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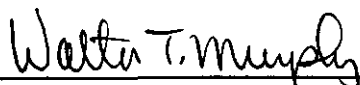


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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

| | |
|--------|--|
| ASSE | American Society of Sanitary Engineering |
| AVB | Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker |
| AWWA | American Water Works Association |
| B.F.P. | Backflow Preventer |
| DC | Double Check |
| FM | Factory Mutual Engineering Division |
| gpm | gallons per minute |
| in. | inch |
| IPS | Iron Pipe Size |
| KSC | Kennedy Space Center |
| MIN. | minimum |
| NFPA | National Fire Protection Association |
| psi | pounds per square inch |
| PVB | Pressure Vacuum Breaker |
| RP | Reduced Pressure |
| UL | Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. |

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope. - This document establishes cross-connection control standards to be used in the design of new facilities and the modification of existing facilities under the design jurisdiction of John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

1.2 General. - The requirements established by this standard are based on existing codes and standards. Reference to Table 1 can be made for guidance in selecting the correct backflow prevention system.

1.3 Basic Goals of KSC Cross-Connection Control. - Cross-connection control is necessary to protect potable water supplies from contamination.

2.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents provide the technical basis for this standard and form a part of this standard to the extent referenced herein. Only the latest revision of those referenced documents should be used.

American Society of Sanitary Engineering

| | |
|---------------|---|
| ASSE No. 1001 | Performance Requirements for Pipe Applied Atmospheric Type Vacuum Breakers |
| ASSE No. 1011 | Performance Requirements for Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker |
| ASSE No. 1013 | Performance Requirements for Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Preventers |
| ASSE No. 1015 | Performance Requirements for Double Check Valve Type Pressure Backflow Preventers |

c. Backflow Preventer. A device or means to prevent backflow.

d. Backpressure. A positive pressure placed on any downstream component of a system relative to any upstream component.

e. Backsiphonage. Backflow resulting from negative pressure in the distributing pipe of a water system.

f. Contamination. Loss of water potability due to the presence of environmental chemicals, radioactive elements, bacteria or organisms, the by-product of the growth of bacteria or organisms, or waste in the water.

g. Critical Water Supplies. Essential water supplies, potable or fire suppression, where a system outage is undesirable.

h. Cross-Connection. A connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which a backflow could occur.

i. Double Check Valve Backflow Preventer. An arrangement of two single independently acting, internally force loaded check valves.

j. Drain. Any pipe that carries waste water or water bearing waste in a building drainage system.

k. External Protection. A backflow preventer installed on a water service supply line to a building.

l. Flood Level Rim. The edge of the receptacle or lowest level from which water overflows.

m. Internal Protection. A backflow preventer installed on equipment water service line within the building.

n. Outlet. The open end of a water supply pipe from which the water is discharged into the plumbing fixture.

o. Plumbing Fixture. An installed device supplied with water or that receives or discharges water or liquid-borne wastes.

p. Potable Water. Water from any source that has been investigated by the health jurisdiction and that has been approved for human consumption.

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q. Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Preventer. An arrangement of internally force loaded check valves and an automatic opening differential pressure relief valve, designed to prevent backflow.

r. Vacuum. Any pressure less than that exerted by the ambient atmosphere.

s. Vacuum Breaker (Atmospheric). A vacuum breaker designed so as not to be subjected to static line pressure.

t. Vacuum Breaker (Pressure Type). A vacuum breaker designed to operate under conditions of static line pressure.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Applications of Devices. - Backflow prevention devices shall be incorporated into the design of new facilities and systems. Table 1 lists cross connections and the recommended approach to backflow prevention. When more than one device is specified for a given situation, the type of device selected will depend on the potential severity of the contamination.

4.1.1 Plumbing Fixtures. - Plumbing fixtures shall be designed to incorporate an air gap as delineated in Section 4.4 and certain fixtures (as called out in Table 1) shall also include a vacuum breaker.

4.1.2 Water Supply for Fire Systems. - The design of fire extinguishing systems at KSC shall conform to the KSC standard "Fire Protection Design for Facilities", KSC-STD-F-0004C. System components shall be UL listed or FM approved. Cross-connections may occur in fire protection systems (see Table 1) where fire department hose hook-up and/or where black pipe is used. Double check valve assemblies are required for these systems except when chemicals such as "Foamite" are used, where reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assemblies are necessary for extra protection. Where reduced pressure backflow prevention assemblies are used on fire protection systems, the assembly will be hydraulically sized so as not to reduce the operating pressure of the fire protection system below its original designed operating pressure.

A parallel installation of backflow preventers is required in all fire protection systems which are connected to potable water supplies. This allows uninterrupted flow of the unit during testing and maintenance. The size of each of the two backflow preventers shall be based on both units operating. Where backflow preventers are used on fire protection systems, they will be hydraulically sized so as not to affect the designed flow and pressure requirements for the fire protection system.

