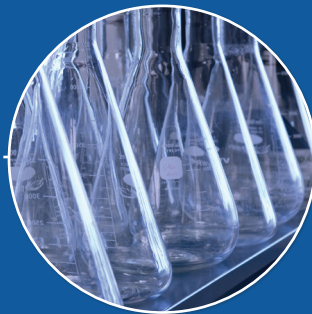




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time	second	s
	minute	min
	hour	h
	day	d
	week	wk
	month	mo
	year	yr
length	inch	in
	foot	ft
	yard	yd
	micrometer	µm
	nanometer	nm
	millimeter	mm
	centimeter	cm
	meter	m
	kilometer	km
liquid measure	milliliter	mL
	liter	L
	liters per day	LPD
	liters per minute	LPM
	ounce	oz
	pint	pt
	quart	qt
	gallon	gal
	gallons per minute	GPM
	gallons per day	GPD
weight	microgram	µg
	picogram	pg
	nanogram	ng
	milligram	mg
	centigram	cg
	gram	g
	kilogram	kg
	pound	lb
	ton	t
	metric ton	mt

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**Foreword<sup>2</sup>**

The purpose of this standard is to establish minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, fabrication, construction, and performance of special purpose food handling and processing equipment and devices not fully covered by other individual standards.

The requirements established in this standard are intended to be consistent with the Food Code, recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration.

This edition of the standard contains the following revisions:

**Issue 11**

This revision updates the normative reference language in Section [2](#).

**Issue 12**

This revision adds language regarding equipment mounting as Sections [5.17.6](#) and [5.17.7](#).

This standard was developed by the NSF Joint Committee on Food Equipment using the consensus process described by the American National Standards Institute.

This standard and the accompanying text are intended for voluntary use by certifying organizations, regulatory agencies, and/or manufacturers as a basis of providing assurances that adequate health protection exists for covered products.

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## 1 General

### 1.1 Purpose

This standard establishes minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, fabrication, construction, and performance of special purpose food handling and processing equipment and devices not fully covered by other individual standards.

### 1.2 Scope

Equipment covered by this standard includes, but is not limited to, specialty equipment items or devices that have special, complex, or multiple functions such as refrigeration heating equipment, and refrigerated tumblers equipment. These are applicable provisions and additional specific requirements or exceptions as might be needed for proper evaluation of devices or equipment for which individual standards do not exist.

The requirements of this standard shall apply to all specialty equipment items except when equipment components and materials are covered under other NSF or NSF/ANSI standards or criteria. Components and materials covered by other NSF or NSF/ANSI standards or criteria shall comply with the requirements of each relevant standard or criteria to which that particular equipment component or material applies. This standard is not intended to restrict new unit design, provided that such design meets the minimum specifications described herein.

### 1.3 Alternate materials, design and construction

While specific materials, design, and construction may be stipulated in this standard, equipment that incorporates alternate materials, design, or construction may be acceptable when such equipment meets the applicable requirements herein.

### 1.4 Measurement

Decimal and SI conversions provided parenthetically shall be considered equivalent. Metric conversions and significant figure rounding have been made according to IEEE/ASTM SI 10.<sup>3</sup>

## 2 Normative references

The following documents contain requirements that, by reference in this text, constitute requirements of this standard. At the time of publication, the indicated editions listed below were valid. All of the documents are subject to revision and parties are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the documents indicated below. The most recent published edition of the document shall be used for undated references.

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