

thermocouples placed as described in paragraph 3a(2) of this appendix to record the thermal response of the material.

(3) Before exposure to the simulated torch, none of the thermocouples on the back side of the thermal protection system configuration may indicate a plate temperature in excess of 37.8 °C (100 °F) nor less than 0 °C (32 °F).

(4) The entire outside surface of the thermal protection system must be exposed to the simulated torch-fire environment.

(5) A torch-simulation test must be run for a minimum of 30 minutes. The thermal protection system must retard the heat flow to the plate so that none of the thermocouples on the backside of the bare plate indicate a plate temperature in excess of 427 °C (800 °F).

(6) A minimum of two consecutive successful torch-simulation tests must be performed for each thermal protection system.

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## PART 180—CONTINUING QUALIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PACKAGINGS

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### Subpart A—General

#### § 180.1 Purpose and scope.

This part prescribes requirements pertaining to the maintenance, reconditioning, repair, inspection and testing of packagings, and any other function having an effect on the continuing qualification and use of a packaging under the requirements of this subchapter.

#### § 180.2 Applicability.

(a) Any person who performs a function prescribed in this part shall perform that function in accordance with this part.

(b) Any person who performs a function prescribed in this part is considered subject to the regulations of this subchapter when that person—

- (1) Makes any representation indicating compliance with one or more of the requirements of this part; or
- (2) Reintroduces into commerce a packaging that bears markings indicating compliance with this part.

[Amdt. 180–2, 54 FR 25032, June 12, 1989, as amended by Amdt. 180–2, 56 FR 27877, June 17, 1991]

#### § 180.3 General requirements.

(a) No person may represent, mark, certify, sell, or offer a packaging or container as meeting the requirements

of this part, or an exemption pertaining to this part issued under subchapter A of this chapter, whether or not the packaging or container is intended to be used for the transportation of a hazardous material, unless it is marked, maintained, reconditioned, repaired, or retested, as appropriate, in accordance with this part, an approval issued thereunder, or an exemption issued under subchapter A of this chapter.

(b) The representations, markings, and certifications subject to the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of this section include:

(1) Identifications that include the letters "DOT", "MC", "ICC", or "UN";

(2) Exemption, approval, and registration numbers that include the letters "DOT";

(3) Test dates displayed in association with specification, registration, approval, or exemption markings indicating conformance to a test or retest requirement of this subchapter, an approval issued thereunder, or an exemption issued under subchapter A of this chapter;

(4) Documents indicating conformance to the testing, inspection, maintenance or other continuing qualification requirements of this part; and

(5) Sales literature, including advertising, indicating that the packaging or container represented therein conforms to requirements contained in subchapter A or C of this chapter.

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### Subparts B-C [Reserved]

### Subpart D—Qualification and Maintenance of Intermediate Bulk Containers

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#### § 180.350 Applicability.

This subpart prescribes requirements, in addition to those contained in parts 107, 171, 172, 173, and 178 of this chapter, applicable to any person responsible for the continuing qualifica-

tion, maintenance, or periodic retesting of an intermediate bulk container.

#### § 180.351 Qualification of intermediate bulk containers.

(a) *General.* Each intermediate bulk container used for the transportation of hazardous materials must be an authorized packaging.

(b) *Intermediate bulk container specifications.* To qualify as an authorized packaging, each intermediate bulk container must conform to this subpart, the applicable requirements specified in part 173 of this subchapter, and the applicable requirements of subparts N and O of part 178 of this subchapter.

#### § 180.352 Requirements for retest and inspection of intermediate bulk containers.

(a) *General.* Each intermediate bulk container constructed in accordance with a UN standard for which a test or inspection specified in paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this section is required may not be filled and offered for transportation or transported until the test or inspection has been successfully completed. This paragraph does not apply to any intermediate bulk container filled prior to the test or inspection due date. The requirements in this section do not apply to DOT 56 and 57 portable tanks.

(b) *Test and inspections for metal, rigid plastic, and composite intermediate bulk containers.* Each intermediate bulk container is subject to the following test and inspections:

(1) The leakproofness test prescribed in §178.813 of this subchapter must be conducted every 2.5 years starting from the date of manufacture marked on each intermediate bulk container intended to contain liquids or intended to contain solids that are loaded or discharged under pressure.

(2) An external visual inspection must be conducted initially after production and every 2.5 years starting from the date of manufacture on each intermediate bulk container to ensure that:

(i) The intermediate bulk container is marked in accordance with requirements in §178.703 of this subchapter. Missing or damaged markings, or

markings difficult to read must be restored or returned to original condition.

(ii) Service equipment is fully functional and free from damage which may cause failure. Missing, broken, or damaged parts must be repaired or replaced.

(iii) The intermediate bulk container, including the outer packaging if applicable, is free from damage which reduces its structural integrity. The intermediate bulk container must be externally inspected for cracks, warpage, corrosion or any other damage which might render the intermediate bulk container unsafe for transportation. An intermediate bulk container found with such defects must be removed from service. The inner receptacle of a composite intermediate bulk container must be removed from the outer intermediate bulk container body for inspection unless the inner receptacle is bonded to the outer body or unless the outer body is constructed in such a way (e.g., a welded or riveted cage) that removal of the inner receptacle is not possible without impairing the integrity of the outer body. Defective inner receptacles must be replaced with a receptacle meeting the design type of the intermediate bulk container or the entire intermediate bulk container must be replaced. For metal intermediate bulk containers, thermal insulation must be removed to the extent necessary for proper examination of the intermediate bulk container body.

(3) Each metal intermediate bulk container must be internally inspected at least every five years to ensure that the intermediate bulk container is free from damage which might reduce its structural integrity.

(i) The intermediate bulk container must be internally inspected for cracks, warpage, and corrosion or any other defect that might render the intermediate bulk container unsafe for transportation. An intermediate bulk container found with such defects must be removed from hazardous materials service until restored to the original design type of the intermediate bulk container.

(ii) Metal intermediate bulk containers must be inspected to ensure the

minimum wall thickness requirements in §178.705(c)(1)(iv)(A) of this subchapter are met. Metal intermediate bulk containers not conforming to minimum wall thickness requirements must be removed from hazardous materials service.

(c) *Initial visual inspection for flexible, fiberboard, or wooden intermediate bulk containers.* Each intermediate bulk container must be visually inspected prior to first use, by the person who places hazardous materials in the intermediate bulk container, to ensure that:

(1) The intermediate bulk container is marked in accordance with requirements in §178.703 of this subchapter. Additional marking allowed for each design type may be present. Required markings that are missing, damaged or difficult to read must be restored or returned to original condition.

(2) Proper construction and design specifications have been met.

(i) Each flexible intermediate bulk container must be inspected to ensure that:

(A) Lifting straps if used, are securely fastened to the intermediate bulk container in accordance with the design type.

(B) Seams are free from defects in stitching, heat sealing or gluing which would render the intermediate bulk container unsafe for transportation of hazardous materials. All stitched seam-ends must be secure.

(C) Fabric used to construct the intermediate bulk container is free from cuts, tears and punctures. Additionally, fabric must be free from scoring which may render the intermediate bulk container unsafe for transport.

(ii) Each fiberboard intermediate bulk container must be inspected to ensure that:

(A) Fluting or corrugated fiberboard is firmly glued to facings.

(B) Seams are creased and free from scoring, cuts, and scratches.

(C) Joints are appropriately overlapped and glued, stitched, taped or stapled as prescribed by the design. Where staples are used, the joints must be inspected for protruding staple-ends which could puncture or abrade the inner liner. All such ends must be protected before the intermediate bulk

container is authorized for hazardous materials service.

(iii) Each wooden intermediate bulk container must be inspected to ensure that:

(A) End joints are secured in the manner prescribed by the design.

(B) Intermediate bulk container walls are free from defects in wood. Inner protrusions which could puncture or abrade the liner must be covered.

(d) *Retest date.* The date of the most recent periodic retest must be marked as provided in §178.703(b) of this subchapter.

(e) *Record retention.* The intermediate bulk container owner or lessee shall keep records of periodic retests and initial and periodic inspections. Records must include design types and packaging specifications, test and inspection dates, name and address of test and inspection facilities, names or name of any persons conducting tests or inspections, and test or inspection specifics and results. Records must be kept for each packaging at each location where periodic tests are conducted, until such tests are successfully performed again or for at least 2.5 years from the date of the last test. These records must be made available for inspection by a representative of the Department on request.

### Subpart E—Qualification and Maintenance of Cargo Tanks

#### § 180.401 Applicability.

This subpart prescribes requirements, in addition to those contained in parts 107, 171, 172, 173 and 178 of this subchapter, applicable to any person responsible for the continuing qualification, maintenance or periodic testing of a cargo tank.

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#### § 180.403 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions contained in §§171.8 and 178.345-1 of this subchapter, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Corrosive to the tank/valve* means a lading meets the criteria for corrosivity specified in §173.136 of this subchapter, for the material of con-

struction of the tank or valve; or the lading has been shown through experience to be corrosive to the tank or valve.

*Modification* means any change to the original design and construction of a cargo tank or a cargo tank motor vehicle which affects its structural integrity or lading retention capability. Any modification which involves welding on the cargo tank wall also must meet all requirements for "Repair" as defined in this section. Excluded from this category are the following:

(1) A change to motor vehicle equipment such as lights, truck or tractor power train components, steering and brake systems, and suspension parts, and changes to appurtenances, such as fender attachments, lighting brackets, ladder brackets; and

(2) Replacement of components such as valves, vents, and fittings with a component of a similar design and of the same size.

*Owner* means the person who owns a cargo tank motor vehicle used for the transportation of hazardous materials, or that person's authorized agent.

*Rebarrelling* means replacing more than 50 percent of the combined shell and head material of a cargo tank.

*Repair* means any welding on a cargo tank wall done to return a cargo tank or a cargo tank motor vehicle to its original design and construction specification, or to a condition prescribed for a later equivalent specification in effect at the time of the repair. Excluded from this category are the following:

(1) A change to motor vehicle equipment such as lights, truck or tractor power train components, steering and brake systems, and suspension parts, and changes to appurtenances, such as fender attachments, lighting brackets, ladder brackets; and

(2) Replacement of components such as valves, vents, and fittings with a component of a similar design and of the same size.

(3) Replacement of an appurtenance by welding to a mounting pad.

*Replacement of a barrel* means to replace the existing tank on a motor vehicle chassis with an unused (new) tank. For the definition of *tank*, see

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§ 178.345–1(c), § 178.337–1, or § 178.338–1 of this subchapter, as applicable.

*Stretching* means any change in length, width or diameter of the cargo tank, or any change to a cargo tank motor vehicle's undercarriage that may affect the cargo tank's structural integrity.

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**§ 180.405 Qualification of cargo tanks.**

(a) *General.* Unless otherwise provided in this subpart, each cargo tank used for the transportation of hazardous material must be an authorized packaging.

