

## **SECTION 23 21 13 - HYDRONIC PIPING**

### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

#### **1.1 SUMMARY**

- A. This Section includes pipe and fitting materials, joining methods, special duty valves, and specialties for the following:
  - 1. Heating hot water piping.
  - 2. Chilled water piping.
  - 3. Condenser water piping.
  - 4. Makeup-water piping.
  - 5. Condensate drain piping.
  - 6. Air vent piping.
  - 7. Safety valve inlet and outlet piping.

#### **1.2 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data: For each type of the following:
  - 1. Pressure seal fittings.
  - 2. Valves: Include flow and pressure drop curves based on manufacturer's testing for calibrated orifice balancing valves and automatic flow control valves.
  - 3. Air control devices.
  - 4. Hydronic specialties.
- B. Shop Drawings: Detail, at 1/4 scale, the piping layout, fabrication of pipe anchors, hangers, supports for multiple pipes, alignment guides, expansion joints and loops, and attachments of the same to the building structure. Detail location of anchors, alignment guides, and expansion joints and loops.
- C. Field quality-control test reports.
- D. Operation and maintenance data.

#### **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. ASME Compliance: Comply with ASME B31.9, "Building Services Piping," for materials, products, and installation. Safety valves and pressure vessels shall bear the appropriate ASME label. Fabricate and stamp air separators and expansion tanks to comply with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code: Section VIII, Division 1.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 COPPER TUBE AND FITTINGS

- A. Drawn Temper Copper Tubing: ASTM B 88, Type L or M as indicated in Part 3 "Piping Applications" Article.
- B. Annealed Temper Copper Tubing: ASTM B 88, Type K.
- C. DWV Copper Tubing: ASTM B 306, Type DWV.
- D. Wrought Copper Fittings: ASME B16.22.
- E. Wrought Copper Unions: ASME B16.22.

### 2.2 STEEL PIPE AND FITTINGS

- A. Steel Pipe: ASTM A 53, black steel with plain ends; type, grade, and wall thickness as indicated in Part 3 "Piping Applications" Article.
- B. Cast Iron Threaded Fittings: ASME B16.4; Classes 125 and 250 as indicated in Part 3 "Piping Applications" Article.
- C. Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings: ASME B16.3, Classes 150 and 300 as indicated in Part 3 "Piping Applications" Article.
- D. Malleable Iron Unions: ASME B16.39; Classes 150, 250, and 300 as indicated in Part 3 "Piping Applications" Article.
- E. Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: ASME B16.1, Classes 25, 125, and 250; raised ground face, and bolt holes spot faced as indicated in Part 3 "Piping Applications" Article.
- F. Wrought Cast and Forged Steel Flanges and Flanged Fittings: ASME B16.5, including bolts, nuts, and gaskets of the following material group, end connections, and facings:
  - 1. Material Group: 1.1.
  - 2. End Connections: Butt welding.
  - 3. Facings: Raised face.
- G. Grooved Mechanical Joint Fittings and Couplings:
  - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following pr approved equal:
    - a. Anvil International, Inc.
    - b. Victaulic Company of America.
  - 2. Joint Fittings: ASTM A 536, Grade 65-45-12 ductile iron; ASTM A 47, Grade 32510 malleable iron; ASTM A 53, Type F, E, or S, Grade B fabricated steel; or ASTM A 106,

Grade B steel fittings with grooves or shoulders constructed to accept grooved-end couplings; with nuts, bolts, locking pin, locking toggle, or lugs to secure grooved pipe and fittings.

3. Couplings: Ductile or malleable iron housing and synthetic rubber gasket of central cavity pressure responsive design; with nuts, bolts, locking pin, locking toggle, or lugs to secure grooved pipe and fittings.

## 2.3 JOINING MATERIALS

- A. Pipe Flange Gasket Materials: Suitable for chemical and thermal conditions of piping system contents.
  1. ASME B16.21, nonmetallic, flat, asbestos free, 1/8 inch maximum thickness unless thickness or specific material is indicated.
    - a. Full-Face Type: For flat-face, Class 125, cast-iron and cast-bronze flanges.
    - b. Narrow-Face Type: For raised-face, Class 250, cast-iron and steel flanges.
- B. Flange Bolts and Nuts: ASME B18.2.1, carbon steel, unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Solder Filler Metals: ASTM B 32, lead-free alloys. Include water flushable flux according to ASTM B 813.
- D. Gasket Material: Thickness, material, and type suitable for fluid to be handled and working temperatures and pressures.

