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# **Approval Standard for Sprinkler System Alarm Test Devices**

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# Foreword

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- b) must be readily identifiable.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 This standard states Approval criteria for sprinkler system alarm testers for use in aboveground automatic fire protection systems.
- 1.1.2 Approval criteria may include, but are not limited to, performance requirements, marking requirements, examination of manufacturing facility(ies), audit of quality assurance procedures, and a follow-up program.

### 1.2 Scope

- 1.2.1 This standard encompasses the design and performance requirements for 1, 1-1/4, 1-1/2 and 2 inch nominal pipe sizes (NPS) sprinkler system alarm test devices which are designed to replicate the flow of a sprinkler head.
- 1.2.2 Sprinkler system alarm test devices are devices intended to replace an assembly of components, which normally include a shut-off valve, an orifice which is usually made from an open sprinkler head with frame arms and deflector removed, a water collection waste cone, and other interconnecting pipes and fittings. The device incorporates equivalent elements into a single assembly.
- 1.2.3 Other types and sizes, including metric sizes, of sprinkler system alarm test devices may be FM Approved if they meet the requirements and intent of this standard. Sprinkler system alarm test devices of unusual design may be subjected to special tests to determine their suitability.

### 1.3 Basis for Requirements

- 1.3.1 The requirements of this standard are based on experience, research and testing, and/or the standards of other organizations. The advice of manufacturers, users, trade associations, jurisdictions and/or loss control specialists was also considered.
- 1.3.2 Approval Standards are intended to verify that the product described will meet stated conditions of performance, safety, and quality useful to the ends of property conservation. The requirements of this standard reflect tests and practices used to examine characteristics of sprinkler system alarm test devices for the purpose of obtaining Approval. Sprinkler system alarm test devices having characteristics not anticipated by this standard may be FM Approved if performance equal, or superior, to that required by this standard is demonstrated, or if the intent of the standard is met. Alternatively, sprinkler system alarm test devices which meet all of the requirements identified in this standard may not be FM Approved if other conditions which adversely affect performance exist or if the intent of this standard is not met.

### 1.4 Basis for Approval

Approval is based upon satisfactory evaluation of the product and the manufacturer in the following major areas:

- 1.4.1 Examination and tests on production samples shall be performed to evaluate:
  - The suitability of the product;
  - The performance of the product as specified by the manufacturer and required by FM Approvals; and, as far as practical,
  - The durability and reliability of the product.

- 1.4.2 An initial facilities and procedures audit shall be conducted to evaluate the manufacturer's ability to consistently produce the product that was examined and tested as part of the Approval project. The audit shall review the facility and in-place quality control procedures used in the manufacturing of the product. Typically, areas of review are incoming inspection, work in progress, production testing, final quality control, marking, calibration of equipment, shipping procedures, and document and drawing control. These audits are repeated periodically as part of the FM Approvals product follow-up program. (Refer to Section 5.2, Facility and Procedures Audit.)

## 1.5 Basis for Continued Approval

- 1.5.1 Continued Approval is based upon:

- Production or availability of the product as currently FM Approved;
- The continued use of acceptable quality assurance procedures;
- Satisfactory field experience;
- Compliance with the terms stipulated in the Master Agreement;
- Satisfactory re-examination of production samples for continued conformity to requirements; and
- Satisfactory Facilities and Procedures Audits (F&PAs) conducted as part of FM Approval's product follow-up program.

- 1.5.2 Also, as a condition of retaining Approval, manufacturers may not change an FM Approved product or service without prior authorization by FM Approvals. (Refer to section 5.1.3 for further details regarding changes.)

## 1.6 Effective Date

The effective date of an Approval standard mandates that all products tested for Approval after the effective date shall satisfy the requirements of that standard. Products FM Approved under a previous edition shall comply with the new version by the effective date or forfeit Approval.

The effective date of this standard is **December 31, 2010** for compliance with all requirements.

## 1.7 System of Units

Units of measurement used in this standard are United States (U.S.) customary units. These are followed by their arithmetic equivalents in International System (SI) units, enclosed in parentheses. The first value stated shall be regarded as the requirement. The converted equivalent value may be approximate. Appendix A lists the selected units and conversions to SI units for measures appearing in this standard. Conversion of U.S. customary units is in accordance with Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)/American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) SI 10-2002, *American National Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System*. Two units of measurement (Bar and Liter), outside of, but recognized by SI, are commonly used in international fire protection and are used in this standard.

## 1.8 Applicable Documents

The following standards, test methods, and practices are referenced in this standard or beneficial in understanding this standard:

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) B1.20.1 - 1983 (2006), *Pipe Threads, General Purpose, (Inch)*  
British Standards Institution European Specifications (BS EN) 10242 - 2003, *Threaded Pipe Fittings in Malleable Cast Iron*

Approval Standard 1140, Quick Opening Valves 1/4 Inch through 2 Inch Nominal Size, October, 1998

FM Global Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 7-1 - 2007, *Pipe Threads Where Pressure-Tight Joints are made on the Threads- Part 1: Dimensions, Tolerances and Designation*  
ISO 17025 - 2006, *General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*

## 1.9 Definitions

For purposes of this standard, the following terms apply:

### ***Accepted***

This term refers to installations acceptable to the authority enforcing the applicable installation rules. When the authority is FM Global, such locations are termed “FM Global Accepted.” Acceptance is based upon an overall evaluation of the installation. Factors other than the use of FM Approved equipment impact upon the decision whether to accept the product. Acceptance is not a characteristic of a product. It is installation specific. A product accepted for one installation may not be acceptable elsewhere. (Contrast with FM Approved.)

