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VENTING of DEFLAGRATIONS of GAS MIXTURES and MISTS
Sizing based on NFPA 68, 2007 Edition

BASIS: NFPA 68 Guide for Venting of Deflagrations 2007 Edition

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LIMITATIONS: Low Strength Enclosures

- • Pred (pressure-reduced) Not to exceed 1.5 psi, or 0.1 bar.
- • Low Strength Enclosures cannot have a vent duct.
- • Pred (pressure-reduced) should exceed Pstat by 0.35-psi (0.02-bar).
- • When the fundamental burning velocity of the gas exceeds 1.3 times that of propane alternate methods of protection should be used.
- • When the vent area is restricted to one end of an elongated enclosure the ratio of the length to diameter should be limited to three. Use the effective diameter for cross-sections other than circular or square.

High Strength Enclosures

- • Pred (pressure-reduced) > 0.1 bar (1.5-psi)
- • Pred (pressure-reduced) ≤ 2 bar (29-psi) and at least 0.05 bar > Pstat
- • $K_g \leq 550$ bar-m/sec
- • Pstat ≤ 0.5 bar (7.5-psi)
- • Enclosure Volume ≤ 1000 cubic meter (35314.7 cubic feet)

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Venting of Gas or Mist Deflagration in Low-Strength Enclosures

SERVICE: Escaped Methanol in Mix Room
 GAS/VAPOR: METHYL ALCOHOL

	Kg: 75 bar-m/sec
Enclosure Pred : 0.1 bar	Maximum Pstat : 0.076 bar
or : 1.450 psi	or : 1.100 psi
Enclosure Surface Area : 600 m ²	Burning Velocity : 56 cm/sec
or : 6458.346 ft ²	Vent Parameter, C : 0.0689272 bar ^{0.5}

$$A_v = C \cdot \frac{A_s}{P_{red}^{0.5}} = 130.78 \text{ m}^2 \text{ - or - } 1407.7059 \text{ ft}^2$$

7.2.2.5 - Effects of Panel Inertia, if panel mass $\leq 40\text{-kg/m}^2$ & $K_G \leq 130$

Enclosure Volume : 14 m ³	Number of Panels : 1 n
or : 494.4 ft ³	Vent Panel Mass : 18 kg/m ²
	Threshold Mass, M _T : 24.58373 kg/m ²

$$\Delta A_i = A_v \cdot (0.0075) \cdot M^{0.6} \cdot K_G^{0.5} / n^{0.3} \cdot V \cdot P_{red}^{0.2}$$

$$= 0.00 \text{ m}^2 \text{ - or - } 0 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\text{Final Vent Area} = A_v + \Delta A_i = 130.78 \text{ m}^2 \text{ - or - } 1407.7059 \text{ ft}^2$$

Venting of Gas or Mist Deflagration in High-Strength Enclosures

SERVICE: ETHANOL TANK - EXPLOSION VENTING REQUIREMENTS

GAS: ETHYL ALCOHOL

	Deflag. Index-Kg: 78	bar-m/sec
P_{red} : 0.17 -bar, or 2.47 -psi	Enclosure Volume : 1000	m^3
P_{stat} : 0.11 -bar, or 1.60 -psi	or : 35310.7	ft^3
P_{max} : 7 -bar, or 102 -psi	Enclosure L/D Ratio: 3.00	height/diameter

$$A_V = [(0.127 \cdot \log_{10}(K_G) - 0.0567) \cdot P_{red}^{-0.582} + 0.175 \cdot P_{red}^{-0.572} \cdot (P_{stat}-0.1)] \cdot V^{2/3}$$

$$A_V = 51.97 \text{ meter}^2 \text{ or } 559.45 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ for Cubic Vessels}$$

7.3.3.3 - L/D Values from 2 to 5

$$A_L = A_V + \Delta A_H$$

$$\Delta A_H = [A_V \cdot K_G \cdot (L/(D-2))^2] / 750 : 5.4053559 \text{ meter}^2 \text{ or } 58.18 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$A_L = 51.97 + 5.41 = 57.38 \text{ meter}^2 \text{ or } 617.64 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ for Elongated Vessels}$$

7.3.3.6 - Effects of Panel Inertia, if panel mass $\leq 40\text{-kg/m}^2$ & $K_G \leq 130$

