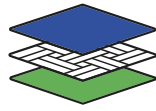


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Design for the Packed Tower *Sample Design*

Fabricated By:

Project Reference #Sample
Revision 0

Quantity: (1) Required

Designation Number:

End User:

Installation Location:

Project Specifications:

Governing Standards:

Vessel Contents:

(S.G. = $s_{gpr} = 1.25$ max.)

M.A.W.P.

$P_i = 0\text{-psi(g)}$ (internal) at $T_{min} = 10\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$ to $T_{max} = 180\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$

M.A.E.W.P.

$P_e = 25\text{-inWC(g)}$ (external) at $T_{min} = 10\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$ to $T_{max} = 180\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$



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Design Notes

1. Material Selections and corrosion barrier requirements are by others.
2. Details in design may not be to scale.
3. FRP thicknesses are Type II and include non-structural FRP corrosion barriers, unless noted otherwise.
4. Anchorage requirements are by others.
5. Cast-in-place anchors are not recommended.
6. See installation requirements in support lug and lift lug designs.
7. Components are not designed for loads resulting from excessive process conditions, unless noted otherwise (e.g., impact loads, significant turbulence, vortexing). Vessels should be filled and emptied in a steady flow state that does not result in significant loads on components.
8. It is the end user's responsibility to ensure the vessel does not experience conditions more extreme than what is summarized in the Design Conditions section.
9. Lift lugs are not allowed to be used with internals installed (e.g., Demister, Packing, Brick).

Material Selections

Thermoplastic Liner: None
FRP Corrosion Barrier
- Resin: Derakane 470
- Cure: CoNap / MEKP or CHP
FRP Structural
- Resin: Derakane 470
- Cure: CoNap / MEKP or CHP
Support System: FRP
Lift Lugs: FRP
Gaskets: Full Face, EPDM

Nomenclature

Veils

$V_e \equiv 0.010\text{-in} - \text{C-Veil}$; $C_v \equiv 0.010\text{-in} - \text{Carbon Veil}$; $N_e \equiv 0.015\text{-in} - \text{Synthetic Veil (Nexus)}$

Chopped Fibers

$Mat \equiv 0.040\text{-in} - 1.5\text{ oz./sq.ft Mat}$; $Z \equiv 0.020\text{-in} - 3/4\text{ oz./sq.ft Mat}$; $CS \equiv 0.001\text{-in} - 1\text{mil Chopped Roving (Chopper Gun)}$

Woven/Stitched Fibers

$WR \equiv 0.032\text{-in} - 24\text{ oz./sq.yrd Woven Roving}$

FRP corrosion barrier
thickness....
 $t_{cbf} \equiv 2 \cdot V_e + 3 \cdot Mat = 0.14\text{ in}$

Portion of FRP corrosion barrier thickness
NOT included in structural calculations:
 $t_{cbn} \equiv t_{cbf} = 0.14\text{ in}$

Exterior FRP corrosion barrier thickness
NOT included in structural calculations:
 $t_{cbe} \equiv V_e = 0.01\text{ in}$

Design Conditions

Density of water....
 $\rho_w = 62.4 \cdot \text{pcf}$

Unit definition for
 inches of water column....
 $1 \text{ inWC} = 0.0361 \cdot \text{psi}$

Vessel Contents

Contents
 specific gravity....
 $sg_{pr} = 1.25$

Density of contents....
 $\rho_{pr} = \rho_w \cdot sg_{pr} = 78 \cdot \text{pcf}$

Packing maximum
 density....
 $\rho_{pk} = 25 \cdot \text{pcf}$

Design Pressure

Internal....
 $P_i = 0.0001 \cdot \text{psi}$

External....
 $P_e = 25 \cdot \text{inWC} = 0.903 \text{ psi}$

Design Factors

Operating
 loads....
 $f_o = 10$

Temporary
 loads....
 $f_t = 5$

Elastic
 stability....
 $f_v = 5$

Design Temperature

Minimum design
 temperature....
 $T_{min} = {}^\circ\text{F}(10) = 10 \cdot {}^\circ\text{F}$

Maximum design
 temperature....
 $T_{max} = {}^\circ\text{F}(180) = 180 \cdot {}^\circ\text{F}$

Top Head Loads

Operating

Localized
 vertical Load....
 $F_{v0} = 0 \cdot \text{lbf}$

Radius of
 vertical load....
 $r_{v0} = 6 \cdot \text{in}$

Uniform
 Live Load....
 $P_l = 10 \cdot \text{psf}$

Moment at top....
 $M_a = 0 \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \text{lbf}$

Torque....
 $T_a = 0 \cdot \text{in} \cdot \text{lbf}$

Temporary

Localized
 vertical Load....
 $F_{v1} = 500 \cdot \text{lbf}$

Radius of
 vertical load....
 $r_{v1} = 6 \cdot \text{in}$

Moment at top....
 $M_b = 0 \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \text{lbf}$

