

Subpart C—Specifications for Pressure Tank Car Tanks (Classes DOT-105, 109, 112, 114 and 120)

§ 179.100 General specifications applicable to pressure tank car tanks.

§ 179.100-1 Tanks built under these specifications shall comply with the requirements of §§179.100, 179.101 and when applicable, §§179.102 and 179.103.

§ 179.100-3 Type.

(a) Tanks built under this specification shall be fusion-welded with heads designed convex outward. Except as provided in §179.103 they shall be circular in cross section, shall be provided with a manway nozzle on top of the tank of sufficient size to permit access to the interior, a manway cover to provide for the mounting of all valves, measuring and sampling devices, and a protective housing. Other openings in the tank are prohibited, except as provided in part 173 of this chapter, §§179.100–14, 179.101–1, 179.102 or §179.103.

(b) [Reserved]

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21344, Nov. 6, 1971; 65 FR 58632, Sept. 29, 2000]

§ 179.100-4 Insulation.

(a) If insulation is applied, the tank shell and manway nozzle must be insulated with an approved material. The entire insulation must be covered with a metal jacket of a thickness not less than 11 gauge (0.1196 inch) nominal (Manufacturers' Standard Gauge) and flashed around all openings so as to be weather-tight. The exterior surface of a carbon steel tank, and the inside surface of a carbon steel jacket must be given a protective coating.

(b) If insulation is a specification requirement, it shall be of sufficient thickness so that the thermal conductance at 60 °F is not more than 0.075 Btu per hour, per square foot, per degree F temperature differential. If exterior heaters are attached to tank, the thickness of the insulation over each heater element may be reduced to one-half that required for the shell.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21344, Nov. 6, 1971; Amdt. 179–50, 60 FR 49077, Sept. 21, 1995]

§ 179.100-6 Thickness of plates.

(a) The wall thickness after forming of the tank shell and heads must not be less than that specified in §179.101, nor that calculated by the following formula:

$$t = Pd / 2SE$$

Where:

d = Inside diameter in inches;

E = 1.0 welded joint efficiency; except for heads with seams=0.9;

P = Minimum required bursting pressure in p.s.i.;

S = Minimum tensile strength of plate material in p.s.i., as prescribed in §179.100–7;

t = Minimum thickness of plate in inches after forming.

(b) If plates are clad with material having tensile strength properties at least equal to the base plate, the cladding may be considered a part of the base plate when determining thickness. If cladding material does not have tensile strength at least equal to the base plate, the base plate alone shall meet the thickness requirement.

(c) When aluminum plate is used, the minimum width of bottom sheet of tank shall be 60 inches, measured on the arc, but in all cases the width shall be sufficient to bring the entire width of the longitudinal welded joint, including welds, above the bolster.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179-10, 36 FR 21344, Nov. 6, 1971]

§ 179.100-7 Materials.

(a) *Steel plate:* Steel plate materials used to fabricate tank shell and manway nozzle must comply with one of the following specifications with the indicated minimum tensile strength and elongation in the welded condition. The maximum allowable carbon content must be 0.31 percent when the individual specification allows carbon greater than this amount. The plates may be clad with other approved materials.

Specifications	Minimum tensile strength (p.s.i.) welded condition ¹	Minimum elongation in 2 inches (percent) welded condition (longitudinal)
AAR TC 128, Gr. B	81,000	19
ASTM A 302 ² , Gr. B	80,000	20
ASTM A 516 ²	70,000	20
ASTM A 537 ² , Class 1	70,000	23

¹Maximum stresses to be used in calculations.

²These specifications are incorporated by reference (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(b) *Aluminum alloy plate:* Aluminum alloy plate material used to fabricate tank shell and manway nozzle must be suitable for fusion welding and must comply with one of the following specifications (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter) with its indicated minimum tensile strength and elongation in the welded condition. * * *

Specifications	Minimum tensile strength (p.s.i.) 0 temper, welded condition ^{3,4}	Minimum elongation in 2 inches (percent) 0 temper, welded condition (longitudinal)
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5052 ¹	25,000	18
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5083 ²	38,000	16
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5086 ¹	35,000	14
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5154 ¹	30,000	18
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5254 ¹	30,000	18
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5454 ¹	31,000	18
ASTM B 209, Alloy 5652 ¹	25,000	18

¹For fabrication, the parent plate material may be 0, H112, or H32 temper, but design calculations must be based on minimum tensile strength shown.

²0 temper only.

³Weld filler metal 5556 must not be used.

