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#### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Ag silver Al aluminum

ANSI American National Standards Institute
ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Au gold

AWS American Welding Society

B boron
Be beryllium
C carbon

°C degree Celsius

Cb columbium (niobium)

Cd cadmium
Cr chromium
Cu copper

°F degree Fahrenheit

Fe iron

KSC John F. Kennedy Space Center

vanadium

Li lithium liquidus Liq. Max. maximum Mg magnesium MIL military minimum min.  $\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}$ millimeter Mn manganese Mo molybdenum

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Ni nickel P phosphorus

Pb lead rem. remainder

V

Si silicon
Sn tin
Sol. solidus
SPEC specification
STD standard
Ta tantalum
Ti titanium

# ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (cont)

W wolfram (tungsten)

Zn zinc

Zr zirconium

# BRAZING — STEEL, COPPER, ALUMINUM, NICKEL, AND MAGNESIUM ALLOYS, SPECIFICATION FOR

#### 1. SCOPE

- 1.1 <u>Scope</u>. This specification covers brazing, inspection of brazed joints, and qualifying of brazers, brazing operators, and brazing procedures.
- 1.2 <u>Criticality</u>. Brazing performed to this specification shall be classified by criticality as follows:
  - a. Class A Critical Application. A brazed joint is critical where a failure of any portion would cause loss of system, loss of a major component, loss of control, unintentional release of critical stores, or hazard to personnel. (Except as defined otherwise on the engineering drawings or in the procurement documents, all brazing shall be considered Class A.)
  - b. Class B Semicritical Application. A brazed joint is semicritical when the failure would reduce overall efficiency of the system but loss of system or hazard to personnel would not be experienced.
  - c. Class C Noncritical Application. A brazed joint is noncritical where failure would not affect system efficiency or create hazard to personnel.
- 1.3 <u>Processes</u>. This specification covers requirements applicable to the following brazing processes:
  - a. Torch brazing
  - b. Furnace brazing
  - Induction brazing (except aerospace tubing fittings as defined in KSC-SPEC-Z-0006)
  - d. Resistance brazing
  - e. Dip brazing
  - f. Infrared brazing

#### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. When this document is used for procurement, including solicitations, or is added to an existing contract, the specific revision levels, amendments, and approval dates of said documents shall be specified in an attachment to the Solicitation/Statement of Work/Contract.

#### 2.1 Governmental.

#### 2.1.1 Specifications.

#### Kennedy Space Center (KSC), NASA

KSC-SPEC-Z-0006 Brazing, Induction, Aerospace Tubing

Fittings, Specification for

#### 2.1.2 Standards.

**Military** 

MIL-STD-453 Inspection, Radiographic

MIL-STD-6866 Inspection, Penetrant Method of

(Copies of specifications, standards, drawings, and publications required by contractors in connection with specific procurement functions should be obtained from the procuring activity or as directed by the Contracting Officer.)

#### 2.2 Non-Governmental.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Welding Society (AWS)

ANSI/AWS A5.8 Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing

and Braze Welding

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American Welding Society, Inc., 2501 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, FL 33135.)

#### American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

Section IX

Qualification Standard for Welding and Brazing Procedures, Welders, Brazers, and Welding and Brazing Operators

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.)

- 3. REQUIREMENTS
- 3.1 Material.
- 3.1.1 <u>Base Metals</u>. Base metals that may be brazed in accordance with this specification are carbon and low-alloy steels, stainless steels, copper, copper alloys, aluminum, aluminum alloys, nickel alloys, magnesium, and magnesium alloys. Base metal-filler metal combinations shall be as shown in table 1.
- 3.1.2 <u>Brazing Filler Metals</u>. Recommended brazing filler metals to be used in accordance with the requirements of this specification are shown in table 2.
- 3.1.3 Fluxes. Fluxes shall be used as required to promote free flow of filler metals into the joint interstice. Fluxes shall dissolve any oxides in the joint area and shall prevent additional oxidation of the base metals and filler metals during heating. Fluxes may be applied as powder, paste, vapor gas, or coating on filler metals.
- 3.2 <u>Brazing Process</u>. The brazing process to be used (see 1.3) shall be in accordance with the qualified brazing procedure specification (see 4.3).
- 3.2.1 <u>Joint Design</u>. The brazed joint design shall be in accordance with the engineering drawing and the qualified brazing procedure specification (see 4.3).
- 3.2.2 <u>Alignment of Parts</u>. Parts to be joined shall be securely held in relative positions by jigs, clamps, or supports. One part shall have sufficient freedom of movement to prevent cooling restraint stresses. Spot welding, in areas not subject to high stresses in service, may be used if permitted by the engineering drawings.

