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Steel Spherical Tanks

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Foreword

This Standard is the revised edition of GB 12337—90. As a comprehensive National Standard, this edition covers the design calculations of spherical shell, support columns and tie rods etc., the requirements for materials, the regulations for construction elements, and the requirements for fabrication, assembly welding, testing and inspection, and acceptance of steel spherical tank (abbreviated spherical tank, hereinafter). The formulation of this Standard was based upon the implementation of GB 12337—90 Steel Spherical Tank, in conjunction with the successful practical experiences, the investigative analyses, the experimental verification and the advanced aspects of appropriate International Codes. This Standard is further substantiated, improved and enhanced in accordance with the requirements of safety application. All works dealing with the design, fabrication, assembly welding, testing and inspection, and acceptance of spherical tanks shall fully comply with the applicable requirements of this Standard, and also be necessary to meet the corresponding provisions of GB 150—1998.

The main variations of this Standard relative to GB 12337—90 are listed as follows:

- -modifying the corresponding contents with respect to GB 150-1998;
- -adding two new attaching construction types: the direct support column type and the U-section column type;
- —improving the buckling calculation and verification of support columns;
- -adding the requirements for fabrication and assembly welding of high-strength and high-toughness steels;
- -providing the corresponding contents of automatic welding:
- -transferring the calculation cases from this Standard text to the Standard Interpretation.

Annexes A and B of this Standard are normative.

Annex C of this Standard is informative.

This Standard shall be used in lieu of GB 12337—90 beginning with the date of implementation.

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1 Scope

This Standard specifies all applicable requirements for the design, fabrication, assembly welding, testing and inspection, and acceptance of carbon steel and low alloy steel spherical tanks (abbreviated spherical tanks, hereinafter).

- 1.1 This Standard is applicable to column supported spherical tanks of orange-petal type or mixed-petal type with design pressure not greater than 4MPa.
- 1.2 This Standard is applicable to the design temperature range identical with the allowable application temperatures of steels used.
- 1.3 The following spherical tanks are exempted from the scope of this Standard:
 - (a) spherical tank subject to nuclear radiation;
 - (b) spherical tank subject to relative motion (e.g. installed on truck or ship);
 - (c) spherical tank having nominal capacity less than 50m³;
 - (d) spherical tank requiring fatigue analysis;
 - (e) spherical tank constructed of jacketed shells.



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