### ***End Connections***

The term “End Connections” refers to the method of connecting components of a fire protection system. Typical end connections in a fire protection service are cut groove, rolled groove, threaded, plain end, and welded end.

### ***FM Approvals Certification Marks***

The FM Approvals Certification Marks are detailed in Appendix B. Their use is mandatory on all units of FM Approved products. These registered marks cannot be used except as authorized by FM Approvals via the granting of Approval to a specific product.

### ***FM Approved***

This term refers to products FM Approved by FM Approvals. Such products are listed in the Approval Guide, an on-line resource of FM Approvals, see Appendix D. All products so listed have been successfully examined by FM Approvals, and their manufacturers have signed and returned a Master Agreement to FM Approvals. This form obligates the manufacturer to allow re-examination of the product and audit of facilities and procedures at FM Approvals discretion. It further requires the manufacturer not to deviate from the as-FM Approved configuration of the product without review by and agreement of FM Approvals. Approval is product specific.

### ***Quick Opening Valve***

A valve with an inherent design characteristic that provides a maximum flow with minimal lever or handle movement.

### ***Rated Working Pressure***

This is the maximum sustained pressure at or below which the device shall operate trouble free for its entire design life. This value sets the basis for the testing described in Section 4.

### ***Sprinkler System Alarm Test Device***

A valve that provides test and drain functions for a wet pipe sprinkler system.

## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2.1 Product Information

- 2.1.1 The products outlined in Section 1.2 of this standard are for use in aboveground fire protection systems. Installations shall be in accordance with FM Global Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets and the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- 2.1.2 In order to meet the intent of this standard, sprinkler system alarm testers shall be examined on a model-by-model, type-by-type, manufacturer-by-manufacturer, and plant-by-plant basis. This is predicated on the basis that identical designs, fabricated using identical materials by different manufacturers, or, even by different plants of the same manufacturer, have sometimes been shown to perform differently in testing. Sample sprinkler system alarm testers selected in conformance to this criterion shall satisfy all of the requirements of this standard.

### 2.2 Approval Application Requirements

- 2.2.1 To apply for an Approval examination, the manufacturer, or its authorized representative, shall submit a request to:

Hydraulics Group Manager  
FM Approvals Hydraulics Laboratory  
743A Reynolds Road  
West Glocester, RI 02814 U.S.A.

- 2.2.2 The manufacturer shall provide the following preliminary information with any request for Approval consideration:
- A complete list of all models, types, sizes, and options for the products or services being submitted for Approval consideration,
  - General assembly drawings, one complete set of manufacturing drawings, materials list(s) (e.g., ASTM A 48, Class 40A, Gray Iron Casting), anticipated marking format, piping and electrical schematics, nameplate format, brochures, sales literature, specification sheets, installation, operation and maintenance procedures, and
  - The number and location(s) of manufacturing facilities.
- 2.2.3 All the above referenced documents shall be controlled by the manufacture's Quality Assurance procedures, and shall identify the manufacturer's name, document number or other form of reference, title, date of last revision, and revision level. All foreign language documents shall be provided with English translation.

### 2.3 Requirements for Samples for Examination

Following set-up and authorization of an Approval examination, the manufacturer shall submit samples for examination and testing. Sample requirements shall be determined by FM Approvals following review of the preliminary information. Sample requirements may vary depending on design features, results of prior testing, and results of the foregoing tests. It is the manufacturer's responsibility to submit samples representative of production. Any decision to use data generated utilizing prototypes is at the discretion of FM Approvals. The manufacturer shall provide any special test fixtures, which may be required to evaluate the sprinkler system alarm test devices.

### 3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 Review of Documentation

- 3.1.1 During the initial investigation and prior to physical testing, the manufacturer's specifications, technical data sheets, and design details shall be reviewed to assess the ease and practicality of installation and use. The product shall be capable of being used within the limits of the Approval investigation.
- 3.1.2 The manufacturer's dimensional specifications and / or design drawings shall fully describe the product. All critical dimensions shall be indicated with allowed upper and lower tolerance limits clearly shown.
- 3.1.3 All documents pertaining to the product materials, dimensions, processing, and marking shall be controlled by the manufacturer's Quality Assurance procedures, and shall identify the manufacturer's name, document number or other form of reference, title, date of last revision, and revision level. All foreign language drawings shall be provided with an English translation.

#### 3.2 Physical or Structural Features

- 3.2.1 Sprinkler system alarm test devices shall be designed for a minimum rated working pressure of 175 psi (1205 kPa).
- 3.2.2 Nominal sizes of sprinkler system alarm test devices shall be 1, 1-1/4, 1-1/2, and 2 inches NPS.
- 3.2.3 End connections shall be male threaded, female threaded, soldered tube end, or grooved end connections, and shall conform to a nationally or internationally recognized standard. Other types of end connections may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Sprinkler system alarm test devices with threaded end connections shall be provided with a section to serve as a wrench grip.
- 3.2.4 Devices submitted for testing shall be true production samples and shall be free of sharp edges, burrs, or other imperfections which might injure the installer or interfere with proper assembly of the unit.
- 3.2.5 The device shall have a stem seal designed to prevent water within the body from escaping to atmosphere at the point where the stem passes through the body.
- 3.2.6 Replaceable internal parts shall be readily accessible by use of normally available hand tools. Parts lists and instruction shall be easily understood by an informed observer.

