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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the tests to be carried out in order to assess the suitability of insulating linings used in LNG impounding areas.

2 Normative references

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| EN 1160 | <i>Installations and equipment for liquefied natural gas — General characteristics of liquefied natural gas</i> |
| prEN 12379 | <i>Testing concrete — Making and curing specimens for strength tests</i> |

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1 liquefied natural gas (LNG)

See EN 1160.

3.2 insulating lining

Material or layers of materials designed to minimize evaporation of an LNG pool.

3.3 water absorption ratio

Ratio between the volume of water absorbed and the calculated volume of the insulating lining specimen subjected to testing.

4 Description of the means of and the equipment required for testing

4.1 Characteristics of test pieces

The dimensions of the test pieces shall be defined in accordance with the dimensions of the test rig defined in 4.2.1.

The thickness of the test piece shall be the same as that of the insulating lining of the LNG impounding area.

The manufacturing and installation technology of the test piece shall be the same as that of the impounding area insulating lining.

The test piece shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Specifically, if the material applied is concrete, the test pieces shall be built, cured and stored in compliance with prEN 12379.

4.2 Equipment used to measure the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining

4.2.1 Test rig

A test piece shall be hermetically sealed onto the base of a right-angled parallelepiped shaped tank whose sides and bottom are built of a rigid insulating material having a thermal conductivity less than 0,050 W/(m·K).

The quantity of LNG necessary for the test shall be discharged over the test piece in less than 0,5 s.

The discharged volume is equal to the product of the test piece surface and the desired height of LNG within a limit deviation of $\pm 5\%$.

After the LNG discharge, the initial height of LNG over the test piece shall be about 2,5 cm.

Annex A specifies the characteristics of the test rig.

NOTE. Given the different thermal behaviour of other cryogenic liquids, none of them can replace LNG to measure the evaporation coefficient.

4.2.2 Measuring equipment

The evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining shall be determined on the basis of continuous weighings of the tank placed on a scale, following LNG discharge over the test piece.

For that purpose, an electronic scale shall be used in combination with a high-speed recorder.

Annex B specifies the characteristics of the measuring equipment.

4.3 Equipment used to measure the water absorption ratio of an insulating lining

4.3.1 Water tank

The water tank shall be designed in such a way that the test piece is fully immersed and its six faces remain in permanent contact with water during immersion.

4.3.2 Measuring equipment

The water absorption ratio of the test pieces shall be measured after successive weighings of test pieces on previously calibrated scales. The weighing scale shall be able to measure with an accuracy better than 1 %.

5 Test method

5.1 Measurement of the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining

5.1.1 Procedure

The test for the measurement of the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining shall be performed at an initial test rig temperature of $(20 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$ and at atmospheric pressure in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) install the test piece at the base of the tank;
- b) install the tank on the scale;
- c) install the LNG discharge system above the tank;

- d) fill the tip-over system;
- e) discharge the LNG over the test piece within a period of less than 0,5 s;
- f) record the tank weight at high frequency for a period of at least 2 min;
- g) visually inspect the test rig to verify its tightness.

5.1.2 The parameter derived from the measurements

The evaporation coefficient of LNG, K_v , in contact with the insulating lining shall be calculated in accordance with annex C, by quantifying the rate of evaporation of LNG in contact with the insulating lining under test.

5.2 Measurement of the water absorption ratio of the insulating lining

5.2.1 Procedure

The test for the measurement of the water absorption ratio of the insulating lining shall be performed at a temperature of $(20 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$ in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) weigh a test piece before testing;
- b) immerse in water for 1 h;
- c) weigh after draining for 1 h;
- d) immerse in water for one day;
- e) weigh after draining for 1 h;
- f) immerse in water for two days;
- g) weigh after draining for 1 h;
- h) repeat the last two sequences (f and g) six times.

5.2.2 Parameters derived from the measurements

The water absorption ratio of the insulating lining shall be quantified by calculating the following parameters:

- a) the water absorption ratio of each test piece after each weighing;
- b) the maximum value of water absorption ratio of the insulating lining.

Annex D specifies the method of calculation of the above parameters.

6 Testing

The tests shall be carried out on the three test pieces in order to determine the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining under the following conditions:

- a) the insulating lining is dry as delivered by the manufacturer;
- b) the insulating lining is saturated with water following immersion for 15 days;
- c) due to the fact that the insulating material can change its characteristics under the influence of atmospheric agents such as rain, frost, ultra-violet rays etc, it is recommended to determine the evaporation coefficient of LNG after having subjected the insulating lining to an ageing procedure. In this case, the ageing procedure shall be defined by the user and agreed by the insulating manufacturer. The simulated lifetime shall be defined by the user.

