

Product Test Report

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TITLE

Thermal Cycle Test of 1 1/2 Inch 316 Stainless Steel Swagelok® IPT Series Medium-Pressure Cone and Thread Fittings

PRODUCT TESTED

The following 316 stainless steel Swagelok IPT series medium-pressure cone and thread fitting components were tested.

Ordering Number	Part Type	Size in.	Material	
CN24MF15	Coupling			
GL24M	Gland 1 1/2		316	
CL24M	Collar	1 1/2	strain hardened stainless steel	
PL24M	Plug			
N24M15	Coned and threaded tube nipple	1 1/2 OD × 15/16 ID		

PURPOSE

These components were assembled and tested under laboratory conditions to observe the performance of 1 1/2 inch 316 stainless steel Swagelok IPT series medium-pressure cone and thread fittings during a thermal cycle test.

TEST CONDITIONS

Original test date: September 2015

- Each sample consisted of a coupling body with a collar, gland, and coned and threaded tube nipple installed into one port, and a gland and plug installed into the opposing port.
- The male threads of the gland and tip of the plug and nipple cone were lightly coated with Silver Goop™ lubricant prior to assembly. The collar was installed on the tube nipple's threads until 1 to 2 full threads were exposed. The gland was tightened to 200 ft·lb (271 N·m) for both the nipple and plug end connections.

TEST METHOD

- 1. Each sample was attached to a multiport manifold.
- 2. The test samples were proof tested with gas by attaching the manifold to a gas test stand, submerging in water, pressurizing to 1.25 times working pressure with nitrogen, and monitoring for leakage. The acceptance criterion was less than 1 bubble per minute at the applied pressure.
- 3. The manifold and samples were installed into a thermal chamber.
- 4. The manifold and test samples were filled with fluid for elevated temperature testing.

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- 5. Pressure and temperature of the samples was elevated to 13 950 psig (961 bar) and 640°F (337°C).
- 6. Pressure to the inlet of the samples was isolated.
- 7. The samples were heated for four hours and monitored for pressure decay. The acceptance criterion was no significant pressure decay.
- 8. Pressure was relieved and the samples were slowly cooled to room temperature.
- 9. Steps 4 to 8 were repeated for a total of three thermal cycles.
- 10. The manifold and samples were removed from the thermal chamber and the fluid was drained.
- 11. The samples were tested by attaching the manifold to a gas test stand, submerging in water, pressurizing to 1.25 times working pressure with nitrogen, and monitoring for leakage. The acceptance criterion was less than 1 bubble per minute at the applied pressure.
- 12. The manifold and samples were installed back into the thermal chamber.
- 13. The manifold and test samples were filled with fluid for low-temperature testing.
- 14. Pressure and temperature of the samples was adjusted to 15 000 psig (1034 bar) and -90°F (-67°C).
- 15. Pressure to the inlet of the samples was isolated.
- 16. The samples were chilled for four hours and monitored for pressure decay. The acceptance criterion was no significant pressure decay.
- 17. Pressure was relieved and the samples were slowly cooled to room temperature.
- 18. Steps 13 to 17 were repeated for a total of three thermal cycles.
- 19. The manifold and samples were removed from the thermal chamber and the fluid was drained.
- 20. The samples were tested by attaching the manifold to a gas test stand, submerging in water, pressurizing to 1.25 times working pressure with nitrogen, and monitoring for leakage. The acceptance criterion was less than 1 bubble per minute at the applied pressure.

TEST RESULTS

Connection Type	Samples Tested	Working Pressure psig (bar)	Initial Gas Test (1.25 × WP)	Elevated Temp Cycle Test at 640°F (337°C)	Intermediate Gas Test (1.25 × WP)	Low-Temp Cycle Test at –90°F (–67°C)	Final Gas Test (1.25 × WP)
Tube Nipple	6	15 000 (1034)	6 / 6 Pass	6 / 6 Pass	6 / 6 Pass	6 / 6 Pass	6 / 6 Pass
Plug	3	15 000 (1034)	3/3 Pass	3/3 Pass	3 / 3 Pass	3/3 Pass	3/3 Pass

This test was conducted beyond the product's recommended operating parameters and does not modify the published product ratings.



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SAFE PRODUCT SELECTION

When selecting a product, the total system design must be considered to ensure safe, trouble-free performance. Function, material compatibility, adequate ratings, proper installation, operation, and maintenance are the responsibilities of the system designer and user.

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