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Origin and Development of NFPA 1962

NFPA originally developed a Recommended Practice for the care, maintenance, and use of fire hose in 1936 through its Committee on Field Practices. This document was designated NFPA 198 and was revised extensively through the years. In 1954, the Fire Hose Committee assumed responsibility for the document.

In 1979, NFPA 1962 was issued as a new standard. The standard was completely rewritten but still contained portions of NFPA 198. The requirements were carefully developed to ensure a reasonable level of reliability for fire hose that is in service.

The 1993 edition recognized the increased use of hose testing machines in the test procedure section. The test requirements for booster and suction hose were revised by incorporating the information in the standard rather than referring to a different standard.

The 1998 edition defined a separate test procedure when using a hose testing machine from the procedure when using a stationary fire pump or pumper as the pressure source. It also required that unlined fire hose be replaced with lined fire hose when the unlined fire hose came due for testing.

In the 2003 edition, the title was changed to *Standard for the Inspection, Care, and Use of Fire Hose, Couplings, and Nozzles and the Service Testing of Fire Hose.* The requirements for service testing new hose for the first time were revised. Discussion about using supply hose was revised to remove the implication it can be used in certain attack applications, and the requirements related to the use of relief valves were more closely tied to the service test pressure of the hose. New requirements were added for inspection of the hose liner and attachment of shank-type couplings. Record-keeping requirements for occupant-use hose were revised to reflect that such hose is inspected and serviced similar to a fire extinguisher. The document was completely revised in accordance with the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents,* and changes were made to improve understanding of the requirements.

This edition of NFPA 1962 includes a new chapter for use, inspection, and testing of fire hose connected appliances. Since the issuance of NFPA 1965, *Standard for Fire Hose Appliances*, which provides for minimum performance and operational requirements for new fire hose appliances, NFPA 1962 now provides testing criteria so that hose appliances can be tested and maintained in an equivalent manner.

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Committee Scope: This Committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on the size and design of fire hose connections, and the performance, maintenance, and selection of all types of fire hose, couplings, nozzles, and accessory equipment.

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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex B.

Chapter 1 Administration

1.1 Scope. This standard shall apply to the inspection, care, and use of fire hose, fire hose couplings, fire-fighting nozzles, and fire hose appliances; the service testing of fire hose and appliances; and the associated record keeping.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to provide requirements for the inspection, care, and use of fire hose, couplings, nozzles, and appliances and the testing of fire hose so that the reliability of fire hose, nozzles, and appliances is increased when they are used at an incident.

1.2.1 The purpose of this standard is also to establish that safety is a primary concern for the continued in-service use of fire hose, couplings, nozzles, and appliances and that safety is the ultimate decision to retire fire hose, couplings, nozzles, and appliances.

1.3 Application. Unless otherwise noted, this standard shall apply to fire hose, coupling assemblies, nozzles, and appliances, regardless of year of manufacture, while they are in storage, in service, in use, and after use.

1.4 Equivalency. Nothing in this standard shall prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this standard. Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency. The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.

1.5* Units of Measurement. In this standard, inch-pound units for measurement are followed by an equivalent in metric units, but only the value that first appears shall be considered as the requirement since the value in metric units could be approximate.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances,* 2007 edition.

NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose,* 2007 edition.

NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections,* 2003 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections.

NFPA 1901, *Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus,* 2003 edition.

NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose,* 2007 edition.

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.4 Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

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3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Braided Reinforcement. A hose reinforcement consisting of one or more layers of interlaced spiraled strands of yarn or wire, with a layer of rubber between each braid.

3.3.2* Coating. A protective material impregnated, saturated, or coated on the outside reinforcement layer of the hose to provide additional reinforcement or protection for the hose. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.3 Delamination. The separation of the cover or liner from the textile reinforcement.

3.3.4 Fire Hose Appliance. A piece of hardware (excluding nozzles) generally intended for connection to fire hose to control or convey water.

3.3.5 Fold. A transverse bend (fold) occurring where the hose is lengthwise doubled over on itself, as on a pin rack.

3.3.6 Hose.

3.3.6.1* *Attack Hose.* Hose designed to be used by trained fire fighters and fire brigade members to combat fires beyond the incipient stage. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.2* *Booster Hose.* A non-collapsible hose used under positive pressure having an elastomeric or thermoplastic tube, a braided or spiraled reinforcement, and an outer protective cover.

3.3.6.3 *Covered Hose.* A hose with a jacket covered and lined with a continuous synthetic rubber or plastic. The cover is usually thicker than a coating.

3.3.6.4 *Fire Hose.* A flexible conduit used to convey water. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.5* *Forestry Fire Hose.* A hose designed to meet specialized requirements for fighting wildland fires. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.6 *Large-Diameter Hose.* A hose of 3½ in. (90 mm) or larger size. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.7 *Occupant Use Hose.* Fire hose designed to be used by the building's occupants to fight incipient fires prior to the arrival of trained fire fighters or fire brigade members. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.8 *Relay-Supply Hose.* A single-jacket fire hose of 3½ in. (90 mm) diameter or larger used to move large volumes of water at low pressure and manufactured prior to January 1987 to meet the requirements of the 1979 and previous editions of NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose.*

3.3.6.9* *Soft Suction Hose.* See Supply Hose.

3.3.6.10 *Suction Hose.* A hose that is designed to prevent collapse under vacuum conditions so that it can be used for drafting water from below the pump (lakes, rivers, wells, etc.). [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.11* *Supply Hose.* Hose designed for the purpose of moving water between a pressurized water source and a pump that is supplying attack lines. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.6.12 *Unlined Hose.* A hose consisting of only a woven jacket that is usually of linen yarns and is of such quality that the yarn swells when wet, tending to seal the hose.

3.3.7 Hose Size. An expression of the internal diameter of the hose. [**1961,** 2007]

3.3.8* In Service. The status of hose stored in a hose house, on a rack or reel, or on a fire apparatus that is available and ready for immediate use at an incident.

3.3.9 In Storage. The status of hose not readily available for use because it is not at the scene of an incident and not loaded on a vehicle that can transport it to the scene.

3.3.10 In Use. The status of hose that has actually been deployed at an incident or during training whether or not water is running through the hose.

3.3.11 Multiple Jacket. A construction consisting of a combination of two separately woven reinforcements (double jacket) or two or more reinforcements interwoven.

3.3.12 Service Test. Hydrostatic test conducted by users on in-service hose, couplings, nozzles, or appliances to determine suitability for continued service.

3.3.13 Single Jacket. A construction consisting of one woven jacket.

3.3.14 Slow-Operating Valve. A valve that has a mechanism to prevent movement of the flow-regulating element from the fully closed position to the fully opened position or vice versa in less than 3 seconds. [**1901,** 2003]

3.3.15 Spiral Reinforcement. A hose reinforcement consisting of pairs of layers of yarn spiraled with no interlacing between the individual layers. The layers of yarn in each pair are spirally wound in opposite directions. A layer of rubber separates each pair of spiraled layers.

3.3.16* Water Hammer. The surge of pressure caused when a high-velocity flow of water is abruptly shut off. The pressure exerted by the flowing water against the closed system can be seven or more times that of the static pressure.

Chapter 4 Care and Use of Fire Hose

4.1 Attack Hose, Supply Hose, and Forestry Hose.

4.1.1 Hose shall be inspected in accordance with Section 4.6 when it is placed in service.

4.1.2* Hose that is in service shall be service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 at least annually.

4.1.3 Hose shall be service-tested in accordance with Chapter 7 the later of 1 year after its date of manufacture or before it is placed in service for the first time.

4.1.4 Hose held in storage for longer than 1 year shall be service-tested in accordance with Chapter 7 before it is placed in service.

4.1.5* Only clean, dry hose shall be placed into service.

4.1.6* Hose carried on fire apparatus shall be loaded in such a way that air can circulate under the hose load to eliminate or reduce the growth of mildew in the hose jackets and rust and corrosion in the hose compartment.

4.1.7* Hose shall be removed from the apparatus and reloaded so that the folds occur at different positions with sufficient frequency to prevent damage and the setting of permanent folds in the rubber lining.

4.1.8 Large-diameter hose used to supply a pump from a hydrant shall be protected from chafing with chafing blocks or

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similar protection where it comes in contact with pavement or curbing.

4.1.9 When connecting a pump to a hydrant, the hose shall be bent slightly to avoid kinks when the water is turned on.

4.1.10 Supply Hose.

4.1.10.1* Hose marked SUPPLY HOSE shall not be used at operating pressures exceeding 185 psi (12.8 bar or 1275 kPa).

4.1.10.2* Discharge Relief Devices.

4.1.10.2.1 A relief device that discharges to atmosphere shall be used on the discharge side of the pump when pumping into supply hose.

4.1.10.2.2 The relief device shall be set so that the discharge pressure does not exceed the service test pressure of the hose being used.

4.1.10.2.3 The relief device shall be capable of dumping enough water to atmosphere to prevent the pressure in the discharge hose from exceeding the service test pressure of the hose if the flow is shut off downstream of the device.