⁴Maximum stress to be used in calculations.

(c) *High alloy steel plate.* (1) High alloy steel plate must conform to the following specifications:

Specifications	Minimum tensile strength (p.s. i.) welded condition ¹	Minimum elongation in 2 inches (percent) weld metal (longitudinal)
ASTM A 240/A 240M (incorporated by reference; <i>see</i> §171.7 of this subchapter), Type 304L	70,000	30
ASTM A 240/A 240M (incorporated by reference; <i>see</i> §171.7 of this subchapter), Type 316L	70,000	30

¹Maximum stresses to be used in calculations.

(2)(i) High alloy steels used to fabricate tank must be tested in accordance with the following procedures in ASTM A 262, "Standard Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steel" (IBR, *see* §171.7 of this subchapter), and must exhibit corrosion rates not exceeding the following: * * *

Test procedures	Material	Corrosion rate i.p.m.
Practice B	Types 304L and 316L	0.0040
Practice C	Type 304L	0.0020

(ii) Type 304L and 316L test specimens must be given a sensitizing treatment prior to testing.

(d) All attachments welded to tank shell must be of approved material which is suitable for welding to the tank.

[Amdt. 179-10, 36 FR 21344, Nov. 6, 1971, as amended by Amdt. 179-32, 48 FR 27707, June 16, 1983; Amdt. 179-47, 58 FR 50237, Sept. 24, 1993; Amdt. 179-52, 61 FR 28679, June 5, 1996; Amdt 179-52, 61 FR 50255, Sept. 25, 1996; 66 FR 45186, Aug. 28, 2001; 67 FR 51660, Aug. 8, 2002; 68 FR 75759, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-8 Tank heads.

(a) The tank head shape shall be an ellipsoid of revolution in which the major axis shall equal the diameter of the shell adjacent to the head and the minor axis shall be one-half the major axis.

(b) Each tank head made from steel which is required to be "fine grain" by the material specification, which is hot formed at a temperature exceeding 1700 °F., must be normalized after forming by heating to a temperature between 1550° and 1700 °F., by holding at that temperature for at least 1 hour per inch of thickness (30-minute minimum), and then by cooling in air. If the material specification requires quenching and tempering, the treatment specified in that specification must be used instead of the one specified above.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated, 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967 and amended by Amdt. 179-12, 39 FR 15038, Apr. 30, 1974]

§ 179.100-9 Welding.

(a) All joints shall be fusion-welded in compliance with the requirements of AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter). Welding procedures, welders and fabricators shall be approved.

(b) [Reserved]

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964, as amended at 65 FR 58632, Sept. 29, 2000; 68 FR 75759, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-10 Postweld heat treatment.

(a) After welding is complete, steel tanks and all attachments welded thereto must be postweld heat treated as a unit in compliance with the requirements of AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(b) For aluminum tanks, postweld heat treatment is prohibited.

(c) Tank and welded attachments, fabricated from ASTM A 240/A 240M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Type 304L or Type 316L materials do not require postweld heat treatment, but these materials do require a corrosion resistance test as specified in §179.100-7(c)(2).

[Amdt. 179-10, 36 FR 21345, Nov. 6, 1971, as amended by Amdt. 179-47, 58 FR 50238, Sept. 24, 1993; Amdt. 179-52, 61 FR 28679, June 5, 1996; 67 FR 51660, Aug. 8, 2002; 68 FR 75758 and 75759, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-12 Manway nozzle, cover and protective housing.

(a) Manway nozzles must be of approved design of forged or rolled steel for steel tanks or of fabricated aluminum alloy for aluminum tanks, with an access opening of at least 18 inches inside diameter, or at least 14 inches by 18 inches around or oval. Each nozzle must be welded to the tank and the opening reinforced in an approved manner in compliance with the requirements of AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix E, Figure E10 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(b) Manway cover shall be machined to approved dimensions and be of forged or rolled carbon or alloy steel, rolled aluminum alloy or nickel when required by the lading. Minimum thickness is listed in §179.101. Manway cover shall be attached to manway nozzle by through or stud bolts not entering tank, except as provided in §179.103-2(a).