(b) *Cargo tank specifications.* To qualify as an authorized packaging, each cargo tank must conform to this subpart, the applicable requirements specified in part 173 of this subchapter for the specific lading and, where a DOT specification cargo tank is required, an applicable specification in effect on the date the initial construction began: MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311, MC 312, MC 330, MC 331, MC 338, DOT 406, DOT 407, or DOT 412 (§ 178.337, § 178.338, § 178.345, § 178.346, § 178.347, § 178.348 of this subchapter). However, no cargo tank may be marked or certified after August 31, 1995, to the applicable MC 306, MC 307, MC 312, MC 331 or MC 338 specification in effect on December 30, 1990.

(c) *Cargo tank specifications no longer authorized for construction.* (1) A cargo tank made to a specification listed in Column 1 may be used when authorized in this part, provided the cargo tank was marked or certified before the date listed in Column 2:

Column 1	Column 2
MC 300 .....	Sept. 2, 1967.
MC 301 .....	June 12, 1961.
MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 310, MC 311.	Sept. 2, 1967.
MC 330 .....	May 15, 1967.
MC 306, MC 307, MC 312 .....	Sept. 1, 1995.

(2) A cargo tank of a specification listed in paragraph (c)(1) of this section may have its pressure relief devices and outlets modified as follows:

(i) A Specification MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, or MC 305 cargo tank, to conform with a Specification MC 306 or DOT 406 cargo tank (See §§ 178.346–10 and 178.346–11 of this subchapter).

(ii) A Specification MC 306 cargo tank to conform to a Specification DOT 406 cargo tank (§§ 178.346–10 and 178.346–11 of this subchapter).

(iii) A Specification MC 304 cargo tank, to conform with a Specification MC 307 or DOT 407 cargo tank (See §§ 178.347–10 and 178.347–11 of this subchapter).

(iv) A Specification MC 307 cargo tank, to conform with a Specification DOT 407 cargo tank (See §§ 178.347–10 and 178.347–11 of this subchapter).

(v) A Specification MC 310 or MC 311 cargo tank, to conform with a Specification MC 312 or DOT 412 cargo tank (See §§ 178.348–10 and 178.348–11 of this subchapter).

(vi) A Specification MC 312 cargo tank, to conform with a Specification DOT 412 cargo tank (See §§ 178.348–10 and 178.348–11 of this subchapter).

(vii) A Specification MC 330 cargo tank, to conform with a Specification MC 331 cargo tank, except as specifically required by § 173.315 of this subchapter (see §§ 178.337–8 and 178.337–9 of this subchapter).

(d) *MC 338 cargo tank.* The owner of a cargo tank that conforms to and was used under the terms of an exemption issued before October 1, 1984, that authorizes the transportation of a cryogenic liquid shall remove the exemption number stenciled on the cargo tank and stamp the specification plate (or a plate placed adjacent to the specification plate) "DOT MC 338" followed by the exemption number, for example, "DOT MC 338-E \* \* \* \*". (Asterisks to be replaced by the exemption number). The cargo tank must be remarked prior to the expiration date of the exemption. During the period the cargo tank is in service, the owner of a cargo tank that is remarked in this manner must retain at its principal place of business a copy of the last exemption in effect. No new construction of cargo tanks pursuant to such exemption is authorized.

(1) The holding time must be determined, as required in § 178.338–9 of this subchapter, on each cargo tank or on

at least one cargo tank of each design. Any subsequent cargo tank manufactured to the same design type (see §178.320), if not individually tested, must have the optional test regimen performed during the first shipment (see §178.338-9 (b) and (c) of this subchapter).

(2) The holding time determined by test for one authorized cryogenic liquid may be used as the basis for establishing the holding time for other authorized cryogenic liquids.

(e) *MC 331 cargo tanks.* The owner of a MC 331 (§178.337 of this subchapter) cargo tank that conforms to and was used under an exemption issued before October 1, 1984, that authorizes the transportation of ethane, refrigerated liquid; ethane-propane mixture, refrigerated liquid; or hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid shall remove the exemption number stenciled on the cargo tank and stamp the exemption number on the specification plate (or a plate placed adjacent to the specification plate), immediately after the DOT Specification, for example, "DOT MC 331-E \* \* \* \*". (Asterisks to be replaced by the exemption number.) The cargo tank must be remarked prior to the expiration date of the exemption. During the period the cargo tank is in service, the owner of a cargo tank that is remarked in this manner must retain at the owner's principal place of business a copy of the last exemption in effect.

(f) *MC 306, MC 307, MC 312 cargo tanks.* Either a Registered Inspector or a Design Certifying Engineer and the owner of a MC 306, MC 307 or MC 312 cargo tank motor vehicle constructed in accordance with and used under an exemption issued before December 31, 1990, that authorizes a condition specified in this paragraph shall examine the cargo tank motor vehicle and its design to determine if it meets the requirements of the applicable MC 306, MC 307 or MC 312 specification in effect at the time of manufacture, except as specified herein.

(1) A cargo tank motor vehicle constructed after August 1, 1981, or the date specified in the applicable exemption, in conformance with the following conditions that apply, may be remarked and certified in accordance

with paragraphs (f) (5) and (6) of this section:

(i) A vacuum-loaded cargo tank must have an ASME Code stamped specification plate marked with a minimum internal design pressure of 25 psig, and be designed for a minimum external design pressure of 15 psig.

(ii) An outlet equipped with a self-closing system which includes an external stop-valve must have the stop valve and associated piping protected within the vehicle's rear-end tank protection device, vehicle frame or an equally adequate accident damage protection device (See §178.345-8 of this subchapter.) The self-closing system (See §178.345-11 of this subchapter) must be equipped with a remotely actuated means of closure as follows:

(A) For a cargo tank used in other than corrosive service, the remote means of closure must be activated for closure by manual or mechanical means and, in case of fire, by an automatic heat activated means.

(B) For a cargo tank used in corrosive service, the remote means of closure may be actuated by manual or mechanical means only.

(iii) A cargo tank having an unreinforced portion of the shell exceeding 60 inches must have the circumferential reinforcement located so that the thickness and tensile strength of shell material in combination with the frame and circumferential reinforcement produces a structural integrity at least equal to that prescribed in §178.345-3 of this subchapter or the specification in effect at time of manufacture.

(iv) A cargo tank having a projection from the tank shell or head that may contain lading in any tank position is authorized, provided such projection is as strong as the tank shell or head and is located within the motor vehicle's rear-end tank protection or other appropriate accident damage protection device.

(v) A cargo tank may be constructed of nickel, titanium, or other ASME sheet or plate materials in accordance with an exemption.

(2) A vacuum-loaded cargo tank constructed after August 1, 1981, or the date specified in the applicable exemption, in conformance with paragraph

(f)(1) of this section, except that an outlet equipped with an external valve which is not part of a self-closing system:

(i) Must be equipped with a self-closing system prior to September 1, 1993.

(ii) May be remarked and certified in accordance with paragraphs (f)(5) and (6) of this section after the cargo tank motor vehicle has been equipped with the self-closing system.

(3) A vacuum-loaded cargo tank constructed prior to August 1, 1981, in conformance with paragraph (f)(1) of this section, except for paragraph (f)(1)(i), may be remarked and certified in accordance with paragraphs (f) (5) and (6) of this section.

(4) A vacuum-loaded cargo tank constructed prior to August 1, 1981, in conformance with paragraph (f)(1) of this section, except for paragraph (f)(1)(i) of this section, and except that an outlet is equipped with an external valve which is not part of a self-closing system:

(i) Must be equipped with a self-closing system prior to September 1, 1993.

(ii) May be remarked and certified in accordance with paragraphs (f)(5) and (6) of this section after the cargo tank motor vehicle has been equipped with the self-closing system.

(5) The owner of a cargo tank for which a determination has been made that the cargo tank is in conformance with paragraph (f) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section shall complete a written certification, in English, signed by the owner and containing at least the following information:

(i) A statement certifying that each cargo tank conforms to §180.405 (f) (1), (2), (3), or (4);

(ii) The applicable DOT exemption number, the applicable specification number and the owner's and manufacturer's serial number for the cargo tank;

(iii) A statement setting forth any modifications made to bring the cargo tank into conformance with §180.405(f) (1), (2), (3), or (4), or the applicable specification;

(iv) A statement identifying the person certifying the cargo tank and the date of certification.

(6) The owner of a certified cargo tank shall remove the exemption num-

ber stenciled on the cargo tank and shall durably mark the specification plate (or a plate placed adjacent to the specification plate) "MC +++-E \*\*\*\*\*" (where "+++" is to be replaced by the applicable specification number, "\*\*\*" by the exemption number and "# # # #" by the alloy.)

(7) During the period the cargo tank is in service, and for one year thereafter, the owner of a cargo tank that is certified and remarked in this manner must retain on file at its principal place of business a copy of the certificate and the last exemption in effect.

(g) *Cargo tank manhole assemblies.* (1) MC 306, MC 307, and MC 312 cargo tanks marked or certified after December 30, 1990, and DOT 406, DOT 407, and DOT 412 cargo tank motor vehicles must be equipped with manhole assemblies conforming with §178.345-5 of this subchapter.

(2) On or before August 31, 1995, each owner of a cargo tank marked or certified before December 31, 1990, authorized for the transportation of a hazardous material, must have the cargo tank equipped with manhole assemblies conforming with §178.345-5, except for the dimensional requirements in §178.345-5(a), the hydrostatic testing requirements in §178.345-5(b), and the marking requirements in §178.345-5(e) of this subchapter. A manhole assembly meeting one of the following provisions is considered to be in compliance with this paragraph:

(i) Manhole assemblies on MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305, MC 306, MC 310, MC 311 and MC 312 cargo tanks which are marked or certified in writing as conforming to §178.345-5 of this subchapter or TTMA RP No. 61, or are tested and certified in accordance with TTMA TB No. 107.

(ii) Manhole assemblies on MC 304 and MC 307 cargo tanks.

(iii) Manhole assemblies on MC 310, MC 311, and MC 312 cargo tanks with a test pressure of 36 psig or greater.

(3) The owner of five or more DOT specification cargo tanks requiring retrofit or certification of the manhole closure must retrofit or certify at least 20 percent of the affected cargo tanks each year beginning in 1991 until all affected manhole closures on cargo tanks have been retrofitted or certified. The

owner of fewer than 5 DOT specification cargo tanks has until August 31, 1995 to retrofit or certify the manhole closures.

(h) *Pressure relief system.* Properly functioning reclosing pressure relief valves and frangible or fusible vents need not be replaced. However, replacement of reclosing pressure relief valves on MC-specification cargo tanks is authorized subject to the following requirements:

(1) Until August 31, 1998, the owner of a cargo tank may replace a reclosing pressure relief device with a device which is in compliance with the requirements for pressure relief devices in effect at the time the cargo tank specification became superseded. If the pressure relief device is installed as an integral part of a manhole cover assembly, the manhole cover must comply with the requirements of paragraph (g) of this section.

