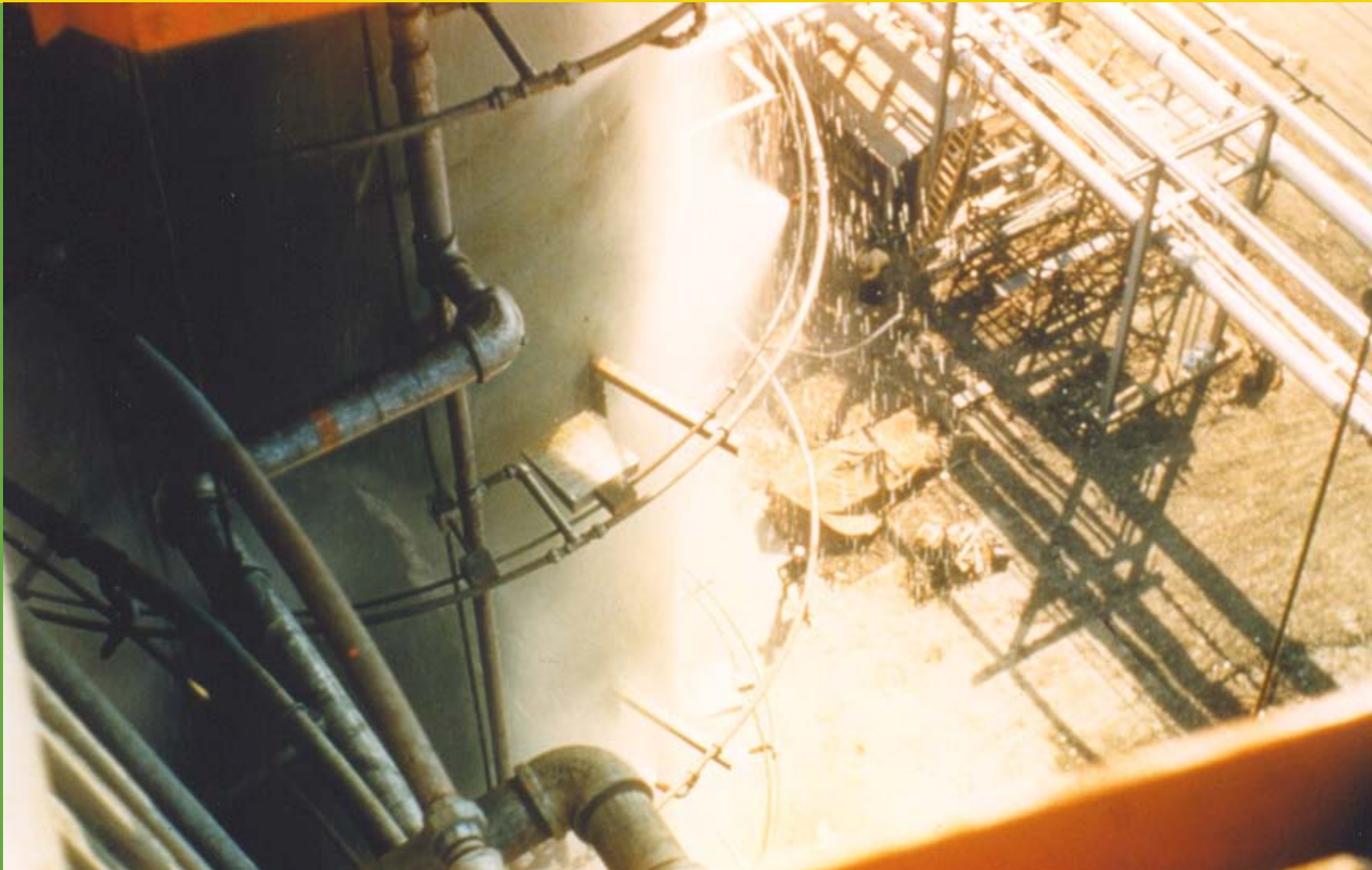




# Water Deluge Systems



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## **Fire Protection Water Cannons / Monitor Nozzles**