4.1.10.3 Only slow-operating valves shall be used with supply hose.

4.1.10.4 Relay Operations.

4.1.10.4.1 Where supply hose is used in relay operations between pumps on fire department apparatus, the intake of each receiving pump shall be equipped with a relief valve.

4.1.10.4.2 The maximum pressure setting of the relief valve(s) shall be not more than 10 psi (0.7 bar or 69 kPa) over the static pressure of the water source to which it is connected or not more than 10 psi (0.7 bar or 69 kPa) over the discharge pressure of the supply pump in the relay.

4.1.10.4.3 In no event shall the relief valve be set to relieve at a pressure that exceeds 90 percent of the service test pressure of the hose used with the system.

4.1.11 Damage Prevention.

4.1.11.1* Hose, while in use, shall be positioned to minimize mechanical damage and heat exposure.

4.1.11.2* Vehicles shall not be driven over charged or uncharged fire hose unless the hose is bridged and the vehicle has sufficient ground clearance to cross the bridged hose.

4.1.11.3* Nozzles and valves shall be opened and closed slowly to prevent pressure surges and water hammer that can burst the hose and in turn cause injury to people or damage to the pump.

4.1.11.4 Care shall be taken to prevent the hose from chafing.

4.1.11.5 Care shall be taken to avoid dragging large-diameter fire hose, but if the hose must be dragged, it shall be dragged when flat.

4.1.11.6* When hose is in use during subfreezing weather, care shall be taken to prevent water from freezing inside the hose.

4.1.11.6.1 To help prevent freezing once the water is turned on, some water shall be left running through the hose.

4.1.11.6.2 When the hose line is no longer needed, it shall be uncoupled and drained before the water freezes.

4.1.12* Hose that has frozen during use shall be thawed and service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 before being put back in service or in storage.

4.1.13* After each use and before being placed in storage or back in service, the hose shall be drained, cleaned, dried, and inspected as specified in Sections 4.6 and 4.7.

4.2* Relay-Supply Hose. This section shall apply only to relay-supply hose manufactured to the requirements of the 1979 and prior editions of NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*.

4.2.1 Hose that is in service shall be service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 at least annually.

4.2.2 Only clean, dry hose shall be placed into service.

4.2.3 Hose carried on fire apparatus shall be loaded in such a way that air can circulate under the hose load to eliminate or reduce the growth of mildew in the hose jackets and rust and corrosion in the hose compartment.

4.2.4 Wet hose accelerates mildew growth and rusting and shall be thoroughly dried before being placed in service.

4.2.5 Hose shall be removed from the apparatus and reloaded so that the folds occur at different positions with sufficient frequency to prevent damage and the setting of permanent folds in the rubber lining.

4.2.6 Relay-supply hose used to supply a pump from a hydrant shall be repacked in a different position after each use to avoid folds and strains occurring at the same location.

4.2.7 Relay-supply hose used to supply a pump from a hydrant shall be protected from chafing with chafing blocks or similar protection where it comes in contact with pavement or curbing.

4.2.8 When connecting a pump to a hydrant, the hose shall be bent slightly to avoid kinks when the water is turned on.

4.2.9 Relay-supply hose shall be used within the following operating parameters.

(A) If the hose is less than 6 in. (150 mm), it shall not be used at operating pressures exceeding 185 psi (12.8 bar or 1275 kPa).

(B) If the hose is 6 in. (150 mm), it shall not be used at operating pressures exceeding 135 psi (9.3 bar or 930 kPa).

4.2.10 Fire departments shall establish operational procedures for relay-supply operations.

4.2.10.1* Special precautions shall be used when relaying water from a pump at a water source to a pump near the fire ground or to other pumps in a relay in order to control pressure surges and water hammer.

4.2.10.2* The pump receiving the relay shall be provided with a relay-relief valve on the inlet (suction) to which the relay-supply hose is attached.

4.2.10.3 The maximum pressure setting of the relief valve(s) shall be not more than 10 psi (0.7 bar or 69 kPa) over the static pressure of the water source to which it is connected, and in no event shall it exceed 90 percent of the service test pressure of the hose used within the system.

4.2.11 Care shall be taken to avoid dragging relay supply hose, but if the hose must be dragged, it shall be dragged when flat.

4.2.12* Vehicles shall not be driven over relay-supply hose lines unless the hose is bridged.

4.2.13 When hose is in use during subfreezing weather, care shall be taken to prevent water from freezing inside the hose.

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4.2.13.1 To help prevent freezing once the water is turned on, some water shall be left running through the hose.

4.2.13.2 When the hose line is no longer needed, it shall be uncoupled and drained before the water freezes.

4.2.14 Hose that has frozen during use shall be thawed and service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 before being put back in service or in storage.

4.2.15 After each use and before being placed in storage or back in service, the hose shall be drained, cleaned, dried, and inspected as specified in Sections 4.6 and 4.7.

4.3* Occupant-Use Hose.

4.3.1 Occupant-use hose shall be inspected in accordance with Section 4.6 when it is placed in service.

4.3.2 In-service hose designed for occupant use only shall be removed and service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 at intervals not exceeding 5 years after the date of manufacturer and every 3 years thereafter.

4.3.3 When hose is taken out of service for testing, replacement hose shall be installed on the rack, reel, or storage area until the tested hose is returned to service.

4.3.4 In-service hose shall be unracked, unreeled, or unrolled and physically inspected as specified in Section 4.6 at least annually. The hose shall be reracked, rereeled, or rerolled so that any folds do not occur at the same position on the hose.

4.3.5 Damage Prevention.

4.3.5.1* Hose stored on racks or reels shall be protected from the weather and any local environmental condition potentially harmful to the hose.

4.3.5.2 Hose shall be protected from mechanical damage and exposure to heat.

4.3.5.3* Enclosures for occupant-use hose shall be constructed and the hose stored in accordance with NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances.*

4.3.6 In areas where rodents can pose a problem, the hose shall be visually inspected more frequently for rodent damage.

4.3.7 After each use and before being placed back in service, the hose shall be inspected as specified in Section 4.6, service-tested as specified in Chapter 7, and cleaned and dried as specified in Section 4.7.

4.4 Booster Hose.

4.4.1 Booster hose shall be inspected in accordance with Section 4.6 when it is placed in service.

4.4.2 Booster hose that is in service shall be service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 at least annually.

4.4.3 Booster hose shall be service-tested in accordance with Chapter 7 the later of 1 year after its date of manufacture or before it is placed in service for the first time.

4.4.4 Booster hose held in storage for longer than 1 year shall be service-tested in accordance with Chapter 7 before it is placed in service.

4.4.5* Hose shall be stored out of direct sunlight and as recommended by the manufacturer.

4.4.6 Hose shall not be stored kinked and, if stored on a reel, care shall be taken to avoid twisting the hose when rolling it onto the reel.

4.4.7 Covered hose that has exposed reinforcement shall be removed from service, repaired, and service-tested or condemned.

4.5 Suction Hose.

4.5.1 Suction hose shall be inspected in accordance with Section 4.6 when it is placed in service.

4.5.2 Suction hose that is in service shall be service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 at least annually.

4.5.3* Hose shall be stored out of direct sunlight and as recommended by the manufacturer.

4.5.4 Hose that has exposed or damaged reinforcement shall be removed from service, have the damage repaired, and be service-tested or condemned.

4.5.5 Foreign objects of any kind, including items of equipment, shall not be carried inside the hose.

4.6 Hose Inspection.

4.6.1 Physical inspection shall determine that the hose, couplings, and any nozzle have not been vandalized, are free of debris, and exhibit no evidence of mildew, rot, or damage by chemicals, burns, cuts, abrasion, and vermin.

4.6.2 During the inspection, a check shall be made to determine if the service test of the hose is current.

4.6.3 Liner Inspection.

4.6.3.1 The interior of the hose at each end shall be visually inspected for any physical signs of liner delamination.

4.6.3.2* If the liner shows signs of delamination, the hose shall be condemned.

4.6.4 If the hose fails the physical inspection *(see 4.6.1)*, it shall be removed from service and either repaired as necessary and service-tested as specified in Chapter 7 or condemned.

4.6.5 The couplings shall be inspected as specified in 6.2.3 and 6.2.4.

4.6.6 Where nozzles are required on occupant-use hose, they shall be inspected as specified in 6.1.1 through 6.1.4.

4.7 Cleaning and Drying.

4.7.1* After each use, all hose shall be cleaned.

4.7.2 If dirt cannot be thoroughly brushed from the hose or if the hose has come in contact with harmful materials, the hose shall be washed.

4.7.3 If, during use, the hose has been exposed to hazardous materials, it shall be decontaminated by the method approved for the contaminate.

4.7.4 Covered hose shall be permitted to be wiped dry.

4.7.5* Hose shall not be dried on hot pavements or under intense sunlight.

4.8 Storage.

4.8.1* Hose shall be kept out of direct sunlight and in a well-ventilated location.

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4.8.2 All hose shall be drained and thoroughly dried before being placed in storage.

4.8.3 Hose shall be stored only after it has been inspected in accordance with Section 4.6 and has been cleaned and dried.

4.8.4 Hose that is out of service for repair shall be tagged as specified in 5.1.6 and 5.3.6 and kept separated from any hose in storage that is ready for service.

