

1.0 GENERAL

- \* 1.1 A welder qualified under this standard may perform arc welding on all grades of pipe and fittings up to and including X-65. This would include all natural gas lines designed to operate at stress levels of 20% or more of the specified minimum yield strength to comply with CPUC General Order 112 (latest edition).
- 1.2 The standard definitions contained in API Standard 1104, latest edition referenced in Appendix "A" of General Order 112 (latest edition) shall apply to this standard.

2.0 QUALIFICATION TEST

- \* 2.1 Before any production welding is performed on pipelines or components designed to operate at over 20% of SMYS, welders shall be qualified under this section using a qualified procedure. The weld shall meet the visual inspection requirements of Section 4, Gas Standard D-40 and shall also be qualified by either the radiographic testing requirements of Section 2.0, Gas Standard D-31, (for butt welds only), or the destructive testing requirements of Section 3.0 and/or 4.0, Gas Standard D-31.
  - \* 2.1.1 The following tests can be made on steel pipe of any grade; however, the qualification test described below is based on using API 5L GR B pipe. (See Section 2.2.4).
    - \* 2.1.1.1 Butt weld - The welder shall make a butt weld on 12-3/4" O.D. x 0.375" w.t. pipe in the fixed position with the axis of the pipe either in the horizontal plane or inclined from the horizontal plane at an angle not exceeding 45° (see Page 5, Dwg. 084023).
    - \* 2.1.1.2 Branch Connection For Full Qualification - The welder shall lay-out, cut, fit and weld a full size branch connection on 12-3/4" O.D. pipe. The weld shall be made with the run pipe axis in the horizontal position and the branch pipe axis extending vertically downward from the run (see Page 6, Dwg. 086406).

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LWH RCB	3	3-3-84	Revised Para 1 1.1 2.2 1 1.2 4 1 & Form 75-292					GS/PAL	
PAL PLH	2	6-79	Revised Para 2.6					RTA/PAL	
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**\*\* 2.1.1.3** Branch Connection For Limited Qualification - At the discretion of the Region Gas Operation Manager, this limited qualification test may be performed. For Scope of this qualification, see Section 2.2.2 below.

The welder shall lay-out, cut, fit, and weld a full size branch connection on 6-5/8" O.D. pipe. The position of the weld shall be the same as in Section 2.1.1.2 above (see Page 6, Dwg. 086406).

**2.2** Scope of Qualification

**\* 2.2.1** Full Qualification - A welder who has successfully completed the 12-3/4" O.D. butt weld qualification test described in Section 2.1.1.1 and a full size 12-3/4" O.D. branch connection weld described in Section 2.1.1.2 shall be qualified to weld on natural gas pipelines in all positions, on all wall thicknesses, joint designs (including fillet welds), fittings and on all pipe diameters and all grades of pipe if the essential variables in Section 2.3 remain unchanged.

**\*\* 2.2.2** Limited Qualification - A welder who has successfully completed the 12-3/4" O.D. butt weld qualification test described in Section 2.1.1.1 and a full size 6-5/8" O.D. branch connection weld described in Section 2.1.1.3 shall be considered qualified to weld the following:

Butt welds (8-5/8" O.D. to 12-3/4" O.D.)

Only in the fixed, horizontal position on wall thicknesses ranging from 3/16" to 3/4" for all grades of pipe 8-5/8" O.D. to 12-3/4" O.D., inclusive. A change in position from horizontal to vertical, a change from fixed to rolled, or if any other of the essential variables in Section 2.3 are changed, the welder shall be requalified using the new procedure.

All other welds (6-5/8" O.D. and smaller)

In all positions, on all wall thicknesses, joint designs (including fillet welds), fittings and on all grades of pipe 6-5/8" O.D. and smaller. If any of the essential variables in Section 2.3 are changed, the welder shall be requalified using the new procedure.

**\*\* 2.2.3** Qualification under Section 2.1.1 by destructive testing is required before welding compressor station piping or components.

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\*\* 2.2.4 Note that when welding on high yield pipe such as X-65 or when welding with low hydrogen electrodes, the essential variables listed in Section 2.3 are changed from those used in the qualification procedure described in Section 2.1.1. Welders must be requalified using the new procedure before making these welds.