# Water Cannons / Monitor Nozzles

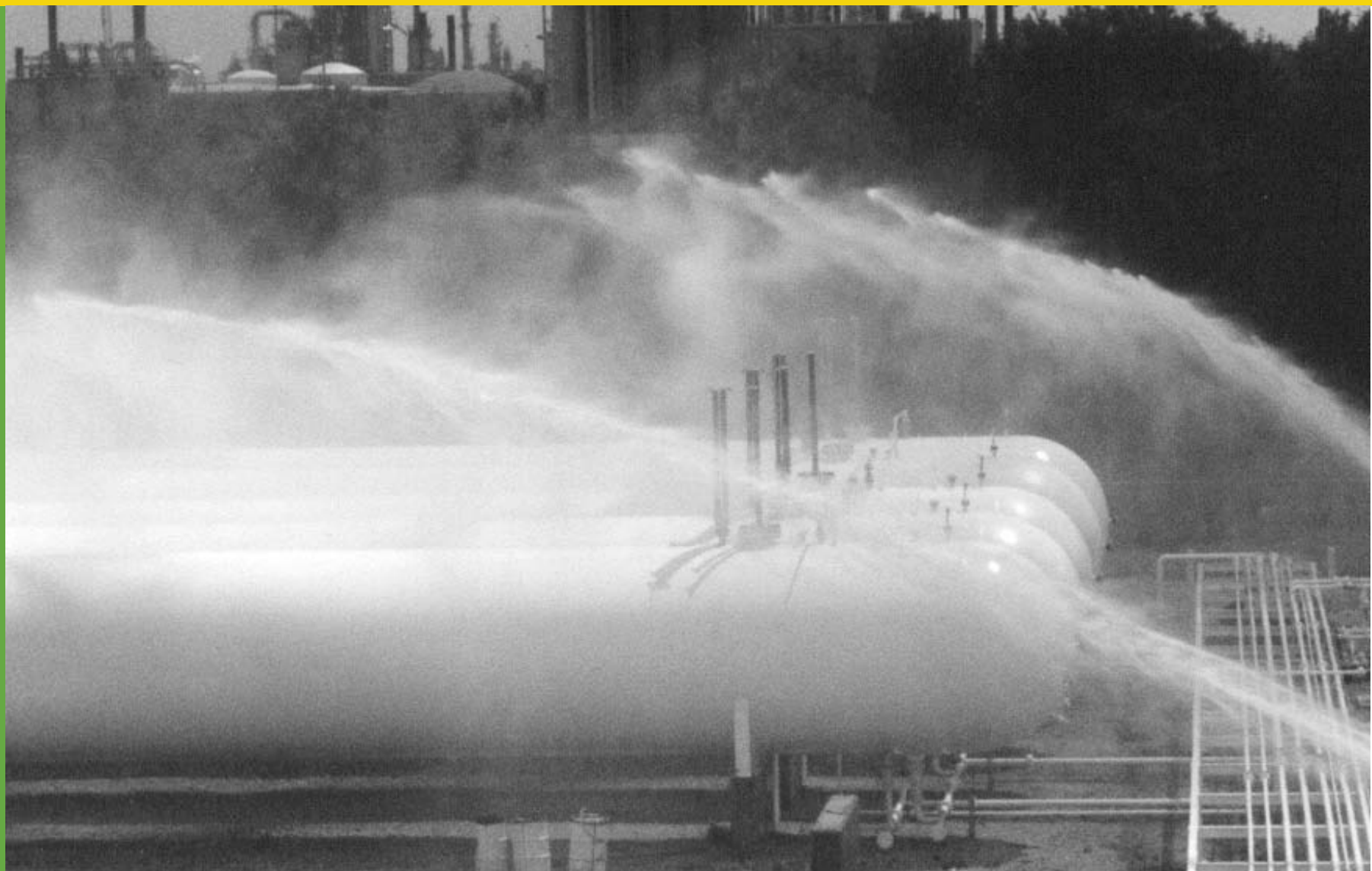


# Water Cannons / Monitor Nozzles





# Water Cannons / Monitor Nozzles



# Water Cannons / Monitor Nozzles





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## **Fire Protection Insulation**



# Fire Protection - Insulation





# Fire Protection - Insulation



# Fire Protection - Insulation





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## **Fire Protection Mounded Storage**

