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FOREWORD TO THE THIRD EDITION

This document is the third edition of the ASME Section VIII – Division 2 Example Problem Manual. The purpose of this third edition is to update the example problems to keep current with the changes incorporated into the 2021 edition of the ASME B&PV Code, Section VIII, Division 2. The example problems included in the second edition of the manual were based on the contents of the 2013 edition of the B&PV Code.

Known corrections to paragraph changes and references, design equations, and calculation results have been made in this third edition. Additionally, some formatting modifications were made to facilitate better use of the example manual, as applicable.

FOREWORD TO THE SECOND EDITION

This document is the second edition of the ASME Section VIII – Division 2 example problem manual. The purpose of this second edition is to update the example problems to keep current with the changes incorporated into the 2013 edition of the ASME B&PV Code, Section VIII, Division 2. The example problems included in the first edition of the manual were based on the contents of the 2010 edition of the B&PV Code. In 2011, ASME transitioned to a two year publishing cycle for the B&PV Code without the release of addenda. The release of the 2011 addenda to the 2010 edition was the last addenda published by ASME and numerous changes to the Code were since adopted.

Known corrections to design equations and results have also been made in this second edition. Additionally, some formatting modifications were made to facilitate better use of the example manual, as applicable.

FOREWORD

In 1998 the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Standards Committee authorized a project to rewrite the ASME B&PV Code, Section VIII, Division 2. This decision was made shortly after the design margin on specified minimum tensile strength was lowered from 4.0 to 3.5 in Section I and Section VIII, Division 1. ASME saw the need to update Section VIII, Division 2 to incorporate the latest technologies and to be more competitive. In lieu of revising the existing standard, the decision was made to perform a clean sheet rewrite. By doing so it was felt that, not only could the standard be modernized with regard to the latest technical advances in pressure vessel construction, but it could be structured in a way to make it more user-friendly for both users and the committees that maintain it.

Much new ground was broken in the development of the new Section VIII, Division 2, including the process taken to write the new standard. Traditionally, development of new standards by ASME is carried out by volunteers who serve on the different committees responsible for any given standard. Depending upon the complexity of the standard, the development of the first drafts may take up to 15 years to complete based on past history. The prospect of taking 15 or more years to develop VIII-2 was unacceptable to ASME and the volunteer leadership. The decision was made to subcontract the development of the draft to the Pressure Vessel Research Council (PVRC) who in turn formed the Task Group on Continued Modernization of Codes to oversee the development of the new Section VIII, Division 2 Code. PVRC utilized professionals with both engineering and technical writing expertise to develop new technology and the initial drafts of the new Section VIII, Division 2.

A Steering Committee made up of ASME Subcommittee VIII members was formed to provide technical oversight and direction to the development team with the goal of facilitating the eventual balloting and approval process. ASME also retained a Project Manager to manage all the activities required to bring this new standard to publication.

The project began with the development of a detailed table of contents containing every paragraph heading that would appear in the new standard and identifying the source for the content that would be placed in this paragraph. In preparing such a detailed table of contents, the lead authors were able to quickly identify areas where major development effort was required to produce updated rules. A list of some of the new technology produced for VIII-2 rewrite includes:

- Adoption of a design margin on specified minimum tensile strength of 2.4,
- Toughness requirements,
- Design-by-rule for the creep range,
- Conical transition reinforcement requirements,
- Opening reinforcement rules,
- Local strain criteria for design-by-analysis using elastic-plastic analysis,
- Limit load and plastic collapse analysis for multiple loading conditions,
- Fatigue design for welded joints based on structural stress method, and
- Ultrasonic examination in lieu of radiographic examination

Users of the Section VIII, Division 2 Code (manufacturers and owner/operators) were surveyed at the beginning of the project to identify enhancements that they felt the industry wanted and would lead to increased use of the standard. Since the initial focus of the Code was for the construction of pressure equipment for the chemical and petrochemical industry, the people responsible for specifying equipment for this sector were very much interested in seeing that common requirements that are routinely found in vessel specifications would become a