(2) After August 31, 1998, replacement for any reclosing pressure relief valve must be capable of reseating to a leak-tight condition after a pressure surge, and the volume of lading released may not exceed one liter. Specific performance requirements for these pressure relief valves are set forth in §178.345-10(b)(3) of this subchapter.

(3) As provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the owner of a cargo tank may elect to modify reclosing pressure relief devices to more recent cargo tank specifications. However, replacement devices constructed to the requirements of §178.345-10 of this subchapter must provide the minimum venting capacity required by the original specification to which the cargo tank was designed and constructed.

(i) *Flammable cryogenic liquids.* Each cargo tank used to transport a flammable cryogenic liquid must be examined after each shipment to determine its actual holding time (See §173.318(g)(3) of this subchapter.)

(j) *Withdrawal of certification.* A specification cargo tank that for any reason no longer meets the applicable specification may not be used to transport hazardous materials unless the cargo tank is repaired and retested in accordance with §§180.413 and 180.407 prior to being returned to hazardous materials service. If the cargo tank is not in con-

formance with the applicable specification requirements, the specification plate on the cargo tank must be removed, obliterated or securely covered. The details of the conditions necessitating withdrawal of the certification must be recorded and signed on the written certificate for that cargo tank. The vehicle owner shall retain the certificate for at least 1 year after withdrawal of the certification.

(k) *DOT specification cargo tank with no marked design pressure or a marked design pressure of less than 3 psig.* The owner of an MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305, MC 306 or MC 312 cargo tank, which has a pressure relief system set at 3 psig, may mark or remark the cargo tank with an MAWP or design pressure of not greater than 3 psig.

(l) *MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305, MC 306 cargo tank—Rear accident damage protection.* (1) Notwithstanding the requirements in §180.405(b), the applicable specification requirement for a rear bumper or rear-end tank protection device on MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305, and MC 306 cargo tanks does not apply to a cargo tank truck (power unit) until July 1, 1992, if the cargo tank truck—

(i) Was manufactured before July 1, 1989;

(ii) Is used to transport gasoline or any other petroleum distillate product; and

(iii) Is operated in combination with a cargo tank full trailer. However, an empty cargo tank truck, without a cargo tank full trailer attached, may be operated without the required rear bumper or rear-end tank protection device on a one-time basis while being transported to a repair facility for installation of a rear bumper or rear-end protection device.

(2) Each cargo tank shall be provided with a rear accident damage protection device to protect the tank and piping in the event of a rear-end collision and reduce the likelihood of damage which could result in the loss of lading. The rear-end protection device must be in the form of a rear-end tank protection device meeting the requirements of §178.345-8(d) or a rear bumper meeting the following:

(i) The bumper shall be located at least 6 inches to the rear of any vehicle

component used for loading or unloading or that may contain lading while the vehicle is in transit.

(ii) The dimensions of the bumper shall conform to §393.86 of this title.

(iii) The structure of the bumper shall be designed to withstand, without leakage of lading, the impact of the vehicle with rated payload, at a deceleration of 2 “g” using a safety factor of two based on the ultimate strength of the bumper material. Such impact shall be considered uniformly distributed and applied horizontally (parallel to the ground) from any direction at an angle not exceeding 30 degrees to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

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**§ 180.407 Requirements for test and inspection of specification cargo tanks.**

(a) *General.* (1) A cargo tank constructed in accordance with a DOT specification for which a test or inspection specified in this section has become due, may not be filled and offered for transportation or transported until the test or inspection has been successfully completed. This paragraph does not apply to any cargo tank filled prior to the test or inspection due date.

(2) Except during a pressure test or during loading or unloading, a cargo tank may not be subjected to a pressure greater than its design pressure or MAWP.

(3) A person witnessing or performing a test or inspection specified in this section must meet the minimum qualifications prescribed in §180.409.

(4) Each cargo tank must be evaluated in accordance with the acceptable

results of tests and inspections prescribed in §180.411.

(5) Each cargo tank which has successfully passed a test or inspection specified in this section must be marked in accordance with §180.415.

(6) A cargo tank which fails a prescribed test or inspection must:

(i) Be repaired and retested in accordance with §180.413; or

(ii) Be removed from hazardous materials service and the specification plate removed, obliterated or covered in a secure manner.

(b) *Conditions requiring test and inspection of cargo tanks.* Without regard to any other test or inspection requirements, a specification cargo tank must be tested and inspected in accordance with this section prior to further use if:

(1) The cargo tank shows evidence of bad dents, corroded or abraded areas, leakage, or any other condition that might render it unsafe for transportation service.

(2) The cargo tank has been in an accident and has been damaged to an extent that may adversely affect its lading retention capability.

(3) The cargo tank has been out of hazardous materials transportation service for a period of one year or more. Each cargo tank that has been out of hazardous materials transportation service for a period of one year or more must be pressure tested in accordance with §180.407(g) prior to further use.

(4) The cargo tank has been modified from its original design specification.

(5) The Department so requires based on the existence of probable cause that the cargo tank is in an unsafe operating condition.

(c) *Periodic test and inspection.* Each specification cargo tank must be tested and inspected as specified in the following table by an inspector meeting the qualifications in §180.409.

COMPLIANCE DATES—INSPECTIONS AND TEST UNDER § 180.407(C)

Test or inspection (cargo tank specification, configuration, and service)	Date by which first test must be completed (see note 1)	Interval period after first test
External Visual Inspection: All cargo tanks designed to be loaded by vacuum with full opening rear heads.	September 1, 1991 .....	6 months.
All other cargo tanks .....	September 1, 1991 .....	1 year.
Internal Visual Inspection: All insulated cargo tanks, except MC 330, MC 331, MC 338 .....	September 1, 1991 .....	1 year.

COMPLIANCE DATES—INSPECTIONS AND TEST UNDER § 180.407(C)—Continued

Test or inspection (cargo tank specification, configuration, and service)	Date by which first test must be completed (see note 1)	Interval period after first test
All cargo tanks transporting lading corrosive to the tank .....	September 1, 1991 .....	1 year.
All other cargo tanks, except MC 338 .....	September 1, 1995 .....	5 years.
Lining Inspection:		
All lined cargo tanks transporting lading corrosive to the tank .....	September 1, 1991 .....	1 year.
Leakage Test:		
MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks in chlorine service .....	September 1, 1991 .....	2 years.
All other cargo tanks except MC 338 .....	September 1, 1991 .....	1 year.
Pressure Test:		
(Hydrostatic or pneumatic) (See Notes 2 and 3) .....	September 1, 1991 .....	1 year.
All cargo tanks which are insulated with no manhole or insulated and lined, except MC 338.		
All cargo tanks designed to be loaded by vacuum with full opening rear heads.	September 1, 1992 .....	2 years.
MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks in chlorine service .....	September 1, 1992 .....	2 years.
All other cargo tanks .....	September 1, 1995 .....	5 years.
Thickness Test:		
All unlined cargo tanks transporting material corrosive to the tank, except MC 338.	September 1, 1992 .....	2 years.

Note 1: If a cargo tank is subject to an applicable inspection or test requirement under the regulations in effect on December 30, 1990, and the due date (as specified by a requirement in effect on December 30, 1990) for completing the required inspection or test occurs before the compliance date listed in Table I, the earlier date applies.

Note 2: Pressure testing is not required for MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks in dedicated sodium metal service.

Note 3: Pressure testing is not required for uninsulated lined cargo tanks, with a design pressure or MAWP 15 psig or less, which receive an external visual inspection and lining inspection at least once each year.

(d) *External visual inspection and testing.* (1) Where insulation precludes external visual inspection, the cargo tank, other than an MC 330 or MC 331 cargo tank, must be given a visual internal inspection in accordance with § 180.407(e). The tank must be hydrostatically or pneumatically tested in accordance with § 180.407(c) and (g) where:

(i) Visual inspection is precluded by internal lining or coating, or

(ii) The cargo tank is not equipped with a manhole or inspection opening.

(2) The external visual inspection and testing must include as a minimum the following:

(i) The tank shell and heads must be inspected for corroded or abraded areas, dents, distortions, defects in welds and any other conditions, including leakage, that might render the tank unsafe for transportation service;

(ii) The piping, valves, and gaskets must be carefully inspected for corroded areas, defects in welds, and other conditions, including leakage, that might render the tank unsafe for transportation service;

(iii) All devices for tightening manhole covers must be operative and there must be no evidence of leakage at manhole covers or gaskets;

(iv) All emergency devices and valves including self-closing stop valves, excess flow valves and remote closure devices must be free from corrosion, distortion, erosion and any external damage that will prevent safe operation. Remote closure devices and self-closing stop valves must be functioned to demonstrate proper operation;

(v) Missing bolts, nuts and fusible links or elements must be replaced, and loose bolts and nuts must be tightened;

(vi) All markings on the cargo tank required by parts 172, 178 and 180 of this subchapter must be legible;

(vii) [Reserved]

(viii) All major appurtenances and structural attachments on the cargo tank including, but not limited to, suspension system attachments, connecting structures, and those elements of the upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly that can be inspected without dismantling the upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly must be inspected for any corrosion or damage which might prevent safe operation;

(ix) For cargo tanks transporting lading corrosive to the tank, areas covered by the upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly must be inspected at least

once in each two year period for corroded and abraded areas, dents, distortions, defects in welds, and any other condition that might render the tank unsafe for transportation service. The upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly must be removed from the cargo tank for this inspection.

(3) All reclosing pressure relief valves must be externally inspected for any corrosion or damage which might prevent safe operation. All reclosing pressure relief valves on cargo tanks carrying lading corrosive to the valve must be removed from the cargo tank for inspection and testing. Each reclosing pressure relief valve required to be removed and tested must open at the required set pressure and reseal to a leak-tight condition at 90 percent of the set-to-discharge pressure or the pressure prescribed for the applicable cargo tank specification.

(4) Corroded or abraded areas of the cargo tank wall must be thickness tested in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraphs (i)(2), (i)(3), (i)(5) and (i)(6) of this section.

(5) The gaskets on any full opening rear head must be:

(i) Visually inspected for cracks or splits caused by weather or wear; and

(ii) Replaced if cuts or cracks which are likely to cause leakage, or are of a depth one-half inch or more, are found.

(6) The inspector must record the results of the external visual examination as specified in § 180.417(b).

(e) *Internal visual inspection.* (1) When the cargo tank is not equipped with a manhole or inspection opening, or the cargo tank design precludes an internal inspection, the tank shall be hydrostatically or pneumatically tested in accordance with 180.407(c) and (g).

(2) The internal visual inspection must include as a minimum the following:

(i) The tank shell and heads must be inspected for corroded and abraded areas, dents, distortions, defects in welds, and any other condition that might render the tank unsafe for transportation service.

(ii) Tank liners must be inspected as specified in § 180.407(f).

(3) Corroded or abraded areas of the cargo tank wall must be thickness tested in accordance with paragraphs

(i)(2), (i)(3), (i)(5) and (i)(6) of this section.

