§ 179.220-6 Thickness of plates.

(a) The wall thickness, after forming of the inner container shell and 2:1 ellipsoidal heads must be not less than specified in §179.221–1, or not less than that calculated by the following formula:

Where:

d = Inside diameter in inches;

E = 0.9 welded joint efficiency; except E = 1.0 for seamless heads;

P = Minimum required bursting pressure in psig;

S = Minimum tensile strength of plate material in p.s.i. as prescribed in AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix M, Table M1;

t = Minimum thickness of plate in inches after forming.

(b) The wall thickness after forming of the inner container heads, if flanged and dished, must be not less than specified in §179.221–1, or not less than that calculated by the following formula:

Where:

E = 0.9 welded joint efficiency; except E = 1.0 for seamless heads;

L = Main inside radius to which head is dished, measured on concave side in inches;

P = Minimum required bursting pressure in psig;

S = Minimum tensile strength of plate material in psi as prescribed in AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix M, Table M1 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter);

t = Minimum thickness of plate in inches after forming.

(c) The wall thickness after forming of the cylindrical section and heads of the outer shell must be not less than seven-sixteenths of an inch.

(d) See §179.220-9 for plate thickness requirements for inner container when divided into compartments.

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