Chapter 5 Hose Records

5.1 Attack Hose and Supply Hose.

5.1.1* Accurate hose records shall be established and maintained.

5.1.2* Each length of hose shall be assigned an identification number for use in recording its history throughout its service life.

5.1.2.1* The identification number shall be stenciled on the jacket or cover using an ink or paint that is not harmful to the hose.

5.1.2.2* The identification number shall be permitted to be stamped on the bowl or swivel of the female coupling in a manner that prevents damage to the coupling.

5.1.3* Records of hose used by fire departments shall be kept as part of the department's or individual company's complete equipment inventory.

5.1.4 Records for hose on racks or reels or in enclosures shall be kept at the hose location or at a control location on the premises where the hose is located.

5.1.5* The following information, if applicable, shall be included for each length of hose:

(1) Assigned identification number
(2) Manufacturer and part number
(3) Vendor
(4) Size (internal diameter of waterway)
(5) Length
(6) Type of hose
(7) Construction
(8) Date received and date put in service
(9) Date of each service test and the service test pressure
(10) Repairs and new length if shortened
(11) Actual damage
(12) Exposure to possible damage
(13) Reason removed from service
(14) Reason condemned
(15) Indication that the hose has been removed from service or condemned within the warranty period because of an in-warranty failure

5.1.6* Hose removed from service for repair or because it has been condemned shall be tagged with a distinctive tag with the reason for removal from service noted on the tag.

5.1.7 Personnel responsible for the repair and maintenance of fire hose shall ensure that a report of the work performed to repair each length is recorded on the permanent hose record.

5.2* Forestry Hose. The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the records necessary to achieve an effective hose management program for forestry hose and implement such a record-keeping system.

5.3 Occupant-Use Hose.

5.3.1 A record for each length of occupant-use hose, whether on a rack or reel or in an enclosure, shall be kept on a tag attached near the female end of the hose.

5.3.2 The tag shall be fastened in a manner that does not restrict the hose from deploying properly and will not damage the hose.

5.3.3* The tag shall contain at least the following information for each length of hose:

(1) Manufacturer and part number
(2) Date put in service
(3) Date of each inspection and person/agency performing inspection
(4) Date of each service test and person/agency performing service test

5.3.4* An inspection checklist maintained on file or in an electronic method (e.g., bar coding) that provides a permanent record shall be permitted to be used in place of a tag to track inspection and service test data provided each length of hose is assigned a unique identification number that is fastened to or recorded on the hose or female coupling and the information required by 5.3.3 is recorded.

5.3.5* Where records are kept electronically, the electronic record shall be available at the facility where the hose is in service.

5.3.6* Hose removed from service for repair or because it has been condemned shall be tagged with a distinctive tag, with the reason for removal from service noted on the tag.

Chapter 6 Nozzles, Couplings, and Gaskets

6.1 Nozzles.

6.1.1 Nozzle valves attached to in-service hose shall be kept in the closed position.

6.1.2 All nozzles shall be inspected after each use and at least annually.

6.1.3* The nozzle inspection shall verify the following:

(1) The waterway is clear of obstructions.
(2) There is no damage to the tip.
(3) All controls and adjustments operate as designed.
(4) The shutoff valve, if so equipped, operates as designed and closes off the flow completely.
(5) There are no missing or broken parts.
(6) The thread gasket is in good condition in accordance with Section 6.3.

6.1.4 If the nozzle fails the inspection for any reason, it shall be removed from service, repaired and service-tested, or replaced.

6.1.5 If, during use, there is an obstruction that cannot be removed by flushing the nozzle, the nozzle shall be taken from the hose line and the obstruction removed through the connection end as soon as is practicable, since any further attempt to force the obstruction out through the tip can damage the nozzle.

6.1.6 Care shall be taken to avoid dents or nicks in nozzle tips, as these can seriously affect the reach of the stream.

6.1.7 To prevent mechanical damage, nozzles shall not be dropped or thrown.

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6.1.8 Nozzle control valves shall be opened and closed slowly to eliminate unnecessary strain on the hose and couplings and reduce pressure surges.

6.1.9* After each use, all nozzles shall be thoroughly washed and inspected in accordance with 6.1.3 before being placed back in service.

6.1.10 All nozzles shall be maintained in accordance with the respective nozzle manufacturer's instructions.

6.2 Couplings.

6.2.1 Couplings shall be kept in serviceable condition.

6.2.2 A lubricant specified by the coupling manufacturer shall be permitted to be used on coupling swivels and threads.

6.2.3* After each use, and during each hose service test, couplings shall be visually inspected for the following defects:

(1) Damaged threads
(2) Corrosion
(3) Slippage on the hose
(4) Out-of-round
(5) Connections not rotating freely
(6) Missing lugs
(7) Loose external collar
(8) Internal gasket in accordance with Section 6.3
(9) Other defects that impair operation

6.2.4 Hose with defective couplings shall be removed from service and the couplings repaired or replaced.

6.2.5* Care shall be taken not to drop the couplings on pavement or other hard surfaces that can cause damage to the swivel section or exposed threads.

6.2.6 Care shall be taken to prevent vehicles from driving over couplings.

6.2.7 Special care shall be taken where couplings of dissimilar metals are connected, as corrosion can occur due to this difference and moisture tends to accelerate this corrosion.

6.2.7.1 Where couplings of dissimilar metals are left connected, they shall be disconnected and inspected at least quarterly.

6.2.7.2 If corrosion exists, the couplings shall be cleaned and an anticorrosive lubricant specified by the coupling manufacturer shall be applied to the threads.

6.2.7.3 Anticorrosive lubricant shall be applied at the time of each service test.

6.2.8 When attaching new or used bowl couplings, care shall be taken to have the hose fit correctly in the bowl.

6.2.8.1* The outside diameter of the hose shall fit snugly in the internal diameter of the bowl of the coupling.

6.2.8.2* The expansion ring shall be of the correct size and length for the coupling used.

6.2.8.3* A new tail gasket shall be used.

6.2.9* When attaching new or used shank-type couplings, care shall be taken to have the hose fit properly on the shank.

6.2.9.1 The inside diameter of the hose shall fit snugly on the external diameter of the shank of the coupling.

6.2.9.2 The collar shall be compatible with the shank and shall be sized for the hose used.

6.2.9.3 The socket head cap screws on shank-type couplings shall be torqued to the manufacturer's specified tolerance.

6.2.10* When couplings are attached or reattached to hose, the hose shall be tested at its service test pressure in accordance with Chapter 7.

WARNING: Because there is a potential for catastrophic failure during these tests, it is vital that safety precautions be taken to prevent exposure of anyone to this danger. Do not deviate from the procedures prescribed in Sections 7.6 and 7.7.

6.2.11 The date and nature of the repair or recoupling and the identity of the person performing the repair shall be recorded for each length of hose as specified in 5.1.5.

6.2.12 The socket head cap screws on shank-type couplings shall be checked at least annually to ensure they are torqued to the manufacturer's specified tolerance and shall be replaced at any sign of wear.

6.3 Gaskets.

6.3.1* The thread gasket in couplings and nozzles shall be inspected for presence, tight fit, and lack of deterioration.

6.3.2* Gaskets shall not protrude into the waterway.

6.3.3 Any gasket that is defective or misfits shall be replaced with a new gasket that meets the requirements of NFPA 1963, *Standard for Fire Hose Connections.*

Chapter 7 Service Testing

7.1* Service Test Pressure.

7.1.1 Hose Manufactured Prior to July 1987.

7.1.1.1 The service test pressure for hose manufactured prior to July 1987 to meet the requirements of the 1979 and previous editions of NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*, shall be determined from Table 7.1.1.1 based on the type of hose and the acceptance or proof test pressure that is stenciled on each length of hose and reads "Tested to ___ psi."

7.1.1.2 The acceptance or proof test pressure that is stenciled on hose manufactured prior to July 1987 shall not be used for the service test pressure.

7.1.2 Hose Manufactured July 1987 and After.

7.1.2.1 The service test pressure for hose manufactured in July 1987 and after to meet the requirements of the 1987 and subsequent editions of NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*, is stenciled on each length of hose and reads "Service Test to ___ psi per NFPA 1962" or "Service Test to ___ bar per NFPA 1962."

7.1.2.2 New proof pressure tests for hoses shall only be conducted at the point of manufacture or at a facility equipped to perform these tests.

7.1.2.3 Tests in the field shall not subject the hose to its proof test pressure.

7.1.3* After the correct service test pressure has been determined for each length of hose to be tested, the service test shall be conducted as specified in Section 7.2.

