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Definitions common to all certification and test procedures are in:

**D-200 Definitions for Vapor Recovery Procedures**

For the purpose of this procedure, the term "CARB" refers to the California Air Resources Board, and the term "Executive Officer" refers to the CARB Executive Officer or his or her authorized representative or designate.

**1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

The purpose of this procedure is to determine the pressure and vacuum at which a Pressure-Vacuum Vent Valve (P/V Valve) actuates, and to determine the volumetric leak rate at a given pressure as specified in CP-201, Certification Procedure for Vapor Recovery Systems at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities. This procedure is applicable for certification and compliance testing of P/V Valves.

**2. PRINCIPLE AND SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE**

The volumetric leak rate of a P/V Valve is determined by measuring the positive and negative flow rates at corresponding pressures. The positive and negative cracking pressures of the valve are determined by measuring the pressure at which the P/V Valve opens to atmospheric pressure. With the exception of certification testing performed by the Executive Officer, these measurements are determined by removing the P/V Valve and conducting the test on a test stand. A flow metering device is used to introduce flow while measuring pressure.

**3. BIASES AND INTERFERENCES**

- 3.1 Installing a P/V Valve onto the test stand in a manner that is not in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions can produce erroneous results.
- 3.2 Leaks in the test stand or test equipment can produce erroneous results.

**4. SENSITIVITY, RANGE, AND PRECISION**

- 4.1 Electronic Pressure Measuring Device. Minimum sensitivity shall be 0.01 inches H<sub>2</sub>O with a maximum full-scale range of 20 inches H<sub>2</sub>O and minimum accuracy of plus or minus 0.50 percent full-scale range.

- 4.2 Flow Meter. The measurable leak rate is dependent upon the sensitivity, range and precision of the flow meter used for testing. For electronic flow metering devices, the minimum sensitivity shall be 1.0 ml/min (0.0021 CFH) with a minimum full-scale accuracy of  $\pm 1.0$  percent. For rotameters, the flow meter minimum sensitivity shall be 12.5 ml/min (.026 CFH) with minimum accuracy of  $\pm 5$  percent full-scale. The device scale shall be 150mm (5.91 inches) tall to provide a sufficient number of graduations for readability.

## 5. EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Nitrogen. Use commercial grade gaseous nitrogen in a high-pressure cylinder equipped with a pressure regulator and one (1.00) psig pressure relief valve. As an alternative, compressed air may be used to pressurize to the minimum working pressure required by the Flow Metering device.
- 5.2 Ballast Tank. If required, use a commercially available tank (2 gallon minimum), capable of being pressurized or evacuated (placed under vacuum) to the minimum working pressure required by the flow-metering device(s).
- 5.3 Vacuum Pump or Vacuum Generating Device. Use a commercially available vacuum pump or equivalent, capable of evacuating the ballast tank or test stand to the minimum working pressure required by the flow-metering device.
- 5.4 Electronic Pressure Gauge. Use an electronic pressure gauge or digital manometer that conforms to the minimum requirements listed in section 4 to measure the pressure inside of the test stand.
- 5.5 Flow Metering Device(s). Use either an electronic flow-metering device or Rotameter as described below to measure or introduce a volumetric flow rate. Although the use of either type of instrument is allowed, electronic flow metering devices provide higher accuracy and precision. For the purpose of certification testing, only electronic flow metering devices shall be used.
- 5.5.1 Electronic Flow Metering Device. Use a Mass Flow Meter that conforms to the minimum requirements listed in section 4 to introduce nitrogen or compressed air into the test stand. The Mass Flow Meter shall be equipped with a high precision needle valve to accurately adjust the flow settings. The meter may be used for both positive and negative flow rates by reconfiguring the pressure or vacuum lines.
- 5.5.2 Rotameters. Two (2) devices required. Use two Flow Meters with minimum specifications described in Section 4 to measure or introduce flow rates. One meter shall use a needle valve oriented for introducing positive flow and the other using an inverted needle valve for introducing vacuum.
- 5.6 Test Stand. If a bench test arrangement is used, use a test stand as shown in Figure 1, or equivalent, equipped with a 2-inch NPT threaded pipe on at least one end for attaching the P/V Valve in an upright position. If other than 2-inch NPT is required, use an adaptor to reduce or enlarge the 2 inch pipe. The test stand shall be equipped with at least two (2) ports used for introducing flow and measuring

pressure. Use a bypass valve to enable the tester to set the required flow without pressurizing the P/V Valve. Once the required flow rate is set, the bypass valve shall be closed to route the flow into the stand and pressurize the P/V Valve to check cracking pressure. Test stands may be constructed of various materials or dimensions. For certification testing conducted by Executive Officer only, the P/V valve may be isolated and tested in place at the facility.

## **6. PRE-TEST PROCEDURES**

- 6.1** All pressure measuring device(s) shall be bench calibrated using a reference gauge, incline manometer or NIST traceable standard at least once every six (6) months. Calibration shall be performed at 20, 50, and 80 percent of full scale. Accuracy shall be within five (5) percent at each of these calibration points.
- 6.2** Electronic pressure measuring devices shall be calibrated immediately prior to testing using the zero gauge pressure adjustment knob located on the instrument.
- 6.3** The Flow Metering device(s) shall be calibrated using a reference meter or NIST traceable standard. Calibrations shall be performed at 20, 50, and 80 percent of full-scale range and shall take place at a minimum of once every six (6) months.
- 6.4** Leak check the test stand or test assembly prior to installing the P/V Valve.
  - (a) Install a 2-inch cap onto the NPT threads in place of the P/V Valve using pipe sealant or Teflon tape.
  - (b) Check all fittings for tightness and proper assembly.
  - (c) Slowly establish a stable gauge pressure in the test stand between 18.00 and 20.00 inches water column and allow pressure to stabilize.
  - (d) Check for leaks by applying a leak detection solution around all fittings and joints and by observing the pressure for pressure changes that may identify a leak. If no bubbles form, the test stand is leak tight.
  - (e) If soap bubbles form or the test stand pressure will not stabilize, repeat (a) through (d); it may be necessary to place the test apparatus in an environment that is free from the effects of wind or sunlight.

## **7. TEST PROCEDURE**

- 7.1** Install the P/V Valve in an upright position following the installation instructions provided by the manufacturer. Incorrectly installing the valve will invalidate any pressure versus flow rate measurement.
- 7.2** Positive Leak Rate. Slowly open the control valve on the Positive Flow Metering device until the pressure stabilizes at the positive leak rate pressure described in CP-201 section 3. Maintain steady state pressure by using the control valve for at least ten (10) seconds. Steady state flow is indicated by a pressure change of no more than 0.05 inches H<sub>2</sub>O on the pressure gauge. Record the final flow rate on the data sheet and close the control valve.

- 7.3** Positive Cracking Pressure. Open the bypass valve to route the flow outside of the test assembly. Open the control valve on the Positive Flow Metering device to establish a flow rate of 120 ml/min. Once flow is stabilized, close the bypass valve to route the flow into the test assembly. Observe the pressure. The P/V Valve should “crack” at a pressure within the range of positive cracking pressure as described in CP-201 section 3. This is marked by a sudden drop in pressure. Record the cracking pressure (highest pressure achieved) on the data sheet and close the control valve.
- 7.4** Negative Leak Rate. Open the control valve on the Negative Flow Metering device until the pressure stabilizes at the negative leak rate pressure described in CP-201 section. Maintain steady state pressure by using the control valve for at least ten (10) seconds. Steady state flow is indicated by a pressure change of no more than 0.05 inches H<sub>2</sub>O on the pressure gauge. Record the final flow rate on the data sheet and close the control valve.
- 7.5** Negative Cracking Pressure. Open the bypass valve to route the flow outside of the test assembly. Open the control valve on the Negative Flow Metering device to establish a negative flow rate of 200 ml/min. Once flow is stabilized, close the bypass valve to route the flow into the test assembly. Observe the pressure. The P/V Valve should “crack” at a pressure within the range of negative cracking pressure as described in CP-201 section 3. This is marked by a sudden drop in vacuum. Record the cracking pressure (highest vacuum achieved) on the data sheet and close the control valve.

## **8. POST-TEST PROCEDURES**

- 8.1** Remove the P/V Valve from the test assembly.
- 8.2** Disassemble the pressure regulator from the compressed nitrogen cylinder (if used) and place the safety cap back on the cylinder.
- 8.3** Disassemble all remaining test equipment and store in a protected location.

## **9. CALCULATING RESULTS**

- 9.1** Commonly used flow rate conversions:

$$1 \text{ CFH} = 471.95 \text{ ml/min}$$

Example: Convert 0.17 CFH to ml/min:

$$0.17 \text{ CFH} (471.95) = 80 \text{ ml/min}$$

$$1 \text{ ml/min} = 0.00212 \text{ CFH}$$

Example: Convert 100 ml/min to CFH:

$$100 \text{ ml/min} (0.00212) = 0.21 \text{ CFH}$$

## **10. REPORTING RESULTS**

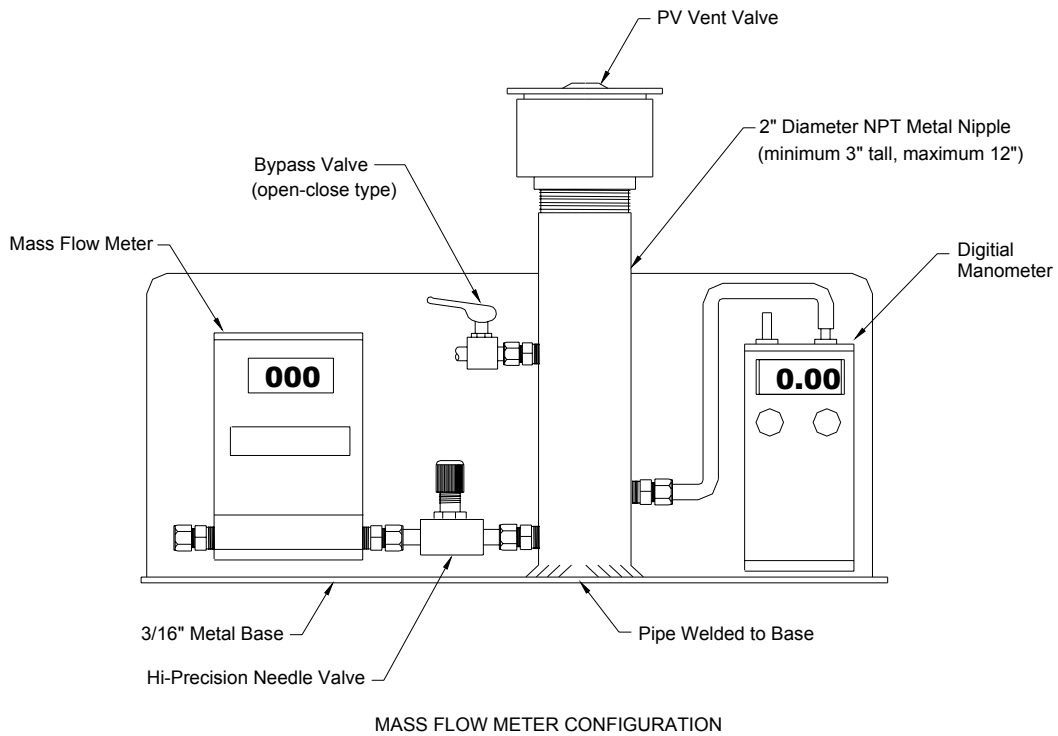
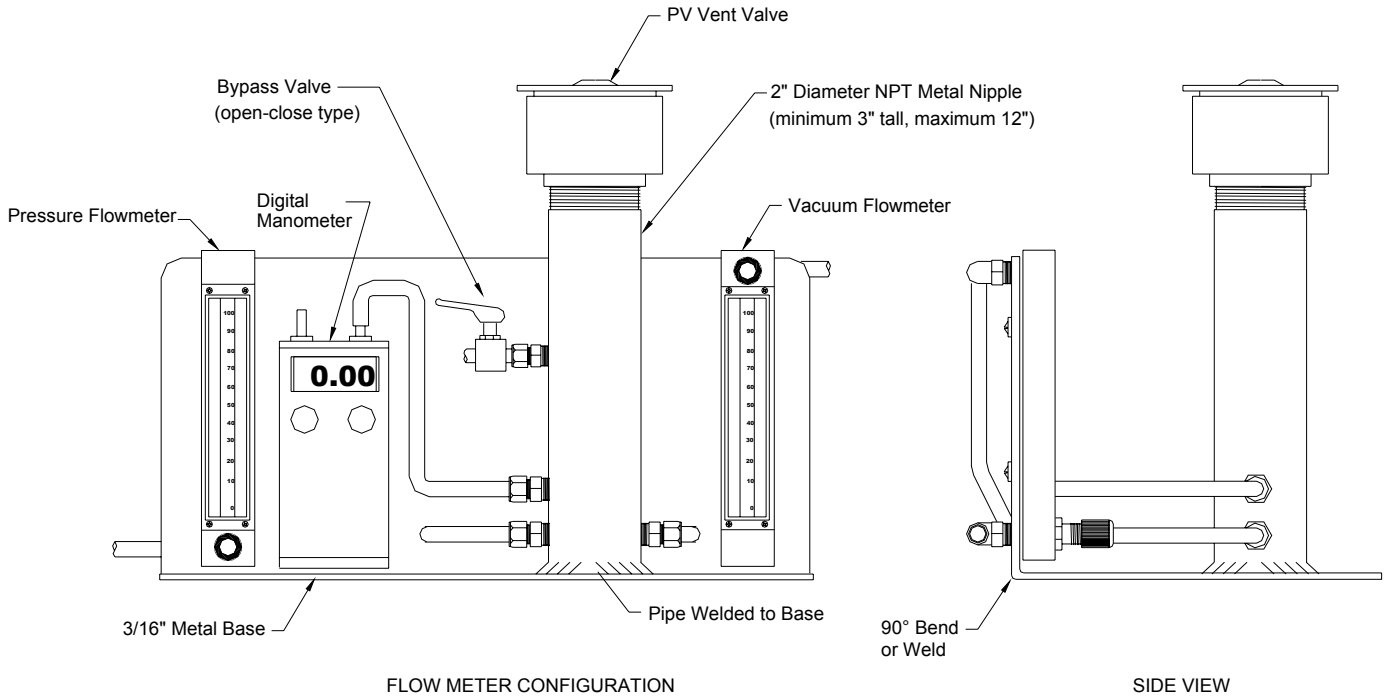
- 10.1** Record the station or location name, address and tester information on Form 1.
- 10.2** Record the P/V Valve manufacturer's name and model number on Form 1.
- 10.3** Record the results of the test(s) on Form 1. Use additional copies of Form 1 if needed to record additional P/V Valve tests.
- 10.4** Alternate data sheets or Forms may be used provided they contain the same parameters as identified on Form 1.
- 10.5** Use the formulas and example equation provided in Section 9 to convert the flow measurements into units of cubic feet per hour (CFH).
- 10.6** For certification testing, compare results to the performance standards listed in Table 3-1 of CP-201. For compliance testing, compare the results to the manufacturer's specifications listed on the P/V Valve for both leak rate and cracking pressure. For volumetric leak rates less than the manufacturers specified leakrate and cracking pressures within the manufacturers specified range, circle Pass on the data sheet where provided. If either the volumetric leak rate or cracking pressure exceeds the manufacturers specifications, circle Fail on the data sheet where provided.