#### 3.3 Materials

All materials used in these valves shall be suitable for the intended application. Device parts exposed to water shall be constructed of corrosion resistant materials. Particular consideration shall be given to the ball or disc, the stem, seats, bushings and packing glands. These and any other materials used in sprinkler system alarm test devices shall have physical properties necessary to render them suitable for their intended use. When unusual materials are used, special tests may be necessary to verify their suitability.

#### 3.4 Markings

- 3.4.1 Each device shall be permanently marked with the following information:
- Manufacturer's name or trademark;
  - Product model designation;
  - FM Approvals Certification Mark (See Appendix B);
  - Nominal device size;
  - Year of manufacture

- Manufacturing source code, if made at more than one location;
- Rated working pressure;
- Nominal orifice size; and,
- Directional flow arrow (unidirectional valves only)

- 3.4.2 The appropriate positions for “TEST” and “DRAIN” conditions shall be clearly indicated on the outside of the assembly.
- 3.4.3 Markings shall be cast or forged in raised characters or die stamped on the device body.
- 3.4.4 A corrosion resistant metal nameplate bearing the same information as stated above shall be considered acceptable if permanently fastened to the device body.
- 3.4.5 Markings may also be shown on the device handle.
- 3.4.6 Other methods of applying permanent markings will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- 3.4.7 Each required marking shall be legible and durable and applied in any of, or combination of, the above methods with the exception of the directional flow arrow which must be applied as stated in Section 3.4.3.
- 3.4.8 The model or type identification shall correspond with the manufacturer’s catalog designation and shall uniquely identify the product as FM Approved. The FM Approvals Certification Mark (see Appendix B) shall be displayed visibly and permanently on the product. The manufacturer shall not place this model or type identification on any other product unless covered by a separate agreement with FM Approvals.

### 3.5 Manufacturer's Installation and Operation Instructions

- 3.5.1 The installation instructions, including any special dimension requirements shall be furnished by the manufacturer. Instructions shall be provided in each shipping container.
- 3.5.2 The installation instructions identified in Section 3.5.1 shall be made available in multiple languages in support of the regions where the product is intended to be sold.

### 3.6 Calibration

All equipment used to verify the test parameters shall be calibrated within an interval determined on the basis of stability, purpose, and usage of equipment. A copy of the calibration certificate for each piece of test equipment is required for FM Approvals records, indicating that the calibration was performed against working standards whose calibration is certified as traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) or to other acceptable reference standards and certified by a ISO/IEC 17025 calibration laboratory. The test equipment shall be clearly identified by label or sticker showing the last date of the calibration and the next due date. A copy of the service accreditation certificate as an ISO 17025 “General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories”, calibration laboratory is required for FM Approvals records.

The calibration of recently purchased new equipment is also required. Documentation indicating either the date of purchase or date of shipment, equipment description, model and serial number is required for identification. The period from the time the equipment was put into service to the date of the testing must be within an interval that does not require the equipment to be recalibrated.

### 3.7 Tolerances

Tolerances on units of measure shall be as described in Appendix E, unless otherwise specified.

## 4. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Examination

#### 4.1.1 Requirements

The sprinkler system alarm test devices shall conform to the manufacturer's drawings and specifications and to FM Approvals' requirements.

#### 4.1.2 Test/Verification

A sample shall be examined and compared to drawings and specifications. It shall be verified that the samples conform to the physical and structural requirements described in Section 3, General Requirements, and the manufacturer's drawings. The manufacturer's installation instructions shall be reviewed for completeness and ease of understanding.

### 4.2 Ball Strength

#### 4.2.1 Requirements

The device ball, disc or other sealing mechanism shall withstand exposure to hydrostatic pressure of two times the rated working pressure. During and at the conclusion of the test, no fracture, permanent distortion, or functional impairment shall occur. After this test the valve shall be fully operable and shall comply with the leakage requirements in Section 4.3 (Seat Leakage).

#### 4.2.2 Tests/Verification

A sample device of each size shall be closed. With one side open to atmosphere, the other side shall be hydrostatically pressurized to two times the rated working pressure. The test pressure shall be held for five minutes. For this strength test, special provisions may be made to prevent leakage past the seat. This test shall be repeated for both directions of flow.

### 4.3 Seat Leakage

#### 4.3.1 Requirement

Sprinkler system alarm test devices shall not leak at or below the rated working pressure, when tested in accordance with Section 4.3.2.

#### 4.3.2 Test/Verification

Compliance shall be verified by testing representative assemblies of each size and model submitted for Approval. With outlet side open to atmosphere, the inlet side of each size device shall be hydrostatically tested at 30, 100 and 175 psi (205, 690 and 1205 kPa) and at the rated working pressure if in excess of 175 psi (1205 kPa) to prove the sealing ability from each direction of flow, unless the valve is unidirectional. The test pressures shall each be held for five minutes in each direction.

#### 4.4 Hydrostatic Strength

##### 4.4.1 Requirement

Device bodies shall withstand a hydrostatic pressure of four times the rated working pressure without rupture, cracking or permanent distortion.