# Mounded Storage





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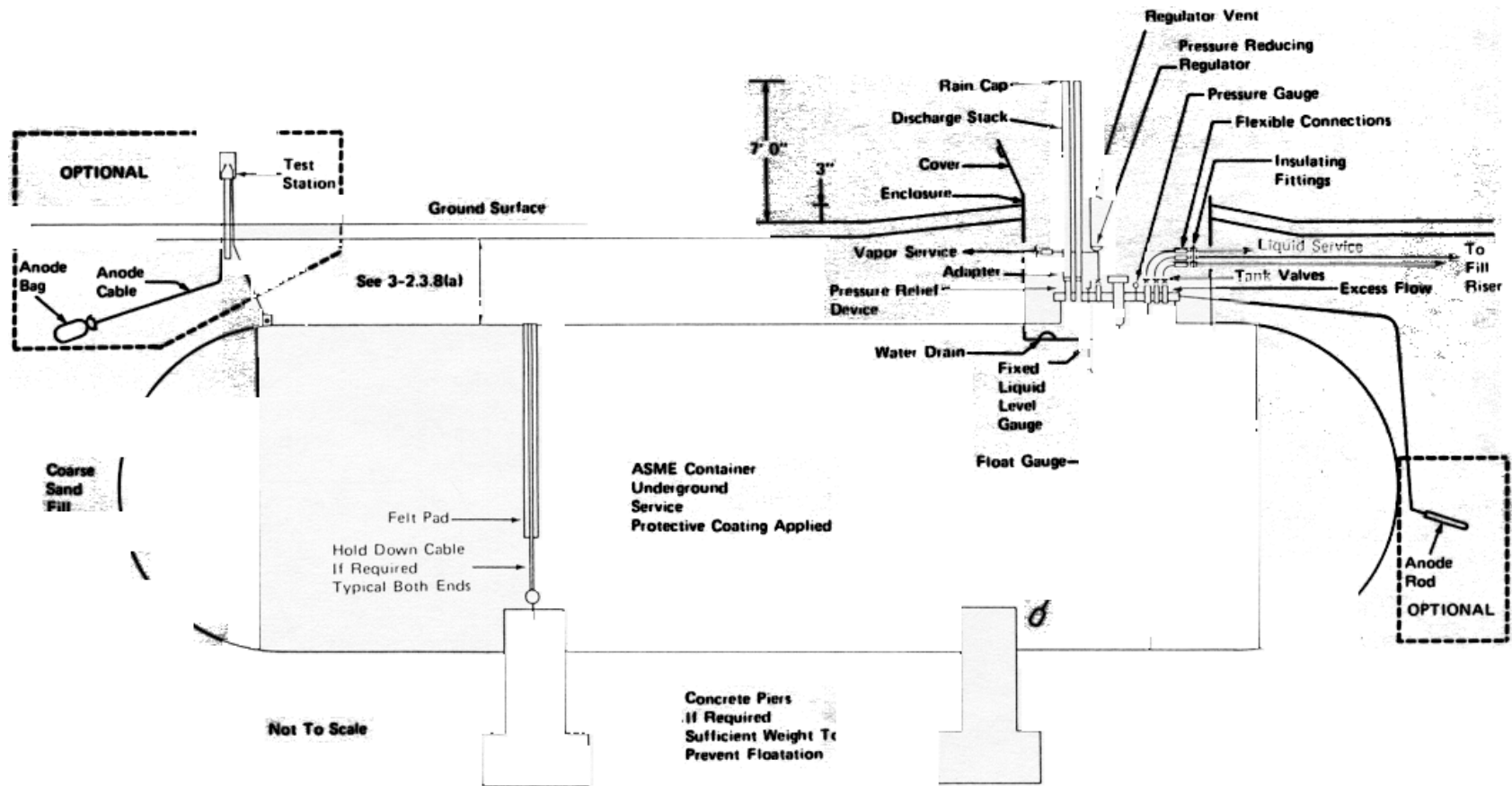


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## **Fire Protection Underground Storage**