7.2 Service Test Procedure.

7.2.1 Each length of hose to be service-tested shall be inspected as specified in Section 4.6.

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Table 7.1.1.1 Service Test Pressures for Hose Manufactured Prior to July 1987

Trade Size			New Hose Rated Acceptance Test Pressure		Service Test Pressure	
in.	mm	Jackets	psi	kPa	psi	kPa
Lined industrial, standpipe, and fire department						
1½–2½	38–65	Single	300	2070	150	1030
1½–4½	38–114	Single	400	2760	250	1720
1½–2½	38–65	Single	500	3450	250	1720
1½–4	38–100	Multiple	400	2760	250	1720
1½–4	38–100	Multiple	600	4140	250	1720
Lined forestry						
1 and 1½	25 and 38	Single	450	3100	250	1720
Relay supply						
3½–5	90–125	Single	400	2760	200	1380
5–6	125–150	Single	300	2070	150	1030
Pump supply (soft suction)						
4–6	100–150	Multiple	400	2760	200	1380

7.2.2 Any length of hose that fails the inspection shall be removed from the service test area and repaired as necessary or condemned.

7.2.3 Lengths of hose to be tested simultaneously shall be of the same service test pressure and shall be considered the hose test layout.

7.2.4* The total length of any hose line in the hose test layout to be service-tested shall not exceed 300 ft (91 m).

7.2.5 The hose test layout shall be straight, without kinks or twists.

7.2.6 All 3½ in. (89 mm) and larger diameter hose shall be service-tested while lying flat with a short length of smaller diameter hose with the same or higher proof pressure used to connect the pressure source to the hose being tested.

7.2.7* A test location shall be selected that allows connection of the hose testing apparatus (pressure source) to a water source.

7.2.8* A hose testing machine, a stationary pump, or a pump on a fire department apparatus shall be used as a pressure source.

7.2.8.1 If a hose testing machine is used, the procedure defined in Section 7.6 shall be used.

7.2.8.2 If a stationary pump or a pump on a fire department apparatus is used, the procedure defined in Section 7.7 shall be used.

7.2.9 At the conclusion of the test, the hose records specified in Chapter 5 shall be updated to indicate the results of the service test for each length of hose tested.

7.2.10* Any hose that fails the inspection defined in Section 4.6, bursts or leaks during the service test, or has couplings that leak or are otherwise found defective as defined in 6.2.3 shall be tagged as required in 5.1.6 or 5.3.6 and removed from service.

7.2.10.1 If the hose leaks or the hose jacket fails inspection, a distinguishing mark noting the location of the defect(s) shall be placed on the hose.

7.2.10.2 If the couplings fail or are defective, they shall be repaired or replaced.

7.2.10.3* If the hose cannot be repaired, the couplings shall be removed from both ends.

7.2.11 If the hose is repaired, or the couplings are repaired or replaced, the hose shall be service tested in accordance with Chapter 7 before being placed back in service.

7.2.12 After testing, all hose shall be thoroughly cleaned, drained, and dried as specified in Section 4.7 before being placed in service or storage.

7.3 Unlined Hose. Unlined fire hose shall be replaced with an approved lined fire hose when service testing is required.

7.4 Booster Hose.

7.4.1* Booster hose shall be tested in accordance with Section 7.2 to 110 percent of its maximum working pressure.

7.4.2 If a maximum working pressure cannot be determined for the hose, it shall be tested to 110 percent of the normal highest working pressure as used in the system.

7.5* Suction Hose.

7.5.1 Suction hose shall be dry-vacuum tested using the following procedure.

(A) The hose shall be attached to a suction source.

(B) The free end shall be sealed with a transparent disk and connected to an accurate vacuum measuring instrument.

(C) A 22 in. mercury (0.75 bar or 74.5 kPa) vacuum shall be developed.

(D) While holding the vacuum for 10 minutes, the interior of the hose shall be inspected through the transparent disk.

(E) There shall be no signs of physical damage or collapse of the lining into the waterway.

7.6 Service Test Using a Hose Testing Machine. The procedure defined in this section shall be used when hose is service-tested using a hose testing machine.

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WARNING: Because there is a potential for catastrophic failure during the service testing of fire hose, it is vital that safety precautions be taken to prevent exposure of anyone to this danger. Do not deviate from the procedures prescribed in this section.

7.6.1 Hose Testing Machine Integrity. The condition of the hose testing machine shall be thoroughly checked daily before each testing session and before the machine is used after being transported to a new testing site.

7.6.1.1 The hose testing machine shall be carefully examined for damaged components that might fail during the test.

7.6.1.2 If any damage is discovered, the hose testing machine shall not be used until the damaged component(s) is repaired or replaced.

7.6.1.3 A pressure leak integrity test shall be performed on the machine to determine whether the pressurized outlet side of the machine and its related components are leak-free.

7.6.1.3.1 The fire hose outlet connection(s) of the machine shall be capped or otherwise closed.

7.6.1.3.2 Pressure shall be applied through the machine using the integral pump to a level that is 10 percent higher than the highest service test pressure needed for the hose to be tested.

7.6.1.3.3 The pressure shall be held for 3 minutes with the pump turned off.

7.6.1.3.4 If leaks are detected, the testing machine shall not be used until the leaking component(s) is repaired or replaced.

7.6.1.4 The test gauge that is used to read the test pressure shall have been calibrated within the previous 12 months.

7.6.2 Conducting the Test.

7.6.2.1 The test layout shall be connected to the outlet side of the water supply valve on the hose testing machine.

7.6.2.2 A test cap with a bleeder valve shall be attached to the far end of each hose line in the test layout. If a test cap is not available, a nozzle with a nontwist shutoff shall be permitted to be used.

7.6.2.3 With the test cap valve or the nozzle open, the pressure shall be raised gradually to 45 psi ± 5 psi (3.1 bar ± 0.35 bar or 310 kPa ± 35 kPa).

7.6.2.4* After the hose test layout is full of water, all the air in each hose line shall be exhausted by raising the discharge end of each hose line above the highest point in the system.

WARNING: Take care to remove all air from the hose before the valve in the test cap or the nozzle is closed and the pressure raised. The development of test pressures introduces a serious accident potential if air remains in the system.

7.6.2.5 The nozzle or test cap valve shall be closed slowly, and then the outlet water supply valve shall be closed.

7.6.2.6* The hose directly in back of the test cap or the nozzle shall be secured to avoid possible whipping or other uncontrolled reactions in the event of a hose burst.

7.6.2.7 With the hose at 45 psi ± 5 psi (3.1 bar ± 0.35 bar or 310 kPa ± 35 kPa), it shall be checked for leakage at each coupling and the couplings tightened with a spanner wrench where necessary.

7.6.2.8 Each hose shall then be marked at the end or back of each coupling to determine, after the hose has been drained, if the coupling has slipped during the test.

7.6.2.9 All personnel other than those persons required to perform the remainder of the procedure shall clear the area.

7.6.2.10 The pressure shall be raised slowly at a rate not greater than 15 psi (1 bar or 103 kPa) per second until the service test pressure is attained and then maintained, by pressure boosts if necessary, for the duration of the stabilization period.

7.6.2.11 The stabilization period shall be not less than 1 min per 100 ft (30 m) of hose in the test layout.

7.6.2.12 After the stabilization period, the hose layout shall hold the service test pressure for 3 minutes without further pressure boosts.

7.6.2.13 While the hose test layout is at the service test pressure, it shall be inspected for leaks.

7.6.2.13.1 If the inspecting personnel walk the test layout to inspect for leaks, they shall be at least 15 ft (4.5 m) to the left side of the nearest hose line in the test layout. The left side of the hose line shall be defined as that side that is to the left when facing the free end from the pressure source.

7.6.2.13.2 Personnel shall never stand in front of the free end of the hose, on the right side of the hose, or closer than 15 ft (4.5 m) on the left side of the hose, or straddle a hose in the test layout during the test.

7.6.2.14 If the hose test layout does not hold the service test pressure for the 3-minute duration, the service test shall be terminated.

7.6.2.14.1 The length(s) of hose that leaked shall have failed the test.

7.6.2.14.2 The test layout shall be drained and the defective hose removed from the test layout.

7.6.2.14.3 The service test shall be restarted beginning with the procedures required in 7.6.2.1.

7.6.2.15 After 3 minutes at the service test pressure, each test cap or nozzle shall be opened to drain the test layout.

7.6.2.16 Coupling Slippage.

7.6.2.16.1 The marks placed on the hose at the back of the couplings shall be observed for coupling slippage.

7.6.2.16.2 If the coupling has slipped, the hose shall have failed the test.

7.7 Service Test Using a Stationary Pump or a Pump on a Fire Department Apparatus. The following procedure shall be used when hose is to be service-tested using a stationary pump or a pump on a fire department apparatus.

WARNING: Because there is a potential for catastrophic failure during the service testing of fire hose, it is vital that safety precautions be taken to prevent exposure of anyone to this danger. Do not deviate from the procedures prescribed in this section.

7.7.1 The test gauge that is used to read the test pressure shall have been calibrated within the previous 12 months.

7.7.2* A hose test valve consisting of a fire department gate valve with a ¼ in. (6.4 mm) opening drilled through the gate and designed to withstand the service test pressures shall be used between the pump and the hose test layout.

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7.7.3 The test layout shall be connected to the hose test valve.

7.7.3.1 If a pump on a fire apparatus is used, the hose test valve shall not be attached to any discharge outlet at or adjacent to the pump operator's position.

7.7.3.2 The hose test valve end of the hose line shall be secured with a belt tie-in or rope hose tool at a point 10 in. to 15 in. (250 mm to 400 mm) from the coupling.