Environmental Loads per ASCE 7-16, Chapter 15 - Nonbuilding Structures

Risk Category....
 (Table 1.5-1)
 $RC = \text{"IV"}$

Wind

Basic wind speed....
 (Figure 26.5-1)
 $v_w = 120 \cdot \text{mph}$

Exposure category....
 (Section 26.7.3)
 $C_e = \text{"C"}$

Wind direction factor....
 (Table 26.6-1)
 $K_d = 0.95$

Topographical factor....
 (Section 26.8.2)
 $K_{zt} = 1.0$

Gust factor....
 (Section 26.11.1)
 $G_f = 0.85$

Seismic

0.2 second spectral
 response acceleration....
 (Figure 22-1)
 $S_s = 0.065$

1.0 second spectral
 response acceleration....
 (Figure 22-2)
 $S_1 = 0.039$

Site Class....
 (Section 11.4.2)
 $SC = \text{"D"}$

Long-period
 transition period....
 (Figure 22-14)
 $T_L = 12 \cdot \text{sec}$

Snow

Ground snow load....
 (Fig. 7-1)
 $P_g = 0 \cdot \text{psf}$

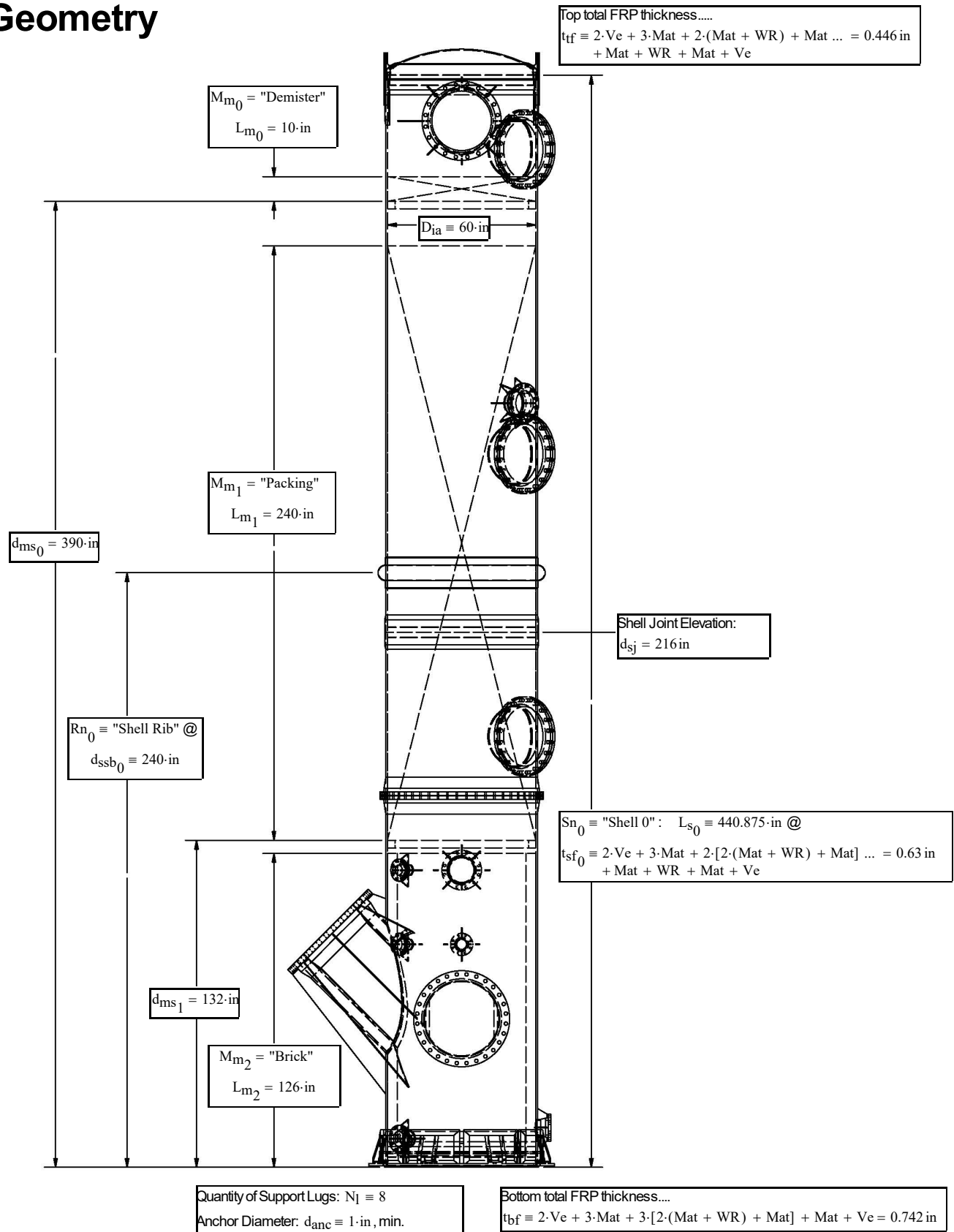
Exposure factor....
 (Table 7-2)
 $C_E = 0.9$