## **11. ALTERNATIVE TEST PROCEDURES**

This procedure shall be conducted as specified. Any modifications to this test procedure shall not be used unless prior written approval has been obtained from the Executive Officer pursuant to section 14 of CP-201.

**Figure 1**

**Example of Test Stand**





Form 1

<b>Pressure/Vacuum (P/V) Vent Valve Data Sheet</b>	
Facility Name:	Test Date:
Address:	Test Company:
City :	Tester Name:

<b>P/V Valve Manufacturer:</b>	<b>Model Number:</b>	<b>Pass Fail</b>
<b>Manufacturers Specified Positive Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	<b>Manufacturers Specified Negative Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	
Measured Positive Leak Rate (CFH):	Measured Negative Leak Rate (CFH):	
Positive Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	Negative Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	

<b>P/V Valve Manufacturer:</b>	<b>Model Number:</b>	<b>Pass Fail</b>
<b>Manufacturers Specified Positive Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	<b>Manufacturers Specified Negative Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	
Measured Positive Leak Rate (CFH):	Measured Negative Leak Rate (CFH):	
Positive Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	Negative Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	

<b>P/V Valve Manufacturer:</b>	<b>Model Number:</b>	<b>Pass Fail</b>
<b>Manufacturers Specified Positive Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	<b>Manufacturers Specified Negative Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	
Measured Positive Leak Rate (CFH):	Measured Negative Leak Rate (CFH):	
Positive Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	Negative Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	

<b>P/V Valve Manufacturer:</b>	<b>Model Number:</b>	<b>Pass Fail</b>
<b>Manufacturers Specified Positive Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	<b>Manufacturers Specified Negative Leak Rate (CFH):</b>	
Measured Positive Leak Rate (CFH):	Measured Negative Leak Rate (CFH):	
Positive Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	Negative Cracking Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O):	

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**Air Resources Board**

Vapor Recovery Test Procedure

TP-201.3

Determination of 2 Inch WC Static Pressure Performance of  
Vapor Recovery Systems of  
Dispensing Facilities

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**TP-201.3**

**Determination of 2 Inch WC Static Pressure Performance of  
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**1 APPLICABILITY**

Definitions common to all certification and test procedures are in:

**D-200 Definitions for  
Certification Procedures and  
Test Procedures for  
Vapor Recovery Systems**

For the purpose of this procedure, the term "ARB" refers to the State of California Air Resources Board, and the term "ARB Executive Officer" refers to the Executive Officer of the ARB or his or her authorized representative or designate.

- 1.1 This test procedure is used to quantify the vapor tightness of vapor recovery systems installed at gasoline dispensing facilities (GDF) equipped with pressure/vacuum (P/V) valves, provided that the designed pressure setting of the P/V valves is a minimum of 2.5 inches of water column (inches H<sub>2</sub>O).
- 1.2 Systems equipped with a P/V valve(s) allowed to have a designed cracking pressure less than 2.5 inches H<sub>2</sub>O shall be bagged to eliminate any flow contribution through the valve assembly from the test results. The valve/vent pipe connection, however, shall remain unobstructed during this test.
- 1.3 At facilities not required to be equipped with a P/V valve(s), the vent pipe(s) shall be capped. For those installations, the test may be conducted at the vent pipe(s).

**2 PRINCIPLE AND SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE**

- 2.1 The entire vapor recovery system is pressurized with nitrogen to two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O. The system pressure is then allowed to decay and the pressure after five (5) minutes is compared with an allowable value. The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure is based on the system ullage and pressure decay equations. For the purpose of compliance

determination, this test shall be conducted after all back-filling, paving, and installation of all Phase I and Phase II components, including P/V valves, has been completed.

- 2.2 For GDF equipped with a coaxial Phase I system, this test shall be conducted at a Phase II vapor riser. For GDF which utilize a two-point Phase I system, this test may be conducted at either a Phase II riser or a Phase I vapor coupler provided that the criteria set forth in Section 6.7 have been met. If the integrity criteria for two-point systems specified in Section 6.7 are met, it is recommended that this test be conducted at the Phase I vapor coupler.

### 3 RANGE

- 3.1 If mechanical pressure gauges are employed, the full-scale range of pressure gauges shall be 0-2.0, 0-1.0, and 0-0.50 inches H<sub>2</sub>O column. Maximum incremental graduations of the pressure gauge shall be 0.05 inches H<sub>2</sub>O and the minimum accuracy of the gauge shall be three percent of full scale. The minimum diameter of the pressure gauge face shall be 4 inches.
- 3.2 If an electronic pressure measuring device is used, the full-scale range of the device shall not exceed 0-10 inches H<sub>2</sub>O with a minimum accuracy of 0.5 percent of full-scale. A 0-20 inches H<sub>2</sub>O device may be used, provided the equivalent accuracy is not less than 0.25 percent of full-scale.
- 3.3 The minimum total ullage, for each individual tank, shall be 1,000 gallons or 25% of the tank capacity, whichever is less. The maximum total ullage, for all manifolded tanks, shall not exceed 25,000 gallons. These values are exclusive of all vapor piping volumes.
- 3.4 The minimum and maximum nitrogen feed-rates, into the system, shall be one (1) and five (5) CFM, respectively.

### 4 INTERFERENCES

- 4.1 Introduction of nitrogen into the system at flowrates exceeding five (5) CFM may bias the results of the test toward non-compliance. Only gaseous nitrogen shall be used to conduct this test. Air, liquefied nitrogen, helium, or any gas other than nitrogen shall not be used for this test procedure.
- 4.2 For vacuum-assist Phase II systems which utilize an incinerator, power to the collection unit and the processor shall be turned off during testing.
- 4.3 For vacuum-assist systems, with positive displacement vacuum pumps, which locate the vacuum producing device in-line between the Phase II vapor riser and the storage tank, the following requirements shall apply:
  - 4.3.1 A valve shall be installed at the vacuum producing device. When closed, this valve shall isolate the vapor passage downstream of the vacuum producing device.

- 4.3.2 The storage tank side of the vacuum producing device shall be tested in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 7 of this method. Compliance shall be determined by comparing the final five-minute pressure with the allowable minimum five-minute final pressure from the first column (1-6 affected nozzles) in Table IB or use the corresponding equation in Section 9.2.
- 4.3.3 The upstream vapor passage (nozzle to vacuum producing device) shall also be tested. Methodology for this test shall be submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for approval prior to submission of test results or shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the applicable CARB Executive Order.
- 4.4 The results of this static pressure integrity test shall not be used to verify compliance if an Air to Liquid Volumetric Ratio Test (TP-201.5 or equivalent) was conducted within 24 hours prior to this test.

4.5 Thermal Bias for Electronic Manometers

Electronic manometers shall have a warm-up period of at least 15 minutes followed by a five minute drift check. If the drift exceeds 0.01 inches water column, the instrument should not be used.

## 5 APPARATUS

### 5.1 Nitrogen

Use commercial grade nitrogen in a high pressure cylinder, equipped with a two-stage pressure regulator and a one psig pressure relief valve.

### 5.2 Pressure Measuring Device

Use 0-2.0, 0-1.0, and 0-0.50 inches H<sub>2</sub>O pressure gauges connected in parallel, a 0-2 inches H<sub>2</sub>O manometer, or an electronic pressure measuring device to monitor the pressure decay in the vapor recovery system. The pressure measuring device shall, at a minimum, be readable to the nearest 0.05 inches H<sub>2</sub>O.

### 5.3 "T" Connector Assembly

See Figure 1 for example.

### 5.4 Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly

Assemble OPW 633-A, 633-B, and 634-A adapters, or equivalent, as shown in Figure 2. If the test is to be conducted at the storage tank Phase I vapor coupler, this assembly shall

be used prior to conducting the static leak test in order to verify the pressure integrity of the vapor poppet. The internal volume of this assembly shall not exceed 0.1 cubic feet.

#### 5.5 Vapor Coupler Test Assembly

Use a compatible OPW 634-B cap, or equivalent, equipped with a center probe to open the poppet, a pressure measuring device to monitor the pressure decay, and a connection for the introduction of nitrogen into the system. See Figure 3 for an example.

#### 5.6 Stopwatch

Use a stopwatch accurate to within 0.2 seconds.

#### 5.7 Flow Meter

Use a Dwyer flowmeter, Model RMC-104, or equivalent, to determine the required pressure setting of the delivery pressure gauge on the nitrogen supply pressure regulator. This pressure shall be set such that the nitrogen flowrate is between 1.0 and 5.0 CFM.

#### 5.8 Combustible Gas Detector

A Bacharach Instrument Company, Model 0023-7356, or equivalent, may be used to verify the pressure integrity of system components during this test.

#### 5.9 Leak Detection Solution

Any liquid solution designed to detect vapor leaks may be used to verify the pressure integrity of system components during this test.