Number of Panels : 1 n	Vent Panel Mass : 18 kg/m^2	
	Threshold Mass, M_T : 35429.179 kg/m^2	

$$\Delta A_i = A_V \cdot (0.0075) \cdot M^{0.6} \cdot K_G^{0.5/n^{0.3}} \cdot V \cdot P_{red}^{0.2} : 0.00 \text{ sq meter - or - } 0.00 \text{ sq ft}$$

$$\text{Final Vent Area} = A_V + \Delta A_i = 51.97 \text{ m}^2 \text{ - or - } 559.44966 \text{ ft}^2$$

.. **Reaction Force resulting from deflagration equals :**

$$F_r = \alpha \cdot A_V \cdot P_{red}$$

$$F_r = 1526.805 \text{ force, lbf or } 1060.2813 \text{ kN}$$

EFFECTS OF VENT DUCTS - GAS MIXTURES & MISTS
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Service : **Mix Tank Vent Duct**

Duct Length :	4.26	meters	Duct Length :	13.9728	feet
Pred w/o duct :	0.21	bar	Pred w/o duct :	3.045	psi
Duct Length :	4.65	hydraulic diameters, meters			

- • For Ducts with Lengths < 3-m (10-ft) and < 4 Duct Hydraulic Diameters

$$P'_{red} = 0.779 \cdot (P_{red})^{1.161}$$

$$=$$

- • For Ducts with Lengths 3-m to 6-m (10-ft to 20-ft) or ≥ 4 Duct Hydraulic Diameters

$$P'_{red} = 0.172 \cdot (P_{red})^{1.936}$$

$$= 0.008 \text{ -bar, or } 0.122 \text{ -psi}$$

MATERIAL	Burning velocity, cm/sec	Reference
1,2-BUTADIENE	68	NFPA-68
1,2-PENTADIENE	61	NFPA-68
1,3-BUTADIENE	64	NFPA-68
1,4-PENTADIENE	55	NFPA-68
1-BUTENE	51	NFPA-68
1-BUTYNE	68	NFPA-68
1-DECENE	44	NFPA-68
1-PENTANE	50	NFPA-68
1-PROPYLENE	82	NFPA-68
2,3-PENTADIENE	60	NFPA-68
2-BUTEN-1-YNE (VINYLACETYLENE)	89	NFPA-68
2-BUTYNE	61	NFPA-68
ACETONE	54	NFPA-68
ACETYLENE	166	NFPA-68
ACROLEIN	66	NFPA-68
ACRYLONITRILE	50	NFPA-68
ALLENE (PROPADIENE)	87	NFPA-68
BENZENE	48	NFPA-68
BUTANONE	42	NFPA-68
CARBON DISULFIDE	58	NFPA-68
CARBON MONOXIDE	46	NFPA-68
CYCLOBUTANE	67	NFPA-68
CYCLOHEXANE	46	NFPA-68
CYCLOPENTADIENE	46	NFPA-68
CYCLOPENTANE	44	NFPA-68
CYCLOPENTENE	48	NFPA-68
CYCLOPROPANE	56	NFPA-68
DIETHYL ETHER	47	NFPA-68
DIMETHYL ETHER	54	NFPA-68
ETHANE	47	NFPA-68
ETHENE (ETHYLENE)	80	NFPA-68
ETHYL ACETATE	38	NFPA-68
ETHYLENE OXIDE	108	NFPA-68
ETHYLENIMINE	46	NFPA-68
GASOLINE	40	NFPA-68
HEXADECANE	44	NFPA-68
HYDROGEN	312	NFPA-68
ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL	41	NFPA-68
ISOPROPYLAMINE	31	NFPA-68
JET FUEL, JP-1	40	NFPA-68
JET FUEL, JP-1	41	NFPA-68
METHANE	40	NFPA-68
METHYL ALCOHOL	56	NFPA-68
n-BUTANE	45	NFPA-68
n-DECANE	43	NFPA-68
n-HEPTANE	46	NFPA-68
n-HEXANE	46	NFPA-68
n-PENTANE	46	NFPA-68
PROPANE	46	NFPA-68
PROPENE	52	NFPA-68
PROPIONALDEHYDE	58	NFPA-68
PROPYLENE OXIDE	82	NFPA-68
SPIROPENTANE	71	NFPA-68
TETRAHYDROPYRAN	48	NFPA-68
TETRALIN	39	NFPA-68
TOLUENE	41	NFPA-68