(4) The inspector must record the results of the internal visual inspection as specified in § 180.417(b).

(f) *Lining inspection.* The integrity of the lining on all lined cargo tanks, when lining is required by this subchapter, must be verified at least once each year as follows:

(1) Rubber (elastomeric) lining must be tested for holes as follows:

(i) Equipment must consist of:

(A) A high frequency spark tester capable of producing sufficient voltage to ensure proper calibration;

(B) A probe with an "L" shaped 2.4 mm (0.09 inch) diameter wire with up to a 30.5 cm (12-inch) bottom leg (end bent to a 12.7 mm (0.5 inch) radius), or equally sensitive probe; and

(C) A steel calibration coupon 30.5 cm × 30.5 cm (12 inches × 12 inches) covered with the same material and thickness as that to be tested. The material on the coupon shall have a test hole to the metal substrate made by puncturing the material with a 22 gauge hypodermic needle or comparable piercing tool.

(ii) The probe must be passed over the surface of the calibration coupon in a constant uninterrupted manner until the hole is found. The hole is detected by the white or light blue spark formed. (A sound lining causes a dark blue or purple spark.) The voltage must be adjusted to the lowest setting that will produce a minimum 12.7 mm (0.5 inch) spark measured from the top of the lining to the probe. To assure that the setting on the probe has not changed, the spark tester must be calibrated periodically using the test calibration coupon, and the same power source, probe, and cable length.

(iii) After calibration, the probe must be passed over the lining in an uninterrupted stroke.

(iv) Holes that are found must be repaired using equipment and procedures prescribed by the lining manufacturer or lining installer.

(2) Linings made of other than rubber (elastomeric material) must be tested using equipment and procedures prescribed by the lining manufacturer or lining installer.

(3) Degraded or defective areas of the cargo tank liner must be removed and the cargo tank wall below the defect must be inspected. Corroded areas of the tank wall must be thickness tested in accordance with paragraphs (i)(2), (i)(3), (i)(5) and (i)(6) of this section.

(4) The inspector must record the results of the lining inspection as specified in § 180.417(b).

(g) *Pressure test.* All components of the cargo tank wall, as defined in § 178.320(a) of this subchapter, must be pressure tested as prescribed by this paragraph.

(1) *Test Procedure*—(i) As part of the pressure test, the inspector must perform an external and internal visual inspection, except that on an MC 338 cargo tank, or a cargo tank not equipped with a manhole or inspection opening, an internal inspection is not required.

(ii) All reclosing pressure relief valves must be:

(A) Removed from the cargo tank for inspection and testing. Each reclosing pressure relief valve must open at the required set pressure and reseal to a leak-tight condition at 90 percent of the set-to-discharge pressure or the pressure prescribed for the applicable cargo tank specification; or,

(B) Replaced.

(iii) Except for cargo tanks carrying lading corrosive to the tank, areas covered by the upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly must be inspected for corroded and abraded areas, dents, distortions, defects in welds, and any other condition that might render the tank unsafe for transportation service. The upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly must be removed from the cargo tank for this inspection.

(iv) Each cargo tank must be tested hydrostatically or pneumatically to the internal pressure specified in the following table:

Specification	Test pressure
MC 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 306.	20.7 kPa (3 psig) or design pressure, whichever is greater.

Specification	Test pressure
MC 304, 307.	275.8 kPa (40 psig) or 1.5 times the design pressure, whichever is greater.
MC 310, 311, 312.	20.7 kPa (3 psig) or 1.5 times the design pressure, whichever is greater.
MC 330, 331.	1.5 times either the MAWP or the re-rated pressure, whichever is applicable.
MC 338.	1.25 times either the MAWP or the re-rated pressure, whichever is applicable.
DOT 406.	34.5 kPa (5 psig) or 1.5 times the MAWP, whichever is greater.
DOT 407.	275.8 kPa (40 psig) or 1.5 times the MAWP, whichever is greater.
DOT 412.	1.5 times the MAWP.

(v) Each owner of 5 or more MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311, or MC 312 cargo tanks must pressure test at least 20 percent of the cargo tanks in his ownership each year beginning in 1991. The owner of fewer than five MC specification cargo tanks has until August 31, 1995, to pressure test these units.

(vi) Each cargo tank of a multi-tank cargo tank motor vehicle must be tested with the adjacent cargo tanks empty and at atmospheric pressure.

(vii) All closures except pressure relief devices must be in place during the test. All prescribed loading and unloading venting devices rated at less than test pressure may be removed during the test. If retained, the devices must be rendered inoperative by clamps, plugs, or other equally effective restraining devices. Restraining devices may not prevent detection of leaks or damage the venting devices and must be removed immediately after the test is completed.

(viii) *Hydrostatic test method.* Each cargo tank, including its domes, must be filled with water or other liquid having similar viscosity, at a temperature not exceeding 100 °F. The cargo tank must then be pressurized to not less than the pressure specified in paragraph (g)(1)(iv) of this section. The cargo tank, including its closures, must hold the prescribed test pressure for at least 10 minutes during which time it shall be inspected for leakage, bulging or any other defect.

(ix) *Pneumatic test method.* Pneumatic testing may involve higher risk than

hydrostatic testing. Therefore, suitable safeguards must be provided to protect personnel and facilities should failure occur during the test. The cargo tank must be pressurized with air or an inert gas. The pneumatic test pressure in the cargo tank must be reached by gradually increasing the pressure to one-half of the test pressure. Thereafter, the pressure must be increased in steps of approximately one-tenth of the test pressure until the required test pressure has been reached. The test pressure must be held for at least 5 minutes. The pressure must then be reduced to the MAWP, which must be maintained during the time the entire cargo tank surface is inspected. During the inspection, a suitable method must be used for detecting the existence of leaks. This method must consist either of coating the entire surface of all joints under pressure with a solution of soap and water, or using other equally sensitive methods.

(2) When testing an insulated cargo tank, the insulation and jacketing need not be removed unless it is otherwise impossible to reach test pressure and maintain a condition of pressure equilibrium after test pressure is reached, or the vacuum integrity cannot be maintained in the insulation space. If an MC 338 cargo tank used for the transportation of a flammable gas or oxygen, refrigerated liquid is opened for any reason, the cleanliness must be verified prior to closure using the procedures contained in §178.338–15 of this subchapter.

(3) Each MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tank constructed of quenched and tempered steel (Part UHT of the ASME Code), or constructed of other than quenched and tempered steel but without postweld heat treatment, used for the transportation of anhydrous ammonia, or any other hazardous materials that may cause corrosion stress cracking, must be internally inspected by the wet fluorescent magnetic particle method immediately prior to and in conjunction with the performance of the pressure test prescribed in this section. Each MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tank constructed of quenched and tempered steel (Part UHT of the ASME Code) used for the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas must be inter-

nally inspected by the wet fluorescent magnetic particle method immediately prior to and in conjunction with the performance of the pressure test prescribed in this section. The wet fluorescent magnetic particle inspection must be in accordance with Section V of the ASME Code and CGA Technical Bulletin TB-2. This paragraph does not apply to cargo tanks that do not have manholes. (See §180.417(c) for reporting requirements.)

(4) All pressure bearing portions of a cargo tank heating system employing a medium such as, but not limited to, steam or hot water for heating the lading must be hydrostatically pressure tested at least once every 5 years. The test pressure must be at least 1.5 times the heating system design pressure and must be maintained for five minutes. A heating system employing flues for heating the lading must be tested to ensure against lading leakage into the flues or into the atmosphere.

(5) *Exceptions.* (i) Pressure testing is not required for MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks in dedicated sodium metal service.

(ii) Pressure testing is not required for uninsulated lined cargo tanks, with a design pressure or MAWP of 15 psig or less, which receive an external visual inspection and a lining inspection at least once each year.

(6) *Acceptance criteria.* A cargo tank that leaks, fails to retain test pressure or pneumatic inspection pressure, shows distortion, excessive permanent expansion, or other evidence of weakness that might render the cargo tank unsafe for transportation service, may not be returned to service, except as follows: A cargo tank with a heating system which does not hold pressure may remain in service as an unheated cargo tank if:

(i) The heating system remains in place and is structurally sound and no lading may leak into the heating system, and

(ii) The specification plate heating system information is changed to indicate that the cargo tank has no working heating system.

(7) The inspector must record the results of the pressure test as specified in §180.417(b).

(h) *Leakage test.* (1) Each cargo tank must be tested for leaks in accordance with §180.407(c). The leakage test must include product piping with all valves and accessories in place and operative, except that any venting devices set to discharge at less than the leakage test pressure must be removed or rendered inoperative during the test. Test pressure must be maintained at least 5 minutes. Suitable safeguards must be provided to protect personnel should a failure occur. MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks may be leakage tested with the hazardous materials contained in the tank during the test. Leakage test pressure must be not less than 80 percent of the tank design pressure or MAWP, whichever is marked on the certification or specification plate, except as follows:

- (i) A cargo tank with an MAWP of 690 kPa (100 psig) or more may be leakage tested at its maximum normal operating pressure provided it is in dedicated service or services; or
- (ii) An MC 330 or MC 331 cargo tank in dedicated liquified petroleum gas service may be leakage tested at not less than 414 kPa (60 psig).

(2) Cargo tanks equipped with vapor collection equipment may be leakage tested in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's "Method 27—Determination of Vapor Tightness of Gasoline Delivery Tank Using Pressure-Vacuum Test," as set forth in 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A. Acceptance criteria are found at 40 CFR 60.501.

(3) A cargo tank that fails to retain leakage test pressure may not be returned to service as a specification cargo tank, except under conditions specified in §180.411(d).

(4) The inspector must record the results of the leakage test as specified in §180.417(b).

(i) *Thickness testing.* (1) The shell and head thickness of all unlined cargo tanks used for the transportation of materials corrosive to the tank must be measured at least once every 2 years, except that cargo tanks measuring less than the sum of the minimum prescribed thickness, plus one-fifth of the original corrosion allowance, must be tested annually.

(2) Measurements must be made using a device capable of accurately

measuring thickness to within +/- 0.002 of an inch.

(3) Any person performing thickness testing must be trained in the proper use of the thickness testing device used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction.

(4) Thickness testing must be performed in the following areas of the cargo tank wall, as a minimum:

- (i) Areas of the tank shell and heads and shell and head area around any piping that retains lading;
- (ii) Areas of high shell stress such as the bottom center of the tank;
- (iii) Areas near openings;
- (iv) Areas around weld joints;
- (v) Areas around shell reinforcements;
- (vi) Areas around appurtenance attachments;
- (vii) Areas near upper coupler (fifth wheel) assembly attachments;
- (viii) Areas near suspension system attachments and connecting structures;
- (ix) Known thin areas in the tank shell and nominal liquid level lines; and
- (x) Connecting structures joining multiple cargo tanks of carbon steel in a self-supporting cargo tank motor vehicle.