7.7.4 A test cap with a bleeder valve shall be attached to the far end of each hose line in the test layout. If a test cap is not available, a nozzle with a nontwist shutoff shall be permitted to be used.

7.7.5 With the hose test valve open and the test cap valve or nozzle open, the pressure shall be gradually raised to 45 psi ± 5 psi (3.1 bar ± 0.35 bar or 310 kPa ± 35 kPa).

7.7.6* After the hose test layout is full of water, all air in each hose line shall be exhausted by raising the discharge end of each hose line above the highest point in the system.

WARNING: Take care to remove all air from the hose before the valve in the test cap or the nozzle is closed and the pressure raised. The development of test pressures introduces a serious accident potential if air remains in the system.

7.7.7 The nozzle or test cap valve shall be closed slowly, and then the hose test valve shall be closed.

7.7.8* The hose directly in back of the test cap or the nozzle shall be secured to avoid possible whipping or other uncontrolled reactions in the event of a hose burst.

7.7.9 With the hose at 45 psi ± 5 psi (3.1 bar ± 0.35 bar or 310 kPa ± 35 kPa), it shall be checked for leakage at each coupling and the couplings tightened with a spanner wrench where necessary.

7.7.10 Each hose shall then be marked at the end or back of each coupling to determine, after the hose has been drained, if the coupling has slipped during the test.

7.7.11 All personnel other than those persons required to perform the remainder of the procedure shall clear the area.

7.7.12 The pressure shall be raised slowly at a rate not greater than 15 psi (1 bar or 103 kPa) per second until the service test pressure is attained and then maintained for 3 minutes.

7.7.13 While the test layout is at the service test pressure, the hose shall be inspected for leaks.

7.7.13.1 If the inspecting personnel walk the test layout to inspect for leaks, they shall be at least 15 ft (4.5 m) from either side of the nearest hose line in the test layout.

7.7.13.2 Personnel shall never stand in front of the free end of the hose, or closer than 15 ft (4.5 m) on either side of the hose, or straddle a hose in the test layout during the test.

7.7.14 If, during the test, a section of hose is leaking or a section bursts, the service test shall be terminated.

7.7.14.1 The length(s) of hose that leaked or burst shall have failed the test.

7.7.14.2 The test layout shall be drained and the defective hose removed from the test layout.

7.7.14.3 The service test shall be restarted beginning with the procedures required in 7.7.3.

7.7.15 After 3 minutes at the service test pressure, the pump shall be shut down, the hose test valve opened, the pressure allowed to equalize with the source, the pump discharge gates closed, and each test cap valve or nozzle opened to drain the test layout.

7.7.16 Coupling Slippage.

7.7.16.1 The marks placed on the hose at the back of the couplings shall be observed for coupling slippage.

7.7.16.2 If the coupling has slipped, the hose shall have failed the test.

Chapter 8 Use, Inspection, and Testing of Fire Hose Connected Appliances

8.1 Use of Appliances.

8.1.1 All appliances shall be used only for their designed purpose.

8.1.2* No appliance shall be operated at a pressure above its maximum operating pressure as marked on the appliance by the manufacturer.

8.1.2.1* Where an operating pressure is not marked on the appliance and the manufacturer cannot be located, the appliance shall be service-tested to 300 psi (2070 kPa).

8.1.2.2 If the appliance passes the service test, it shall be permanently marked "Max operating pressure 200 psi (1380 kPa)."

8.1.3 All appliances shall be operated as recommended by the manufacturer.

8.1.4 To prevent mechanical damage, appliances shall not be dropped or dragged.

8.1.5 Valves shall be opened and closed slowly to eliminate unnecessary strain on connecting hose and couplings and to reduce pressure surges (water hammer).

8.1.6 If the appliance is not continuously connected to the fire apparatus, the appliance shall be rinsed with clear water and visually inspected for obvious damage in accordance with 8.2.1(1) through 8.2.1(5) after each use.

8.1.7* Where appliances are left continuously connected to the fire apparatus or other devices or are used where standing water is trapped inside the appliance, i.e., inlet elbows and valves, the appliance shall be flushed to the extent possible with fresh water following each use and visually inspected for obvious damage in accordance with 8.2.1(1) through 8.2.1(5).

8.2 Inspection of Appliances.

8.2.1 All appliances shall be visually inspected at least quarterly to verify the following:

(1) All valves open and close smoothly and fully.
(2) The waterway is clear of obstructions.
(3) There is no damage to any thread or other type connection.
(4) The pressure setting of the relief valve, if any, is set correctly.
(5) All locks and hold-down devices work properly.
(6) Internal gaskets are in accordance with Section 6.4.
(7) There is no damage to the appliance, e.g., dents, cracks, or other defects that impair operation.
(8) All swiveling connections rotate freely

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(9) There are no missing parts (components).
(10) There is no corrosion on any surface.
(11) The marking for maximum operating pressure is visible.
(12) There are no missing, broken, or worn lugs on couplings.

8.2.2* If the appliance fails an inspection for any reason, the appliance shall be removed from service and the problem corrected or repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and service-tested in accordance with Section 8.3 before it is placed back in service.

8.2.2.1 If the appliance requires repair to correct a problem identified in 8.2.1(7) through 8.2.1(9), the appliance shall be service-tested in accordance with Section 8.3 before it is placed back in service.

8.2.2.2 If the appliance fails inspection because corrosion is found, the appliance shall be cleaned to remove all corrosion, service-tested in accordance with Section 8.3, and lubricated with an anticorrosive lubricant, acceptable to the appliance manufacturer, on all surfaces that showed corrosion.

8.3 Service-Testing of Appliances.

8.3.1 Hydrostatic Test.

8.3.1.1 The appliance being tested shall be mounted in a device capable of holding the appliance and tested to a hydrostatic pressure of 300 psi (2070 kPa) or 1½ times the manufacturer's defined maximum operating pressure, whichever is higher.

8.3.1.2 Test caps capable of withstanding the required hydrostatic pressure shall be attached to openings and a device capable of exerting the required hydrostatic pressure shall be attached to the appliance.

8.3.1.2.1 Appliances with relief valves shall have the relief valve outlet blanked off or otherwise closed during the test.

8.3.1.2.2 All air shall be bled from the system.

8.3.1.3 The gauge pressure shall be increased by 50 psi (345 kPa) increments and held for 30 seconds at each pressure up to the maximum pressure for which the appliance is being tested and held for 1 minute without leakage.

8.3.2 Relief Valve Test.

8.3.2.1 Hydrostatic testing shall be conducted prior to testing the relief valve.

8.3.2.2 If the appliance is equipped with a relief valve, the operation of the relief valve shall be tested by raising the pressure to that required to open the valve.

8.3.2.3 After successful completion of the relief valve test, the relief valve shall be reset to the pressure in accordance with the AHJ.

8.3.2.4 The final setting of the relief valve shall be confirmed by pressure testing.

8.3.3 Shutoff Valve Test.

8.3.3.1 If the appliance has a shutoff valve, the intake side of the shutoff valve shall be hydrostatically pressurized to the maximum working pressure of the appliance with the valve in the shutoff position.

8.3.3.2 There shall be no leakage through the valve.

8.3.4 Check Valve Test.

8.3.4.1 If the appliance has a check valve, and the check valve can be pressurized by valves being closed downstream of the check valve, the output side of the check valve shall be hydrostatically pressurized to the maximum working pressure of the appliance.

8.3.4.2 There shall be no leakage through the check valve.

8.4 Records. A record shall be kept of the service-testing of fire hose–connected appliances.

8.5 Maintenance. All appliances shall be maintained in accordance with the respective appliance manufacturer's instructions.

Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

A.1.5 Metric units of measurement shown in this standard are in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI). The liter unit is outside of but recognized by SI and commonly is used in international fire protection. Table A.1.5(a) provides the conversion factors to be used if more precision is desired. IEEE/ASTM SI-10, *Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System*, provides additional information. Table A.1.5(b) provides a list of abbreviations for units of measure.

Table A.1.5(a) Conversion Factors

Metric to inch-pound	Inch-pound to metric
1 bar = 14.492 psi	1 psi = 0.0690 bar
1 kPa = 0.145 psi	1 psi = 6.895 kPa
1 kg = 2.205 lb	1 lb = 0.454 kg
1 mm = 0.039 in.	1 in. = 25.40 mm
1 m = 3.281 ft	1 ft = 0.305 m
1 m^2 = 10.764 ft^2	1 ft^2 = 0.0929 m^2
1 m^3 = 35.32 ft^3	1 ft^3 = 0.028 m^3
1 slug = 14.594 kg	1 kg = 0.0685 slugs

Table A.1.5(b) Abbreviations for Units of Measure

Abbreviation	Unit
ft^2	square foot
ft^3	cubic foot
in.	inch
kg	kilogram
kPa	kilopascal
lb	pound
m	meter
mm	millimeter
m^2	square meter
m^3	cubic meter
psi	pound per square inch

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A.3.2.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The phrase "authority having jurisdiction," or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

A.3.3.2 Coating. Color can be added to the coating for the purpose of identification.

