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## STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1000. Foreword.

##### 1010. Definition of a Sprinkler System.

1011. A sprinkler system, for fire protection purposes, may be defined in principle as a network of specially sized piping installed usually throughout a building generally at the ceilings and to which sprinkler heads (called in this Standard sprinklers) are connected and systematically spaced. The system is connected to a suitable water supply through a controlling valve and a device for sending an alarm when the system is in operation. The system is usually activated by heat from a fire to discharge water over a fire starting at any point.

##### 1020. Scope.

1021. This Standard is in general the minimum for the installation of sprinkler systems for fire protection in buildings housing one or more of the following or similar Light, Ordinary or Extra Hazard Occupancies, except where additional rules are amendatory to this standard for Extra Hazard Occupancies as covered by separate standards.

##### 1030. Other Pamphlets.

1031. Separately published standards referred to herein deal with fire pumps, tanks, and various other related features. A selected list of other publications related to the installation of sprinkler systems is published at the end of this Standard.

##### 1040. Maintenance.

1041. A sprinkler system installed under this Standard must be properly maintained for efficient service. The owner is responsible for the condition of his sprinkler system and must use due diligence in keeping the system in good operating condition.

1042. The installing contractor shall provide the owner with:

(a) Instruction charts describing operation and proper maintenance of sprinkler devices.

(b) Published pamphlet on Care and Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems. (NFPA No. 13A.)

### 1050. Impairments.

1051. Before shutting off a section of the fire service system to make sprinkler system connections, notify the authority having jurisdiction, plan the work carefully, and assemble all materials to enable completion in shortest possible time. Work started on connections should be rushed to completion without interruption, and protection restored as promptly as possible. During the impairment, provide emergency hose lines, additional fire pails and extinguishers, and maintain extra watch service in the areas affected.

1052. When changes involve shutting off water from any considerable number of sprinklers for more than a few hours, temporary water supply connections should be made to sprinkler systems so that reasonable protection can be maintained. In adding to old systems or revamping them, protection should be restored each night so far as possible. The members of the private fire brigade as well as public fire department should be notified as to conditions.

### 1100. Preparation of Building.

#### 1110. General.

1111. All needless ceiling sheathing, hollow siding, tops of high shelving, partitions or decks should be removed. Sheathing of paper and similar light flammable materials is particularly objectionable.

1112. Necessary "stops" to check draft, necessary new partitions, closets, decks, etc., should be put in place, or provided for, so that the sprinkler equipment may conform to same.

1113. Frequently, additional sprinkler equipment can be avoided by cutting down the width of decks or galleries and providing proper clearances. (See Paragraphs 4312, 4314 and 4317.) Slatting of decks and walkways as a substitute for automatic sprinklers thereunder is not considered good practice.

1114. Cutting holes through partitions, either solid or slatted, to allow sprinklers on one side thereof to distribute water to the other side is not effectual.

1115. Where wood cornices on masonry buildings face an exposure they should be replaced with a parapet, or the projecting woodwork should be cut away and metal flashing extended to cover the exposed edge of planking, or suitable sprinkler protection should be provided.

## 1120. Separation of Sprinklered and Nonsprinklered Areas.

1121. Complete sprinkler protection is desirable and recommended in all cases, but where buildings or portions of buildings of combustible construction, or containing combustible contents, are not equipped with sprinklers, standard cutoffs should be provided between the sprinklered and unsprinklered buildings or areas, with all openings protected in a standard manner and no sprinkler supply piping should be run in the unsprinklered areas. (See Standard for the Installation of Fire Doors and Windows, NFPA No. 80.)

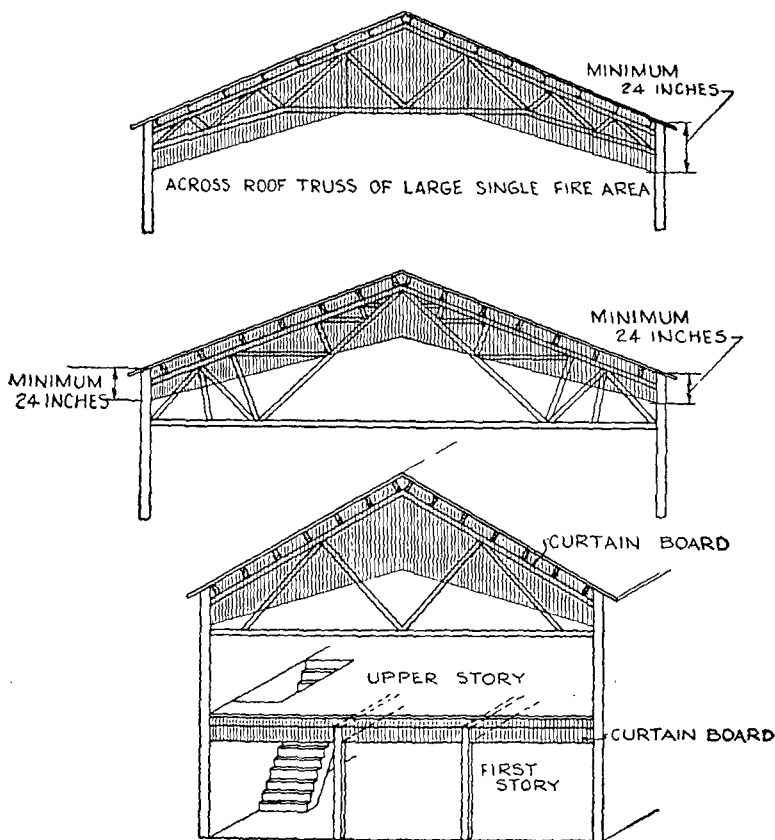


Fig. 1133-1. Curtain Boards for Subdivision of Large Areas.  
Preferably of noncombustible material such as flat sheet or corrugated metal.



### 1130. Vertical and Horizontal Drafts.

1131. Floor or wall openings tending to create vertical or horizontal drafts, or other structural conditions that would delay the prompt operation of automatic sprinklers by preventing the banking up of the heated air from the fire, should be properly "stopped" in order to permit control of fire at any point by local sprinklers.

1132. Where it is impractical to do otherwise, curtain boards extending down at least 3 inches below the deflectors of adjacent automatic sprinklers but not less than 12 inches deep preferably constructed of substantial noncombustible material may be provided.

1133. Where required by the authority having jurisdiction in buildings of large single area, substantial curtains preferably of noncombustible material extending down 24 inches or more below the ceiling shall be provided to separate sprinkler systems or subdivide areas. (See Figs. 1133-1 and 1133-2.)

### 1140. Floors.

1141. Flooring should preferably be made tight and waterproof.

1142. Some of the more common defects, assuming that the floor itself is tight, are cracks at side walls, openings around pipes or conduits, and small unprotected openings cut through floor for various purposes. These can be made tight by flashing, metal plates, etc. Such small openings that cannot be completely stopped off may be curbed to prevent water running through.

1143. Waterproofing of floors is highly desirable, especially if goods or machinery are of considerable value and susceptible to water damage. There are various methods of making floors reasonably watertight, depending on the type of construction.

1144. Scuppers or floor drains are also desirable in many types of buildings or occupancies. It is of importance to get any water off of floors as soon as possible after fire is extinguished and scuppers will facilitate doing this.

1145. The recommendation that floors should be made tight is important; first, to prevent easy spread of fire from one floor to another, and second, to prevent water from sprinklers or hose streams from running through floors and damaging property on floors below.

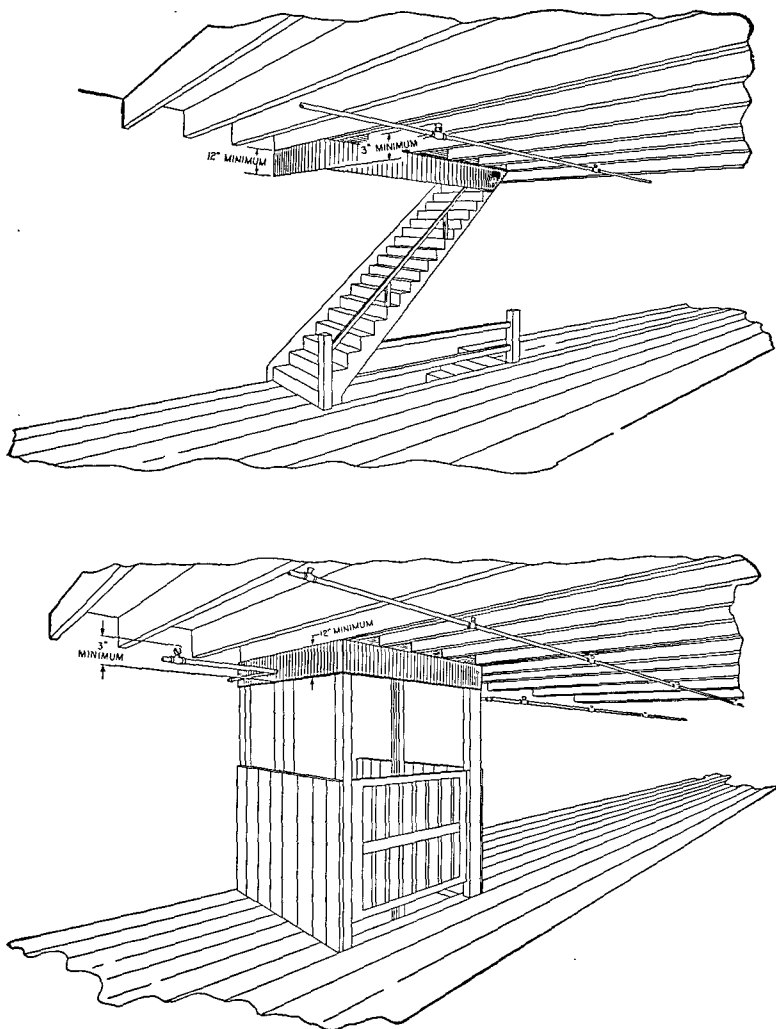


Fig. 1133-2. Curtain Boards around Open Stair and Elevator Shafts.  
Preferably of noncombustible material such as flat sheet or corrugated metal.

**1150. Accessory Construction.**

1151. Sprinkler equipments may require: Dry-pipe valve enclosures (see Section 5258); boxing to prevent freezing of tank risers, etc. (see Figure 3111); ladders; protection of yard hydrants, sprinkler risers and post indicators against mechanical damage, etc. This work should be promptly attended to if not let with the sprinkler contract.

**1160. Protection Against Exposure.**

1161. Exposure protection should be provided wherever conditions are such that a sprinklered building is exposed to fire from without. (See Chapter 6, Outside Sprinklers for Protection Against Exposure Fires.)

**1200. Classification of Sprinkler Systems.**

1201. This Standard covers automatic sprinkler systems of the types described below, also systems of outside sprinklers for protection against exposure fires covered specifically in Chapter 6. Manually operated deluge systems, used for certain special hazard conditions, are not specifically covered in this Standard but certain provisions of this Standard will be found applicable. The types of automatic sprinkler systems are listed in Sections 1210-1271, inclusive.

**1210. Wet-Pipe System.** (See Section 5100.)

**1220. Dry-Pipe System.** (See Section 5200.)

**1230. Pre-action System.** (See Section 5300.)

**1240. Deluge System.** (See Section 5300.)

**1250. Combined Dry-Pipe and Pre-action System.** (See Section 5400.)

**1260. Limited Water Supply System.** (See Section 5600.)

**1270. Sprinkler Systems — Special Types.**

1271. Sprinkler systems employing limited water supplies, reduced pipe sizes and other departures from the requirements for standard systems contemplated by these rules shall not be classified as standard sprinkler systems. Systems of this type may include those pressurized with air or nitrogen. The authority having jurisdiction may recognize the degree of protection afforded by special types of sprinkler systems.

## 1300. Classification of Occupancies.

### 1310. Light Hazard Occupancies.

1311. LIGHT HAZARD OCCUPANCIES include buildings housing occupancies such as

Apartments	Libraries, except Large Stack Room Areas
Asylums	Museums
Churches	Nursing, Convalescent and Care Homes
Clubs	Office Buildings
Colleges and Universities	Prisons
Dormitories	Public Buildings
Dwellings	Rooming Houses
Hospitals	Schools
Hotels	Tenements
Institutions	

1312. The rules for installation of sprinkler systems in Light Hazard Occupancies shall apply to all portions of the occupancies listed above or similar light hazard occupancies, except that in certain sections of the above occupancies such as attics, basements, kitchens, laundries, storage areas, and work rooms, ordinary hazard spacing with light hazard pipe sizing and water supplies shall be required. Finished rooms that may be located in attics or basements such as living quarters, bars, lounges, etc., may be treated as Light Hazard Occupancy.

1313. The rules for installation of sprinkler systems in Light Hazard Occupancies may also apply in small stores and similar occupancies incidental to the properties listed above, provided such occupancies do not individually exceed 3,000 square feet in floor area in any one store in any floor and provided floor openings are properly protected.

1314. It is important that sprinkler systems designed for Light Hazard Occupancies shall not be installed in any building, the occupancy of which is likely to be changed subsequently to a classification not so listed.

**1320. Ordinary Hazard Occupancies.**

1321. ORDINARY HAZARD OCCUPANCIES include buildings, housing occupancies such as

Abrasive Works	Laundries
Automobile Garages, Sales and Service	Leather Goods Manufacturing
	Libraries, Large Stack Room Areas
Bakeries	Lithographing
Beverage Manufacturing	
Bleacheries	Macaroni Factories
Boiler Houses	Machine Shops
Bottling Works	Meat Packing and Curing
Breweries	Mercantiles
Brick Tile and Clay Products	Metal Working
	Millinery Manufacturing
Canneries	Mining Properties
Cement Plants	
Cereal Mills	Paper and Pulp Mills
Chemical Works — Low Hazard	Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
Chemical Works — Ordinary Hazard	Piers and Wharves
Clothing Factories	Power Plants
Cold Storage Warehouses	Printing and Publishing
Confectionery Products Manufacturing	
Cotton and Woolen Mills	Restaurants
	Rope, Cordage and Twine Factories
Dairy Products Mfg. & Processing	Shoe Factories
Distilleries	Slaughterhouses
Dry Cleaning	Smelters
Dyeing and Print Works	Steel Mills
	Sugar Refining
Electric Generating Stations	
	Tanneries
Feed Mills	Textile Knitting and Weaving Mills
Flour Mills	Theatres and Auditoriums
Foundries	Tire Manufacturing
Fur Processing	Tobacco Products Manufacturing
Glass and Glass Products Factories	Warehouses and Storage Buildings
Grain Elevators, Tanks and Warehouses	General
	Household Furniture
Ice Manufacturing	Tobacco
	Watch and Jewelry Manufacturing
	Waterworks and Pumping Stations
	Wineries

1322. Where hazards in those buildings or portions of buildings of the above occupancies are severe as determined by the authority having jurisdiction, extra hazard rules shall apply.

### 1330. Extra Hazard Occupancies.

1331. EXTRA HAZARD OCCUPANCIES include only those buildings or portions of buildings housing occupancies where the hazard is severe as determined by the authority having jurisdiction. These include occupancies such as

- Aircraft Hangars

- Chemical Works — Extra Hazard

- Cotton Picker and Opening Operations

- Explosives and Pyrotechnics Manufacturing

- Linoleum and Oilcloth Manufacturing

- Linseed Oil Mills

- Oil Refineries

- Paint Shops

- Pyroxylin Plastic Manufacturing and Processing

- Shade Cloth Manufacturing

- Solvent Extracting

- Varnish Works

- and other occupancies involving processing, mixing, storage and dispensing of volatile flammable liquids

1332. Where severe hazards are not otherwise adequately protected, the authority having jurisdiction should be consulted for special rulings regarding water supplies, types of equipment, supplementary systems if required, pipe sizes, types of sprinklers, and sprinkler spacing.

### 1400. Design and Installation.

#### 1410. Devices and Materials.

1411. The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted as to approved devices and materials.

1412. Normally, only new materials and devices shall be employed in the installation of sprinkler systems. Second-hand sprinklers shall not be used. When special conditions warrant, listed devices such as alarm valves, retarding chambers, circuit closers, water motor alarm devices, dry pipe valves, and quick opening devices, etc., may be re-used, but if re-used they should be reconditioned by the original manufacturer. On request of the authority having jurisdiction, the original manufacturer shall furnish a certificate, stating that such specified devices have been reconditioned and tested and are considered satisfactory for re-use.

1413. For the installation of fire pumps, gravity and pressure tanks, valves and other related devices, see separately published pamphlets listed at the end of this Standard.

### 1420. Workmanship.

1421. Sprinkler system layout and installation should be entrusted to none but fully experienced and responsible parties. Sprinkler system installation is a trade in itself. Inspectors cannot be expected to act as working superintendents or correct errors.

### 1430. Preliminary Plans.

1431. Before an equipment is installed or remodeled, in order to avoid error or subsequent misunderstanding, preliminary layouts shall be submitted for approval to the authority having jurisdiction. Any material deviation from approved plans will require special permission. Preliminary layouts should show:

Name of owner and occupant.

Location, including street address.

Point of compass.

Construction and Occupancy of each building.

NOTE: Data on special hazards should be submitted as they may require special rulings.

Building height in feet.

If it is proposed to use a city main as a supply, sketch should show whether the main is dead-end or circulating, size of the main and pressure in pounds; and if dead-end, distance to nearest circulating main.

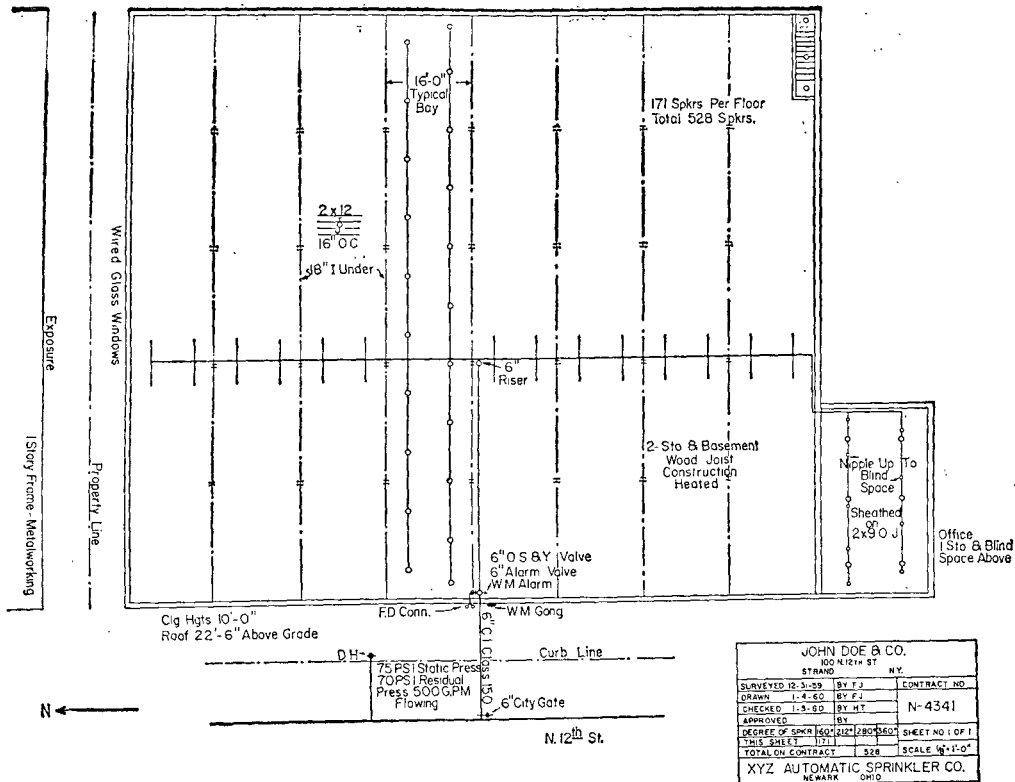
Distance from nearest pumping station or reservoir should also be indicated.

A test of the city main in the vicinity of building should be conducted by the contractor. The preliminary plan should specify the location of the hydrants where flow was taken and where static and residual pressure readings were recorded, the size of mains supplying these hydrants, and the result of the test, giving size and number of open hydrant butts flowed; also data covering minimum pressure in connection with city main should be included. (Also see Section 2220.)

Data covering waterworks systems in small towns would expedite the review of plans.

Fire walls, fire doors, unprotected window openings. Large unprotected floor openings, blind spaces.

Fig. 1430. Typical Preliminary Plan.





Distance to and construction and occupancy of exposing buildings — *e.g.*, lumber yards, brick mercantiles, fire-resistive office buildings, etc.

Spacing of Sprinklers. Number of sprinklers in each story or fire area and total number of sprinklers. Number of sprinklers on each riser and total per floor. Total number of sprinklers on each dry pipe system or pre-action or deluge system. If extension to present equipment, number of sprinklers on riser per floor, and if dry-pipe system total number of sprinklers already installed.

Capacities of dry pipe systems should be indicated, with the bulk pipe included. Such capacity may be expressed either in gallons or equivalent number of sprinklers (as 200 actual sprinklers plus 100 sprinklers bulk run equivalent). See Table 5232. If an extension is made to an existing dry pipe system, indicate the total capacity of the existing and also extended portion of the system.

Weight or class and size of any proposed underground pipe.

Indicate if property is located in a flood area requiring consideration in the design of sprinkler system.

Name and address of party submitting the layout.

#### 1440. Working Plans.

1441. Before an equipment is installed or remodeled, complete working plans shall be submitted for approval to the authority having jurisdiction. Any material deviation from approved plans will require special permission.

1442. Submission of working plans for approval before starting installation will avoid subsequent expensive changes, and give owners and contractors the benefit of the latest fire protection engineering experience.

1443. Working plans should be drawn to an indicated scale, on sheets of uniform size, with plan of each floor, made so that they can be easily duplicated, and show the following data:

Name of owner and occupant.

Location, including street address.

Point of compass.

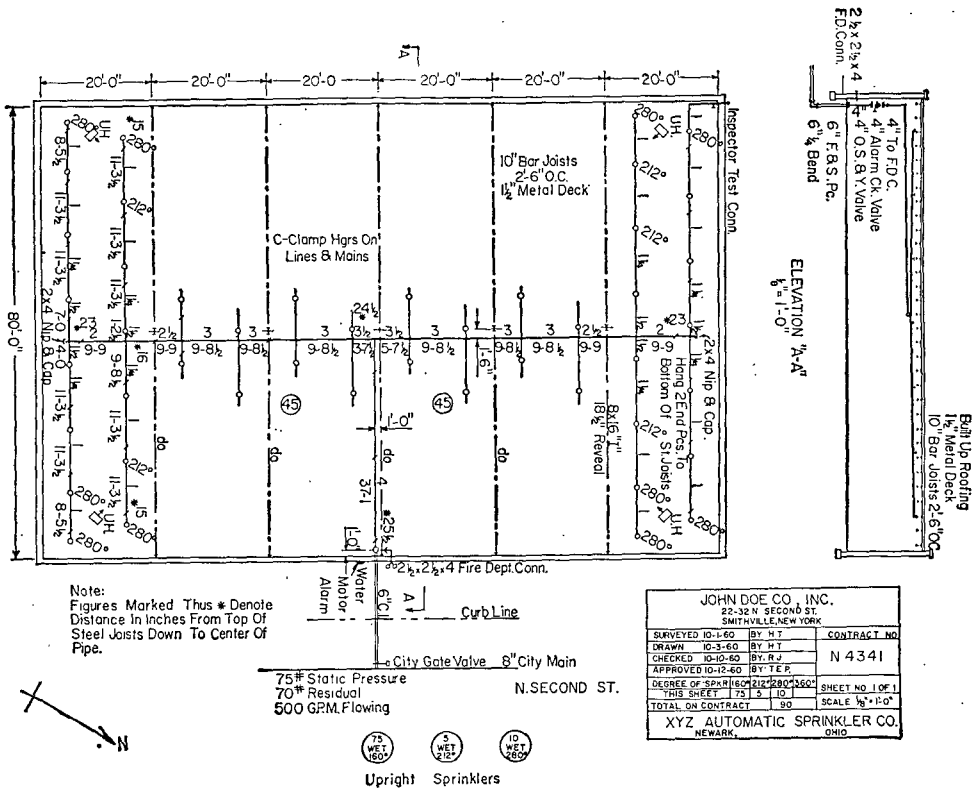
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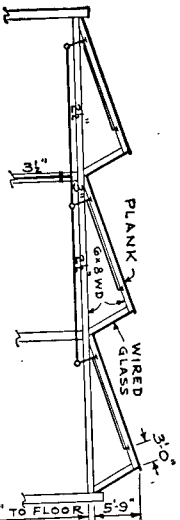
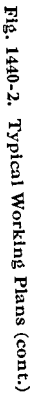
Location of fire walls.

Location of partitions.

Location and size of blind spaces, closets, benches, tables, desks, etc. See Section 1110, and Paragraphs 4303-4326 inclusive, except Paragraphs 4306 and 4307.

Indicate on plans any questionable small enclosures in which no sprinklers are to be installed.

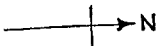




SECTION B-B

1" INSP. TEST & 1" GLOBE VALVE

### SECOND FLOOR OR ROOF PLAN



NOTE-FIGURES MARKED THUS \*  
DENOTE DISTANCE DOWN IN  
INCHES FROM CEILING OR  
BOTTOM OF TRUSS TO CENTER  
OF PIPE.

JOHN DOE CO.	
22-32 N. SECOND ST.-SMITHVILL, N.Y.	
SURVED 1-4-60 BY: R. J.	CONTRACT NO.
DRAWN 1-6-60 BY: R. J.	N-4341
CHECKED 1-6-60 BY: H. J.	
APPROVED 1-8-60 BY: T. E. P.	
DRAWN OF 1/2" = 1' 0"	SHEET NO. 1 OF 2
TOTAL ON CONTRACT 150	SCALE 6" = 1' 0"
X-Y-Z AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO.	
NEWARK OHIO	

Size of city main in street, pressure and whether dead-end or circulating., and if dead-end, distance to circulating main; city main test results. See Section 2220.

Other sources of water supply, with pressure or elevation.

Make and type of sprinkler.

Temperature rating and location of high test sprinklers.

Number of sprinklers on each riser and total per floor.

Make, type, model and size of alarm or dry-pipe valve.

Make, type, model and size of pre-action or deluge valve.

Kind and location of alarm bells.

Total number of sprinklers on each dry-pipe system or pre-action or deluge system.

Approximate capacity in gallons of each dry-pipe system.

Cutting lengths of pipe.

NOTE: Where typical branch lines prevail, it will be necessary to size one line only.

Crosses, riser nipples and size.

Type of hangers, inserts and sleeves.

All control gates, checks, drain pipes and test pipes.

Small hand hose and hose equipment.

Where plans include underground pipe the weight or class and size of pipe, the type of valves, valve pits, and the depth that the top of the pipe is to be laid below grade should be given.