(5) Minimum thicknesses for MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311, and MC 312 cargo tanks are shown in the tables below. The columns headed "Specified Manufactured Thickness" tabulate the minimum values required for new construction, generally found in Tables I and II of each specification. "In-Service Minimum Thicknesses" are based on 90 percent of the manufactured thickness as specified in the DOT specification, rounded to three places.

TABLE I.—MINIMUM THICKNESS FOR MC 300, MC 303, MC 304, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311 AND MC 312 SPECIFICATION CARGO TANKS CONSTRUCTED OF STEEL AND STEEL ALLOYS

Specified manufactured thickness (US gauge or inches)	Nominal decimal equivalent for reference (inches)	In-service minimum thickness (inches)
19 .....	0.0418	0.038
18 .....	0.0478	0.043
17 .....	0.0538	0.048

TABLE I.—MINIMUM THICKNESS FOR MC 300, MC 303, MC 304, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311 AND MC 312 SPECIFICATION CARGO TANKS CONSTRUCTED OF STEEL AND STEEL ALLOYS—Continued

Specified manufactured thickness (US gauge or inches)	Nominal decimal equivalent for reference (inches)	In-service minimum thickness (inches)
16 .....	0.0598	0.054
15 .....	0.0673	0.061
14 .....	0.0747	0.067
13 .....	0.0897	0.081
12 .....	0.1046	0.094
11 .....	0.1196	0.108
10 .....	0.1345	0.121
9 .....	0.1495	0.135
8 .....	0.1644	0.148
7 .....	0.1793	0.161
3/16 .....	0.1875	0.169
1/4 .....	0.2500	0.225
5/16 .....	0.3125	0.281
3/8 .....	0.3750	0.338

TABLE II.—MINIMUM THICKNESS FOR MC 301, MC 302, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 311 AND MC 312 SPECIFICATION CARGO TANKS CONSTRUCTED OF ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM ALLOYS

Specified manufactured thickness (inches)	In-service minimum thickness (inches)
0.078 .....	0.070
0.087 .....	0.078
0.096 .....	0.086
0.109 .....	0.098
0.130 .....	0.117
0.141 .....	0.127
0.151 .....	0.136
0.172 .....	0.155
0.173 .....	0.156
0.194 .....	0.175
0.216 .....	0.194
0.237 .....	0.213
0.270 .....	0.243
0.360 .....	0.324
0.450 .....	0.405
0.540 .....	0.486

(6) An owner of a cargo tank that no longer conforms with the minimum thickness prescribed for the maximum lading density marked on the specification plate may use the cargo tank to carry lading of lower density under the following conditions:

(i) A Design Certifying Engineer must certify that the cargo tank design and thickness is appropriate for the lower density lading, by issuance of a new manufacturer's certificate, and

(ii) The tank's nameplate must be changed to reflect the new service limits (maximum density of lading).

(7) An owner of a cargo tank that no longer conforms with the minimum thickness prescribed for the specification may not return the cargo tank to hazardous materials service. The tank's specification plate must be removed, obliterated or covered in a secure manner.

(8) The inspector must record the results of the thickness test as specified in § 180.417(b).

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**§ 180.409 Minimum qualifications for inspectors and testers.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person performing or witnessing the inspections and tests specified in § 180.407(c) must—

(1) Be registered with the Department in accordance with part 107, subpart F of this chapter, and

(2) Be familiar with DOT specification cargo tanks and must be trained and experienced in use of the inspection and testing equipment needed.

(b) A person who only performs annual external visual inspections and leakage tests on a cargo tank motor vehicle, owned or operated by that person, with a capacity of less than 13,250 liters (3,500 gallons) used exclusively for flammable liquid petroleum fuels, is not required to meet the educational and years of experience requirements set forth in the definition of "Registered Inspector" in § 171.8 of this subchapter. Although not required to meet the educational and years of experience requirements, a person who performs visual inspections or leakage tests or signs the inspection reports must have the knowledge and ability to perform such inspections and tests and must perform them as required by this subchapter, and must register with the Department as required by subpart F of part 107 of this chapter.

(c) A person who performs only annual external visual inspections and leakage tests on a permanently mounted non-bulk tank, owned or operated by that person, for petroleum products as authorized by §173.8(c) of this subchapter, is not required to be registered in accordance with subpart F of part 107 of this chapter. In addition the person who signs the inspection report required by §180.417(b) of this subpart for such non-bulk tanks is not required to be registered. Although not required to register, a person who performs visual inspections or leakage tests or signs the inspection reports must have the knowledge and ability to perform such inspections and tests and must perform them as required by this subchapter.

(d) A motor carrier or cargo tank owner who meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section may use an employee who is not a Registered Inspector to perform a portion of the pressure retest required by §180.407(g). External and internal visual inspections must be accomplished by a Registered Inspector, but the hydrostatic or pneumatic pressure test, as set forth in §180.407(g)(1)(viii) and (ix), respectively, may be done by an employee who is not a Registered Inspector provided that—

(1) The employee is familiar with the cargo tank and is trained and experienced in the use of the inspection and testing equipment used;

(2) The employer submits certification that such employee meets the qualification requirements to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Attn: (DHM-32), Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; and

(3) The employer retains a copy of the tester's qualifications with the documents required by §180.417(b).

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#### §180.411 Acceptable results of tests and inspections.

(a) *Corroded or abraded areas.* The minimum thickness may not be less

than that prescribed in the applicable specification.

(b) *Dents, cuts, digs and gouges.* (See CGA Pamphlet C-6 for evaluation procedures.)

(1) For dents at welds or that include a weld, the maximum allowable depth is ½ inch. For dents away from welds, the maximum allowable depth is ¼ of the greatest dimension of the dent, but in no case may the depth exceed one inch.

(2) The minimum thickness remaining beneath a cut, dig, or gouge may not be less than that prescribed in the applicable specification.

(c) *Weld or structural defects.* Any cargo tank with a weld defect such as a crack, pinhole, or incomplete fusion, or a structural defect must be taken out of hazardous materials service until repaired.

(d) *Leakage.* All sources of leakage must be properly repaired prior to returning a tank to hazardous materials service.

(e) *Relief valves.* Any pressure relief valve that fails to open and reclose at the prescribed pressure must be repaired or replaced.

(f) *Liner integrity.* Any defect shown by the test must be properly repaired.

(g) *Pressure test.* Any tank that fails to meet the acceptance criteria found in the individual specification that applies must be properly repaired.

#### § 180.413 Repair, modification, stretching, or rebarrelling of cargo tanks.

(a) *General.* For purposes of this section, "stretching" is not considered a "modification" and "rebarrelling" is not considered a "repair." Any repair, modification, stretching, or rebarrelling of a cargo tank must be performed in conformance with the requirements of this section.

(b) *Repair—(1) Non-ASME Code stamped cargo tanks.* Any work involving repair on an MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311, or MC 312 cargo tank that is not ASME Code stamped must be performed by:

(i) A cargo tank manufacturer holding a valid ASME Certificate of Authorization for the use of the ASME "U" stamp and registered with DOT; or

(ii) A repair facility holding a valid National Board Certificate of Authorization for the use of the National Board “R” stamp and registered with DOT.

(2) *ASME Code stamped cargo tanks.* Any work involving repair on any ASME Code stamped cargo tank must be performed by a repair facility holding a valid National Board Certificate of Authorization for the use of the National Board “R” stamp and registered in accordance with subpart F of part 107 of subchapter B of this chapter.

(3) The following provisions apply to cargo tank repairs:

(i) DOT 406, DOT 407, and DOT 412 cargo tanks must be repaired in accordance with the specification requirements in effect either at the time of manufacture or at the time of repair;

(ii) MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305, and MC 306 cargo tanks must be repaired in accordance with either the original specification or with the DOT 406 specification in effect at the time of repair;

(iii) MC 304 and MC 307 cargo tanks must be repaired in accordance with either the original specification or with the DOT 407 specification in effect at the time of repair;

(iv) MC 310, MC 311, and MC 312 cargo tanks must be repaired in accordance with either the original specification or with the DOT 412 specification in effect at the time of the repair;

(v) MC 338 cargo tanks must be repaired in accordance with the specification requirements in effect either at the time of manufacture or at the time of repair; and

(vi) MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks must be repaired in accordance with the repair procedures described in CGA Technical Bulletin TB-2 and the National Board Inspection Code—Provisions for Repair of Pressure Vessels. Each cargo tank having cracks or other defects requiring welded repairs must meet all of the requirements of § 178.337-16 of this subchapter (in effect at the time of the repair), except that postweld heat treatment after minor weld repairs is not required. When any repair is made of defects revealed by the wet fluorescent magnetic particle inspection, including those by grind-

ing, the affected area of the cargo tank must again be examined by the wet fluorescent magnetic particle method after hydrostatic testing to assure that all defects have been removed.

(4) Prior to any repair work, the cargo tank must be emptied of any hazardous material lading. Cargo tanks containing flammable or toxic lading must be purged.

(5) Any repair of a cargo tank involving welding on the shell or head must be certified by a Registered Inspector. Any repair of an ASME Code “U” stamped cargo tank must be in accordance with the National Board Inspection Code.

(6) The suitability of any repair affecting the structural integrity of the cargo tank must be determined by the testing required either in the applicable manufacturing specification, or in § 180.407(g)(1)(iv).

(c) *Maintenance or replacement of piping, valves, hoses or fittings.* In the event of repair, maintenance or replacement, any piping, valve, or fitting must be properly installed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable specification before the cargo tank is returned to hazardous materials service. After maintenance or replacement which does not involve welding on the cargo tank wall, the repaired piping, valves or fittings, the replaced segment of the piping must be leak tested. After repair or replacement of piping, valves or fittings which involves welding on the cargo tank wall, the entire cargo tank, including the repaired or replaced piping, valve or fitting, must be pressure tested in accordance with the applicable specification. Hoses permanently attached to the cargo tank must be tested either before or after installation.

(d) *Modification, stretching, or rebarrelling.* Modification, stretching or rebarrelling of a cargo tank must conform to the following provisions:

(1) *Non-ASME Code stamped cargo tanks.* If the modification, stretching, or rebarrelling will result in a design type change, then it must be approved by a Design Certifying Engineer. Any work involving modification, stretching, or rebarrelling on an MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311, or MC 312

cargo tank that is not ASME stamped must be performed by:

(i) A cargo tank manufacturer holding a valid ASME Certificate of Authorization for the use of the ASME "U" stamp and registered with DOT; or

(ii) A repair facility holding a valid National Board Certificate of Authorization for the use of the National Board "R" stamp and registered with DOT.

(2) *ASME Code stamped cargo tanks.* The modification, stretching, or rebarrelling on any ASME Code stamped cargo tank must be performed by a repair facility holding a valid National Board Certificate of Authorization for the use of the National Board "R" stamp and registered in accordance with subpart F of part 107 of subchapter B of this chapter. If the modification, stretching, or rebarrelling will result in a design type change, then it must be approved by a Design Certifying Engineer.