### 6 PRE-TEST PROCEDURES

6.1 The following safety precautions shall be followed:

6.1.1 Only nitrogen shall be used to pressurize the system.

6.1.2 A one psig relief valve shall be installed to prevent the possible over-pressurizing of the storage tank.

6.1.3 A ground strap should be employed during the introduction of nitrogen into the system.

6.2 Failure to adhere to any or all of the following time and activity restrictions shall invalidate the test results:

- 6.2.1 There shall be no Phase I bulk product deliveries into or out of the storage tank(s) within the three (3) hours prior to the test or during performance of this test procedure.
- 6.2.2 There shall be no product dispensing within thirty (30) minutes prior to the test or during performance of this test procedure.
- 6.2.3 Upon commencement of the thirty minute "no dispensing" portion of this procedure, the headspace pressure in the tank shall be measured. If the pressure exceeds 0.50 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, the pressure shall be carefully relieved in accordance with all applicable safety requirements. After the thirty minute "no dispensing" portion of this procedure, and prior to introduction of nitrogen, the headspace pressure shall again be lowered, if necessary, to less than 0.50 inches H<sub>2</sub>O.
- 6.2.4 There shall be no Air to Liquid Volumetric Ratio Test (TP-201.5 or equivalent) conducted within the twenty-four (24) hour period immediately prior to this test.
- 6.2.5 The test shall be conducted with the station in normal operating mode. This includes all nozzles properly hung up in the dispenser boots and all dispenser cabinet covers in place. The exception to normal operating mode is that dispensing is disallowed as specified.
- 6.3 Measure the gallons of gasoline present in each underground storage tank and determine the actual capacity of each storage tank from facility records. Calculate the ullage space for each tank by subtracting the gasoline gallonage present from the actual tank capacity. The minimum ullage during the test, for all manifolded tanks, shall be 1,000 gallons or 25 percent of the tank capacity, whichever is less. The total ullage, for all manifolded tanks, shall not exceed 25,000 gallons.
- 6.4 For two-point Phase I systems, this test shall be conducted with the dust cap removed from both the product and the vapor coupler. This is necessary to determine the vapor tightness of the Phase I vapor poppet. See Section 6.7 if this test is to be conducted at the Phase I vapor coupler.
- 6.4.1 For coaxial Phase I systems, this test shall be conducted with the dust cap removed from the Phase I coupler. This is necessary to insure the vapor tightness of the Phase I vapor poppet.
- 6.4.2 Verify that the liquid level in the storage tank is at least four (4) inches above the highest opening at the bottom of the submerged drop tube.
- 6.5 If the Phase I containment box is equipped with a drain valve, this test shall be conducted with the drain valve installed and the manhole cover removed. If the drain valve is cover-

- actuated, the test shall be done once with the cover removed and repeated with the cover installed.
- 6.6 If the test is to be conducted at a Phase II vapor riser, disconnect the dispenser end of one vapor recovery hose and install the "T" connector assembly (see Figure 1). Connect the nitrogen gas supply (do not use air) and the pressure measuring device to the "T" connector.
- 6.6.1 For those Phase II vapor systems utilizing a dispenser mounted remote vapor check valve, the "T" connector assembly shall be installed on the vapor riser side of the check valve.
- 6.7 If this test is to be conducted at the Phase I vapor coupler on a two-point Phase I system, the procedures set forth in subsections 6.7.1 and 6.7.2 shall be successfully completed prior to testing. The static pressure integrity test shall not be conducted at the Phase I coupler at facilities equipped with coaxial Phase I systems.
- 6.7.1 Connect the Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly to the Phase I vapor coupler. Connect the Vapor Coupler Test Assembly. Connect the nitrogen supply to the assembly and carefully pressurize the internal volume of the assembly to two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O. Start the stopwatch. Record the final pressure after one minute.
- 6.7.2 If the pressure after one minute is less than 0.25 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, the leak rate through the Phase I vapor poppet precludes conducting the static leak test at this location. If the pressure after one minute is greater than or equal to 0.25 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, the static leak test may be conducted at this location. This criteria assures a maximum leak rate through the Phase I vapor poppet of less than 0.0004 cubic feet per minute.
- 6.7.3 Disconnect the Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly to the Phase I vapor coupler. If the requirements of subsection 6.7.2 were met, connect the Vapor Coupler Test Assembly to the Phase I vapor coupler.
- 6.7.4 Product may be poured onto the Phase I vapor coupler to check for leaks. This diagnostic procedure shall not be substituted for the procedures set forth in subsections 6.7.1 and 6.7.2.
- 6.8 All pressure measuring device(s) shall be bench calibrated using either a reference gauge or incline manometer. Calibration shall be performed at 20, 50, and 80 percent of full scale. Accuracy shall be within two percent at each of these calibration points. Calibrations shall be conducted on a frequency not to exceed 90 days.
- 6.9 Use the flowmeter to determine the nitrogen regulator delivery pressures which correspond to nitrogen flowrates of 1.0 and 5.0 CFM. These pressures define the



allowable range of delivery pressures acceptable for this test procedure. Also record the regulator delivery pressure setting, and the corresponding nitrogen flowrate that will be used during the test. As an alternative, the flowmeter may be connected, in-line between the nitrogen supply regulator and Vapor Coupler Test Assembly, during the test.

- 6.10 Use Equation 9.3 to calculate the approximate time required to pressurize the system ullage to the initial starting pressure of two (2.0) inches  $H_2O$ . This will allow the tester to minimize the quantity of nitrogen introduced into those systems which cannot comply with the static leak standards.
- 6.11 Attach the Vapor Coupler Test assembly to the Phase I poppet or the "T" connector assembly to the Phase II vapor riser. Read the initial pressure of the storage tank and underground piping. If the initial pressure is greater than 0.5 inches  $H_2O$ , carefully bleed off the pressure, in accordance with all applicable safety procedures, in the storage tank and underground piping to less than 0.5 inches  $H_2O$  column.
- 6.12 Any electronic manometers shall be subject to warm-up and drift check before use; see Section 4.5.

## 7 TESTING

- 7.1 Open the nitrogen gas supply valve and set the regulator delivery pressure within the allowable range determined in Section 6.9, and start the stopwatch. Pressurize the vapor system (or subsystem for individual vapor return line systems) to at least 2.2 inches  $H_2O$  initial pressure. It is critical to maintain the nitrogen flow until the pressure stabilizes, indicating temperature and vapor pressure stabilization in the tanks. Check the test equipment using leak detecting solution or a combustible gas detector to verify that all test equipment is leak tight. Note: if a combustible gas detector is used to search for leaks, components which were certified with an allowable leak rate, such as 0.38 CFH at a pressure of two (2) inches, cannot be determined to be faulty solely on the basis of the concentration registered on the instrument.
  - 7.1.1 If the time required to achieve the initial pressure of two (2.0) inches  $H_2O$  exceeds twice the time derived from Equation 9.3, stop the test and use liquid leak detector, or a combustible gas detector, to find leak(s) in the system. Failure to achieve the initial starting pressure within twice the time derived from Equation 9.3 demonstrates the inability of the system to meet the performance criteria. Repair or replace the faulty component(s) and restart the test pursuant to Section 7.1.
- 7.2 Close and disconnect the nitrogen supply. Start the stopwatch when the pressure has decreased to the initial starting pressure of two (2.0) inches  $H_2O$ .

- 7.3 At one-minute intervals during the test, record the system pressure. After five minutes, record the final system pressure. See the applicable of Tables 1A (or Equation 9.1) or 1B (or equation 9.2) to determine the acceptability of the final system static pressure results. For intermediate values of ullage in Tables 1A and 1B, linear interpolation may be employed.
- 7.4 If the system failed to meet the criteria set forth in Table 1A or 1B (or the appropriate equation in Section 9), repressurize the system and check all accessible vapor connections using leak detector solution or a combustible gas detector. If vapor leaks in the system are encountered, repair or replace the defective component and repeat the test. Potential sources of leaks include nozzle check valves, nozzle vapor paths, pressure/vacuum relief valves, containment box drain valve assemblies, and plumbing connections at the risers.
- 7.4.1 If the facility fails to comply with the static leak test standards and the two point Phase I system utilizes overflow prevention devices in the drop tubes which were installed before July 1, 1993, and which are unable to pass the test with the dust caps removed from the product and vapor couplers (see Sec. 6.4), the test may be conducted with the caps on the couplers, as an exception.
- This exception is not intended to allow bleed holes in drop tubes.
- This exception expires on January 1, 2002, after which date all testing shall be conducted with the fill and vapor caps removed from two point systems. Under no circumstances may the test be conducted with the caps on coaxial Phase I couplers.
- 7.5 After the remaining system pressure has been relieved, remove the "T" connector assembly and reconnect the vapor recovery hose, if applicable.
- 7.6 If the vapor recovery system utilizes individual vapor return lines, repeat the leak test for each gasoline grade. Avoid leaving any vapor return line open longer than is necessary to install or remove the "T" connector assembly.
- 7.7 If the applicable CARB Executive Order requires the test to be conducted with and without the containment box cover in place, repeat the test with the cover in place. In these cases clearly specify, on Form 1, which results represent the pressure integrity with and without the cover in place.

## **8 POST-TEST PROCEDURES**

- 8.1 Use the applicable of Table 1A or 1B, or the applicable of Equations 9.1 or 9.2, to determine the compliance status of the facility by comparing the final five-minute pressure with the minimum allowable final pressure.

8.1.1 For balance Phase II systems use Table 1A or the applicable of Equation 9.1 to determine compliance.

8.1.2 For vacuum-assist Phase II systems use Table 1B or the applicable of Equation 9.2 to determine compliance.

## 9 CALCULATIONS

9.1 For Phase II Balance Systems, the minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, with an initial pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O, shall be calculated as follows:

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-760.490}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 1-6 \quad \text{[Equation 9-1]}$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-792.196}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 7-12$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-824.023}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 13-18$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-855.974}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 19-24$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-888.047}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N > 24$$

where:

N = The number of affected nozzles. For manifolded systems, N equals the total number of nozzles. For dedicated plumbing configurations, N equals the number of nozzles serviced by the tank being tested.

P<sub>f</sub> = The minimum allowable five-minute pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

V = The total ullage affected by the test, gallons

e = A dimensionless constant approximately equal to 2.718

2 = The initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

9.2 For Phase II Vacuum Assist Systems, the minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, with an initial pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O, shall be calculated as follows:

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-500.887}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 1-6 \quad \text{[Equation 9-2]}$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-531.614}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 7-12$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-562.455}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 13-18$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-593.412}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N = 19-24$$

$$P_f = 2e^{\left(\frac{-624.483}{V}\right)} \quad \text{if } N > 24$$

where:

N = The number of affected nozzles. For manifolded systems, N equals the number of nozzles. For dedicated plumbing configurations, N equals the number of nozzles serviced by the tank being tested.

P<sub>f</sub> = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

V = The total ullage affected by the test, gallons

e = A dimensionless constant approximately equal to 2.718

2 = The initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

9.3 The minimum time required to pressurize the system ullage from zero (0) to two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O gauge pressure shall be calculated as follows:

$$t_2 = \frac{V}{[1980] F} \quad \text{[Equation 9-3]}$$

where:

t<sub>2</sub> = The minimum time to pressurize the ullage to two inches H<sub>2</sub>O, minutes

V = The total ullage affected by the test, gallons

F = The nitrogen flowrate into the system, CFM

1980 = The conversion factor for pressure and gallons

9.4 If the policy of the local District requires an allowable tolerance for testing error, the minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, including testing error, shall be calculated as follows:

$$P_{f-E} = 2 - \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{E}{100} \right) \right] (408.9 - (P_f + 406.9)) \quad \text{[Equation 9-4]}$$

where:

$P_{f-E}$  = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure including allowable testing error, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

E = The allowable testing error, percent

$P_f$  = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure calculated in Equations 9-1 or 9-2, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

2 = The initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

408.9 = Atmospheric pressure plus the initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

406.9 = Atmospheric pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

## 10 REPORTING

10.1 The calculated ullage and system pressures for each five-minute vapor recovery system test shall be reported as shown in Form 1. Be sure to include the Phase I system type (two-point or coaxial), the Phase II system type, whether the system is manifolded, and the one-minute pressures during the test.