4.2 Test Cocks. - Test cocks shall be installed at the following locations on all RP and DC backflow prevention devices (see figures 1 and 2):

1. On the supply (inlet) side of the upstream shut-off valve.
2. Between the supply shut-off valve and the first check valve.
3. Between the check valves.
4. Between the second check valve and the shut-off valve on the outlet side of the device.

The PVB shall have two test cocks; one at the device inlet and one on the vacuum chamber (see figure 3).

4.3 Assembly Specifications. - The following backflow prevention assemblies shall conform to the proper ASSE Standard and shall be approved by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research, University of Southern California. Assemblies shall be delivered for installation completely assembled from the original manufacturer with all components approved.

4.3.1 Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assemblies. - The RP device shall be tested and certified according to ASSE Standard No. 1013 and AWWA Standard No. C506. This device shall include two approved, independently operating, internally force loaded check valves with an automatically operating, mechanically independent, hydraulically dependent pressure differential relief valve located between the two check valves. The unit shall include a resilient seated, full ported shut-off valve on each end of the device and each device shall be fitted with four properly located test cocks. (See Figure 1 for diagrammatic layout.)

4.3.2 Double Check Valve Assemblies. - The DC shall be tested and certified according to ASSE Standard No. 1015 and AWWA Standard No. C506. This assembly shall include two independently acting, internally force loaded check valves mounted between two resilient seated, full ported shut-off valves, and four test cocks. (See Figure 2 for diagrammatic layout.)

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4.3.3 Pressure Type Vacuum Breaker Assemblies. - The PVB shall be tested and certified according to ASSE Standard No. 1020. This assembly shall include a check valve and an air opening to atmosphere on the discharge side of the check valve between two resilient seated, full ported shut-off valves, and shall include two test cocks (see Figure 3).

4.3.4 Atmospheric Type Vacuum Breaker Assemblies. - This device shall be tested and certified according to ASSE Standard No. 1001. This device shall include a poppet to seal the air inlet when the unit is pressurized. The poppet drops, permitting air to travel through the piping when back-siphoning occurs. (See Figure 4 for diagrammatic layout.)

4.3.5 Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker Assemblies. - This device shall be tested and certified according to ASSE Standard No. 1011. When supply pressure through the device is atmospheric or below, a check valve closes and an atmospheric vent opens.

4.4 Design for Maintenance/Testing. - To ensure adequate maintainability, the following design and installation guidelines have been established.

The approved assembly shall have resilient seated, full ported shut-off valves. Test cocks shall be installed as indicated in Section 4.2.

Assemblies shall be installed according to manufacturer's instructions. Assemblies shall be installed in an accessible location, with ample clearance to aid in testing and maintaining the device. Assemblies installed inside facilities will be placed 12 inches to 36 inches above the finished floor. Discharge from reduced pressure principle assembly relief valves shall not be into the sanitary collection system. The minimum clearance above floors or grade is needed to ensure an air gap between the relief valve and any water that might puddle beneath the assembly. The maximum height is needed so that the device can be easily maintained and tested.

4.4.1 Reduced Pressure Principle - Figure 5 shows the proper installation of an RP assembly on a building service connection. The RP assembly can also be used for internal protection.

4.4.2 Double Check Valve. - Figure 5 reflects a typical installation of a double check valve assembly on a service connection. This assembly can also be used for internal protection. Minimum and maximum distances are the same as that for the RP assembly.

4.4.3 Pressure Vacuum Breaker. - The pressure vacuum breaker assembly shall not be installed where there can be backpressure; only where there can be backsiphonage. Shut-off valves may be installed downstream of the PVB. The pressure vacuum breaker assembly shall be installed at least 12 inches above the highest outlet or, if it is feeding an open tank, at least 12 inches above the highest overflow rim of the tank. Figure 6 reflects a typical installation on a lawn sprinkler system.

4.4.4 Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker. - The atmospheric vacuum breaker assembly shall not be installed where there can be backpressure, only where there is backsiphonage. No shut-off valves shall be installed downstream of the AVB. The AVB assembly shall be installed at least 12 inches above the highest outlet or the topmost overflow rim of a nonpressure tank. Figure 7 reflects a typical installation on a sprinkler system.

4.4.5 Air Gap. - An air gap shown in Figure 8 is the physical separation of a potable water system supply line and the flood rim of an open receiving tank. Air gap separation shall be at least double the diameter of the supply pipe, measured vertically above the top rim of the vessel and in no case less than 1 inch.

4.4.6 Battery (Parallel Installation). - Critical water supplies shall have parallel installation of the proper approved backflow prevention assembly. Figure 9 reflects a typical parallel installation. This avoids interruption to the water service when maintenance or testing is required. This type installation also provides an equal or higher flow capacity than provided by one backflow preventer.