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(3)(v) in this section, all new material and equipment, and equipment affected by modification, stretching or rebarrelling must meet the requirements of the specification in effect at the time such work is performed, and must meet the applicable structural integrity requirements (§§ 178.337-3, 178.338-3, or 178.345-3 of this subchapter). The work must conform to the requirements of the applicable specification as follows:

(i) For specification MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305 and MC 306 cargo tanks, the provisions of either specification MC 306 or DOT 406 until August 31, 1995 and, thereafter to specification DOT 406 only;

(ii) For specification MC 304 and MC 307 cargo tanks, the provisions of either specification MC 307 or DOT 407 until August 31, 1995 and, thereafter to specification DOT 407 only;

(iii) For specification MC 310, MC 311, and MC 312 cargo tanks, the provisions of either specification MC 312 or DOT 412 until August 31, 1995 and, thereafter to specification DOT 412 only;

(iv) For specification MC 330 cargo tanks, the provisions of specification MC 331; and

(v) For Specification MC 338 cargo tanks, the provisions of specification

MC 338. However, structural modifications to MC 338 cargo tanks authorized under §180.405(d) may conform to applicable provisions of the ASME Code instead of specification MC 338, provided the structural integrity of the modified cargo tank is at least equivalent to that of the original cargo tank.

(4) The person performing the modification, stretching, or rebarrelling must:

(i) Have knowledge of the original design concept, particularly with respect to structural design analysis, material and welding procedures;

(ii) Assure compliance with the rebuilt cargo tank's structural integrity, venting, and accident damage protection requirements;

(iii) Assure compliance with all applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for any newly installed safety equipment;

(iv) Perform all retest procedures on each cargo tank in accordance with the applicable specification and §180.407;

(v) Change the existing specification plate to reflect the cargo tank as modified, stretched or rebarrelled. This must include the name of the person doing the work, his DOT registration number, date, retest information, etc. A supplemental specification plate may be installed immediately adjacent to the existing plate(s), or the existing specification plate may be removed and replaced with a new plate; and

(vi) On a variable specification cargo tank, install a supplemental or new variable specification plate, and replace the specification listed on the original specification plate with the words "see variable specification plate".

(5) The design of the modified, stretched, or rebarrelled cargo tank must be approved by a Design Certifying Engineer registered in accordance with subpart F of part 107 of subchapter B of this chapter. The Design Certifying Engineer must certify that the modified, stretched, or rebarrelled cargo tank meets the structural integrity requirements of the applicable specification. The person performing the modifying, stretching or rebarrelling and a Registered Inspector must

certify that the cargo tank is in compliance with this section and the applicable specification by issuing a supplemental manufacturer's certificate. The registration number of the Registered Inspector and the person performing the modification, stretching, or rebarrelling must be entered on the certificate. When a cargo tank is rebarrelled, it must be designed, constructed and certified in accordance with a cargo tank specification currently authorized for construction in Part 178 of this subchapter.

(6) If the mounting of the cargo tank on the cargo tank motor vehicle involves welding on the cargo tank head or shell, then the mounting must be performed as follows:

(i) *Non-ASME Code stamped cargo tanks.* For a non-ASME Code stamped cargo tank—

(A) By a cargo tank manufacturer holding an ASME "U" stamp, registered with DOT, and under the direction of a Design Certifying Engineer; or

(B) By a repair facility holding an ASME "U" stamp or a National Board "R" stamp, registered with DOT, and under the direction of a Design Certifying Engineer.

(ii) *ASME Code stamped cargo tank.* For an ASME Code stamped cargo tank, by a repair facility holding a National Board "R" stamp, registered in accordance with subpart F of part 107 of subchapter B of this chapter, and approved by a Design Certifying Engineer.

(7) If the mounting of a cargo tank on a cargo tank motor vehicle does not involve welding on the cargo tank head or shell, or a change or modification of the methods of attachment, then the mounting shall be in accordance with the original specification or with the specification in effect at the time of the mounting. If the mounting involves any change or modification of the methods of attachment, then the mounting must be approved by a Design Certifying Engineer.

(8) Prior to any modification, stretching, or rebarrelling a cargo tank must be emptied of any hazardous material lading. Cargo tanks containing flammable or toxic lading must be purged.

(9) Any modification, stretching, or rebarrelling on the cargo tank involving welding on the shell or head must be certified by a Registered Inspector. Any repair of an ASME Code "U" stamped cargo tank must be in accordance with the National Board Inspection Code.

(10) The suitability of any modification affecting the structural integrity of the cargo tank, with respect to pressure, must be determined by the testing required either in the applicable manufacturing specification, or in § 180.407(g)(1)(iv).

(e) *Records.* Each owner of a cargo tank must retain at its principal place of business all records of repair, modification, stretching, or rebarrelling made to each cargo tank during the time the cargo tank is in service and for one year thereafter. Copies of these records must be retained by a motor carrier, who is not the owner of the cargo tank, at its principal place of business during the period the cargo tank is in the carrier's service. The seller of a specification cargo tank shall provide the purchaser a copy of the cargo tank Certificate of Compliance, and all repair, inspection and test reports upon sale as an MC or DOT cargo tank.

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#### **§ 180.415 Test and inspection markings.**

(a) Each cargo tank successfully completing the test and inspection requirements contained in § 180.407 must be marked as specified in this section.

(b) Each cargo tank must be durably and legibly marked, in English, with the date (month and year) and the type of test or inspection performed. The date must be readily identifiable with the applicable test or inspection. The marking must be in letters and numbers at least 32 mm (1.25 inches) high, on the tank shell near the specification plate or anywhere on the front head. The type of test or inspection may be abbreviated as follows: V for external visual inspection and test; I for internal visual inspection; P for pressure test; L for lining inspection, K for leakage test; and T for thickness test. For

example, the markings “10-95 P, V, L” would indicate that in October 1995 the cargo received and passed the prescribed pressure test, external visual inspection and test, and the lining inspection.

(c) For a cargo tank motor vehicle composed of multiple cargo tanks constructed to the same specification, which are tested and inspected at the same time, one set of test and inspection markings may be used to satisfy the requirements of this section. For a cargo tank motor vehicle composed of multiple cargo tanks constructed to different specifications, which are tested and inspected at different intervals, the test and inspection markings must appear in the order of the cargo tank’s corresponding location, from front to rear.

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**§ 180.417 Reporting and record retention requirements.**

(a) *Vehicle certification.* (1) Each owner of a specification cargo tank shall retain the manufacturer’s data report or certificate and related papers certifying that the specification cargo tank identified in the documents was manufactured and tested in accordance with the applicable specification. The owner shall retain the documents throughout his ownership of the specification cargo tank and for one year thereafter. In the event of change of ownership, the prior owner shall retain non-fading photo copies of these documents for at least one year.

(2) Each motor carrier who uses a specification cargo tank motor vehicle must obtain a copy of the manufacturer’s certificate and related papers or the alternative report authorized in paragraph (a)(3) (i) or (ii) of this section and retain the documents as specified in this paragraph. A motor carrier who is not the owner of a cargo tank motor vehicle must retain a copy of the vehicle certification report at its principal place of business for as long as the cargo tank motor vehicle is used by that carrier and for one year thereafter. Upon a written request to, and

with the approval of the Regional Director, Office of Motor Carrier Safety, Federal Highway Administration, for the region in which a motor carrier has its principal place of business, a motor carrier may retain the certificate and related papers required by this paragraph at a regional or terminal office. The addresses and jurisdictions of the various regional Motor Carrier Safety Offices are provided in §390.40 of this title. The provisions of this section do not apply to a motor carrier leasing a cargo tank for less than 30 days.

(3) *DOT Specification cargo tanks manufactured before September 1, 1995—(i) Non-ASME Code stamped cargo tanks—* If an owner does not have a manufacturer’s certificate for a cargo tank and he wishes to certify it as a specification cargo tank, the owner must perform appropriate tests and inspections, under the direct supervision of a Registered Inspector, to determine if the cargo tank conforms with the applicable specification. Both the owner and the Registered Inspector must certify that the cargo tank fully conforms to the applicable specification. The owner must retain the certificate, as specified in this section.

(ii) *ASME Code stamped cargo tanks.* If the owner does not have the manufacturer’s certificate and data report required by the specification, the owner may contact the National Board for a copy of the manufacturer’s data report, if the cargo tank was registered with the National Board, or copy the information contained on the cargo tank’s identification and ASME Code plates. Additionally, both the owner and the Registered Inspector must certify that the cargo tank fully conforms to the specification. The owner must retain such documents, as specified in this section.

(b) *Test or inspection reporting.* Each cargo tank which is tested or reinspected as specified in §180.407 must have a written report, in English, prepared in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) The test or inspection report must include the following:

(i) Type of test or inspection performed and a listing of all items either tested or inspected (a checklist is acceptable);

(ii) Owner's and manufacturer's serial numbers;

(iii) DOT Specification;

(iv) Test Date (Month and year);

(v) Location of defects found and method used to repair each defect;

(vi) Name and address of person performing the test, the DOT registration number of the facility or the person performing the test;

(vii) Disposition statement, such as "Cargo tank returned to service" or "Cargo tank withdrawn from service"; and

(viii) DOT registration number of the inspector, and dated signature of inspector and owner.

(2) The owner and the motor carrier, if not the owner, must each retain a copy of the test and inspection reports until the next test or inspection of the same type is successfully completed. This requirement does not apply to a motor carrier leasing a cargo tank for less than 30 days.

(c) *Additional requirements for Specification MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks.*

(1) After completion of the pressure test specified in §180.407(g)(3), each motor carrier operating a Specification MC 330 or MC 331 cargo tank in anhydrous ammonia, liquefied petroleum gas, or any other service that may cause stress corrosion cracking, must make a written report containing the following information:

(i) Carrier's name, address of principal place of business, and telephone number;

(ii) Complete identification plate data required by Specification MC 330 or MC 331, including data required by ASME Code;

(iii) Carrier's equipment number;

(iv) A statement indicating whether or not the tank was stress relieved after fabrication;

(v) Name and address of the person performing the test and the date of the test;

(vi) A statement of the nature and severity of any defects found. In particular, information must be furnished to indicate the location of defects detected, such as in weld, heat-affected zone, the liquid phase, the vapor phase, or the head-to-shell seam. If no defect or damage was discovered, that fact must be reported;

(vii) A statement indicating the methods employed to make repairs, who made the repairs, and the date they were completed. Also, a statement of whether or not the tank was stress relieved after repairs and, if so, whether full or local stress relieving was performed;

(viii) A statement of the disposition of the cargo tank, such as "cargo tank scrapped" or "cargo tank returned to service"; and

(ix) A statement of whether or not the cargo tank is used in anhydrous ammonia, liquefied petroleum gas, or any other service that may cause stress corrosion cracking. Also, if the cargo tank has been used in anhydrous ammonia service since the last report, a statement indicating whether each shipment of ammonia was certified by its shipper as containing 0.2 percent water by weight.