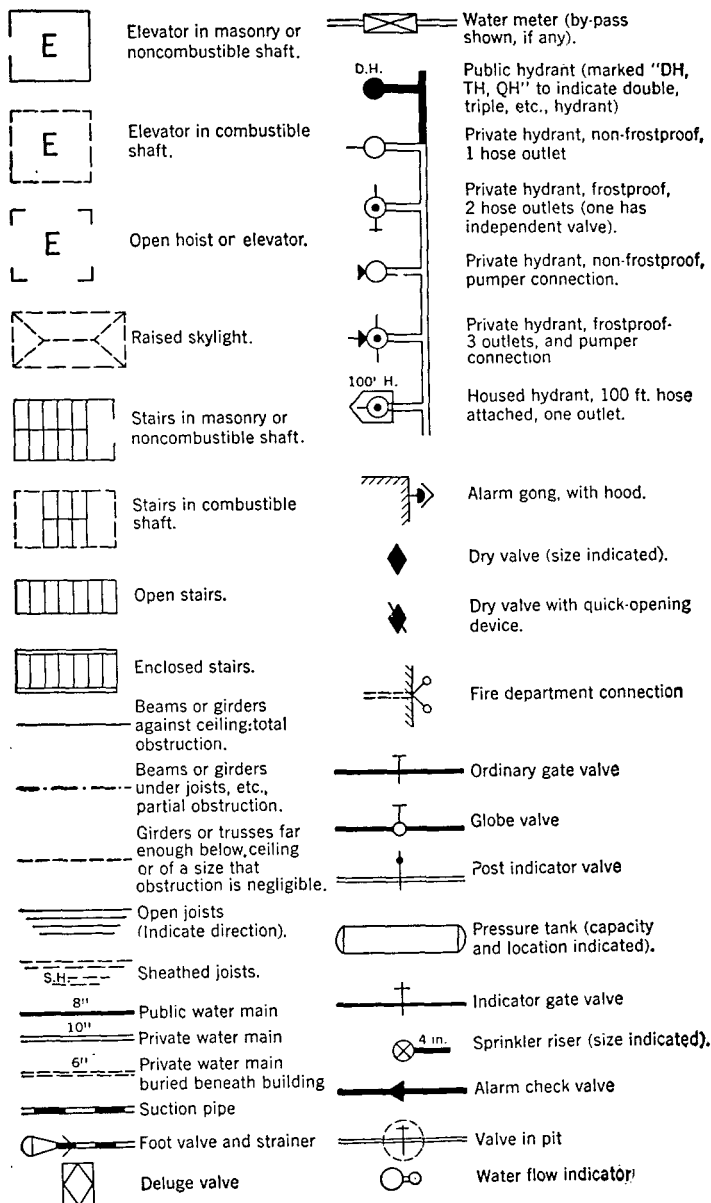
Provision for flushing. See Paragraph 3064.

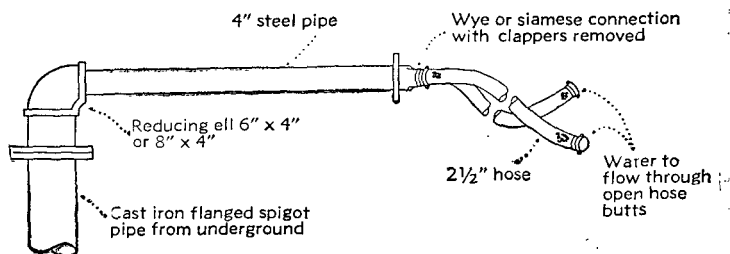
When the equipment to be installed is an addition to an old group of sprinklers without additional feed from the yard system, enough of the old system should be indicated on the plans to show the total number of sprinklers to be supplied and to make all conditions clear.

Name and address of contractor.

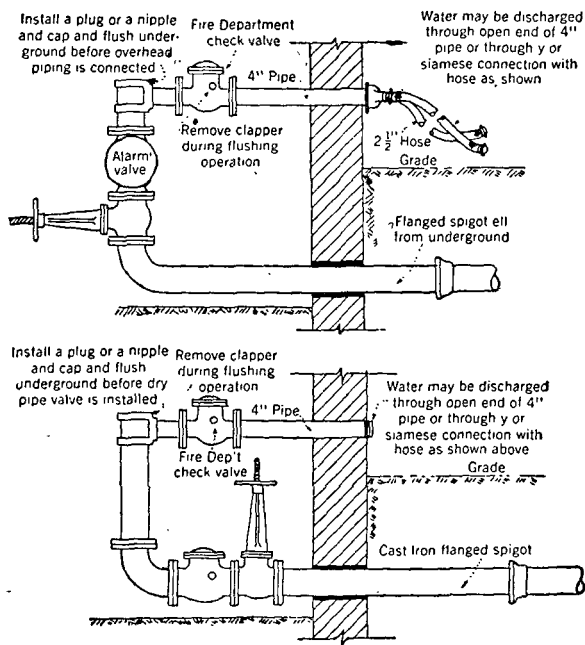
## **1450. Standard Plan Symbols.**

1451. The Standard Plan Symbols are as follows:





Employing horizontal run of 4-inch pipe and reducing fitting near base of riser.



Employing fire department connections.

Fig. 1621. Methods of Flushing Water Supply Connections.

## 1460. Sprinkler Systems in Buildings Subject to Flood.

1461. Where sprinklers are installed in buildings subject to recurring floods, special attention shall be given (1) to the ar-

range of piping and location of valves so that valves will be accessible during high water, (2) to the location of alarm devices and equipment so as to keep as much of the equipment as possible operable during high water, and (3) to the location and protection of pumps and air compressors and their power supply so as to provide every reasonable safeguard against interruption.

## **1500. Approval of Sprinkler Systems.**

### **1510. Request for Inspection.**

1511. Before asking final approval of an automatic sprinkler equipment by the authority having jurisdiction the installing company should furnish a written statement to the effect that the work covered by its contract has been completed and tested in accordance with the approved specifications and plans. (See Section 1700.)

## **1600. Acceptance Tests.**

### **1610. Conduct of Tests.**

1611. All tests should be made by contractor in presence of inspector of the authority having jurisdiction. When inspector is not available and permission is granted by the authority having jurisdiction, tests may be witnessed by owner or his representative and test certificate signed by same.

### **1620. Flushing of Underground Connections.**

1621. Underground mains to inside sprinklers shall be flushed out thoroughly before connecting the sprinkler riser. A flow sufficient to produce water velocities of 5 to 6 feet per second is needed to move the larger obstructing materials from underground piping. The following flows in gallons per minute will be needed: 6-inch pipe, 750 gallons per minute; 8-inch pipe, 1,000 gallons per minute; 10-inch pipe, 1,500 gallons per minute; 12-inch pipe, 2,000 gallons per minute. Where the supply will not produce the stipulated flow rate, at least the maximum flow available should be obtained by employing adequate discharge means. (See Fig. 1621.)

### **1630. Hydrostatic Tests.**

1631. TEST PRESSURE. All new systems including yard piping shall be tested hydrostatically at not less than 200 pounds per square inch pressure for two hours, or at 50 pounds per square inch in excess of the maximum static pressure when the maximum static pressure is in excess of 150 pounds.

1632. MEASUREMENT OF LEAKAGE. The amount of leakage in underground piping should be measured at the specified test pressure by pumping from a calibrated container.

1633. AMOUNT OF LEAKAGE. Leakage should not exceed the following:

Pipe Size, inches.....	6	8	10	12	16	20
Leakage, quarts per 10 joints per hour.....	2½	3¼	4	5	6½	9½

1634. FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION. Piping between the check valve in the fire department inlet pipe and the outside connection should be tested the same as the balance of the system.

1635. CORROSIVE CHEMICALS. Brine or other corrosive chemicals shall not be used for testing systems.

1636. To prevent the possibility of serious water damage in case of a break, pressure should be maintained by a small pump, the main controlling gate meanwhile being kept shut.

1637. TEST GASKET. In testing extensions to old systems a special type of self-indicating blank shall be used whenever a blank gasket has to be used for testing purposes. This testing blank shall have lugs painted red protruding beyond the flange in such a way as to clearly indicate its presence. Sprinkler installing companies shall have all blank gaskets numbered so as to keep track of their use and assure their return after the work is completed.

## 1640. Tests of Dry-Pipe Systems.

1641. HYDROSTATIC TEST. New dry-pipe systems shall be tested hydrostatically as specified in Paragraph 1631, except that at seasons of the year which will not permit testing with water they shall be tested for two hours with at least 50 lbs. per sq. in. air pressure. The clapper of a differential-type dry-pipe valve shall be held off its seat during any test at a pressure in excess of 50 lbs. per sq. in., to prevent injuring the valve.

1642. AIR TEST. In dry-pipe systems an air pressure of 40 lbs. per sq. in. shall be pumped up, allowed to stand 24 hours, and all leaks which allow a loss of pressure of over 1½ pounds for the 24 hours shall be stopped.

1643. OPERATING TEST OF DRY-PIPE VALVE. A working test of the dry-pipe valve and quick opening device, if installed, should be made before acceptance.



**1650. Tests of Drainage Facilities.**

1651. Tests of drainage facilities shall be made by opening the main drain valve while the control valve is wide open.

**1700. Sprinkler Contractor's Certificate Covering Materials and Tests.**

*(This form, properly executed, should be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction when requesting inspection and approval of the completed sprinkler equipment. Sprinkler contractor shall conduct all required tests in the presence of property or plant owner or representative designated by owner.)*

To .....  
(Name of Approving Body)

.....  
(Street Address) (City) (State)

.....  
(Name of Plant or Property Owner)

Location: .....  
(Street Address) (City) (State)

Name of Contractor: .....

**SPRINKLER PLANS:**

Submitted for acceptance? Yes..... No.....

Accepted by .....  
(Organization) (Date)

**SPRINKLERS:**

Buildings equipped .....

No. of sprinklers (total)..... Make.....

Type ..... Year .....

Are high-temperature sprinklers installed near unit heaters and over hot processes? Yes..... No.....

**SPRINKLER ALARMS:**

What buildings are equipped? .....

Number of alarm check valves..... Flow indicators .....

Give maximum time to operate through 1-inch system test valve  
Min..... Sec.....

All alarms left in service? Yes..... No.....

**DRY PIPE OR DELUGE VALVES:**

What areas or buildings are controlled? .....

Number installed..... Make and model.....

How many quick opening devices provided? .....

Were approved trimmings provided, including gauges, auxiliary drains, alarms, etc? Yes..... No.....

Report of Test WITHOUT Quick Opening Device

Air pressure.....lbs.                      Water pressure.....lbs.  
 Dry valve tripped at.....lbs. in..... Minutes.....Seconds  
 Water at 1-inch system test valve..... Minutes.....Seconds  
 Report of Test WITH Quick Opening Device  
 Air pressure.....lbs.                      Water pressure.....lbs.  
 Dry valve tripped at.....lbs. in..... Minutes.....Seconds  
 Water at 1-inch system test valve..... Minutes.....Seconds  
 Deluge system supervised? Yes..... No.....  
     Operation: Pneumatic..... Hydraulic..... Electric.....  
 Has an accessible thermostat been provided in each circuit for testing?  
     Yes..... No.....  
 Does deluge valve release operate from each circuit?  
     Yes..... No.....Give maximum time..... Min.....Sec.  
 Does deluge valve release operate from the manual trip and/or remote  
     control station? Yes..... No.....  
 Is installation of dry-pipe or deluge equipment complete?  
     Yes..... No.....  
 Were system and alarms left in service? Yes..... No.....

REMARKS:.....

#### UNDERGROUND PIPE AND FITTINGS:

Type and class pipe used.....  
 Type of joint.....  
 Are all fittings properly strapped or backed? Yes..... No.....  
 Have proper clearances been provided at walls and footings?  
     Yes..... No.....

#### HYDRANTS:

Type and make .....  
 Are all hydrants properly set? Yes..... No.....  
 Was provision made for drainage? Yes..... No.....  
 All operate satisfactorily? Yes..... No.....

#### FLUSHING OF UNDERGROUND PIPING:

*Where an outside underground piping system constitutes a part of an installation, such system shall be thoroughly flushed out under pressure at recommended flows through hydrants or blow-offs before connections are made to sprinkler risers.*

*Existing or new underground mains to inside sprinklers shall be flushed out thoroughly before connecting the sprinkler riser. A flow of at least 760 gallons per minute should be established in 6-inch lines, a flow of at least 1000 gallons per minute in an 8-inch line, a flow of at least 1500 gallons per minute in a 10-inch line, and a flow of at least 2000 gallons per minute in a 12-inch line. Where the supply will not produce the stipulated flow rate, at least the maximum flow available should be obtained by employing adequate discharge means.*

Have mains for supply to new connections been thoroughly flushed in accordance with the Sprinkler Standard? Yes..... No.....

How was flow obtained for flushing mains? Public water, tank or reservoir..... Fire pump.....

Through what type opening? Hydrant butt.....  
Open pipe..... (Size.....inches) Other.....

Have lead-ins themselves been thoroughly flushed in accordance with the Sprinkler Standard? Yes..... No.....

How was flow obtained for flushing lead-ins? Public water, tank or reservoir..... Fire pump.....

Through what type opening? Y-connections to flange & spigot.....  
Open pipe..... (Size.....inches) Other.....

### TESTS:

Has all new sprinkler piping and underground piping been hydrostatically tested? Yes..... No.....  
Pressure.....lbs. for.....hrs.

*Hydrostatic test should be made at not less than 200 lbs. for 2 hours or 50 lbs. above static pressure where static pressure is in excess of 150 lbs. In systems with differential dry-pipe valves the clappers should be left open during this test to prevent damage.*

*Underground mains should be tested before joints are covered. Care must be taken to expel all entrapped air and have the main completely full of water. The rate of leakage should be measured by pumping at the specified test pressure from a calibrated container into the section of pipe being tested.*

*Leakage should not exceed the following:*

Pipe Size	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	16 in.	20 in.
Permissible leakage, gts. per 10 joints per hour	2½	3¼	4	5	6½	9½

Pipe Size	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	16 in.	20 in.
Number of Joints						

Total amount of leakage

measured in.....Hrs. ....Gals. ....Quarts

Dry system also tested at.....lbs. air pressure.

Air pressure loss in 24 hrs. ....lbs.

*Air test should be made at 40 lbs. with loss not exceeding 1½ lbs. in 24 hrs.*

Pressure tank tested at.....lbs. for.....hours.

*Test should be made at normal water level and air pressure with loss not exceeding ½ lb. in 24 hrs.*

### BLANK TESTING GASKETS:

Number used?.....All removed? Yes..... No.....

**CONTROL VALVES:**

Were all valves left wide open? Yes..... No.....

System complete and placed in operation.....  
(Date)**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Has person in charge of fire equipment been instructed as to location of control valves and care of this new equipment? Yes..... No.....

Has a copy of instruction and maintenance chart been left at plant? Yes..... No.....

The information on this form has been examined, and the inspection and tests have been witnessed by:

Signed..... Signed.....  
(Name of Sprinkler Contractor) (for Property Owner)Signed..... Date.....  
(for Contractor)

## CHAPTER 2. WATER SUPPLIES.

### 2000. General Provisions.

#### 2010. Number and Type.

2011. Every automatic sprinkler system shall have at least one automatic water supply of adequate pressure, capacity and reliability. The necessity for a second supply will depend on various factors such as those mentioned below.

2012. The authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted in every case as to the water supplies which will be required. The water supply needed for various occupancies, including extra hazard occupancies, must be determined by a study of the conditions obtaining in each case, giving primary consideration to the number of sprinklers which may be expected to operate from any one fire plus quantities needed simultaneously for hose streams.

2013. Determination of the water supply needed for extra hazard occupancies will require special consideration of the four factors: (1) Number of sprinklers that may operate, (2) amount or rate of discharge needed from each sprinkler, (3) required time of sprinkler discharge, and (4) amount of water needed simultaneously for hose streams.

2014. Where the occupancy presents a possibility of intense fires requiring extra heavy discharge, this may be obtained by an increase in the pressure and volume of the water supply, by the use of large orifice sprinklers, by a closer spacing of sprinklers, by the use of larger pipe sizing, or by a combination of these methods.

2015. Where separately published standards on various subjects contain specific provisions for water supplies, these should be consulted. (See Appendix for availability of Standards.)

### 2100. Guide to Water Supply Requirements for Sprinkler Systems.

#### 2110. Guide Table.

2111. Guide Table 2111 is given as a general guide to determine the volume of water and pressure normally required, subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction. THE TABLE IS TO BE USED ONLY WITH EXPERIENCED JUDGMENT, and the requirements for hose streams are to be added to the quantities given.

TABLE 2111.

## GUIDE TO WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

<i>Occupancy Classification</i>	<i>Minimum Residual Pressure Required Under the Roof (See Note 1)</i>	<i>Minimum Acceptable Flow at Base of Riser (See Note 2)</i>
LIGHT HAZARD	15 psi	500-750 gpm (See Note 3)
ORDINARY HAZARD (GROUP 1)	15 psi or higher	500-1000 gpm
ORDINARY HAZARD (GROUP 2)	15 psi or higher	500-1500 gpm
ORDINARY HAZARD (GROUP 3)	Pressure and flow requirements for sprinklers and hose streams to be determined by authority having jurisdiction.	
WOODWORKERS	Pressure and flow requirements for sprinklers and hose streams to be determined by authority having jurisdiction.	
EXTRA HAZARD	Pressure and flow requirements for sprinklers and hose streams to be determined by authority having jurisdiction.	

## NOTES:

1. The pressure required at the base of the sprinkler riser(s) shall be the residual pressure required under the roof plus the pressure required to reach this elevation.

2. The lower figure is the minimum flow ordinarily acceptable for recognition as a supply to a sprinkler system. The higher flow should normally suffice for all cases under each group unless adverse conditions are present.

3. The requirement may be reduced to 250 gpm if building is limited in area or if building (including roof) is noncombustible construction.

## 2120. Important Factors to Consider in Applying the Guide to Water Supply Requirements for Sprinkler Systems and Determination of Occupancy Classification.

2121. The water supply requirement for sprinkler protection is determined by the number of sprinklers expected to operate in event of fire. The primary factors affecting the number of sprinklers which might open are: (1) Occupancy, (2) combustibility of contents, (3) areas shielded from proper distribution of water, (4) height of stock piles, (5) type of ceiling construction, (6) ceiling heights, (7) unprotected vertical openings, (8) undesirable draft conditions and (9) size of undivided areas.

2122. Where unfavorable features are prominently present, the water supply requirements should be increased.

2123. In the following tables the occupancy referred to is the occupancy of the individual building being protected.

2124. **LIGHT HAZARD:** In guide Table 2111, the Light Hazard class should include those properties where the amount and combustibility of the contents is low, and there is no obstruction to sprinkler distribution. This class excludes mercantiles, warehouse and manufacturing occupancies and includes only occupancies such as:

Apartments	Libraries, except Large Stack
Asylums	Room Areas
Churches	Museums
Clubs	Nursing, Convalescent
Colleges and Universities	and Care Homes
Dormitories	Office Buildings
Dwellings	Prisons
Hospitals	Public Buildings
Hotels	Rooming Houses
Institutions	Schools
	Tenements

2125. **ORDINARY HAZARD (GROUP 1):** This group of the ordinary hazard class includes those properties where combustibility is low, with no flammable liquids or other quick burning materials, stock piles do not exceed 6 to 8 feet and other factors are favorable. Following are some examples of types of properties generally falling into this group:

Abrasive Works	Fur Processing
Automobile Garages	Glass and Glass Products Factories
Bakeries	Ice Manufacturing
Beverage Manufacturing	Laundries
Bleacheries	Macaroni Factories
Boiler Houses	Millinery Manufacturing Plants
Bottling Works	Restaurants
Breweries	Slaughterhouses
Brick, Tile and Clay Products	Smelters
Canneries	Steel Mills
Cement Plants	Theatres and Auditoriums
Dairy Products Mfg. and Processing	Watch and Jewelry Manufacturing
Electric Generating Stations	Waterworks Pumping Stations
Foundries	Wineries

2126. **ORDINARY HAZARD (GROUP 2):** This group of the ordinary hazard class includes those properties where combustibility of contents and ceiling heights are generally less favorable than those listed in Group No. 1, but there are only

minor amounts of flammable liquids and essentially no obstruction. Examples of types of properties generally falling into this group are:

Cereal Mills	*Lithographing
Chemical Works — Ordinary	*Machine Shops
Clothing Factories	*Mercantiles
*Cold Storage Warehouses	*Metal Working
Confectionery Products Mfg.	Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
Cotton and Woolen Mills	Printing and Publishing
**Distilleries	Rope, Cordage and Twine Factories
Dye and Print Works	Shoe Factories
Grain Elevators, Tanks and Warehouses	Storage Buildings (having low factors of combustibility and obstruction)
*Leather Goods Manufacturing	Sugar Refining
Libraries, Large Stack Room Areas	Tanneries
	Textile Knitting and Weaving Mills
	Tobacco Products Manufacturing

2127. ORDINARY HAZARD (GROUP 3): This group of the ordinary hazard class includes those properties where features of combustibility of contents, ceiling heights and obstruction are unfavorable, separately or jointly. Following are some examples of the type of property falling into this group:

*Feed Mills	**Tire Manufacturing and Storage
*Flour Mills	Warehouses (Paper, household furniture, paint, department store, etc.)
Paper and Pulp Mills	**Whisky Warehouses
Paper Process Plants	
Piers and Wharves	

2128. EXTRA HAZARD OCCUPANCIES: This class includes only those buildings or portions of buildings housing occupancies where the hazard is severe as determined by the authority having jurisdiction. These occupancies include such as:

**Aircraft Hangars	Linseed Oil Mills
Chemical Works — Extra Hazard	Oil Refineries
Cotton Picker and Opening Operations	**Pyroxylin Plastic Mfg. and Processing
Explosives and Pyrotechnic Manufacturing	Shade Cloth Manufacturing
Linoleum and Oilcloth Manufacturing	Solvent Extracting
	Varnish Works

and other occupancies involving processing, mixing, storage and dispensing of volatile flammable liquids.

\*Under conditions favorable to the individual property, and with special permission of the authority having jurisdiction, this class may, in some cases, qualify under the immediately preceding group.

\*\*See Appendix for listing of separately published standards relating to water supply requirements for this class.



2129. Where severe hazards are not otherwise adequately protected, the authority having jurisdiction should be consulted for special rulings regarding water supplies, type of equipment, supplementary systems if required, pipe sizes, types of sprinklers and sprinkler spacing.

## **2200. Connections to Water Works Systems.**

### **2210. Acceptability.**

2211. A connection from a reliable water works system, of adequate capacity and pressure, is preferable as a single or a primary supply.

2212. **SIZE OF MAINS.** Connections should be made to street mains of ample size. Street mains preferably should be not smaller than 6 inches. Connections to dead end mains should be avoided.

2213. **PRESSURE REGULATING VALVES.** Pressure regulating valves should not be used except by special permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

2214. **METERS.** Where meters are used they shall be of approved type.

### **2220. Testing of Water Supply.**

2221. To determine the value of public water as a supply for automatic sprinkler systems, it is generally necessary to make a flow test to determine how much water can be discharged at a residual pressure at grade sufficient to give the required residual pressure under the roof (with the volume flow hydraulically translated to the base of the riser) — *i.e.*, a pressure head represented by the height of the building plus the required residual pressure.

2222. The proper method of making such test is to use two hydrants in the vicinity of the property. The static pressure should be measured on the hydrant in front of or nearest to the property and the water allowed to flow from the hydrant next nearest the property; preferably the one farthest from the source of supply if main is fed only one way. The residual pressure will be that indicated at the hydrant where water is not flowing.

2223. Referring to Fig. 2223, the method of conducting the flow tests is as follows:

- (1) Attach gauge to hydrant (A) and obtain static pressure.

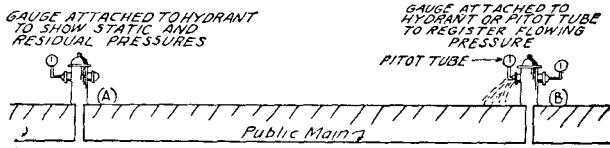


Fig. 2223. Method of Conducting Flow Tests.

(2) Either attach second gauge to hydrant (B) or use pitot tube at outlet. Have hydrant (B) opened wide and read pressure at both hydrants.

(3) Use the pressure at (B) to compute the gallons flowing and read the gauge on (A) to determine the residual pressure or that which will be available on the top line of sprinklers in the property.

2224. Water pressure in pounds for a given height in feet equals height multiplied by 0.434.

2225. In making flow tests, whether from hydrants or from nozzles attached to hose, always measure the size of the orifice. While hydrant outlets are usually  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. they are sometimes smaller and occasionally larger. The Underwriters' play pipe is  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. with tip removed, but occasionally nozzles will be 1 in. or  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. and with the tip removed the opening may be only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in.

2226. The pitot tube should be held approximately one-half the diameter of the hydrant or nozzle opening away from the opening. It should be held in the center of the stream, except that in using hydrant outlets the stream should be explored to get the average pressure.

### 2230. Reliability.

2231. In addition to flow tests, consideration should also be given to reliability of public water supply taking into account probable minimum pressure condition prevailing during such periods as at night, or during summer months when heavy draft may occur, also possibility of interruption by floods, or ice conditions in winter.

### 2300. Gravity Tanks.

#### 2310. Acceptability.

2311. An elevated tank of adequate capacity and elevation makes a good primary supply, and may be acceptable as a single supply. See separately published Standard for Construction and

Installation of Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection Service (NFPA No. 22).

### **2320. Capacity and Elevation.**

2321. The size of the gravity tank should be at least large enough to supply the quantity of water required by guide Table 2111 for a period of 60 minutes for Light Hazard Occupancy, and 60 to 100 minutes for Ordinary Hazard Occupancy. The elevation of the tank and arrangement of underground supply piping should be sufficient so that the required delivery rate will be available at the base of the sprinkler riser at sufficient pressure to furnish the required residual pressure under the roof. Where fire department response is such as to ensure use of the fire department connection, or in the case of buildings of limited area, the size of the tank may be reduced by special permission of the authority having jurisdiction. Where a tank serves only as a secondary supply, capacity and elevation may be reduced by permission of the authority having jurisdiction.

### **2400. Pumps.**

#### **2410. Acceptability.**

2411. A fire pump installation consisting of pump, driver and suction supply, when of adequate capacity and reliability, and properly located, makes a good secondary supply. An automatically controlled fire pump taking water from a water main of adequate volume, or taking draft under a head from a reliable storage of adequate capacity, may under certain conditions be accepted by the authority having jurisdiction as a single supply.

#### **2420. Supervision.**

2421. Where a centrifugal pump constitutes the sole sprinkler supply, it should be provided with supervisory service from an approved central station system or from an approved proprietary system or their substantial equivalent, which shall provide means for positive indication at the central office that the pump has operated normally. The above to be in addition to the supervision of power supply and other features that may be required by the authority having jurisdiction. These pumps should be operated at least monthly by the supervisory service representative, and at more frequent intervals where the authority having jurisdiction so requires.

2422. See sections dealing with sprinkler equipment supervisory and water flow alarm services in the Standard for Central Station Protective Signaling Systems, Watchman, Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service (NFPA No. 71), or the Standard for Proprietary, Auxiliary and Local Protective Signaling Systems, Watchman, Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service (NFPA No. 72), or the Standard for Installation, Maintenance and Use of Remote Station Protective Signaling Systems for Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service (NFPA No. 72C). See also separately published Standard for the Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pumps (NFPA No. 20), and Outside Protection (NFPA No. 24).

## **2500. Pressure Tanks.**

### **2510. Acceptability.**

2511. A pressure tank of adequate size makes a good primary supply when used in conjunction with an adequate secondary supply. A pressure tank supply may be acceptable in some cases as a single supply.

2512. MAINTENANCE. Where a pressure tank constitutes the sole supply for sprinklers, the tank should be provided with an approved means for automatically maintaining the required air pressure on the tank. Also, there shall be provided an approved trouble alarm to indicate low air pressure and low water level, with the trouble alarm supplied from an electrical branch circuit independent of the air compressor.

### **2520. Capacity.**

2521. The size of the pressure tank required shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction, considering all features involved, including extra capacity needed to fill dry-pipe systems. Minimum requirements shall be as indicated in Paragraphs 2522, 2523 or 2524.

2522. LIGHT HAZARD OCCUPANCY. Amount of available water, not less than 2,000 gallons.

2523. ORDINARY HAZARD OCCUPANCY. Amount of available water, not less than 3,000 gallons for Groups 1 and 2. For Group 3, refer to authority having jurisdiction.

2524. EXTRA HAZARD AND WOODWORKER OCCUPANCIES. Refer to authority having jurisdiction.

**2530. Water Level and Air Pressure.**

2531. Unless otherwise approved by the authority having jurisdiction, the pressure tank shall be kept two-thirds full of water, and an air pressure of at least 75 lbs. by the gauge shall be maintained. When the bottom of the tank is located below the highest sprinklers served, the air pressure by the gauge shall be at least 75 lbs. plus three times the pressure caused by the column of water in the sprinkler system above the tank bottom.

