Following Design Standards from a Manufacturing Perspective

OR, how do we make sure tanks are up to the standards?

About me

- Worked as a welder on tanks and accessories as a teenager
- Graduated from Cal Poly SLO, B.S. Civil Engineering
- Practiced as a Surveyor and City Engineer
- Practiced as a Structural Engineer for 12+ years
- P.E. in Civil Engineering
- 3rd generation owner of a steel tank manufacturing company











About my company

- 80+ years in business
- Mostly serving the California agricultural community
- For the sake of this discussion, we manufacture UL-142 and UL-2085
 Fireguard® AST tanks.



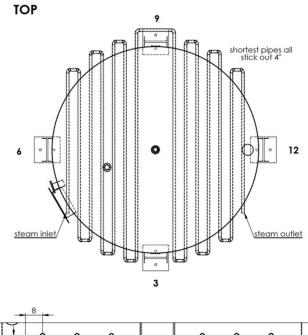


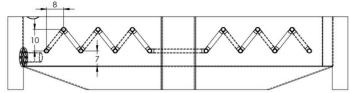
Questions I want to try and answer today

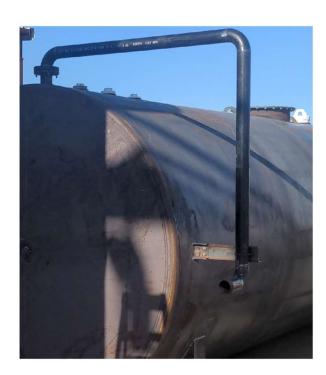
- What part of a tank assembly actually falls under UL AST manufacturing guidelines?
- How do manufacturers of UL AST tanks ensure code compliance?

Which parts of a tank constitute a "tank" per UL?

Short answer; If it's welded to the tank, it's part of the tank, with a few exceptions

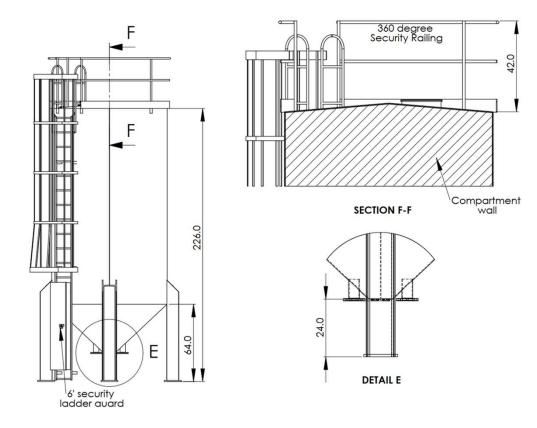






The Primary Exceptions - Ladders and Guardrails

Bolted Ladders
ARE
in the standards



Other exceptions to the "welded to the tank" rule

Manhole lids Labels





Conclusion to Part 1







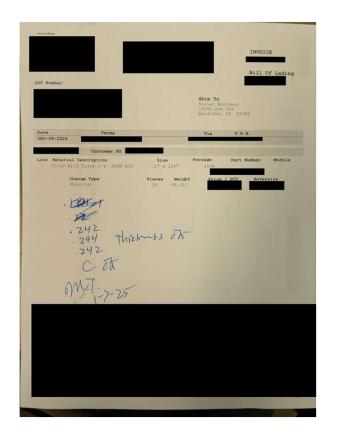
How does the manufacturer ensure code compliance?

Short answer; They are either meticulous in their methods, or else they choose not to comply.

Let's walk through the fabrication process to see how it's done.









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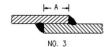
Figure 6.1 Shell joints



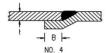
Double-welded U, V, bevel, or square groove butt joint.



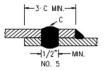
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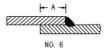
Double-welded full fillet lap joint, or single-welded tull fillet lap joint on outside with 1-inch (25.4-mm) intermittent weld spaced not over 12 inches (0.3 m) on inside; minimum overlap, "A" – 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) for tank diameters 48 inches (1.2 m) or less, 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) for tank diameters over 48 inches (1.2 m).



Groove weld equivalent in thickness to "t"; full penetration and complete fusion; minimum overlap, "B" - 1/2 inch (12.7 mm).



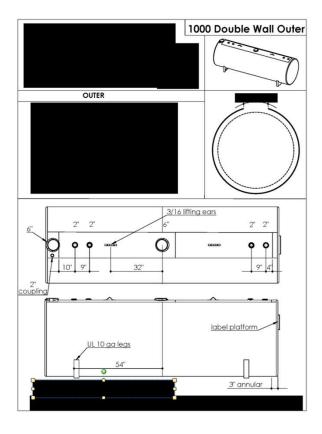
Full fillet weld on outside; "C" is 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) minimum diameter lock weld spaced not over 12 inches.



Single-welded full fillet lap joint; minimum overlap, "A" – 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) for tank diameters 48 inches (1.2 m) or less, 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) for dank diameters over 48 inches (1.2 m). This joint shall not be used on tanks with a diameter greater than 65 inches (1.65 m) unless it is used on the shell of the secondary containment shell is in direct contact with the primary tank.







Quality Control and Custom Work





Leak Testing - How do we know it's been done?





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