A.3.3.6.1 Attack Hose. Attack hose is designed to convey water to handline nozzles, distributor nozzles, master stream appliances, portable hydrants, manifolds, standpipe and sprinkler systems, and pumps used by fire departments. It is designed with a minimum service test pressure of 300 psi (20.7 bar or 2070 kPa) for a normal highest operating pressure of 275 psi (19 bar or 1895 kPa).

A.3.3.6.2 Booster Hose. Booster hose is manufactured in sizes up to 1½ in. (38 mm).

A.3.3.6.5 Forestry Fire Hose. Forestry fire hose is designed with a minimum design service test pressure of 300 psi (2070 kPa) for a normal highest operating pressure of 250 psi (17.25 bar or 1723 kPa).

A.3.3.6.9 Soft Suction Hose. Hose used to connect between a fire hydrant and a pump intake is sometimes called soft suction hose. In reality this is generally a short length of supply hose with female couplings on both ends, one end with the local fire hydrant connection size and thread, the other end with the pump intake size and thread.

A.3.3.6.11 Supply Hose. Supply hose is designed with a minimum acceptance test pressure of 200 psi (13.8 bar or 1380 kPa) to provide a normal highest operating pressure of 185 psi (12.75 bar or 1275 kPa).

A.3.3.8 In Service. Hose in storage, where it is not readily available to be put into service at an incident, is not considered as in service.

A.3.3.16 Water Hammer. The formula for water hammer is as follows:

$$\Delta p = cd\Delta v$$

where:

Δp = change in pressure [lb/ft^2 (kg/m^2)]
c = velocity of pressure wave traveling back toward the water sources [ft/sec (m/sec)]
d = mass density of water [1.9 slugs/ft^3 (979.2 kg/m^3)]
Δv = change in water velocity [ft/sec (m/sec)]

Note: For 2½ in. (65 mm) double-jacket rubber-lined hose, c is approximately 800 to 1000 ft/sec (240 to 300 m/sec). *(See Fire Fighting Hydraulics by R.G. Purington.)*

A.4.1.2 Attack-grade hose can be used in applications designed for occupant-use hose. It is not the intent of this standard to require the testing of attack-grade hose used in an occupant-use hose application any more frequently than is required by Section 4.3. It is the intent of this standard that attack-grade hose installed on racks or reels or in hose houses and designed to be used by a fire department or fire brigade be tested in conformance with Section 4.1.

A.4.1.5 Wet hose accelerates mildew growth and rusting.

A.4.1.6 The use of 100 percent synthetic yarn reinforced hose has increased very rapidly. However, this hose should be thoroughly drained and dried before reloading on the apparatus, because if loaded on the apparatus hose bed damp or wet, such hose will still form mildew. Although this will not affect the hose itself, it does cause undue rusting of the apparatus body and increases the potential of dry rot in the wood flooring under the hose.

The use of a protective hose bed cover is recommended to protect the hose load from weather damage, unintentional deployment, and other physical damage. Where covers are provided, care needs to be taken to permit free circulation of air under the cover to reduce mildew growth. Covers should be made from flame-resistant materials and secured to the apparatus in a manner that prevents them from blowing off while the apparatus is in motion.

Where the humidity is 70 percent or greater or where hose is for municipal use, jackets with cotton yarns should be treated with water repellents and against mildew.

A.4.1.7 Excessive edge wear can occur when 100 percent synthetic yarn reinforced hose is loaded on the apparatus in the conventional manner (horseshoe U-load, accordion, or skid loads). To prevent this edge wear, hose manufacturers recommend that if 100 percent synthetic yarn reinforced hose is used, it should be loaded on the apparatus in the flat load manner.

The best fire department and forestry practice is to remove the hose from the apparatus at least once a month. Water should be run through the hose once quarterly and the hose thoroughly dried before being replaced on the apparatus.

The user should contact the manufacturer of the hose for advice on how often the hose should be removed from the hose bed and repacked.

Failures in short lengths of supply hose, also called soft suction hose, generally occur when this hose is carried on the apparatus folded and either tied down or placed in a small compartment. Where hose is constantly folded at the same points, the folds place considerable stress on the warp threads. If space limitations prevent varying folding positions, the hose should be carried in a roll on a step or running board. Many fire departments keep one end of the hose preconnected to

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the suction side of the pump, which decreases the time for hydrant hookup.

A.4.1.10.1 Supply hose should not be used to directly supply attack lines, master stream appliances, portable hydrants, manifolds, and standpipe and sprinkler systems as the operating pressures often exceed 185 psi (12.8 bar or 1275 kPa). Furthermore, many of these applications have valves in the line that could be closed rapidly, creating water hammer.

Since 1987, all hose built to the requirements in NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*, for supply hose has been required to be at least 200 psi (13.8 bar or 1380 kPa) service test [185 psi (12.8 bar or 1276 kPa) operating pressure]. Some 6 in. (150 mm) and larger hose might not be built to that standard and, therefore, might have a lower maximum operating pressure.

A.4.1.10.2 Relief valves normally installed on fire department pumps to control discharge pressures are not adequate to perform this function.

A.4.1.11.1 When hoisting attack hose, damage can be avoided and the task made easier by use of hose rollers. Synthetic yarn-reinforced hose is more susceptible than cotton yarn-reinforced hose to damage from hot embers and radiant heat.

A.4.1.11.2 If hose must be crossed, vehicles should have sufficient clearance to cross without contacting the hose.

A.4.1.11.3 To control water hammer when opening a water supply controlled by a quick-acting valve, such as a ball valve, "crack" the valve and allow water to fill the system before opening the valve completely.

A.4.1.11.6 During freezing weather, it is common practice to place the nozzle out a window and, by "cracking" the valve, keep water moving through the hose while overhaul is in process.

A.4.1.12 Avoid sharply bending hose in or on which ice has formed, as frozen hose can easily be damaged by a sharp bend. Use care in removing hose from ice after a fire. Steam is useful in removing ice from hose.

A.4.1.13 At structural fires, fire hose is exposed not only to heat from fires but to burning embers and broken glass, nails, and other sharp objects.

A.4.2 General recommendations for care and use of relay-supply hose are as follows:

(1) Hose should be loaded flat in the hose bed and layered across the bed. All couplings should be loaded so as to pull off the load without flipping over.
(2) Hose should be cleaned of all grit and foreign materials before being reloaded into apparatus bed. For hose used to supply a pump from a hydrant, drying after washing is not a requirement; however, hose should be rinsed off and dried with a clean rag or towel and then reloaded. Wet and dirty hose should not be reloaded for in-service use until thoroughly cleaned and dried.
(3) Couplings should be lubricated occasionally with a liquid silicone or light silicone base lubricant or a dry graphite powder.

A.4.2.10.1 A typical relay operation with relay-supply hose is shown in Figure A.4.2.10.1. When shutting down the relay operation, always disengage the pump nearest the fire first and allow the water to run free, then shut down the relay from the water source. This will prevent the pump nearest the fire from pumping dry.

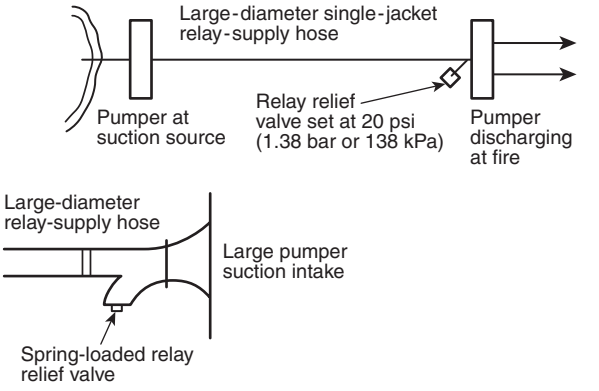

FIGURE A.4.2.10.1 Schematic Showing Relay Relief Valve.

A.4.2.10.2 The automatic pressure governor or the discharge relief valve on the fire apparatus pump does not provide protection to the suction side of the pump. The lower the setting of the relay relief valve, the greater the protection to the hose. A manual air bleeder valve (petcock) should be provided on the relay relief valve to control the buildup of air pressure.

A.4.2.12 If relay-supply hose must be crossed, hose bridges should be used and vehicles should have sufficient clearance to cross without contacting the hose.

A.4.3 Figure A.4.3 shows a Class II standpipe system with 1½ in. (38 mm) occupant-use hose.

A.4.3.5.1 When the humidity is 70 percent or greater, hose jackets with cotton yarns should be treated with water repellents and against mildew growth.

A.4.3.5.3 Typical hose houses are shown in Figure A.4.3.5.3(a) and Figure A.4.3.5.3(b). The hose house in Figure A.4.3.5.3(b) is shown closed. The top lifts up and the doors on the front open for complete accessibility.

A.4.4.5 To maximize the life of hose, it should be stored in a ventilated area at temperatures between 32°F and 100°F (0°C and 38°C).

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A.4.6.3.2 Liner delamination and degradation can occur as fire hose ages. Delaminated liners can cause plugged nozzles or can cutoff water supply to pumps. These are potentially serious fireground problems.