4.5 Design Parameters.

4.5.1 Nominal Size. - The size of a backflow preventer (Table 2) shall be identified by the size of the standard shut-off valves provided as part of the assembly and attached at each end of the assembly.

4.5.2 Rated Flow and Allowable Pressure Loss. - The maximum allowable pressure loss at any rate of flow, from zero, up to and including the maximum rated flow for the indicated size, shall not exceed the values shown on Table 2.

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4.6 Freeze Protection. - Provisions shall be made to protect devices from freeze damage. Assemblies installed outdoors shall be protected from freeze damage by installing a thermostatic freeze protection valve directly downstream of the B.F.P. Figures 10 and 11 show typical installations. Another acceptable, less preferred method of freeze protection is the use of an aluminum or stainless steel, insulated enclosure. Figure 12 shows a typical protective enclosure.

TABLE 1
CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES

| SYSTEM/EQUIP. DESCRIPTION | AIR GAP | ATMOSPHERIC VACUUM BREAKER | DOUBLE CHECK VALVE | REDUCED PRESSURE |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| A/C CHILLED WATER MAKEUP | | | | X |
| A/C CONDENSER WATER MAKEUP | | | | X |
| A/C COOLING TOWER MAKEUP | X | | | X |
| AIR COMPRESSOR COOLANT | | | | X |
| ASPIRATOR, MEDICAL | | | | X |
| AUTOCLAVE & STERILIZER | X | | | |
| BOILER FEED LINE | | | X | |
| BATHTUB BELOW RIM FILLER | | | | X |
| BEDPAN WASHER | | X | | |
| BRINE TANK | X | | | X |
| BOTTLE WASHER | X | | | X |
| CHEMICAL FEEDER TANK | X | | | X |
| CHLORINATOR | | | | X |
| COFFEE URN | X | | | |
| CUSPIDOR, DENTAL | X | | | |
| DEMINERALIZED SYSTEM | | | | X |
| DISHWASHER | X | | | X |
| DEGREASING EQUIPMENT | X | | | X |
| DEVELOPING TANK | X | | | X |
| DETERGENT DISPENSER | X | | | X |
| ETCHING TANK | X | | | X |
| FOUNTAIN, ORNAMENTAL | X | | | X |
| FLOOR DRAIN, TRAP PRIMER | X | | | |
| GARBAGE CAN WASHER | | X | | |
| GARBAGE DISPOSER | X | X | | |
| HOSE FAUCETS/BIBBS | | X | | |
| HOT WATER GENERATOR FEED | | | X | |
| ICE MAKER | X | | X | |
| JANITOR'S CLOSET | X | X | | |
| LAB EQUIPMENT | X | X | | X |
| LAUNDRY MACHINE | X | | | X |
| LAVATORY | X | | | |
| LAWN SPRINKLER ** | | X | | |
| MAKEUP TANK | X | | X | X |
| MISC. EQUIP. COOLANT WATER | | | X | X |

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED)

| SYSTEM/EQUIP. DESCRIPTION | AIR GAP | ATMOSPHERIC VACUUM BREAKER | DOUBLE CHECK VALVE | REDUCED PRESSURE |
|--|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| PUMP PRIME LINES | X | | | X |
| PUMP, WATER OPER. EJECTOR | | | | X |
| PHOTO LAB SINKS | X | | | X |
| PHOTOSTAT EQUIPMENT | X | | | X |
| PIPETTE WASHER | X | | | |
| POTATO PEELER | X | | | |
| PROCESSING TANKS | X | X | X | X |
| STILLS | X | X | X | X |
| SITZ BATH | X | X | | X |
| FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM * | | | X | |
| SOLUTION TANKS | X | | | X |
| SANITARY SEWER | X | | | |
| STORM SEWER | X | | | |
| SWIMMING POOL | X | | | |
| STEAM CLEANER | X | X | | X |
| STEAM TABLE | X | X | | |
| ULTRASONIC BATHS | X | | | |
| WATER TREATMENT TANKS | X | | X | X |
| WATER WELL SECONDARY SYSTEM | X | | | X |
| FACILITY POTABLE WATER SUPPLY (CONTAINMENT) | | | | X |
| FIRE STANDPIPE SYSTEM * | | | X | |
| FIREX FOAM SYSTEM | | | | X |

* REQUIRED ONLY IF SYSTEM CONTAINS FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION OR BLACK IRON PIPE

** PVB REQUIRED IF CHEMICAL FEED IS USED ON SPRINKLER SYSTEM

TABLE 2

PARAMETERS FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTER DEVICES

| Maximum Allowable Pressure Loss at Rated Flow | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|
| Nominal Size (in.) | Rated Flow * (gpm) | Reduced Pressure Device (psi) | Double Check Valve Device (psi) |
| 1/2 | 12 | 22 | 10 |
| 3/4 | 30 | 20 | 10 |
| 1 | 50 | 18 | 10 |
| 1 1/4 | 75 | 18 | 10 |
| 1 1/2 | 100 | 16 | 10 |
| 2 | 160 | 16 | 10 |
| 2 1/2 | 225 | 16 | 10 |
| 3 | 320 | 15 | 10 |
| 4 | 500 | 14 | 10 |
| 6 | 1000 | 14 | 10 |
| 8 | 1600 | 14 | 10 |
| 10 | 2300 | 14 | 10 |

* Maximum recommended operating flow rate for which pressure loss is calculated.