## 2.4 DIELECTRIC FITTINGS

- A. Description: Combination fitting of copper alloy and ferrous materials with threaded, solder-joint, plain, or weld-neck end connections that match piping system materials.
- B. Insulating Material: Suitable for system fluid, pressure, and temperature.
- C. Dielectric Couplings:
  1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
    - a. Calpico, Inc.
    - b. Lochinvar Corporation.
  2. Galvanized-steel coupling with inert and noncorrosive thermoplastic lining; threaded ends; and 300-psig minimum working pressure at 225 deg F.

## 2.5 VALVES

- A. Gate, Globe, Check, Ball, and Butterfly Valves: Comply with requirements specified in Division 23 Section "General-Duty Valves."
- B. Automatic Temperature-Control Valves, Actuators, and Sensors: Comply with requirements specified in Division 23 Section "Direct Digital Control (DDC) System."
- C. Bronze, Calibrated Orifice, Balancing Valves:
  - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
    - a. Armstrong Pumps, Inc.
    - b. Bell & Gossett Domestic Pump; a division of ITT Industries.
    - c. Flow Design Inc.
    - d. Gerand Engineering Co.
    - e. Griswold Controls.
    - f. Taco.
    - g. Tour & Andersson; available through Victaulic Company of America
  - 2. Body: Bronze, globe type with calibrated orifice or venturi.
  - 3. End Connections: Threaded or socket.
  - 4. Pressure Gage Connections: Integral seals for portable differential pressure meter. Include graduated scale.
  - 5. Handle Style: Lever, with memory stop to retain set position.
  - 6. CWP Rating: Minimum 125 psig.
  - 7. Maximum Operating Temperature: 250 deg F.
- D. Diaphragm Operated, Pressure Reducing Valves:
  - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
    - a. Amtrol, Inc.
    - b. Armstrong Pumps, Inc.
    - c. Bell & Gossett Domestic Pump; a division of ITT Industries.
    - d. Conbraco Industries, Inc.
    - e. Spence Engineering Company, Inc.
    - f. Watts Regulator Co.; a division of Watts Water Technologies, Inc.
  - 2. Body: Bronze or brass.
  - 3. Disc: Glass and carbon-filled PTFE.
  - 4. Seat: Brass.
  - 5. Stem Seals: EPDM O-rings.
  - 6. Diaphragm: EPT.
  - 7. Low inlet-pressure check valve.
  - 8. Inlet Strainer: Removable without system shutdown.
  - 9. Valve Seat and Stem: Noncorrosive.

10. Valve Size, Capacity, and Operating Pressure: Selected to suit system in which installed, with operating pressure and capacity factory set and field adjustable.

E. Diaphragm Operated Safety Valves:

1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
  - a. Amtrol, Inc.
  - b. Armstrong Pumps, Inc.
  - c. Bell & Gossett Domestic Pump; a division of ITT Industries.
  - d. Conbraco Industries, Inc.
  - e. Spence Engineering Company, Inc.
  - f. Watts Regulator Co.; a division of Watts Water Technologies, Inc.
2. Body: Bronze or brass.
3. Disc: Glass and carbon-filled PTFE.
4. Seat: Brass.
5. Stem Seals: EPDM O-rings.
6. Diaphragm: EPT.
7. Wetted, Internal Work Parts: Brass and rubber.
8. Inlet Strainer: Removable without system shutdown.
9. Valve Seat and Stem: Noncorrosive.
10. Valve Size, Capacity, and Operating Pressure: Comply with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code: Section IV, and selected to suit system in which installed, with operating pressure and capacity factory set and field adjustable.

F. Automatic Flow Control Valves:

1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
  - a. Flow Design Inc.
  - b. Griswold Controls.
2. Body: Brass or ferrous metal.
3. Piston and Spring Assembly: Stainless steel, tamper proof, self cleaning, and removable.
4. Combination Assemblies: Include bronze or brass-alloy ball valve.
5. Identification Tag: Marked with zone identification, valve number, and flow rate.
6. Size: Same as pipe in which installed.
7. Performance: Maintain constant flow, plus or minus 5 percent over system pressure fluctuations.
8. Minimum CWP Rating: 175 psig.
9. Maximum Operating Temperature: 200 deg F.