Thermal factor....
 (Table 7-3)
 $C_T = 1.2$

External Flooding

Height above
 support line....
 $h_b = 0 \cdot \text{in}$

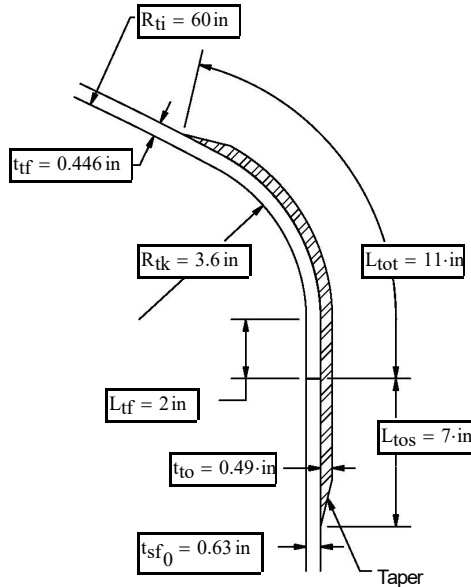
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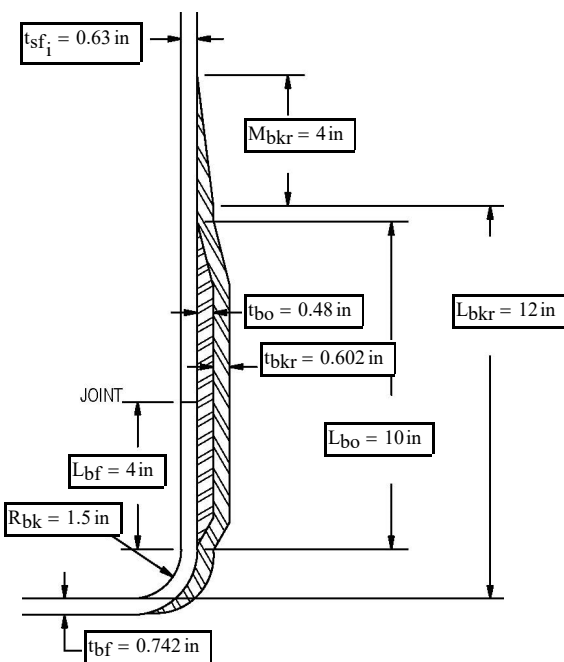
Fabrication Details

Internal Corrosion Barrier Overlay:
 $t_{cbo} = 0.14 \text{ in} \times w_{cbf} \approx 6 \cdot \text{in}$ wide (centered at joint)

Top Head to Shell



Flat Bottom to Shell



Taper ratio....

$TPR_r \approx 4:1$

(Length : Thickness)

Taper angle with component....

