

Nuclear Mechanical Structures and Components

An Introduction to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

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ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

ASME's BPVC is an international set of standards

- Recognized by 116 countries
- Supports manufacturers whose products are used across these many regions
- Allows companies, who build to the Code and use the ASME stamp, to demonstrate their commitment to both safety & quality
- First published in 1914 to cover power boilers
- Developed under ANSI Consensus Standards Processes and Procedures



ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

The 2023 Edition consists of

- 13 Sections
- 32 Volumes
- 19,000+ pages

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Codes are published on a two-year cycle

- Next Edition will be published July 2025

The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code is divided into three broad groups:

- Construction Codes
- Inservice Codes
- Service Codes



ASME Code Application

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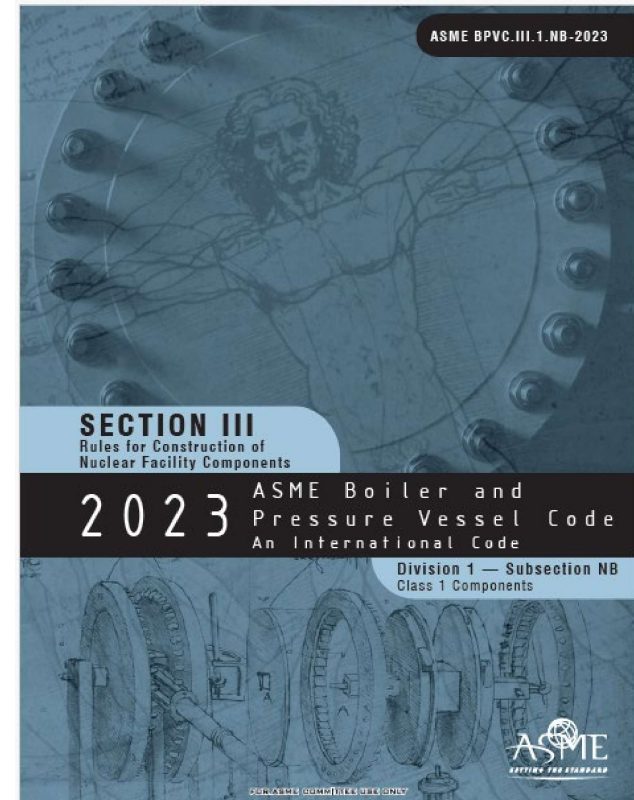
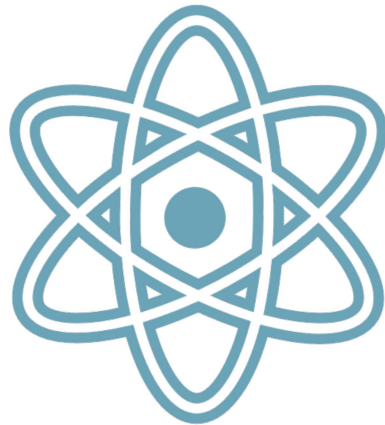
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ASME Section III

Rules for Construction of Nuclear Facility Components



ASME Stakeholders and Committee Representation

Owners

- Establish Requirements

Certificate Holders

- Construct Components

Inspectors

- Third-Party Oversight

Regulators

- Legal Authority



Organization of Section III (continued)

Subsection NCA – General Requirements for Divisions 1 and 2

Division 1 – Metallic Components

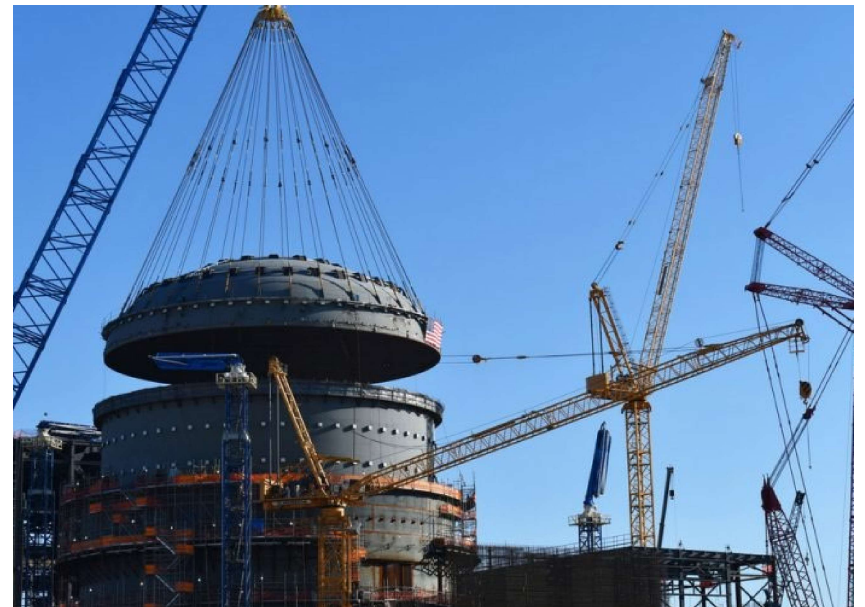
Division 2 – Concrete Containments and Vessels