Table 1. Base Metal-Filler Metal Combinations

	Al and Al Alloys	Mg and Mg Alloys	Cu and Cu Alloys	Carbon and Low Alloy Steels
Al and Al Alloys	BAlSi	X	Х	BAlSi
Mg and Mg Alloys	X	BMg	Х	Х
Cu and Cu Alloys	X	X	BAg, BAu, BCuP, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn
Carbon and Low Alloy Steels	BAlSi	X	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZn, BNi
Cast Iron	X	X	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn	BAg, RBCuZn
Stainless Steel	BAISi	X	BAg, BAu	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi
Ni and Ni Alloys	X	X	BA, BAu, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZn, BNi
Ti and Ti Alloys	BAlSi	X	BAg	BAg
Be, Zr, V and Alloys * (Reactive Metals)	BAISi (Be)	X	BAg	BAg, BNi
W, Mo, Ta, Cb and Alloys (Refractory Metals)	X	X	BAg	BAg, BCu, BNi
Tools Steels	X	X	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZN, BNi
X - Not recomm	ended			

<sup>\* &</sup>lt;u>CAUTION</u>: Contains beryllium which may give off toxic fumes. Adequate ventillation for safety of personnel must be provided.

Table 1. Base Metal-Filler Metal Combinations (cont)

	Cast	Stainless	Ni and Ni	Tool
	Iron	Steels	Alloys	Steels
Al and Al Alloys	X	BAISi	X	X
Mg and Mg Alloys	X	X	X	Х
Cu and Cu Alloys	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn, BNi
Carbon and Low Alloy Steels	BAg, RBCuZn	BAG, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZn, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZn, BNi
Cast Iron	BAg, RBCuZn, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BCu, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu, BNi, RBCuZn
Stainless Steel	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi
Ni and Ni Alloys	BAg, BCu, RBCuZn	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZn, BNi
Ti and Ti Alloys	BAg	BAg	BAg	BAg
Be, Zr, V and Alloys * (Reactive Metals)	BAg, BNi	BAg, BNi	BAg, BNi	BAg, BNi
W, Mo, Ta, Cb and Alloys (Refractory Metals)	BAg, BCu, BNi	BAg, BCu, BNi	BAg, BCu, BNi	BAg, BCu, BNi
Tools Steels	BAg, BAu, RBCuZn, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZn, BNi	BAg, BAu, BCu, RBCuZN, BNi
X - Not recomm	ended			

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Table 2. Brazing Filler Metals