## 2.6 AIR CONTROL DEVICES

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
1. Amtrol, Inc.
  2. Armstrong Pumps, Inc.
  3. Bell & Gossett Domestic Pump; a division of ITT Industries.
  4. Taco.
- B. Manual Air Vents:
1. Body: Bronze.
  2. Internal Parts: Nonferrous.
  3. Operator: Screwdriver or thumbscrew.
  4. Inlet Connection: NPS 1/2.
  5. Discharge Connection: NPS 1/8.
  6. CWP Rating: 150 psig.
  7. Maximum Operating Temperature: 225 deg F.
- C. Automatic Air Vents:
1. Body: Bronze or cast iron.
  2. Internal Parts: Nonferrous.
  3. Operator: Noncorrosive metal float.
  4. Inlet Connection: NPS 1/2.
  5. Discharge Connection: NPS 1/4.
  6. CWP Rating: 150 psig.
  7. Maximum Operating Temperature: 240 deg F.
- D. Expansion Tanks:
1. Tank: Welded steel, rated for 125 psig working pressure and 375 deg F maximum operating temperature, with taps in bottom of tank for tank fitting and taps in end of tank for gage glass. Tanks shall be factory tested with taps fabricated and labeled according to ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code: Section VIII, Division 1.
  2. Air-Control Tank Fitting: Cast iron body, copper-plated tube, brass vent tube plug, and stainless steel ball check, 100 gal. unit only; sized for compression-tank diameter. Provide tank fittings for 125 psig working pressure and 250 deg F maximum operating temperature.
  3. Tank Drain Fitting: Brass body, nonferrous internal parts; 125 psig working pressure and 240 deg F maximum operating temperature; constructed to admit air to compression tank, drain water, and close off system.
  4. Gage Glass: Full height with dual manual shutoff valves, 3/4 inch diameter gage glass, and slotted-metal glass guard.

E. **[Diaphragm] [Bladder]** Type Expansion Tanks:

1. Tank: Welded steel, rated for 125 psig working pressure and 375 deg F maximum operating temperature. Factory test with taps fabricated and supports installed and labeled according to ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code: Section VIII, Division 1.
2. **[Diaphragm] [Bladder]**: Securely sealed into tank to separate air charge from system water to maintain required expansion capacity.
3. Air-Charge Fittings: Schrader valve, stainless steel with EPDM seats.

F. In-Line Air Separators:

1. Tank: One piece cast iron with an integral weir constructed to decelerate system flow to maximize air separation.
2. Maximum Working Pressure: Up to 175 psig.
3. Maximum Operating Temperature: Up to 300 deg F.

2.7 HYDRONIC PIPING SPECIALTIES

A. Y-Pattern Strainers:

1. Body: ASTM A 126, Class B, cast iron with bolted cover and bottom drain connection.
2. End Connections: Threaded ends for NPS 2 and smaller; flanged ends for NPS 2-1/2 and larger.
3. Strainer Screen: 40 mesh startup strainer, and perforated stainless steel basket with 50 percent free area.
4. CWP Rating: 125 psig.

B. Stainless-Steel Bellow, Flexible Connectors:

1. Body: Stainless steel bellows with woven, flexible, bronze, wire-reinforcing protective jacket.
2. End Connections: Threaded or flanged to match equipment connected.
3. Performance: Capable of 3/4 inch misalignment.
4. CWP Rating: 150 psig.
5. Maximum Operating Temperature: 250 deg F.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PIPING APPLICATIONS

- A. Heating hot water piping, aboveground, NPS 2 and smaller, shall be Type L, drawn temper copper tubing, wrought copper fittings, and soldered joints.
- B. Heating hot water piping, aboveground, NPS 2-1/2 and larger, shall be any of the following:
1. Schedule 40 steel pipe, wrought steel fittings and wrought cast or forged steel flanges and flange fittings, and welded and flanged joints.

2. Schedule 40 steel pipe; grooved, mechanical joint coupling and fittings; and grooved, mechanical joints.
- C. Chilled water piping, aboveground, NPS 2 and smaller, shall be Type L, drawn temper copper tubing, wrought copper fittings, and soldered joints.
- D. Chilled water piping, aboveground, NPS 2-1/2 and larger, shall be any of the following:
  1. Schedule 40 steel pipe, wrought steel fittings and wrought cast or forged steel flanges and flange fittings, and welded and flanged joints.
  2. Schedule 40 steel pipe; grooved, mechanical joint coupling and fittings; and grooved, mechanical joints.
- E. Condenser water piping, aboveground, NPS 2 and smaller, shall be Type L, drawn temper copper tubing, wrought copper fittings, and soldered joints.
- F. Condenser water piping, aboveground, NPS 2-1/2 and larger, shall be any of the following:
  1. Schedule 40 steel pipe, wrought steel fittings and wrought cast or forged steel flanges and flange fittings, and welded and flanged joints.
  2. Schedule 40 steel pipe; grooved, mechanical joint coupling and fittings; and grooved, mechanical joints.
- G. Makeup water piping installed aboveground shall be Type L, drawn temper copper tubing, wrought copper fittings, and soldered joints.
- H. Condensate Drain Piping: Type M DWV, drawn temper copper tubing, wrought-copper fittings, and soldered joints.
- I. Air Vent Piping:
  1. Inlet: Same as service where installed.
  2. Outlet: Type K, annealed temper copper tubing with soldered joints.
- J. Safety Valve Inlet and Outlet Piping for Heating Hot Water Piping: Same materials and joining methods as for piping specified for the service in which safety valve is installed.

