Title: Figure F-2, 16t, Maximum Width

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Purpose: More clearly depict, in API 650 Figure F-2, the limit of "16t max" for horizontal members that are wider than 16 t.

Source: 650-I-35/03

Impact: Business impact is low. This agenda item is needed to prevent the misinterpretation of existing rules.

Rationale: The original inquiry dealt with Addendum 2, Figure F-2, detail g only. This issue is common to other bar details. Agenda item scope was extended to rim angles. Details a-j, excluding detail f, have been altered to make it clear that members can be wider, but no credit is allowed in the compression area calculation.

Completion of this agenda item was placed on "working" status pending the outcome of Agenda Item 620-267.

Proposal: Modify Figure F-2 per attached figure, dated 11/14/05.
Figure F-2 Permissible Details of Compression Rings

Notes:
1. All dimensions and thicknesses are in mm (in.)
2. Dimension B in details b, c, d, and e is: 0 ≤ B ≤ A.
3. The limit on the horizontal dimension, 16 t_{a}, for rim angles applies to details a thru e and g.

\begin{align*}
t_{a} & \quad = \text{thickness of angle leg}, \\
t_{b} & \quad = \text{thickness of bar}, \\
t_{c} & \quad = \text{thickness of shell plate}, \\
t_{h} & \quad = \text{thickness of roof plate}, \\
t_{s} & \quad = \text{thickness of thickened plate in shell}, \\
W_{b} & \quad = \text{maximum width of participating roof,} \\
& \quad = 0.3(R_{s} t_{b})^{0.5} \text{ or } 300 \text{ mm (12 in.)}, \text{ whichever is less}, \\
R_{e} & \quad = \text{inside radius of tank shell}, \\
R_{s} & \quad = \text{length of the normal to the roof, measured from the vertical centerline of the tank,} \\
& \quad = R_{o} / (\sin \theta). \\
\end{align*}
Title: Area of Angle for Compression Area Design

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Purpose: Clarification for effective area added for reinforcement in compression ring design.

Source: Original Inquiry 620-I-10-02 (#15)

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Impact: None

Background: API 620 Section 5.12.4 provides the design of compression ring and the participating width (Wc, Wh) of the shell/roof plate resisting the compressive force. Fig. 5-6 shows the details of compression ring junction with added reinforcement by means of angle, bars or ring girders within the Wc or Wh. There may be a case where the actual size of the angle, bar or any member added to provide the reinforcement extends beyond the calculated width Wc or Wh.

The inquiry asked whether or not it is permissible to consider full area of added angle as reinforcement for compression area design.

Proposal: Propose to revise 5.12.5.3 as follows:

5.12.5.3 Such an angle, bar, or ring girder, if used, may be located either inside or outside the tank (see Figure 5-6) and shall have a cross section with dimensions that satisfy the following conditions:
a. The cross-sectional area within the limit of Wc or Wh makes up the deficiency between the area Ac required by Equation 27 and the cross-sectional area provided by the compression-ring region in the walls of the tank.

Rationale: The maximum stress caused by the compressive force is at the juncture and reduces significantly within the short distance (Wc or Wh) away from the juncture. The effective area resisting this force is considered to be within this limit.

Notes: (for reference only)