(2) A copy of the report must be retained by the carrier at its principal place of business during the period the cargo tank is in the carrier's service and for one year thereafter. Upon a written request to, and with the approval of, the Director, Regional Office of Motor Carrier Safety, Federal Highway Administration for the region in which a motor carrier has its principal place of business, the carrier may maintain the reports at a regional or terminal office.

(3) The requirement in paragraph (c)(1) of this section does not apply to a motor carrier leasing a cargo tank for less than 30 days.

(d) *Supplying reports.* Each carrier offering a DOT Specification cargo tank for sale or lease must make available for inspection a copy of the most recent report made under this section to each purchaser or lessee. Copies of such reports must be provided to the purchaser, or the lessee if the cargo tank is leased for more than 30 days.

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**Subpart F—Qualification and Maintenance of Tank Cars**

SOURCE: Amdt. 180-8, 60 FR 49079, Sept. 21, 1995, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 180.501 Applicability.**

(a) This subpart prescribes requirements, in addition to those contained in parts 107, 171, 172, 173, and 179 of this subchapter, applicable to any person who manufactures, fabricates, marks, maintains, repairs, inspects, or services tank cars to ensure continuing qualification.

(b) Any person who performs a function prescribed in this part shall perform that function in accordance with this part.

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**§ 180.503 Definitions.**

The definitions contained in §§171.8 and 179.2 of this subchapter apply.

**§ 180.505 Quality assurance program.**

The quality assurance program requirements of §179.7 of this subchapter apply.

**§ 180.507 Qualification of tank cars.**

(a) Each tank car marked as meeting a "DOT" specification or any other tank car used for the transportation of a hazardous material must meet the requirements of this subchapter or the applicable specification to which the tank was constructed.

(b) *Tank car specifications no longer authorized for construction.* (1) Tank cars prescribed in the following table are authorized for service provided they conform to all applicable safety requirements of this subchapter:

Specification prescribed in the current regulations	Other specifications permitted	Notes
105A200W .....	105A100W .....	1
105A200ALW .....	105A100ALW .....	1
105A300W .....	ICC-105, 105A300.	
105A400W .....	105A400.	
105A500W .....	105A500.	
105A600W .....	105A600.	
106A500X .....	ICC-27, BE-27, 106A500.	
106A800X .....	106A800.	

Specification prescribed in the current regulations	Other specifications permitted	Notes
107A * * * * .....	.....	2

**Note 1:** Tanks built as Specification DOT 105A100W or DOT 105A100ALW may be altered and converted to DOT 105A200W and DOT 105A200ALW, respectively.

**Note 2:** The test pressures of tanks built in the United States between January 1, 1941 and December 31, 1955, may be increased to conform to Specification 107A. Original and revised test pressure markings must be indicated and may be shown on the tank or on a plate attached to the bulkhead of the car. Tanks built before 1941 are not authorized.

(2) For each tank car conforming to and used under an exemption issued before October 1, 1984, which authorized the transportation of a cryogenic liquid in a tank car, the owner or operator shall remove the exemption number stenciled on the tank car and stamp the tank car with the appropriate Class DOT-113 specification followed by the applicable exemption number. For example: DOT-113D60W-E \* \* \* \* (asterisks to be replaced by the exemption number). The owner or operator marking a tank car in this manner shall retain on file a copy of the last exemption in effect during the period the tank car is in service. No person may modify a tank car marked under this paragraph unless the modification is in compliance with an applicable requirement or provision of this subchapter.

(3) Specification DOT-113A175W, DOT-113C60W, DOT-113D60W, and DOT-113D120W tank cars may continue in use, but new construction is not authorized.

(4) Class DOT 105A and 105S tank cars used to transport hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid under the terms of DOT-E 3992 may continue in service, but new construction is not authorized.

**§ 180.509 Requirements for inspection and test of specification tank cars.**

(a) *General.* (1) Each tank car facility shall evaluate a tank car according to the requirements specified in § 180.511.

(2) Each tank car that successfully passes a periodic inspection and test must be marked as prescribed in § 180.515.

(3) A written report as specified in § 180.517(b) must be prepared for each tank car that is inspected and tested under this section.

(b) *Conditions requiring inspection and test of tank cars.* Without regard to any other periodic inspection and test requirements, a tank car must have an

appropriate inspection and test according to the type of defect and the type of maintenance or repair performed if:

(1) The tank car shows evidence of abrasion, corrosion, cracks, dents, distortions, defects in welds, or any other condition that makes the tank car unsafe for transportation. An example is if maintenance is performed to replace a fitting, then only a leakage pressure test needs to be performed.

(2) The tank car was in an accident and damaged to an extent that may adversely affect its capability to retain its contents.

(3) The tank bears evidence of damage caused by fire.

(4) The Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, requires it based on the existence of probable cause that a tank car or a class or design of tank cars may be in an unsafe operating condition.

(c) *Frequency of inspection and tests.* Each tank car shall have an inspection and test according to the requirements of this paragraph.

(1) For Class 107 tank cars and tank cars of riveted construction, the tank car must have a hydrostatic pressure test and visual inspection conforming to the requirements in effect prior to July 1, 1996, for the tank specification.

(2) For Class DOT 113 tank cars, see § 173.319(e) of this subchapter.

(3) For fusion welded tank cars, each tank car must have an inspection and test in accordance with paragraphs (d) through (k) of this section.

(i) For cars transporting materials not corrosive to the tank, every 10 years for the tank and service equipment (i.e., filling and discharge, venting, safety, heating, and measuring devices).

(ii) For non-lined or non-coated tank cars transporting materials corrosive to the tank, an interval based on the following formula, but in no case shall the interval exceed 10 years for the tank and 5 years for service equipment:

$$i = \frac{t_1 - t_2}{r}$$

(iii) For lined or coated tank cars transporting a material corrosive to the tank, every 10 years for the tank, 5 years for the service equipment.

(A) When a lining or coating is applied to protect the tank shell from the lading, the owner of the lining or coating shall determine the periodic inspection interval, test technique, and acceptance criteria for the lining or coating. The owner must maintain at its principal place of business all supporting documentation used to make such a determination, such as the lining or coating manufacturer's recommended inspection interval, test technique, and acceptance criteria. The supporting documentation must be made available to FRA upon request.

(B) The owner of the lining or coating shall provide the periodic inspection interval, test technique, and acceptance criteria for the lining or coating to the person responsible for qualifying the lining and coating.

(d) *Visual inspection.* At a minimum, each tank car facility must visually inspect the tank externally and internally as follows:

(1) An internal inspection of the tank shell and heads for abrasion, corrosion, cracks, dents, distortions, defects in welds, or any other condition that makes the tank car unsafe for transportation, and except in the areas where insulation or a thermal protection system precludes it, an external inspection of the tank shell and heads for abrasion, corrosion, cracks, dents, distortions, defects in welds, or any other condition that makes the tank car unsafe for transportation;

(2) An inspection of the piping, valves, fittings, and gaskets for indications of corrosion and other conditions that make the tank car unsafe for transportation;

(3) An inspection for missing or loose bolts, nuts, or elements that make the tank car unsafe for transportation;

(4) An inspection of all closures on the tank car for proper securement in a tool tight condition and an inspection of the protective housings for proper securement;

(5) An inspection of excess flow valves having threaded seats for tightness; and

(6) An inspection of the required markings on the tank car for legibility.

(e) *Structural integrity inspections and tests.* At a minimum, each tank car facility shall inspect the tank car for

structural integrity as specified in this section. The structural integrity inspection and test shall include all transverse fillet welds greater than 0.64 cm (0.25 inch) within 121.92 cm (4 feet) of the bottom longitudinal center line; the termination of longitudinal fillet welds greater than 0.64 cm (0.25 inch) within 121.92 cm (4 feet) of the bottom longitudinal center line; and all tank shell butt welds within 60.96 cm (2 feet) of the bottom longitudinal center line by one or more of the following inspection and test methods to determine that the welds are in proper condition:

- (1) Dye penetrant test;
- (2) Radiography test;
- (3) Magnetic particle test;
- (4) Ultrasonic test; or
- (5) Optically-aided visual inspection (e.g., magnifiers, fiberscopes, borescopes, and machine vision technology).

(f) *Thickness tests.* (1) Each tank car facility shall measure the thickness of the tank car shell, heads, sumps, domes, and nozzles on each tank car by

using a device capable of accurately measuring the thickness to within  $\pm 0.05$  mm ( $\pm 0.002$  inch).

(2) After repairs, alterations, conversions or modifications of a tank car that result in a reduction to the tank car shell thickness, the tank car facility shall measure the thickness of the tank car shell in the area of reduced shell thickness to ensure that the shell thickness conforms to paragraph (g) of this section.

(g) *Service life shell thickness allowance.* (1) A tank car found with a shell thickness below the required minimum thickness after forming for its specification, as stated in part 179 of this subchapter, may continue in service if:

(i) Construction of the tank car shell and heads is from carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, nickel, or manganese-molybdenum steel; and

(ii) Any reduction in the required minimum thickness of the tank shell or head is not more than that provided in the following table:

ALLOWABLE SHELL THICKNESS REDUCTIONS

Damage type	Class DOT 103, 104, 111, and 115 tank cars		Class DOT 105, 109, 112, and 114 tank cars	
	Top shell and tank head	Bottom shell	Top shell and tank head	Bottom shell
Corrosion .....	3.17 mm (0.125 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).	0.79 mm (0.031 inch).	0.79 mm (0.031 inch).
Corrosion and mechanical.	3.17 mm (0.125 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).	0.79 mm (0.031 inch).	0.79 mm (0.031 inch).
Corrosion, local .....	4.76 mm (0.188 inch).	3.17 mm (0.125 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).
Mechanical, local ....	3.17 mm (0.125 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).
Corrosion and mechanical, local.	4.76 mm (0.188 inch).	3.17 mm (0.125 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).	1.58 mm (0.063 inch).

- Notes:
- 1. The perimeter for a local reduction may not exceed a 60.96 cm (24 inch) perimeter. Local reductions in the top shell must be separated from other reductions in the top shell by at least 40.64 cm (16 inches). The cumulative perimeter for local reductions in the bottom shell may not exceed 182.88 cm (72 inches).
  - 2. Any reduction in the tank car shell may not affect the structural strength of the tank car so that the tank car shell no longer conforms to Section 6.2 of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars.
  - 3. Any reduction applies only to the outer shell for Class DOT 115 tank cars.
  - 4. For Class DOT 103 and 104 tank cars, the inside diameter may not exceed 243.84 cm (96 inches).

(h) *Safety system inspections.* At a minimum, each tank car facility must inspect:

(1) Tank car thermal protection systems, tank head puncture resistance systems, coupler vertical restraint systems, and systems used to protect discontinuities (i.e., skid protection and protective housings) to ensure their integrity.