Alloy				Com	position	Composition (by percent)	int)					F	Temperature (PF)	re (°F)	T	Temperature (°C)	(C)
										Other	ler						
Copper Phosphorus	Ь	Ag	Cn							Each	Total	Sol.	Lıq.	Brazing Range	Sol.	Lią.	Brazing Range
BCu P-1 BCu P-2 BCu P-3 BCu P-4 BCu P-5	4.75-5 25 7.00-7 50 5.75-6.25 7.00-7 50 4 75-5.25	475-525 5.75-6.25 145-155	rem rem s re	रं संसं तं तं						<del></del>	0.15 0.15 0.15 0.15 0.15	1310 1310 1190 1190 1190	1690 1460 1485 1335 1475	1450-1700 1350-1550 1300-1500 1300-1450 1300-1500	7100 7100 643.3 643.3 643.3	921.1 793.3 807.2 723.9 801.7	787.8-926.7 732.2-843.3 704.4-815.6 704.4-815.6
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, 0	77 77	21.71	:	✝		$\downarrow$	1	$\dagger$	Ī	1	25.0	3011	37.1.	1145 1400	607.2	6193	0 072 8 17
BAg-1	4. 6.:	14-16		23-25							0.15	1125	6 :	1145-1400	7:/00	0103	016.3-760.0
BAg-18	24.5 12.45.21	25-27	14 5-18.	_	<b>2</b> , 0						0.15	125	1295	1295-1550	607.2	7017	701.7-843.3
BAs-3	49-51	14.5-16.5	_			V1					0.15	1170	1270	1270-1500	632.2	687.8	687.8-815.6
BAg-4	39-41	29-31			15-25	מי					0.15	1240	1435	1435-1650	671.1	779.4	779.4-898.9
BAg-5	44-46	29-31	23-27								0.15	1250	1370	1370-1550	676.7	743.3	743.3-843.3
BAg-6	49-51	33-35	14-18								0.15	1270	1425	1425-1600	687.8	773.9	773.9-871.1
BAs-7	55-57	21-23	15-19			4.5-5.5					0,15	1145	1205	1205-1400	618.3	651.7	270.4.908.0
BAg-8	21.7	Lem.						015.0.30			0.15	1435	1430	1433-1630	765 6	765.6	765.6-871 1
BAe-13	53-55		4.0-6.0		0.5-1.5	v	3	200			0.15	1325	1575	1575-1775	718.3	857.2	857 2-968 3
BAg-18	59-61	rem				9 5-10.5			200		0.15	115	1325	1325-1550	6017	718.3	718.3-843 3
BAg-19	92-93	rem		_			0 15	0 15-0 30			0.15	1435	1635	1610-1800	7794	890.6	7 786-/ 9/8
Copper and Copper Zinc	η	Zn	Sn	Ź	4	25	. ₹ 		Sı								
BCu-1	.mm 6 66				0.075	0.02	0.01	 			0.10	1980	1980	2000-2100	1082.2	1082.2	1093.3-1148.9
BCu-1a PC:: 3	99.0 mm.										0.30	1980	0861	2000-2100	1082.2	10822	1093 3-1148.9
RBCu-Zn-A	57-61		0.25-1.0			50.0					0.50	1630	1650	1670-1750	887.8	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	910.0-954 4
RBCu-Zn-D	46-50			9.0-11.0	0 025	0.50	0.0		0.04-0.25		050	1690	1715	1720-1800	921.1	935.0	937.8-982.2
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BAIS1-2	6.8-8.2	L	-	0.20	,;;	010	3,		IRI	0.05	0.15	1070	1135	1110-1150	576.7	612.8	598.9-621.1
BAISi-5 BAISi-4 BAISi-5	9.5-10.7 11.0-13.0 9.0-11.0	0.30	× × ×		010	0.15	0.15	0,0		9 9 9	010	\$ 6 E	080	1060-1120	576.7 576.7	582.2 590.6	571.1-604.4 587 8-604.4
DAIOI-3	7.0-11-0	4	90	0.10	S	Sin		T 0250	IZI	33	C1.2	2/21	7	1020-1120	1,010	77000	100-0 100

Table 2. Brazing Filler Metals (cont)

Alloy				Com	Composition (by percent)	(by p	rcent)						Temperature (PF)	are (°F)	T	Temperature (°C)	(C)
										l°	Other						
Precious Metals	Αn	ਟੋ	ž							Each	Total	Sol.	Liq.	Brazing Range	Sol.	Lıq.	Brazing Range
B-Au-1	37 0 +1	rem									0.15	1815	0981	1860-2000	9006	1015.6	1015 6-1093.3
B-Au-2	ი <u>7</u> 9.5 +1	rem									0.15	1635	1635	1635-1850	9068	9008	890.6-1010.0
B-Au-3	.0 4.5 +1	Ten Ten	25-3.5								015	1785	1885	1885-1995	973.9	1029.4	1029.4-1090 6
B-Au-4	-0 +1 81.5-0		rem.								0.15	1740	1740	1740-1840	948.9	9489	948.9-1004.4
Nickel	ź	Ö	В		Sı	Fe		C Max	Ъ								
B-N:-1 B-N:-2 B-N:-3 B-N:-4 B-N:-5 B-N:-6 B-N:-6		13.0-15.0 6 0-8 0 18.0-20.0 11.0-15.0	2.75-4.00 2.75-3 5 2.75-3.5 1.0-2.2	25 2 3 24 4 5.7.	3.0-5.0 4.0-5.0 4.0-5.0 3.0-4.0 9.75-10.5	40-5.0 20-4.0 1.5 1.5	0.0	0.6-0.9 0.15 0.06 0.06 0.15 0.15	10.0-12.0 9.0-11.0		050 050 050 0.50 0.50 0.50	1790 1780 1800 1800 1975 1610 1630	1900 1830 1900 1950 2075 1610 1630	1950-2200 1850-2150 1850-2150 1850-2150 2100-2200 1700-1875	976.7 971.1 982.2 982.2 1079.4 876.7 887.8	1037.8 998.9 1037.8 1065.6 1135 0 876 7 887.8	1065.6-1204.4 1010 0-1176.7 1010.0-1176.7 1010.0-1176 7 1148.9-1204 4 926.7-1023.9
Magnesium	Ι¥	Mn	<sup>2</sup>	22	ਟੈ	ź	ਜ਼ •	Be	Mg	~							
* BMg-1 BMg-2 * BMg-2a	8,3-9,7 11.0-13.0 11.0-13.0	0.15 mm.		0.05	0.05	0.005 0	0.005	0.0002-0.0008	08 rem. 08 rem	d d -	0.30 0.30 0.30	830 770 770	1110 1050 1050	1120-1160 1080-1130 1080-1130	443.3 410.0 410.0	598.9 565.6 565.6	604.4-626.7 582 2-610.0 582 2-610.0