##### 4.4.2 Test/Verification

With the ball or disc in the open position, bodies of each device size shall be subjected to a hydrostatic test of 700 psi (4825 kPa) or four times the rated working pressure, whichever is greater, for five minutes. There shall be no visible rupture, cracking, or permanent distortion to the device body as a result of this test.

#### 4.5 Stem Seal

##### 4.5.1 Requirement

Stem seals shall not leak when subjected to a hydrostatic pressure equal to the rated working pressure.

##### 4.5.2 Tests/Verification

A sample device of each size with the ball, disc or other sealing mechanism in a partially open position shall be subjected to its rated working pressure for five minutes with no visible stem leakage. Cycling of the ball, disc or other sealing mechanism twelve times during this time span shall not cause leakage past the stem seal.

#### 4.6 Operating Force Test

##### 4.6.1 Requirements

The force to open the valve shall be measured. An internal hydrostatic pressure of 90 psi (620 kPa) shall be applied to the valve in the test position for various time periods. The force required to open the valve at the end of each time period shall not exceed 50 lb force (220 N) applied to the outermost end of the valve handle. No damage to any internal components of the valve shall result.

##### 4.6.2 Tests/Verification

Sample valves in the test position shall be subjected to 90 psi (620 kPa) water pressure for consecutive periods of one week, two weeks, and one month. Initially and at the end of each specified period, the force to open the valve, still under the 90 psi (620 kPa) test pressure, shall be measured. The force required to open the valve at the end of each period shall not exceed 50 lb force (220 N), measured at the outermost end of the valve handle.

#### 4.7 Durability Test

##### 4.7.1 Requirement

At the conclusion of a 1000 cycle operational test on a representative size valve, excessive wear shall not occur.

##### 4.7.2 Tests/Verification

Prior to the start of the durability test, a sample device shall be hydrostatically pressurized to the rated working pressure for five minutes to verify that there is no seat or stem leakage. The sample shall then be cycled 1000 times between its "TEST" and "OFF" positions. The pressure upstream of the test valve in the closed position shall be 110 psi (760 kPa) for the duration of this test. The pressure downstream of the test valve in the closed position shall be atmospheric (0 psi, 0 kPa). During the test the speed of rotation shall be five to ten

cycles per minute. After the completion of the cycling test, the valve shall be re-pressurized to the rated working pressure for five minutes and shall comply with the seat leakage requirements in Section 4.2 (Seat Leakage) and the stem seal requirements in Section 4.5 (Stem Seal). The valve shall then be disassembled and moving parts shall be visibly examined for signs of excessive wear or damage.

**4.8 Discharge Coefficient**

4.8.1 Requirement

The orifice of a sprinkler system alarm tester shall have a nominal size and discharge coefficient (“K” factor) listed in the tables below:

*Table 4.8.a: System Riser Sizes 1-1/4, 1-1/2 and 2 inch for Residential Service*

<i>Nominal Orifice Size inches (mm)</i>	<i>Nominal “K” Factor gal/min/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Mode or Designation</i>	<i>Reference Standard</i>	<i>Minimum “K” Factor gal/min/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Maximum “K” Factor gal/min/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>
3/8 (10)	2.8 [40]	Small, Control	2000	2.6 [40]	2.9 [40]
7/16 (11)	4.2 [60]	Other	2000	4.0 [60]	4.4 [65]
1/2 (12)	5.6 [80]	Standard, Control	2000	5.3 [75]	5.8 [85]
17/32 (14)	8.0 [115]	Large, Control	2000	7.4 [105]	8.2 [120]
5/8 (16)	11.2 [160]	Control, X-Lg. Orifice (ELO)	2000	11.0 [160]	11.5 [165]
Other Residential	Per Manufacturer	Other Residential	2030	-5 percent of specification	+5 percent of specification

*Table 4.8.b: System Riser Sizes 1-1/4 through 8 inch for Commercial Service*

<i>Nominal Orifice Size inches (mm)</i>	<i>Nominal “K” Factor gal/min/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Mode or Designation</i>	<i>Reference Standard</i>	<i>Minimum “K” Factor gpm/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Maximum “K” Factor gpm/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>
3/8 (10)	2.8 [40]	Small, Control	2000	2.6 [40]	2.9 [40]
1/2 (12)	5.6 [80]	Standard, Control	2000	5.3 [75]	5.8 [85]
17/32 (14)	8.0 [115]	Large, Control	2000	7.4 [105]	8.2 [120]
5/8 (16)	11.2 [160]	Control, X-Lg. Orifice (ELO)	2000	11.0 [160]	11.5 [165]
3/4 (19)	14.0 [200]	Control, Very X-Lg. Orifice (VELO)	2000	13.5 [195]	14.5 [210]
3/4 (19)	14.0 [200]	Early Suppression Fast Response (ESFR)	2008	13.5 [195]	14.5 [210]
3/4 (19)	16.8 [240]	ESFR	2008	16.0 [230]	17.6 [255]
3/4 (19)	16.8 [240]	Control	2000	16.0 [230]	17.6 [255]
3/4 (19)	19.6 [280]	ESFR	2008	18.5 [265]	20.6 [295]
3/4 (19)	19.6 [280]	Control	2000	18.6 [265]	20.6 [295]