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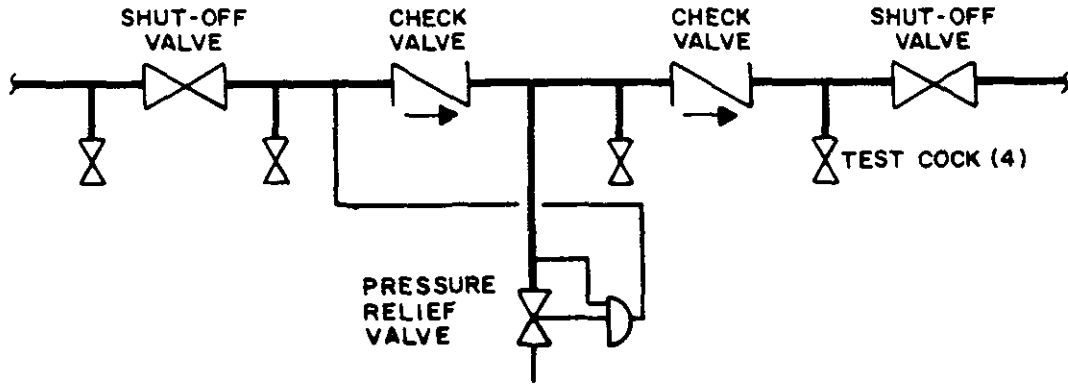


FIGURE 1
SCHEMATIC OF REDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPLE ASSEMBLY

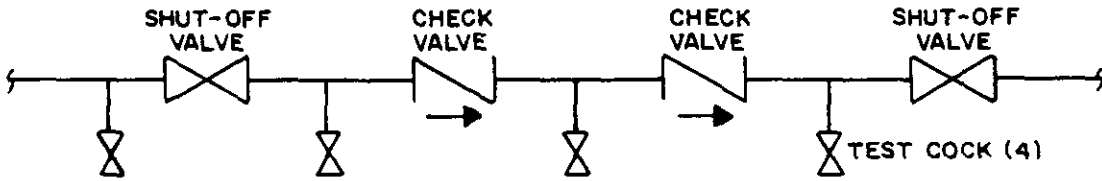


FIGURE 2
SCHEMATIC OF DOUBLE CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY

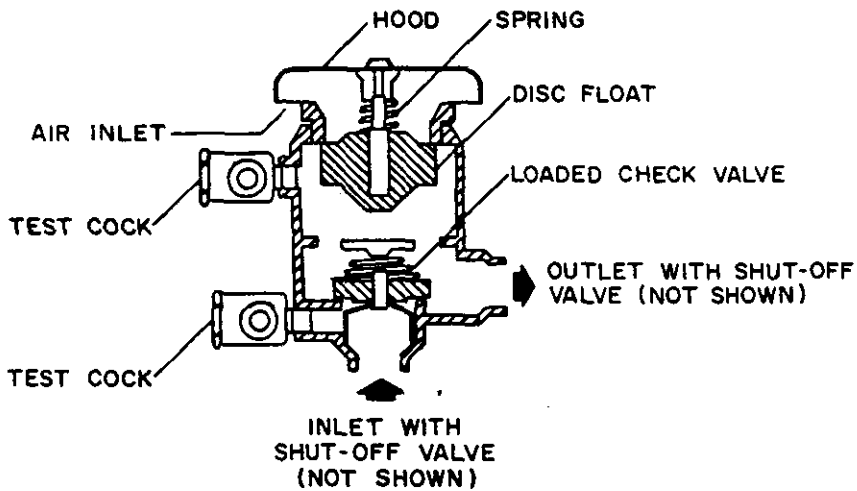


FIGURE 3
PRESSURE VACUUM BREAKER

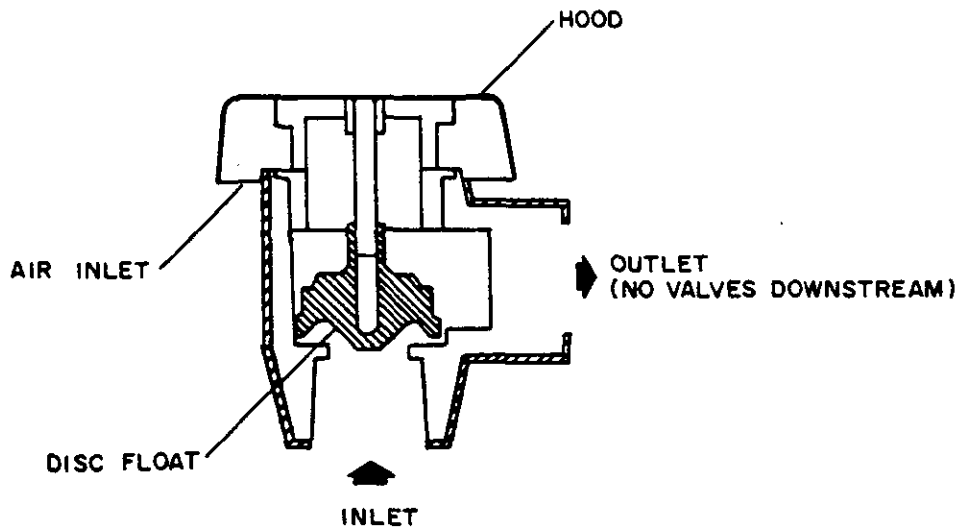


FIGURE 4
ATMOSPHERIC VACUUM BREAKER

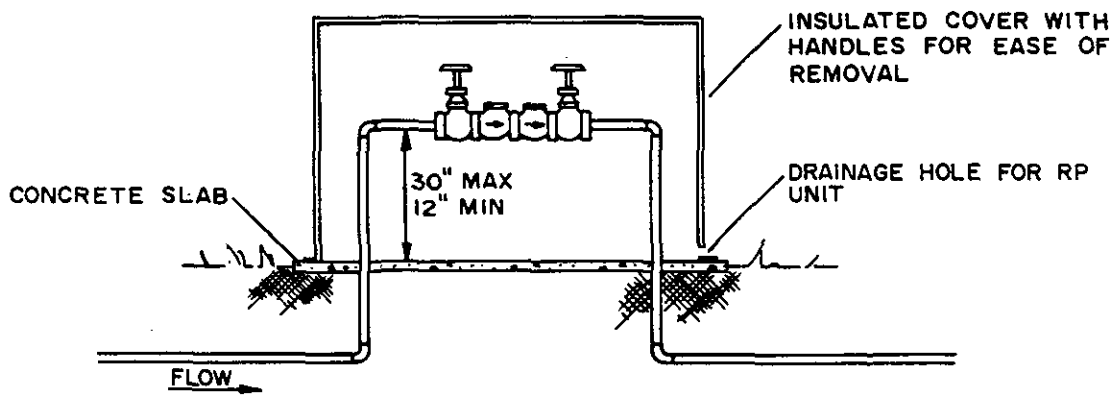


FIGURE 5
TYPICAL BACKFLOW PREVENTER INSTALLATION (DC OR RP)

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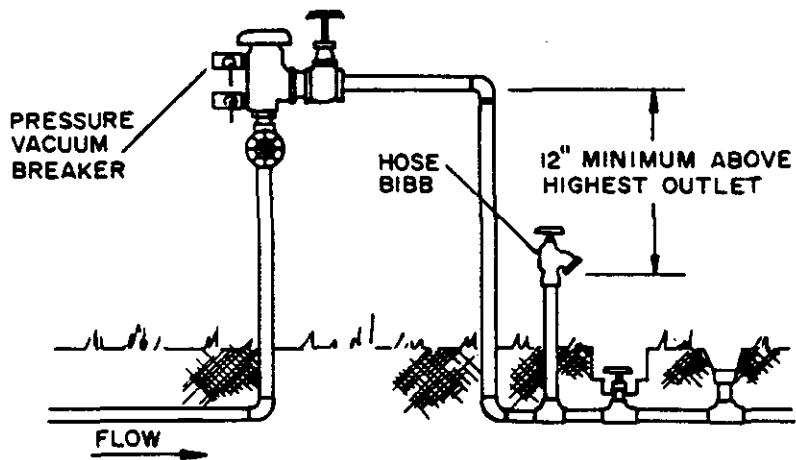