### 3.2 VALVE APPLICATIONS

- A. Install shutoff duty valves at each branch connection to supply mains, and at supply connection to each piece of equipment.
- B. Install calibrated orifice balancing valves at each branch connection to return main.
- C. Install calibrated orifice balancing valves in the return pipe of each heating or cooling terminal.
- D. Install check valves at each pump discharge and elsewhere as required to control flow direction.



- E. Install safety valves at hot water generators and elsewhere as required by ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Install drip pan elbow on safety-valve outlet and pipe without valves to the outdoors; and pipe drain to nearest floor drain or as indicated on Drawings. Comply with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code: Section VIII, Division 1, for installation requirements.
- F. Install pressure-reducing valves at makeup water connection to regulate system fill pressure.

### 3.3 PIPING INSTALLATIONS

- A. Drawing plans, schematics, and diagrams indicate general location and arrangement of piping systems. Indicate piping locations and arrangements if such were used to size pipe and calculate friction loss, expansion, pump sizing, and other design considerations. Install piping as indicated unless deviations to layout are approved on Coordination Drawings.
- B. Install piping in concealed locations, unless otherwise indicated and except in equipment rooms and service areas.
- C. Install piping indicated to be exposed and piping in equipment rooms and service areas at right angles or parallel to building walls. Diagonal runs are prohibited unless specifically indicated otherwise.
- D. Install piping above accessible ceilings to allow sufficient space for ceiling panel removal.
- E. Install piping to permit valve servicing.
- F. Install piping at indicated slopes.
- G. Install piping free of sags and bends.
- H. Install fittings for changes in direction and branch connections.
- I. Install piping to allow application of insulation.
- J. Select system components with pressure rating equal to or greater than system operating pressure.
- K. Install groups of pipes parallel to each other, spaced to permit applying insulation and servicing of valves.
- L. Install drains, consisting of a tee fitting, NPS 3/4 ball valve, and short NPS 3/4 threaded nipple with cap, at low points in piping system mains and elsewhere as required for system drainage.
- M. Install piping at a uniform grade of 0.2 percent upward in direction of flow.
- N. Reduce pipe sizes using eccentric reducer fitting installed with level side up.
- O. Install branch connections to mains using tee fittings in main pipe, with the branch connected to the bottom of the main pipe. For up-feed risers, connect the branch to the top of the main pipe.

- P. Install valves according to Division 23 Section "General-Duty Valves."
- Q. Install unions in piping, NPS 2 and smaller, adjacent to valves, at final connections of equipment, and elsewhere as indicated.
- R. Install flanges in piping, NPS 2-1/2 and larger, at final connections of equipment and elsewhere as indicated.
- S. Install flexible connectors at inlet and discharge connections to pumps (except in-line pumps) and other vibration-producing equipment.
- T. Install strainers on inlet side of each control valve, pressure-reducing valve, solenoid valve, in-line pump, and elsewhere as indicated. Install NPS 3/4 nipple and ball valve in blowdown connection of strainers NPS 2 and larger. Match size of strainer blowoff connection for strainers smaller than NPS 2.
- U. Identify piping as specified in Division 23 Section "Identification for Mechanical Piping and Equipment."