**TABLE 1A**  
**PHASE II BALANCE SYSTEMS**  
**PRESSURE DECAY CRITERIA**

INITIAL PRESSURE OF 2 INCHES WATER COLUMN (WC)  
 MINIMUM PRESSURE AFTER 5 MINUTES, INCHES WC

ULLAGE, GALLONS	NUMBER OF AFFECTED NOZZLES				
	<u>01-06</u>	<u>07-12</u>	<u>13-18</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>&gt;24</u>
500	0.44	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.34
550	0.50	0.47	0.45	0.42	0.40
600	0.56	0.53	0.51	0.48	0.46
650	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.54	0.51
700	0.67	0.64	0.62	0.59	0.56
750	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.61
800	0.77	0.74	0.71	0.69	0.66
850	0.82	0.79	0.76	0.73	0.70
900	0.86	0.83	0.80	0.77	0.75
950	0.90	0.87	0.84	0.81	0.79
1,000	0.93	0.91	0.88	0.85	0.82
1,200	1.06	1.03	1.01	0.98	0.95
1,400	1.16	1.14	1.11	1.09	1.06
1,600	1.24	1.22	1.19	1.17	1.15
1,800	1.31	1.29	1.27	1.24	1.22
2,000	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.30	1.28
2,200	1.42	1.40	1.38	1.36	1.34
2,400	1.46	1.44	1.42	1.40	1.38
2,600	1.49	1.47	1.46	1.44	1.42
2,800	1.52	1.51	1.49	1.47	1.46
3,000	1.55	1.54	1.52	1.50	1.49
3,500	1.61	1.59	1.58	1.57	1.55
4,000	1.65	1.64	1.63	1.61	1.60
4,500	1.69	1.68	1.67	1.65	1.64
5,000	1.72	1.71	1.70	1.69	1.67
6,000	1.76	1.75	1.74	1.73	1.72
7,000	1.79	1.79	1.78	1.77	1.76
8,000	1.82	1.81	1.80	1.80	1.79
9,000	1.84	1.83	1.83	1.82	1.81
10,000	1.85	1.85	1.84	1.84	1.83
15,000	1.90	1.90	1.89	1.89	1.89
20,000	1.93	1.91	1.92	1.92	1.91
25,000	1.94	1.94	1.94	1.93	1.93

**Note:** For manifolded Phase II Balance Systems, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of all gasoline nozzles. For dedicated return configurations, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of those nozzles served by the tank being tested.

**TABLE 1B**

**PHASE II ASSIST SYSTEMS**

**PRESSURE DECAY CRITERIA**

INITIAL PRESSURE OF 2 INCHES WATER COLUMN (WC)

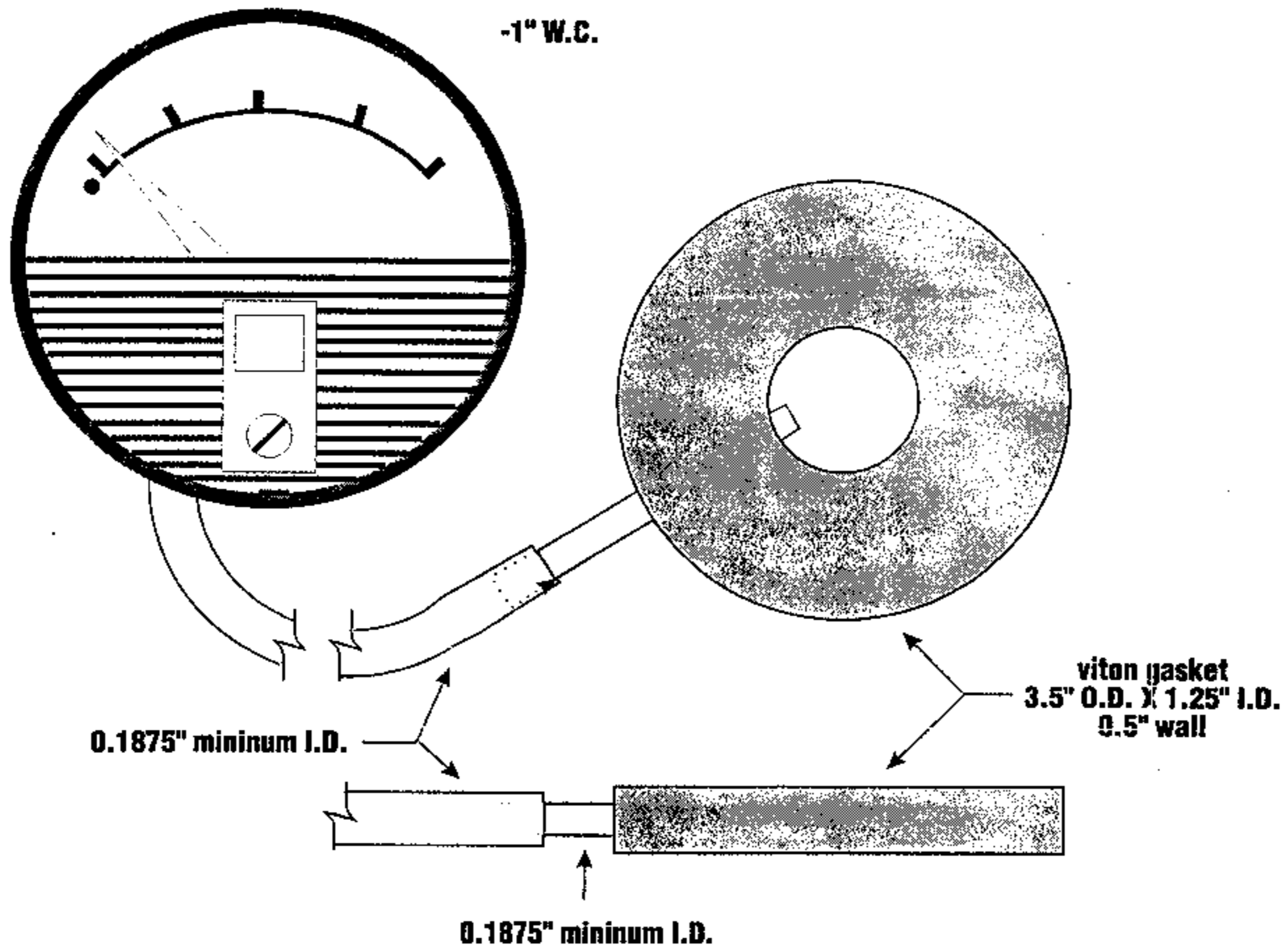
MINIMUM PRESSURE AFTER 5 MINUTES, INCHES WC

ULLAGE, GALLONS	NUMBER OF AFFECTED NOZZLES				
	<u>01-06</u>	<u>07-12</u>	<u>13-18</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>&gt;24</u>
500	0.73	0.69	0.65	0.61	0.57
550	0.80	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.64
600	0.87	0.82	0.78	0.74	0.71
650	0.93	0.88	0.84	0.80	0.77
700	0.98	0.94	0.90	0.86	0.82
750	1.03	0.98	0.94	0.91	0.87
800	1.07	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.92
850	1.11	1.07	1.03	1.00	0.96
900	1.15	1.11	1.07	1.03	1.00
950	1.18	1.14	1.11	1.07	1.04
1,000	1.21	1.18	1.14	1.10	1.07
1,200	1.32	1.28	1.25	1.22	1.19
1,400	1.40	1.37	1.34	1.31	1.28
1,600	1.46	1.43	1.41	1.38	1.35
1,800	1.51	1.49	1.46	1.44	1.41
2,000	1.56	1.53	1.51	1.49	1.46
2,200	1.59	1.57	1.55	1.53	1.51
2,400	1.62	1.60	1.58	1.56	1.54
2,600	1.65	1.63	1.61	1.59	1.57
2,800	1.67	1.65	1.64	1.62	1.60
3,000	1.69	1.68	1.66	1.64	1.62
3,500	1.73	1.72	1.70	1.69	1.67
4,000	1.76	1.75	1.74	1.72	1.71
4,500	1.79	1.78	1.77	1.75	1.74
5,000	1.81	1.80	1.79	1.78	1.77
6,000	1.84	1.83	1.82	1.81	1.80
7,000	1.86	1.85	1.85	1.84	1.83
8,000	1.88	1.87	1.86	1.86	1.85
9,000	1.89	1.89	1.88	1.87	1.87
10,000	1.90	1.90	1.89	1.88	1.88
15,000	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.92
20,000	1.95	1.95	1.94	1.94	1.94
25,000	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.95	1.95

**Note:** For manifolded Phase II Assist Systems, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of all gasoline nozzles. For dedicated return configurations, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of those nozzles served by the tank being tested.

# FIGURE 2

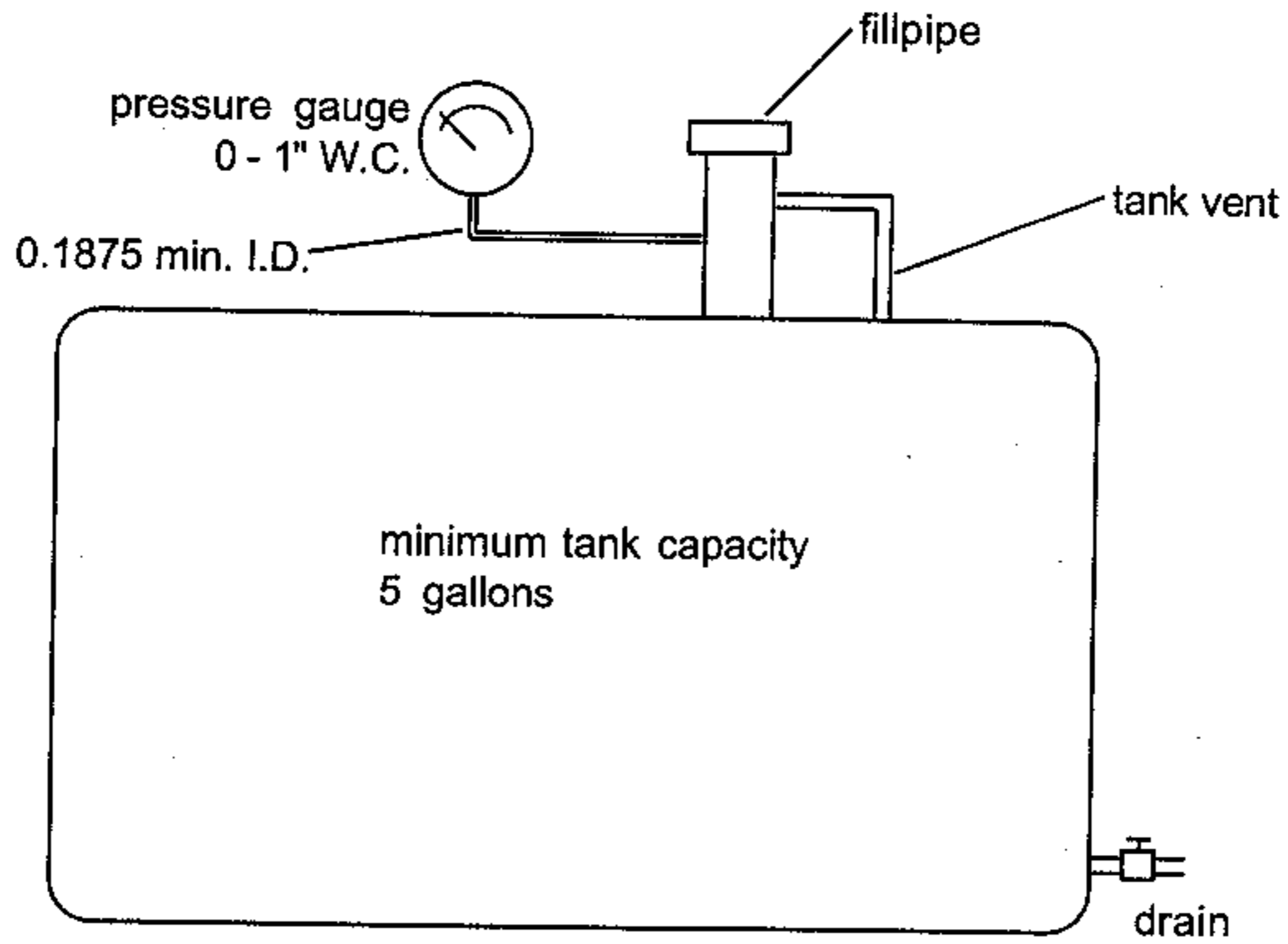
## Torus Pressure Test Assembly



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**Figure 3 – Fixed Volume Pressure Test Assembly**



### Figure 4 - Field Data Form

Facility Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vapor Recovery System Type \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Air Resources Board Executive Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Dynamic Pressure Limits from Executive Order: Inches of H<sub>2</sub>O CFH Nitrogen

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Pump Number	Gasoline Grade	Pressure, Inches of H <sub>2</sub> O	Proc. 1 Nitrogen Flow, CFH	Proc. 3 Gallons Dispensed	Proc. 3 Time to Dispense	Proc. 3 Dispensing Rate, CFH

## Source Test Procedure ST-30

### STATIC PRESSURE INTEGRITY TEST UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

(Adopted November 30, 1983)

REF: Regulation 8-7-301, 302

#### 1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1 This test procedure is used to quantify the vapor tightness of vapor recovery systems installed at gasoline dispensing facilities (GDF) equipped with pressure/vacuum (P/V) valves, provided that the designed pressure setting of the P/V valves is a minimum of 2.5 inches of water column (inches H<sub>2</sub>O). Excessive leaks in the vapor recovery system will increase the quantity of fugitive hydrocarbon emissions and lower the overall efficiencies of both the Phase I and Phase II vapor recovery systems.
- 1.2 Systems equipped with a P/V valve(s) allowed to have a designed cracking pressure less than 2.5 inches H<sub>2</sub>O shall be bagged to eliminate any flow contribution through the valve assembly from the test results. The valve/vent pipe connection, however, shall remain unobstructed during this test.
- 1.3 At facilities not required to be equipped with a P/V valve(s), the vent pipe(s) shall be capped. For those installations, the test may be conducted at the vent pipe(s).