<i>Nominal Orifice Size inches (mm)</i>	<i>Nominal “K” Factor gal/min/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Mode or Designation</i>	<i>Reference Standard</i>	<i>Minimum “K” Factor gpm/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Maximum “K” Factor gpm/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(kPa)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>
3/4 (19)	22.4 [325]	ESFR	2008	21.3 [305]	23.5 [340]
3/4 (19)	25.2 [365]	Control	2000	23.9 [345]	26.5 [380]
3/4 (19)	25.2 [365]	ESFR	2008	23.9 [345]	26.5 [380]
3/4 (19)	28.0 [405]	Control	2000	26.6 [385]	29.4 [425]

#### 4.8.2. Tests/Verification

One sample of each orifice size shall be subjected to discharge coefficient (K-factor) testing. The sample shall be installed in the configuration shown in Figure C-1. The device shall be subjected to internal pressure values from 25 psi to 175 psi (175 to 1205 kPa) in increments of 10 psi (70 kPa). The flow shall be taken at each pressure increment, and the k-factor for each flow and pressure value shall be determined using the following equation:

$$K = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{P}}$$

Where  $Q$  = flow rate [gal/min (L/min)] and  $P$  = pressure [psi (bar)].

The discharge coefficient testing may not yield and “K” factors out size the allowable minimum and maximum values specified in Section 4.8.1.

#### 4.9 Additional Tests

Additional tests may be required, depending on design features, results of any tests, material application, or to verify the integrity and reliability of the couplings or fittings, at the discretion of FM Approvals.

Unexplainable failures shall not be permitted. A re-test shall only be acceptable at the discretion of FM Approvals and with adequate technical justification of the conditions and reasons for failure.

## 5. OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

A quality control program shall be required to assure that subsequent sprinkler system alarm test devices produced by the manufacturer at an authorized location, shall demonstrate the same quality and reliability as the specific sprinkler system alarm test devices examined. Design quality, conformance to design, and performance are the areas of primary concern. Design quality is determined during the Approval examination and tests, and is covered in the Approval Report. Conformance to design is verified by control of quality and is covered in the Facilities and Procedures Audit (F&PA). Quality of performance is determined by field performances and by periodic re-examination and testing.

### 5.1 Demonstrated Quality Control Program

5.1.1 The manufacturer shall demonstrate a quality assurance program which specifies controls for at least the following areas:

- Existence of corporate quality assurance guidelines;
- Incoming quality assurance, including testing;
- In-process quality assurance, including testing;
- Final inspection and tests;
- Equipment calibration;
- Drawing and change control;
- Packaging and shipping;
- Handling and disposition of discrepant materials.
- In order to assure adequate traceability of materials and products, the manufacturer shall maintain records of all quality control tests performed, and their results, for a minimum period of two years from the date of manufacture of the sprinkler system alarm test device.

5.1.2 Documentation/Manual

There shall be an authoritative collection of procedures and policies. It shall provide an accurate description of the quality management system while serving as a permanent reference for implementation and maintenance of that system. The system shall require that sufficient records are maintained to demonstrate achievement of the required quality and verify operation of the quality system.

5.1.3 Drawing and Change Control

The manufacturer shall establish a system of product configuration control that shall not allow unauthorized changes to the product. Revisions to critical documents, identified in the Approval Report, must be reported to, and authorized by, FM Approvals prior to implementation for production. The manufacturer shall assign an appropriate person or group to be responsible for reporting proposed revisions to FM Approved products to FM Approvals before implementation. In situations involving significant modifications to an Approved product, the notification shall be in the form of a formal request for an Approval examination. For modifications of a more common nature, the manufacturer shall provide notification to FM Approvals by means of FM Approvals Form 797, *FM Approved Product/Specification-Tested Revision Request Form*. Records of all revisions to all FM Approved products shall be maintained.

- 5.1.3.1 The table below has been included as a guide to manufacturers of what is considered to be a significant change to FM Approvals. The table is not all-inclusive. As mentioned above, modifications that fit this category should be documented by means of a letter stating the change, and requesting a quotation for an Approval examination.

<b><i>Modification</i></b>	<b><i>Description/Example</i></b>
Increase of Pressure Rating	The product was originally FM Approved for 175 psi (1205 kPa), and now is to be evaluated to 300 psi (2070 kPa).
Increase of Allowed Usage	The product was FM Approved for indoor locations only, and now is to be evaluated for use in outdoor service.
Addition of Product Sizes	The product was originally FM Approved for 1 – 1-1/4 inch NPS, and now Approval of 1-1/2 and 2 inch NPS is desired.
Additional or Relocation of the Manufacturing Location	The product was originally FM Approved as manufactured in location A, and now is desired to be made in locations A and B, or only in location B.
Addition of Alternate Suppliers for Purchased Items	Encapsulated Discs, Valve Bodies
Major Changes to Critical Dimensions, or Components	Modifications that would depart from the national or international standards that are used in the manufacturing of the product as originally FM Approved.
	Modifications that effect the Valve such as: A reduction of body wall thickness in the pressure retaining areas, change in disc sealing arrangement (i.e. revision of the disc edge profile), significant changes in the ball or disc diameter, disc thickness, change in stem to disc connection, material changes to valve body, valve stem, disc or ball, etc.

- 5.1.3.2 The listing below has been included as a guide to manufacturers of modifications that are commonly submitted on FM Approvals Form 797.