2532. The air pressure to be carried and the proper proportion of air in the tank may be determined from the following formulas, in which,

P = Air pressure carried in pressure tank.

A = Proportion of air in tank.

H = Height of highest sprinkler above tank bottom.

When tank is placed above the highest sprinkler  $P = \frac{30}{A} - 15$ .

A =  $\frac{1}{3}$  then  $P = 90 - 15 = 75$  pounds per sq. in.

A =  $\frac{1}{2}$  then  $P = 60 - 15 = 45$  pounds per sq. in.

A =  $\frac{2}{3}$  then  $P = 45 - 15 = 30$  pounds per sq. in.

When tank is below level of the highest sprinkler

$$P = \frac{30}{A} - 15 + \frac{0.434H}{A}$$

A =  $\frac{1}{3}$  then  $P = 75 + 1.30H$ .

A =  $\frac{1}{2}$  then  $P = 45 + 0.87H$ .

A =  $\frac{2}{3}$  then  $P = 30 + 0.65H$ .

2533. The respective air pressures above are calculated to ensure that the last water will leave the tank at a pressure of 15 lbs. per square inch when the base of the tank is on a level with the highest sprinkler, or at such additional pressure as is equivalent to a head corresponding to the distance between the base of the tank and the highest sprinkler when the latter is above the tank.

2534. Pressure tanks shall not be used to supply other than sprinklers and hand hose attached to sprinkler piping.

2535. See separately published Standard for Construction and Installation of Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection Service (NFPA No. 22).

**2540. Location of Pressure Tanks.**

2541. Pressure tanks should preferably be located above the top level of sprinklers, but may be located in the basement or

elsewhere subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

## 2600. Fire Department Connections.

### 2610. When Required.

2611. A connection through which a fire department can pump water into the sprinkler system makes a desirable auxiliary supply. For this purpose, one or more fire department connections shall be provided in all cases except where permission of the authority having jurisdiction is obtained for their omission.

### 2620. Size.

2621. Pipe size shall not be less than 4 inches for fire engine connections and not less than 6 inches for fireboat connections, except that 3-inch pipe may be used to connect a single hose connection to a 3-inch or smaller riser.

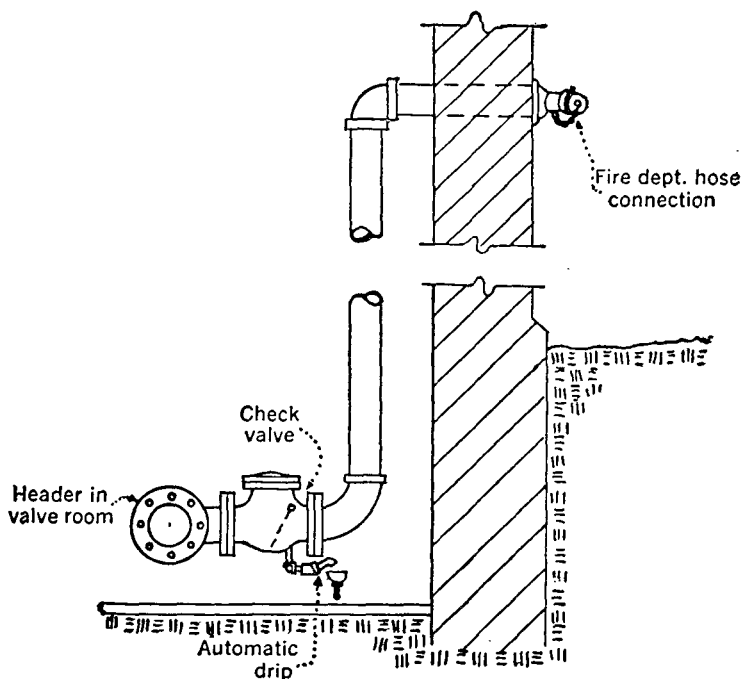


Fig. 2600. Fire Department Connection.

**2630. Arrangement.** See Paragraph 3424.

2631. On wet pipe systems with a single riser the connection shall be made on the system side of gate, check and alarm valves in the riser.

2632. On dry pipe systems with a single riser the connection shall be made between the gate valve and the dry pipe valve.

2633. On systems with two or more risers the connection shall be made on the system side of all shut-off valves controlling other water supplies, but on the supply side of the riser shut-off valves so that with any one riser off, the connection will feed the remaining sprinklers.

**2640. Valves.**

2641. An approved straightway check valve shall be installed in each fire department connection, located as near as practicable to the point where it joins the system.

2642. There shall be no shut-off valve in the fire department connection.

**2650. Support.**

2651. Fire department connections shall be properly supported.

**2660. Drainage.**

2661. The piping between the check valve and the outside hose coupling shall be equipped with an approved automatic drip arranged to discharge to a proper place.

**2670. Hose Connections.**

2671. Hose connections shall be of approved type conforming to the Standard for Fire Department Hose Connections for Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems (NFPA No. 23).

2672. Hose coupling threads shall conform to those used by the local fire department. National (American) Standard Fire Hose Coupling Screw Threads shall be used whenever they will fit the local fire department hose.

2673. Hose connections shall be equipped with standard caps, properly secured and arranged for easy removal by fire departments.

2674. Hose connections should be on street side of building and shall be so located as to permit prompt and easy attachment of the hose.

2675. Hose connections shall be designated by a sign having raised letters at least one inch in size cast on plate or fitting reading for service designated: Viz. — "AUTO-SPKR." or "OPEN SPKR."

## **2700. Size and Arrangement of Water Supply Connections.**

### **2710. Size.**

2711. Piping from water supply to the sprinkler riser should be at least as large as the riser, but not less than 4 inches.

2712. In private underground piping systems for buildings of other than Light Hazard Occupancy, any dead-end pipe which supplies both sprinklers and hydrants should be not less than 8 inches in size.

### **2720. Connection Between Underground and System Piping.**

2721. The connection between the system steel piping and underground piping preferably should be made with a properly strapped cast iron flanged piece.

2722. Where riser is close to outside wall underground fittings of proper design and type should be used in order to avoid pipe joints being located in or under the wall. (See separately published Standard on Outside Protection, NFPA No. 24.)

### **2730. Interconnection of Water Supplies.**

2731. All main water supplies should be connected with the sprinkler system at the base of riser, except that where a gravity or pressure tank or both, constitutes the only automatic source of water supply, special permission may be given to connect the tank or tanks with the sprinkler system at the top of the riser.

2732. Where a gravity tank and a pressure tank are connected to a common riser approved means shall be provided to prevent residual air pressure in the pressure tank (after water has been drained from it) from holding the gravity tank check valve closed, a condition known as air lock. Under normal conditions, air lock may be conveniently prevented in new equipment by connecting the gravity tank and pressure tank discharge pipes together 45 feet or more below the bottom of the gravity tank and placing the gravity tank check valve at the level of this connection.



## 2800. Water Supply Test Pipes and Gauges.

### 2810. Test Pipes.

2811. Suitable test pipes, which may also be used as drain pipes, shall be provided at such locations as will permit flowing tests to be made to ascertain whether water supplies and connections are in order. Such test pipes should be not less than 2 inches in size, and equipped with a shut-off valve. They shall be so installed that the valve may be opened wide for a sufficient time to assure a proper test without causing any water damage. The authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted as to the location and arrangement of test pipes. (See Sections 3220 and 3240.)

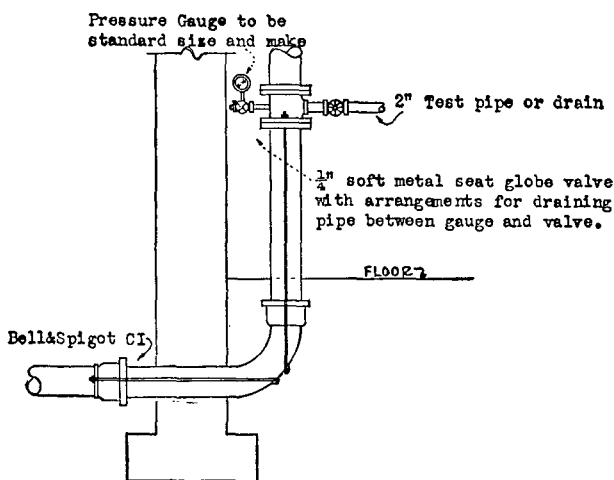


Fig. 2811-1. Test Pipe on Water Supply with Outside Control.  
Also applicable to an interior riser.

### 2820. Gauges.

2821. At or near each such test pipe a pressure gauge shall be installed with a connection not smaller than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch made to the main pipe. This gauge connection shall be equipped with a shut-off valve and with provision for draining. A plugged outlet  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in size should be located between each valve and gauge, for the purpose of installing the inspector's gauge.

2822. The required pressure gauges shall be of approved type and shall have a maximum limit not less than twice the normal working pressure at the point where installed. They

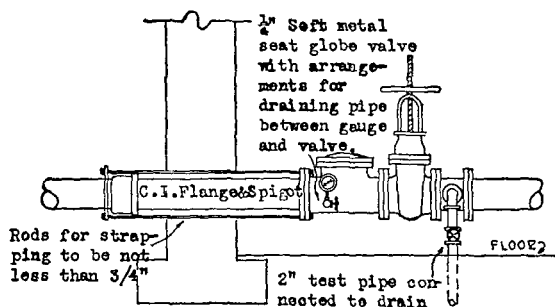


Fig. 2811-2. Water Supply Connection with Test Pipe.

Located on the system side of the gate valve, one test pipe may serve for more than one city connection. It will also indicate the condition of the gate valve. Located on the supply side of the check valve, it will serve to test out check valve by closing the waterworks gate or other outside valve.

shall be so installed as to permit of easy removal, and shall be located where they will not be subject to freezing.

## 2900. Special Provisions.

### 2910. Domestic Connections.

2911. Connections for domestic use should not be taken from the fire protection piping; if permitted, such connections should be made on the supply side of the city check valve in the city connection near the point of entrance to the property. See Paragraph 3074.

### 2920. Water Hammer.

2921. Where connections are made from water mains, subject to severe water hammer (especially where pressure is in excess of 100 pounds), it may be desirable to provide either a relief valve, properly connected to a drain, or an air chamber in the connection. If an air chamber is used it should be located close to where the pipe comes through wall and on the supply side of all other valves and so located as to take the full force of water hammer. Air chambers shall have a capacity of not less than 4 cubic feet, shall be controlled by an O. S. & Y. gate valve, and shall be provided with a drain at the bottom, also an air vent with control valve and plug to permit inspection.

### 2930. Penstocks, Flumes, Etc.

2931. Water supply connections from penstocks, flumes, rivers or lakes should be arranged to avoid mud and sediment, and should be provided with approved double removable screens or approved strainers installed in an approved manner.

## CHAPTER 3. SYSTEM COMPONENTS.

### 3000. Piping.

#### 3001. Piping Specifications.

3002. Pipe used in sprinkler systems should be designed to withstand a working pressure of not less than 175 lbs. Ordinarily, pipe used in sprinkler systems should be wrought-steel or wrought-iron in accordance with American Standard Association B36.10-1959 and any subsequent revision thereof. It is intended that this sprinkler Standard permit the use of "standard wall" pipe as described in ASA B36.10-1959 for pressures up to 300 lbs. Schedule 40 pipe is considered "standard wall" pipe. Schedule 30 pipe is, however, acceptable in sizes 8 inch and larger.

3003. Other types of pipe or tube may be used, but only those investigated and listed for this service by a nationally recognized testing and inspection agency and acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction. The use of pipe or tube other than that described in Paragraph 3002 must involve consideration of many factors, *e.g.*,

1. Pressure rating.
2. Beam strength (hangers).
3. Corrosion (chemical and electrolytic).
4. Resistance to failure when exposed to elevated temperatures.
5. Methods of joining (strength, permanence, fire hazard).
6. Availability of fittings (for sprinkler outlets and proper routing).

3004. The galvanizing of galvanized pipe shall be in accordance with Specifications A 120 of the American Society for Testing Materials and any subsequent revisions thereof.

#### 3010. Definitions. (See Fig. 3010.)

3011. **RISERS.** The vertical pipes supplying the sprinkler system.

3012. **FEED MAINS.** Bulk mains supplying risers or cross mains.

3013. **CROSS MAINS.** Pipes directly supplying the lines in which the sprinklers are placed.

3014. **BRANCH LINES.** Lines of pipe, from the point of attachment to the cross main (or similar connection) to the end sprinkler, in which the sprinklers are directly placed.

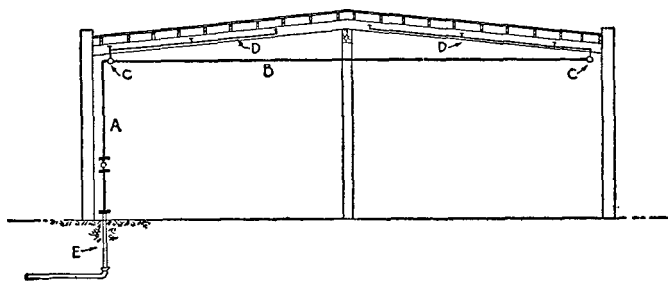


Fig. 3010. Building Elevation Showing Parts of Sprinkler Piping System.  
A — Riser; B — Feed Main; C — Cross Main; D — Branch Line;  
E — Underground Supply.

### 3020. Pipe Schedules.

3021. The number of automatic sprinklers on a given size pipe on one floor of one fire section should not exceed the number given in the following schedules for a given occupancy.

3022. **SIZE OF RISERS.** Each system riser should be of sufficient size to supply all the sprinklers on the riser on any one floor of one fire section as determined by the standard schedules of pipe sizes. There should be one or more risers in each building and in each section of the building divided by fire walls. Where the conditions warrant, the sprinklers in an adjoining building or section cut off by fire walls may be fed from a system riser in another fire section or building.

### 3030. Schedule for Light Hazard Occupancies.

3031. Branch lines should not exceed eight sprinklers on either side of a cross main. Pipe sizes should be as follows:

1 in. pipe.....	2 sprinklers	2½ in. pipe.....	30 sprinklers
1¼ in. pipe.....	3 sprinklers	3 in. pipe.....	60 sprinklers
1½ in. pipe.....	5 sprinklers	3½ in. pipe.....	100 sprinklers
2 in. pipe.....	10 sprinklers	4 in. pipe.....	No Limit

See Paragraph 3032.

3032. Each large area requiring more than 100 sprinklers and without subdividing partitions (not necessarily fire walls) should be supplied by feed mains or risers sized for ordinary hazard occupancies.

3033. Where sprinklers are installed in a space above a ceiling and such sprinklers are supplied from the same piping which supplies sprinklers under the ceiling, branch lines should not exceed 8 sprinklers above and 8 sprinklers below the ceiling on either side of a cross main. Pipe sizes up to and including 2½ inch should be as follows. (See Figs. 3033-1 and 3033-2.)

1 in. pipe.....	2 sprinklers	2 in. pipe.....	15 sprinklers
1¼ in. pipe.....	4 sprinklers	2½ in. pipe.....	50 sprinklers
1½ in. pipe.....	7 sprinklers		

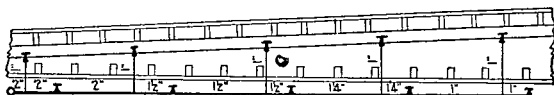


Fig. 3033-1. Arrangement of Branch Lines Supplying Sprinklers Above and Below a Ceiling.

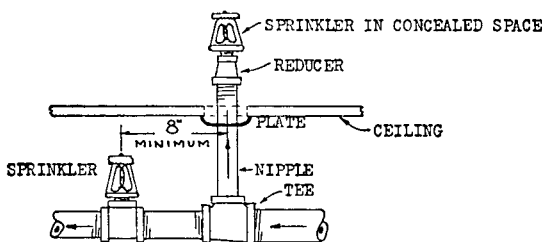


Fig. 3033-2. Sprinkler on Riser Nipple from Branch Line in Lower Fire Area.

3034. Where the total number of sprinklers above and below the ceiling exceeds 50 the pipe supplying more than 50 sprinklers shall be sized by the pipe schedule of Paragraph 3031 for the number of sprinklers above or below the ceiling, whichever is larger.

### 3040. Schedule for Ordinary Hazard Occupancies.

3041. Branch lines should not exceed eight sprinklers on either side of a cross main. Pipe sizes should be as follows, except as modified by Paragraphs 3042 and 3043.

1 in. pipe.....	2 sprinklers	3½ in. pipe.....	65 sprinklers
1¼ in. pipe.....	3 sprinklers	4 in. pipe.....	100 sprinklers
1½ in. pipe.....	5 sprinklers	5 in. pipe.....	160 sprinklers
2 in. pipe.....	10 sprinklers	6 in. pipe.....	275 sprinklers
2½ in. pipe.....	20 sprinklers	8 in. pipe.....	400 sprinklers
3 in. pipe.....	40 sprinklers		

3042. Where the distance between sprinklers on the branch lines exceeds 12 feet or the distance between the branch lines exceeds 12 feet, the number of sprinklers should be as follows for given sizes of pipe:

2½ in. pipe. . . . .	15 sprinklers
3 in. pipe. . . . .	30 sprinklers
3½ in. pipe. . . . .	60 sprinklers

For other pipe sizes, follow Paragraph 3041.

3043. Where sprinklers are installed in a space above a ceiling and such sprinklers are supplied from the same piping which supplies sprinklers under the ceiling, branch lines should not exceed 8 sprinklers above and 8 sprinklers below the ceiling on either side of a cross main. Pipe sizes up to and including 3 inch should be as follows:

1 in. pipe. . . . .	2 sprinklers	2 in. pipe. . . . .	15 sprinklers
1¼ in. pipe. . . . .	4 sprinklers	2½ in. pipe. . . . .	30 sprinklers
1½ in. pipe. . . . .	7 sprinklers	3 in. pipe. . . . .	60 sprinklers

3044. Where the total number of sprinklers above and below the ceiling exceeds 60 the pipe supplying more than 60 sprinklers shall be sized by the pipe schedule of Paragraph 3041 for the number of sprinklers above or below the ceiling, whichever is larger.

### 3050. Schedule for Extra Hazard Occupancies.

3051. Branch lines should not exceed 6 sprinklers on either side of a cross main. The following pipe schedule is given only as a guide for installations having no unusual features:

1 in. pipe. . . . .	1 sprinkler	3 in. pipe. . . . .	27 sprinklers
1¼ in. pipe. . . . .	2 sprinklers	3½ in. pipe. . . . .	40 sprinklers
1½ in. pipe. . . . .	5 sprinklers	4 in. pipe. . . . .	55 sprinklers
2 in. pipe. . . . .	8 sprinklers	5 in. pipe. . . . .	90 sprinklers
2½ in. pipe. . . . .	15 sprinklers	6 in. pipe. . . . .	150 sprinklers

3052. For open sprinkler and deluge systems pipe schedule see Paragraph 5371.

3053. For unusually severe conditions of occupancy or area, the above pipe schedule is inadequate and it is recommended that pipe sizing be figured hydraulically on the basis of certain factors, namely:

(a) Area over which sprinklers may be expected to operate from a fire in any area or section.

(b) Water application rate (density in gal. per min. per sq. ft.) for sprinklers expected to operate.

(c) Water supply pressure available.

(d) Calculations should be made in accordance with Standard for Water Spray Systems for Fire Protection (NFPA No. 15).

### 3060. Special Provisions Applicable to Piping.

3061. LOCATION OF RISERS. "Center central" or "side central" feed to sprinklers is recommended. The former is preferred especially where there are over six sprinklers on a branch line. (See Fig. 3061.)

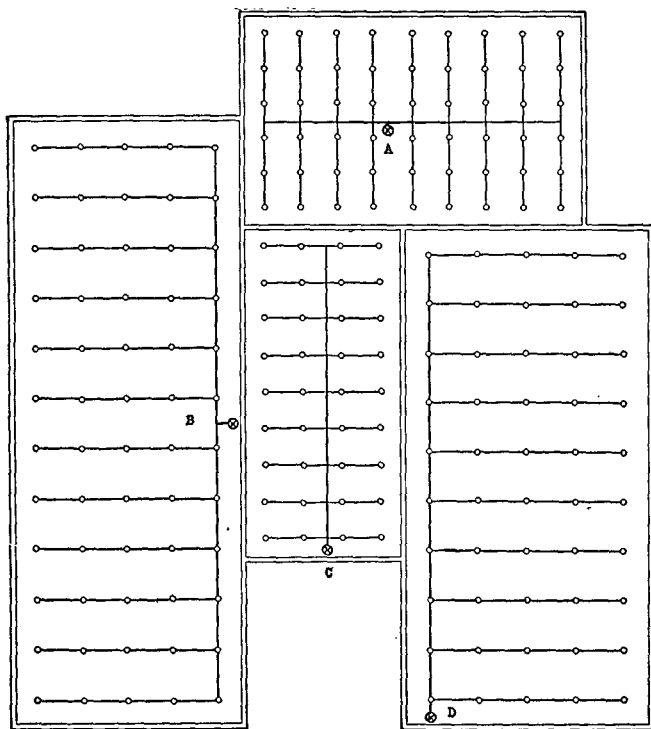


Fig. 3061. Location of Risers.

A — Center Central Feed

C — Central End Feed

B — Side Central Feed

D — Side End Feed

Risers should not be located close to windows. They should be properly protected from mechanical injury or possible freezing.

3062. CROSS MAINS. Not more than 14 branch lines should be allowed on each side of cross main or on either side of the riser or feed main.

3063. BRANCH LINES. Where more than 8 sprinklers on a branch line are necessary, lines may be increased to 9 sprinklers by making the two end lengths 1 inch and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch respectively and the sizes thereafter standard.

3064. PROVISION FOR FLUSHING SYSTEM. Provisions should be made to facilitate flushing of system piping by providing flushing connections consisting of a capped nipple 4 inches long on the end of cross mains. All cross mains shall terminate in  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch or larger pipe. The nipples should be the same diameter as the end pipe but not larger than 2 inches. (See Fig. 3064.) Flushing connections will ordinarily not be required for concealed piping systems, but will be required on deluge systems.

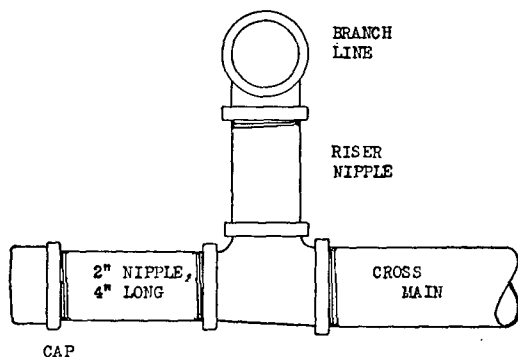


Fig. 3064. Flushing Connection.

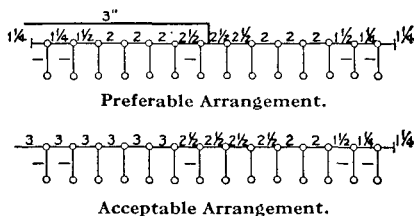
3065. BRANCH LINES HAVING TWO SPRINKLERS ONLY. Where cross mains supply numerous branch lines of only two sprinklers each, conditions approach those of long single branch lines. To compensate for this condition, the following rules apply:

(a) Ordinary Hazard: Where cross mains supply more than ten branch lines of only two sprinklers each, follow Paragraphs 3041 and 3042. Branch lines up to 14 in number may be fed from one end, provided that 2-inch pipe does not supply more than eight sprinklers and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe does not supply more than 16 sprinklers. [See Fig. 3065(a).]

(b) Extra Hazard: Where cross mains supply no more than eight branch lines of no more than two sprinklers each, fol-



low Paragraph 3051. Branch lines up to 14 in number may be fed from one end, provided that  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe does not supply more than 12 sprinklers, and 3-inch pipe does not supply more than 20 sprinklers.



**Fig. 3065(a). Arrangement of Two-Sprinkler Branch Lines, Ordinary Hazard Occupancy.**

3066. **STAIR TOWERS.** Stairs, towers or other such construction with incomplete floors, if piped on independent risers, should be treated as one area with reference to pipe sizes, *i.e.*, feed main should be of sufficient size to accommodate the total number of sprinklers.

3067. **SLATTED FLOORS AND LARGE FLOOR OPENINGS.** Buildings having slatted floors, or large unprotected floor openings without approved stops, should be treated as one room with reference to the pipe sizes, and the feed main or risers should be of the size required for the total number of sprinklers.

3068. **MEZZANINES AND LARGE PLATFORMS.** In buildings having mezzanine floors, large platforms, or large openings between floors which cannot be closed or satisfactorily cut off, the possibility that all or most of the sprinklers might be opened by a single fire should be considered in determining the size of risers. Where occupancy and construction are exceptionally good, and where there is little likelihood of a fire spreading beyond the vicinity of its origin, the size of the feed main should be based on the total number of sprinklers in the main area plus half the number in the area not cut off.

3069. **LONG RUNS OF PIPE.** Where the construction or conditions introduce unusually long runs of pipe or many angles, in risers or feed mains, an increase in pipe size over that called for in the schedules may be required to compensate for increased friction losses.

3070. **RETURN BENDS.** Where piping on wet systems is concealed, with sprinklers installed in pendent position below a

ceiling, return bends will be required when the water supply to the sprinkler system is from a raw water source, millpond, or from open top reservoirs. Return bends should be connected to the tops of branch lines in order to avoid accumulation of sediment in the drop nipples. In new systems the return bend pipe and fittings should be 1 inch in size. In revamping existing systems, where it is not necessary to retain sprinklers in the concealed space,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch close nipples inserted in the existing sprinkler fittings may be used with 1-inch pipe and fittings for the other portions of the return bend. Where water supply is potable, return bends will not be required. (See Fig. 3070.)

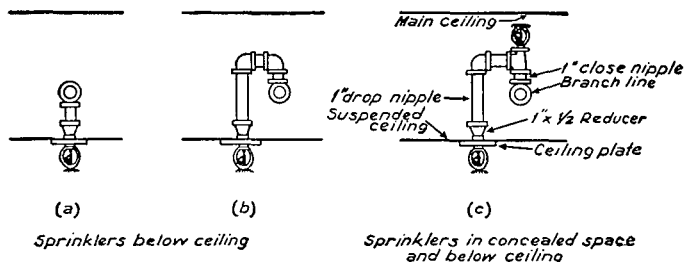


Fig. 3070. Pendent Sprinklers at Suspended Ceiling.

3071. PIPING IN CONCRETE. Where piping is installed in cinder concrete it shall be placed in properly constructed ducts or thoroughly encased in portland cement or its equivalent. In no case shall the piping system be installed so as to form a part of the floor arch reinforcement.

3072. SLEEVES FOR PIPE RISERS. (See Fig. 3072.)

(a) Sprinkler piping passing through floors of concrete or waterproof construction should have properly designed substan-

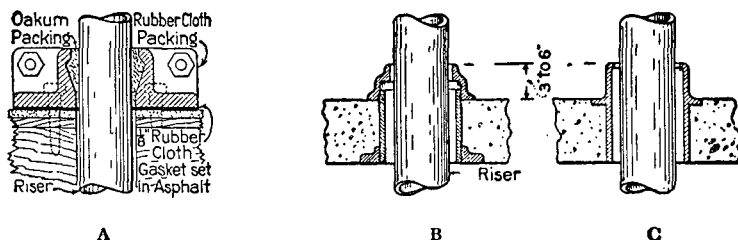


Fig. 3072. Watertight Riser Sleeves.

A — For wood or concrete floors; B and C — for concrete floors.

tial thimbles or sleeves projecting three to six inches above the floor to prevent possible floor leakage. The space between the pipe and sleeve should be caulked with oakum or equivalent material. If floors are of cinder concrete, thimbles or sleeves should extend all the way through to protect the piping against corrosion.

(b) It is desirable that ordinary floors through which pipes pass should be made reasonably tight around the risers. (See Section 1140.)

