

**SECTION 22 00 00 – PLUMBING GENERAL SYSTEM DESIGNS****PART 1: GENERAL****1.01 Scope of Standards:**

- A. Plumbing Code Compliance: Comply with **2015** Uniform Plumbing Code, to selection and installation of Plumbing materials and products. (SHALL EXCLUDE APPENDIX L, ALL OF SECTION L 8.0 Circuit Venting Through L8.5, OF UPC 2009 CODE.)
- B. The design guidelines contained herein include the requirements for systems, materials, fittings and valves utilized for plumbing systems at Texas State University. It is the intention of this document to provide a standard for piping systems at Texas State University in order to provide the highest level of quality and standardization possible; it is not intended to be a guide specification.

**1.02 Design Guidelines**

- A. General
  - 1. Building Drainage, Waste and Vent System, use Cast Iron Pipe with no Hub Couplings, Basis of Design shall be Hi-Torq 125 Couplings.
  - 2. All indirect drains shall be piped to a floor drain or floor sink. (A/C, Relief Valves, Pan Drains, etc.)
  - 3. Building Drainage Systems – all venting to be properly sized and air admittance valves are strictly prohibited.
  - 4. Building Drainage System – Horizontal Double Combination (any size) is strictly prohibited.
  - 5. Seal all openings around piping.
  - 6. Provide metal sleeves for piping passing through walls to provide fire protection equivalent to initial requirements.
  - 7. In lavatories separately valve each riser pipe.
  - 8. Always provide siphon breakers in pipe lines to hose bib-type faucets.
  - 9. Use plugged tees rather than elbows to provide clean out points in plumbing piping.

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10. Provide all take-offs from main water supply lines with cutoff valves and provide sufficient clearance for access to valves.
11. Provide enough valving so that plumbing systems can be closed down in sections.
12. Provide permanent “as-constructed” drawings which show locations of all piping systems, including those underground.
13. Use an identification system and a color coding system for plumbing and piping systems as described in mechanical section of these standards.
14. Provide keyed hose bibs within 20’ of main entrance and rear exit no more than 100’ apart around outside perimeter of a new building. Outdoor hose bib shall be non-freeze proof type.
15. All valves concealed within enclosing construction shall be made accessible via appropriate metal access doors. Their location and size shall be provided to the architect/engineer with a record document to be signed off on.
16. **When using PVC (in lieu of Cast Iron for building drainage systems) under slab or for slab on grade foundations, do not use test tees (see attached Photo)**



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17. **Mixing cast iron pipe and PVC pipe, under slab, is strictly prohibited on building drainage (sanitary) system. See attached photo**



- B. Plumbing Fixture Standardization: (only floor mount, floor outlet water closets)
  1. Standardize plumbing fixtures for Texas State University as much as possible.
  2. With each new construction project verify plumbing fixture selections with Project Manager prior to finalizing the specification of plumbing fixtures.
  3. Specify plumbing fixtures which have been established as Texas State University standards.
  4. Refer to plumbing section for standard plumbing products.
  5. For energy conservation, where water saving devices have been developed and proven such as reduced flow shower heads they will be used.
- C. Floor Drains
  1. Provide floor drains, minimum 3", in all restrooms and custodial closets.
    - a. Do not provide drains in elevator pits, (only).
  2. For drains in Restroom/Bathroom for Public use, provide minimum 3" pipe size. Large restrooms may require 2 or more floor drains.
  3. Slope floor to drains, slope floor just around floor drain is not allowed.

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4. Floor Drain Traps installed in inaccessible areas shall be brought to the attention of Texas State University for consideration of priming at that time. No drain seal use trap; primers on floor drains.
  5. All pressure relief type trap primary devices shall be connected to a direct drop that supplies a single fixture.
  6. All traps that are remote from a commonly used fixture shall have an electro mechanical trap primer for single or multiple primary connections and must be readily accessible.
- D. Floor Sinks
1. Provide 16' X 16" floor sinks in Mechanical Rooms.
    - a. Alternate: Trench Drains
- E. Pipe Chases
1. Size pipe chases to be large enough to accommodate the piping to be housed in chases and to be accessible. Locate piping in chases to avoid the obstruction of entrances or openings to pipe chases.
    - a. Minimum pipe chase width is 42".
- F. Access to Plumbing
1. Provide minimum of 3'6" crawl space beneath new buildings. Provide easy access to crawl space.
  2. Provide lights in crawl space which switch at access.
  3. Equip access doors with locks keyed to campus master and grand master key.
  4. Grade crawl space toward gravel-filled trenches provided with perforated drainage pipe.
  5. Provide all spaces below grade with perimeter drain system.
  6. Plan for clean outs at each corner and at high points of subsurface drainage system.
  7. Provide adequate space for working on plumbing and piping. **See Spec section Campus Standard 08-31-00 1.02 C 1 thru 4 – no exceptions.**

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8. Afford easy access to all working parts of all plumbing devices.
9. Do not permanently seal in masonry wall those items of plumbing requiring periodic maintenance or repair.
10. Pipes should not be run above electric panels, transformers, etc.
11. Provide adequate crawlspace ventilation.
12. Use forced air ventilation of crawlspace if crawlspace is below grade.
13. Design for crawlspace air charge as determined by soil test results.