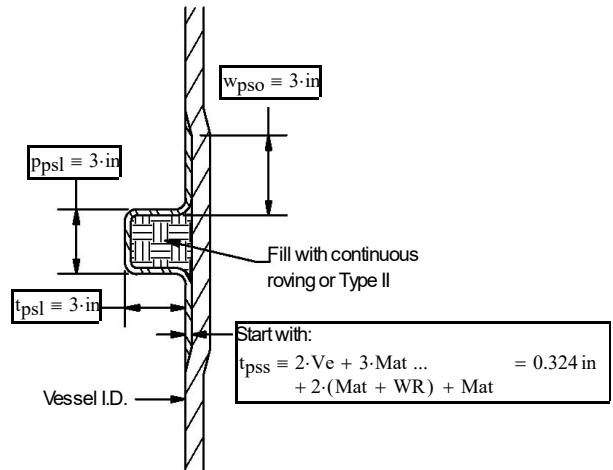
$TPR_a = 14.036 \cdot \text{deg}$

Head Shapes

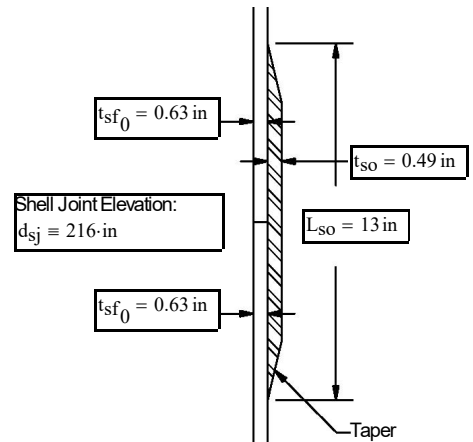
Top: $T_t \approx \text{"ASME F\&D"}$

Bottom: $T_b \approx \text{"Flat"}$

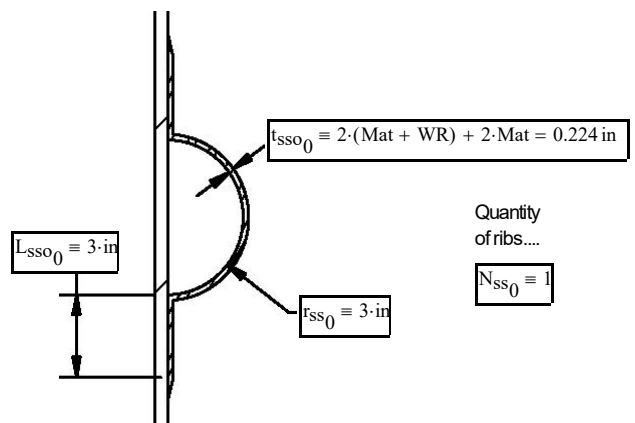
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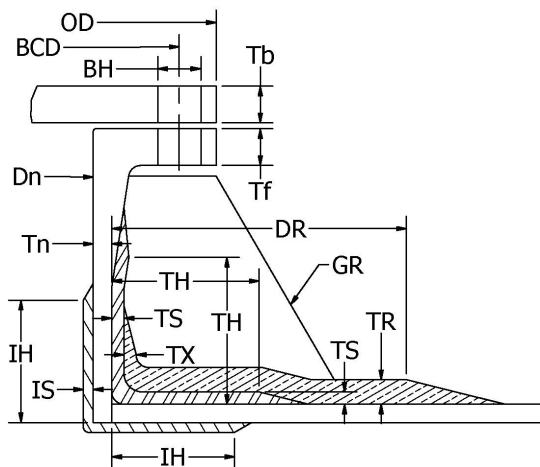
Shell to Shell



Shell Rib



Nozzle Installations & Cutout Reinforcements



*Units: inches

Nomenclature

Mk:	Designation
Dn:	Chord length of cutout in the hoop direction and accounting for offset installations
EL:	Installation elevation from bottom tangent
Tn:	Neck thickness
TS:	Attachment overlay thickness
TH:	External Installation length
IS:	Internal installation thickness
IH:	Internal installation length
TR:	Reinforcement pad thickness
TX:	Reinforcement base thickness
DR:	Reinforcement pad length
GR:	Gusset requirement
N/R:	Not required

	"Mk"	"Dn"	"EL"	"Tn"	"TS"	"TH"	"TR"	"TX"	"DR"	"IS"	"IH"	"GR"
NS =	"A"	36	96	0.69	0.7	6	0.94	0.47	18	0.69	3	"8 HD Plates"
	"B1"	10	120	0.38	0.33	3	0.69	0.345	5	0.14	3	"8 HD Plates"
	"D"	6	16	0.38	0.33	3	0.49	0.245	3	0.14	3	"Required"
	"H1"	30	60	0.375	0.385	4	0.49	0.245	15	0.375	3	"None"
	"K"	4	120	0.31	0.27	3	0.33	0.165	3	0.14	3	"Required"
	"L"	4	120	0.31	0.27	3	0.33	0.165	3	0.14	3	"Required"
	"P"	6	11.5	0.38	0.33	3	0.49	0.245	3	0.14	3	"Required"
	"R"	4	90	0.31	0.27	3	0.33	0.165	3	0.14	3	"Required"
	"T (new)"	4	90	0.31	0.27	3	0.33	0.165	3	0.14	3	"Required"
	"B2"	10	308.5	0.38	0.33	3	0.51	0.255	5	0.14	3	"8 HD Plates"
	"C"	24	422.5	0.69	0.37	3	0.51	0.255	12	0.14	3	"8 HD Plates"
	"H2"	24	174	0.375	0.32	3	0.49	0.245	12	0.14	3	"None"
	"H3"	24	288	0.375	0.32	3	0.49	0.245	12	0.14	3	"None"
	"H5"	24	411	0.375	0.32	3	0.49	0.245	12	0.14	3	"None"

Heavy Duty Plate Gussets (HD):

Start with:

$$t_{ps} \equiv 2 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.368 \text{ in}$$

Attach with:

$$t_{po} \equiv 2 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.368 \text{ in}$$

$$\times w_{po} \equiv 3 \cdot \text{in, each way.}$$

Weights & Capacities

Empty weight...

$$W_{ve} = 4456.468 \cdot \text{lbf}$$

*Empty weight does not include the demister, packing, and brick.
Lift lugs are not allowed to be used after items are installed.

Operating

Contents height above
bottom tangent...

$$H_{po} = 96 \cdot \text{in}$$

Capacity...

$$V_{vo} = 1165.955 \cdot \text{gal}$$

Weight of vessel with product + miscellaneous
items supported by vessel...

$$W_{vo} = 44431.457 \cdot \text{lbf}$$

Miscellaneous items....

$$\text{MiscI} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{"Demister"} & 1000 \\ \text{"Packing"} & 9817.477 \\ \text{"Brick"} & 17000 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{lbf}$$

Design

Contents height above
bottom tangent...

$$H_{pd} = \sum L_s = 440.875 \cdot \text{in}$$

Capacity...

$$V_{vd} = 5387.215 \cdot \text{gal}$$

Weight of vessel with product...

$$W_{vd} = 60629.411 \cdot \text{lbf}$$

Weight of vessel with water...

