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NFPA 22 (2013) Anti-Vortex Plate Specifications

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NOTICE: An asterisk (*) following the number or letter designating a paragraph indicates that explanatory material on the paragraph can be found in Annex A.

Anti-vortex Plate Assembly Specification

From Page 42 (22-39):

14.2.13* Anti-Vortex Plate Assembly.

14.2.13.1 The discharge outlet for every suction tank shall be equipped with an anti-vortex plate assembly.

14.2.13.2* The assembly shall consist of a horizontal steel plate that is at least twice the diameter of the outlet on a long radius elbow fitting, where required, mounted at the outlet a distance above the bottom of the tank equal to one-half the diameter of the discharge pipe.

14.2.13.3 The minimum distance above the bottom of the tank shall be 6 in. (152 mm).

From Annex A Page 67 (22-64):

A.14.2.13 See Figure B.1(o), Figure B.1(p), and Figure B.1(q).

A.14.2.13.2 Large, standard size anti-vortex plates [48 in. \times 48 in. (1219 mm \times 1219 mm)] are desirable, as they are adequate for all sizes of pump suction pipes normally used. Smaller plates may be used; however, they should comply with 14.2.13.

Anti-vortex Plate Inspection Requirement

From Annex A Page 60 (22-57):

17.11 Anti-Vortex Plate Inspection.

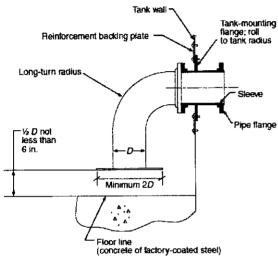
17.11.1 After completion of the tank construction, and before filling the tank with water, the anti-vortex plate shall be inspected.

17.11.2 The inspection shall verify that the horizontal steel plate and long radius elbow meet the requirements of 14.2.13.2 and are installed in accordance with 14.2.13.3.

17.11.3 The inspection results shall be included in the written report specified in 17.1.2.

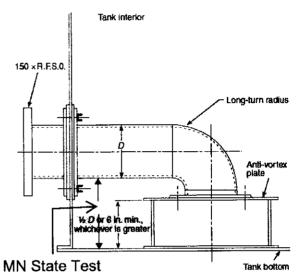
Anti-vortex Plate Illustration:

From Annex B Page 82 (22-79):



For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

FIGURE B.1(p) Typical Suction Nozzle with Anti-Vortex Plate for Lap-Jointed Bolted Tanks. (See A.14.2.13.2.)



For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

FIGURE B.1(q) Typical Suction Nozzle with Anti-Vortex Plate for Flange-Jointed Bolted Steel Tanks. (See A.14.2.13.2.)

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