#### 2. PRINCIPLE

- 2.1 The entire vapor recovery system is pressurized with nitrogen to two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O. The system pressure is then allowed to decay and the pressure after five (5) minutes is compared with an allowable value. The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure is based on the system ullage and pressure decay equations. For the purpose of compliance determination, this test shall be conducted after all back-filling, paving, and installation of all Phase I and Phase II components, including P/V valves, has been completed.
- 2.2 For GDF equipped with a coaxial Phase I system, this test shall be conducted at a Phase II vapor riser. For GDF which utilize a two-point Phase I system, this test may be conducted at either a Phase II riser or a Phase I vapor coupler provided that the criteria set forth in Section 6.7 have been met. If the integrity criteria for two-point systems specified in Section 6.7 are met, it is recommended that this test be conducted at the Phase I vapor coupler.

### 3. RANGE

- 3.1** If mechanical pressure gauges are employed, the full-scale range of the pressure gauges shall be 0-2.0, 0-1.0, and 0-0.50 inches H<sub>2</sub>O column. Maximum incremental graduations of the pressure gauge shall be 0.05 inches H<sub>2</sub>O and the minimum accuracy of the gauge shall be three percent of full scale. The minimum diameter of the pressure gauge face shall be 4 inches.
- 3.2** If an electronic pressure measuring device is used, the full-scale range of the device shall not exceed 0-10 inches H<sub>2</sub>O with a minimum accuracy of 0.5 percent of full-scale. A 0-20 inches H<sub>2</sub>O device may be used, provided the equivalent accuracy is not less than 0.25 percent of full scale.
- 3.3** The minimum and maximum total ullages shall be 500 and 25,000 gallons, respectively. These values are exclusive of all vapor piping volumes.
- 3.4** The minimum and maximum nitrogen feed-rates, into the system, shall be one (1) and five (5) CFM, respectively.

### 4. INTERFERENCES

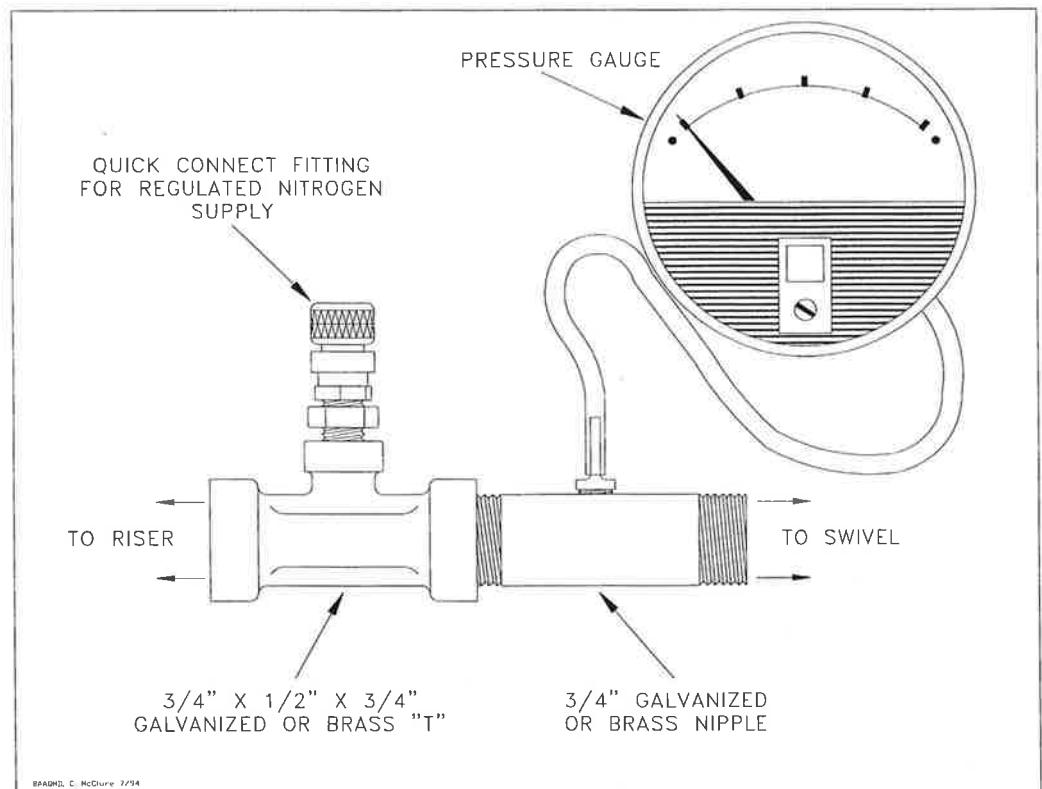
- 4.1** Introduction of nitrogen into the system at flowrates exceeding five (5) CFM may bias the results of the test toward non-compliance.
- 4.2** For vacuum-assist Phase II systems which utilize an incinerator, power to the collection unit shall be turned off during testing.
- 4.3** For vacuum-assist systems which locate the vacuum producing device in-line between the Phase II vapor riser and the storage tank, the following requirements shall apply:
- 4.3.1** A valve shall be installed at the vacuum producing device. When closed, this valve shall isolate the vapor passage downstream of the vacuum producing device.
- 4.3.2** The storage tank side of the vacuum producing device shall be tested in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 7 of this method. Compliance shall be determined by comparing the final five-minute pressure with the allowable minimum five-minute final pressure from the first column (1-6 affected nozzles) in Table 30-IB or use the corresponding equation in Section 9.2.
- 4.3.3** The upstream vapor passage (nozzle to vacuum producing device) shall also be tested. Methodology for this test shall be submitted to the Source Test Section of the BAAQMD for approval prior to submission of test results or shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the applicable California Air Resources Board (CARB) Executive Order.

## 5. APPARATUS

- 5.1 Nitrogen.** Use commercial grade nitrogen in a high pressure cylinder, equipped with a two-stage pressure regulator and a one psig pressure relief valve.
- 5.2 Pressure Measuring Device.** Use 0-2.0, 0-1.0, and 0-0.50 inches H<sub>2</sub>O pressure gauges connected in parallel, a 0-2 inches H<sub>2</sub>O manometer, or an electronic pressure measuring device to monitor the pressure decay in the vapor recovery system. The pressure measuring device shall, at a minimum, be readable to the nearest 0.05 inches H<sub>2</sub>O.
- 5.3 "T" Connector Assembly.** See Figure 30-1 for example.

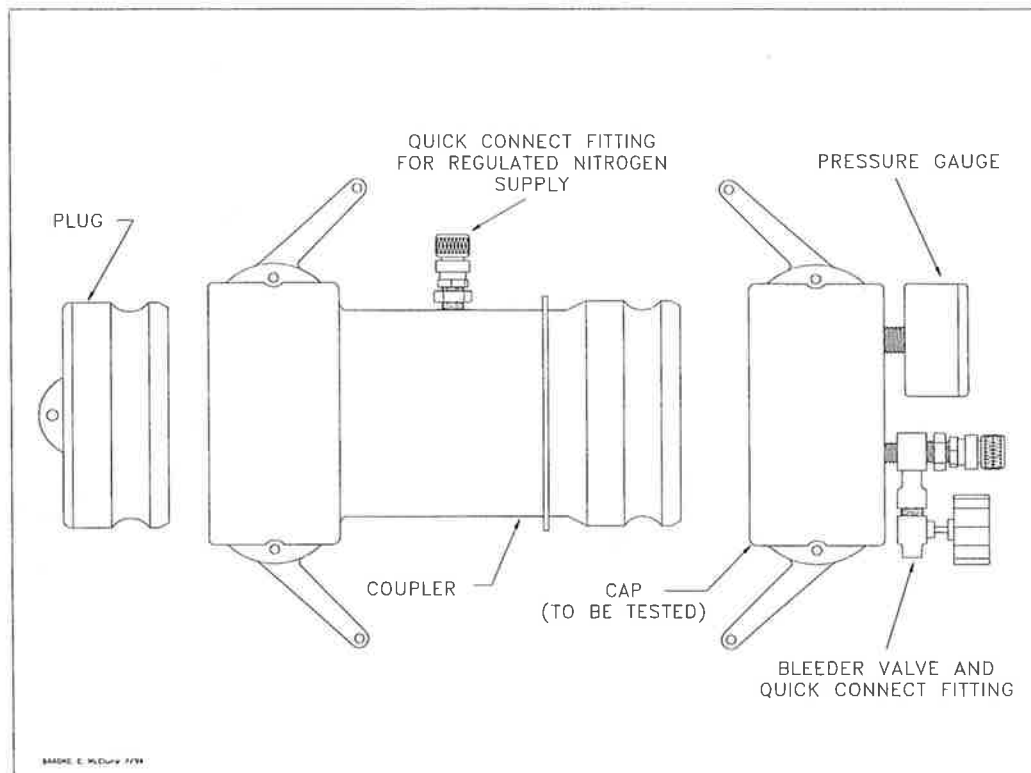
**Figure 30-1**

**"T" Connector Assembly**



- 5.4 Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly.** Assemble OPW 633-A, 633-B, and 634-A adapters, or equivalent, as shown in Figure 30-2. If the test is to be conducted at the storage tank Phase I vapor coupler, this assembly shall be used prior to conducting the static leak test in order to verify the pressure integrity of the vapor poppet. The internal volume of this assembly shall not exceed 0.1 cubic feet.

- 5.5** Vapor Coupler Test Assembly. Use a compatible OPW 634-B cap, or equivalent, equipped with a center probe to open the poppet, a pressure measuring device to monitor the pressure decay, and a connection for the introduction of nitrogen into the system. See Figure 30-3 for an example.
- 5.6** Stopwatch. Use a stopwatch accurate to within 0.2 seconds.

**Figure 30-2****Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly**

- 5.7** Flowmeter. Use a Dwyer flowmeter, Model RMC-104, or equivalent, to determine the required pressure setting of the delivery pressure gauge on the nitrogen supply pressure regulator. This pressure shall be set such that the nitrogen flowrate is between 1.0 and 5.0 CFM.
- 5.8** Combustible Gas Detector. A Bacharach Instrument Company, Model 0023-7356, or equivalent, may be used to verify the pressure integrity of system components during this test.
- 5.9** Leak Detection Solution. Any liquid solution designed to detect vapor leaks may be used to verify the pressure integrity of system components during this test.

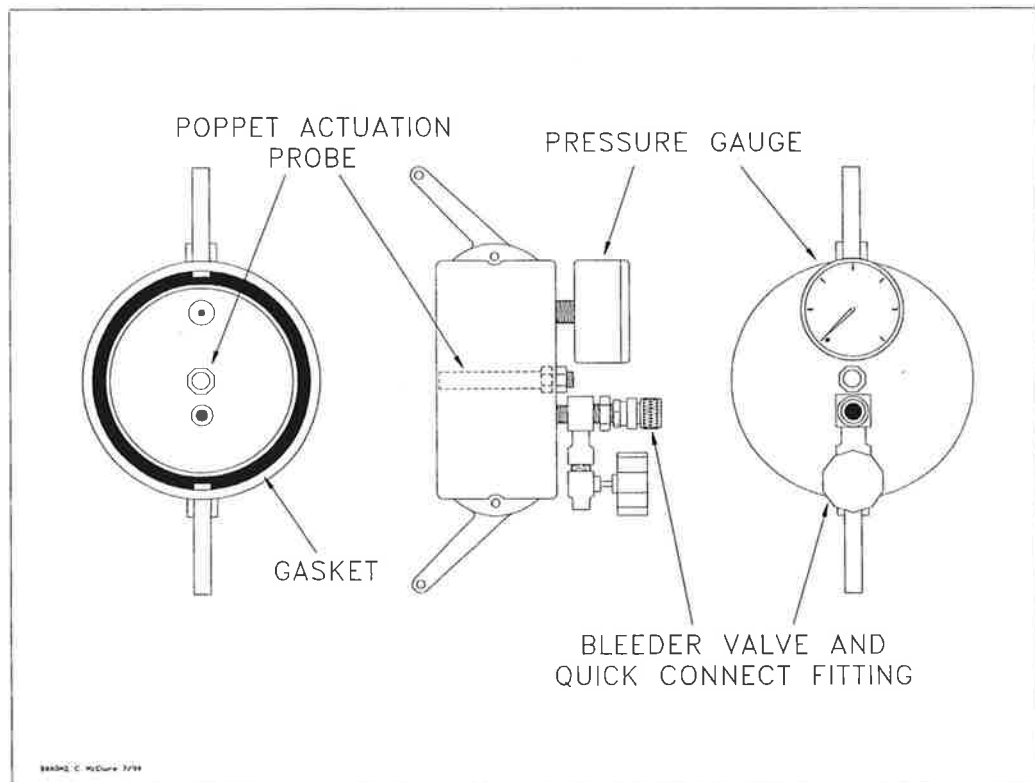
**6. PRE-TEST PROCEDURES**

- 6.1** The following safety precautions shall be followed:

- 6.1.1 Only nitrogen shall be used to pressurize the system.
- 6.1.2 A one psig relief valve shall be installed to prevent the possible over-pressurizing of the storage tank.
- 6.1.3 A ground strap should be employed during the introduction of nitrogen into the system.