**3073. DRY PIPE UNDERGROUND.** When necessary to place pipe which will be under air pressure underground, the pipe should be steel or wrought iron and protected against corrosion (see Section 3130), or it may be gasketed joint cast-iron pipe.

**3074. DOMESTIC CONNECTIONS.** Sprinkler piping shall not be used in any way for domestic water service. Circulation of water in sprinkler pipes is objectionable, owing to increased corrosion, deposit of sediment, and condensation drip from pipes. (See Section 2910.)

**3075. HAND HOSE CONNECTIONS.** Hand hose, to be used for fire purposes only, may be attached to sprinkler pipes within a room subject to the following restrictions:

(a) Piping and hose valve shall be 1 inch.

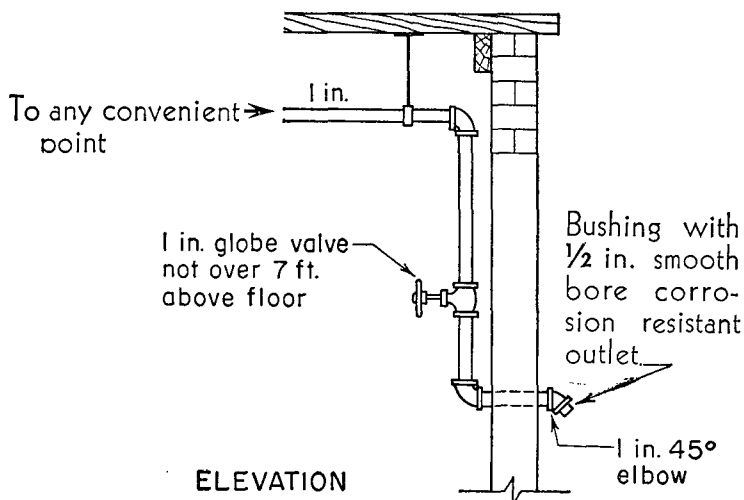
(b) Hose shall be not larger than 1½ inch.

(c) Nozzle shall not be larger than ½ inch nominal discharge capacity.

(d) Hose should not be connected to any sprinkler pipe smaller than 2½ inch and never attached to a dry-pipe system. For details of hand hose installation, see Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems (NFPA No. 14).

### **3080. System Test Pipes.**

**3081. WET SYSTEMS.** A test pipe of not less than 1-inch diameter terminating in a smooth bore corrosion resistant outlet giving a flow equivalent to one sprinkler shall be provided. This test pipe shall be provided for each system through a pipe not less than 1-inch diameter, in the upper story, and the connection may be at any convenient point or on cross main, branch line or top of riser. The discharge should be at a point where it can be readily observed. In locations where it is not practical to terminate the test pipe outside the building, the test pipe may terminate into a drain, subject to the approval of the authority



NOTE: Not less than 4 feet of exposed test pipe in warm room beyond valve when pipe extends through wall to outside.

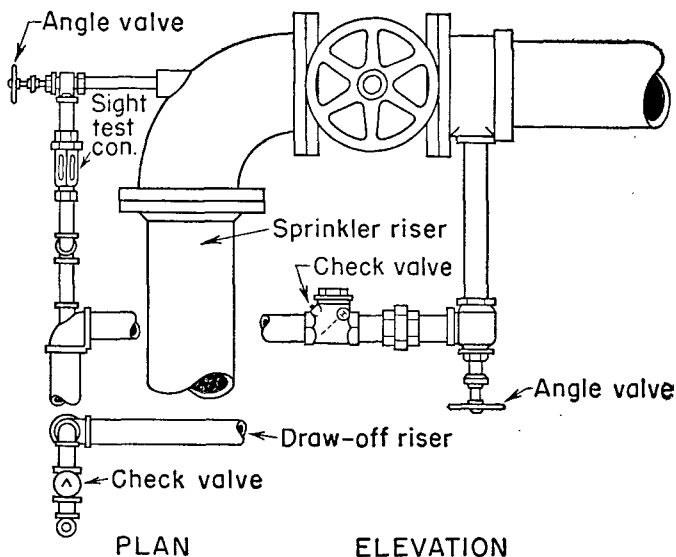


Fig. 3081. One-inch System Test Pipes on Wet-Pipe Systems.  
Connect to top of main riser or to sprinkler pipe in the highest part of system.

having jurisdiction. In this event, the test connection shall be made using an approved sight test connection containing a smooth bore corrosion resistant orifice giving a flow equivalent to one sprinkler. (See Fig. 3081.) The test valve shall be located at an accessible point, and preferably not over seven feet above the floor. The control valve on the test connection shall be located at a point not exposed to freezing.

3082. DRY-PIPE SYSTEMS. A 1-inch inspector's test with a smooth bore corrosion resistant outlet giving a flow equivalent to one sprinkler shall be installed on the end of the most distant sprinkler line in the upper story and be equipped with a 1-inch shut-off valve and cast-iron plug. (See Fig. 3082.)

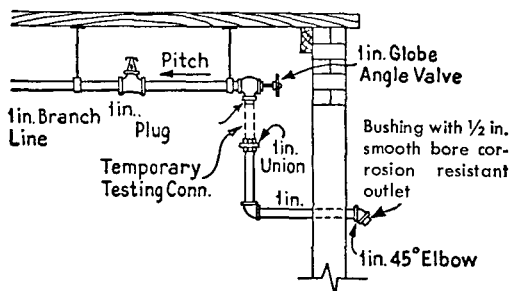


Fig. 3082. One-inch System Test Pipes on Dry-Pipe Systems.

### 3090. Joining of Pipe and Fittings.

3091. All threaded fittings and pipe shall have threads cut to ASME standard. Care should be taken that the pipe does not extend into the fitting sufficiently to reduce the waterway.

3092. Pipe shall be properly reamed after cutting to remove all burrs and fins.

3093. Joint compound shall be applied to the threads of the pipe and not in the fitting.

3094. Other types of joints must be made or installed in accordance with the requirements of the listing thereof by a nationally recognized testing and inspection agency.

3095. Brazed joints for the connection of pipe or tube and fittings may be used subject to the following restriction: In installations in other than unoccupied buildings of noncombustible construction the method of making the joints shall not employ any torch or flame (induction heating is an acceptable method).

## 3100. Protection of Piping Against Freezing (3110), Corrosion (3130) and Earthquake Damage (3150).

### 3110. Protection Against Freezing.

#### 3111. SUPPLY PIPES.

3112. Where supply pipes or risers pass through low unheated basements or open spaces under buildings, so as to be exposed to frost, they shall be properly protected by a method outlined in Paragraphs 3113, 3114 or 3115.

3113. An acceptable method, especially where the space is over 18 inches high, is by an enclosure properly heated or filled with heavy earth or other suitable insulating material. The enclosure should extend below the bottom of the pipe and through

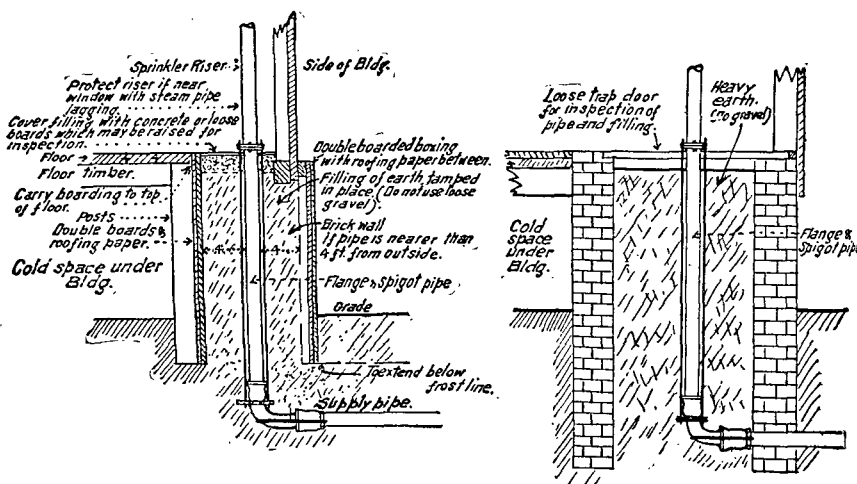


Fig. 3111. Protection of Sprinkler Risers Against Freezing.

the top flooring of the ground floor. In severe climates, where space is filled, the enclosure should be of sufficient size to permit a filling of not less than four feet, all around the pipe. The enclosure should preferably be of brick, but may be of wood, and if the latter, should be at least double-walled with tar paper between. If wood is used, it shall be of a kind that will endure underground or be treated with creosote or other acceptable preservative.

3114. Where the space is not more than 18 inches high, the flooring of ground floor may be cut away and the space around the pipe enclosed according to either of the above methods, except that the area may be reduced so that there will be not less than one foot clear space all around the pipe, thus exposing pipe to the heated room above. The opening at floor level should not be covered except by a metal grid.

3115. Care should be taken in laying the underground connection, to extend it sufficiently far into the building to give the required spaces called for above. The pipe may be offset, if desired, at or above the floor level.

### 3120. FEED MAINS IN UNHEATED AREAS.

3121. Where necessary to extend feed mains of wet pipe systems through an open area or through cold rooms, passageways or other areas exposed to frost, the pipe shall be adequately protected against freezing by insulating coverings, frostproof casings, or other suitable means.

### 3130. Protection of Pipe Against Corrosion.

3131. Where corrosive conditions exist, consideration should be given to the use of types of pipe, fittings, and hangers, designed to resist corrosion, also protective coatings, all depending on the severity of and kind of corrosive conditions. The material and protective coating to be used shall be specified and approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

3132. Galvanized pipe may be required in overhead feed mains running from one building to another where exposed to the weather, unless pipe is otherwise protected against corrosion.

3133. Where it may be necessary to use wrought iron or steel pipe underground as a connection from a system to sprinklers in a detached building, the pipe should be protected against corrosion before being buried. Galvanized pipe tarred or black pipe wrapped and tarred, are acceptable.

3134. In some places it is satisfactory to rely solely on the protective value of a paint coating, this to be maintained by repainting at intervals from one to five years, the period depending on the severity of the exposure.

3135. If corrosive conditions are not of great intensity and the degree of humidity is not abnormally high, good results can be obtained by using two field coats of some high-grade paint such as sublimed blue lead in linseed oil, red lead in linseed oil or

red lead in spar varnish. In locations where metal cannot be protected from attack or kept dry to receive the first field coating, a shop priming coat should be specified, this to be touched up promptly after installation and the whole to be finished with one or preferably two final coats. It is desirable under such conditions to vary colors for successive coats in order to ensure adequate coverage. For instance, use red oxide inhibitive type paint for the shop or priming coat, and sublimed blue lead and/or 50 per cent red lead — 50 per cent spar varnish for finishing.

3136. In applying, keep paint thoroughly stirred and apply only when surface is clean and dry — never in a damp or cold atmosphere.

3137. When a protective coating is applied to old piping, be sure to first remove all corrosion, scale, and grease. Otherwise, little benefit will be derived from the coating. Piping should be carefully examined at frequent intervals and if evidence of pitting, checking, blistering, or other failure is noted, the pipe should be cleaned and another coat of protective paint applied.

3138. In locations where appearance is not a factor and where temperatures do not greatly exceed 100° F., a coat of one of the inhibitive types of greases will give good protection. This type of material comes in the form of a light petrolatum and can be readily applied with a brush after installation work has been completed.

3139. When moisture conditions are extremely severe but corrosive fumes are not much of a factor, galvanized pipe, fittings, and hangers can be used successfully. When so used the threaded ends of the pipe should be sealed in with a suitable coating of asphalt base liquid and canvas. This form of protection involves painting the band of the fitting and the pipe for a distance of 4 inches to 6 inches with a heavy asphalt compound. Strips of lightweight canvas cut to a width of about 2 inches should be wrapped over the end of the fitting and on the surface of the pipe for a distance of about 4 inches from the face of the fitting. The canvas surfaces should in turn be sealed in with a follow-up coat of the asphalt compound.

3140. In instances where the piping is not readily accessible and where the exposure to corrosive fumes is severe, either a protective coating of high quality should be employed or resort should be made to the use of some form of corrosion resisting material. This is not intended to call for protection of concealed piping installed under normal conditions.



3141. In the list of special coatings are the following:

(a) A priming application of a mixture of beeswax and ozokerite dissolved in turpentine and carbon-tetrachloride, then a wrapper of lightweight canvas and finally a seal-in coating of the wax mixture.

(b) Where high temperatures and rapid oxidation are not a factor a priming coat of chlorinated rubber paint, then a complete wrapping with electrician's rubber splicing tape and a follow-up seal-in coating of rubber paint.

(c) Factory asphalt or bituminous coated and wrapped wrought pipe with coated fittings. The coating provided on this class of material gives excellent protection but great care must be used in thoroughly sealing-in all areas where the coating may be broken or damaged during installation.

3142. Cast-iron pipe of the type which can be threaded is now available and is advantageous for use where corrosion is severe. This comes in wrought pipe sizes and with a wall thickness equal to that of extra heavy wrought material. This is made from special alloyed irons and affords good resistance to rusting and to attack by corrosive atmospheric conditions. Such material should be protected by paint, asphalt asbestos type coating, or grease to retard or prevent surface attack. The combination of iron pipe and iron fittings is effective due to the heavy thickness of the pipe wall, the similarity of the metal at the joints, and the particularly good bond which the cast pipe provides for the paint or other coatings applied to it.

3143. A silicon-bronze alloy should be used in the form of rod, strap, or castings for hangers employed wherever corrosive attack is severe and when galvanized metal is not used. This strong corrosion resisting type of bronze can be substituted for steel without increase in size or change in design of the ordinary hanger.

### **3150. Protection of Piping Against Damage Due to Earthquakes.**

#### **3151. FLEXIBILITY.**

3152. Breakage of sprinkler piping caused by building movement can be greatly lessened and in many cases prevented by increasing the flexibility between major parts of the sprinkler system. One part of the piping should never be held rigidly and another be free to move without provisions for relieving the strain. Flexibility can be provided by the use of flexible couplings at critical points and allowing clearances at walls and floors.

If too freely hung, however, sections of the sprinkler system will oscillate excessively or shift out of line. This action can be prevented by anchors or hangers which will damp oscillations or check movement, but not rigidly hold piping.

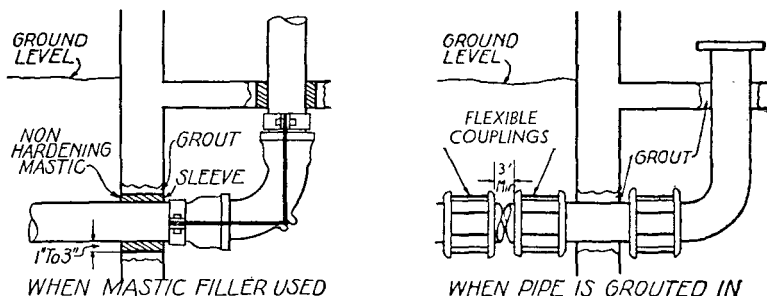


Fig. 3151. Arrangement of Supply Pipe Entering Building.

3153. The top and bottom of risers are critical points where the installation of approved flexible couplings is advisable. In a multi-story building a flexible coupling may be advisable also at the floor and another at the ceiling line in an intermediate story if structural weakness or unusual flexibility is present. A pair of couplings should usually be provided on a monitor riser. A pair of approved flexible couplings with a length of pipe between, readily permits a considerable horizontal offset in any direction. Piping crossing the joint between two buildings usually needs a pair of flexible couplings as the buildings will vibrate differently unless identical in all respects. Flexible couplings may be omitted at pipes less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter.

3154. One- to two-inch clearance should be provided around pipes at all floors. In one-story buildings the space at the ground floor can be filled with asphalt mastic. In multi-story buildings a sleeve should be cast in concrete floors, extending three to six inches above the top of the wearing surface and capped with a pipe collar, to prevent passage of water, smoke or fire. Tight metal collars are advisable about pipes to cover such holes through wooden floors in multi-story buildings.

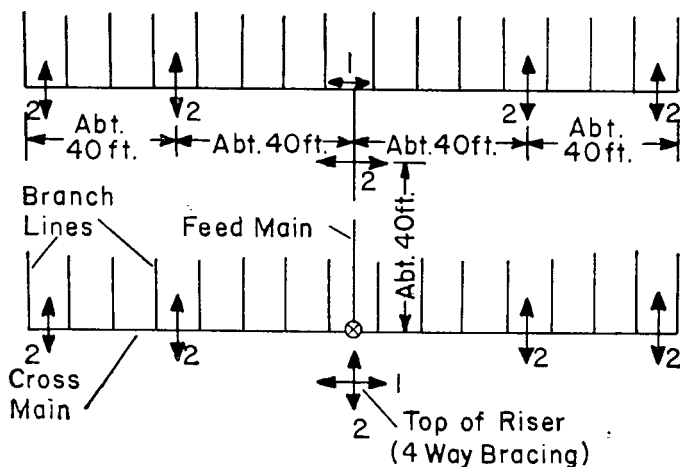
3155. Riser drains, fire department connections and auxiliary piping should not be cemented into nearby walls or floors, if they can throw a strain on riser piping. Similarly, pipes which pass horizontally through walls should not be cemented solidly in them, or strains will accumulate at this point. Holes through fire walls should be packed with mineral wool or other suitable material held in place with pipe collars on each side. Pipes pass-

ing through foundation walls or pit walls in soft ground should have clearance with these walls but holes should be made watertight.

3156. Tank risers or discharge pipes should be treated the same as sprinkler risers for their portion within a building. The discharge pipe of tanks on buildings shall have a control valve above the roof line so any pipe-break within the building can be controlled.

### 3160. SWAY BRACING.

3161. Feed and cross mains must be braced to prevent excessive oscillation. The tops of risers shall be secured against drifting in any direction. Branch lines will not require bracing.



←→ 1  
↑ 2

Indicates suitable location of hangers to oppose the movement of feed and cross mains in the direction along the main. One hanger will be sufficient for each main unless it is of exceptional length or contains offsets or changes in direction. Two-inch and smaller pipes do not require this type of bracing.

↑ 2

Indicates suitable location of hangers to oppose transverse (perpendicular to pipe) movement of feed and cross mains. They should be located at intervals of 30 to 40 feet. The end hanger of this type should be on the last piece of cross or feed main.

Fig. 3164. Typical Locations of Sway Bracing Hangers.

3162. It is the intent to laterally brace the piping so that it will withstand a force equal to 50 per cent of the weight of the piping, valve attachments and water. It is felt that if the lateral bracing is designed to withstand this force without breaking or permanently deforming, the system will be reasonably safe from earthquake forces.

3163. All piping outside of buildings which is not buried shall be securely anchored to prevent swaying.

3164. Where a system is hung with U-type hangers they may satisfy most of the requirements for sway bracing except, in

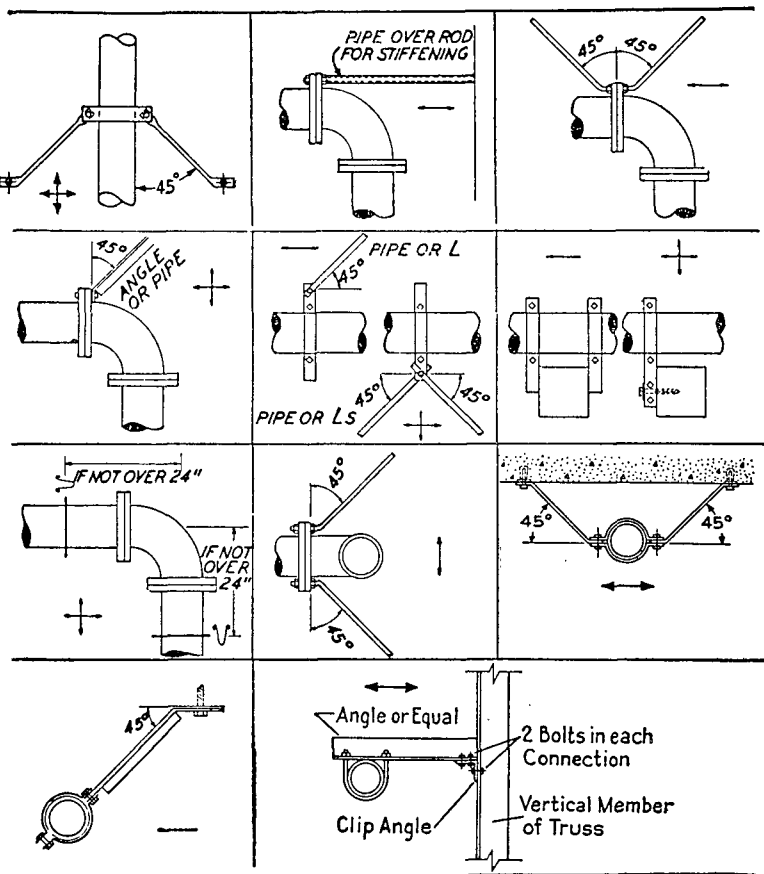


Fig. 3168. Acceptable Types of Sway Bracing.

general, the longitudinal hangers as numbered "1" in Figure 3164 will be necessary in addition. U-type hangers are better lateral braces when the legs are bent out 10°.

3165. Where a system is hung with single rods it will generally be necessary to provide all sway bracing by the installation of special hangers. (Very short rods, less than 6 inches, are fairly satisfactory.)

3166. Large piping should not be held by small branches. The piping should not be fastened to two dissimilar parts of the building such as a wall and a roof which will move differently.

3167. Transverse braces may also act as longitudinal braces if they are within 24 inches of the center line of the pipe being braced longitudinally, except that branch lines cannot hold cross mains. In general the last piece of pipe at the end of a feeder or cross main will require a transverse brace suitable for the loads involved. Earthquake braces should not be connected to a pair of companion flanges.

3168. In most cases specially placed U-type hangers, or pipe clamps with rods or angle braces, will satisfy bracing requirements. Any properly detailed design will be acceptable. Fig. 3168 illustrates some acceptable arrangements of sway bracing.

3169. In the design of sway braces, the slenderness ratio  $l/r$  should not exceed 200 where "l" is the distance between the center lines of supports and "r" is the least radius of gyration,

TABLE 3169.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Max. Length <math>l/r=200</math></i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Max. Length <math>l/r=200</math></i>
<b>ANGLES</b>		<b>FLATS</b>	
$1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ in.	4 ft. 10 in.	$1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ in.	1 ft. 2 in.
2 x 2 x $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	6 ft. 6 in.	2 x $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	1 ft. 2 in.
$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$ in.	7 ft. 0 in.	2 x $\frac{3}{8}$ in.	1 ft. 9 in.
$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ in.	8 ft. 2 in.	<b>PIPE</b>	
3 x $2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ in.	8 ft. 10 in.	1 in.	7 ft. 0 in.
3 x 3 x $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	9 ft. 10 in.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ in.	9 ft. 0 in.
<b>RODS</b>		$1\frac{1}{2}$ in.	10 ft. 4 in.
$\frac{3}{4}$ in.	3 ft. 1 in.	2 in.	13 ft. 1 in.
$\frac{7}{8}$ in.	3 ft. 7 in.		

both in inches. For example, a flat bar 2 inches x  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch should not be over 1 foot 9 inches between fastenings. The maximum length of shapes used for sway bracing is shown in Table 3169.

### **3200. Drainage.**

#### **3210. Pitching of Piping for Drainage.**

3211. All sprinkler pipe and fittings shall be so installed that the system may be thoroughly drained. Where practicable, all piping should be arranged to drain to the main drain valve.

3212. Pipe shall be straightened before installation to prevent pockets which would interfere with proper drainage.

3213. On wet pipe systems sprinkler pipes shall be pitched not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in 10 feet.

3214. On dry pipe systems sprinkler pipe on branch lines shall be pitched at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in 10 feet and the pipe of cross and feed mains shall be given a pitch of not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in 10 feet. A pitch of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch to 1 inch should be provided for short branch lines and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in 10 feet for cross and feed mains in refrigerated areas and in buildings of light construction where floor may settle under heavy loads.

3215. Where settling may occur and deprive a dry pipe system of its drainage, ends of lines should not be raised to violate Section 4200. The drainage should be restored by shortening the vertical piping.

#### **3220. System or Main Drain Connections and Drain Valves. (See Fig. 3220.)**

3221. Provisions shall be made to properly drain all parts of the system.

3222. On all risers 4 inches or larger, 2-inch drain pipes and valves shall be provided.

3223. On risers  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches inclusive, drain pipes and valves not smaller than  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch shall be provided.

3224. On smaller risers, drain pipe and valves not smaller than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch shall be provided.

3225. All sectional control valves shall have a drain valve of suitable size so located as to drain that portion of the system controlled by the cut-off valve.

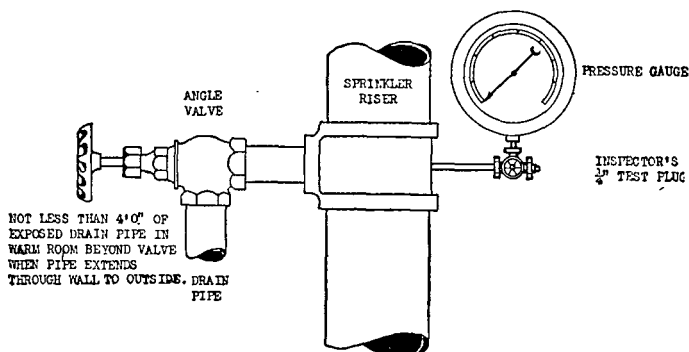


Fig. 3220. Drain Connection for Sprinkler Riser.

3226. The test valves required by Paragraph 2811 may be used as the main drain valves.

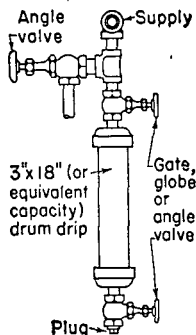
### 3230. Auxiliary Drains. (See Fig. 3230.)

3231. Auxiliary drains shall be provided to drain all low or trapped points of systems.

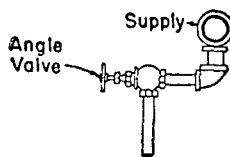
3232. Auxiliary drains on wet pipe and deluge systems shall not be smaller than as follows:

2-inch and smaller supply pipe . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch drain
2½-inch supply pipe . . . . .	1-inch drain
3-inch and larger supply pipe . . . . .	1¼-inch drain

#### Dry Pipe System



#### Wet Pipe System



Not less than 4 ft. of exposed drain pipe in warm room beyond valve when pipe extends through wall to outside.

Fig. 3230. Auxiliary Drains.

3233. On wet pipe and deluge systems, all trapped sprinklers in excess of five shall be provided with drain valve and cast-iron plug or nipple and cap; where in excess of twenty, sprinklers shall be provided with drain valve and drain connection. For five or less sprinklers a brass drain plug or nipple and cap shall be provided.

3234. On dry-pipe systems, where three or less sprinklers are trapped, a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch renewable disc drain valve, plugged with a cast-iron plug or with a nipple and cap, shall be installed.

3235. On dry-pipe systems, where more than three sprinklers are trapped, a two-valve drum drip should be installed, if possible, in a warm location. (See Paragraph 3237.)

3236. On dry-pipe systems, where more than twenty sprinklers are trapped, a two-valve drum drip and a  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch draw-off valve shall be provided with drain properly piped to eliminate possibility of causing water damage. (See Paragraph 3237.)

3237. DRUM DRIPS. Drum drip should be of approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ -gallon capacity and provided with either a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch gate, globe or angle valve on each side of the drum drip. Lower valve on the drum drip shall be plugged with a cast-iron plug or with a nipple and cap.

3238. TIE-IN DRAINS. Pipe sizes for branch line tie-in drains should be one inch for twenty or less sprinklers, and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch for more than twenty sprinklers with  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch drop to  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch or larger branch line pipe on floor below.