FIGURE 6

PRESSURE VACUUM BREAKER ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

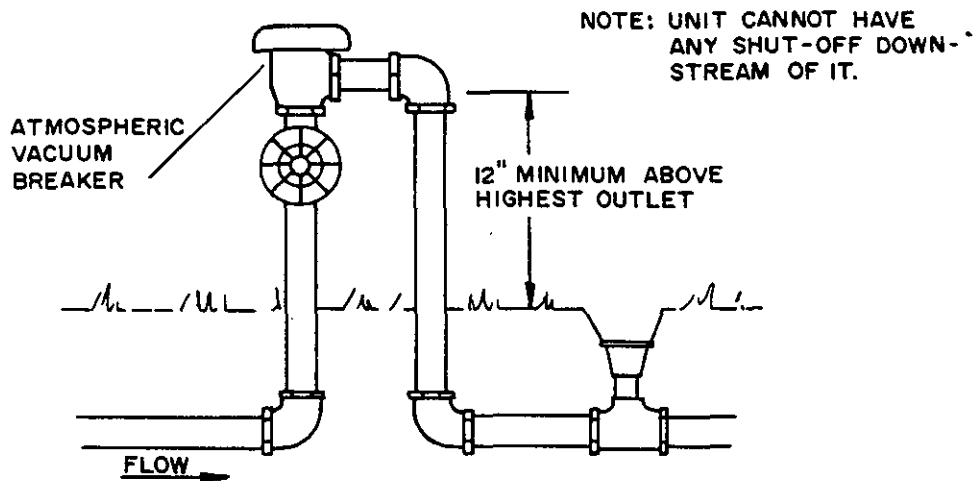


FIGURE 7

ATMOSPHERIC VACUUM BREAKER ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