Figure 30-3

## Vapor Coupler Test Assembly



- 6.2 Product dispensing shall not occur during the test. There shall have been no Phase I deliveries into or out of the storage tanks within the three hours prior to the test. For vacuum-assist Phase II systems, product dispensing shall not occur during the thirty minutes immediately prior to the test.
- 6.3 Measure the gallons of gasoline present in each underground storage tank and determine the actual capacity of each storage tank from facility records. Calculate the ullage space for each tank by subtracting the gasoline gallonage present from the actual tank capacity. The minimum ullage during the test shall be 25 percent of the tank capacity or 500 gallons, whichever is greater. The total ullage shall not exceed 25,000 gallons.
- 6.4 For two-point Phase I systems, this test shall be conducted with the dust cap removed from the vapor coupler. This is necessary to determine the vapor

tightness of the Phase I vapor poppet. See Section 6.7 if this test is to be conducted at the Phase I vapor coupler.

- 6.4.1** For coaxial Phase I systems, this test shall be conducted with the dust cap removed from the Phase I coupler. This is necessary to insure the vapor tightness of the Phase I vapor poppet.
- 6.4.2** Verify that the liquid level in the storage tank is at least four (4) inches above the highest opening at the bottom of the submerged drop tube.
- 6.5** If the Phase I containment box is equipped with a drain valve, the valve assembly may be cleaned and lubricated prior to the test. This test shall, however, be conducted with the drain valve installed and the manhole cover removed. See subsection 7.4.1 for further details regarding containment box drain valves.
- 6.6** If the test is to be conducted at a Phase II vapor riser, disconnect the dispenser end of one vapor recovery hose and install the "T" connector assembly (see Figure 30-1). Connect the nitrogen gas supply (do not use air) and the pressure measuring device to the "T" connector.

  - 6.6.1** For those Phase II systems utilizing a dispenser mounted remote vapor check valve, the "T" connector assembly shall be installed on the vapor riser side of the check valve.
- 6.7** If this test is to be conducted at the Phase I vapor coupler on a two-point Phase I system, the procedures set forth in subsections 6.7.1 and 6.7.2 shall be successfully completed prior to testing. The static pressure integrity test shall not be conducted at the Phase I coupler at facilities equipped with coaxial Phase I systems.

  - 6.7.1** Connect the Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly to the Phase I vapor coupler. Connect the Vapor Coupler Test Assembly. Connect the nitrogen supply to the assembly and carefully pressurize the internal volume of the assembly to two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O. Start the stopwatch. Record the final pressure after one minute.
  - 6.7.2** If the pressure after one minute is less than 0.25 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, the leak rate through the Phase I vapor poppet precludes conducting the static leak test at this location. If the pressure after one minute is greater than or equal to 0.25 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, the static leak test may be conducted at this location. This criteria assures a maximum leak rate through the Phase I vapor poppet of less than 0.0004 cubic feet per minute.
  - 6.7.3** Disconnect the Vapor Coupler Integrity Assembly from the Phase I vapor coupler. If the requirements of subsection 6.7.2 were met, connect the Vapor Coupler Test Assembly to the Phase I vapor coupler.



- 6.8** All pressure measuring device(s) shall be bench calibrated using either a reference gauge or incline manometer. Calibration shall be performed at 20, 50, and 80 percent of full scale. Accuracy shall be within two percent at each of these calibration points. Calibrations shall be conducted on a frequency not to exceed 90 days.
- 6.9** Use the flowmeter to determine the nitrogen regulator delivery pressures which correspond to nitrogen flowrates of 1.0 and 5.0 CFM. These pressures define the allowable range of delivery pressures acceptable for this test procedure. Also record the regulator delivery pressure setting, and the corresponding nitrogen flowrate that will be used during the test. As an alternative, the flowmeter may be connected, in-line between the nitrogen supply regulator and Vapor Coupler Test Assembly, during the test.
- 6.10** Use Equation 9.3 to calculate the approximate time required to pressurize the system ullage to the initial starting pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O. This will allow the tester to minimize the quantity of nitrogen introduced into those systems which cannot comply with the static leak standards.
- 6.11** Attach the Vapor Coupler Test assembly to the Phase I poppet or the "T" connector assembly to the Phase II vapor riser. Read the initial pressure of the storage tank and underground piping. If the initial pressure is greater than 0.5 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, carefully bleed off the pressure, in accordance with all applicable safety procedures, in the storage tank and underground piping to less than 0.5 inches H<sub>2</sub>O column.

## 7. TESTING

- 7.1** Open the nitrogen gas supply valve and set the regulator delivery pressure within the allowable range determined in Section 6.9, and start the stopwatch. Pressurize the vapor system (or subsystem for individual vapor return line systems) to **at least 2.2 inches H<sub>2</sub>O** initial pressure. It is critical to maintain the nitrogen flow until the pressure stabilizes, indicating temperature and vapor pressure stabilization in the tanks. Check the test equipment using leak detecting solution or a combustible gas detector to verify that all test equipment is leak tight.
- 7.1.1** If the time required to achieve the initial pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O exceeds twice the time derived from Equation 9.3, stop the test and use liquid leak detector, or a combustible gas detector, to find the leak(s) in the system. Failure to achieve the initial starting pressure within twice the time derived from Equation 9.3 demonstrates the inability of the system to meet the performance criteria. Repair or replace the faulty component(s) and restart the test pursuant to Section 7.1.
- 7.2** Close and disconnect the nitrogen supply. Start the stopwatch when the pressure has decreased to the initial starting pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O.

- 7.3** At one-minute intervals during the test, record the system pressure. After five minutes, record the final system pressure. See the applicable of Tables 30-IA (or Equation 9.1) or 30-IB (or Equation 9.2) to determine the acceptability of the final system static pressure results. For intermediate values of ullage in Tables 30-IA and 30-IB, linear interpolation may be employed.
- 7.4** If the system failed to meet the criteria set forth in Table 30-I (or the appropriate equation in Section 9), repressurize the system and check all accessible vapor connections using leak detector solution or a combustible gas detector. If vapor leaks in the system are encountered, repair or replace the defective component and repeat the test. Potential sources of leaks include nozzle check valves, pressure/vacuum relief valves, containment box drain valve assemblies, and plumbing connections at the risers.
- 7.4.1** If the facility fails to comply with the static leak test standards and the Phase I system utilizes a non-CARB-certified drain valve equipped containment box, which was installed prior to July 1, 1992, for which a CARB-certified replacement drain valve assembly is not marketed, the following two subsections shall apply:
- 7.4.1.1** The drain valve may be removed and the port plugged. Reset the system. If the facility complies with the static leak test standards under these conditions, the facility shall be considered complying with the requirements, provided that the manufacturer and model number of the containment box and the date of installation are submitted with the test results.
- 7.4.1.2** The criteria set forth in subsection 7.4.1.1 shall not apply after July 1, 1996.
- 7.5** After the remaining system pressure has been relieved, remove the "T" connector assembly and reconnect the vapor recovery hose, if applicable.
- 7.6** If the vapor recovery system utilizes individual vapor return lines, repeat the leak test for each gasoline grade. Avoid leaving any vapor return line open longer than is necessary to install or remove the "T" connector assembly.
- 7.7** If the applicable CARB Executive requires the test to be conducted with and without the containment box cover in place, repeat the test with the cover in place. In these cases clearly specify, on Form 30-1, which results represent the pressure integrity with and without the cover in place.

## **8. POST-TEST PROCEDURES**

- 8.1** Use the applicable of Table 30-IA or 30-IB, or the applicable of Equations 9.1 or 9.2, to determine the compliance status of the facility by comparing the final five-minute pressure with the minimum allowable final pressure.
- 8.1.1** For balance Phase II systems use Table 30-IA or the applicable of Equation 9.1 to determine compliance.

**8.1.2** For vacuum-assist Phase II systems use Table 30-IB or the applicable of Equation 9.2 to determine compliance.

## 9. CALCULATIONS

**9.1** For Phase II Balance Systems, the minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, with an initial pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O, shall be calculated as follows:

[Equation 9-1]

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-760.490}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 1-6$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-792.196}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 7-12$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-824.023}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 13-18$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-855.974}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 19-24$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-888.047}{V}} \quad \text{if } N > 24$$

Where:

- N = The number of affected nozzles. For manifolded systems, N equals the total number of nozzles. For dedicated plumbing configurations, N equals the number of nozzles serviced by the tank being tested.
- $P_f$  = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- V = The total ullage affected by the test, gallons
- e = A dimensionless constant approximately equal to 2.718
- 2 = The initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

**9.2** For Phase II Vacuum Assist Systems, the minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, with an initial pressure of two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O, shall be calculated as follows:

[Equation 9-2]

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-500.887}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 1-6$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-531.614}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 7-12$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-562.455}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 13-18$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-593.412}{V}} \quad \text{if } N = 19-24$$

$$P_f = 2 e^{\frac{-624.483}{V}} \quad \text{if } N > 24$$

Where:

- N = The number of affected nozzles. For manifolded systems, N equals the total number of nozzles. For dedicated plumbing configurations, N equals the number of nozzles serviced by the tank being tested.
- $P_f$  = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- V = The total ullage affected by the test, gallons
- e = A dimensionless constant approximately equal to 2.718
- 2 = The initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

- 9.3 The minimum time required to pressurize the system ullage from zero (0) to two (2.0) inches H<sub>2</sub>O gauge pressure shall be calculated as follows:

$$t_2 = \frac{V}{[1522] F} \quad \text{[Equation 9-3]}$$

Where:

- $t_2$  = The minimum time to pressurize the ullage to two inches H<sub>2</sub>O, minutes
- V = The total ullage affected by the test, gallons
- F = The nitrogen flowrate into the system, CFM
- 1522 = The conversion factor for pressure and gallons

- 9.4 If the policy of the local District requires an allowable tolerance for testing error, the minimum allowable five-minute final pressure, including testing error, shall be calculated as follows:

$$P_{f-E} = 2 - \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{E}{100} \right) \right] \left[ 408.9 - (P_f + 406.9) \right] \quad \text{[Equation 9-4]}$$

Where:

- $P_{f-E}$  = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure including allowable testing error, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- E = The allowable testing error, percent
- $P_f$  = The minimum allowable five-minute final pressure calculated in Equations 9-1 or 9-2, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- 2 = The initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- 408.9 = Atmospheric pressure plus the initial starting pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- 406.9 = Atmospheric pressure, inches H<sub>2</sub>O

**10. REPORTING**

- 10.1** The calculated ullage and system pressures for each five-minute vapor recovery system test shall be reported as shown in Form 30-1. Be sure to include the Phase I system type (two-point or coaxial), the Phase II system type, whether the system is manifolded, and the one-minute pressures during the test.