(c) Except as provided in §179.103, protective housing of cast, forged or fabricated approved materials must be bolted to manway cover with not less than twenty³/₄-inch studs. The shearing value of the bolts attaching protective housing to manway cover must not exceed 70 percent of the shearing value of bolts attaching manway cover to manway nozzle. Housing must have steel sidewalls not less than three-fourths inch in thickness and must be equipped with a metal cover not less than one-fourth inch in thickness that can be securely closed. Housing cover must have suitable stop to prevent cover striking loading and unloading connections and be hinged on one side only with approved riveted pin or rod with nuts and cotters. Openings in wall of housing must be equipped with screw plugs or other closures.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179-10, 36 FR 21345, Nov. 6, 1971; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-13 Venting, loading and unloading valves, measuring and sampling devices.

(a) Venting, loading and unloading valves must be of approved design, made of metal not subject to rapid deterioration by the lading, and must withstand the tank test pressure without leakage. The valves shall be bolted to seatings on the manway cover, except as provided in §179.103. Valve outlets shall be closed with approved screw plugs or other closures fastened to prevent misplacement.

(b) The interior pipes of the loading and unloading valves shall be anchored and, except as prescribed in §§173.314(j), 179.102 or 179.103, may be equipped with excess flow valves of approved design.

(c) Gauging device, sampling valve and thermometer well are not specification requirements. When used, they shall be of

approved design, made of metal not subject to rapid deterioration by the lading, and shall withstand the tank test pressure without leakage. Interior pipes of the gauging device and sampling valve, except as prescribed in §§173.314(j), 179.102 or 179.103, may be equipped with excess flow valves of approved design. Interior pipe of the thermometer well shall be anchored in an approved manner to prevent breakage due to vibration. The thermometer well shall be closed by an approved valve attached close to the manway cover, or other approved location, and closed by a screw plug. Other approved arrangements that permit testing thermometer well for leaks without complete removal of the closure may be used.

(d) An excess flow valve as referred to in this specification, is a device which closes automatically against the outward flow of the contents of the tank in case the external closure valve is broken off or removed during transit. Excess flow valves may be designed with a by-pass to allow the equalization of pressures.

(e) Bottom of tank shell may be equipped with a sump or siphon bowl, or both, welded or pressed into the shell. Such sumps or siphon bowls, if applied, are not limited in size and must be made of cast, forged or fabricated metal. Each sump or siphon bowl must be of good welding quality in conjunction with the metal of the tank shell. When the sump or siphon bowl is pressed in the bottom of the tank shell, the wall thickness of the pressed section must not be less than that specified for the shell. The section of a circular cross section tank to which a sump or siphon bowl is attached need not comply with the out-of-roundness requirement specified in AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W, W14.06 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter). Any portion of a sump or siphon bowl not forming a part of cylinder of revolution must have walls of such thickness and be so reinforced that the stresses in the walls caused by a given internal pressure are no greater than the circumferential stress that would exist under the same internal pressure in the wall of a tank of circular cross section designed in accordance with §179.100–6(a), but in no case shall the wall thickness be less than that specified in §179.101–1.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21345, Nov. 6, 1971; Amdt. 179–40, 52 FR 13046, Apr. 20, 1987; Amdt. 179–42, 54 FR 38798, Sept. 20, 1989; 65 FR 58632, Sept. 29, 2000; 68 FR 48571, Aug. 14, 2003; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-14 Bottom outlets.

(a) Bottom outlets for discharge of lading is prohibited, except as provided in §179.103–3. If indicated in §179.101, tank may be equipped with a bottom washout of approved construction. If applied, bottom washout shall be in accordance with the following requirements;

(1) The extreme projection of the bottom washout equipment may not be more than that allowed by appendix E of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(2) Bottom washout shall be of cast, forged or fabricated metal and shall be fusion-welded to the tank. It shall be of good weldable quality in conjunction with metal of tank.

(3) If the bottom washout nozzle extends 6 inches or more from shell of tank, a V-shaped breakage groove shall be cut (not cast) in the upper part of the outlet nozzle at a point immediately below the lowest part of the inside closure seat or plug. In no case may the nozzle wall thickness at the root of the “V” be more than 1/4-inch. Where the nozzle is not a single piece, provision shall be made for the equivalent of the breakage groove. The nozzle must be of a thickness to insure that accidental breakage will occur at or below the “V” groove or its equivalent. On cars without continuous center sills, the breakage groove or its equivalent may not be more than 15 inches below the tank shell. On cars with continuous center sills, the breakage groove or its equivalent must be above the bottom of the center sill construction.

(4) The closure plug and seat shall be readily accessible or removable for repairs.

(5) The closure of the washout nozzle must be equipped with a 3/4-inch solid screw plug. Plug must be attached by at least a 1/4-inch chain.