$$W_{vw} = 49394.823 \cdot \text{lbf}$$

Loads Acting on Support System

1. Units are in pounds ($u_f = \text{lbf}$), and foot-pounds ($u_m = \text{ft}\cdot\text{lbf}$), unless noted otherwise.

Unfactored Loads

SSL =	"Load"	"Shear"	"Moment"	"Uplift"
	"Dead (Min.)"	0	0	-4309
	"Dead (Max.)"	0	0	-32126
	"Dead (Operating)"	0	0	-15126
	"Live"	0	0	1
	"Wind"	4812	86935	878
	"Seismic"	1467	15209	394
	"Flooding"	0	0	0

Load Combinations (Factored)

1. Load combinations are provided as a courtesy and may not be properly factored to design items outside of the scope of this design. Load combinations used to design structures, foundations, anchorage and other items associated with this equipment should be determined by the engineer responsible for the respective design.
2. Loads have been factored and combined per ASCE 7.
3. Loads do not include seismic overstrength factor.

for Strength Design (LRFD)

Combined Loads on Support System

AN2.3 =	"Load Case"	"Shear"	"Moment"	"Uplift"
	"Live"	0	0	0
	"Wind"	4812	86935	0
	"Seismic"	1467	15209	0
	"Flooding"	0	0	0

Governing Loads Resisted by One Lug

Lug2.3 =	"Load Case"	"Shear"	"Uplift"
	"Live"	0	0
	"Wind"	602	8109
	"Seismic"	184	0
	"Flooding"	0	0

for Allowable Stress Design (ASD)

Combined Loads on Support System

AN2.4 =	"Load Case"	"Shear"	"Moment"	"Uplift"
	"Live"	0	0	0
	"Wind"	2887	52161	0
	"Seismic"	1027	10646	0
	"Flooding"	0	0	0

Governing Loads Resisted by One Lug

Lug2.4 =	"Load Case"	"Shear"	"Uplift"
	"Live"	0	0
	"Wind"	361	4833
	"Seismic"	129	0
	"Flooding"	0	0

Base Hold Down - Single Ring

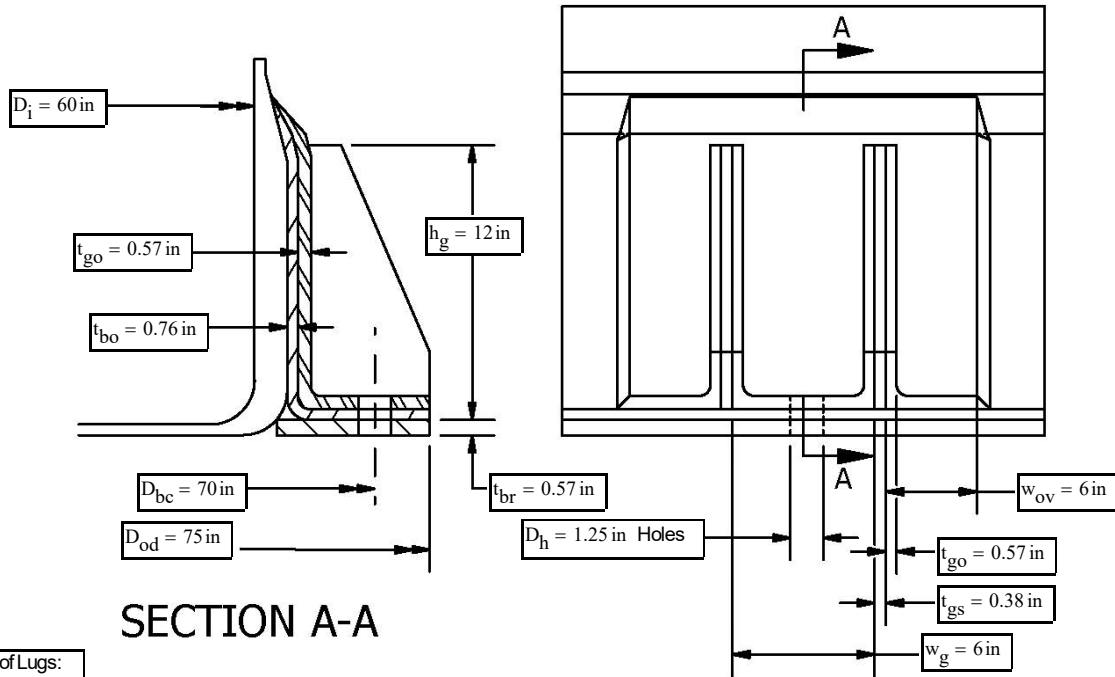
Notes:

1. Anchors & foundation designs by others.
2. Fill with grout under baseplate after vessel is filled.
3. Hand tighten nut + 1/4 turn after installation.
- Nuts may need re-tightening after vessel is put into service.
4. Thicknesses are Type II unless noted otherwise

Nomenclature

Mat = 0.040 · in - 1.5 oz./sq.ft Mat

WR = 0.035 · in - 24 oz./sq.yrd Woven Roving



SECTION A-A

Number of Lugs:
 $N_{lug} = 8$

Base thickness....

$$t_{br} = 3 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.57 \text{ in}$$

Gusset starter
plate thickness....