<b><i>Modification</i></b>	<b><i>Description / Example</i></b>
Change in Company Contact Information:	Company Name, Company Contact and Title, Phone Number, Fax Number, Email Address, Company Office Address
Updating of Drawings:	The Form 797 is used to notify FM Approvals in the event of: minor dimensional changes to non-critical features, minor changes in notes, location of title block, re-creation of the same drawing on CAD, etc.
Changes in Markings:	Please describe what changes are to be made and include a drawing of the proposed marking.
Changes in Materials:	Where new material is either superior, or comparable to material used in original Approval
Updating of Documentation:	Creation of New or Revisions to Sales literature, Installation Instructions, Grooving Dimensions, Quality Manual, etc.

- 5.1.3.3 In instances where the modification is difficult to categorize, manufacturers are encouraged to contact FM Approvals to discuss the nature of the change, and to inquire about how to send the information to FM Approvals. The examples shown in Sections 5.1.3.1 and 5.1.3.2 are based on common examples of modifications as they relate to the manufacture of grooved end couplings and other pipe fittings.

## 5.2 Facilities and Procedures Audit (F&PA)

- 5.2.1 An audit of the manufacturing facility is part of the Approval investigation to verify implementation of the quality control program. Its purpose is to ensure that the manufacturer's equipment, procedures, and quality program are maintained to produce a consistently uniform and reliable product. Initial inspections of facilities already producing similar products may be waived at the discretion of FM Approvals.
- 5.2.2 These audits shall be conducted periodically but at least annually by FM Approvals or its representatives or more frequently depending on jurisdictional requirements. At issue of this standard the Occupational and Safety Health Administration (OSHA) of the United States Department of Labor requires audits of manufacturing sites producing products for use in hazardous locations during each quarter the product is manufactured.
- 5.2.3 The client shall manufacture the FM Approved product or service only at the location(s) audited by FM Approvals and as specified in the Approval Report. Manufacture of products bearing the FM Approvals Certification Mark is not permitted at any other locations without prior written authorization by FM Approvals.
- 5.2.4 In the event that all or part of the quality inspection is subcontracted, the manufacturer shall provide FM Approvals with documentation outlining the nature of the inspection, frequency, test details, and pass / fail criteria that was provided to the subcontracted company, and documentation that they have received and implemented these procedures.

## 5.3 Manufacturer's Responsibilities

The manufacturer shall notify FM Approvals of proposed changes in product construction, design, components, raw materials, physical characteristics, coatings, component formulation or quality assurance procedures prior to implementation of such changes.

## 5.4 Manufacturing and Production Tests

### 5.4.1 Test Requirement No. 1 - *Seat Leakage*

The manufacturer shall test 100 percent of production sprinkler system alarm testers for seat leakage at the rated working pressure. The test pressure shall be applied on the seat of a closed valve for a minimum of 15 seconds with no leakage allowed.

Following the seat leakage test, all sprinkler system alarm testers shall be opened through their full range with no evidence of sticking or binding.

### 5.4.2 Test Requirement No. 2 - *Body Leakage*

The manufacturer shall test 100 percent of production valves for body leakage to twice the rated working pressure. The pressure shall be held for a minimum of 30 seconds with no evidence of body leakage or distortion.

## APPENDIX A: Units of Measurement

<b>FLOW:</b>	gal/min - "gallons per minute"; (L/min - "liters per minute") L/min = gal/min x 3.7854
<b>FORCE:</b>	lb - "pounds"; (N - "Newtons") N = lb x 4.4482
<b>DISCHARGE COEFFICIENT (K-FACTOR):</b>	gal/min/(psi) <sup>1/2</sup> - "gallons per minute per square root of pounds per square inch" (L/min/(bar) <sup>1/2</sup> - "liters per minute per square root of bar") L/min/(bar) <sup>1/2</sup> = gal/min/(psi) <sup>1/2</sup> x 14.414
<b>LENGTH:</b>	in. - "inches"; (mm - "millimeters") mm = in. x 25.4  ft - "feet"; (m - "meters") m = ft x 0.3048
<b>PRESSURE:</b>	psi - "pounds per square inch"; (kPa - "kilopascals") kPa = psi x 6.895  bar - "bar"; (kPa - "kilopascals") bar = kPa x 0.01 bar = psi x 0.06895
<b>VELOCITY:</b>	ft/s - "feet per second"; (m/s - "meters/second") m/s = ft/s x 0.3048
<b>VOLUME:</b>	gal - "gallons"; (L - "liter") L = gal x 3.785  L - "liter"; (dm <sup>3</sup> - "cubic decimeters") L = 1 dm <sup>3</sup>

## APPENDIX B: FM Approvals Certification Marks

FM Approvals certifications marks are to be used only in conjunction with products or services that have been FM Approved by FM Approvals and in adherence with usage guidelines.



**FM APPROVED mark:**

Authorized by FM Approvals as a certification mark for any product that has been FM Approved. There is no minimum size requirement for the mark, but it must be large enough to be readily identifiable. The mark should be produced in black on a light background, or in reverse on a dark background.



**FM APPROVED mark with "C" only:**

Authorized by FM Approvals as a certification mark for any product that has been evaluated by FM Approvals in accordance with Canadian codes and standards. There is no minimum size requirement for the mark, but it must be large enough to be readily identifiable. The mark should be produced in black on a light background, or in reverse on a dark background.