### 3.4 HANGERS AND SUPPORTS

- A. Hanger, support, and anchor devices are specified in Division 23 Section "Hangers and Supports for Mechanical Piping and Equipment." Comply with the following requirements for maximum spacing of supports.
- B. Seismic restraints are specified in Division 23 Section "Vibration and Seismic Controls for Mechanical Piping and Equipment."
- C. Install the following pipe attachments:
  - 1. Adjustable steel clevis hangers for individual horizontal piping less than 20 feet long.
  - 2. Adjustable roller hangers and spring hangers for individual horizontal piping 20 feet or longer.
  - 3. Pipe Roller: MSS SP-58, Type 44 for multiple horizontal piping 20 feet or longer, supported on a trapeze.
  - 4. Spring hangers to support vertical runs.
  - 5. Provide copper clad hangers and supports for hangers and supports in direct contact with copper pipe.
- D. Install hangers for steel piping with the following maximum spacing and minimum rod sizes:
  - 1. NPS 3/4: Maximum span, 7 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 2. NPS 1: Maximum span, 7 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 3. NPS 1-1/2: Maximum span, 9 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 4. NPS 2: Maximum span, 10 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 5. NPS 2-1/2: Maximum span, 11 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 6. NPS 3: Maximum span, 12 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 7. NPS 4: Maximum span, 14 feet; minimum rod size, 1/2 inch.

- E. Install hangers for drawn temper copper piping with the following maximum spacing and minimum rod sizes:
  - 1. NPS 3/4: Maximum span, 5 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 2. NPS 1: Maximum span, 6 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 3. NPS 1-1/2: Maximum span, 8 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
  - 4. NPS 2: Maximum span, 8 feet; minimum rod size, 3/8 inch.
- F. Support vertical runs at each floor and at 10-foot intervals between floors.

### 3.5 PIPE JOINT CONSTRUCTION

- A. Join pipe and fittings according to the following requirements and Division 23 Sections specifying piping systems.
- B. Ream ends of pipes and tubes and remove burrs. Bevel plain ends of steel pipe.
- C. Remove scale, slag, dirt, and debris from inside and outside of pipe and fittings before assembly.
- D. Soldered Joints: Apply ASTM B 813, water-flushable flux, unless otherwise indicated, to tube end. Construct joints according to ASTM B 828 or CDA's "Copper Tube Handbook," using lead-free solder alloy complying with ASTM B 32.
- E. Threaded Joints: Thread pipe with tapered pipe threads according to ASME B1.20.1. Cut threads full and clean using sharp dies. Ream threaded pipe ends to remove burrs and restore full ID. Join pipe fittings and valves as follows:
  - 1. Apply appropriate tape or thread compound to external pipe threads unless dry seal threading is specified.
  - 2. Damaged Threads: Do not use pipe or pipe fittings with threads that are corroded or damaged. Do not use pipe sections that have cracked or open welds.
- F. Flanged Joints: Select appropriate gasket material, size, type, and thickness for service application. Install gasket concentrically positioned. Use suitable lubricants on bolt threads.
- G. Grooved Joints: Assemble joints with coupling and gasket, lubricant, and bolts. Cut or roll grooves in ends of pipe based on pipe and coupling manufacturer's written instructions for pipe wall thickness. Use grooved end fittings and rigid, grooved end pipe couplings.

### 3.6 HYDRONIC SPECIALTIES INSTALLATION

- A. Install manual air vents at high points in piping, at heat transfer coils, and elsewhere as required for system air venting.
- B. Install automatic air vents at high points of system piping in mechanical equipment rooms only. Manual vents at heat-transfer coils and elsewhere as required for air venting.

- C. Install piping from air separator to expansion tank with a 2 percent upward slope toward tank.
- D. Install in-line air separators in pump suction. Install drain valve on air separators NPS 2 and larger.
- E. Install expansion tanks above the air separator. Install tank fitting in tank bottom and charge tank. Use manual vent for initial fill to establish proper water level in tank.
  - 1. Install tank fittings that are shipped loose.
  - 2. Support tank from floor or structure above with sufficient strength to carry weight of tank, piping connections, fittings, plus tank full of water. Do not overload building components and structural members.

### 3.7 TERMINAL EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS

- A. Sizes for supply and return piping connections shall be the same as or larger than equipment connections.
- B. Install control valves in accessible locations close to connected equipment.
- C. Install bypass piping with globe valve around control valve. If parallel control valves are installed, only one bypass is required.
- D. Install ports for pressure gages and thermometers at coil inlet and outlet connections according to Division 23 Section "Meters and Gages for Piping."