### **3240. Discharge of Drain Valves.**

3241. Each drain pipe should preferably discharge outside the building at a point visible from the drain valve and free from the possibility of causing water damage. Where it is not possible to discharge outside the building wall, the drain should be piped to a sump, which in turn should discharge by gravity or be pumped to a waste water drain or sewer. Direct interconnections should not be made between sewers and sprinkler drains of systems supplied with public water. The drain discharge should be in conformity with any local health or water department regulations, or sanitary code. The drain connection should be of a size to carry off water from open drains while they are discharging under normal water pressures.

3242. Where drain pipes are buried underground, either cast-iron or galvanized pipe should be used.

3243. Drain pipes should not terminate in blind spaces under the building.



3244. Drain pipes when exposed should be fitted with a hood or down turned elbow to prevent obstruction.

3245. Drain pipes shall be so arranged as not to expose any part of the sprinkler system to frost. All drains should have at least 4 feet of pipe beyond the valve, in a warm room.

3246. Approved angle valves should be used on all main drains. Wherever possible, drains should be located in a warm place.

### **3300. Fittings.**

#### **3310. Type of Fittings.**

3311. Fittings shall be of a type specifically approved for use in sprinkler systems and designed to withstand a cold water working pressure of not less than 175 lbs.

3312. If fittings are of cast iron, extra heavy pattern shall be used in sizes larger than 2 inches where the normal pressure in the piping system exceeds one hundred and seventy-five pounds.

3313. If fittings are of malleable iron, standard weight pattern will be acceptable in sizes up to 6 inches inclusive when the normal pressure in the pipe system does not exceed three hundred pounds.

3314. Fittings made of materials other than cast iron or malleable iron and specifically approved for use in sprinkler systems may be used at piping system pressures up to the working pressure limits specified in their approval.

3315. Where water pressures are 175 to 300 lbs. the A.S.A. Standards permit the use of "Standard Wall" pipe and "extra heavy" valves. Until pressure ratings for valves are standardized, the manufacturers' ratings should be observed.

3316. All inside piping shall be installed by means of screwed or flanged fittings or by other approved means. Welding of joints in risers and large feed mains may be allowed in special cases. Permission for this work must be obtained from the authority having jurisdiction. Welding should preferably be done in the shop. When done in the field, the fire hazard of the process shall be suitably safeguarded. When welding is permitted it shall be in accordance with the American Standard Code for Pressure Piping, B 31.1-1951 and any subsequent revisions thereof.

3317. Where risers are 3 inches in size or larger, a flange joint shall be used at the riser at each floor. (See Fig. 3317.)

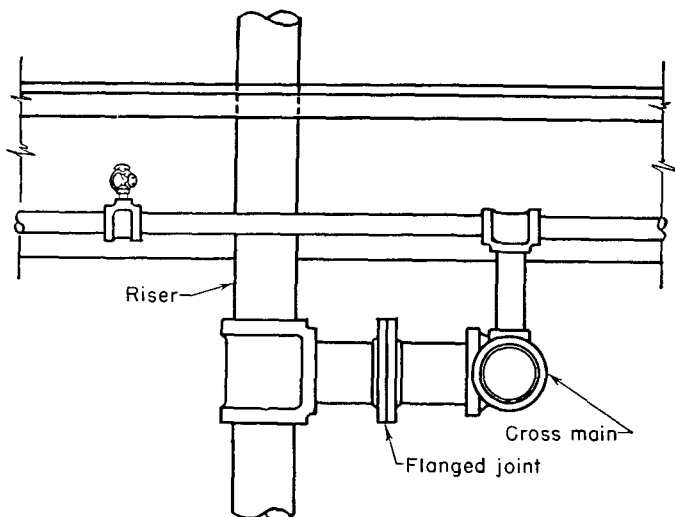


Fig. 3317. One Arrangement of Flanged Joint at Sprinkler Riser.

### 3320. Couplings and Unions.

3321. Couplings and unions should not be used except where pipe is more than 20 feet in length between fittings. Screwed unions shall not be used on pipe larger than 2 inches. Couplings and unions of other than screwed type shall be of types approved specifically for use in sprinkler systems.

### 3330. Reducers, Bushings.

3331. A one-piece reducing fitting of good design should be used wherever a change is made in the size of pipe. Bushings introduce a point of weakness and should be used in reducing the size of openings of fittings only when standard fittings of the required size are not available. The use of bushings is further subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 3332, 3333, 3334 and 3335.

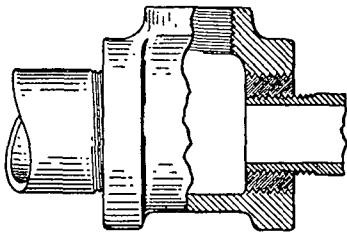


Fig. 3335. Flush Bushing.

3332. Bushings are not permitted in elbow fittings.

3333. Bushings are not permitted when the reduction in size of the outlet is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

3334. Bushings are not permitted in more than one outlet of any tee fitting or any two outlets of a cross fitting.

3335. When permitted, bushings shall be of the face or flush pattern. (See Fig. 3335.)

### 3400. Valves.

#### 3410. Types of Valves to be Used.

3411. All valves on connections to water supplies and in supply pipes to sprinklers shall be approved outside screw and yoke (O. S. & Y.) or approved indicator type. Underground gate valves of approved type equipped with approved indicator post comply with this requirement. It is recommended that such valves be supervised so that closing will result in an alarm.

3412. Drain valves and test valves shall be of approved type.

3413. Check valves shall be of approved straightway type and may be installed in a vertical or horizontal position.

#### 3420. Valves Controlling Water Supplies.

3421. Each system shall be provided with a gate valve so located as to control all sources of water supply except fire department connections when arranged as specified in Section 2630.

3422. At least one gate valve shall be installed in each source of water supply except fire department connections.

3423. Where there is more than one source of water supply, a check valve shall be installed in each connection, except that where cushion tanks are used with automatic fire pumps no check valve is required in the cushion tank connection.

3424. Where there is but one water supply connection a check valve shall be installed if there is likelihood of water circulation, or if there is a fire department connection on the system.

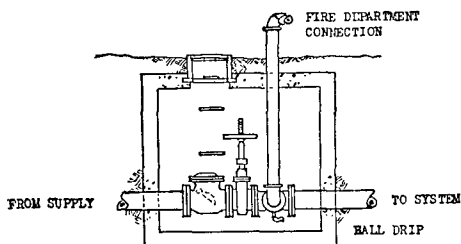


Fig. 3424. Pit for Gate Valve, Check Valve and Fire Department Connection.

3425. Where a system having only one dry-pipe valve is supplied with city water and fire department connection it will be satisfactory to install the main check valve in water supply connection in a vertical position immediately inside of the building; in case there is no outside control the system gate should be placed at the wall flanged ahead of all fittings. Such an arrangement eliminates a pit and in most cases one additional cast-iron socket quarter bend.

3426. Where either a wet or dry pipe sprinkler system is supplied by city water and a fire department connection and has more than one riser with O. S. & Y. gate valve in each, and the whole system is controlled by one outside post indicator valve, it will be satisfactory to install the main check valve in the water supply connection immediately inside building. (See Paragraph 2633.)

3427. Where a wet pipe sprinkler system is supplied by city water and a fire department connection with only one riser, the alarm valve will be considered as a check valve and an additional check valve will not be required.

3428. A gate valve should be installed on each side of each check valve under conditions other than described in Paragraphs 3425, 3426 and 3427, except that in the discharge pipe from a pressure tank or a gravity tank of less than 15,000 gallons capacity no gate valve need be installed on the tank side of the check valve.

3429. Where a gravity tank is located on a tower in the yard, the gate valve on the tank side of the check valve should be of O. S. & Y. type; the other should be either an O. S. & Y. valve or an indicator post valve. Where a gravity tank is located on a building both gate valves should be of the O. S. & Y. type; and all fittings inside the building, except the drain tee and heater connections, shall be under the control of a gate valve.

3430. In a city connection serving as one source of supply the city valve in the connection may serve as one of the required gate valves. An O. S. & Y. valve or an indicator post valve should be installed on the system side of the check valve.

3431. A connection from public water system should not extend into or through a building unless such connection is under the control of an outside indicator post or O. S. & Y. gate valve or under the control of an inside O. S. & Y. gate valve located near outside wall of the building.

3432. When a pump, located in a combustible pump house or exposed to danger from fire or falling walls, or a tank, discharges into a yard main fed by another supply, either the check valve in the connection should be located in a pit or the gate should be of the indicator post type, located a safe distance outside of buildings.

3433. Check valves on tank or pump connections when located underground may be placed inside of buildings and at a safe distance from the tank riser or pump, except in cases where the building is entirely of one fire area, when it is ordinarily considered satisfactory to locate the check valve overhead in the lowest level.

3434. All gate valves controlling water supplies for sprinklers shall be located where readily accessible and when necessary, permanent ladders, clamped treads on risers, chains and wheels, or other accepted means should be provided.

#### **3440. Sectional Valves in Underground Fire Mains.**

3441. In large plants the underground fire main system should have sectional control valves so located as to provide an acceptable degree of reliability for sprinkler equipments and water supplies. (See Standard for Outside Protection, NFPA No. 24.)

#### **3450. Floor Control Valves.**

3451. Floor control valves may be required in special cases where area or height, or number of tenants is excessive, both in manufacturing and mercantile buildings, or where contents are more than ordinarily susceptible to damage. Floor valves should be located where they are readily accessible.

#### **3460. Indicator Posts for Gate Valves.**

3461. Outside control should be provided wherever possible.

3462. Where sprinklers are supplied from a yard main, an approved outside indicator post gate valve should be placed in the connecting pipe at a safe distance from the building.

3463. Indicator post valves should be located not less than 40 feet from buildings; but where necessary to place a valve close to a building, it should be located at a blank part of the wall.

3464. When a building has no basement, and outside post indicator control cannot be furnished, short post indicator may be installed in a horizontal position in riser with handwheel projecting outside of wall.

## Style "A"



## Style "B" continued



## Style "B"



## Style "C"



## Style "D"



Fig. 3491. Identification Signs.

**3470. Pits for Underground Valves.**

3471. Pits should be of ample size to permit of easy access to the valves for examination and repairs. (See specifications for concrete valve pits in the Standard for Construction and Installation of Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection Service, NFPA No. 22.)

**3480. Securing of Valves.**

3481. All gate valves in supply pipes to automatic sprinklers, whether or not of indicator or post pattern, should be sealed open in a satisfactory manner.

**3490. Identification of Valves.**

3491. All control, drain, test and alarm valves shall be provided with identification signs of the standard design adopted by the automatic sprinkler industry, or their equivalent. Such identification signs shall be of the design illustrated in Fig. 3491 and designated as:

(a) To be securely affixed to Control Valves.

(b) To be securely affixed to Drain Valves, Test Valves, Air Line Valves, Filling Line Valves and Water Motor Line Valves.

(c) To be securely affixed to Sign A when the valve "must be kept open except during winter months when valve is to be closed and pipes drained." Or when "valve shut must be opened in case of fire, also during summer months."

(d) To be securely affixed to the Alarm, electrical or mechanical, or both.

**3500. Hangers.****3510. General.**

3511. Sprinkler piping should be substantially supported from the building structure. In all cases, sprinkler piping should be supported independently of the ceiling sheathing.

3512. Hangers shall be of a type approved for use with the pipe or tube involved.

3513. Sprinkler piping should be supported by round wrought-iron U-type or approved adjustable hangers.

3514. Approved C-type hangers are acceptable for use on steel beams when provided with a strap as shown by "L" in Fig. 3510 or when cup-pointed set screws with locknuts are provided

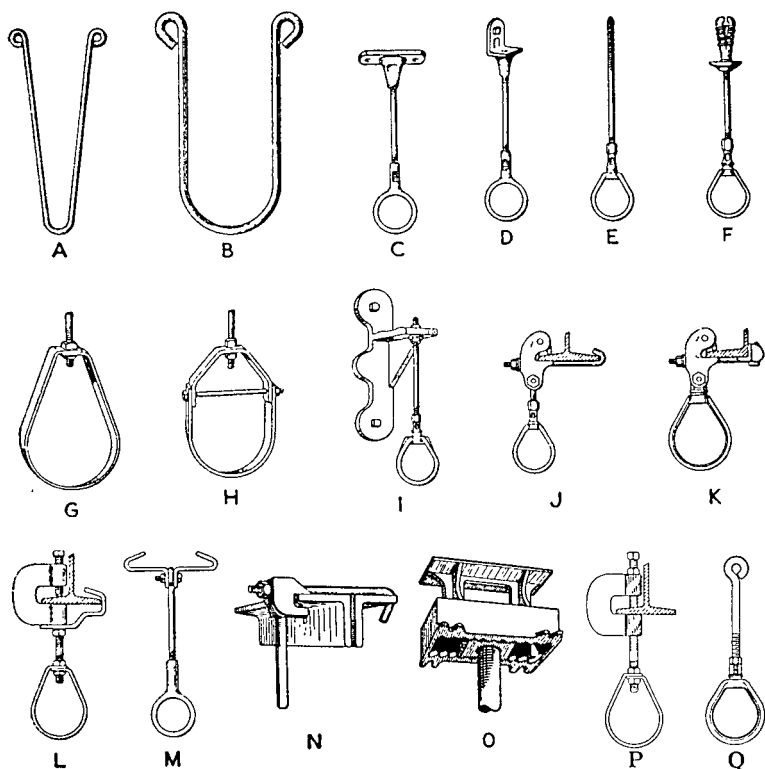


Fig. 3510. Common Types of Acceptable Hangers.

- A — U-type Hanger for Branch Lines.
- B — U-type Hanger for Cross Mains and Feed Mains.
- C — Adjustable Clip for Branch Lines.
- D — Side Beam Adjustable Hanger.
- E — Adjustable Coach Screw Clip for Branch Lines.
- F — Adjustable Swivel Ring Hanger with Expansion Case.
- G — Adjustable Flat Iron Hanger.
- H — Adjustable Clevis Hanger.
- I — Cantilever Bracket.
- J — "Universal" I-beam Clamp.
- K — "Universal" Channel Clamp.
- L — C-type Clamp with Retaining Strap.
- M — Center I-beam Clamp for Branch Lines.
- N — Top Beam Clamp.
- O — "CB-Universal" Concrete Insert.
- P — C-type Clamp without Retaining Strap.
- Q — Eye Rod and Ring Hanger.



for these hangers by the manufacturer. Strap or locknut may be omitted in situations where there is no material vibration of structural members provided C-type hanger is specifically approved for use without such strap or locknut. Straps shall be not less than  $\frac{1}{8}$  by 1 inch in section.

3515. If hangers or parts of hangers are made of flat iron or steel, the thickness of the metal must be at least  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch, unless protected by a suitable corrosion-resistant material and the strength of the hangers must, in any case, be comparable to that of other approved types.

3516. Pipe rings hung from coach screw hooks should be avoided. They should never be used on branch lines.

3517. Hangers which permit wide lateral motion of the pipe, particularly on branch lines, are not acceptable.

3518. Toggle hangers should be used only for the support of branch lines and under ceilings of hollow tile or metal lath and plaster, in buildings of fire-resistive or noncombustible construction.

3519. Under metal decking branch line hangers may be attached by drilling or punching vertical members and using through bolts. The distance from the bottom of the bolt hole to the bottom of the vertical member shall be not less than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch.

3520. For trapeze hangers, the minimum size of steel angle or pipe span between purlins or joists shall be as shown in Table 3520, all angles to be used with longer leg vertical. The angles shown are selected for economy and availability. Any other sizes or shapes giving equal or greater section modulus will be acceptable.

3521. For the size of hanger rods, "U" hooks, drive and lag screws for support of steel angle or pipe of the trapeze bars, see Section 3550.

### **3530. Hangers in Concrete.**

3531. In concrete construction, approved inserts set in the concrete may be installed for the support of hangers. The use of wood plugs is not permitted.

3532. Hangers should be installed without regard to the support of the sleeves where pipes are run through concrete beams. Such sleeves should not normally be used for the support of pipes.

TABLE 3520.

## Trapeze Bars — One- to Seven-Foot Spans

PIPE SIZE →	2" OR LESS	2 1/2"	3"	3 1/2"	4"	5"	6"	8"
	1" PIPE	1" PIPE	1" PIPE	1" PIPE	1" PIPE	1" PIPE	1 1/4" PIPE	1 1/4" PIPE
SPAN OF TRAPEZE BARS	1'-0"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 2" x 3/16"
	1'-6"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"
	2'-0"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"
	2'-6"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 1/4"
	3'-0"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/4"
	4'-0"	2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 1/4"	3 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 5/16"
	5'-0"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 1/4"	3 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/4"	4" x 4" x 1/4"
	6'-0"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 1/4"	3 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/4"	4" x 3" x 1/4"	4" x 4" x 5/16"
	7'-0"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 3/16"	3" x 3" x 3/16"	3" x 2" x 1/4"	3 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/4"	4" x 3" x 1/4"	4" x 3" x 3/8"

3533. Expansion shields for supporting pipes under concrete construction should preferably be used in a horizontal position in the sides of beams, but in good, sound concrete having gravel or crushed stone aggregate, they may be used in the vertical position to support pipes 4 inches or less in diameter. In all cases, the suitability of the concrete should be definitely determined before using expansion shields.

3534. For the support of pipes 4 inches and larger, expansion shields if used in the vertical position should alternate with hangers connected directly to the structural members such as trusses and girders, or to the sides of concrete beams. In the absence of convenient structural members, pipes 4 inches and larger may be supported entirely by expansion shields in the vertical position, but spaced not over 10 feet apart.

3535. Expansion shields should not be used in ceilings of gypsum or similar soft material. In cinder concrete, expansion shields should likewise not be used except on branch lines and even then they should alternate with through bolts or hangers attached to beams.

3536. It is important in all cases, and especially so where expansion shields are used in the vertical position, that the holes be made of the proper size and be drilled with care to provide for a uniform contact with the shield over its entire circumference. Depth of the hole should in no case be less than specified for the type of shield used.

3537. Holes for shields in the side of concrete beams should ordinarily be above the center line of the beam and always well above the bottom reinforcement.

3538. Where pipes are run through concrete beams, sleeves at least two sizes larger than the piping should be used.

### **3540. Powder Driven Studs and Welding Studs.**

3541. Powder driven studs and welding studs shall not be used unless the studs and the tools for attaching powder driven studs are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory for use in hanging sprinkler piping.

3542. Powder driven studs should not be used in steel less than  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch total thickness. The size of sprinkler pipe supported by powder driven studs in steel shall not exceed 5 inches.

3543. Powder driven studs should be used in concrete only where the authority having jurisdiction approves such use on the basis of a test of the acceptability of the studs made in the actual concrete on the job. The ability of concrete to hold the studs varies widely according to type of aggregate and quality of concrete, and it should be established in each case by testing to determine that the studs will hold a minimum load of 750 lbs. for 2-inch or smaller pipe and 1,000 lbs. for 3- or 3½-inch pipe, and will not work loose by jiggling the stud or by vibration. The size of sprinkler pipe supported by powder driven studs in concrete shall not exceed 3½ inches.

3544. Studs or other hanger parts should not be attached by welding to steel less than  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch in thickness.

### **3550. Ceiling Flanges, Rods and "U" Hooks.**

3551. CEILING FLANGES. For pipe sizes up to 2 inches, ceiling flanges shall have at least two supporting screw holes; for sizes 2½ inches to 8 inches, not less than three holes, prefer-

ably so located that no two holes are in the same line as the grain in the planking.

3552. **RODS.** The size of rods for hangers shall not be less than that given in the following table. Such sizes are nominal diameters associated with machined threads. For rolled threads the rod size shall be not less than the root diameter of the thread.

<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>Dia. of Rod</i>	<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>Dia. of Rod</i>
Up to 2 in. . . . .	$\frac{3}{8}$ in.	6 in. . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$ in.
2½ in., 3 in., 3½ in. .	$\frac{1}{2}$ in.	8 in. . . . .	$\frac{7}{8}$ in.
4 in., 5 in. . . . .	$\frac{5}{8}$ in.		

3553. **"U" HOOKS.** The size of the rod material of "U" hooks shall be not less than that given in the following table:

<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>Hook Material Dia.</i>	<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>Hook Material Dia.</i>
Up to 2 in. . . . .	$\frac{5}{16}$ in.	5 in. . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
2½ in., 3 in. . . . .	$\frac{3}{8}$ in.	6 in. . . . .	$\frac{5}{8}$ in.
3½ in., 4 in. . . . .	$\frac{7}{16}$ in.	8 in. . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$ in.

3554. **SCREWS.** For ceiling flanges and "U" hooks screw dimensions shall be not less than those given in the following table:

<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>2 Screw Flanges</i>
Up to 2 in. . . . .	Wood Screw No. 18 x 1½ in.
<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>3 Screw Flanges</i>
Up to 2 in. . . . .	Wood Screw No. 18 x 1½ in.
2½ in., 3 in., 3½ in. .	Lag Screw $\frac{3}{8}$ in. x 2 in.
4 in., 5 in., 6 in. . .	Lag Screw $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 2 in.
8 in. . . . .	Lag Screw $\frac{5}{8}$ in. x 2 in.
<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>4 Screw Flanges</i>
Up to 2 in. . . . .	Wood Screw No. 18 x 1½ in.
2½ in., 3 in., 3½ in. .	Lag Screw $\frac{3}{8}$ in. x 1½ in.
4 in., 5 in., 6 in. . .	Lag Screw $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 2 in.
8 in. . . . .	Lag Screw $\frac{5}{8}$ in. x 2 in.
<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>"U" Hooks</i>
Up to 2 in. . . . .	Drive Screw No. 16 x 2 in.
2½ in., 3 in., 3½ in. .	Lag Screw $\frac{3}{8}$ in. x 2½ in.
4 in., 5 in., 6 in. . .	Lag Screw $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 3 in.
8 in. . . . .	Lag Screw $\frac{5}{8}$ in. x 3 in.

3555. Drive screws shall be used only in a horizontal position as in the side of a beam. Wood screws shall not be driven.

3556. Nails are not acceptable for fastening hangers.

3557. Screws in the side of a timber or joist should be not less than 2½ inches from the lower edge when supporting branch

lines, and not less than 3 inches when supporting main lines. This shall not apply to 2-inch or thicker nailing strips resting on top of steel beams.

3558. When the thickness of planking and thickness of flange does not permit the use of screws 2 inches long, screws  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long may be permitted.

3559. The minimum thickness of plank and the minimum width of lower face of beams or joists in which lag screw rods are used shall be as given in the following table:

<i>Diameter of Rod</i>	<i>Nominal Plank Thickness</i>	<i>Nominal Width of Beam Face</i>
Up to $\frac{3}{8}$ in.	3 in.	2 in.
$\frac{1}{2}$ in.	4 in.	2 in.
$\frac{5}{8}$ in.	4 in.	3 in.
$\frac{3}{4}$ in.	4 in.	4 in.

Lag screw rods should not be used for support of pipes larger than 6 inches. All holes for lag screw rods should be predrilled  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch less in diameter than the root diameter of the lag screw thread.

### 3560. Location of Hangers on Branch Lines.

3561. On branch lines, there should ordinarily be at least one hanger for each length of pipe. Further specifications and modification of this rule are included in Paragraphs 3562-3569, inclusive.

3562. Hangers should be placed 18 inches from the sprinkler. This is the preferred distance, and should be adhered to as closely as possible.

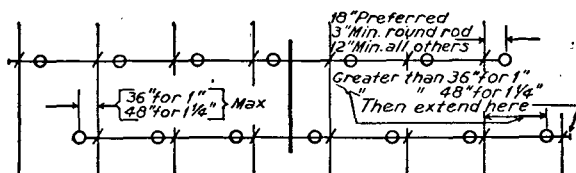


Fig. 3562. Distance from Sprinkler to Hanger.

3563. If necessary, round iron hangers may be located as close as 3 inches to the sprinkler. All other type hangers require a 12-inch clearance. This keeps the hanger from interfering with the proper water distribution. This does not apply when sprinklers are installed in pendent positions.

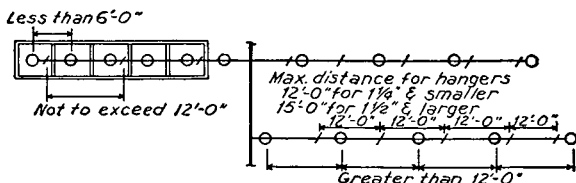


Fig. 3563. Distance Between Hangers.

3564. If necessary, the unsupported length between the end sprinkler and the last hanger may be extended to 36 inches for 1-inch pipe, or 48 inches for 1 1/4-inch pipe. Where these limits are exceeded, the pipe should be extended beyond the end sprinkler for an additional hanger.

3565. Maximum distance between hangers should not exceed 12 feet for 1 1/4-inch or smaller size pipe, nor 15 feet for 1 1/2-inch or larger size pipe.

3566. Where one hanger for each length of pipe would require hangers closer than 6 feet apart, hangers may be spaced up to, but not exceeding 12 feet.

3567. Starter lengths less than 6 feet do not require a hanger, except on the end line of a side-feed system, or where an intermediate cross main hanger has been omitted.

3568. One-inch arms, not over 12 inches long, from branch lines or cross mains do not require hangers.

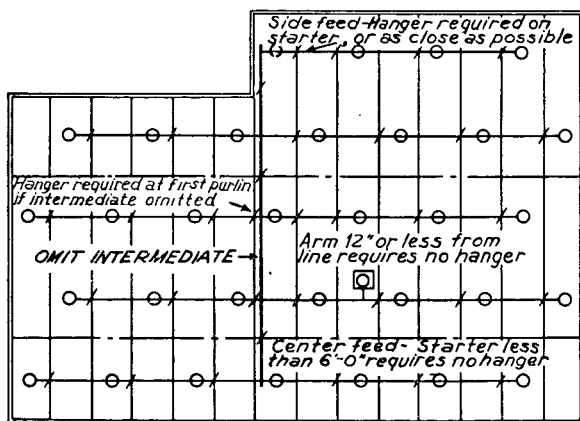


Fig. 3567. Hanger Omissions.

3569. In special cases it may be necessary to make provisions to take care of the thrust of branch lines in a steeply pitched roof especially where there is a long nipple between the cross main and the branch. This may be done by installing a clamp on the pipe just above the lower hanger.

### 3570. Location of Hangers on Cross Mains.

3571. On cross mains there should ordinarily be one hanger between each two branch lines. In cases where cross mains are supported from floor or roof framing members and intermediate hanging may require the use of trapeze hangers, intermediate hangers may be omitted as outlined in Paragraphs 3572-3575, inclusive.

3572. In bays having two branch lines, the intermediate hanger may be omitted provided that a hanger attached to a purlin is installed on each branch line located as near to the cross main as the location of the purlin permits. Remaining branch line hangers should be installed in accordance with Section 3560

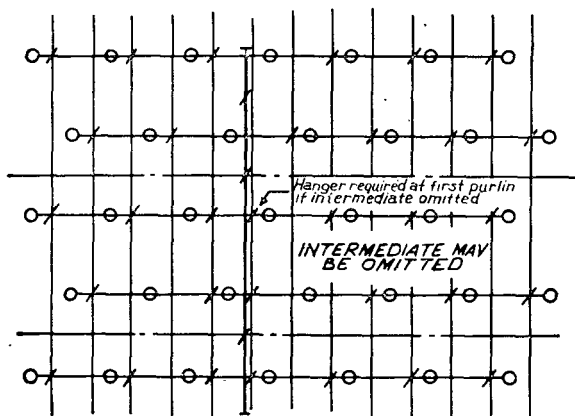


Fig. 3572. Hangers on Cross Main.

3573. In bays having three side fed branch lines, one (only) intermediate hanger may be omitted provided that a hanger attached to a purlin is installed on each branch line located as near to the cross main as the location of the purlin permits. Remaining branch line hangers should be installed in accordance with Section 3560.