\* Caution: Contains 0.0005 percent beryllium which may give off toxic fumes. Adequate ventilation for safety of personnel must be provided.

NOTE: Table 2 values are from ANSI/AWS A5.8-62T.

- 3.2.3 <u>Fit.</u> The clearance between mating surfaces shall be in accordance with the qualified brazing procedure. Unless otherwise specified, recommended clearances for various filler metals shall be as shown in table 3.
- 3.2.4 <u>Cleaning</u>. Before brazing, the joint mating surfaces and adjacent areas shall be thoroughly cleaned to remove oxides, grease, oil, and other foreign matter. Cleaning methods shall be as specified in the qualified brazing procedure specification.
- 3.2.5 <u>Flux</u>. Flux, as specified in the qualified brazing procedure specification, shall be applied to the joint mating surfaces prior to the introduction of the filler metal.

#### 3.2.6 Atmosphere.

- 3.2.6.1 <u>Furnace Brazing</u>. When furnace brazing is used, the furnace atmosphere shall be such as to prevent excessive decarburizing of carbon and low-alloy steels, and avoid carburization of stainless steels. Decarburization in excess of 0.08 mm (0.003 inch) total shall be considered excessive.
- 3.2.6.2 <u>Induction Brazing</u>. When high-frequency induction brazing is used, the inert-gas shielding, internal, external, or both, shall provide an atmosphere such as to prevent oxidation. The qualified brazing procedure specification shall specify the gas, method of application, and flow rate.
- 3.2.7 Introduction of Filler Metal. Except as specified on the engineering drawings or in the qualified brazing procedure specification (see 4.3), the filler metal shall be introduced into the joint interstice immediately after the base metals have reached brazing temperature. (See table 2.) Where furnace brazing is used, the filler metal shall be assembled with the joint before being placed in the furnace. Filler metal shall be so located that capillary attraction will draw it into the joint interstice immediately upon becoming molten. Heating time and temperature shall be kept to a minimum or as necessary to prevent joint embrittlement, base metal erosion, or other undesirable metallurgical reactions.
- 3.2.7.1 <u>Joint Position</u>. The joint shall be positioned to permit the filler metal to flow into the joint assisted by gravitational attraction as well as capillarity. If positioning for gravitational flow is impractical, the brazing contractor shall produce specimens showing good filler metal joint penetration by capillary attraction for the approval of the NASA Quality Representative.