Division 3 – Containment Systems for Storage/Transport of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Material

Division 4 – Fusion Energy Devices

Division 5 – High Temperature Reactors

Appendices



Organization of Section III

General Requirements for Division 1 and 2

- Subsection NCA

Division 1 – Metallic Components

- Subsection NB (Class 1 Components)
- Subsection NCD (Class 2 and Class 3 Components)
 - Prior to 2021 Edition - NC for Class 2 and ND for Class 3
- Subsection NE (Class MC Metal Containments)
- Subsection NF (Supports)
- Subsection NG (Class CS Core Support Structures)
- Subsection NH (Class 1 Elevated Temperature Service)
 - Last published in 2015, replaced by Division 5

Division 2 – Code for Concrete Containments

- Subsection CC (Concrete Containments)



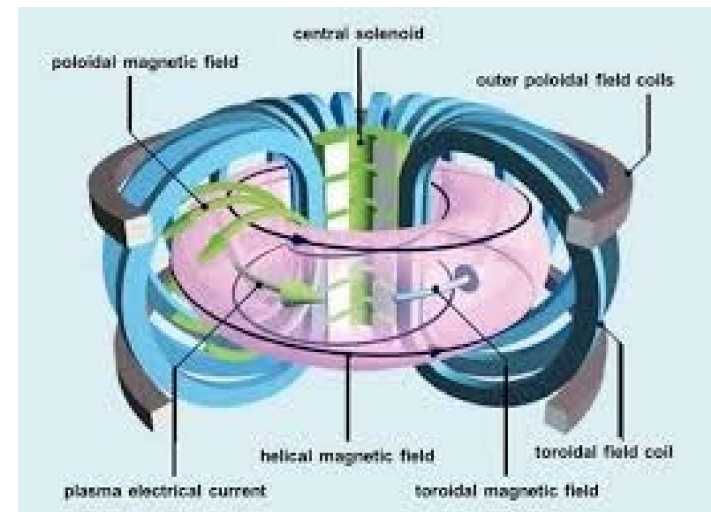
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Division 3 – Containment Systems for Transportation & Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Material

- Subsection WA – General Requirements for Division 3
- Subsection WB – Class TC Transportation Containments
- Subsection WC – Class SC Storage Containments
- Subsection WD – Class ISS Internal Support Structures

Division 4 – Fusion Energy Devices

- Published for the first time in the 2023 Edition



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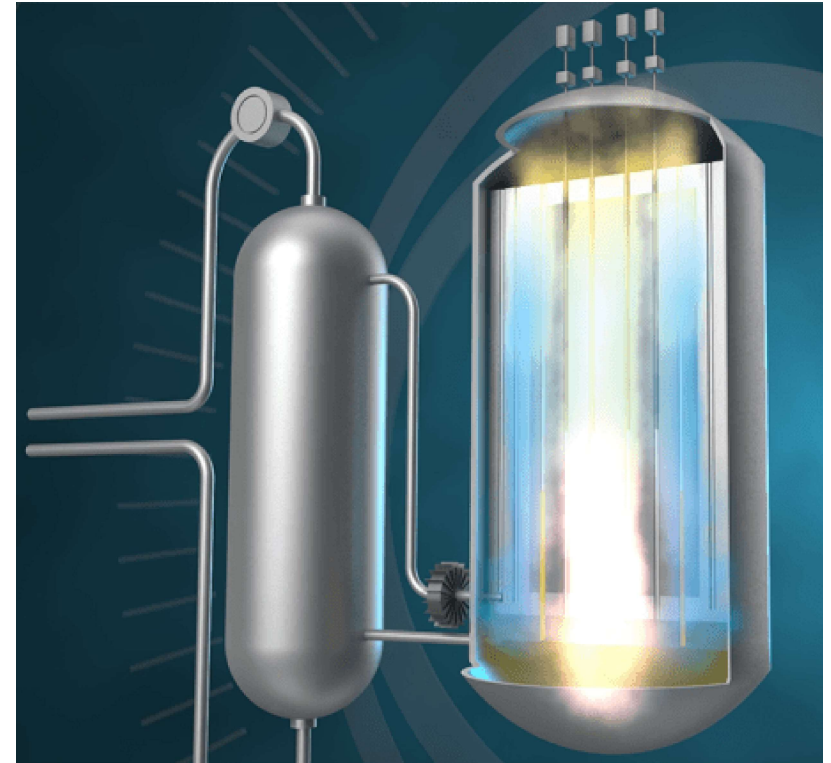
Division 5 – High Temperature Reactors