(6) Joints between closures and their seats may be gasketed with suitable material.

(b) [Reserved]

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21345, Nov. 6, 1971; Amdt. 179–40, 52 FR 13046, Apr. 20, 1987; 66 FR 45186, Aug. 28, 2001; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-16 Attachments.

(a) Reinforcing pads must be used between external brackets and shells if the attachment welds exceed 6 linear inches of 1/4-inch fillet or equivalent weld per bracket or bracket leg. When reinforcing pads are used, they must not be less than one-fourth inch in thickness, have each corner rounded to a 1-inch minimum radius, and be attached to the tank by continuous fillet welds except for venting provisions. The ultimate shear strength of the bracket-to-reinforcing pad weld must not exceed 85 percent of the ultimate shear strength of the reinforcing pad-to-tank weld.

(b) Attachments not otherwise specified shall be applied by approved means.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21346, Nov. 6, 1971]

§ 179.100-17 Closures for openings.

(a) Closures shall be of approved design and made of metal not subject to rapid deterioration by the lading. Plugs, if used, shall be solid, with NPT threads, and shall be of a length which will screw at least six threads inside the face of fitting or tank.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 179.100-18 Tests of tanks.

(a) Each tank shall be tested by completely filling tank and manway nozzle with water or other liquid having similar viscosity, at a temperature which shall not exceed 100 °F during the test; and applying the pressure prescribed in §179.101. The tank shall hold the prescribed pressure for at least 10 minutes without leakage or evidence of distress.

(b) Insulated tanks shall be tested before insulation is applied.

(c) Caulking of welded joints to stop leaks developed during the foregoing test is prohibited. Repairs in welded joints shall be made as prescribed in AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(d) Testing of exterior heaters is not a specification requirement.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967; 66 FR 45186, Aug. 28, 2001; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.100-19 Tests of safety relief valves.

(a) Each valve shall be tested by air or gas for compliance with §179.15 before being put into service.

(b) [Reserved]

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, as amended at 62 FR 51561, Oct. 1, 1997]

§ 179.100-20 Stamping.

(a) To certify that the tank complies with all specification requirements, each tank shall be plainly and permanently stamped in letters and figures at least 3/8 inch high into the metal near the center of both outside heads as follows:

	Example of required stamping
Specification	DOT-105A100W
Material	ASTM A 516
Cladding material (if any)	ASTM A240–304
Tank builder's initials	Clad
Date of original test	ABC
Car assembler (if other than tanker builder)	00–0000 DEF

(b) [Reserved]

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21346, Nov. 6, 1971; Amdt. 179–52, 61 FR 28679, June 5, 1996; 65 FR 50463, Aug. 18, 2000]

§ 179.101 Individual specification requirements applicable to pressure tank car tanks.

Editorial Note: At 66 FR 45186, Aug. 28, 2001, an amendment published amending a table in §179.101. No text or table appears in §179.101.

§ 179.101-1 Individual specification requirements.

In addition to §179.100, the individual specification requirements are as follows:

DOT specification	Insulation	Bursting pressure (psig)	Minimum plate thickness (inches)	Test pressure (psig)	Manway cover thickness	Bottom outlet	Bottom washout	Reference (179.***)
105A100ALW	Yes	500	5/8	100	2 1/2	No	No	
105A200ALW	Yes	500	5/8	200	2 1/2	No	No	
105A300ALW	Yes	750	5/8	300	2 5/8	No	No	
105A100W	Yes	500	3/16	100	2 1/4	No	No	
105A200W	Yes	500	3/16	200	2 1/4	No	No	
105A300W	Yes	750	1 1/16	300	7/2 1/4	No	No	
105A400W	Yes	1,000	1 1/16	400	7/2 1/4	No	No	
105A500W	Yes	1,250	1 1/16	500	2 1/4	No	No	102–1, 102–2
105A600W	Yes	1,500	1 1/16	600	2 1/4	No	No	102–4, 102–17
109A100ALW	Optional	500	5/8	100	2 1/2	No	Optional	
109A200ALW	Optional	500	5/8	200	2 1/2	No	Optional	
109A300ALW	Optional	750	5/8	300	2 5/8	No	Optional	
109A300W	Optional	500	1 1/16	300	2 1/4	No	Optional	
112A200W	Optional ⁴	500	3,5/16	200	2 1/4	No	No	