Even though a hose passes the annual service test, liner delamination may be present. Some signs of possible liner delamination may include the following: hose leaks without obvious exterior hose damage, hose leaks throughout an extended portion of the hose length, the appearance of water droplets on the outer surface of a pressurized hose, and lumps or irregularities in a drained hose. To verify attack and supply hose liner integrity, reach inside each end of the hose and try to pinch the liner. If it can be pinched, delamination has begun. To further confirm liner delamination, cut through the hose a few inches from the couplings and examine the liner's adhesion to the hose jacket. Remove the hose from service if there is any sign of delamination. When liner delamination is found, it is highly probable that all other hose of the same age

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FIGURE A.4.3 Typical Standpipe and Fire Hose Rack Arrangement. *(Courtesy of National Aeronautics and Space Administration.)*

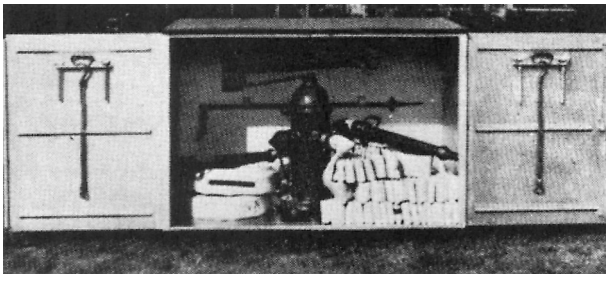

FIGURE A.4.3.5.3(a) Hose House of Compact Dimensions for Installation over a Yard Hydrant. Construction can be steel or aluminum.

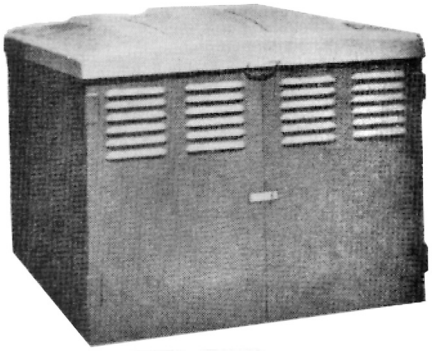

FIGURE A.4.3.5.3(b) Steel House of Compact Dimensions for Installation over a Yard Hydrant.

and from the same lot will also have liner delamination. If so, the entire lot of such hose should be removed from service and inspected.

A.4.7.1 For washing, use a scrub brush, mild soap or detergent, and water. A mechanical washer can be used where hose is used frequently or a large number of hose lengths need to be washed. Avoid constant washing of cotton jacket hose treated for mildew resistance, as this will remove the treatment. There are several commercial hose washers available, although many fire departments have constructed their own.

A.4.7.5 There are a number of ways to dry hose. Tower drying has proved successful. However, care should be taken to properly ventilate and control the temperature of the tower so the hose will not be damaged by excessive heat. It is poor practice to suspend hose from couplings.

The design of hose towers should meet all applicable building, electrical, and safety codes and requirements. Fire fighters should be made aware of the hazards associated with hose-drying towers, the protective equipment they should wear while working in a hose tower, and the correct method for raising and hanging wet fire hose, as well as retrieving dry hose.

Commercial hose dryers that force warm air through a cabinet in which hose is loosely coiled on wire racks are also available. However, while this process dries the outside jacket, it might not allow for thorough draining of the inside of the hose.

Inclined hose racks are often used, as most existing stations can accommodate such racks. The racks should be located where the sun or excessive heat will not damage the hose. The rack has the advantage of allowing the hose to drain internally while providing a drying area from which fire fighters can easily load and unload hose.

A.4.8.1 Storage racks are commercially available, but many users have built their own to fit their particular needs.

A.5.1.1 Records are essential and necessary data to determine hose performance and ensure safe use in fire fighting. Cost-effectiveness can also be determined. This recorded information should be used for effective hose management.

A.5.1.2 Where hose repairs are frequent, couplings and hose lengths can become intermingled; therefore, either stenciling the hose or changing the couplings should be employed.

A.5.1.2.1 Paints with a petroleum solvent base can cause the bond between the liner and jacket to fail. Water-based latex paint is not harmful to hose.

Some fire departments color-code couplings as well as various tools to identify the company to which the equipment is assigned. This enables each company to readily identify and pick up its hose and equipment at a fire. Where mutual aid operations are frequent, each length of hose should be appropriately stenciled or marked to identify the fire department owning it.

A.5.1.2.2 Coupling bowls can be damaged by improper stamping. The proper procedure is to insert a special steel plug with round edges into the end of the expansion ring.

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One sharp blow from a steel numbering die will then clearly stamp the coupling. Aluminum couplings should be stamped before they are hardcoated.

A.5.1.3 Because the safe use of hose requires continuous, accurate, up-to-date records, records should be maintained and stored at the company level in addition to being part of a central file. Conditions, repairs, changes, problems, and so on, should be recorded immediately for each length of hose. *(See Figure A.5.1.3.)*

Hose Record Card

ID No. _____ City _____ Engine Co. _____

Size (dia.) _____ Length _____ Type hose _____ Const. _____ Cost _____

Mfg. _____ Part no. _____ Date rcd. _____ Date in service _____

Vendor _____ Cplg. mfg. _____ Type cplgs. _____

Repairs

Date	Kind	Cost	New length	New ID no.

Remarks: _____

Test Record

Service test to _____ psi

Date	Service test pres. psi	Test OK	Reason failed	Date	Service test pres. psi	Test OK	Reason failed

Date	Exposed to possible damage		Date	Reason
		Removed from service		
		Condemned		
		Sold		
		Wrnty. failure		

FIGURE A.5.1.3 Example Showing Front and Back of a Hose Record Card. *(Courtesy of Scandia Industries, Inc.)*

A.5.1.5 Other information recorded might include coupling threads, manufacturer of coupling and part number, length of guarantee, label number, and cost.

A.5.1.6 This tag might also include information required for inclusion on the permanent hose record. *(See Figure A.5.1.6.)*

A.5.2 Forestry hose is often moved from one location to another in large quantities. Many times forestry fire apparatus leaves the scene of a fire with a different complement of hose from that with which it arrived. Therefore, maintaining individual records of each length of hose can be impractical. As a minimum, records on stored hose should be kept at stations and fire warehouses to ensure proper inventory rotation.

Hose Repair Tag

Hose to be repaired must be tagged

ID number: ⌂ Company number

Picked up by: ⌂ Date picked up

Delivered by: ⌂ Date delivered

Repairs Needed:

Repairs Made:

Repaired by: ⌂ Date repaired

Service tested _____ psi Date tested

☐ Hose is not repairable.
ID no. of replacement hose

➡ _____

Note: This tag must be filled out and ➡ returned with hose.
Enter repairs on hose record card.

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FIGURE A.5.1.6 An Example of a Hose Repair Tag. *(Courtesy of Memphis Fire Department.)*

A.5.3.3 The owner of the hose might wish to keep some or all of the following information as a separate record to assist in tracking the performance of the hose:

(1) Assigned identification number
(2) Manufacturer and part number
(3) Vendor from which hose was purchased
(4) Size (internal diameter of waterway)
(5) Length
(6) Type of hose
(7) Construction
(8) Date received
(9) Repairs and new length if shortened
(10) Actual damage
(11) Exposure to possible damage
(12) Reason removed from service
(13) Reason condemned
(14) Indication that the hose has been removed from service or condemned within the warranty period because of an in-warranty failure

A.5.3.4 Because occupant-use hose does not get the same type of use as other fire hose, methods of recording the identification number can include using bar-coded labels on the

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coupling, fastening metal tags to the hose, stamping couplings, or painting on the hose.

In stamping couplings, the proper procedure is to insert a special steel plug with round edges into the end of the expansion ring. One sharp blow from a steel numbering die will then clearly stamp the coupling. Coupling bowls can be damaged by improper stamping. Aluminum couplings should be stamped before they are hardcoated.

A water-based latex paint is not harmful to hose. Paints with a petroleum solvent base can cause the bond between the liner and jacket to fail.

A.5.3.5 It is important that a fire inspector have ready access to records of hose inspection and tests.

A.5.3.6 It is important that hose that has been damaged not become intermixed with hose in storage such that the damaged hose could accidentally be put in service.

A.6.1.3 It should never be necessary to hammer a shutoff valve to make it operate.

A.6.1.9 Nozzles should be washed in a solution of soap and warm water. The nozzle should be submerged and the adjustable controls operated until there is free movement. The nozzle should then be rinsed in water. The nozzle should be lubricated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Cracked rubber-covered handles on nozzles can cause accidents and should be replaced.

A.6.2.3 In most cases, a machine shop with the proper facilities can repair damaged threads. One way to detect any slippage of the coupling on the hose is to inspect the area where the expansion ring is located for any appreciable gap between the expansion ring and the coupling waterway. Ordinarily, the swivels can be freed satisfactorily by immersion in warm, soapy water.

A.6.2.5 On some couplings such abuse can cause the hose bowl and swivel to go "out-of-round"; as a result, the swivel will not turn.

A.6.2.8.1 Usually, an improper fit between the internal bowl diameter and the outside diameter of the hose of more than ±1/32 in. (±0.79 mm) will require the use of special hose attachment techniques and should be avoided.