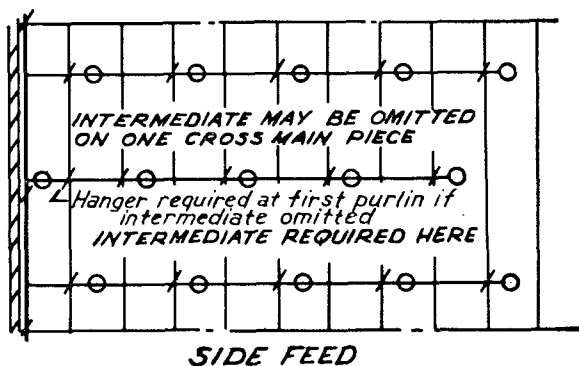


Fig. 3573. Hanger Omissions on Side Feed System.

3574. In bays having three center feed branch lines, both intermediate hangers may be omitted provided that a hanger attached to a purlin is installed on each branch line as near to the cross main as the locations of the purlins permit. Remaining branch line hangers should be installed in accordance with Section 3560.

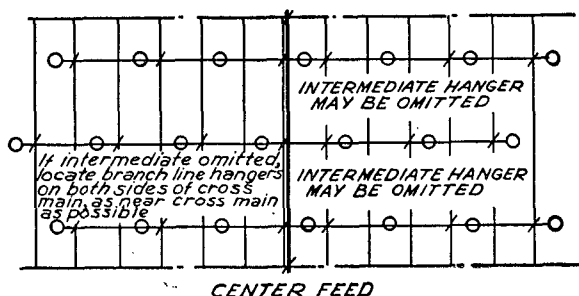


Fig. 3574. Hangers on Cross Main — Center Feed System.

3575. At the end of the cross main, intermediate trapeze hangers should be installed unless the cross main is extended to the next framing member with an ordinary hanger installed at this point, in which event, intermediate hangers may be omitted in accordance with Paragraphs 3572-3574, inclusive.



### **3580. Location of Hangers on Feed Mains.**

3581. On feed mains there should be at least one hanger for each 15 feet of pipe.

### **3590. Support of Risers.**

3591. Risers shall be adequately supported by attachments direct to the riser or by hangers located on the horizontal connections close to the riser.

3592. Where risers are supported at the ground and are without offsets additional support at every fourth floor above will ordinarily be ample. Where risers do not rise from the ground, direct support should be provided, preferably at every floor.

3593. In buildings of heavy construction and ten stories in height no support is required above the fifth floor.

3594. In buildings of heavy construction and more than ten stories, supports are required at the ground (first) level, fifth and ninth levels, and every fourth story above.

3595. In buildings of light construction additional supports are required.

3596. Sprinkler and tank risers in vertical shafts should be supported equivalent to the above.

3597. Clamps supporting pipe by means of set screws shall not be used.

### **3600. Sprinklers.**

#### **3601. Standard and Old Style Sprinklers.**

3602. During the years 1952 and 1953 sprinklers were re-designed which resulted in greatly improved water distribution. The redesign of the deflectors was the principal reason for the improvement. As a result of these changes, water is discharged in all directions below the plane of the deflector. The spray pattern is roughly that of a half sphere completely filled with water spray. Little or no water is discharged upward to wet the ceiling.

3603. The distribution pattern for approved standard sprinklers is more uniform than from the old style sprinklers and at a distance four feet below the deflector covers a circular area of useful intensity of water discharge of a diameter of about sixteen feet when discharging at fifteen gallons per minute. The area

covered is generally independent of the type of ceiling and tends to be larger at distances over four feet and smaller at distances less than four feet.

3604. The 1955 issue of the Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems was revised principally on the basis of improved water distribution by the redesigned sprinkler which up to that time was known as the spray type.

3605. This redesigned sprinkler is known as the standard sprinkler.

3606. The former so-called conventional or regular sprinkler is known as the old style sprinkler.

3607. Standard sprinklers may be used to replace old style sprinklers without system changes.

3608. Old style sprinklers may be used to replace old style sprinklers.

3609. Old style sprinklers shall not be used to replace standard sprinklers without a complete engineering review of the system which may result in major changes.

### **3610. Types of Sprinklers.**

3611. Sprinklers shall be of approved makes and types.

3612. Automatic sprinklers with nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch discharge orifice and of the ordinary degree temperature ratings will usually be required.

3613. The character of the discharge of sprinklers is such that it is necessary to use two distinct designs — one approved for the upright and the other for the pendent position. Sprinklers should be installed with the frame parallel to the branch line pipe to reduce to minimum the obstruction of the discharge pattern.

3614. The authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted in every case involving special use of sprinklers as contemplated by this section of the Standard. Sprinklers used for the special purposes and locations described in Paragraphs 3615 to 3636 inclusive shall be of types specifically approved for such use.

3615. Open sprinklers may be used to protect special hazards, for protection against exposures, or in other special locations.

3616. For small enclosures and other special locations or conditions not requiring as much water as is discharged by a

nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch orifice sprinkler, sprinklers having smaller discharge orifices may be used.

3617. In situations involving special problems of water distribution, sprinklers having a discharge other than that which is characteristic of the ordinary types may be used. These will usually have special deflectors. Sprinklers having special discharge characteristics may be required where either a fine spray or directional discharge of water is needed.

### **3620. Corrosion-Resistant Sprinklers.**

3621. Approved corrosion-resistant or special coated sprinklers shall be installed in locations where chemicals, moisture or other corrosive vapors exist sufficient to cause corrosion of such devices as in paper mills, packing houses, tanneries, alkali plants, organic fertilizer plants, foundries, forge shops, pickle and vinegar works, stables, storage battery rooms, electroplating rooms, galvanizing rooms, steam rooms of all descriptions, including moist vapor dry kilns, salt storage rooms, locomotive sheds or houses, driveways, areas exposed to outside weather such as piers and wharves exposed to salt air, areas under sidewalks, around bleaching equipment in flour mills, all portions of cold storage buildings where a direct ammonia expansion system is used, portions of any plant where corrosive vapors prevail.

3622. Special care shall be taken in the handling and installation of wax-coated or similar sprinklers to avoid damaging the coating.

3623. Corrosion-resistant coatings shall not be applied to the sprinklers by anyone other than the manufacturer of the sprinklers, except that in all cases any damage to the protective coating occurring at the time of installation shall be repaired at once using only the coating of the manufacturer of the sprinkler in approved manner so that none of the sprinkler will be exposed after the installation has been completed. Otherwise, corrosion will attack the exposed metal and will in time creep under the wax coating.

### **3630. Sidewall Sprinklers.**

3631. Sidewall sprinklers are special purpose sprinklers and the authority having jurisdiction should be consulted where sidewall sprinklers are to be used.

3632. Where a standard sprinkler system can be installed without interfering with the decorative scheme, sidewall sprinklers should not be used.

3633. Where, to preserve appearance, concealed sprinkler piping and standard sprinklers can be installed, sidewall sprinklers should not be used.

3634. Generally the use of sidewall sprinklers should be confined to light hazard occupancies, such as hotels, clubs, schools, hospitals and churches.

3635. In both light hazard and ordinary hazard occupancies, sidewall sprinklers may be used in show windows, halls and private offices.

3636. Consideration of the use of sidewall sprinklers may be given where preservation of limited headroom under low decks and ceilings is necessary; or where special types of apparatus or occupancy conditions such as coal conveyors, rug racks, etc., require directional water flow.

### 3640. Discharge Capacities.

3641. The following table shows the discharge capacities of approved sprinklers having  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch orifice or its equivalent in discharge, at various pressures up to 100 lbs.

TABLE 3641.

<i>Pressure at Sprinkler Lb. Per Sq. In.</i>	<i>Discharge Gal. Per Min.</i>	<i>Pressure at Sprinkler Lb. Per Sq. In.</i>	<i>Discharge Gal. Per Min.</i>
10	18	35	34
15	22	50	41
20	25	75	50
25	28	100	58

3642. Automatic sprinklers of capacities less than that of standard  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch sprinklers should be of nominal  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch or  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch size with capacities one-half and one-quarter that of the standard  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch sprinkler respectively.

3643.  $\frac{3}{8}$ - and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch sprinklers should have a pintle extending above deflector for identification purposes.

3644. Large orifice sprinklers should have a capacity of 140 per cent of a nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch sprinkler and should have a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipe thread.

### 3650. Temperature Ratings.

3651. The standard temperature ratings of automatic sprinklers are as follows. (The frame arms only are colored to show temperature rating.)

TABLE 3651.

Rating	Operating Temp. °F	Color	Max. Ceiling Temp. °F
Ordinary	135°-150°-160°-165°	Uncolored†	100°F
Intermediate	175°-212°	White†	150°F
High	250°-280°-286°	Blue	225°F
Extra High	325°-340°-360°	Red	300°F
Very Extra High	400°-415°	Green	375°F
	450°	Orange	425°F
	500°	Orange	475°F

†The 135° sprinklers of some manufacturers are half black and half uncolored. The 175° sprinklers of the same manufacturers are yellow.

3652. Where higher temperature sprinklers are necessary to meet extraordinary conditions, special sprinklers as high as 600° are obtainable.

3653. Sprinklers of ratings higher than ordinary shall be used only when necessary. The use of high temperature sprinklers should be in accordance with maximum ceiling temperatures as given in Table 3651.

3654. Information regarding the highest temperature that may be encountered in any location in a particular installation should be obtained by use of a thermometer that will register the highest temperature encountered, which should be hung for several days in the questionable location with the plant in operation.

3655. The following general practices should be observed when installing high temperature sprinklers, unless special rulings have been made based on temperature readings.

(a) Sprinklers near unit heaters.

Where steam pressure is not more than 15 lbs., sprinklers in the Heater Zone should be 250° to 286°, and sprinklers in the Danger Zone 175° to 212°.

Where steam pressure exceeds 15 lbs., or for unit heaters having gas or electric heating elements, the temperature should be examined with a registering thermometer to determine the proper ratings for sprinklers to be used.

Where hot water is the heating element, the temperatures should be examined with a registering thermometer to determine if it would be possible to put in a lower temperature rating sprinkler than those given in the diagram.

TABLE 3654-1.  
DISTANCE OF SPRINKLERS FROM HEAT SOURCES

Type of Heat Condition	Ordinary Degree Rating	Intermediate Degree Rating	High Degree Rating
1. HEATING DUCTS			
a. Above	a. More than 2'-6"	a. 2'-6" or less	—
b. Side and Below	b. More than 1'-0"	b. 1'-0" or less	—
c. Diffuser		c. Downward: Cylinder with 1'-0" radius from edge, extending 1'-0" below and 2'-6" above	—
Downward Discharge		c. Horizontal: Semi-cylinder with 2'-6" radius in direction of flow, extending 1'-0" below and 2'-6" above	—
Horizontal Discharge	c. Any distance except as shown under INTERMEDIATE		
2. UNIT HEATER			
a. Horizontal Discharge	—	a. Discharge Side: 7'-0" to 20'-0" radius pie-shaped cylinder [See Fig. 3655(a)] extending 7'-0" above and 2'-0" below Unit Heater; also 7'-0" radius cylinder more than 7'-0" above Unit Heater	a. 7'-0" radius cylinder extending 7'-0" above and 2'-0" below Unit Heater
b. Vertical Downward Discharge [Note: For Sprinklers Below Unit Heater See Fig. 3655(a)]	—	b. 7'-0" radius cylinder extending upward from an elevation 7'-0" above Unit Heater	b. 7'-0" radius cylinder extending from the top of the Unit Heater to an elevation 7'-0" above Unit Heater
3. STEAM MAINS (Uncovered)			
a. Above	a. More than 2'-6"	a. 2'-6" or less	—
b. Side and Below	b. More than 1'-0"	b. 1'-0" or less	—
c. Blow-off Valve	c. More than 7'-0"	—	c. 7'-0" or less

TABLE 3654-2.  
RATINGS OF SPRINKLERS IN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Ordinary Degree Rating</i>	<i>Intermediate Degree Rating</i>	<i>High Degree Rating</i>
SKYLIGHTS	—	Glass	—
ATTICS	Ventilated	Unventilated	—
PEAKED ROOF Metal or thin boards; concealed or not concealed; insulated or uninsulated	Ventilated	Unventilated	—
FLAT ROOF Metal not concealed; insulated or uninsulated	Ventilated or unventilated	Note: For uninsulated roof, climate and occupancy may require INTERMEDIATE sprinklers. Check on job.	—
FLAT ROOF Metal; concealed; insulated or uninsulated	Ventilated	Unventilated	—
SHOW WINDOWS	Ventilated	Unventilated	—

NOTE: The above tables are to be considered a guide only. A check of job condition by means of thermometers may be necessary.

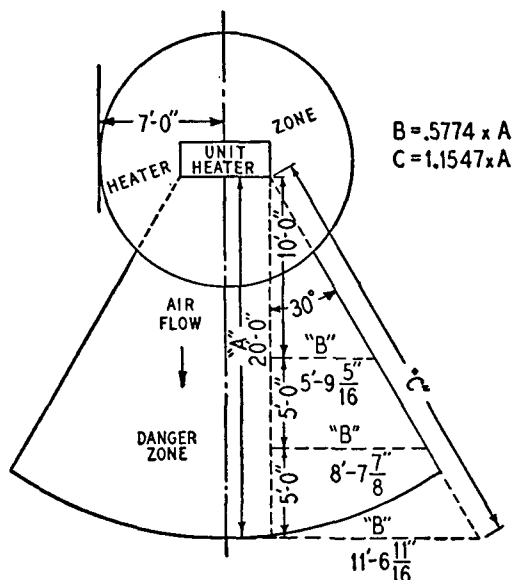


Fig. 3655(a). Heater and Danger Zones at Unit Heaters.

(b) Sprinklers located within 12 inches to one side or 30 inches above an uncovered steam main, heating coil or radiator, should be 175° to 212°.

(c) Sprinklers within 7 feet of a low pressure blow-off valve which discharges free in a large room, should be 250° to 286°.

(d) Sprinklers under glass skylights exposed to the direct rays of the sun should be 175° to 212°.

(e) Sprinklers in an unventilated concealed space under an uninsulated wood or metal roof, or in an unventilated attic, or in a building having an unventilated peak roof of thin boards or metal, should be 175° to 212°.

(f) Sprinklers in unventilated show windows having high-powered electric lights near the ceiling should be 175° to 212°.

(g) At intervals some occupancies employ high temperature fumigation processes requiring consideration in the selection of sprinkler temperature ratings.

(h) Where a locomotive enters a building, sprinklers should be located not nearer than 5 feet from the center line of the track.



3656. In case of change of occupancy involving temperature change, the sprinklers should be changed accordingly.

### 3660. Stock of Extra Sprinklers.

3661. There shall be maintained on the premises a supply of extra sprinklers (never less than six) so that any sprinklers that have operated or been injured in any way may promptly be replaced. These sprinklers shall correspond as to types and temperature ratings with the sprinklers in the property. The sprinklers should be kept in a cabinet located where the temperature to which they are subjected will at no time exceed 100° F. Cabinets are furnished in standard sizes of 6 and 12 sprinkler capacities.

3662. A special sprinkler wrench should also be provided and kept in the cabinet, to be used in the removal and installation of sprinklers.

3663. The number of sprinklers carried for replacement purposes should be governed by:

(a) Size of system.

(b) Location of protected property to source of sprinkler supply.

(c) Number of sprinklers likely to be opened by extraordinary conditions such as flash fire.

3664. Ordinarily, under average conditions, the stock of emergency sprinklers should be as follows:

For equipments not over 300 sprinklers. . . 6 sprinklers

For equipments 300 to 1,000 sprinklers. . . 12 sprinklers

For equipments above 1,000 sprinklers. . . 24 sprinklers

Stock of emergency sprinklers should include all types and ratings installed.

3665. For equipments aboard vessels or in isolated locations, a greater number of sprinklers should be carried, to permit equipment to be put back into service promptly after a fire.

### 3670. Guards and Shields.

3671. Sprinklers which are so located as to be subject to mechanical injury (in either the upright or the pendent position) shall be protected with approved guards.

3672. Sprinklers under the gridiron of theatres should be provided with metal shields.

3673. Heat collectors over automatic sprinklers under steel grating floors should not be less than 18 inches in least dimension. The deflector should be located not more than 4 inches below the collector.

### **3680. Painting.**

3681. When the sprinkler piping is given any kind of a coating, such as whitewash or paint, care must be exercised to see that no portion of the automatic sprinklers is covered.

3682. Painting sprinklers after installation interferes with the free movement of parts and may render the sprinkler inoperative. Sprinklers so painted should be replaced with new clean sprinklers. When painting sprinkler piping or in areas near sprinklers they may be fully protected by covering with a paper bag to be removed immediately after painting is finished.

3683. The use of painted or enameled sprinklers is undesirable. Where sprinklers with ornamental finish are desired only those specifically approved as such shall be used. In those cases where approved lacquered sprinklers are allowed they should not be refinished.

### **3690. Clear Space Below Sprinklers.**

3691. Arrangements should be made to keep at least 18 inches clearance below sprinkler deflectors to reduce possible obstruction to the distribution of water. Increased clearance up to 36 inches should be provided over large closely packed piles of combustible cases, bales, cartons or other closely packed combustible stock.

## **3700. Sprinkler Alarms.**

### **3710. Definition.**

3711. A local alarm unit is an assembly of apparatus approved for the service and so constructed and installed that any flow of water from a sprinkler system equal to or greater than that from a single automatic sprinkler will result in an audible alarm signal on the premises.

### **3720. Where Required.**

3721. Water flow alarms shall be provided on all sprinkler installations except where permission of the authority having jurisdiction is obtained for their omission. Central station water flow alarm service is desirable but central station water flow alarm service does not necessarily waive the local alarm requirement.

3722. Either outdoor water motor or electric alarm gongs should be installed in every case where there is no watchman with watch service or where sprinkler system is not provided with approved water flow alarm to a central station.

3723. Under conditions where central station water flow alarm service is not available it may be advisable to connect electrical alarm units to public Fire Department headquarters or nearest Fire Department station or other suitable place where aid may be readily secured.

### **3730. Water Flow Detecting Devices.**

3731. **ALARM CHECK VALVES.** The alarm apparatus for a wet-pipe system shall consist of an approved alarm check valve or other approved water flow detecting alarm device with the necessary attachments required to give an alarm.

3732. **DRY-PIPE VALVES.** The alarm apparatus for a dry-pipe system shall consist of approved alarm attachments to the dry-pipe valve. When a dry-pipe valve is located on the system side of an alarm valve, the actuating device of the alarms for the dry-pipe valve may be connected to the alarms on the wet-pipe system.

3733. **PRE-ACTION AND DELUGE VALVES.** The alarm apparatus for pre-action and deluge systems shall consist of approved electric alarm attachments, actuated by a thermostatic system independently of flow of water in the system. A mechanical alarm (water motor gong) may also be required.

3734. **PADDLE TYPE DETECTORS.** Water flow indicators (paddle type) should not be installed in dry-pipe, pre-action or deluge systems as the surge of water when valve trips would seriously damage the device.

### **3740. Attachments — General.**

3741. An alarm unit shall include an approved mechanical alarm, horn or siren, or an approved weatherproof electric gong, bell, horn or siren on the outside of the building or approved electric gongs, bells, horns, or sirens inside the building, or a combination of such devices, as required by the authority having jurisdiction.

3742. All alarm apparatus shall be so located and installed that all parts are readily accessible for inspection, removal, and repair, and shall be substantially supported. Outdoor mechanical or electrically operated bells shall be of weatherproof and guarded type.

3743. Where alarm check valves are used under conditions of variable water pressure, a retarding device shall be installed. Suitable valves shall be provided in the connections to retarding chambers, to permit repair or removal without shutting off sprinklers; these valves shall be so arranged that they may be locked or sealed in the open position.

3744. Dry-pipe, pre-action and deluge valves shall be fitted with a test connection for electric alarm switch and/or water motor gong. This pipe connection shall be made on the water side of the system and provided with a control valve and drain for the alarm piping. A check valve shall be installed in the pipe connection to the intermediate chamber of the dry-pipe valve.

3745. It is not advisable to test a water motor alarm in extremely cold weather and where they are used a properly valved pipe bypass from a compressed air supply may be provided for test purposes.

3746. A control valve shall be installed in connection with pressure-type contactor and water-motor-operated alarm devices and such valves shall be of the type which will clearly indicate whether they are open or closed and be so constructed that they may be locked or sealed in the open position. The control valve for the retarding chamber on alarm check valves of wet-pipe systems will be accepted as complying with this paragraph.

### **3750. Attachments — Mechanically Operated.**

3751. Water-motor-operated devices shall be located as near the alarm valve, dry-pipe valve or other water flow detecting device as practicable in order to avoid long runs or many fittings in the pipe to the water-motor-operated device. The total length of the pipe should not exceed 75 feet nor shall the water-motor-operated device be located over 20 feet above the alarm device or dry-pipe valve. If absolutely necessary to exceed 75 feet, the pipe line to the water-motor-operated device shall be increased one or more sizes to compensate for loss of pressure due to hydraulic friction. A readily accessible strainer shall be provided in this line near the water flow detecting device. Water-motor-operated devices shall be protected from the weather, and shall be properly aligned and so installed as not to get out of adjustment. All piping to these devices shall be galvanized or brass of a size not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, and larger for long runs of piping or where pressures are low. Piping shall be arranged to drain properly through a brass bushed orifice not larger than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch. Drains shall be conducted to a proper place. (See Sections 3240 and 3780.)

3752. No single mechanical alarm device should be connected to more than three alarm check or dry-pipe valves and the systems controlled by the valves should be in the same fire area.

### **3760. Attachments — Electrically Operated.**

3761. Electrical alarm devices, their wiring and power supply, shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA No. 70 and with the Standards for Central Station Protective Signaling Systems for Watchman, Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service, NFPA No. 71, Proprietary, Auxiliary and Local Protective Signaling Systems for Watchman, Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service, NFPA No. 72 and Remote Station Protective Signaling Systems for Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service, NFPA No. 72C. These standards permit local electric water flow alarms to be open-circuit type.

3762. Water flow devices, controlling electric alarm circuits, should be provided with means for testing the electrical supply, circuits, connections, and devices. An actual water flow, through the use of inspector's test connection, shall be the method employed for testing the reliability of the sprinkler alarm unit as a whole. Short circuiting switches for alarm test purposes should not be installed in the alarm circuit from alarm or dry-pipe valve.

3763. No single electrical alarm device should be connected to more than three alarm check or dry-pipe valves and the systems controlled by the valves should be in the same fire area.

3764. Outdoor electric alarm devices shall be of a type specifically approved for outdoor use, and the outdoor wiring shall be in approved conduit, properly protected from the entrance of water in addition to the requirements of Paragraph 3761.

### **3770. Identification Signs.**

3771. It is desirable and often essential to provide approved identification signs for outside alarm devices. The sign should be located near the device in a conspicuous position and shall be worded as follows: "Sprinkler Fire Alarm — When alarm sounds call fire or police department." (See Fig. 3491.)

### **3780. Drains.**

3781. Where vents are necessary for satisfactory electric alarm switch operation, such vents should be properly piped to a drain.

3782. Drains from alarm devices shall be so arranged that there will be no danger of freezing, and so that there will be no

overflowing at the alarm apparatus, at domestic connections or elsewhere with the sprinkler drains wide open and under pressure.

3783. Drain from retarding chamber and electric alarm switch should preferably discharge through an open cone and be run separate from main system drains to a safe and visible point of free discharge or to sewer or ground drain. Drain from water-motor-operated alarm device may run separately to sewer or ground drain or may be connected to drain from retarding chamber at a point between such sewer and a check valve on this drain, a union or plug being inserted in the drain from the alarm device to permit inspection. Where checks are used they shall be so located as to have the equivalent of at least a four-foot head and shall not be installed in a vertical position.

3784. Where drains are connected with a sewer, a proper trap shall be provided.

3785. Where exposed to frost and where it is necessary to drain alarm valves outside the wall, an open discharge cone should be provided inside to break the pipe line so that cold will not be conducted directly into the retarding chamber. Cold air has been known to enter drain pipes from retarding chambers of alarm valves sufficiently to cause trouble by freezing in the alarm check valve. (See Section 3240.)

## CHAPTER 4. SPACING LOCATION AND POSITION OF SPRINKLERS.

### 4000. General Information.

#### 4010. Authority Having Jurisdiction.

4011. The authority having jurisdiction shall be consulted in every case as to location and spacing of sprinklers for the protection of buildings and contents.

#### 4020. Basic Fundamentals.

4021. The basic fundamentals for providing proper protection are namely: (1) Sprinklers should be installed throughout the premises, including basements, lofts and all of the locations herein specified. (2) Definite maximum protection area per sprinkler. (3) Minimum interference to discharge pattern by beams, bracing, girders, trusses, piping, lighting fixtures and air conditioning ducts. (4) Correct location of automatic sprinklers with respect to ceilings, or beams and wood joists to obtain suitable sensitivity.

4022. The installation requirements are specific for the usual arrangement of structural members. There will be arrangements of structural members not specifically detailed by the requirements. By applying the basic fundamentals, layouts for such construction can vary from specific illustrations provided the maxima specified for the Spacing of Sprinklers (Section 4100) and Position of Sprinklers (Section 4200) are not exceeded.

#### 4030. Partial Installations.

4031. Installation of sprinklers throughout the premises is necessary for complete protection to life and property. However, in some cases partial sprinkler installations covering hazardous sections and other areas are specified in codes or standards or are required by authorities having jurisdiction, for limited protection to property or to provide opportunity for safe exit from the building.

4032. Where such partial sprinkler installations are installed, the standards of this pamphlet should be used in so far as they are applicable. The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted in each case.

4033. Water supplies for partial systems should be adequate and designed with due consideration to the fact that in a partial system more sprinklers may be opened in a fire which originates in an unprotected area and spreads to the sprinklered area than would be the case in a completely protected building.

#### 4040. Definitions.

4041. SMOOTH CEILING CONSTRUCTION. The term Smooth Ceiling Construction as used in this Standard includes, namely:

(a) Mushroom, flat slab, pan type or joisted type reinforced concrete.

(b) Continuous smooth bays formed by wood, concrete or steel beams spaced more than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on centers — beams supported by columns, girders or trusses.

(c) Smooth roof or floor decks supported directly on girders or trusses spaced more than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on centers.

(d) Smooth monolithic ceilings of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches of cement plaster, fibered gypsum plaster, perlite or vermiculite plaster on metal lath or equivalent or combination of materials of equivalent fire-resistive rating attached to the underside of wood or bar joists.

(e) In (b), (c) and (d) above, the roof and floor decks may be noncombustible or combustible. Item (b) would include standard mill construction.

4042. BEAM AND GIRDER CONSTRUCTION. The term Beam and Girder Construction as used in this Standard includes noncombustible and combustible roof or floor decks supported by, namely:

(a) Wood beams of 4 inches or greater nominal thickness on concrete or steel beams spaced 3 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on centers and either supported on or framed into girders. [When supporting a wood plank deck, this includes semi-mill and panel construction and when supporting (with steel framing) gypsum plank, steel deck, concrete, tile, or similar material would include much of the so-called noncombustible construction.]

(b) Bar joists or steel trusses spaced 3 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on centers. (See Paragraph 4043 for definition of bar joists.)

4043. BAR JOIST CONSTRUCTION. The term Bar Joist Construction refers to construction employing joists consisting of steel truss-shaped members. This definition includes noncombustible and combustible roof and floor decks supported on bar joists spaced less than 3 feet on centers. If bar joists are spaced 3 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on centers, refer to Paragraph 4042.



4044. **WOOD JOIST CONSTRUCTION.** The term Wood Joist Construction refers to wood boards or planks on wooden beams spaced less than 3 feet on centers. Wooden beams less than 4 inches nominal thickness spaced more than 3 feet on centers are also considered as wood joist construction.