$$t_{gs} = 2 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.38 \text{ in}$$

Base outside overlay....

$$t_{bo} = 4 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.76 \text{ in}$$

Gusset overlay
thickness....

$$t_{go} = 3 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.57 \text{ in}$$

Ring total
thickness....

$$t_r = 1.33 \text{ in}$$

Gusset total
thickness....

$$t_g = 1.52 \text{ in}$$

Gusset overlay
width....

$$w_{ov} = 6 \text{ in}$$

Bolt circle
diameter....

$$D_{bc} = 70 \text{ in (max)}$$

Base OD....

$$D_{od} = D_{bc} + 5 \text{ in} = 75 \text{ in}$$

Gusset height....

$$h_g = 12 \text{ in}$$

Gusset width....

$$w_g = 6 \text{ in}$$

Anchor hole
diameter....

$$D_h = 1.25 \text{ in}$$

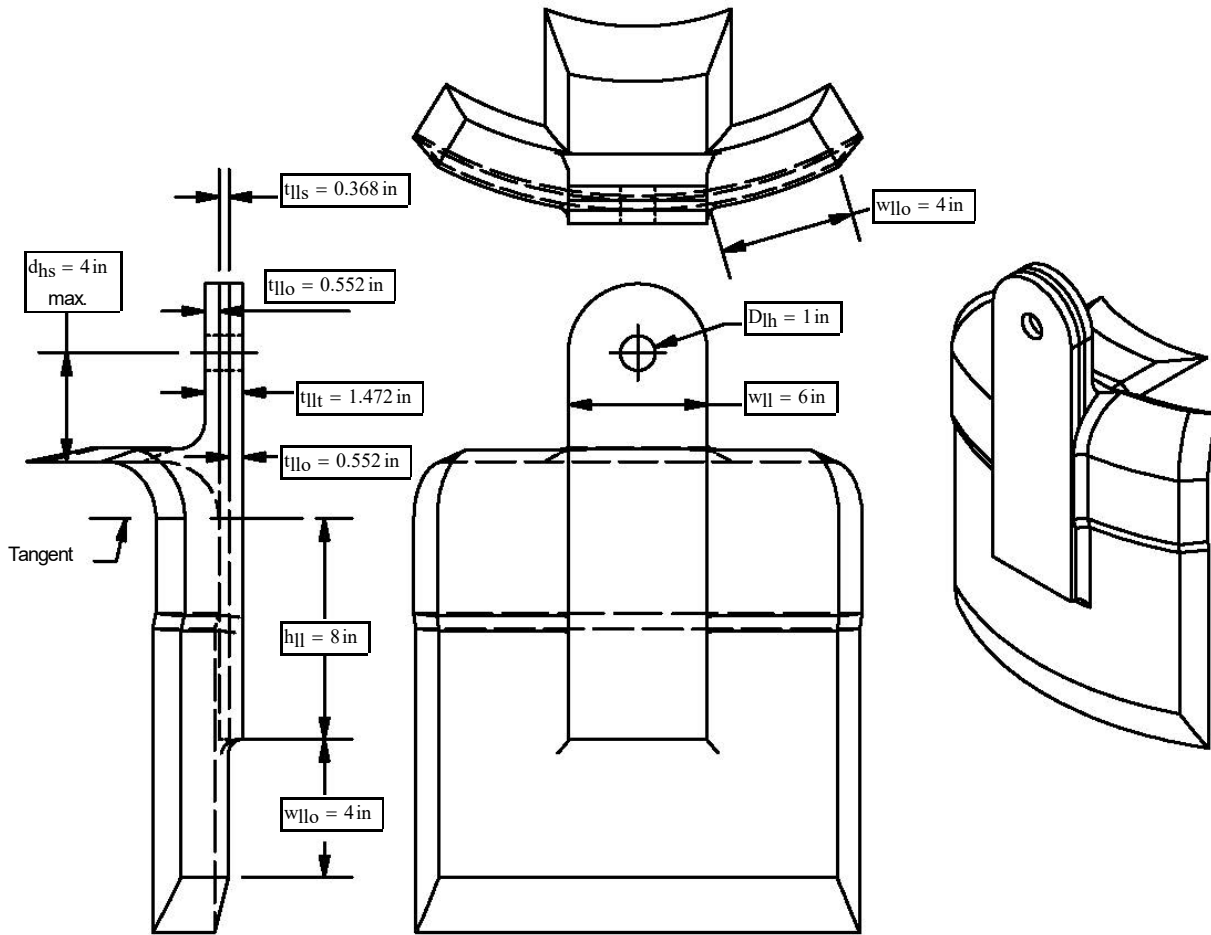
Washer
diameter....

$$D_w = 2 \text{ in}$$

Design for FRP Lift Lugs

Notes:

1. Thicknesses are Type II, unless noted otherwise.



Nomenclature

Mat = 0.040 · in - 1.5 oz./sq.ft Mat

WR = 0.032 · in - 24 oz./sq.yrd Woven Roving

Quantity of lugs....