A.6.2.8.2 The length of the expansion ring needs to be consistent with the length of the coupling bowl. *(See Figure A.6.2.8.2.)*

A.6.2.8.3 The tail gasket is the gasket placed in the coupling at the end of the hose to prevent leakage and to keep the fabric of the hose jacket dry. When ordering couplings and tail gaskets for recoupling hose with expansion ring couplings, it is important that the appropriate tail gasket be provided. The coupling manufacturer needs to know the outside diameter of the hose and the wall thickness of the hose to provide the proper coupling and gasket.

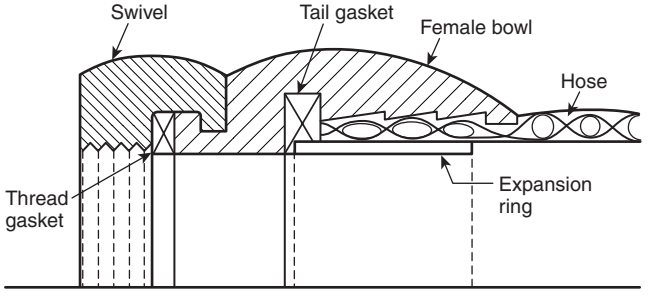

FIGURE A.6.2.8.2 Female Coupling Assembly.

A.6.2.9 Multiple-piece collars or compression-type hose couplings attached with a shank and external binding method might not be interchangeable from manufacturer to manufacturer and among different hose constructions. The user should verify that the binding is designed for the hose and shank with which it is being used. Check with the coupling or hose manufacturer for proper assembly instructions and bolt torque settings where necessary.

A.6.2.10 A degree of skill and experience is required to properly attach couplings to hose. It is necessary to have good equipment and a mechanic skilled and experienced in attaching couplings. If not, this work should be done by the hose manufacturer. Testing of repaired or recoupled fire hose is undertaken to confirm its suitability for continued use.

A.6.3.1 A high-quality synthetic gasket with antioxidants or neoprene should be used, as natural rubber gaskets can deteriorate with age and will harden and break away from the gasket seat.

A thread gasket with a smaller diameter than that of the recess can cause a leaky connection when pressure is applied. *(See NFPA 1963, Standard for Fire Hose Connections.)*

A.6.3.2 If the gasket protrudes at the nozzle connection, it can cause a ragged stream, reducing the effective reach of the nozzle; at a coupling, it can cause increased friction loss.

A.7.1 All fire hose has an expected service life. That life will depend on a number of factors, such as the initial quality of the hose, the type of service to which it is subjected, and the care it receives during its life. Users should develop a fire hose inspection and care program based on this standard. That program should also address the retirement of fire hose.

One of the reasons for keeping good records of fire hose as required by this standard is to evaluate how different fire hoses perform over time. This will provide the experience the users need to help them determine what a useful service life is for different types of hose and make decisions on when fire hose should be retired.

Limited testing of in-service fire hose by the Fire Equipment Manufacturers Association indicated an increased risk of failure after a 10-year time period. The testing looked at the reduction in burst pressure, ozone degradation, liner adhesion and degradation, hose strength, normal wear patterns, and UV degradation of fibers.

While all users should establish their own retirement schedule, fire departments should give careful consideration to a 10-year maximum service life under normal operating conditions.

A.7.1.3 Hose meeting the requirements of NFPA 1961, *Standard on Fire Hose*, 1987 or subsequent editions, will probably have different service test pressures than hose meeting the requirements of earlier editions.

A.7.2.4 Hose is tested in lengths not exceeding 300 ft (91 m) to allow the hose to untwist and be straightened out. As the pressure rises, the shorter length will allow the hose to assume a natural elongation, creating less warp in the hose.

It is also important that all the air in the hose be removed. If any point in the hose layout is elevated, air will be trapped at that point. Excessive lengths make it difficult to exhaust all the air. The ideal hose test area will have a slight upward incline from the pressure source to the capped end. This allows the

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air to flow to the capped end and be bled off. There should be no humps or valleys in the hose between the ends, as these will trap air.

A.7.2.7 The surface on which the hose is laid out should be as smooth as possible. Rough surfaces will accelerate abrasion and hinder proper movement of the hose line.

A.7.2.8 Stationary pumps and pumps on fire apparatus are designed for pumping substantial flow volumes at moderate pressures. The use of such pumps when testing hose at moderate to high pressures with very little flow, or possibly no flow, may cause overheating of the water in these pumps as well as recirculation cavitation operating conditions. Both the overheating and recirculation cavitation operating conditions are known to cause permanent damage to the pumps. In addition, the hot water inside the pumps (which is possibly even superheated steam) creates a safety hazard to personnel operating the pump or testing the fire hose.

A.7.2.10 Damaged fire hose should not be patched unless such repair is recommended by the manufacturer of the hose and is performed by properly trained and equipped personnel.

A.7.2.10.3 Removing the couplings from the hose will ensure that damaged hose that has been condemned does not accidentally get intermixed with serviceable hose.

A.7.4.1 If booster hose is manufactured in accordance with ANSI/UL 92, *Fire Extinguisher and Booster Hose,* the maximum working pressure will be shown on the cover of the hose.

A.7.5 The suction hose vacuum test can be run in conjunction with the annual pump suction test. In Figure A.7.5, one line runs to the pump vacuum and the other to a test gauge. A clear plastic disk at the other end used with a light makes it possible to observe if the internal lining is drawn into the waterway.

If the suction hose is designed for use under positive pressure, it might be marked with the positive service test pressure.

PVC suction hose is not designed for use under positive pressure. If unmarked suction hose is to be used under positive pressure, the user should check with the manufacturer to be sure the hose is designed for such applications and should be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended service test pressure.

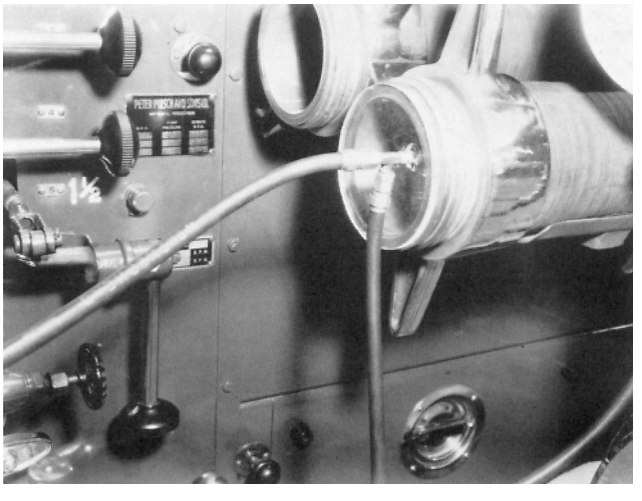

FIGURE A.7.5 Plastic Test Disk for Pump Suction Hose. *(Courtesy of San Diego Fire Department.)*

A.7.6.2.4 Air under pressure becomes greatly compressed, and the hose can whip violently if the pressure is suddenly released by a hose burst. A blown-off coupling propelled by the compressed air will act like a high-velocity missile.

A.7.6.2.6 Hose can be expected to stretch when the pressure is increased to the test pressure. Allowance should be made for this stretch when the hose is secured.

A.7.7.2 The use of the hose test valve prevents a volume surge from the pump in the event of a hose bursting during the test. The ¼ in. (6.4 mm) opening drilled through the gate permits the pressure to be raised to the test pressure after the hose has been filled, the air completely removed, and the hose test valve closed.

A.7.7.6 Air under pressure becomes greatly compressed, and the hose can whip violently if the pressure is suddenly released by a hose burst. A blown-off coupling propelled by the compressed air will act like a high-velocity missile.

A.7.7.8 Hose can be expected to stretch when the pressure is increased to the test pressure. Allowance should be made for this stretch when the hose is secured.

A.8.1.2 Many large-diameter appliances are designed for use with large-diameter supply hose, which typically has a service test pressure of 200 psi (1380 kPa). Such appliances should not be used in attack hose layouts that will require pressures above the designed operating pressure of the appliance. Hose layouts supplying elevated master streams from aerial ladders, elevated platforms, or water towers will generally be operated at pressures exceeding 250 psi (1725 kPa).

A.8.1.2.1 Extreme care should be taken the first time an appliance is service-tested, particularly when the original operating pressure is unknown, as the appliance could fail catastrophically and cause serious injury. It is recommended that adequate shielding be provided between the appliance and the tester to prevent injury in the event of failure.

A.8.1.7 All appliances that meet the requirements of NFPA 1965, *Standard for Fire Hose Appliances*, have been subjected to a corrosion exposure test. The purpose of this test is to ensure the appliance will perform under normal exposure to corrosive conditions, such as those found in the atmosphere near oceans or caused by chemicals used to treat road surfaces in icy conditions. When the appliance is exposed to corrosive conditions on a long-term basis, or is to be used where strong corrosives are present, the user should ensure the appliance is designed for such exposure. Hard-coated aluminum is recommended to help prevent corrosion. Chrome-plated aluminum does not offer the same protection.

A.8.2.2 Repairs to appliances should be performed by the manufacturer or a person qualified by the manufacturer.

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Revise definition of effective ground-fault current path to read:

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