Table	3.	Recommended Joint Clearances
	(a	t Brazing Temperatures)

Taulla - Madal	Joint Cle	earances
Filler Metal (AWS-ASTM Classification)	Millimeters (mm)	Inches
BAlSi Group	0.15 - 0.25 *	0.006 - 0.010 *
	0.25 - 0.64 *	0.010 - 0.025 *
BAg Group	0.05 - 0.13	0.002 - 0.005
BAu Group	0.05 - 0.13	0.002 - 0.005
BCuAu Group	0.05 - 0.13	0.002 - 0.005
BCu Group	0.00 - 0.05 **	0.000 - 0.002 **
BCuZn Group	0.05 - 0.13	0.002 - 0.005
BMg Group	0.10 - 0.25	0.004 - 0.010
BNi Group	0.05 - 0.13	0.002 - 0.005
BCuP Group	0.03 - 0.13	0.001 - 0.005

- \* For lap length less than 6.4 mm (0.25 inch)
- \*\* Press fit of 0.03 per 25.4 mm (0.001 per inch) diameter for maximum strength
- 3.2.7.2 <u>Limits of Filler Metal</u>. Except where preplaced filler metal is utilized, filler metal shall be introduced into the joint until it may be observed filling the interstice at a location opposite to the point of introduction. Care shall be taken to prevent filler metal running over into areas adjacent to the joint. Masking shall be used when specified on the engineering drawings or in the qualified brazing procedure specification (see 4.3).
- 3.2.7.3 Penetration. Filler metal shall completely penetrate the joint interstice.
- 3.2.8 <u>Cooling</u>. After brazing, and prior to handling, assembled joints shall be gradually cooled to room temperature to permit solidification of the filler metal wherein the joint will not crack or scale, and will not be subjected to internal stress. Where heat treatment is performed in conjunction with brazing, cooling procedures may be modified as required.

- 3.2.9 Flux Removal. Flux shall be removed from the joint area immediately after cooling. The joint may be immersed in hot water {60 degrees Celsius (°C) [140 degrees Fahrenheit (°F)] minimum} until all traces of flux are removed. A suitable solvent that will not react with the joint metals may be used rather than hot water. When requested by the NASA Quality Representative, a suitable test shall be performed to determine complete removal of flux.
- 3.3 <u>Heat Treatment</u>. Heat treatment following the brazing operation, when required, shall be limited to temperatures below the solidification temperature of the filler metal. Stainless steels brazed with silver alloys shall not be heated above 315 °C (600 °F).
- 3.4 <u>Passivation of Stainless Steel Joints</u>. Stainless steel joints brazed with silver alloys shall not be subjected to nitric acid passivation.
- 3.5 <u>Equipment</u>. Furnaces, torches, and induction and resistance heating equipment shall be maintained in good condition to insure proper heating to the required brazing temperatures. Equipment shall be operated within the operating ranges recommended by the equipment manufacturer.
- 3.6 <u>Workmanship</u>. Brazed joints shall be free from visible flaws, such as incomplete filler metal penetration, voids, erosion, excessive filler metal buildup, or runover into areas adjacent to the joint. The joint area shall be free from residual flux deposits and shall show no signs of corrosion or undesirable metallurgical reaction.

#### 3.7 Qualification.

- 3.7.1 <u>Brazing Procedure Specification Certification</u>. Prior to starting production brazing under this specification, a brazing procedure specification shall be established and certified to demonstrate that brazed joints having suitable mechanical properties and soundness can be made by this procedure. Certification by the brazing contractor, subject to NASA approval, shall be as described in 4.3.
- 3.7.2 <u>Performance Qualification</u>. Prior to performing brazing under this specification, brazers and brazing operators shall be certified by the brazing contractor, subject to NASA approval, as specified in 4.4.
- 3.7.3 Exceptions. Workmanship samples shall be the only qualification requirement for Class C brazing and will be subjected to visual examination only.

#### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 <u>Inspection Requirements</u>. - The brazing contractor is responsible for the performance of all inspection requirements as specified herein. Except as otherwise specified, the brazing contractor may utilize his own or any other inspection facilities and services acceptable to KSC. Inspection and test records shall be kept complete and, upon request, made available to the procuring activity or its designated representative. The procuring activity, or its designated representative, reserves the right to perform any and all of the inspections set forth in this specification to assure that the end item conforms to the prescribed requirements.