### 3.8 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Prepare hydronic piping according to ASME B31.9 and as follows:
  - 1. Leave joints, including welds, uninsulated and exposed for examination during test.
  - 2. Provide temporary restraints for expansion joints that cannot sustain reactions due to test pressure. If temporary restraints are impractical, isolate expansion joints from testing.
  - 3. Flush hydronic piping systems with clean water; then remove and clean or replace strainer screens.
  - 4. Isolate equipment from piping. If a valve is used to isolate equipment, its closure shall be capable of sealing against test pressure without damage to valve. Install blinds in flanged joints to isolate equipment.
  - 5. Install safety valve, set at a pressure no more than one-third higher than test pressure, to protect against damage by expanding liquid or other source of overpressure during test.
- B. Notify Owner's Representative at least 24 hours before tests must be made. Perform tests in presence of Owner's Representative. Perform the following tests on hydronic piping:
  - 1. Use ambient temperature water as a testing medium unless there is risk of damage due to freezing. Another liquid that is safe for workers and compatible with piping may be used.

2. While filling system, use vents installed at high points of system to release air. Use drains installed at low points for complete draining of test liquid.
3. Isolate expansion tanks and determine that hydronic system is full of water.
4. Subject piping system to hydrostatic test pressure that is not less than 1.5 times the system's working pressure. Test pressure shall not exceed maximum pressure for any vessel, pump, valve, or other component in system under test. Verify that stress due to pressure at bottom of vertical runs does not exceed 90 percent of specified minimum yield strength or 1.7 times "SE" value in Appendix A in ASME B31.9, "Building Services Piping."
5. After hydrostatic test pressure has been applied for minimum 2 hours duration, examine piping, joints, and connections for leakage. Eliminate leaks by tightening, repairing, or replacing components, and repeat hydrostatic test until there are no leaks.
6. Prepare written report of testing.

C. Perform the following before operating the system:

1. Open manual valves fully.
2. Inspect pumps for proper rotation.
3. Set makeup pressure-reducing valves for required system pressure.
4. Inspect air vents at high points of system and determine if all are installed and operating freely (automatic type), or bleed air completely (manual type).
5. Set temperature controls so all coils are calling for full flow.
6. Inspect and set operating temperatures of hydronic equipment, such as boilers, chillers, cooling towers, to specified values.
7. Verify lubrication of motors and bearings.

### 3.9 CLEANING

A. Preparation:

1. System shall be operational prior to cleaning.
2. Make temporary piping connections, furnish temporary pumps, and temporary bypass filter as required to properly accomplish cleaning entire system.
3. Place all manual, pressure regulating and control valves serving the system in open position during cleaning so that circulation through the system is obtained during cleaning.
4. Verify that electric power is available and of the correct characteristics for any cleaning equipment.

B. Cleaning Sequence:

1. Initial Flush (all systems):
  - a. Completely fill the system with fresh water and circulate (1<sup>st</sup> filling) at 6 feet per second for 4-hour minimum.
  - b. Initial flushing shall be sufficient to remove all contaminants such as cuttings, filings, loose rust and scale, welding and soldering, residue and debris.
  - c. Drain the entire system and refill with fresh water (2<sup>nd</sup> filling).

2. Cleaning Flush:

- a. Use concentrated chemical cleaner in piping system(s). Cleaner shall be a phosphate wetting agent combined with an alkaline surfactant with a sodium carbonate type alkalinity supplement introduced as necessary to produce 600 ppm of phenolphthalein alkalinity. Chemicals shall be nontoxic.
  - b. Circulate the solution at 6 feet per second for the recommended time period corresponding to the fluid temperature.
    - 1) Partially close and reopen all manual valves twice during the flushing duration.
  - c. Test solution for proper concentration and document results.
  - d. Completely drain the entire system.
  - e. Refill the system with fresh water (3rd filling). Then, with the circulation pump running at 6 feet per second:
    - 1) Open one or more drains as far downstream from the fill point as is possible. Be sure the makeup is sufficient to keep up with the drain so as to maintain full system.
    - 2) Partially close and reopen all manual valves twice during the flushing duration.
    - 3) Blowdown all strainers, dead legs and low points in the system.
    - 4) Continue to flush the system in this manner until the drain water is of the same clarity as the makeup water and testing reveals no further traces of cleaning solution (minimum 1 hour). Document the results.
  - f. Following the fresh water flush, drain the entire system.
    - 1) Clean all strainers.
3. Upon completion of cleaning, notify Owner's Representative as to the types of hydronic piping systems that have been cleaned so that a decision can be made as to chemical treatment addition.
  4. Upon completion of cleaning and chemical treatment addition, tag the system so that tag is plainly visible as follows: "THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN CHEMICALLY CLEANED AND TREATED."
  5. Field Reports: Submit field report indicating analysis of system's water after cleaning and after chemical treatment."

**END OF SECTION 23 21 13**