**4100. Spacing and Location of Sprinklers.** (See also Sections 4200 and 4300.)

**4110. Distance Between the Branch Lines and Between Sprinklers on the Branch Lines.**

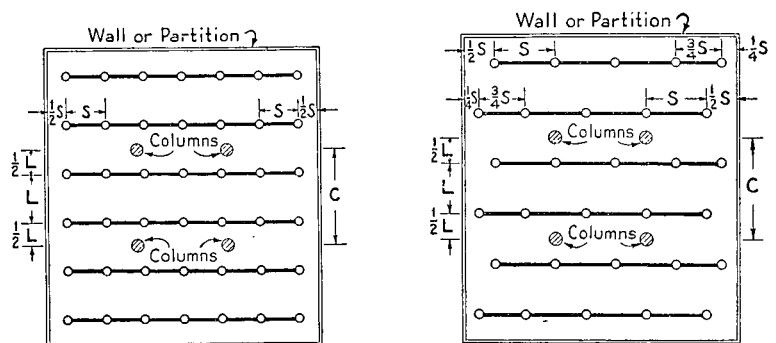
4111. For Light and Ordinary Hazard Occupancies, the maximum allowable distance between the branch lines and between sprinklers on the branch lines is 15 feet. [See Paragraph 4132(b).]

4112. For Extra Hazard Occupancy, the maximum allowable distance between the branch lines and between sprinklers on the branch lines is 12 feet.

**Mushroom and Pan Type Reinforced Concrete**

Maximum Spacing: 130 Square Feet Per Sprinkler

$$L \times S = 130 \text{ or less}$$



**KEY**

C=Column spacing.

L=Distance between branch lines, limit 15 feet.

S=Distance between sprinklers on branch lines, limit 15 feet.

**EXAMPLES**

No Stagger S 12 ft. or less			Stagger Required S more than 12 ft.		
C	L	S (Max.)	C	L	S (Max.)
21 ft. 8 in.	10 ft. 10 in.	12 ft. 0 in.	21 ft. 6 in.	10 ft. 9 in.	12 ft. 1 in.
24 ft. 2 in.	12 ft. 1 in.	10 ft. 9 in.			

**Fig. 4100-A. Layout of Sprinklers Under Smooth Ceiling Construction — Ordinary Hazard Occupancy.**

4113. **DISTANCE FROM WALLS.** The distance from the walls to the end sprinklers on the branch lines should not exceed one-half of the allowable distance between sprinklers on the branch lines. The distance from the walls to the end branch lines should not exceed one-half the allowable distance between the branch lines.

### 4120. Stagger.

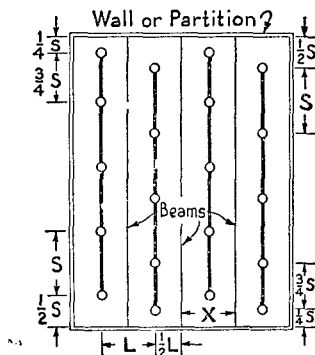
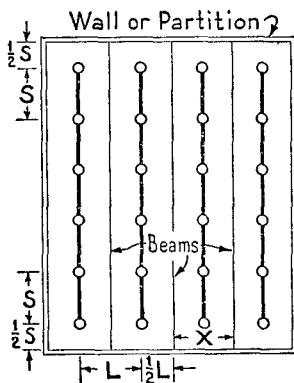
4121. **LIGHT HAZARD OCCUPANCY.** Sprinklers need not be staggered except that under open Wood Joist Construction sprinklers should be stagger spaced if the distance between the sprinklers on the branch lines exceeds 12 feet.

4122. **ORDINARY HAZARD OCCUPANCY.** In all cases, sprinklers should be stagger spaced (1) if the distance between the sprinklers on the branch lines exceeds 12 feet, (2) under solid beams spaced 3 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on center.

### Continuous Smooth Bays with Beams Supported on Columns

Maximum Spacing: 130 Square Feet Per Sprinkler

$$L \times S = 130 \text{ or less}$$



#### KEY

L = Distance between branch lines, limit 15 feet.

S = Distance between sprinklers on branch lines, limit 15 feet.

X = Width of bay.

#### EXAMPLES

No Stagger S 12 ft. or less				Stagger Required S more than 12 ft.			
X	L	S (Max.)	X	L	S (Max.)		
10 ft. 10 in.	10 ft. 10 in.	12 ft. 0 in.	10 ft. 9 in.	10 ft. 9 in.	12 ft. 1 in.		
12 ft. 1 in.	12 ft. 1 in.	10 ft. 9 in.					

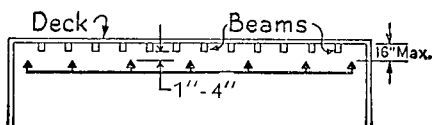
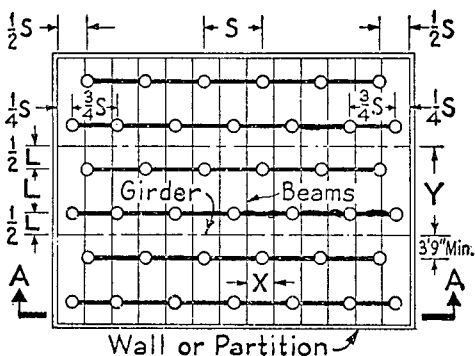
Fig. 4100-B. Layout of Sprinklers Under Smooth Ceiling Construction — Ordinary Hazard Occupancy.

4123. EXTRA HAZARD OCCUPANCY. Sprinklers should be stagger spaced in all cases.

**Solid Concrete, Wood or Steel Beams Spaced Less than 5 Ft. Apart and Either Supported On or Framed Into Girders**

Maximum Spacing: 130 Square Feet Per Sprinkler

$$L \times S = 130 \text{ or less}$$



Note: See Fig. 4155 if sprinkler deflector is above bottom of beam

**Section A-A**

**KEY**

L=Distance between branch lines, limit 15 feet.

S=Distance between sprinklers on branch lines, limit 15 feet.

X=Width of bay, 3 feet to less than 5 feet.

Y=Maximum distance between girders.

**EXAMPLES**

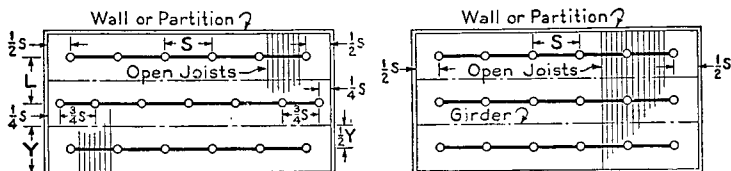
**Stagger Required**

Y	L	S (Max.)
30 ft. 0 in.	15 ft. 0 in.	8 ft. 8 in.
22 ft. 0 in.	11 ft. 0 in.	11 ft. 9 in.
17 ft. 4 in.	8 ft. 8 in.	15 ft. 0 in.

**Fig. 4100-C. Layout of Sprinklers Under Beam and Girder Construction With Solid Beams—Ordinary Hazard Occupancy.**

**Joists Above Girders or Framed into Girders;  
Branch Lines Uniformly Spaced between Girders**

Maximum Spacing: 130 Square Feet Per Sprinkler  
 $L \times S = 130$  or less



**KEY**

**L**=Distance between branch lines, limit 15 feet.  
**S**=Distance between sprinklers on branch lines, limit 15 feet.  
**Y**=Maximum distance between girders.

**EXAMPLES**

Stagger Required S more than 12 ft.			No Stagger S 12 ft. or less		
Y	L	S (Max.)	Y	L	S (Max.)
10 ft. 9 in.	10 ft. 9 in.	12 ft. 1 in.	10 ft. 10 in.	10 ft. 10 in.	12 ft. 0 in.
			12 ft. 1 in.	12 ft. 1 in.	10 ft. 9 in.

**Fig. 4100-D. Layout of Sprinklers Under Open Wood Joist Construction —  
Light and Ordinary Hazard Occupancies.**

### 4130. Protection Area Limitations.

4131. **LIGHT HAZARD OCCUPANCY.** Under Smooth Ceiling Construction and under Beam and Girder Construction (as defined in Paragraphs 4041 and 4042) the protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 200 square feet. Under open Wood Joist Construction (as defined in Paragraph 4044) the protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 130 square feet. For all other types of construction the protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 168 square feet.

### 4132. ORDINARY HAZARD OCCUPANCY.

(a) For all types of construction, the protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 130 square feet. See Paragraph 4132(b) for limitation applicable to buildings used for storage having high ceilings.

(b) **BUILDINGS USED FOR STORAGE.** In buildings or areas designed or presently used for storage where heights permit closely packed piles of material over 15 feet high, or material on pallets or in racks piled over 12 feet high, the protection area allotted per sprinkler shall in no case exceed 100 square feet per sprinkler, and the maximum distance between lines and between sprinklers on lines shall in no case exceed 12 feet.

4133. **EXTRA HAZARD OCCUPANCY.** The protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 90 square feet for any type of building construction.

#### 4140. Location of Sprinklers and Branch Lines with Respect to Structural Members.

4141. Sprinklers may be located under beams, in bays, or combination of both, but the locations must meet the provisions outlined in general terms in Paragraph 4142.

4142. In addition to meeting the limitations specified for protection area per sprinkler (Section 4130) and distance between lines and distance between sprinklers on lines (Section 4110) the sprinklers must be so located that there will be minimum interference to the discharge pattern by structural members such as beams, girders and trusses (Section 4150). Also, sprinklers must be located the proper distance below beams and ceilings as specified in Section 4200.

4143. The arrangement of branch lines depends upon such construction features as the distance between girders or trusses, columns of mushroom type reinforced concrete, and beams of standard mill construction. Each space or bay should usually be treated as a unit, installing the same number of branch lines uniformly in each space. Where single branch lines will suffice, they should be placed midway in each bay or space. The arrangement of branch lines also depends upon the structural members available and suitable for the attachment of hangers and upon the need for properly locating sprinkler deflectors in accordance with Sections 4150 and 4200.

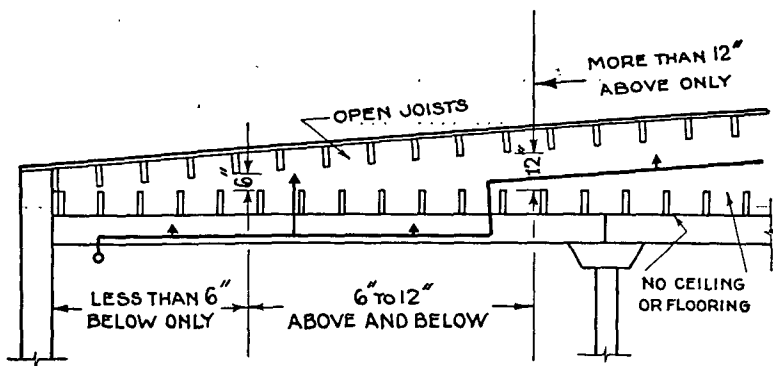


Fig. 4144. Arrangement of Sprinklers under Two Sets of Open Joists — no sheathing on lower joists.

4144. Where there are two sets of joists under a roof or ceiling and there is no flooring over the lower set, sprinklers should be installed above and below the lower set of joists where there is a clearance of from 6 inches to 12 inches between the top of the lower joist and bottom of the upper joist. (See Fig. 4144.)

4145. The direction in which branch lines are usually run in the common types of ceiling construction and framing is shown in Table 4145.

TABLE 4145.

TYPE OF CEILING	LOCATION OF BRANCH LINES
Smooth Continuous:	
Concrete mushroom. . . . .	Either direction.
Concrete pan-type or flat. . . . .	Either direction.
Sheathed (ceiling attached to bottom of beams, wood joists or bar joists):	
Girders beneath sheathing. . . . .	Across the beams or joists.
No girders beneath sheathing. . . . .	Whichever direction facilitates easy and proper hanging.
Bays more than 7½ feet wide:	
Formed by beams supported on columns. . . . .	Parallel to beams.
Formed by beams supported on girders or trusses. . . . .	Either across beams or parallel to beams in the bays above girders or trusses.
Supported directly on girders. . . . .	Parallel to girders.
Supported directly on trusses. . . . .	Either direction, parallel to or through trusses.
Beam and Girder:	
Wood or steel beams spaced 3 to 7½ feet apart. . . . .	Across beams.
Open Bar Joist. . . . .	Across the joist or trusses (either through or under them).
Open Joists (wood, steel or concrete) . . .	Across joists.

#### 4150. Clearance Between Sprinklers and Structural Members.

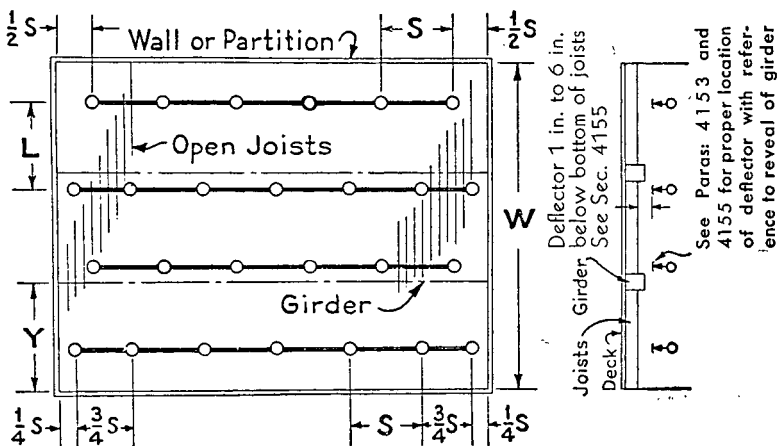
4151. TRUSSES. Sprinklers should be at least 2 feet laterally from truss members (web or chord) more than 4 inches wide, and at least 1 foot laterally from truss members 4 inches or less in width. Sprinklers may be located directly above trusses with

top chord not more than 8 inches wide in which case the deflectors should be at least 6 inches above the top of the truss. However, when sprinklers are located laterally beside chord members, clearances between the chord members and the sprinkler deflectors should be in accordance with Paragraph 4155.

4152. GIRDERS. Sprinklers should be at least 3 feet 9 inches from girders except that they may be located directly above girders with the top flange not more than 8 inches wide, in which case the deflectors should be at least 6 inches above the top of the girder.

### Joists Framed Into Girders; Branch Lines Not Uniformly Spaced Between Girders

Use when branch lines can be located so that reveal of girder offers no obstruction to discharge pattern. Maximum Spacing: 130 Sq. Ft. Per Sprinkler  
 $L \times S = 130$  or less



#### KEY

$L$  = Distance between branch lines, limit 15 feet.

$S$  = Distance between sprinklers on branch lines, limit 15 feet.

$W$  = Width of building.

$Y$  = Maximum distance between girders.

#### EXAMPLES

$$\text{Number of lines} = \frac{W}{L}$$

No Stagger  
 $S$  12 ft. or less

$L$	$S$ (Max.)
12 ft. 1 in.	10 ft. 9 in.
10 ft. 10 in.	12 ft. 0 in.

Stagger Required  
 $S$  more than 12 ft.

$L$	$S$ (Max.)
10 ft. 9 in.	12 ft. 1 in.

Fig. 4153. Layout of Sprinklers Under Open Wood Joist Construction — Light and Ordinary Hazard Occupancies.

4153. Where wood joists are framed into supporting girders, the girders may be disregarded in the spacing of the branch lines providing sprinkler deflectors are at such elevation that the girders offer no obstruction to the spray discharge pattern. (See Fig. 4153.)

4154. **BAR JOISTS.** Sprinklers should be at least six inches laterally from web members of open bar joists. When the dimension of a web member exceeds one inch, see Paragraph 4151.

4155. **BEAMS.** It is essential that if deflectors of sprinklers in bays are above the bottom of the beams, they be at sufficient distances from the beams, as shown in Table 4155 and Fig. 4155 to avoid obstruction to the sprinkler discharge pattern.

TABLE 4155.

POSITION OF DEFLECTOR WHEN LOCATED ABOVE  
BOTTOM OF BEAM

<i>Distance from Sprinkler to Side of Beam</i>	<i>Maximum Allowable Dis- tance Deflector above Bottom of Beam</i>
Less than 1 ft.....	0 in.
1 ft. to less than 2 ft.....	1 in.
2 ft. to less than 2 ft. 6 in.....	2 in.
2 ft. 6 in. to less than 3 ft.....	3 in.
3 ft. to less than 3 ft. 6 in.....	4 in.
3 ft. 6 in. to less than 4 ft.....	6 in.
4 ft. to less than 4 ft. 6 in.....	7 in.
4 ft. 6 in. to less than 5 ft.....	9 in.
5 ft. to less than 5 ft. 6 in.....	11 in.
5 ft. 6 in. to less than 6 ft.....	14 in.

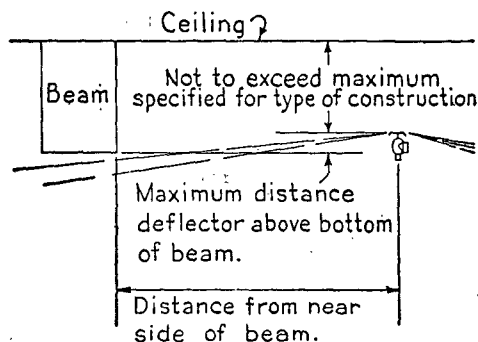


Fig. 4155. Position of Deflector When Located Above Bottom of Beam.



4156. POSITION OF DEFLECTORS. Deflectors of sprinklers should be parallel to ceilings, roofs, or the incline of stairs, but when installed in the peak of a pitched roof they shall be horizontal.

## 4200. Position of Sprinklers.

### 4210. General.

4211. Where branch lines run across the beams, the deflectors of sprinklers located in the bays should preferably be located above the bottom of the beam and in no case more than 4 inches below the bottom level of the beams.

4220. Smooth Ceiling Construction. (As defined in Paragraph 4041.)

4221. Deflectors of sprinklers in bays should be located not less than 3 inches below ceilings, and not more than 10 inches below combustible ceilings or 12 inches below noncombustible ceilings.

4222. Deflectors of sprinklers under beams should be located 1 inch to 4 inches below beams, and not more than 14 inches below combustible ceilings or not more than 16 inches below noncombustible ceilings.

4223. When sprinklers approved for pendent use are installed in the pendent position under smooth ceilings the deflectors should be not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches from ceiling. Special approved type pendent sprinklers (flush type, ceiling type) may have deflectors nearer the ceiling.

4224. If panel construction, see Paragraph 4235.

4230. Beam and Girder Construction. (As defined in Paragraph 4042.)

4231. Deflectors of sprinklers in bays formed by beams spaced less than 5 feet on centers and supported on girders should be located not less than 3 inches below and not more than 16 inches below combustible or noncombustible roof or floor decks.

4232. Deflectors of sprinklers under beams spaced  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet or less on centers and supported on girders should be 1 inch to 4 inches below beams and not more than 16 inches below combustible or not more than 18 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

4233. Deflectors of sprinklers in bays formed by beams spaced 5 feet to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet on centers and supported on girders

should be located not less than 3 inches below and not more than 12 inches below combustible or not more than 14 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

4234. Where bar joists or light steel trusses are spaced 3 feet to 7½ feet on centers, sprinklers should be located with deflectors not less than 3 inches, and not more than 10 inches below combustible, or not more than 12 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

4235. **PANEL CONSTRUCTION.** (a) Beam and girder construction by definition is limited to bays not over 7½ feet wide. For the purposes of this section, bays in panel construction may be wider if the panel does not exceed 300 square feet in area. Nailing strips not exceeding 2 inches nominal thickness on beams only will not prevent the use of the panel area credit.

(b) Deflectors of sprinklers in bays formed by beams framed into girders resulting in panels up to 200 square feet should be located not less than 3 inches below and not more than 16 inches below combustible or not more than 20 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

(c) Deflectors of sprinklers in bays formed by beams framed into girders resulting in panels 201 to 300 square feet should be located not less than 3 inches below and not more than 12 inches below combustible or not more than 18 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

(d) Deflectors of sprinklers under beams framed into girders forming panels up to 200 square feet should be located 1 inch to 4 inches below beams and not more than 22 inches below combustible and noncombustible roof or floor decks.

(e) Deflectors of sprinklers under beams framed into girders forming panels 201 to 300 square feet should be located 1 inch to 4 inches below beams and not more than 18 inches below combustible, or not more than 20 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

**4240. Open Bar Joist Construction.** (As defined in Paragraph 4043.)

4241. Deflectors of sprinklers should be located not less than 3 inches below and not more than 10 inches below combustible or not more than 12 inches below noncombustible roof or floor decks.

**4250. Open Wood Joist Construction.** (As defined in Paragraph 4044.)

4251. In open joist construction, with joists spaced 3 feet or less on centers, sprinklers should be located with deflectors 1 inch to not more than 6 inches below the bottom of the joists. If open joists are spaced more than 3 feet on centers, sprinklers should be located with deflectors placed in accordance with Sections 4220 or 4230.

#### **4260. Location Under Sheathed or Suspended Ceiling Under Any Type of Construction.**

4261. The position of sprinklers under sheathed or suspended ceilings with any type of construction should be the same as for smooth ceiling construction, Paragraphs 4221 and 4223.

#### **4300. Locations or Conditions Involving Special Consideration.**

4301. COMBUSTIBLE FORM BOARD. Where roof and floor decks consist of poured gypsum or concrete on combustible form board supported on steel supports, the position of sprinklers shall be the same as for noncombustible construction.

4302. METAL ROOF DECKS. Where roof decks are metal with combustible vapor seal, the position of sprinklers shall be the same as for combustible construction.

4303. SPECIAL OCCUPANCY CONSIDERATIONS. (a) Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, sprinklers may be omitted in rooms or areas where sprinklers are considered undesirable because of the nature of the contents, or in rooms or areas of noncombustible construction with wholly noncombustible contents and which are not exposed by other areas. Sprinklers should not be omitted from any room merely because it is damp or of fire-resistive construction.

(b) It is not advisable to install sprinklers where the application of water or flame and water to the contents may constitute a serious life or fire hazard, as in the manufacture or storage of quantities of aluminum powder, calcium carbide, calcium phosphide, metallic sodium and potassium, quicklime, magnesium powder, and sodium peroxide. The manufacture and storage of such materials should be confined to specially cut-off, unsprinklered rooms or buildings of fire-resistive construction.

4304. SPACES UNDER GROUND FLOORS. Sprinklers should be installed in all spaces below combustible ground floors, except

that by special permission sprinklers may be omitted where all of the following conditions prevail:

(a) The space is not accessible for storage purposes or entrance of unauthorized persons and is protected against accumulation of wind-borne debris;

(b) The space contains no equipment such as steam pipes, electric wiring, shafting, or conveyors;

(c) The floor over the space is tight;

(d) No flammable liquids are used on the floor above.

4305. BLIND SPACES. (a) Sprinklers should be installed in all blind spaces enclosed wholly or partly by combustible construction, as in walls, floors and ceilings, except as modified by Paragraph (b) below. In spaces formed by studs or joists, sprinklers should be provided where there is 6 inches or more clearance between the inside or near edges of the studs or joists which form the opposite sides of the space; the distance from the first sprinkler to the wall, however, need not be less than specified in Paragraph 4113. In bar joist construction, sprinklers should be installed wherever the total depth of the space exceeds 6 inches between roof or floor deck and ceiling; the spacing of sprinklers in that case may be on the basis of light hazard classification provided the space does not exceed 24 inches in depth.

(b) Permission may be given to omit sprinklers from combustible blind spaces where the following conditions prevail:

(1) Where the ceiling is attached directly to the under side of the supporting beams of a combustible roof or floor deck or otherwise installed to make the installation of sprinklers impracticable.

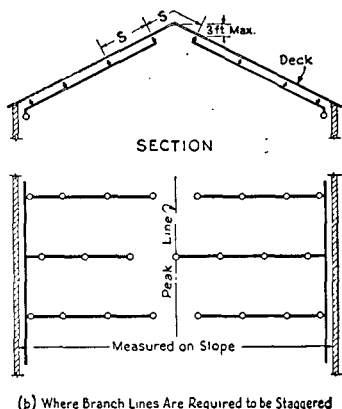
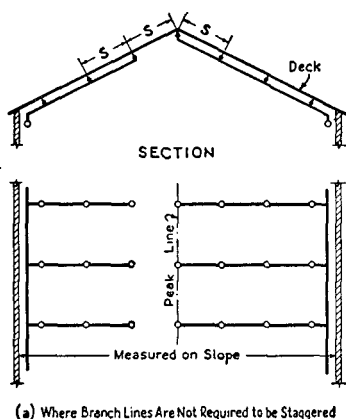
(2) Where concealed space is entirely filled with a non-combustible insulation. In solid joisted construction the insulation need fill only the space from the ceiling to the bottom edge of the joist of the roof or floor deck.

(3) Where a concealed space exceeds 6 inches between structural members but is very limited in area and does not extend to another fire area provided fire or draft stops are installed to subdivide the areas. Such fire or draft stops should be provided at each floor level for vertical and at approximately 50-foot intervals for horizontal divisions or at closer intervals if required by authority having jurisdiction.

(4) Where there are small concealed spaces over closets, bathrooms and the like.

## 4306. SPACING OF SPRINKLERS UNDER PITCHED ROOFS.

(a) Under pitched roofs having a pitch in excess of 1 foot in 3 and where branch lines are run parallel to the peak, one line of sprinklers should be located in the peak of the roof or a line of sprinklers should be located on each side down from the peak a distance not greater than one-half the distance between branch lines. Where branch lines are run up the slopes, the end sprinklers on branch lines on one slope should be located in the peak or end sprinklers on branch lines on both slopes should be located down from the peak a distance not greater than one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers on the branch lines. In any case the deflectors of the highest sprinklers should be not more than 3 feet vertically below the peak. [See Paragraph 4306(d).]



S = spacing of sprinklers on branch lines

**Fig. 4306(a). Sprinklers at Pitched Roofs. Branch Lines Run Up the Slope.**

(b) The spacing of sprinklers should be in accordance with Section 4100 of this Standard. The distances between sprinklers on branch lines should be measured on a line parallel with the roof.

(c) In sawtooth roofs the end sprinklers on the branch lines should usually be not over 3 feet from the peak of the sawtooth.

(d) Interference with the discharge pattern may result where sprinklers are located in peaks of a steeply pitched roof. To minimize this interference the distance from peak to deflectors may be increased over that specified in Paragraph 4306(a). It is desirable to maintain a horizontal clearance of not less than 2 feet. [See Figures 4306(a) and 4306(d).]

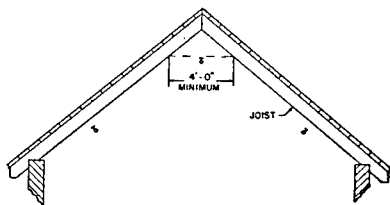


Fig. 4306(d). Desirable Horizontal Clearance for Sprinklers at Peak of Pitched Roof.

#### 4307. SPACING OF SPRINKLERS UNDER CURVED AND PREFABRICATED TYPE METAL ROOF BUILDINGS.

(a) Where roofs are curved down to the floor line, the horizontal distance measured at the floor level from the side wall or roof construction to the nearest sprinklers shall not be greater than one-half the allowable distance between sprinklers in the same direction.

(b) Deflectors of sprinklers should be parallel with the curve of the roof or tilted slightly toward the peak of the roof. Deflectors of sprinklers should be located as described for beam and girder construction or for the closest comparable type of ceiling construction.

(c) Where extra hazard occupancy spacing of sprinklers is used under pitched or curved ceilings of other than fire-resistive construction, as in aircraft storage or servicing areas, the spacing as projected on the floor shall be not wider than required for extra hazard occupancies, but in no case shall the spacing on the roof or ceiling be wider than required for ordinary hazard occupancies.

4308. NARROW POCKETS. Girders, beams or trusses forming narrow pockets of combustible construction along walls when of a depth which will obstruct the spray discharge pattern may require additional sprinklers. See Table 4155 showing Maximum Allowable Distance Deflector Above Bottom of Beam.

#### 4309. ELEVATORS AND STAIRS.

(a) VERTICAL SHAFTS. (1) Within vertical shafts having combustible sides, sprinklers shall be provided for each 200 square feet of combustible surface, in addition to sprinklers at tops of shafts. Such sprinklers should be installed at each floor when

practicable, and always when shaft is trapped. In vertical shafts with noncombustible sides there should be at least one sprinkler near the bottom.