7 Test report

The results of the tests shall be recorded in a report containing the following information:

- a) the history of the test pieces before testing, such as storage and transportation conditions (temperature, humidity, etc), time between manufacturing and testing and conditions of sampling;
- b) the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining in the dry condition (see clause 6a));
- c) the maximum value of the water absorption ratio of the insulating lining (see 5.2.2b));
- d) the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining saturated with water following immersion for 15 days (see clause 6b));
- e) the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining following the accelerated ageing procedure, if requested (see clause 6c)).

Annex A (normative)

Specification of the test rig

A.1 Description of the test rig

The test rig shall consist of the following (see figure A.1):

- a tank containing the test piece;
- a system of LNG discharge.

The materials which are likely to come in contact with LNG shall comply with the requirements of EN 1160.

A.2 Specification of the tank

The tank shall be designed so that its base is a square whose side is between 400 mm and 600 mm.

It shall consist of plates of a rigid insulating material forming the sides and base.

The test piece shall be sealed onto the base.

In order to avoid LNG penetration along the edges of the test piece and under the test piece, special care shall be taken when making the joints between the different tank components.

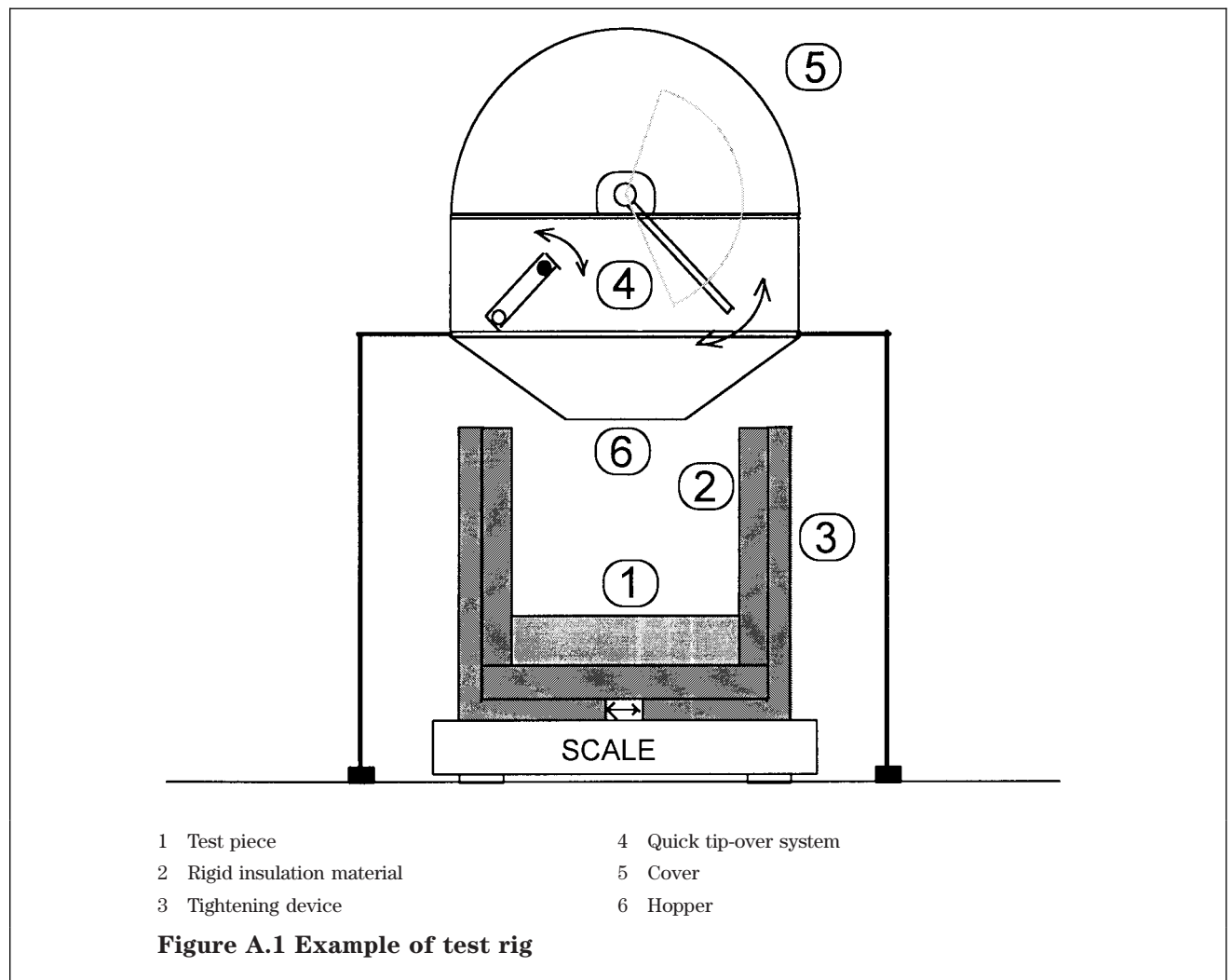
A.3 Specification of the LNG discharge system

The LNG discharge system shall consist of:

- a quick tip-over system;
- a cover to prevent any LNG splashing;
- a hopper to guide the LNG discharge into the tank.