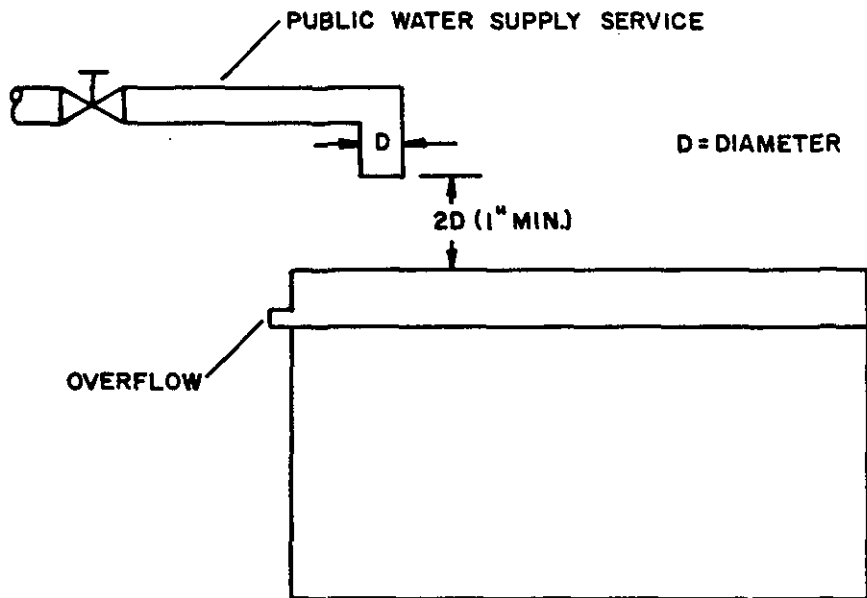


FIGURE 8
SAFE AIR GAP - GROUND LEVEL STORAGE TANK

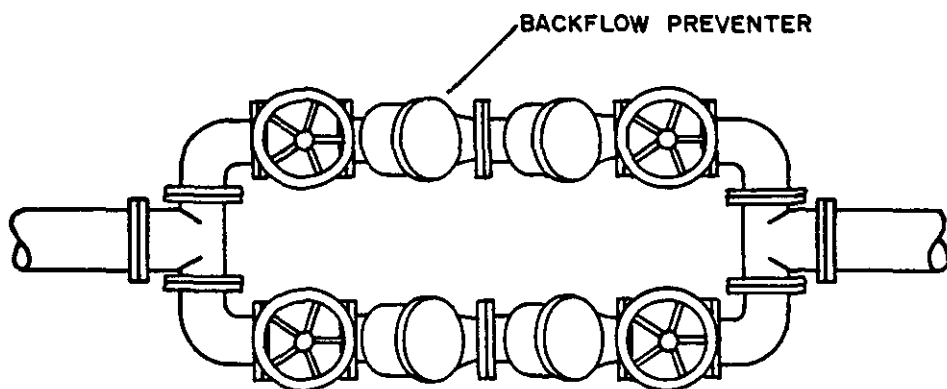


FIGURE 9
PARALLEL INSTALLATION

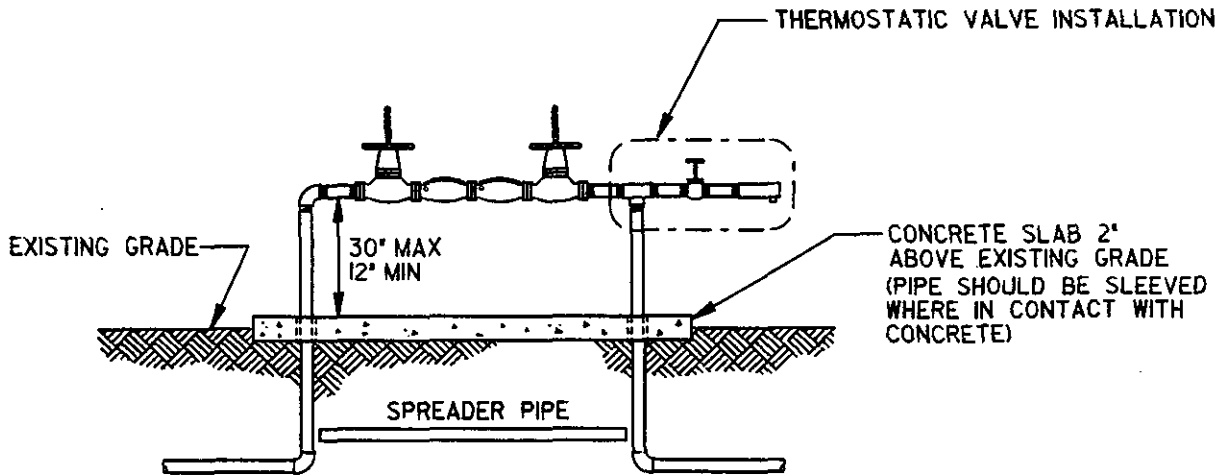


FIGURE 10
TYPICAL THERMOSTATIC FREEZE PROTECTION VALVE INSTALLATION