- Subsection HA – General Requirements
- Subsection HB – Class A Metallic Pressure Boundary Components
- Subsection HC – Class B Metallic Pressure Boundary Components
- Subsection HF – Class A and B Metallic Supports
- Subsection HG – Class SM Metallic Core Support Structures
- Subsection HH – Class SN Nonmetallic Core Components

Appendices

Nuclear Code Case

- Covers Section III and Section XI Cases



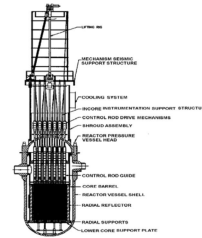
Summary of Scope of Section III Construction



Vessels



Valves



Metallic Core Support Structures



Concrete Containments
(Metal Containments also covered)



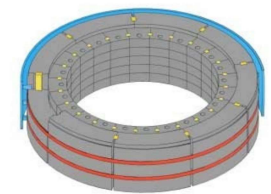
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Storage Tanks

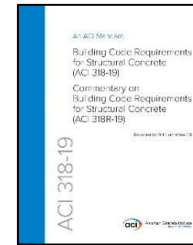
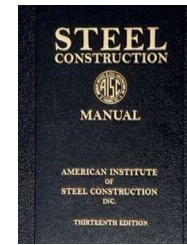
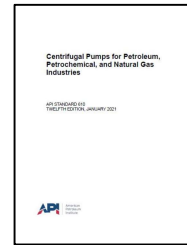
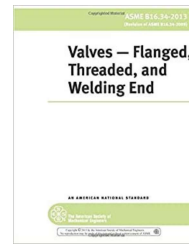
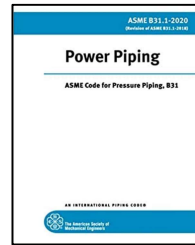
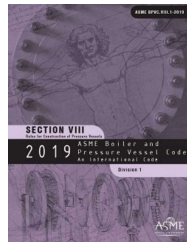


Pumps



Non-Metallic Core Support Structures

ASME and BPVC's Role in Industrial Facilities



Vessels



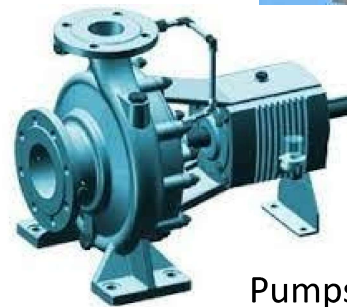
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Definition of Section III Component Construction

General Requirements

- Process and Programmatic Controls
- Quality Assurance
- Independent Oversight
- Organization's ASME Code Responsibilities

Materials (-2000)

Design (-3000)

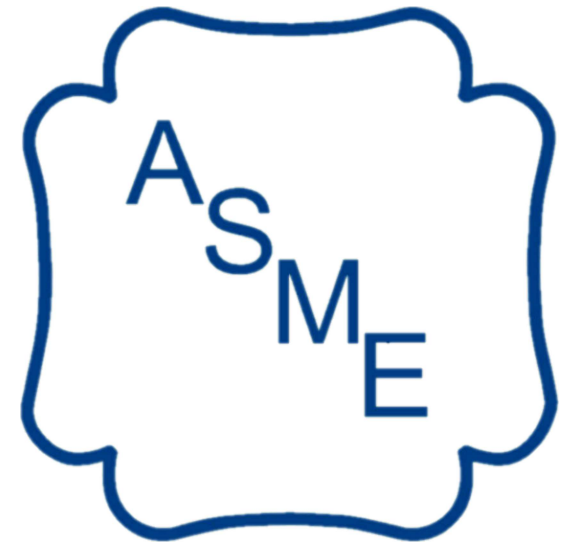
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Examination (Non-Destructive) (-5000)

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Overpressure Protection (-7000)

Certification and Stamping (-8000)



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Upcoming Presentations

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- **Quality Assurance**
- **Independent Oversight**
- Organization's ASME Code Responsibilities

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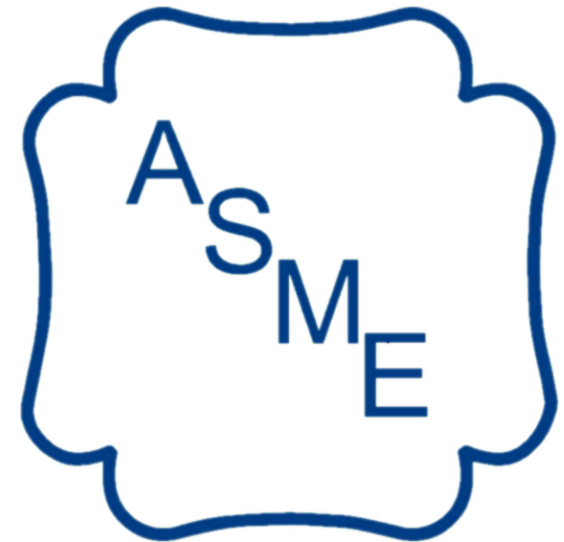
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ANY QUESTIONS?