#### 4.2 Inspection.

- 4.2.1 <u>Visual Inspection</u>. Joint setups shall be visually inspected before and after brazing. The joint setups shall conform to the requirements of the qualified brazing procedure. External fillet size and contour shall not be causes for rejection unless so stated in the engineering drawings, or unless excessive material would interfere with mating parts. Penetration, as required by the joint design and engineering drawings, shall be verified. Incomplete penetration shall be cause for rejection.
- 4.2.2 <u>Radiographic Inspection</u>. Radiographic inspection shall be performed on all Class A joints and on Class B joints when required by the engineering drawings or procurement documents. Radiographic inspection shall be performed in accordance with MIL-STD-453. Radiographic acceptance criteria shall include the following:
  - a. <u>Class A Acceptance Criteria</u>. Voids and inclusion shall not comprise an aggregate area exceeding 15 percent of the joint area and, for pressure tight joints, shall not reduce the leakage barrier width by more than 15 percent. No voids shall be open to the pressurized surface.
  - b. <u>Class B Acceptance Criteria</u>. Voids and inclusion shall not comprise an aggregate area exceeding 25 percent of the joint area and, for pressure tight joints, shall not reduce the leakage barrier width by more than 25 percent. No voids shall be open to the pressurized surface.
  - c. <u>Manual Torch Silver Brazing</u>. For manual torch brazing only, for Class A and Class B brazing, voids and inclusions shall not comprise an aggregate area exceeding 30 percent of the joint area. Additionally, for

joints required to be pressure tight, voids or inclusions shall not reduce the leakage barrier width by more than 50 percent for joints in copper alloys, or more than 25 percent for all other alloys. In addition, no defect shall extend continuously from one surface of the joint to the other surface, irrespective of the direction of the defect.

- 4.2.3 <u>Penetrant Inspection</u>. When required by the engineering drawings or the procurement documents, penetrant examination shall be performed in accordance with MIL-STD-6866. Acceptance criteria for penetrant inspection shall be as specified by the engineering drawings or the procurement documents which specify the test requirements.
- 4.2.4 Other Inspections. The NASA Quality Representative may, at his discretion, require other inspections to determine the soundness of brazed joints.
- 4.3 <u>Brazing Procedure Specification Certification</u>. Each brazing procedure shall be documented by the brazing contractor in the form of a procedure specification that shall meet the requirements of this specification and shall be approved by the NASA Quality Representative. Certification of the procedure specification shall be as required by the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX.
- 4.3.1 <u>Brazing Procedure Specification</u>. The brazing procedure specification shall include the following:
  - a. Base metal (material and thickness)
  - b. Sketch of joint
  - c. Filler metal
  - d. Precleaning and prebraze surface treatment
  - e. Fluxes, when required
  - f. Brazing process
  - g. Brazing position
  - h. Other requirements including torch tip size, fuel gas and pressure, current, and frequency
  - i. Furnace atmosphere or inert gas purge and shielding data, when required

- j. Preheat temperature
- k. Brazing temperature
- 1. Method of placing filler metal
- m. Tolerances or clearance of joints
- n. Heat treatment
- o. Postbraze cleaning
- p. Inspection requirements
- q. Remarks
- r. Acceptance criteria for applicable test samples
- 4.3.2 <u>Records</u>. All certified brazing procedure specifications shall be recorded in detail and shall be adhered to during subsequent construction, except where a change is specifically authorized by the procuring activity.
- 4.3.3 <u>Gas or Liquid Tightness</u>. When gas or liquid tightness is required of the brazed joints, a hydrostatic test of one and one-half times the maximum service pressure shall be conducted on specimens of types of joints subject to gas or liquid tightness in service. Leak testing with helium, using a mass spectrometer, shall be conducted on specimens for Class A applications when required by the procurement documents or the engineering drawings.

#### 4.4 Performance Qualification.

Brazing shall be performed only by brazers or brazing operators who have been qualified in accordance with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX.

#### 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

When required, preparation for delivery shall be as specified in the procurement documents.

#### 6. NOTES

- 6.1 <u>Intended Use</u>. This specification covers brazing, inspection of brazed joints, and qualification of brazing procedures, brazers, and brazing operators for general brazing in Classes A, B, and C.
- 6.2 <u>Data Required on Drawings or Procurement Documents.</u>
  - a. Title, number, and date of this specification
  - b. Postbrazing heat treatment
  - c. Radiographic inspection requirements for Class B joints
  - d. Penetrant inspection requirements and acceptance criteria
  - e. Helium leak test requirements
  - f. Delivery preparation requirements, when required
  - g. Spot welding permission, if applicable
  - h. Limitations of filler metal introduction, if applicable
  - i. Deviations to specified filler metal clearances, if applicable
  - j. Joint design
  - k. Filler metal runover masking, when required

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