A.4 Regulations

Attention is drawn to existing European Standards in the field of safety, for example prEN 50145, for the design and operation of the test rig.



Annex B (normative)

Measuring equipment used to determine the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining

B.1 Specification of the scale

The scale used to determine the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining shall have the following specification:

- sensitivity: 5×10^{-3} kg;
- indicator precision: 5×10^{-3} kg;
- frequency of measurement: at least 20 Hz.

B.2 Specification of related recorder

The recorder connected to the scale may be of the magnetic or digital tape recording type. Regardless of the type, its data acquisition frequency shall be at least 20 Hz.

Annex C (normative)

Method of calculation of the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining

C.1 Calculation of LNG mass remaining in the tank as a function of time

The rate of evaporation $V_r(t)$ expressed in metres per second, as a function of the time (t) that the LNG is in contact with the insulating lining is calculated with a law of the following type:

$$V_r(t) = \frac{K_r}{\sqrt{t}} \quad (\text{C.1})$$

where:

K_r is the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining expressed in $\text{m/s}^{1/2}$.

Consequently, the variation in the mass of evaporated LNG, $\frac{dM_e(t)}{dt}$, is expressed as a function of time by a law of the following type:

$$\frac{dM_e(t)}{dt} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{t}} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

where:

$M_e(t)$ is the mass of evaporated LNG expressed in kg;

A is a dimensional constant determined experimentally expressed in $\text{kg/s}^{1/2}$.

Consequently, the LNG mass $M(t)$ remaining in the tank is expressed as a function of time by the following law:

$$M(t) = M_0 - M_e(t) \quad (\text{C.3})$$

$$M(t) = M_0 - 2A\sqrt{t} \quad (\text{C.4})$$

where:

M_0 and A are experimental coefficients determined after applying the method of least squares to the mass measurements of LNG remaining in the tank as a function of time.

C.2 Calculation of evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with insulating lining

The coefficient A_i determined for a test piece referenced i , has the following expression:

$$A_i = K_{g_i} \cdot \rho_{\text{LNG}_i} \cdot (S_{\text{ep}} + S_{\text{w}_i}) \quad (\text{C.5})$$

where:

K_{g_i} (expressed in $\text{m/s}^{1/2}$) is the overall evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with materials wetted during the discharge (sides and test piece referenced i);

ρ_{LNG_i} is the LNG density expressed in kg/m^3 ;

S_{ep} is the surface area of an LNG-wetted test piece expressed in m^2 ;

S_{w_i} is the surface area of the side walls initially wetted by the LNG expressed in m^2 .

The surface area S_{w_i} is calculated as follows:

$$S_{\text{w}_i} = \frac{M_{0_i} \cdot p}{\rho_{\text{LNG}_i} \cdot S_{\text{ep}}} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

where:

M_{0_i} is the initial mass of LNG discharged over the test piece referenced i expressed in kg;

p is the perimeter of the test piece expressed in metres.

Coefficient K_{g_i} has the following expression:

$$K_{g_i} = \frac{S_{\text{ep}}}{S_{\text{ep}} + S_{\text{w}_i}} \cdot K_{\text{ep}_i} + \frac{S_{\text{w}_i}}{S_{\text{ep}} + S_{\text{w}_i}} \cdot K_{\text{w}} \quad (\text{C.7})$$

where:

K_{ep_i} is the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining of the test piece referenced i expressed in $\text{m/s}^{1/2}$;

K_{w} is the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the tank walls, determined in C.3 expressed in $\text{m/s}^{1/2}$.

The evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining of the test piece referenced i , is expressed as follows:

$$K_{\text{ep}_i} = \frac{A_i}{\rho_{\text{LNG}_i} \cdot S_{\text{ep}}} - \frac{S_{\text{w}_i}}{S_{\text{ep}}} \cdot K_{\text{w}} \quad (\text{C.8})$$

The evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining K_R is the mean value of the coefficients calculated for each of the three test pieces:

$$K_R = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 K_{ep_i} \quad (C.9)$$

C.3 Calculation of evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with tank walls

The evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the test piece referenced i of the same material as the tank walls is expressed as follows:

$$K_{w_i} = \frac{A_i}{\rho_{LNG_i} \cdot (S_{ep} + S_{w_i})} \quad (C.10)$$

The evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the material of the tank walls K_W is the mean value of the coefficients calculated as follows:

$$K_W = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 K_{w_i} \quad (C.11)$$

C.4 Example of calculation

The tests described below were performed with three square test pieces having the following dimensions:

- side: 400 mm;
- thickness: 70 mm;
- surface area: 0,16 m².