**FM APPROVED mark with "C" and "US":**

Authorized by FM Approvals as a certification mark for any product that has been evaluated by FM Approvals in accordance with US and Canadian codes and standards. There is no minimum size requirement for the mark, but it must be large enough to be readily identifiable. The mark should be produced in black on a light background, or in reverse on a dark background.



**Cast-On FM APPROVALS marks:**

Where reproduction of the FM APPROVED mark described above is impossible because of production restrictions, use these modified versions of the FM APPROVED mark. There is no minimum size requirement for the mark, but it must be large enough to be readily identifiable.

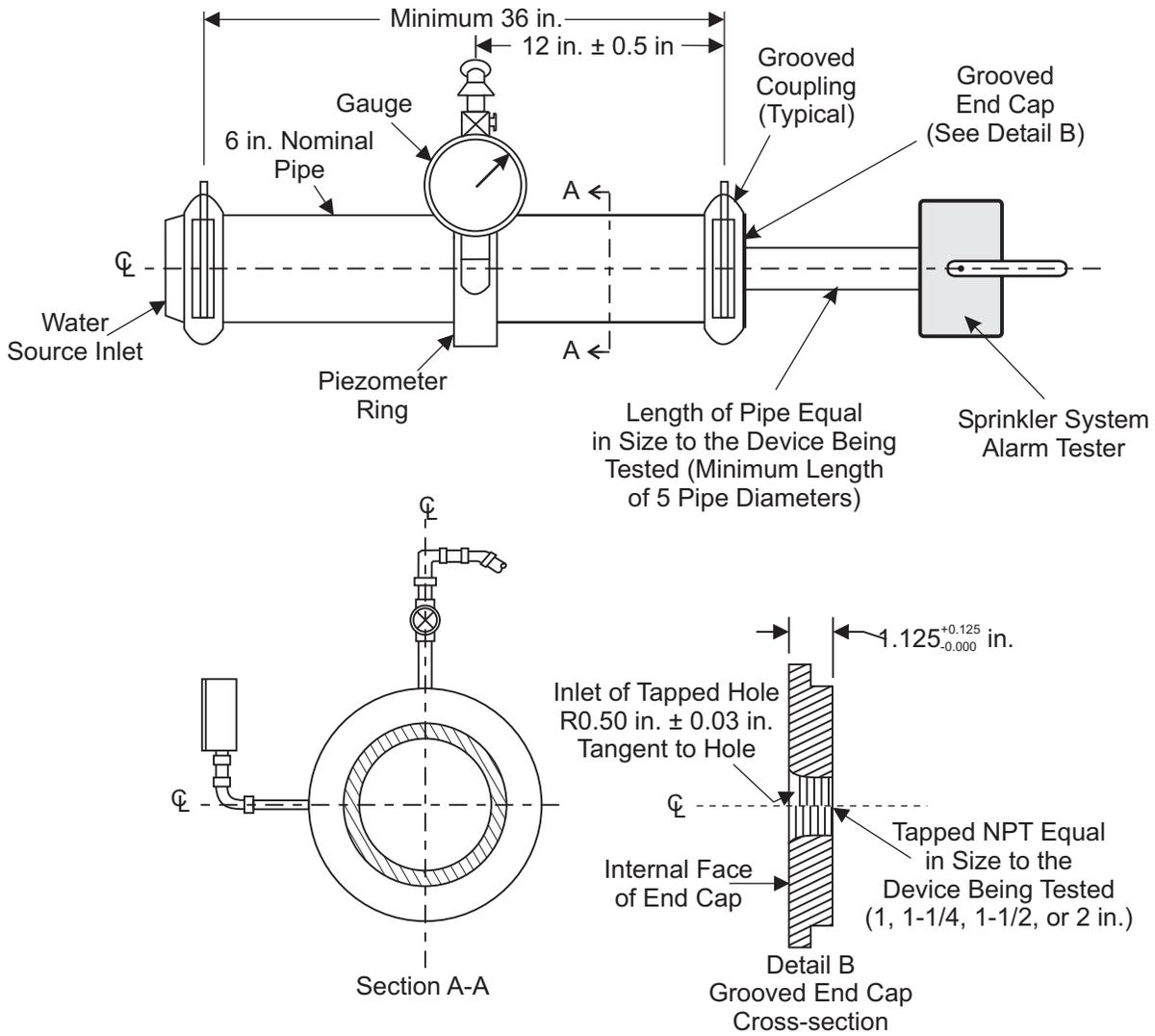
*Downloadable art and other FM Approvals resources are available by visiting our Web site at [www.fmapprovals.com](http://www.fmapprovals.com)*