# Underground Storage



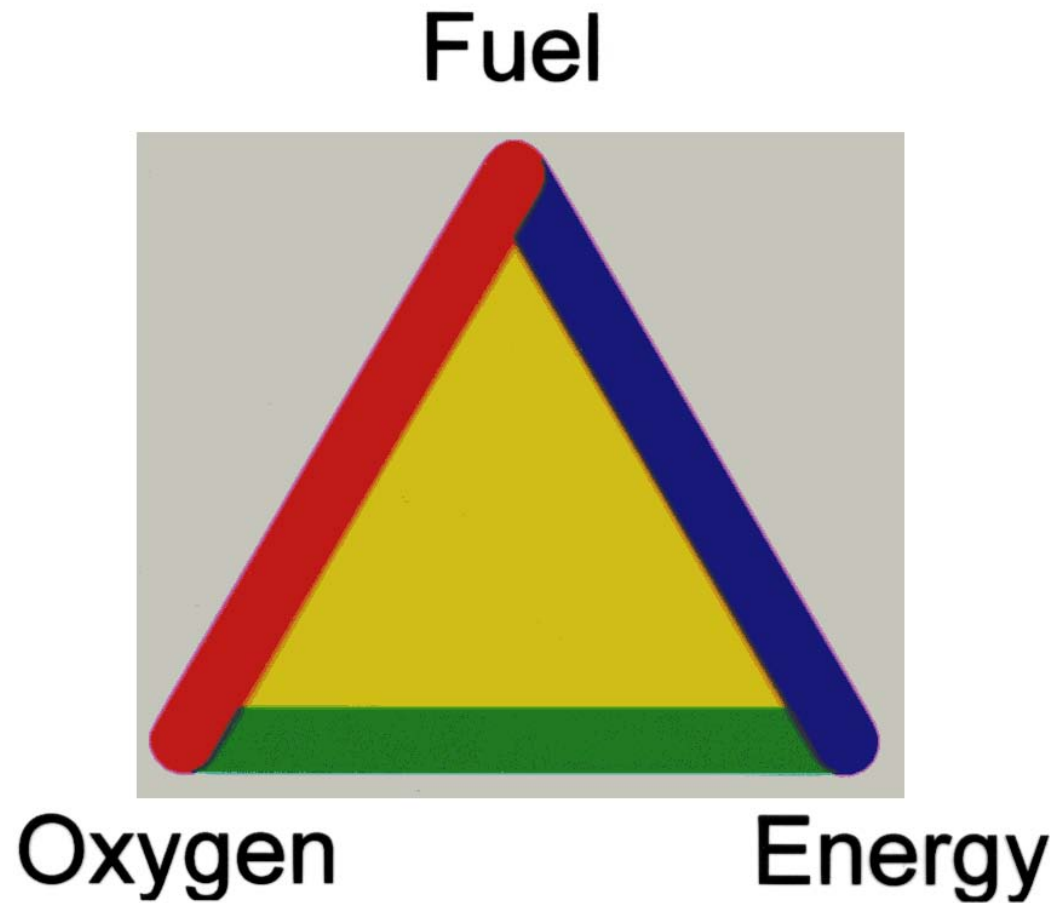
**Figure 3.5(a) Typical Large ASME Container Underground Installation. Cathodic protection is not always needed.**



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## **Propellant Tank Farm Safety General**

# Propellant Tank Farm Safety



The Fire Triangle





# Propellant Tank Farm Safety

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## Codes and Safety Guides

- NFPA 58: LP Gas Code
- NFPA 30B: Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products
- CSMA Publication:  
“Hydrocarbon, Dimethyl Ether  
and other Propellants:  
Considerations for Effective  
Handling in the Aerosol Plant and  
Laboratory”  
(new edition published in 1999)

# Propellant Tank Farm Safety



## **Aerosol Propellants:**

**Considerations for  
Effective Handling in  
the Aerosol Plant  
and Laboratory**

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# Propellant Tank Farm Safety

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## Safety Issues with Flammable Liquefied Gas Propellants

- Flammable
- Liquefied Gas
- Sudden Release of Pressure
- Low Boiling Points
- Expansion Ratio
- Heavier than Air
- Vapors are Colorless and Odorless
- BLEVE



# Propellant Tank Farm Safety

## General Safety Practices

- **Proper Pressure Ratings for Storage Tanks and Equipment**
- **Storage Tanks must be fitted with safety relief valves set to discharge at container design pressure**
- **Storage Tanks must have liquid level, pressure and temperature gauges**
- **Container openings for Liquid and Vapor service must be fitted with excess flow or backflow check valves as appropriate**





# Propellant Tank Farm Safety

## General Safety Practices

- Hydrostatic relief valves must be present between isolation valves where liquid could be trapped in the piping.
- There must be emergency shut-off valves and protective bulkheads at transport loading and unloading stations.
- At least one 20 lb. BC type portable fire extinguisher should be located at the storage area.
- Adequate Fire Protection must be provided for storage tanks.



# Propellant Tank Farm Safety

## General Safety Practices

- Electrical Equipment and connections must be explosion proof (NEC Class I, Division I or II, Groups C & D). Note: Group D for Hydrocarbon propellants and HFCs; Group C for Dimethyl Ether (DME).
- There must be adequate clearances between propellant storage containers, other groups of storage containers, buildings, and flammable liquid storage areas. See NFPA 58 for details.
- Security Fencing with at least two separate access gates should be present around storage tanks or around the entire facility.



# Propellant Tank Farm Safety

## General Safety Practices

- Consideration should be given to installing automatic detection systems such as **combustible gas detectors, Infrared flame detectors, and rate-of-rise temperature detectors**. These systems can be used to automatically close shut-off valves, activate plant alarm systems, notify emergency personnel and activate fire protection systems in the event of an emergency.



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## Regulations





# Regulations

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## Environmental, Health, & Safety Issues

- Title V - Clean Air Act Operating Permits
- OSHA PSM - Process Safety Management
- EPA RMP - Risk Management/Worst Case Scenario
- Yearly Emission Reporting
- Right-to-Know Reporting
- Employee Training

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**Questions**



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