$$N_{ll} = 2$$

Starter plate thickness....

$$t_{lls} = 2 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.368 \text{ in}$$

Overlay thickness (each side)....

$$t_{llo} = 3 \cdot [2 \cdot (\text{Mat} + \text{WR}) + \text{Mat}] = 0.552 \text{ in}$$

Width of lug....

$$w_{ll} = 6 \cdot \text{in}$$

Length above vessel
to center of hole....

$$d_{hs} = 4 \cdot \text{in (max)}$$

Length of lug attached
to vessel wall....

$$h_{ll} = 8 \cdot \text{in}$$

Diameter of
shackle hole....

$$D_{lh} = 1 \cdot \text{in}$$

Overlay width
from lug....

$$w_{llo} = 4 \cdot \text{in}$$

Design Conditions

Inside diameter....

$$D_i = 60 \cdot \text{in}$$

Shell thickness at
attachment....

$$t_{st} = 1 \cdot \text{in}$$

Empty vessel weight....

$$W_{ve} = 4500 \cdot \text{lb}$$

Shock factor for
dynamic loads....

$$C_s = 2$$

Design factor....

$$f_t = 5$$

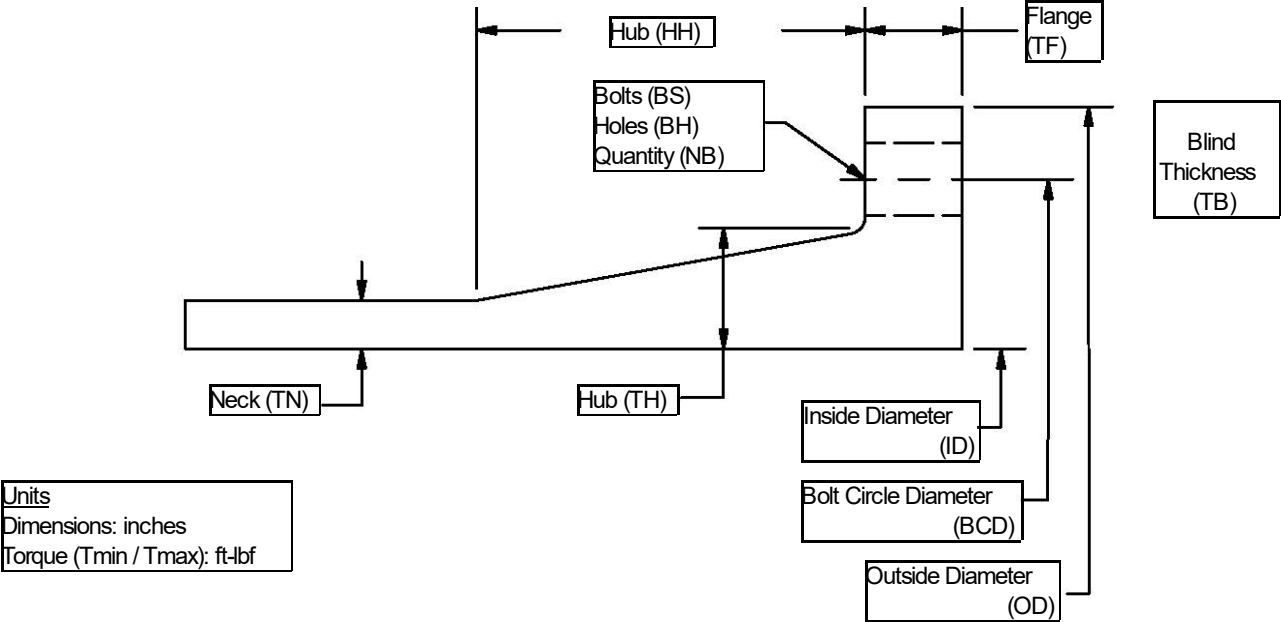
FRP Body Flange Design

Design & Fabrication Notes:

1. Thicknesses include non-structural FRP corrosion barriers.

Nomenclature

$V_e \equiv 0.01 \cdot \text{in} - \text{C-Veil}$
 $N_e \equiv 0.015 \cdot \text{in} - \text{Synthetic Veil (Nexus)}$
 $\text{Mat} \equiv 0.040 \cdot \text{in} - 1.5 \text{ oz./sq.ft Mat}$



FG	"ID"	"Rating (psi)"	"OD"	"BCD"	"BH"	"BS"	"NB"	"TN"	"TF"	"TH"	"HH"	"Const."	"Tmin"	"Tmax"
	60	0.5	66	64.5	0.625	0.5	52	0.63	1.5	1.31	4.08	"Type II"	9	15

Gasket

Gasket factor....
 $m_g \equiv 1.0$

Gasket seating stress....
 $y_g \equiv 100 \cdot \text{psi}$

Bolts

Allowable bolt
tensile stress....
 $\sigma_b \equiv 18.8 \cdot \text{ksi}$

Nut or friction factor for
well lubricated studs....
 $C_{ff} \equiv 0.15$

Design for Nozzles Supporting External Loads

Nomenclature

$V_e \equiv 0.010\text{-in}$ - C-Veil

$N_e \equiv 0.015\text{-in}$ - Synthetic Veil (Nexus)

$Mat \equiv 0.04\text{-in}$ - 1.5 oz./sq.ft Mat

Geometry

- Units are in inches ($u_d \equiv \text{in}$).
- Thicknesses are total FRP.