112A340W	Optional ⁴	850	¹ 11/16	340	2 1/4	No	No	
112A400W	Optional ⁴	1,000	¹ 11/16	400	2 1/4	No	No	
112A500W	Optional ⁴	1,250	¹ 11/16	500	2 1/4	No	No	
114A340W	Optional ⁴	850	¹ 11/16	340	⁶	Optional	Optional	103
114A400W	Optional ⁴	1,000	¹ 11/16	400	⁶	Optional	Optional	103
120A200ALW	Yes	500	5/8	200	² 2 1/2	Optional	Optional	103
120A100W	Yes	500	³ 9/16	100	2 1/4	Optional	Optional	103
120A200W	Yes	500	³ 9/16	200	2 1/4	Optional	Optional	103
120A300W	Yes	750	¹ 11/16	300	2 1/4	Optional	Optional	103
120A400W	Yes	1,000	¹ 11/16	400	2 1/4	Optional	Optional	103
120A500W	Yes	1,250	¹ 11/16	500	2 1/4	Optional	Optional	103

¹When steel of 65,000 to 81,000 p.s.i. minimum tensile strength is used, the thickness of plates shall be not less than 5/8 inch, and when steel of 81,000 p.s.i. minimum tensile strength is used, the minimum thickness of plate shall be not less than 9/16 inch.

²When approved material other than aluminum alloys are used, the thickness shall be not less than 2 1/4 inches.

³When steel of 65,000 p.s.i. minimum tensile strength is used, minimum thickness of plates shall be not less than 1/2 inch.

⁴Tank cars not equipped with a thermal protection or an insulation system used for the transportation of a Class 2 (compressed gas) material must have at least the upper two-thirds of the exterior of the tank, including manway nozzle and all appurtenances in contact with this area, finished with a reflective coat of white paint.

⁵For inside diameter of 87 inches or less, the thickness of plates shall be not less than 1/2 inch.

⁶See AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix E, E4.01 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), and §179.103–2.

⁷When the use of nickel is required by the lading, the thickness shall not be less than two inches.

[Amdt. 179–52, 61 FR 28679, June 5, 1996 as amended at 66 FR 45390, Aug. 28, 2001; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.102 Special commodity requirements for pressure tank car tanks.

(a) In addition to §§179.100 and 179.101 the following requirements are applicable:

(b) [Reserved]

§ 179.102-1 Carbon dioxide, refrigerated liquid.

(a) Tank cars used to transport carbon dioxide, refrigerated liquid must comply with the following special requirements:

(1) All plates for tank, manway nozzle and anchorage of tanks must be made of carbon steel conforming to ASTM A 516/A 516M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Grades 55, 60, 65, or 70, or AAR Specification TC 128–78, Grade B. The ASTM A 516/A 516M plate must also meet the Charpy V-Notch test requirements of ASTM A 20/A 20M (see table 16) (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter) in the longitudinal direction of rolling. The TC 128 plate must also meet the Charpy V-Notch energy absorption requirements of 15 ft.-lb. minimum average for 3 specimens, and 10 ft.-lb. minimum for one specimen, at minus 50 °F in the longitudinal direction of rolling in accord with ASTM A 370 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter). Production-welded test plates

prepared as required by W4.00 of AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), must include impact test specimens of weld metal and heat-affected zone. As an alternate, anchor legs may be fabricated of stainless steel, ASTM A 240/A 240M Types 304, 304L, 316 or 316L, for which impact tests are not required.

(2)–(6) [Reserved]

(b) [Reserved]

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21347, Nov. 6, 1971; Amdt. 179–28, 46 FR 49906, Oct. 8, 1981; 46 FR 55266, Nov. 9, 1981; Amdt. 179–32, 48 FR 50440, 50441, Nov. 1, 1983; 49 FR 42736, Oct. 24, 1984; Amdt. 179–45, 55 FR 52728, Dec. 21, 1990; Amdt. 179–52, 61 FR 28680, June 5, 1996; 67 FR 51660, Aug. 8, 2002; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.102-2 Chlorine.

(a) Each tank car used to transport chlorine must comply with all of the following:

(1) Tanks must be fabricated from carbon steel complying with ASTM Specification A 516 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Grade 70, or AAR Specification TC 128, Grade A or B.

(2)–(3) [Reserved]

(b) [Reserved]

[Amdt. 179–7, 36 FR 14697, Aug. 10, 1971; Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21346, Nov. 6, 1971, as amended by Amdt. 179–25, 44 FR 20433, Apr. 5, 1979; Amdt. 179–40, 52 FR 13046, Apr. 20, 1987; Amdt. 179–45, 55 FR 52728, Dec. 21, 1990; Amdt. 179–52, 61 FR 28680, June 5, 1996; 68 FR 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.102-4 Vinyl fluoride, stabilized.