(2) Where practicable, sprinklers shall be "staggered" at the alternate floor levels, particularly when only one sprinkler is installed at each floor level.

(3) Where vertical openings are not protected by standard enclosures, sprinklers should be so placed as to fully cover them. This necessitates placing sprinklers close to such openings at each floor level.

(b) STAIRWAYS should be sprinklered underneath whether risers are open or not.

(c) NONCOMBUSTIBLE STAIR SHAFTS ordinarily will require sprinklers only at the top and lower tiers except when serving two or more separate fire sections when sprinklers will also be required at each floor landing.

4310. EXTERIOR DOCKS AND PLATFORMS. (a) Sprinklers should be installed under awnings or roofs over outside platforms except where construction is noncombustible and the platform is not used for storage.

(b) Sprinklers should be installed under exterior docks and platforms of combustible construction unless such space is closed off and protected against accumulation of wind-borne debris.

4311. OVERHEAD DOORS. Where overhead doors form an obstruction to water distribution from sprinklers above, additional sprinkler protection may be required. Properly located sidewall sprinklers may be used to advantage.

4312. DECKS. Sprinklers should be installed under decks and galleries unless they do not exceed 4 feet in width, with at least 6 inches clearance from the wall or partition and with arrangements to keep all stock a similar distance from the wall or partition. (See Section 1110.)

4313. LIBRARY STACK ROOMS. Additional sprinklers may be required beneath catwalks in library stack rooms.

4314. TABLES. (a) Sprinklers should be installed under cutting, pressing, sewing machine and other work tables wider than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet, also under tables less than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet but wider than 4 feet unless provided underneath with tight vertical partitions of galvanized iron or other noncombustible material not over 10 feet apart.

(b) Partitions should be full width of table, extend from underside of table to floor and from front edge to back edge of table; should be substantially fastened to the underside of table and to floor, and should be reinforced with angle or channel iron uprights.

(c) The outer edges of each partition should be smoothly finished (rounded if of metal) so as to prevent injury to employees.

(d) Special instructions should be obtained relative to the installation of "stops" under tables of unusual construction.

4315. OBSTRUCTIONS. Timbers, uprights, hangers, piping, lighting fixtures, ducts, etc., are likely to interfere with the proper distribution of water from sprinklers. Therefore, sprinklers should be so located or spaced that any interference is held to a minimum. This will ordinarily mean a distance of at least 12 inches from such members, except for lighting fixtures and ducts. (See Paragraph 4155.)

4316. DUCTS. Sprinklers should be installed under ducts which are over 4 feet wide, and under ducts of less width if distribution from ceiling sprinklers is obstructed.

4317. STOCK FIXTURES. Sprinklers should be installed in all stock fixtures which exceed 5 feet in width, also in those which are less than 5 feet but more than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in width unless bulk-headed with tight partitions. Sprinklers should be installed in any compartments which are larger than 5 feet deep, 8 feet long and 3 feet high.

4318. LIGHTING FIXTURES. (a) Lighting fixtures of the pendent or surface mounted type may offer obstruction to discharge from sprinklers unless the clearances specified in Table 4155 are provided.

(b) Branch sprinkler lines should be run parallel to and between lines of fixtures and should be sufficient in number to provide proper floor and ceiling coverage. Pendent fixtures located below the level of the sprinkler deflectors and also surface mounted fixtures may necessitate additional branch lines.

4319. GENERATOR AND TRANSFORMER ROOMS. Sprinkler protection should ordinarily be provided in generator and transformer rooms. Hoods or shields to protect generators, switchboards and other important electrical equipment shall be non-combustible and should be arranged to minimize interference with sprinkler protection. Where walls, floor and ceiling are of fire-resistive construction, sprinklers may be omitted.



4320. OPEN GRID CEILINGS. The installation of open grid egg crate, louver or honeycomb ceilings beneath sprinklers restricts the sidewise travel of the sprinkler discharge and may change the character of discharge.

The following rules are applicable to open grid ceilings in which the openings are  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch or larger in least dimension, where the thickness or depth of the material does not exceed the least dimension of the openings and where such openings constitute at least 70 per cent of the area of the ceiling material. Other types of open grid ceilings should not be installed beneath sprinklers unless they are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and are installed in accordance with their listing.

NOTE: Ceilings made of highly flammable material may spread fire faster than sprinklers can control.

(a) In light hazard occupancies where spacing of sprinklers of either standard or old style is not wider than 10 by 10 feet, a minimum clearance of at least 18 inches should be provided between the sprinkler deflectors and the upper surface of the open grid ceiling. Where spacing is wider than 10 by 10 feet but not wider than 10 by 12 feet, a clearance of at least 24 inches should be provided from standard sprinklers and at least 36 inches from old style sprinklers. Where spacing is wider than 10 by 12 feet, a clearance of at least 48 inches should be provided from standard sprinklers; any old style sprinklers should be replaced with standard sprinklers.

(b) In ordinary hazard occupancies, open grid ceilings should be installed beneath sprinklers only where such use is approved by the authority having jurisdiction, and should be installed beneath standard sprinklers only. Where sprinkler spacing is not wider than 10 by 10 feet, a minimum clearance of at least 24 inches should be provided between the sprinkler deflectors and the upper surface of the open grid ceiling. Where spacing is wider than 10 by 10 feet, a clearance of at least 36 inches should be provided.

4321. TRANSLUCENT CEILINGS. Translucent ceilings shall not be installed beneath sprinklers unless such ceilings are listed by a nationally recognized fire testing laboratory and are installed in accordance with their listing. The authority having jurisdiction should be consulted in all cases.

#### 4322. VAULTS.

(a) FUR VAULTS. (1) Sprinklers in fur storage vaults should be located centrally over the aisles between racks and should be spaced not over 5 feet apart along the aisles.

(2) Where sprinklers are spaced 5 feet apart along the sprinkler branch lines, pipe sizes may be in accordance with the following schedule:

1 in. pipe.....	4 sprinklers	2 in. pipe.....	20 sprinklers
1¼ in. pipe.....	6 sprinklers	2½ in. pipe.....	40 sprinklers
1½ in. pipe.....	10 sprinklers	3 in. pipe.....	80 sprinklers

(3) Sprinklers shall be of approved old style having orifice sizes selected to provide as closely as possible but not less than 20 gallons per minute per sprinkler, based on the water pressure available.

NOTE: See Standard on Fur Storage, Fumigation and Cleaning (NFPA No. 81). For tests of sprinkler performance in fur vaults see Report on Automatic Sprinkler Protection for Fur Storage Vaults of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

(b) **SAFE DEPOSIT OR OTHER VAULTS** of fire-resistive construction will not ordinarily require sprinkler protection when used for the storage of records, files and other documents, when stored in metal cabinets or on metal shelving.

**4323. MACHINERY AND SMALL ENCLOSURES.** (a) Sprinklers should be installed under stairs, inside elevator wells, in belt, cable, pipe, gear and pulley boxes, in cold storage rooms

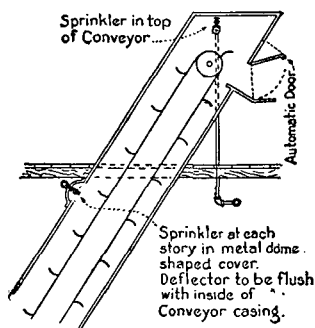


Fig. 4323(a). Sprinklers in Conveyor Enclosure.

and coolers in other occupancies, inside small enclosures, such as drying and heating boxes, tenter and drying room enclosures, chutes, combustible air ducts, conveyor trunks, bucket elevator enclosures and in all bins, hoppers, lockers, cupboards and closets unless they have tops entirely open and are so located that sprinklers can properly spray therein.

(b) **ENCLOSURES** with cloth, paper or other similar flammable ceiling should be sprinklered. Sprinklers above unsprin-

klered enclosures will ordinarily restrict a fire to the enclosure and immediate vicinity but should not be considered as protection for the enclosure and its contents. Many sprinklers may open in such a fire involving water damage over a large area.

(c) Special instructions should be obtained relative to placing sprinklers inside show windows, telephone booths, boxed machines, metal air ducts, ventilators and concealed spaces, and under large shelves, benches, tables, overhead storage racks, platforms and similar water sheds, and over electrical generating and transforming apparatus and switchboards.

4324. CONVEYOR ENCLOSURES, DRYERS, ETC. The general rules for the spacing of sprinklers will, in most cases, suggest the proper arrangement for boxed machines, dryer enclosures, large beltways, and similar locations. Special treatment is, however, necessary for picker trunks, or small belt and conveyor enclosures where there is not room inside the enclosure for pipes or sprinklers.

For small beltways and conveyor enclosures, pipes may be run outside the enclosures and sprinklers installed in dome-shaped covers about 10 inches in diameter. Where sprinklers can be nipped into the boxing without forming an obstruction, this should be done and dome-shaped covers omitted.

4325. PICKER TRUNKS. Sprinklers in picker trunks should be not over 7 feet apart, except in wide trunks, requiring more than one line, where sprinklers may be spaced 8 feet apart.

4326. PAPER MILL MACHINERY. (a) Sprinklers should be installed under hoods over paper machines. Sprinkler piping may be run above hoods over paper machines, dry cans, and similar equipment where dripping of condensation from sprinkler piping must be avoided, and the sprinklers nipped through. The lower sprinklers under the hoods should be located just outside of the line of the cylinders or rolls.

(b) Automatic sprinkler protection is needed in certain types of economizers such as used in paper mills. Where economizers are subject to freezing temperatures, special types of sprinkler protection should be provided.

4327. BAFFLES. Baffles should be installed wherever sprinklers are less than 6 feet apart to prevent the sprinkler first opening from wetting adjoining sprinklers, thus delaying their operation. Baffles should be located midway between sprinklers and arranged to baffle the actuating elements. Baffles may be of sheet metal, about 8 inches wide and 6 inches high. When placed on branch line piping, the top of baffles should extend 2 to 3 inches above the deflectors.

#### 4400. Sidewall Sprinklers. (See Section 3630.)

##### 4410. Distance Between the Branch Lines and Sprinklers on the Branch Lines.

4411. DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BRANCH LINES. Rooms having widths in excess of 15 feet up to 30 feet shall have sprinklers on two opposite walls with spacing as elsewhere required in Section 4400 and sprinklers regularly staggered. Construction and occupancy may necessitate additional branch lines of sprinklers in rooms over 20 feet in width. (See Fig. 4411.)

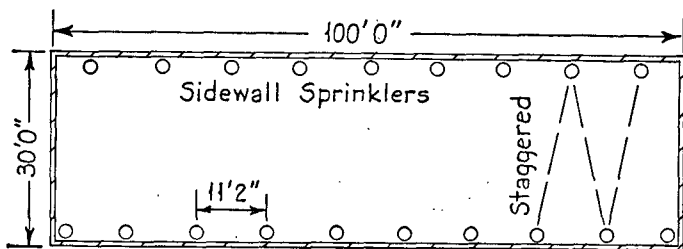


Fig. 4411. Spacing of Sidewall Sprinklers under Smooth Ceilings, with Light Hazard Occupancy.

4412. DISTANCE BETWEEN THE SPRINKLERS ON THE BRANCH LINES. Sidewall sprinklers should be located not more than 10 feet apart on walls for ordinary hazard occupancies and not more than 14 feet apart for light hazard occupancies. The installation of sidewall sprinklers other than beneath smooth ceilings will require special rulings.

##### 4420. Protection Area Limitations for Light Hazard Occupancy.

4421. With noncombustible smooth ceiling the protection area allotted per sprinkler shall not exceed 196 square feet with the distance between sprinklers on lines not in excess of 14 feet.

4422. With combustible smooth ceiling sheathed with plasterboard, metal, or wood lath and plaster the protection area allotted per sprinkler shall not exceed 168 square feet with the distance between sprinklers on lines not in excess of 14 feet. Where sheathing is combustible such as wood, fiberboard or other combustible material the protection area allotted per sprinkler shall not exceed 120 square feet with the distance between sprinklers on lines not in excess of 14 feet.

#### 4430. Protection Area Limitations for Ordinary Hazard Occupancy.

4431. With noncombustible smooth ceiling the protection area allotted per sprinkler shall not exceed 100 square feet with the distance between sprinklers on lines not in excess of 10 feet.

4432. With combustible smooth ceiling sheathed with plasterboard, metal, wood lath and plaster, wood, fiberboard or other combustible material the protection area per sprinkler shall not exceed 80 square feet per sprinkler with the distance between sprinklers on lines not in excess of 10 feet.

#### 4440. Protection Area Limitations for Extra Hazard Occupancy.

4441. Installation of sidewall sprinklers in extra hazard occupancy will require special permission and recommendations by the authority having jurisdiction.

#### 4450. Position of Sidewall Sprinklers. (See Fig. 4450.)

4451. Ordinarily, deflectors should be at a distance from walls and ceilings not exceeding 6 inches and never less than 4 inches.

4452. Special consideration should be given to placing sidewall sprinklers so that they will be favored to the greatest possible extent in receiving the heat from a fire and at the same time most effectively distribute the water discharged by them. This is likely to be particularly important where heavy decorative molding is encountered near the junction of walls and ceilings.

4453. Where the ceiling above and the wall to the rear of sidewall sprinklers are smooth and at right angles to each other good results are obtainable with the sprinklers placed vertical.

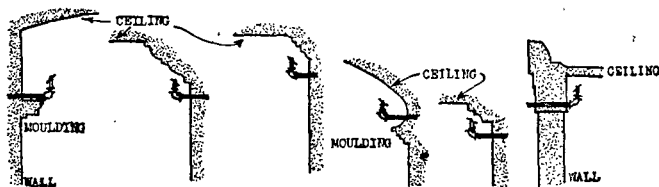


Fig. 4450. Suggested Arrangements for Sidewall Sprinklers — placed to receive early heat waves and provide effective distribution.

4454. Where the ceiling contour is sloping or there is other reason for greater than ordinary ceiling protection due to construction, occupancy, etc., increased ceiling coverage is obtainable by tilting the sprinklers to conform with the ceiling slope.

## CHAPTER 5. TYPES OF SYSTEMS.

### 5010. General.

5011. Systems described in this Section shall comply with all other portions of this Standard, except as modified in Chapter 5.

### 5100. Wet-Pipe Systems.

#### 5110. Definition.

5111. A system employing automatic sprinklers attached to a piping system containing water and connected to a water supply so that water discharges immediately from sprinklers opened by a fire.

#### 5120. Devices for Test Purposes.

5121. PRESSURE GAUGES. Approved pressure gauges conforming to Paragraph 2822 shall be installed in sprinkler risers, above and below each alarm check valve.

### 5200. Dry-Pipe Systems.

#### 5210. General

5211. DEFINITION. A system employing automatic sprinklers attached to a piping system containing air under pressure, the release of which as from the opening of sprinklers permits the water pressure to open a valve known as a "dry-pipe valve." The water then flows into the piping system and out the opened sprinklers.

5212. WHEN INSTALLED. A dry-pipe system should be installed only where a wet-pipe system is impracticable, as in rooms or buildings which cannot be properly heated. The use of an approved dry-pipe system is, however, far preferable to entirely shutting off the water supply during cold weather.

5213. SMALL SYSTEMS. Where it is necessary to have but 25 per cent or less of the total number of sprinklers in a building on a dry-pipe system, only such sprinklers should be thus piped; the remainder should be placed on a wet system. This may require small dry-pipe systems or pre-action systems for show windows, blind attics or other minor portions exposed to freezing. Such small systems may be supplied from the wet-pipe system and control valves shall be readily accessible. No sprinklers

should be shut off in cold weather without the consent of the authority having jurisdiction, and in no case should the number of sprinklers so shut off exceed ten.

5214. **DRY PENDENT SPRINKLERS.** Sprinklers should be installed in the upright position. Sprinklers installed in the pendent position shall be of the approved dry pendent type.

## 5220. Subdivision of Systems.

5221. Where two or more dry-pipe valves are used, systems should preferably be divided horizontally.

5222. Where required by the authority having jurisdiction in buildings of large single area such as piers, storage sheds, foundries, car shops, large attics, etc., substantial curtains preferably of noncombustible material extending down 24 inches or more below the ceiling shall be provided to separate sprinkler systems or subdivide areas. (See Figs. 1133-1 and 1133-2.)

## 5230. Size of Systems.

5231. Not more than 600 sprinklers or 750 gallons system capacity should be controlled by one dry-pipe valve.

5232. The capacities of the various sizes of pipe given in Table 5232 are for convenience in calculating the air capacity of a system.

TABLE 5232.  
CAPACITY OF 1 FOOT OF PIPE.  
(Based on actual internal diameter)

<i>Diameter</i>	<i>Gallons</i>	<i>Diameter</i>	<i>Gallons</i>
$\frac{3}{4}$ in.	.028	3 in.	.383
1 in.	.045	$3\frac{1}{2}$ in.	.513
$1\frac{1}{4}$ in.	.078	4 in.	.660
$1\frac{1}{2}$ in.	.106	5 in.	1.040
2 in.	.174	6 in.	1.501
$2\frac{1}{2}$ in.	.248	8 in.	2.66

SPRINKLER EQUIVALENTS FOR EACH FOOT LENGTH OF  
FEED MAIN PIPE.

<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>Sprinklers per Ft.</i>	<i>Pipe Size</i>	<i>Sprinklers per Ft.</i>
2 in.	0.130	4 in.	0.522
$2\frac{1}{2}$ in.	0.204	5 in.	0.816
3 in.	0.293	6 in.	1.175
$3\frac{1}{2}$ in.	0.399	8 in.	2.01

5233. **EIGHT-INCH SYSTEMS.** Where an 8-inch riser is employed in connection with a dry-pipe system, a 6-inch dry-pipe valve and a 6-inch gate valve between taper reducers may be used.

**5240. Quick-Opening Devices.**

5241. WHEN REQUIRED. Each standard dry-pipe valve controlling more than 400 sprinklers or having system capacity of more than 500 gallons shall be provided with an approved quick-opening device.

5242. LOCATION OF QUICK-OPENING DEVICES. The quick-opening device shall be located as close as possible to the dry-pipe valve. Protection of the restriction orifice and other operating parts of the quick-opening device against submergence necessitates that the connection to the riser shall be at a point above which water (priming water and back drainage) is not to be expected when the dry-pipe valve and quick-opening device are set, except where design features of particular quick-opening devices make these requirements unnecessary.

NOTE: In the case of dry-pipe valves having relatively small priming chambers and in which the normal quantity of priming water fills, or nearly fills, the entire priming chamber, the object contemplated by this rule will be met by requiring connection of the quick-opening device at a point on the riser above the dry-pipe valve, which will provide a capacity measure between the normal priming level of the air chamber and the connection of 1½, 2 and 3 gallons for 4-, 5- and 6-inch risers, respectively. Making the connection 24 inches above the normal priming water level will ordinarily provide this capacity.

5243. A soft disc globe or angle valve shall be installed in the connection between the dry-pipe sprinkler riser and the quick-opening device provided to accelerate operation of dry-pipe valve.

5244. A globe or gate valve shall also be installed in the connection between the quick-opening device and the intermediate chamber of the dry-pipe valve whenever necessary to prevent the escape of water if the dry-pipe valve should trip with the quick-opening device disconnected. A check valve may be used instead of a gate valve whenever it will serve the same purpose.

**5250. Location and Protection of Dry-Pipe Valve.**

5251. The dry-pipe valve should be located in an accessible place and as near as practicable to the sprinkler system it controls. It should be properly protected against freezing and mechanical injury.

5252. To protect supply pipe from frost, avoid low space under floor.

5253. Where exposed to cold, the dry-pipe valve should preferably be located in an approved valve room or enclosure and, where this is not possible, in an underground pit acceptable to



the authority having jurisdiction. Room should be of sufficient size to give at least  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet of free space at the sides and in front of, also above and below the dry-pipe valve or valves, and this room, if feasible, should not be built until the valve is in position.

5254. Size of enclosures should be governed by the number and arrangement of dry-pipe valves, so as to give ready access to these devices.

5255. Valve room should be well lighted, preferably by electric light, and properly heated by steam, electric heater (installation to comply with the National Electrical Code, NFPA No. 70), gas or lard oil lantern. If fire heat is used, some ventilation will be necessary to supply the air for combustion.

5256. Latches for doors should be arranged to hold door tight to frame. Latches similar to those used on refrigerators are recommended.

5257. The supply for the sprinkler protection in the dry-pipe valve enclosure shall be from the dry side of the system.

5258. SKETCHES OF DRY-PIPE VALVE ENCLOSURES. The enclosures shown in Figs. 5258-1 to 5258-6, inclusive, are intended to serve as illustrations of those already in successful use, rather than as standards, from which to select or modify the design most suitable for local needs, in consideration of the varying climatic conditions. The sketches are not drawn to scale.

## 5260. Cold Storage Rooms.

5261. Careful installation and maintenance, and some special arrangements of piping and devices as outlined in this section are needed to avoid the formation of ice and frost inside piping in cold storage rooms which will be maintained at or below  $32^{\circ}$  F. Conditions are particularly favorable to condensation where pipes enter cold rooms from rooms having temperatures above freezing. Periodic examinations of piping are needed to detect these formations.

5262. Fittings for this purpose should be provided at the following locations:

(a) Wherever a cross main connects to a riser or feed main. This may be accomplished by a blind flange on a fitting (tee or cross) in the riser or cross main or a flanged removable section 24 inches long in the feed main as shown in Fig. 5262-1. Such fittings in conjunction with the flushing connections specified in Paragraph 3064 would permit examination of the entire

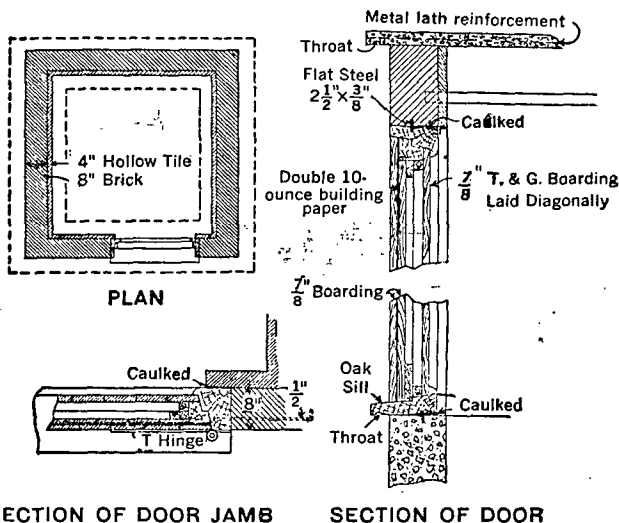
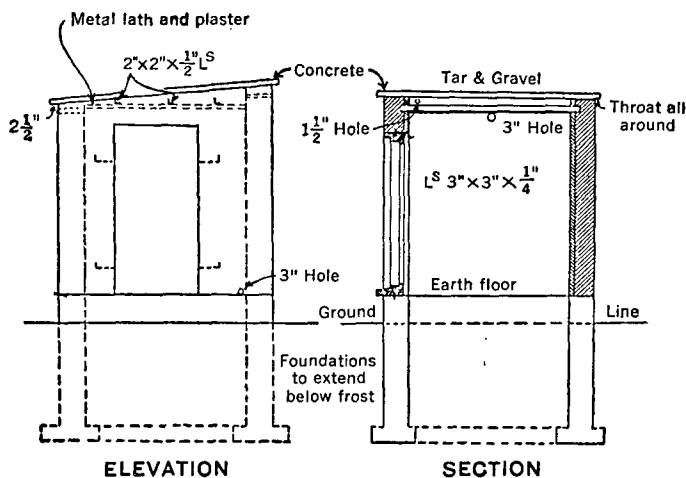
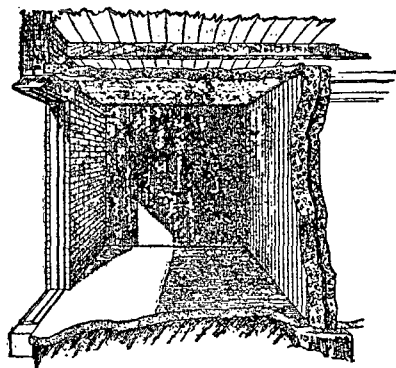
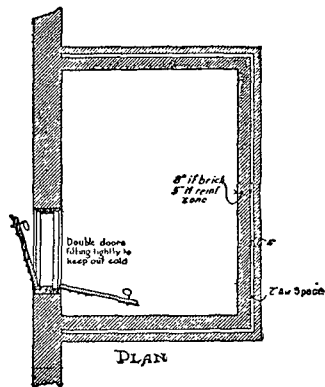


Fig. 5258-1. Dry-Pipe Valve Enclosures — Fire-Resistive Construction, Located Outside of Building with no Direct Communication to Building.



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Outer and inner walls should be bonded to provide greater stability and insure even settlement but not so as to interfere with circulation of air. Corners should be protected by angle iron or other suitable means, where subject to mechanical injury. Provision should be made in the erection by metal sleeves or otherwise for the needed openings for the piping.

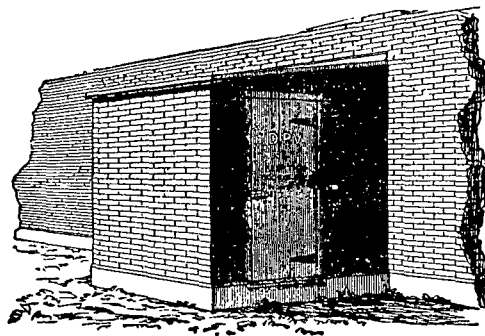
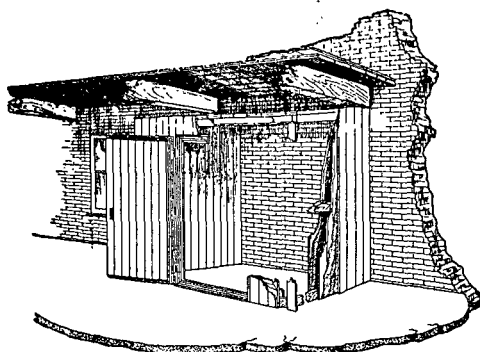


Fig. 5258-3. Dry-Pipe Valve Enclosures — Fire-Resistive Construction, Located Outside of Building with no Direct Communication to Building.

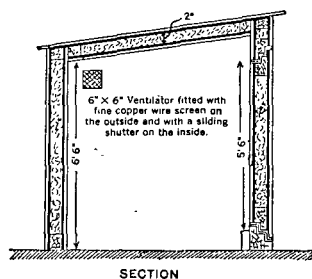
Fig. 5258-2. Dry-Pipe Valve Enclosure — Fire-Resistive Construction, Located in Building but with Entrance from Outside Only. Walls and roof may be either of brick or concrete. Where fire heat is used to warm enclosure ventilation should be provided.



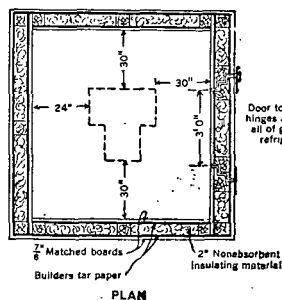
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Fig. 5258-4. Dry-Pipe Valve Enclosure — Combustible Construction, Located Inside Building.

Air space may be increased and filled with insulating material. Where exposed to frost, floor should be double and filled with insulating material. With this type, any heating should preferably be steam, or at least electric. If gas, the inside should be protected and ventilation provided. With fire heat, a better enclosure would be one of expanded metal and cement. Walls should be double, each side at least two inches thick with two inches air space between, floor should be concrete. Ventilation should be provided and door should be of metal or standard tin clad.



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Fig. 5258-5. Dry-Pipe Valve Enclosure — Combustible Construction.

This enclosure is for use where dry valves are subject to freezing. It should be provided with an electric light where possible and should be heated either by steam or by electricity. Where the enclosure is located as on a pier, or other exposed place, the floor must be constructed similarly to the walls. The outside part of wall must be protected by sheet iron and the corners by 2-in. angle iron. Not suitable for outside use in severe climates as no provision is made to carry foundations below frost line. The dimensions are the minimum ones to permit of easy access to the valve.