The weight of the LNG discharged over the test piece was measured by means of an electronic scale taking readings every 50 ms for 2 min.

The tank walls were made of polyurethane. Hence, the K_W coefficient has a value equal to $0,83 \times 10^{-4}$ m/s^{1/2}.

Table C.1 indicates, for each test piece referenced i , the values of the following coefficients and physical parameters:

- the dimensional constant A_i , determined according to a law of the following type, after applying the method of least squares to the measurements of the LNG mass remaining over the test piece in the tank as a function of time:

$$M(t) = M_0 - 2A_i \sqrt{t} \quad (C.12)$$
- the LNG density, ρ_{LNG_i} ;
- the surface area S_{w_i} of the tank walls initially wetted by the LNG;
- the evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining, K_{ep_i} .

The evaporation coefficient of LNG in contact with the insulating lining K_R is:

$$K_R = \frac{17,33 + 17,93 + 19,19}{3} \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}^{1/2}$$

$$K_R = 18,15 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}^{1/2}$$

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Annex D (normative)

Method of calculation of the water absorption ratio of insulating lining

D.1 Water absorption ratio of a test piece after immersion

The water absorption ratio, $P_{r,t}$, after an immersion time, t , of a test piece is given by the following formula:

$$P_{r,t} = \frac{m_t - m_0}{m_0} \quad (D.1)$$

where:

- m_t is the mass of the test piece after immersion time t and after 1 h of dripping, on a flat surface;
- m_0 is the mass of the test piece before the first immersion.

Table C.1 Values of coefficients and physical parameters required for the calculation of the evaporation coefficient of LNG

Reference of the test piece	1	2	3
A_i in kg/s ^{1/2}	0,0131	0,0136	0,0145
ρ_{LNG_i} in kg/m ³	453,7	453,7	453,7
S_{w_i} in m ²	0,0137	0,0153	0,0149
K_{ep_i} in m/s ^{1/2}	$17,33 \times 10^{-5}$	$17,93 \times 10^{-5}$	$19,19 \times 10^{-5}$

D.2 Maximum value of the water absorption ratio of the insulating lining

The value of water absorption ratio of each test piece determined experimentally as a function of immersion time shall be adjusted by the least squares method by using a law of the following type:

$$P_{r_i}(t) = \frac{a_i t^2 + b_i t}{t^2 + c_i t + d_i} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

where:

$P_{r_i}(t)$ is the water absorption ratio function of the test piece referenced i ;

a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i are the adjustment coefficients of the function $P_{r_i}(t)$.

The maximum value of the water absorption ratio for the test piece referenced i is:

$$P_{r_{\max_i}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_i t^2 + b_i t}{t^2 + c_i t + d_i} \right) \quad (\text{D.3})$$

$$P_{r_{\max_i}} = a_i \quad (\text{D.4})$$

The maximum value of the water absorption ratio for the insulating lining is the following:

$$P_{r_{\max}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 P_{r_{\max_i}} \quad (\text{D.5})$$

D.3 Numerical example

The table D.1 defines for each test piece:

- the weight, m_0 , before the first immersion;
- the weights m_t after each immersion and the corresponding values of the water absorption ratio P_{r_i} ;
- the values of the adjustment coefficients a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i ;
- the maximum values of the water absorption ratio $P_{r_{\max_i}}$.

The maximum value of the water absorption ratio is:

$$P_{r_{\max}} = \frac{10,61 + 10,28 + 9,55}{3} \%$$

$$P_{r_{\max}} = 10,15 \%$$

Reference of the test piece	1		2		3	
m_0 in kg	36		36		36	
Immersion duration	m_t kg	P_{r_i} %	m_t kg	P_{r_i} %	m_t kg	P_{r_i} %
1 h	37,53	4,25	37,33	3,68	37,17	3,25
1 day	38,02	5,62	37,99	5,52	37,72	4,77
3 days	38,67	7,42	38,61	7,24	38,30	6,39
5 days	38,97	8,26	38,90	8,05	38,59	7,19
7 days	39,15	8,75	39,07	8,52	38,76	7,67
9 days	39,27	9,08	39,18	8,82	38,87	7,98
11 days	39,35	9,30	39,25	9,04	38,95	8,21
13 days	39,41	9,47	39,31	9,20	39,02	8,38
15 days	39,46	9,60	39,36	9,32	39,06	8,51
a_i	10,61		10,28		9,55	
b_i	221,01		220,58		218,89	
c_i	60,90		60,62		69,87	
d_i	-7,36		1,09		-0,62	
$P_{r_{\max_i}}$	10,61		10,28		9,55	

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