Each tank used to transport vinyl fluoride, stabilized, must comply with the following special requirements:

(a) All plates for the tank must be fabricated of material listed in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and appurtenances must be fabricated of material listed in paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section.

(1) Stainless steel, ASTM A 240/A 240M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Type 304, 304L, 316 or 316L, in which case impact tests are not required; or

(2) Steel complying with ASTM Specification A 516 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter); Grade 70; ASTM Specification A 537 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Class 1; or AAR Specification TC 128, Grade B, in which case impact tests must be performed as follows:

(i) ASTM A 516/A 516M and A 537/A 537M material must meet the Charpy V-Notch test requirements, in longitudinal direction of rolling, of ASTM A 20/A 20M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(ii) AAR Specification TC 128 material must meet the Charpy V-Notch test requirements, in longitudinal direction of rolling, of 15 ft.-lb. minimum average for 3 specimens, with a 10 ft.-lb. minimum for any one specimen, at minus 50 °F or colder, in accordance with ASTM A 370 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(iii) Production welded test plates must—

(A) Be prepared in accordance with AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W, W4.00 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter);

(B) Include impact specimens of weld metal and heat affected zone prepared and tested in accordance with AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W, W9.00; and

(C) Meet the same impact requirements as the plate material.

(b) Insulation must be of approved material.

(c) Excess flow valves must be installed under all liquid and vapor valves, except safety relief valves.

(d) A thermometer well may be installed.

(e) Only an approved gaging device may be installed.

(f) A pressure gage may be installed.

(g) Aluminum, copper, silver, zinc, or an alloy containing any of these metals may not be used in the tank construction, or in fittings in contact with the lading.

(h) The jacket must be stenciled, adjacent to the water capacity stencil,

MINIMUM OPERATING TEMPERATURE _ °F.

(i) The tank car and insulation must be designed to prevent the vapor pressure of the lading from increasing from the pressure at the maximum allowable filling density to the start-to-discharge pressure of the reclosing pressure relief valve within 30 days, at an ambient temperature of 90 °F.

[Amdt. 179–32, 48 FR 27707, June 16, 1983, as amended at 49 FR 24317, June 12, 1984; 49 FR 42736, Oct. 24, 1984; Amdt. 179–45, 55 FR 52728, Dec. 21, 1990; Amdt. 179–52, 61 FR 28680, June 5, 1996; 65 FR 58632, Sept. 29, 2000; 66 FR 33452, June 21, 2001; 66 FR 45186, 45390, Aug. 28, 2001; 67 FR 51660, Aug. 8, 2002; 68 FR 75758, 75760 Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.102-17 Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid.

Each tank car used to transport hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid must comply with the following special requirements:

(a) The tank car must comply with Specification DOT-105J600W and be designed for loading at minus 50 °F. or colder.

(b) All plates for the tank must be fabricated of material listed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, and appurtenances must be fabricated of material listed in paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section.

(1) Stainless steel, ASTM A 240/A 240M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Type 304, 304L, 316, or 316L, in which case impact tests are not required; or

(2) Steel conforming to ASTM A 516/A 516M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), Grade 70; ASTM A 537/A 537M, (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter) Class 1; or AAR Specification TC 128, Grade B in which case impact tests must be performed as follows:

(i) ASTM A 516/A 516M and A 537/A 537M material must meet the Charpy V-notch test requirements, in longitudinal direction of rolling, of ASTM A 20/A 20M (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(ii) AAR Specification TC 128 material must meet the Charpy V-notch test requirements, in longitudinal direction of rolling of 15 ft.-lb. minimum average for 3 specimens, with a 10 ft.-lb. minimum for any one specimen, at minus 50 °F or colder, in accordance with ASTM A 370 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(iii) Production welded test plates must—