$N_Z \equiv$	"Mark"	"Size"	"Gusseting"	"Elevation"	"Neck Length"	"Neck th'k"	"Shell Curvature"	"Shell th'k"	"Reinf. Pad th'k"
	"A"	36	"8 HD Plates"	96.	24.	0.69	30.	0.63	0.93
	"B1"	10	"8 HD Plates"	120.	6.	0.38	30.	0.63	0.68
	"D"	6	"Required"	16.	6.	0.38	30.	0.63	0.38
	"K"	4	"Required"	120.	6.	0.31	30.	0.63	0.25
	"L"	4	"Required"	120.	6.	0.31	30.	0.63	0.25
	"P"	6	"Required"	11.5	6.	0.38	30.	0.63	0.38
	"R"	4	"Required"	90.	6.	0.31	30.	0.63	0.25
	"T (new)"	4	"Required"	90.	6.	0.31	30.	0.63	0.25
	"B2"	10	"8 HD Plates"	308.5	6.	0.38	30.	0.63	0.5
	"C"	24	"8 HD Plates"	422.5	6.	0.69	30.	0.63	0.5

External Loads

- Loads are reported at the: $R_f \equiv$ "Nozzle Attachment".
- Loads are assumed to be static, combined, and temporary (Design factor: $f_d \equiv 5$)
- Units are in pounds ($u_f \equiv \text{lbf}$), and foot-pounds ($u_m \equiv \text{in}\cdot\text{lbf}$), unless noted otherwise.

$N_e \equiv$	"Mark"	"Size (in)"	"Radial Out"	"Radial In"	"Tan. Shear"	"Long. Shear"	"Torque"	"Tan. Moment"	"Long. Moment"
	"A"	36	1124	1124	1376	1376	135239	95676	95676
	"B1"	10	544	544	665	665	33810	23897	23897
	"D"	6	339	339	416	416	14427	10178	10178
	"K"	4	193	193	236	236	5399	3806	3806
	"L"	4	193	193	236	236	5399	3806	3806
	"P"	6	339	339	416	416	14427	10178	10178
	"R"	4	193	193	236	236	5399	3806	3806
	"T (new)"	4	193	193	236	236	5399	3806	3806
	"B2"	10	544	544	665	665	33810	23897	23897
	"C"	24	1124	1124	1376	1376	135239	95676	95676

Design Conditions

Portion of FRP corrosion barrier thickness
NOT included in structural calculations:

$$t_{cbl} \equiv 2 \cdot V_e + 3 \cdot Mat = 0.14 \text{ in}$$

Internal design
pressure....

$$P_i \equiv 0\text{-psi}$$

Specific gravity
of product....

$$sg_p \equiv 1.0$$

Sidewall
length....

$$L_{tt} \equiv 300\text{-in}$$

Operating liquid
level....

$$H_{po} \equiv 288\text{-in}$$

Material Properties

Sidewall axial
strength....

$$\sigma_{atc} \equiv 15\text{-ksi}$$

Sidewall hoop
strength....

$$\sigma_{htc} \equiv 25\text{-ksi}$$

Sidewall shear
strength....

$$\sigma_{LTc} \equiv 10\text{-ksi}$$

End ultimate
strength....

$$\sigma_{ate} \equiv 17\text{-ksi}$$

End shear
strength....

$$\sigma_{LTc} \equiv 9\text{-ksi}$$

Secondary bond
peel strength....

$$\sigma_p \equiv 500 \cdot \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}}$$

I am a Professional Engineer, licensed in 40 States and have over 17 years of experience focused in the design and manufacturing of composite industrial equipment (e.g. Storage Tanks, Scrubbers, Pressure Vessels, Pressure Pipe, & Duct). My expertise includes the design of fiberglass and thermoplastic lined fiberglass "dual laminate" containment systems.

I am proficient in the following industry preferred platforms for design and stress analysis:

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- ASME BPV Section X Subcommittee
- ASME RTP-1 Subgroup on Fabrication
- ASME NPPS SC-FRP Subgroup on Design
- Dual Laminate Fabrication Association

• ASME RTP-1	Fiber Reinforced Plastic Corrosion-Resistant Equipment
• ASME Section X	Fiber Reinforced Plastic Pressure Vessels
• ASTM D3299	Filament-Wound Corrosion Resistant Tanks
• ASTM D4097	Contact-Molded Corrosion Resistant Tanks
• API 12P	Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Tanks
• ASME B31.3	Nonmetallic Pressure Piping Systems (NPPS)
• ASME NM.2	Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin Piping Systems
• AWWA M45	Fiberglass Pipe Design
• ASCE/SEI 7	Minimum Design Loads for Buildings & Other Structures