**TABLE 30-1A**  
**PHASE II BALANCE SYSTEMS**  
**PRESSURE DECAY LEAK RATE CRITERIA**  
**INITIAL PRESSURE OF 2 INCHES OF H<sub>2</sub>O**

**MINIMUM PRESSURE AFTER 5 MINUTES, INCHES OF H<sub>2</sub>O**

<b><u>ULLAGE, GALLONS</u></b>	<b>NUMBER OF AFFECTED NOZZLES</b>				
	<b><u>01-06</u></b>	<b><u>07-12</u></b>	<b><u>13-18</u></b>	<b><u>19-24</u></b>	<b><u>&gt; 24</u></b>
<b>500</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>550</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.40</b>
<b>600</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.46</b>
<b>650</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.51</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<b>750</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>800</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.66</b>
<b>850</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>900</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>950</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.79</b>
<b>1,000</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>1,200</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.95</b>
<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.06</b>
<b>1,600</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.15</b>
<b>1,800</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1.22</b>
<b>2,000</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.28</b>
<b>2,200</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.34</b>
<b>2,400</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>1.38</b>
<b>2,600</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.42</b>
<b>2,800</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.46</b>
<b>3,000</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1.49</b>
<b>3,500</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>1.55</b>
<b>4,000</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.60</b>
<b>4,500</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.64</b>
<b>5,000</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>1.67</b>
<b>6,000</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>1.72</b>
<b>7,000</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>1.76</b>
<b>8,000</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>1.79</b>
<b>9,000</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>1.81</b>
<b>10,000</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>1.83</b>
<b>15,000</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>1.89</b>
<b>20,000</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.91</b>
<b>25,000</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>1.93</b>

**Note:** For manifolded Phase II Balance Systems, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of all gasoline nozzles. For dedicated return configurations, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of those nozzles served by the tank being tested.

**TABLE 30-1B**

**PHASE II ASSIST SYSTEMS**

**PRESSURE DECAY LEAK RATE CRITERIA**

**INITIAL PRESSURE OF 2 INCHES OF H<sub>2</sub>O**

**MINIMUM PRESSURE AFTER 5 MINUTES, INCHES OF H<sub>2</sub>O**

<b>ULLAGE, GALLONS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF AFFECTED NOZZLES</b>				
	<b>01-06</b>	<b>07-12</b>	<b>13-18</b>	<b>19-24</b>	<b>&gt; 24</b>
500	0.73	0.69	0.65	0.61	0.57
550	0.80	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.64
600	0.87	0.82	0.78	0.74	0.71
650	0.93	0.88	0.84	0.80	0.77
700	0.98	0.94	0.90	0.86	0.82
750	1.03	0.98	0.94	0.91	0.87
800	1.07	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.92
850	1.11	1.07	1.03	1.00	0.96
900	1.15	1.11	1.07	1.03	1.00
950	1.18	1.14	1.11	1.07	1.04
1,000	1.21	1.18	1.14	1.10	1.07
1,200	1.32	1.28	1.25	1.22	1.19
1,400	1.40	1.37	1.34	1.31	1.28
1,600	1.46	1.43	1.41	1.38	1.35
1,800	1.51	1.49	1.46	1.44	1.41
2,000	1.56	1.53	1.51	1.49	1.46
2,200	1.59	1.57	1.55	1.53	1.51
2,400	1.62	1.60	1.58	1.56	1.54
2,600	1.65	1.63	1.61	1.59	1.57
2,800	1.67	1.65	1.64	1.62	1.60
3,000	1.69	1.68	1.66	1.64	1.62
3,500	1.73	1.72	1.70	1.69	1.67
4,000	1.76	1.75	1.74	1.72	1.71
4,500	1.79	1.78	1.77	1.75	1.74
5,000	1.81	1.80	1.79	1.78	1.77
6,000	1.84	1.83	1.82	1.81	1.80
7,000	1.86	1.85	1.85	1.84	1.83
8,000	1.88	1.87	1.86	1.86	1.85
9,000	1.89	1.89	1.88	1.87	1.87
10,000	1.90	1.90	1.89	1.88	1.88
15,000	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.92
20,000	1.95	1.95	1.94	1.94	1.94
25,000	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.95	1.95

**Note:** For manifolded Phase II Assist Systems, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of all gasoline nozzles. For dedicated return configurations, the "Number of Affected Nozzles" shall be the total of those nozzles served by the tank being tested.

# Form 30-1

<b>Distribution:</b>  Firm Permit Services Enforcement Services Technical Services Planning Requester DAPCO	<b>BAY AREA                  AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT</b>  <i>939 Ellis Street                  San Francisco, California 94109                  (415) 771-6000</i>  <b>Summary of Source Test Results</b>	Report No.: _____  Test Date: _____  Test Times: Run A: _____ Run B: _____ Run C: _____
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Source Information		Facility Parameters
GDF Name and Address  _____ _____ _____ _____ Permit Conditions  _____	GDF Representative and Title  _____ _____ GDF Phone No. (    )  Source: GDF Vapor Recovery System BAAQMD GDF # _____ BAAQMD A/C # _____	PHASE II SYSTEM TYPE ( Check One)  Balance <input type="checkbox"/> Vapor Assist <input type="checkbox"/> Type: Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identify: Manifolder? <b>Y</b> or <b>N</b>
<b>Operating Parameters:</b> Number of Nozzles Served by Tank #1 _____      Number of Nozzles Served by Tank #3 _____ Number of Nozzles Served by Tank #2 _____      Total Number of Gas Nozzles at Facility _____		
<b>Applicable Regulations:</b> BAAQMD REGULATION 8, RULE 7		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

**Source Test Results and Comments:**

<u>TANK #:</u>	1	2	3	TOTAL
1. Product Grade	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Actual Tank Capacity, gallons	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Gasoline Volume, Gallons	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Ullage, gallons (#2 -#3)	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Phase I System Type	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Initial Test Pressure, Inches H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0)	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Pressure After 1 Minute, Inches H <sub>2</sub> O	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Pressure After 2 Minutes, Inches H <sub>2</sub> O	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Pressure After 3 Minutes, Inches H <sub>2</sub> O	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Pressure After 4 Minutes, Inches H <sub>2</sub> O	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. Final Pressure After 5 Minutes, Inches H <sub>2</sub> O	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. Allowable Final Pressure from Table 30-I	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. Test Status [Pass or Fail]	_____	_____	_____	_____

Test Conducted by: _____	Test Company Name _____ Address _____ City _____	Date and Time of Test: _____
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California Environmental Protection Agency



**Vapor Recovery Test Procedure**

**TP-201.1**

**Volumetric Efficiency for  
Phase I Vapor Recovery Systems**

**Adopted: April 12, 1996  
Amended: February 1, 2001  
Amended: October 8, 2003**

**California Environmental Protection Agency  
Air Resources Board**

**Vapor Recovery Test Procedure**

**TP-201.1**

**Volumetric Efficiency of Phase I Vapor Recovery Systems**

Definitions common to all certification and test procedures are in:

**D-200 Definitions for Vapor Recovery Procedures**

For the purpose of this procedure, the term "CARB" refers to the State of California Air Resources Board, and the term "Executive Officer" refers to the CARB Executive Officer, or his or her authorized representative or designate.

**1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

The purpose of this procedure is to quantify the transfer efficiency when a bulk gasoline delivery between a cargo tank and underground storage tank is made. This procedure is used to determine compliance with Phase I performance standard specified in Certification Procedure 201 (CP-201).

**2. PRINCIPLE AND SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE**

During a gasoline delivery, the cargo tank and gasoline dispensing facility (GDF) are instrumented with test equipment in order to determine the amount of vapor returned to the cargo tank and the amount of vapor discharged through the GDF vent pipe. From these parameters the Phase I volumetric efficiency is determined. This procedure provides for determining efficiency by way of either direct measurement or calculation.

If a Phase I system fails to meet the volumetric efficiency as required by CP-201, the cargo tank shall be tested for compliance with the daily standards established for cargo tanks as specified in CP-204 to determine if the failure can be attributed to the cargo tank.

**3. BIASES AND INTERFERENCES**

**3.1** Any vapor leaks exceeding 100% of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) during the gasoline bulk delivery precludes the use of this method.

**3.2** Gasoline cargo tanks exceeding the allowable daily pressure-decay standards as defined in CP-204 preclude the use of this method.

**3.3** The presence of vapor leaks in the GDF, greater than the allowable leak decay limits specified in Section 3.2 of CP-201 preclude use of this method.

- 3.4** Unusually large cargo tank headspace volumes may cause low volumetric efficiency under certain conditions. Conversely, unusually small cargo tank headspace volumes may result in unusually high efficiency. During the Certification Process for a Phase I system, the cargo tank headspace volumes should be between 3.0 and 10.0 percent of the total cargo tank capacity prior to the delivery.

#### **4. SENSITIVITY, PRECISION AND RANGE**

- 4.1** Mechanical Pressure Gauge. The minimum readability shall be 1.00 inches H<sub>2</sub>O with a maximum full-scale range of 30 inches H<sub>2</sub>O and minimum accuracy of three percent of full scale. Pressure gauges with a higher resolution and higher accuracy may be deemed acceptable with prior approval by the Executive Officer.
- 4.2** Electronic Pressure Gauge. The maximum full-scale range of the device shall not exceed 20 inches H<sub>2</sub>O with minimum sensitivity of 1.00 inches H<sub>2</sub>O and minimum accuracy of 0.5 percent of full scale. Electronic pressure gauges shall be calibrated as described in Section 5 of this procedure.
- 4.3** Volume Meter, Vapor Return. Minimum full-scale range shall be 5,000 CFH with a maximum rated back pressure less than 1.10 in H<sub>2</sub>O. The meter shall have an internal diameter of 3 inches, equal to that of a cargo tank vapor return hose.
- 4.4** Volume Meter, Vent Pipe. Minimum full-scale range shall be 800 CFH with a maximum rated back pressure less than 0.26 in H<sub>2</sub>O. The meter shall have an internal diameter of 2 inches, equal to that of a GDF vent pipe.
- 4.5** Temperature. Maximum range of 0 to 150°F and accurate to within 2°F.
- 4.6** Barometric Pressure. Minimum accuracy of .08 inches of mercury (1.0 inch H<sub>2</sub>O or 2.7 millibar).

#### **5. EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1** Vapor Return Meter(s). Use a volume meter with minimum specifications described in Section 4 to measure the amount of vapor returned to the cargo tank from the underground storage tank. The meter shall be equipped with a pressure gauge and temperature device as described in Section 4 on the inlet side. The meter shall be connected to the GDF in a fashion as to maintain intrinsic safety, see Figure 3.
- 5.2** Vent Pipe Meter. Use a volume meter with minimum specifications described in Section 4 to measure the amount of vapor discharged through the vent pipe(s). The meter shall be equipped with a pressure gauge and temperature device as described in Section 4 on the inlet side. The meter shall be connected to the GDF in a fashion as to maintain intrinsic safety, see Figure 3.
- 5.3** Cargo Tank Back Pressure Assembly. When testing Phase I efficiency without the use of volume meters, use OPW® 633-F and 633-D couplers, or equivalent, as shown in Figure 1. The assembly shall be equipped with a pressure gauge capable of measuring up to 30 inches H<sub>2</sub>O back pressure at the gasoline cargo tank vapor

coupler. Temperature may be measured at this point as an alternate to, or in addition to 5.1.

- 5.4** Storage Tank Pressure Assembly. When testing Phase I efficiency with the cargo tank back pressure assembly and the test facility uses a two point Phase I system with storage tanks manifolded underground, use OPW® 634-B cap(s) or equivalent, equipped with a pressure gauge and center probe as shown in Figure 2
- 5.5** Combustible Gas Detector. Use a Bacharach Instrument Company Model 0023-7356®, or equivalent, to quantify any vapor leaks occurring during the gasoline bulk drop.
- 5.6** Barometer. Use a mercury, aneroid, or equivalent barometer with minimum specifications described in Section 4 to measure the barometric pressure during testing. The result shall be used to correct the volume of vapor returned or discharged.
- 5.7** Temperature. Use a minimum of three thermometers, Thermocouples™, or equivalent, to measure the vapor temperature at each meter. The results shall be used to correct the volume of vapor returned or discharged.
- 5.8** Stopwatch. Use a stopwatch accurate to within 0.1 seconds to time the delivery rate.

## **6. PRE-TEST PROCEDURES**

- 6.1** The volume meter(s) shall be proofed against a standard reference meter prior to its initial use in the field or at intervals not to exceed 180 days. Calibration shall be performed at a minimum of three flowrates representing 25, 50 and 75 percent of rated capacity. An official statement of proofing is required.
- 6.2** The GDF shall be pre-tested for leak integrity as described in TP-201.3 at least 24 hours prior, and no longer than 7-days before testing. If a manifold is to be used at the vent pipe, the manifold shall be installed prior to conducting leak integrity testing.
- 6.3** No product dispensing shall occur for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to testing.
- 6.4** Taking caution to avoid venting the storage tanks, connect the vent pipe meter(s) to the appropriate storage tank vent pipe(s) with the inlet side attached to the vent pipe. Use a metal ball valve if required to avoid venting. Attach the PV valve(s) to the outlet side of the meter(s) using a threaded nipple or equivalent. A temporary manifold may be constructed of steel where all vent pipes are connected to a single outlet and a single meter is installed.
- 6.5** Taking caution to avoid venting the storage tanks, connect the vapor return meter(s) to the appropriate Phase I vapor connection(s) using metal fittings in order to maintain intrinsic safety. Use a metal vapor poppet if required to avoid venting. Connect the cargo tank vapor return hose to the outlet side of the meter. The meter will be in line between the Phase I connection and the cargo tank vapor return hose.