- (A) Be prepared in accordance with AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W, W4.00 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter);
 - (B) include impact test specimens of weld metal and heat affected zone prepared and tested in accordance with AAR Specifications for Tank Cars, appendix W, W9.00; and
 - (C) meet the same impact requirements as the plate material.
- (c) Insulation must be of approved material.
 - (d) Pressure relief valves must be trimmed with monel or other approved material and equipped with a rupture disc of silver, polytetrafluoroethylene coated monel, or tantalum. Each pressure relief device shall have the space between the rupture disc and the valve vented with a suitable auxiliary valve. The discharge from each pressure relief valve must be directed outside the protective housing.
 - (e) Loading and unloading valves must be trimmed with Hastelloy B or C, monel, or other approved material, and identified as "Vapor" or "Liquid". Excess flow valves must be installed under all liquid and vapor valves, except safety relief valves.
 - (f) A thermometer well may be installed.
 - (g) Only an approved gaging device may be installed.
 - (h) A sump must be installed in the bottom of the tank under the liquid pipes.
 - (i) All gaskets must be made of, or coated with, polytetrafluoroethylene or other approved material.
 - (j) The tank car tank may be equipped with exterior cooling coils on top of the tank car shell.
 - (k) The jacket must be stenciled, adjacent to the water capacity stencil,

MINIMUM OPERATING TEMPERATURE _ °F.

- (l) The tank car and insulation must be designed to prevent the pressure of the lading from increasing from the pressure at the maximum allowable filling density to the start-to-discharge pressure of the pressure relief valve within 30 days, at an ambient temperature of 90° F.

[Amdt. 179–32, 48 FR 27708, June 16, 1983, as amended at 48 FR 50441, Nov. 1, 1983; 49 FR 24317, June 12, 1984; 49 FR 42736, Oct. 24, 1984; Amdt. 179–45, 55 FR 52728, Dec. 21, 1990; 66 FR 45390, Aug. 28, 2001; 67 FR 51660, Aug. 8, 2002; 68 FR 75758, 75760, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 179.103 Special requirements for class 114A * * * tank car tanks.

- (a) In addition to the applicable requirements of §§179.100 and 179.101 the following requirements shall be complied with:
- (b) [Reserved]

§ 179.103-1 Type.

- (a) Tanks built under this section may be of any approved cross section.
- (b) Any portion of the tank shell not circular in cross section shall have walls of such thickness and be so reinforced that the stresses in the walls caused by a given internal pressure are no greater than the circumferential stresses which would exist under the same internal pressure in the wall of a tank of circular cross section designed in accordance with paragraphs §179.100–6 (a)

and (b), but in no case shall the wall thickness be less than that specified in §179.101.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) Valves and fittings need not be mounted on the manway cover.

(e) One opening may be provided in each head for use in purging the tank interior.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–50, 60 FR 49077, Sept. 21, 1995]

§ 179.103-2 Manway cover.

(a) The manway cover must be an approved design.

(b) If no valves or measuring and sampling devices are mounted on manway cover, no protective housing is required.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–50, 60 FR 49077, Sept. 21, 1995]

§ 179.103-3 Venting, loading and unloading valves, measuring and sampling devices.

(a) Venting, loading and unloading valves, measuring and sampling devices, when used, shall be attached to a nozzle or nozzles on the tank shell or heads.

(b) These valves and appurtenances must be grouped in one location and, except as provided in §179.103–5, must be equipped with a protective housing with cover, or may be recessed into tank shell with cover. An additional set grouped in another location may be provided. Protective housing with cover, when used, must have steel sidewalls not less than three-fourths inch in thickness and a metal cover not less than one-fourth inch in thickness that can be securely closed. Underframe sills are an acceptable alternate to the protective housing cover, provided the arrangement is of approved design. For fittings recessed into tank shell, protective cover must be metal and not less than one-fourth inch in thickness.

(c) When tank car is used to transport liquefied flammable gases, the interior pipes of the loading, unloading, and sampling valves must be equipped with excess flow valves of approved design except when quick closing internal valves of approved design are used. When the interior pipe of the gaging device provides a means for the passage of lading from the interior to the exterior of the tank, it must be equipped with an excess flow valve of approved design or with an orifice not exceeding 0.060 inch.

[29 FR 18995, Dec. 29, 1964. Redesignated at 32 FR 5606, Apr. 5, 1967, and amended by Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21348, Nov. 6, 1971]

§ 179.103-4 Safety relief devices and pressure regulators.

(a) Safety relief devices and pressure regulators must be located on top of the tank near the center of the car on a nozzle, mounting plate or recess in the shell. Through or stud bolts, if used, must not enter the tank.

(b) Metal guard of approved design must be provided to protect safety relief devices and pressure regulators from damage.

[Amdt. 179–10, 36 FR 21348, Nov. 6, 1971]

§ 179.103-5 Bottom outlets.

