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FLASH TANK - volume determination; based on instantaneous flashing

**BASIS:** Enthalpy balance from the initial saturated condensate to the combined flash steam and remaining condensate. Assumes instantaneous flashing; 1 second.

**REFERENCES:** PERRY'S CHEMICAL ENGINEERS HANDBOOK; PSP-425 - Flashing Fluids in Vessels, ASHRAE 1989 Handbook-Fundamentals Chapter 33, figure 10.

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- 1.) Enter identification at [C3].
- 2.) Enter the condensate flow, at [E4].
- 3.) Enter the initial condensate pressure at [E5].
- 4.) Enter the flashing pressure at [E6].  
The percent flash is calculated and shown at [E17].  
The minimum flash tank volume is calculated and shown at [F22].  
The required disengaging area is calculated and shown at [D25].
- 5.) Enter the selected upward velocity at [C30]. **NOTE: non-tangential entrances require velocities as low as 2 fps (0.6 mps); tangential designs can be upwards to 10 fps (3 mps) maximum.**  
The minimum flash tank diameter is calculated and shown at [G31].

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Flash Tank - Volume Determination; Instantaneous Flashing
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Service: 15# CONDENSATE TO ATMOS. FLASH TANK

Condensate Rate: 45000 lbs/hr

$P_1 = 100$  psig

$P_2 = 0$  psig

$$x = \frac{H_{g2} - H_{f1}}{H_{g2} - H_{f2}} \quad \text{liquid fraction}$$

$$= \frac{(1150.5 - 309.1)}{(1150.5 - 180.2)}$$

= 86.7% condensate which equates to 39,021.8 lb/hr

(1-x) = 13.3% flash steam which equates to 5,978.2 lb/hr

- Flash tank volume determination ...

Condensate volume: 0.181 cubic feet

Flash steam volume: 44.503 cubic feet

Total Volume: 44.684 cubic feet, minimum

Req'd disengaging Area: 22.50 square feet minimum; (based on 0.5 sq.ft./1,000 lb/hr flow  
**(Assumes instantaneous flashing; 1 second.)**)

- Vessel diameter determination; based on a selected upward velocity.....

- Velocity = 10 fps      inside diameter =  $[(3.06 \cdot W \cdot v_1) / \text{velocity}]^{0.5}$

inside diameter = 78.4 inches, minimum

