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1. Scope

This Practice describes the requirements for the design, application, and extent of acoustic insulation on piping and equipment operating at high and low temperatures. Systems requiring additional insulation specifications beyond PIP Practices, such as *ISO 15665*, shall be covered by purchaser's documentation.

Listing of or reference to supporting documents within this Practice does not imply suitability for specific designs.

Comment: Use of this Practice for contractual purposes requires the purchaser to make specific choices and assemble additional supporting documents.

2. References

Applicable parts of the following Practices and industry codes and standards should be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award should be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles will be used herein where appropriate.

2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP INEG1000 - *Insulation Design Guide*
- PIP INTG1000 - *Insulation Inspection Checklist*
- PIP INSC1000 - *Cold Service Insulation Materials and Installation Specification*
- PIP INSH1000 - *Hot Service Insulation Materials and Installation Specification*

2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
 - ISO 15565 - *Acoustics - Acoustic Insulation for Pipes, Valves and Flanges*

3. Definitions

absorptive layer: Porous, resilient, low-density 48 to 128 kg/m³ (3 to 8 lb/ft³) material such as glass or mineral fiber applied to a sound-radiating surface to absorb sound

acoustic insulation: Insulation that attenuates acoustic energy radiating from surfaces by absorption and containment. Acoustic insulation can be used to reduce surface radiation from many different types of piping and equipment and to comply with regulatory requirements. Acoustic insulation is composed of a resilient sound-absorptive layer and an outer-barrier layer applied to noise-radiating surfaces.

Noise Reduction (NR): Difference in noise, also known as sound pressure level, at a given point before and after acoustic treatment, measured in dBA

outer barrier layer: Impermeable, dense material such as loaded vinyl, elastomer, or mastic installed over the absorptive layer to provide a sound barrier

transmission loss: Reduction in magnitude between the incident and transmitted sound for a given acoustic material