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Introduction

The purpose of this standard is to define the minimum requirements for the installation of monolithic refractory linings and to provide guidance for the establishment of quality control elements necessary to achieve the defined requirements.

Refractory Installation Quality Control—Inspection and Testing Monolithic Refractory Linings and Materials

1 Scope

This standard provides installation quality control procedures for monolithic refractory linings and may be used to supplement owner specifications. Materials, equipment, and personnel are qualified by the methods described, and applied refractory quality is closely monitored, based on defined procedures and acceptance criteria. The responsibilities of all parties involved in the quality control process are also defined.

2 Normative References

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API Standard 560, *Fired Heaters for General Refinery Service*

ASTM C113, *Standard Test Method for Reheat Change of Refractory Brick*

ASTM C133, *Standard Test Methods for Cold Crushing Strength and Modulus of Rupture of Refractories*

ASTM C181, *Standard Test Method for Workability Index of Fireclay and High-Alumina Plastic Refractories*

ASTM C704/C704M, *Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Refractory Materials at Room Temperature*

ASTM C1054, *Standard Practice for Pressing and Drying Refractory Plastic and Ramming Mix Specimens*

SSPC SP 3, *Power Tool Cleaning SSPC SP 7/NACE No. 4, Brush-Off Blast Cleaning*

3 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE See Annex A for a glossary of additional refractory terms that are not referenced in this standard.

3.1
abrasion resistance
The ability to withstand the effects of eroding particles for an extended period without significant loss of material or other damage.

EXAMPLE A vapor stream containing solid particles.

NOTE For refractory materials, abrasion resistance is measured in the form of eroded volume loss in accordance with ASTM C704/C704M.

3.2
acceptance quality limit
The acceptable limit of defect samples in a lot or batch, expressed as a percentage or ratio.

3.3
applicator qualification testing
Preinstallation simulation of production work that is visually inspected, sampled, and tested to verify that application equipment and personnel are capable of meeting specified quality standards.