(a) In addition to or in place of the venting, loading and unloading valves, measuring and sampling devices as prescribed in §179.103–3, tanks may be equipped with approved bottom outlet valves. If applied, bottom outlet valves must meet the following

requirements:

(1) On cars with center sills, a ball valve may be welded to the outside bottom of the tank or mounted on a pad or nozzle with a tongue and groove or male and female flange attachment, but in no case shall the breakage groove or equivalent extend below the bottom flange of the center sill. On cars without continuous center sills, a ball valve may be welded to the outside bottom of the tank or mounted with a tongue and groove or male and female flange attachment on a pad attached to the outside bottom of the tank. The mounting pad must have a maximum thickness of 2 1/2 inches measured on the longitudinal centerline of the tank. The valve operating mechanism must be provided with a suitable locking arrangement to insure positive closure during transit.

(2) When internal bottom outlet valve is used in liquefied flammable gas service, the outlet of the valve must be equipped with an excess flow valve of approved design, except when a quick-closing internal valve of approved design is used. Protective housing is not required.

(3) Bottom outlet must be equipped with a liquid tight closure at its lower end.

(b) Bottom outlet equipment must be of approved design and must meet the following requirements:

(1) The extreme projection of the bottom outlet equipment may not be more than allowed by appendix E of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter). All bottom outlet reducers and closures and their attachments shall be secured to the car by at least 3/8 inch chain, or its equivalent, except that bottom outlet closure plugs may be attached by 1/4 inch chain. When the bottom outlet closure is of the combination cap and valve type, the pipe connection to the valve shall be closed by a plug, cap, or approved quick coupling device. The bottom outlet equipment should include only the valve, reducers and closures that are necessary for the attachment of unloading fixtures. The permanent attachment of supplementary exterior fittings must be approved by the AAR Committee on Tank Cars.

(2) To provide for the attachment of unloading connections, the discharge end of the bottom outlet nozzle or reducer, the valve body of the exterior valve, or some fixed attachment thereto, shall be provided with one of the following arrangements or an approved modification thereof. (See appendix E. Fig. E17 of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars for illustrations of some of the possible arrangements.)

(i) A bolted flange closure arrangement including a minimum 1-inch NPT pipe plug (see Fig. E17.1) or including an auxiliary valve with a threaded closure.

(ii) A threaded cap closure arrangement including a minimum 1-inch NPT pipe plug (see Fig. E17.2) or including an auxiliary valve with a threaded closure.

(iii) A quick-coupling device using a threaded plug closure of at least 1-inch NPT or having a threaded cap closure with a minimum 1-inch NPT pipe plug (see Fig. E17.3 through E17.5). A minimum 1-inch auxiliary test valve with a threaded closure may be substituted for the 1-inch pipe plug (see Fig. E17.6). If the threaded cap closure does not have a pipe plug or integral auxiliary test valve, a minimum 1-inch NPT pipe plug shall be installed in the outlet nozzle above the closure (see Fig. E17.7).

(iv) A two-piece quick-coupling device using a clamped dust cap must include an in-line auxiliary valve, either integral with the quick-coupling device or located between the primary bottom outlet valve and the quick-coupling device. The quick-coupling device closure dust cap or outlet nozzle shall be fitted with a minimum 1-inch NPT closure (see Fig. E17.8 and E17.9).

(3) The valve operating mechanism must be provided with a suitable locking arrangement to insure positive closure during transit.

(4) If the outlet nozzle extends 6 inches or more from shell of tank, a V-shaped breakage groove shall be cut (not cast) in the upper part to the outlet nozzle at a point immediately below the lowest part of valve closest to the tank. In no case may the nozzle wall thickness at the roof of the "V" be more than 1/4-inch. On cars without continuous center sills, the breakage groove or its equivalent may not be more than 15 inches below the tank shell. On cars with continuous center sills, the breakage groove or its equivalent must be above the bottom of the center sill construction.

(5) The valve body must be of a thickness which will insure that accidental breakage of the outlet nozzle will occur at or below the "V" groove, or its equivalent, and will not cause distortion of the valve seat or valve.

[Amdt. 179-10, 36 FR 21348, Nov. 6, 1971, as amended by Amdt. 179-40, 52 FR 13046, Apr. 20, 1987; Amdt. 179-41, 52 FR 36672, Sept. 30, 1987; Amdt. 179-50, 60 FR 49077, Sept. 21, 1995; Amdt. 179-52, 61 FR 28680, June 5, 1996; Amdt. 179-53, 61 FR 51342, Oct. 1, 1996; 66 FR 45186, Aug. 28, 2001; 68 FR 75761, Dec. 31, 2003]