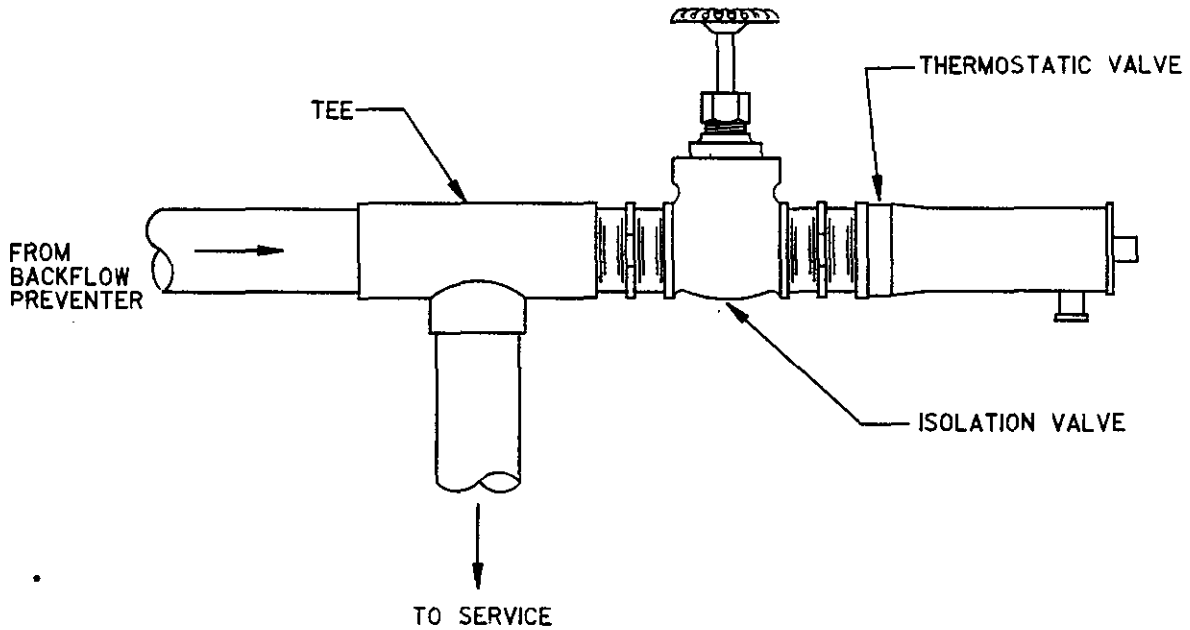


FIGURE 11
DETAIL, THERMOSTATIC FREEZE PROTECTION VALVE INSTALLATION

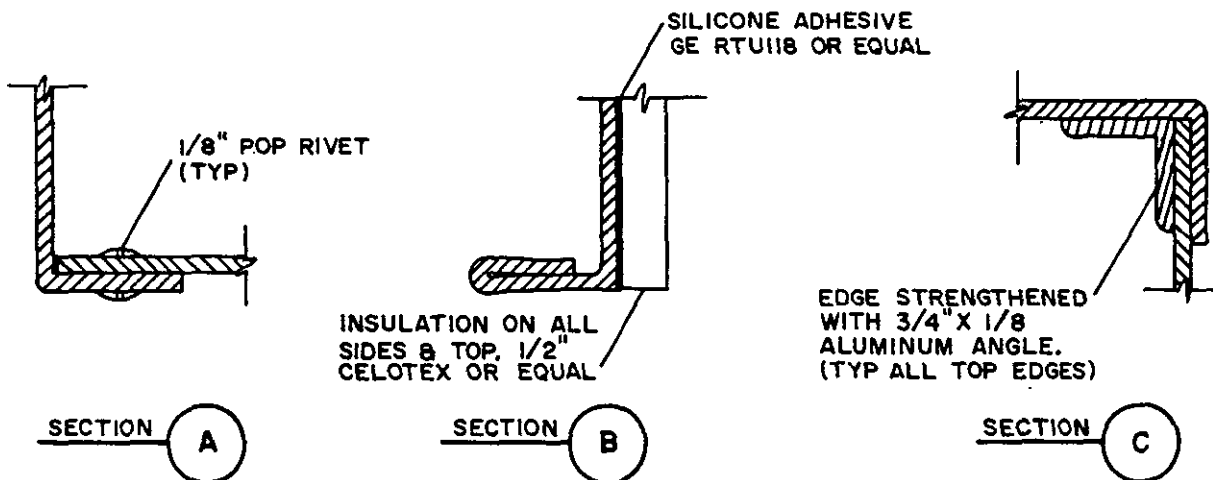
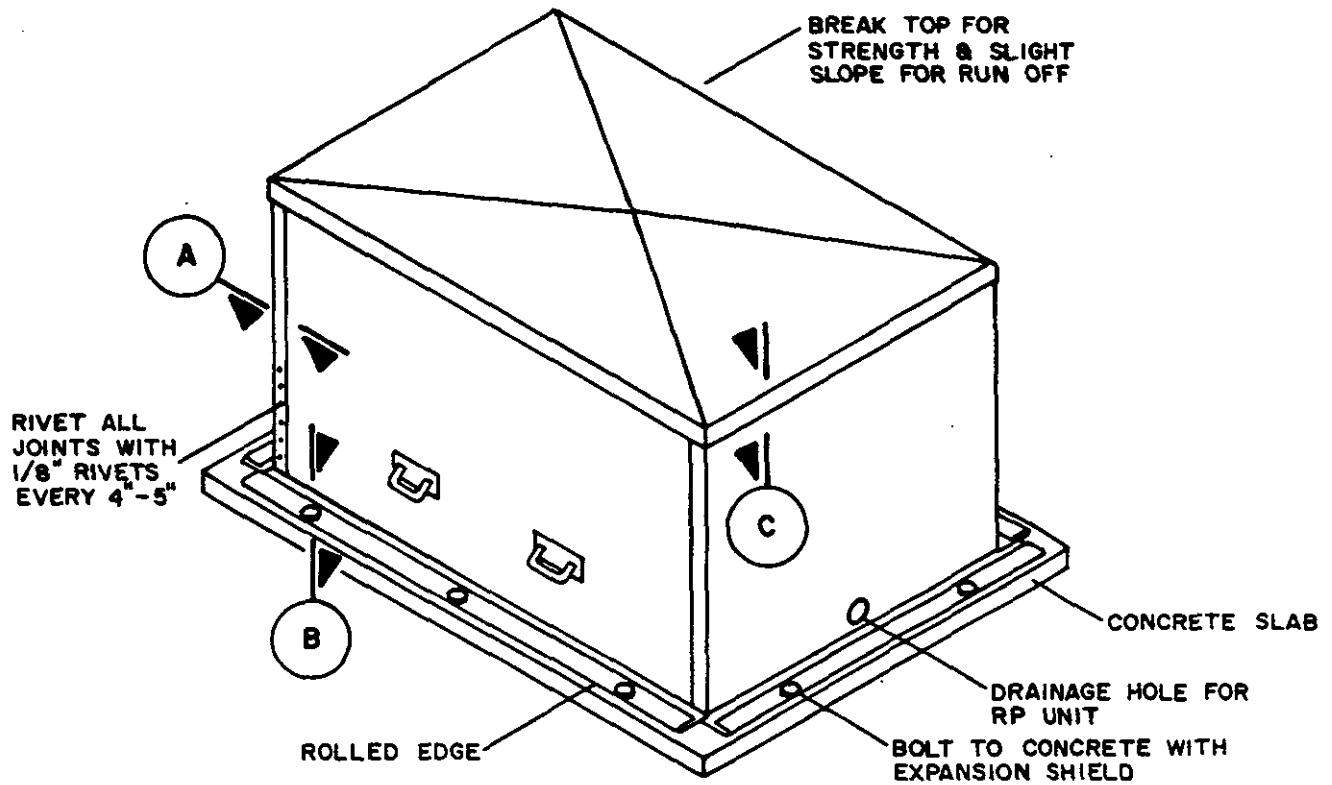


FIGURE 12
FREEZE PROTECTION COVER