## FM Approvals Certification Marks

### Usage Guidelines

- All FM Approvals certification marks are the sole property of FM Approvals LLC (“FM Approvals”) and are registered or the subject of applications for registration in the United States and many other countries. They are for use only according to these guidelines.
- FM Approvals certification marks may be used only on FM Approved products and related product packaging, in advertising material, catalogs and news releases. Use of FM Approvals certification marks on such material is not a substitute for use of the complete FM Approvals certification mark on FM Approved products and/or product packaging.
- No FM Approvals certification mark or aspect thereof may be incorporated as part of a business name, Internet domain name, or brand name/trademark for products/product lines. This includes both design aspects (the FM Approvals “diamond,” etc.) and word aspects (“FM,” “Approved,” etc.). The use of any FM Approvals certification mark as a trademark is strictly prohibited.
- The Approval Standard number or class number may not be incorporated as part of a business name, Internet domain name, or brand name/trademark for products/product lines. For example, a company may not say “ABC Company’s 4100 Fire Door is FM Approved”; the proper terminology is, “ABC Company’s Fire Door is FM Approved per Approval Standard 4100.”
- FM Approvals certification marks, except for the FM Approvals Quality System Registration mark, may not be used on business stationery/cards/signage because this could mischaracterize the relationship with FM Approvals. Additionally, these items should not reference any FM Approvals certification mark.
- Products or services may not be marketed under any mark or name similar to “FM Global,” “FM Approvals” or any of the FM Approvals certification marks. Further, products or services may not be marketed to imply a relationship beyond the scope of any Approval made by FM Approvals.
- When an FM Approvals certification mark is used in advertising material or on product packaging, all material must reflect the specific circumstances under which the product was FM Approved. The material must clearly differentiate between products that are FM Approved and those that are not, and may not, in any way, imply a more substantial relationship with FM Approvals.
- A company may not reference the intent to submit a product for Approval or the expectation that a company will have a certain product FM Approved in the future. For example, a company may not state, “Approval by FM Approvals pending” or “Approval by FM Approvals applied for.”
- FM Approvals certification marks should not be preceded or followed by a qualifier that indicates a degree of certification or acceptability. For example, “exceeds,” “first” or “only” may not be used to qualify any FM Approvals certification mark.
- Only original artwork issued by FM Approvals should be used. The FM Approvals certification marks should not be altered in any way other than to resize the artwork proportionately. Unacceptable uses of the marks include, but are not limited to, adding/deleting wording or artwork, reducing the artwork to an illegible size, animation or distortion.
- The text of the FM Approvals certification marks may not be translated into any language other than English.
- FM Approvals certification marks must appear in a size and location that is readily identifiable, but less prominent than the name of the owner of the certification or the manufacturer/seller/distributor of the certified products.

APPENDIX C: Figure



Notes: All dimensions are nominal size unless otherwise indicated.  
 Radius on Inlet may be truncated on internal face.

Figure C-1. Test Apparatus for measuring Nominal Discharge Coefficient (K-Factor)

## APPENDIX D: Sample Listings

### SPRINKLER SYSTEM ALARM TESTERS

Each separate sprinkler system must be equipped with a separate waterflow alarm. In a high rise building, the system for each floor must be separately alarmed. Where pressure reducing valves are used, a dual alarm and drain piping arrangement is required. The alarm testers listed below combine test and drain valves, a waterflow sight glass, and a calibrated flow orifice in a single assembly to simplify the piping required for such arrangements.

**RJM Mfg Inc, 743 Reynolds Rd, Chepachet, RI 02814**

<i>Model Designation</i>	<i>Size, inches NPS</i>	<i>Nominal K-factor(s) gal/min/(psi)<sup>1/2</sup> [L/min/(bar)<sup>1/2</sup>]</i>	<i>Rated working pressure psi (kPa)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
RJM-1	1	2.8, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2 [40, 80, 115, 160]	175 (1205)	a, d
	1 1/4	2.8, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2 [40, 80, 115, 160]	175 (1205)	a, d
	1 1/2	2.8, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2 [40, 80, 115, 160]	175 (1205)	a, d
	2	2.8, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2 [40, 80, 115, 160]	175 (1205)	a, d
RJM-2	1	14.0, 16.8, 22.4, 25.2 [200, 240, 325, 365]	300 (2070)	a, b
	1 1/4	14.0, 16.8, 22.4, 25.2 [200, 240, 325, 365]	300 (2070)	a, b
	1 1/2	14.0, 16.8, 22.4, 25.2 [200, 240, 325, 365]	300 (2070)	a, b
	2	14.0, 16.8, 22.4, 25.2 [200, 240, 325, 365]	300 (2070)	a, b
RJM-3	2	2.8, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2, 14.0, 16.8, 22.4 and 25.2 [40, 80, 115, 160, 200, 240, 325 and 365]	175 (1205)	a, c, d
RJM-5	1	2.8, 4.2, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2, 14.0 [40, 60, 80, 115, 160, 200]	300 (2070)	a, b
	1 1/4	2.8, 4.2, 5.6, 8.0, 11.2, 14.0 [40, 60, 80, 115, 160, 200]	300 (2070)	a, b

Remarks:

- a. Devices supplied with female NPT threaded end connections.
- b. Devices supplied with grooved end connections.
- c. Devices supplied with FNPT end connections
- d. Devices supplied with BSP end connections

## APPENDIX E: Tolerance

Unless otherwise stated, the following tolerances shall apply:

*Angle:*  $\pm 2^\circ$

*Frequency (Hz):*  $\pm 5$  percent of value

*Length:*  $\pm 2$  percent of value

*Volume:*  $\pm 5$  percent of value

*Volume Per Unit Area:*  $\pm 5$  percent of value

*Pressure:* + 5 percent of value  
- 0 percent of value

*Temperature:*  $\pm 4^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2^\circ\text{C}$ )

*Time:* + 5/-0 seconds  
+0.1/-0 minutes

Unless stated otherwise, all tests shall be carried out at a room (ambient) temperature of  $68 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$  ( $20 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ ).



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