2.3 If any of the following essential variables are changed, the welder must be requalified using the new procedure:

- 2.3.1 A change from one welding process to any other welding process or combination of welding processes.
- \* 2.3.2 A change in the direction of welding from vertical up to vertical down or vice versa. (Direction of welding shall be only as allowed by Gas Standard D-22, Dwgs. 284361 and 284363).
- \* 2.3.3 A change in filler metal from one classification group to another classification group as shown in table below:

FILLER METAL CLASSIFICATION GROUPS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>AWS SPEC.</u>	<u>ELECTRODE</u>
I	A5.1	E6010, E6011
	A5.5	E7010, E7011
II	A5.5	E8010, E8011
III	A5.1	E7015, E7016, E7018
	A5.5	E8015, E8016, E8018

2.4 Requalification of Arc Welders

- 2.4.1 Welders shall be requalified no later than the last day of the 6th calendar month following the calendar month in which the last previous test was satisfactorily passed. Requalification may consist of successful passing of a radiographic examination of a production butt weld, or by repeating the butt weld test in Section 2.1. If the 6th month expires before requalification, an entire qualification test (Section 2.1) must be repeated.
- 2.4.2 A requalification test, by destructive methods and in accordance with Section 2.1.1.1, may also be required if there is reason to question the welder's ability.
- 2.4.3 Annually, all welders who work on compressor station piping must pass a butt weld test in accordance with 2.1.1.1, by destructive methods.

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**2.5 Qualification and requalification tests shall be performed under the supervision of a qualified welding inspector**

This inspector shall not leave the immediate area while the testing is being performed. For the purposes of this standard, a qualified welding inspector is a designated employee that has the experience and knowledge to judge the quality of welds. The supervisor designating the person to inspect the welding for a job has the responsibility to determine that the person is qualified. (See Gas Standard D-40).

**2.6 Retests**

Welders who fail to pass the qualification test in Section 2.1 or the requalification test in Section 2.4 must:

2.6.1 Undergo further training or practice before retesting. The extent of training or practice required shall be determined by the welding inspector.

2.6.2 Pass both the "butt weld" test and the "branch connection" test outlined in Section 2.1 in order to be requalified.

**2.7 Records**

2.7.1 Records for all welders who have been qualified under this gas standard shall be retained as outlined below.

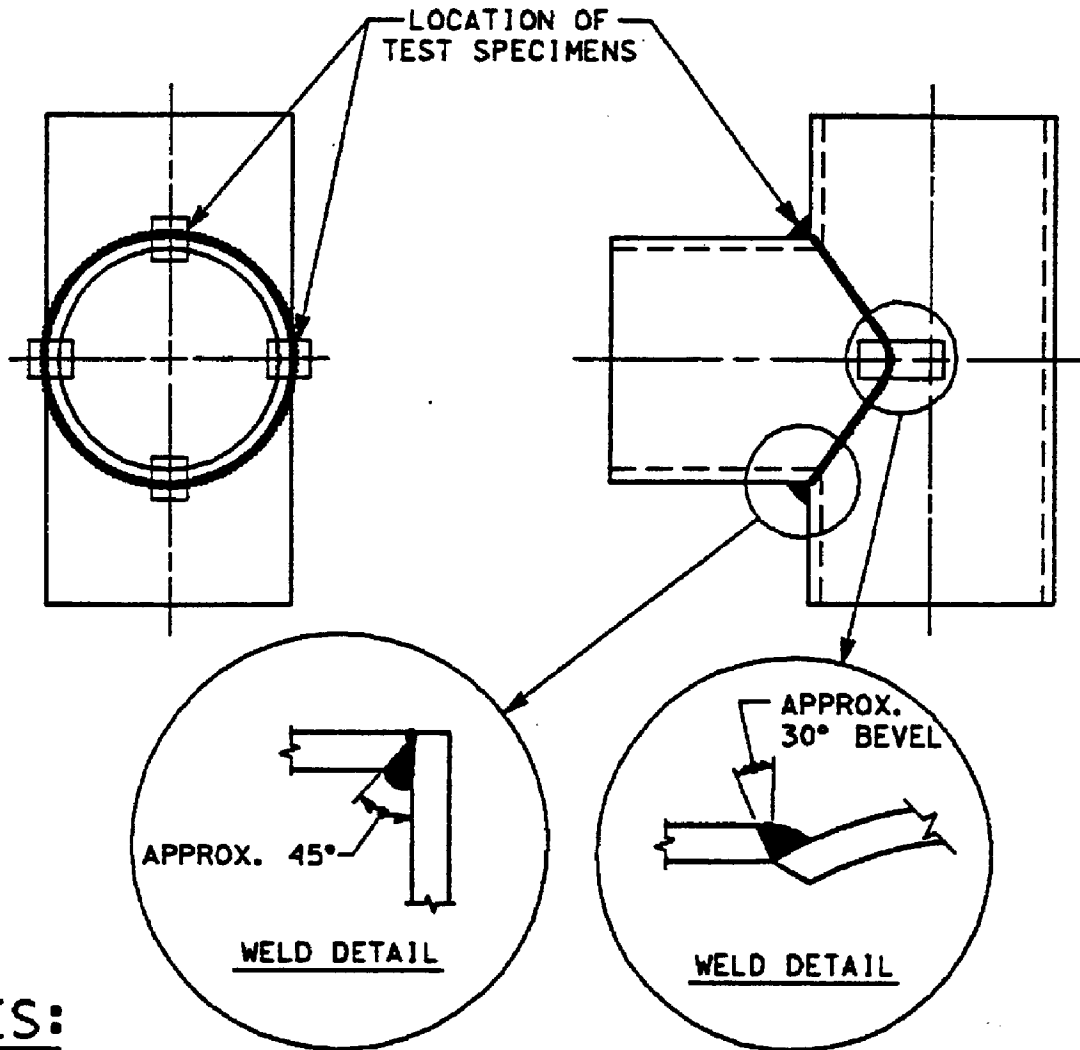
2.7.2 All Employee Qualification and Requalification records must be retained for a minimum duration of five years.