- 6.6 With no product dispensing, record the product grade, tank capacity, tank temperature and ambient conditions on the data sheet where provided.
- 6.7 If used, connect the Cargo Tank Back Pressure Assembly to the vapor coupler on the cargo tank. This assembly will be in line with the cargo tank vapor recovery hose. If the cargo tank vapor coupler is equipped with a poppet, use a pressure assembly with center probe.
- 6.8 If the cargo tank back pressure assembly is being used, install a Storage Tank Pressure Assembly on each Phase I vapor connection of those tanks not receiving product. During each bulk drop, record the maximum pressure in those tanks.
- 6.9 Record the product quantities to be delivered during each bulk drop. Also record the cargo tank CARB decal number and delivery company name on the data sheet where provided.
- 6.10 Stabilization. Open the corresponding cargo tank internal vapor valve(s) prior to delivering product. Once the vapor valve(s) is opened, wait a period of at least 1-minute to allow for pressure stabilization between the UST and cargo tank.

## 7. TESTING

- 7.1 Record the stabilized, vapor return and vent pipe meter reading(s) on the data sheet where provided.
- 7.2 Start the gasoline bulk drop. Using the stopwatch, time each gasoline drop to determine the delivery rate for each compartment.
- 7.3 At minimum, record the following parameters for each gasoline bulk drop:
  - 7.3.1 Initial and final meter readings for each vapor return meter
  - 7.3.2 Average vapor return pressure
  - 7.3.3 Average vapor return temperature
- 7.4 Repeat Sections 7.1 through 7.3 for each gasoline delivery. For deliveries using different Phase I connections (i.e., different storage tanks), relocate the vapor return meter(s) to the appropriate storage as specified in Section 6.7.
- 7.5 At conclusion of all gasoline deliveries, ensure that each of the cargo tank internal vapor valve is closed prior to disconnecting. Disconnect the vapor return meter(s) from the storage tank(s) taking care to avoid venting pressure. Disconnect the vapor return hose from the outlet side of the vapor return meter.
- 7.6 Continue to monitor the vent pipe meter for a minimum of 15 minutes. If the UST pressure is less than 1.00 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, testing may be concluded. In the event that the station UST pressure is greater than 1.00 inches H<sub>2</sub>O, continue to monitor the vent

pipe meter for an additional 45 minutes (1-hour total). These measurements are to be included in the Phase I efficiency calculation.

## 8. POST TEST PROCEDURES

8.1 At conclusion of the bulk delivery, ensure that each of the cargo tank internal vapor valves is closed prior to removing connections.

8.2 Remove the Cargo Tank Back Pressure Assembly, if used, from the cargo tank vapor return coupler.

8.3 Remove the Storage Tank Pressure Assembly, if used, from each storage tank where installed.

8.4 Remove the temporary manifold (if constructed) and disconnect all instrumentation from the vent pipe area. Replace the PV valve(s) on the vent pipe(s).

8.5 Verify the quantity of gasoline delivered to each storage tank using the facility tank gauge monitor or with use of a tank gauging stick.

## 9. CALCULATING RESULTS

9.1 The measured volume of vapor passed through the vapor return to the cargo tank and vent pipe shall be corrected to standard conditions as follows:

$$V_{\text{corr}} = \frac{(V_{\text{vi}})(528)[P_{\text{b}} + \Delta h/13.6]}{(T_{\text{vi}})(29.92)} \quad \text{Equation 9.1}$$

Where:

- $V_{\text{corr}}$  = Volume of vapor, corrected to 68°F (528°R) and 29.92" Hg
- $P_{\text{b}}$  = Barometric Pressure, inches Hg
- $V_{\text{vi}}$  = Uncorrected volume of vapor (raw meter reading)
- $T_{\text{vi}}$  = Average or venting temperature at vent meter, °R
- $\Delta h$  = Average or venting pressure at vent meter, inches H<sub>2</sub>O
- 13.6 = Inches of water per inch of mercury
- 528 = Standard ambient temperature, 68°F converted to degrees Rankine

9.2 If a cargo tank back pressure assembly was used to conduct testing, the volume of vapor returned to the cargo tank shall be calculated to standard conditions as follows:

$$V_{\text{t}} = \left[ \frac{(0.1337)(G_{\text{t}}) \left( 528 \left( P_{\text{b}} + \frac{\Delta h}{13.6} \right) \right)}{(T_{\text{t}})(29.92)} \right] \quad \text{Equation 9.2}$$

Where:

- $V_t$  = Calculated volume of vapor returned to cargo tank corrected to 68°F (528°R) and 29.92" Hg  
 $G_t$  = Volume of gasoline delivered, gallons  
 $\Delta h$  = Final gauge pressure at cargo tank, in. H<sub>2</sub>O  
 $T_t$  = Average temperature of vapor returned to cargo tank, °R  
 $P_b$  = Barometric pressure, inches Hg  
13.6 = Inches of water per inch of mercury  
528 = Standard ambient temperature, 68°F converted to degrees Rankine

9.3 The collection efficiency shall be calculated as follows:

$$E = (100) \left[ \frac{V_{\text{returned}} - V_{\text{vent}}}{V_{\text{returned}}} \right] \quad \text{Equation 9.3}$$

Where:

- $E$  = Phase I Volumetric Efficiency, percent  
 $V_{\text{returned}}$  = Vapor Return: From 9.1( $V_{\text{corr}}$ ) or 9.2( $V_t$ )  
 $V_{\text{vent}}$  = Corrected Vent Pipe Discharge: From 9.1( $V_{\text{corr}}$ )

## 10. REPORTING RESULTS

10.1 Results shall be reported as shown on the data sheets where provided. Districts may require the use of alternate data sheets provided they include, at minimum, the same parameters identified on Form 1.

## 11. ALTERNATE PROCEDURES

11.1 This procedure shall be conducted as specified. Modifications to this test procedure shall not be used to determine compliance unless prior written approval has been obtained from the ARB Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 14 of Certification Procedure CP-201.

**FORM 1**  
**ARB TP-201.1**

Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Observations By: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

System Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Ambient Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F Barometric: \_\_\_\_\_ Hpa

Wind: \_\_\_\_\_ mph Altitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ft Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Cargo Tank Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Cargo Tank Decal #(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Truck: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Compartment #1**

Pre-Delivery Observations

Delivery Observations

Initial UST Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
UST Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gal  
Amount To Deliver (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_ gal  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Loading Temp (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial Meter Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

Tank Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivered Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
Avg Vapor Return Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ inWC  
Avg Vapor Return Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
Fuel RVP (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Meter Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Compartment #2**

Pre-Delivery Observations

Delivery Observations

Initial UST Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
UST Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gal  
Amount To Deliver (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_ gal  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Loading Temp (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial Meter Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

Tank Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivered Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
Avg Vapor Return Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ inWC  
Avg Vapor Return Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
Fuel RVP (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Meter Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Compartment #3**

Pre-Delivery Observations

Delivery Observations

Initial UST Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
UST Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gal

Tank Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivered Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F  
Avg Vapor Return Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ inWC



**Compartment #4**

**Pre-Delivery Observations**

Initial UST Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

UST Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gal

Amount To Deliver (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_ gal

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Loading Temp (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Meter Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Compartment #5**

**Pre-Delivery Observations**

Initial UST Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

UST Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gal

Amount To Deliver (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_ gal

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Loading Temp (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Meter Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Delivery Observations**

Tank Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

**Avg Vapor Return Pressure:** \_\_\_\_\_ inWC

**Avg Vapor Return Temp:** \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

Fuel RVP (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Meter Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Delivery Observations**

Tank Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered Product Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

**Avg Vapor Return Pressure:** \_\_\_\_\_ inWC

**Avg Vapor Return Temp:** \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

Fuel RVP (BOL): \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Meter Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Vent Pipe Discharge**

**Delivery Observations**

Initial Vent Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ inWC

Initial Vent Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

**Initial Meter Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Stack Venting Pressure:** \_\_\_\_\_ inWC

**Stack Venting Temperature:** \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

**Post Delivery Observations**

Post Observation Time: \_\_\_\_\_

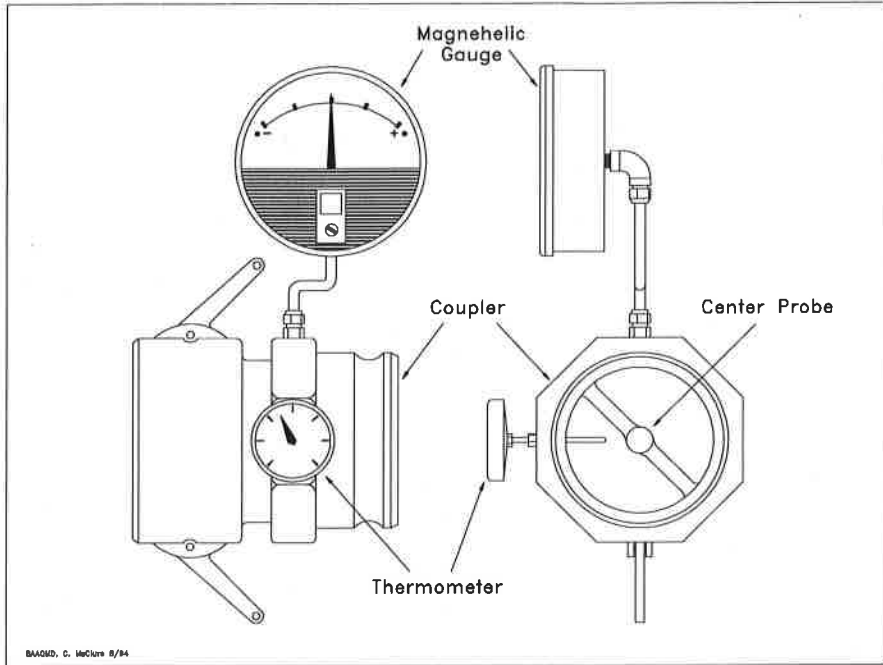
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vent Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ inWC

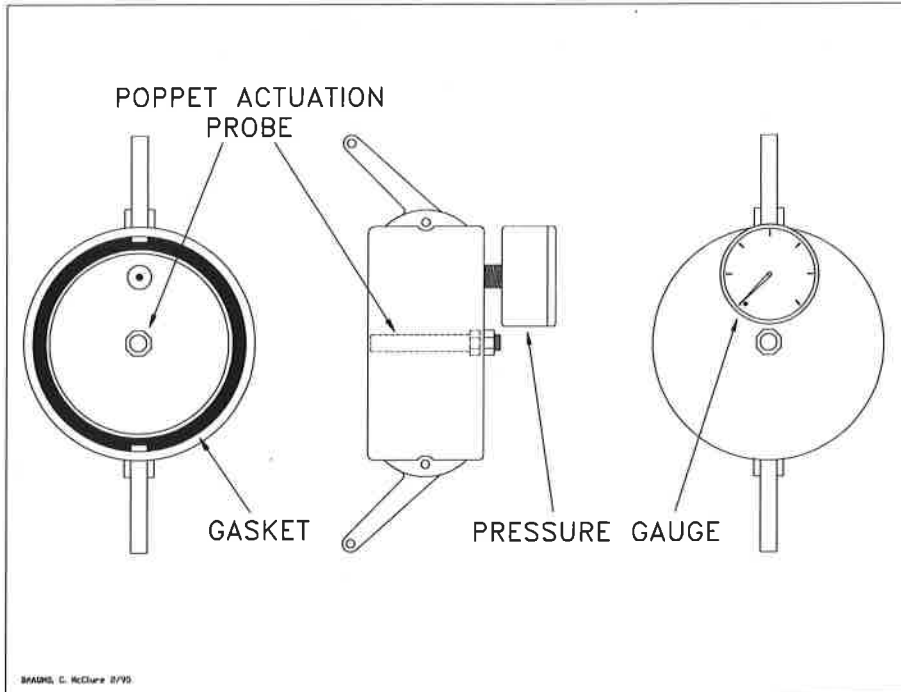
Final Vent Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ deg F

**Final Meter Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

**Figure 1 - Cargo Tank Back Pressure Assembly**



**Figure 2 - Storage Tank Pressure Assembly**



**Figure 3 - Vent Pipe and Vapor Return Meter Arrangement**