**G. Water Meters**

1. Include a water meter in each new building and remodel of old buildings if needed.
  - a. Provide a Backflow Preventer at Meter
    1. Use Watts 909, 919 or 957 (depending on size of line)
    2. Watts 009 is strictly prohibited
  - b. All Bypass systems shall have a Backflow Preventer
2. Water meter shall be positive-displacement turbo-compound type with readout featuring both odometer dial and electronic pulse output.
3. Water meter shall be preceded by an in-line strainer.
4. Badger compound with HRT register or Sensus SRH with Impulse Contractor register is acceptable meters.
5. Locate the meter inside a machine room, install meter horizontally no higher than 5” high and no lower than 12” AFF.

**H. Pressure Gauge**

1. Include a 1-**200** psi pressure gauge, 4-inch or larger, on the domestic water header.
2. Also include an electronic pressure sensor on the header, suitable for connection to Owner’s FCMS system.

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- I. Pipe Size
  - 1. Avoid 2-1/2, 3-1/2 and 5-inch pipe.
- J. Solder
  - 1. Must comply to Uniform Plumbing Code 316.1.3
  - 2. Pro Press systems are acceptable.
- K. Floor Sinks
  - 1. There shall be one 16" X 16" floor sink with 4" outlet pipe size per air handler for fin water (condensate from cooling coils), and one 12"x12" floor sink per pump battery to facilitate multiple condensate lines, and to eliminate trip hazard of condensate lines routed over floors.
- L. Fin Water
  - 1. Fin water may be recovered in some buildings.
- M. Water Softening
  - 1. Provide water piping by pass on softener. Bypass will need to be protected by a backflow device.
  - 2. Domestic water feed to heating hot water shall be softened using salt-ion exchange.
    - a. Also provide Backflow Preventer on Softener.
      - 1. Use Watts 957 for 2-1/2" and larger
      - 2. Use Watts 919 for 2" and smaller
      - 3. Watts 009 is strictly prohibited
  - 3. Water shall be tested for hardness and softening system shall be selected to reduce hardness to acceptable level and sized for building demand. Install test ports (hosebibb) for each unit for testing of hardness.
  - 4. Brine storage tank shall be sized for no less than monthly service.
  - 5. System shall consist of two ion exchange tanks each sized for seven (7) days of service.
    - a. No rain bird products.

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6. All air admittance valves (auto vents) are prohibited.

**N. Vaults**

1. Must meet manufacturer's clearances for backflow preventer.
2. Access door/hatch opening shall be 36" to 42" or larger.

**O. Water Mains and Distribution Water Lines**

1. Water mains 4" and larger use Ductile Iron Pipe/fittings. 3" and Smaller shall be copper, type K with a 6 mil poly sleeve.
2. AWWA C-900, DR 14 water pipe is acceptable where there are no Steam Lines in the area.
  - a. C-900 or Ductile Iron, Pipe to Pipe joints shall have joint restraints and all Ductile Iron fittings shall be mechanical joints with joint restraints (no exceptions)
3. All underground PVC (C-900) water distribution pipe must have 12 gauge Tracer Wire.
4. A) Refer to AWWA C605-5 for underground installation of PVC Pressure Pipe and fittings for water.  
b) Refer to AWWA C600-5 Installation of Ductile Iron water mains
5. Use Resilient Wedge Gate Valves on water distribution mains and provide a 4"x16"x4" concrete pad for proper support of the valve.
6. Use only stainless steel tapping sleeve. Basis of Design, Smith Blair #665-142512

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7. Fittings:
  - a. Use EBAA iron pipe joint restraint (mega lugs) on all mechanical joints.
  - b. Use mega lugs restraint harness for push-on pipe (pipe to pipe)
  - c. Use polyethylene sleeve wrap on Ductile Iron Pipe and mechanical joint fittings.
  - d. 90, 45, ells, tees, 22 ½, or turn of direction shall have a thrust block.
  
- P. Domestic Utility Water Lines shall have a 4"x16" concrete pad under valves for proper support.
  
- Q. Sewer Mains
  1. Sewer mains shall be a minimum of SDR 26, Heavy Wall, gasket sewer fittings, with 12 gauge tracer wire. Bell Ends must be installed upstream of flow
  
- O. Storm Drains
  1. Storm lines shall be a minimum of SDR 26 Heavy wall, gasket sewer fitting with 12 gauge tracing wire.
  
- P. Roof Drains
  1. Drain inlets and outlets are to be 6" in diameter, minimum.
  2. Downspouts are to be 5" square, minimum, in Copper.

**PART 2: PRODUCT (NOT USED)**

**PART 3: EXECUTION (NOT USED)**

END OF SECTION 22 00 00