2.7.3 All Employee Qualification and Requalification records must be retained through temporary lapses in a welder's qualification.

2.7.4 The Record shall be made by filling out Attachment 1 of this gas standard.

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**NOTES:**

- I. BRANCH CONNECTION FOR FULL QUALIFICATION (WELDER QUALIFIED TO MAKE ANY SIZE BRANCH.)
  1. PIPE IS 12 3/4" O.D. X 0.375" W.T. API 5L GR B.
  2. WELDER MUST LAYOUT, CUT, FIT AND WELD BRANCH FITTING CONNECTION. A FULL HOLE IS TO BE CUT IN THE RUN.
  3. THE WELD IS TO BE MADE WITH THE RUN PIPE AXIS FIXED IN THE HORIZONTAL POSITION, AND THE BRANCH PIPE AXIS EXTENDING VERTICALLY DOWNWARD FROM THE RUN.
  4. WELD MUST MEET THE VISUAL TESTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4.0, GAS STANDARD D-40 AND THE DESTRUCTIVE TESTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4.0, GAS STANDARD D-31.
  5. FOUR NICK BREAK SPECIMENS ARE REQUIRED FROM THE LOCATIONS INDICATED. SPECIMENS SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF GAS STANDARD D-31.
- II. BRANCH CONNECTION FOR LIMITED QUALIFICATION (WELDERS QUALIFIED TO MAKE 6-INCH AND SMALLER BRANCHES).
  1. PIPE IS 6 5/8" O.D. X 0.280" W.T., API 5L GR B.
  2. SAME AS ITEMS 2 THRU 5 ABOVE.

**TEST WELD FOR ARC WELDERS QUALIFICATION FOR FACILITIES OPERATING AT OVER 20% OF SMYS.**

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LWH	PAL	4	12-23-87	ADDED 6" BRANCH & REVISED NOTES				
RLH	JAF	3	5-27-80	REVISED NOTE 1				
RCB	PCH	2	10-19-79	ADDED WELD DETAILS	JH	MAA		
	CJT	1	11-30-77	CHANGED STD. PAGE NO. FROM PAGE 4				

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 BRANCH WELD TEST  
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ARC WELDER QUALIFICATION TEST  
FOR PIPING SYSTEMS OPERATING AT HOOP STRESSES OF  
20% OR MORE OF SPECIFIED MINIMUM YIELD STRENGTH

PASSED DATE LAST TESTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAILED. FURTHER TRAINING REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_

WELDER: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

BUTT DIA. \_\_\_\_\_ PIPE SPEC. \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ WALL THICKNESS \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH DIA. \_\_\_\_\_

EXX10  MICRO WIRE  BUTT TESTER: \_\_\_\_\_ (P.G. & E.)

EXX18  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  BRANCH WELD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTRODE MATERIAL:

ELECTRICAL:

WELDING:

BEAD	MFG. & AWS CLASS	DIA.	POLARITY	AMPS	VOLTS	DIRECTION
1ST BEAD						
2ND BEAD						
OTHER BEADS						

TENSILE TESTS:

SPECIMEN	WIDTH	THICKNESS	AREA-SQ. IN.	LOAD-LB.	STRESS-PSI	REMARKS
1						
2						
3						
4						

FACE BEND OR SIDE BEND:

SPECIMEN	LOCATION	NO. CRACKS	MAX. DIMENSION	LOCATION	REMARKS
1					
2					

ROOT BEND OR SIDE BEND:

1					
2					

NICK BREAK:

SPECIMEN		GAS POCKETS			SLAG INCLUSION			FUSION	REMARKS
NO.	LOCATION	NO.	MAX. SIZE	BETWEEN	NO.	LENGTH	BETWEEN		
1									
2									
3									
4									

CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

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