(2) Reclosing pressure relief devices by:

(i) Removing the safety relief device from the tank car for inspection; and

(ii) Testing the safety relief device with air or another gas to ensure that it conforms to the start-to-discharge pressure for the specification or hazardous material in this subchapter.

(i) *Lining and coating inspection and test.* When this subchapter requires a lining or coating, at a minimum, each tank car facility must inspect the lining or coating installed on the tank car according to the inspection interval test technique, and acceptance criteria established by the owner of the lining or coating in accordance with paragraph (c)(3)(iii) of this section.

(j) *Leakage pressure test.* (1) After re-assembly of a tank car or service equipment, a tank car facility must perform a leak test on the tank or service equipment to detect leakage, if any, between manway covers, cover plates, and service equipment. The test may be conducted with the hazardous material in the tank. When the test pressure exceeds the start-to-discharge or burst pressure of a pressure relief device, the device must be rendered inoperative. The written procedures and test method for leak testing must ensure for the sensitivity and reliability of the test method and for the serviceability of components to prevent premature failure.

(2) Interior heater systems must be tested hydrostatically at 13.87 Bar (200 psi) and must show no signs of leakage.

(k) *Alternative inspection and test procedures.* In lieu of the other requirements of this section, a person may use an alternative inspection and test procedure or interval based on a damage-tolerance fatigue evaluation (that includes a determination of the probable locations and modes of damage due to fatigue, corrosion, or accidental damage), when the evaluation is examined by the Association of American Railroads Tank Car Committee and approved by the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA.

(l) *Inspection and test compliance date for tank cars.* After July 1, 2000, each tank car with a metal jacket or with a thermal protection system shall have an inspection and test conforming to this section no later than the date the tank car requires a periodic hydrostatic pressure test (i.e., the marked due date on the tank car for the hydrostatic test).

(2) After July 1, 1998, each tank car without a metal jacket shall have an inspection and test conforming to this section no later than the date the tank

car requires a periodic hydrostatic pressure test (i.e., the marked due date on the tank car for the hydrostatic test).

(3) For tank cars on a 20-year periodic hydrostatic pressure test interval (i.e., Class DOT 103W, 104W, 111A60W1, 111A100W1, and 111A100W3 tank cars), the next inspection and test date is the midpoint between the compliance date in paragraph (l)(1) or (2) of this section and the remaining years until the tank would have had a hydrostatic pressure test.

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**§ 180.511 Acceptable results of inspections and tests.**

Provided it conforms with other applicable requirements of this subchapter, a tank car is qualified for use if it successfully passes the following inspections and tests conducted in accordance with this subpart:

(a) *Visual inspection.* A tank car successfully passes the visual inspection when the inspection shows no structural defect that may cause leakage from or failure of the tank before the next inspection and test interval.

(b) *Structural integrity inspection and test.* A tank car successfully passes the structural integrity inspection and test when it shows no structural defect that may initiate cracks or propagate cracks and cause failure of the tank before the next inspection and test interval.

(c) *Service life shell thickness.* A tank car successfully passes the service life shell thickness inspection when the tank shell and heads show no thickness reduction below that allowed in § 180.509(g).

(d) *Safety system inspection.* A tank car successfully passes the safety system inspection when each thermal protection system, tank head puncture resistance system, coupler vertical restraint system, and system used to protect discontinuities (e.g., breakage grooves on bottom outlets and protective housings) on the tank car conform to this subchapter.

(e) *Lining and coating inspection.* A tank car successfully passes the lining and coating inspection and test when

the lining or conforms to the owner's acceptance criteria.

(f) *Leakage pressure test.* A tank car successfully passes the leakage pressure test when all product piping, fittings and closures show no indication of leakage.

(g) *Hydrostatic test.* A Class 107 tank car or a riveted tank car successfully passes the hydrostatic test when it shows no leakage, distortion, excessive permanent expansion, or other evidence of weakness that might render the tank car unsafe for transportation service.

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**§ 180.513 Repairs, alterations, conversions, and modifications.**

(a) In order to repair tank cars, the tank car facility must comply with the requirements of Appendix R of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars.

(b) Unless the exterior tank car shell or interior tank car jacket has a protective coating, after a repair that requires the complete removal of the tank car jacket, the exterior tank car shell and the interior tank car jacket must have a protective coating applied to prevent the deterioration of the tank shell and tank jacket.

**§ 180.515 Markings.**

(a) When a tank car passes the required inspection and test with acceptable results, the tank car facility shall mark the date of the inspection and test and the due date of the next inspection and test on the tank car in accordance with Appendix C of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars. When a tank car facility performs multiple inspection and test at the same time, one date may be used to satisfy the requirements of this section. One date also may be shown when multiple inspection and test have the same due date.

(b) Converted tank cars must have the new specification and conversion date permanently marked in letters and figures at least 0.95 cm (0.375 inch) high on the outside of the manway nozzle or the edge of the manway nozzle flange on the left side of the car. The marking may have the last numeral of

the specification number omitted (e.g., "DOT 111A100W" instead of "DOT 111A100W1").

(c) When pressure tested within six months of installation and protected from deterioration, the test date marking of a safety relief device is the installation date on the tank car.

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**§ 180.517 Reporting and record retention requirements.**

(a) *Certification and representation.* Each owner of a specification tank car shall retain the certificate of construction (AAR Form 4-2) and related papers certifying that the manufacture of the specification tank car identified in the documents is in accordance with the applicable specification. The owner shall retain the documents throughout the period of ownership of the specification tank car and for one year thereafter. Upon a change of ownership, the requirements of Section 1.3.15 of the AAR Specifications for Tank Cars apply.

(b) *Inspection and test reporting.* Each tank car that is inspected as specified in § 180.509 must have a written report, in English, prepared according to this paragraph. The owner must retain a copy of the inspection and test reports until successfully completing the next inspection and test of the same type. The inspection and test report must include the following:

- (1) Type of inspection and test performed (a checklist is acceptable);
- (2) The results of each inspection and test performed;
- (3) Owner's reporting mark;
- (4) DOT Specification;
- (5) Inspection and test date (month and year);
- (6) Location and description of defects found and method used to repair each defect;
- (7) The name and address of the tank car facility and the signature of inspector.

**§ 180.519 Periodic retest and inspection of tank cars other than single-unit tank car tanks.**

(a) *General.* Unless otherwise provided in this subpart, tanks designed to

be removed from cars for filling and emptying and tanks built to a Class DOT 107A specification and their safety relief devices must be retested periodically as specified in Retest Table 1 of paragraph (b)(5) of this section. Retests may be made at any time during the calendar year the retest falls due.

(b) *Pressure test.* (1) Each tank, except as provided in paragraph (b)(8) of this section, must be subjected to the specified hydrostatic pressure and its permanent expansion determined. Pressure must be maintained for 30 seconds and far as long as necessary to secure complete expansion of the tank. Before testing, the pressure gauge must be shown to be accurate within 1 percent at test measure. The expansion gauge must be shown to be accurate, at test pressure, to within 1 percent. Expansion must be recorded in cubic centimeters. Permanent volumetric expansion

may not exceed 10 percent of total volumetric expansion at test pressure and the tank must not leak or show evidence of distress.

(2) Each tank, except tanks built to specification DOT 107A, must also be subjected to interior air pressure test of at least 100 psi under conditions favorable to detection of any leakage. No leaks may appear.

(3) Safety relief valves must be retested by air or gas, must start to discharge at or below the prescribed pressure and must be vapor tight at or above the prescribed pressure.

(4) Frangible discs and fusible plugs must be removed from the tank and visually inspected.

(5) Tanks must be retested as specified in Retest Table 1 of this paragraph (b)(5), and before returning to service after repairs involving welding or heat treatment:

RETEST TABLE 1

Specification	Retest interval—years		Minimum Retest pressure—p.s.i.		Safety relief valve pressure—p.s.i.	
	Tank	Safety relief devices <sup>d</sup>	Tank hydrostatic expansion <sup>c</sup>	Tank air test	Start-to-discharge	Vapor tight
DOT 27 .....	5	2	500	100	375	300
106A500 .....	5	2	500	100	375	300
106A500X .....	5	2	500	100	375	300
106A800 .....	5	2	800	100	600	480
106A800X .....	5	2	800	100	600	480
106A800NCI .....	5	2	800	100	600	480
107A * * * * .....	<sup>a</sup> 5	<sup>a</sup> 2	<sup>(b)</sup>	None	None	None
110A500-W .....	5	2	500	100	375	300
110A600-W .....	5	2	600	100	500	360
110A800-W .....	5	2	800	100	600	480
110A1000-W .....	5	2	1,000	100	750	600
BE-27 .....	5	2	500	100	375	300

Notes:  
<sup>a</sup>If DOT 107A \* \* \* \* tanks are used for transportation of flammable gases, one frangible disc from each car must be burst at the interval prescribed. The sample disc must burst at a pressure not exceeding the marked test pressure of the tank and not less than 70 percent of the marked test pressure. If the sample disc does not burst within the prescribed limits, all discs on the car must be replaced.  
<sup>b</sup>The hydrostatic expansion test pressure must at least equal the marked test pressure.  
<sup>c</sup>See § 180.519(b)(1).  
<sup>d</sup>Safety relief valves of the spring-loaded type on tanks used exclusively for fluorinated hydrocarbons and mixtures thereof which are free from corroding components may be retested every 5 years.

(6) The month and year of test, followed by a "V" if visually inspected as described in paragraph (c) of this section, must be plainly and permanently stamped into the metal of one head or chime of each tank with successful test results; for example, 01-90 for January 1990. On DOT 107A\*\*\*\* tanks, the date must be stamped into the metal of the marked end, except that if all tanks mounted on a car have been tested, the

date may be stamped into the metal of a plate permanently applied to the bulkhead on the "A" end of the car. Dates of previous tests and all prescribed markings must be kept legible.

(c) *Visual inspection.* Tanks of Class DOT 106A and DOT 110A-W specifications (§§ 179.300, 179.301, 179.302 of this subchapter) used exclusively for transporting fluorinated hydrocarbons and mixtures thereof, and that are free

from corroding components, may be given a periodic complete internal and external visual inspection in place of the periodic hydrostatic retest. Visual inspections shall be made only by competent persons. The tank must be accepted or rejected in accordance with the criteria in CGA Pamphlet C-6.

(d) *Written records.* The results of the pressure test and visual inspection must be recorded on a suitable data sheet. Completed copies of these reports must be retained by the owner and by the person performing the pressure test and visual inspection as long as the tank is in service. The information to be recorded and checked on these data sheets are: Date of test and inspection; DOT specification number;

tank identification (registered symbol and serial number, date of manufacture and ownership symbol); type of protective coating (painted, etc., and statement as to need for refinishing or re-coating); conditions checked (leakage, corrosion, gouges, dents or digs, broken or damaged chime or protective ring, fire, fire damage, internal condition); test pressure; results of tests; and disposition of tank (returned to service, returned to manufacturer for repair, or scrapped); and identification of the person conducting the retest or inspection.

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