



A&CC Approval Workshop

Mechanical & Engineering Safety Division (M&ESD)

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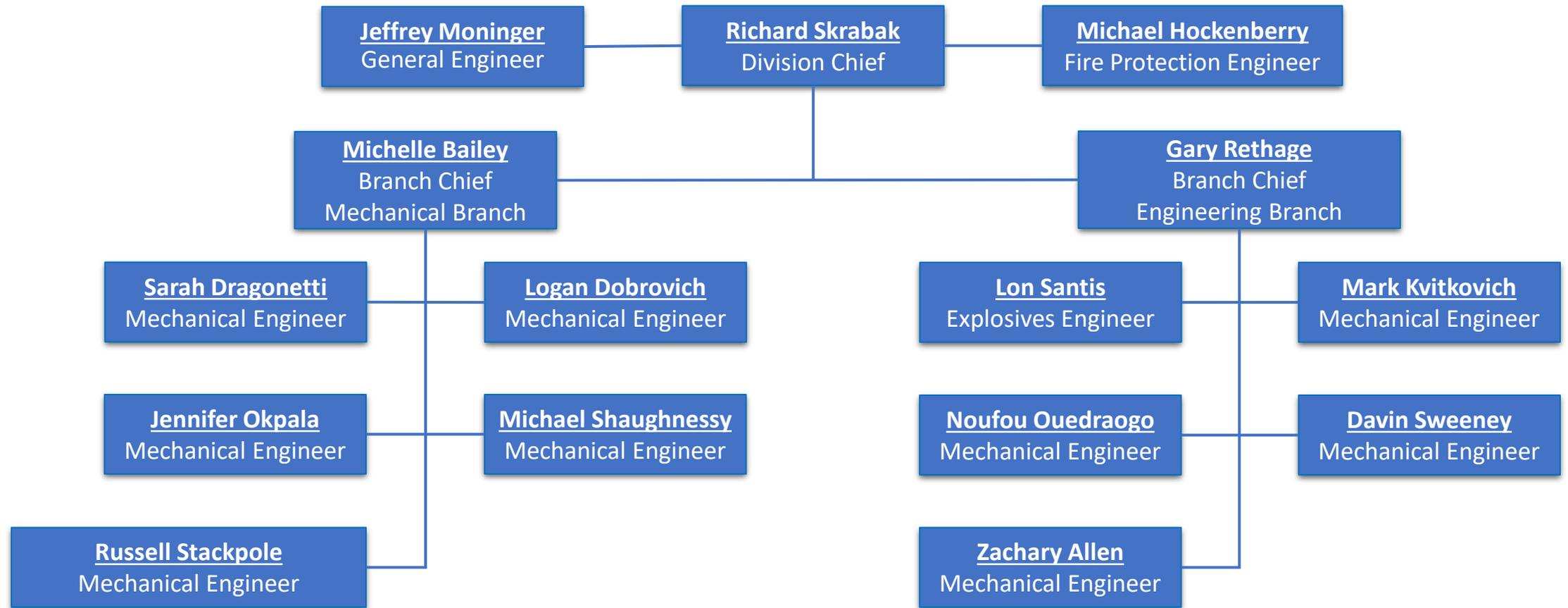


Overview of M&ESD Presentation

- M&ESD Program Areas
- M&ESD Approval / Certification Programs
 - Diesel Approvals – Brief Overview
 - Certification Group – Detailed Overview
- Ways to Expedite the Approval Process
- Common Discrepancies



M&ESD Organization Chart



M&ESD Program Areas

- Part 36: Mobile Diesel-Powered Equipment
- Part 7 Subpart E: Diesel Engines
- Part 7 Subpart F: Diesel Power Packages
- Part 33: Dust Collectors
- Part 15: Explosives and Sheathed Explosive Units
- Diesel Particulate Matter Control Technologies Acceptances



M&ESD Program Areas

- Part 18: Explosion-Proof Enclosures
- Part 18: Explosion-Proof and Non-Explosion-Proof Connectors
- Part 7 Subpart C: Battery Assemblies
- Part 7 Subpart J: Electric Motor Assemblies
- Mine Component acceptances:
 - ST&Es (Lighting Systems)



M&ESD Program Areas

- Fire Protection Systems
- Explosives Safety
- Technical Assistance
 - Accident Investigations
 - Training
 - Inspector and Industry Assistance





SOURCE: [Al Hartmann | The Salt Lake Tribune](#)



30 CFR Part 7 Approvals

- Testing by Applicant or Third Party
- Applicants Submits Certified Statements
 - Compliance with Design Specifications
 - Compliance with Test Requirements
 - Quality Assurance
- Third party laboratory evaluations
 - Test Observations
 - MSHA observes first test and any additional testing deemed necessary



30 CFR Part 7 - Subpart E: Diesel Engines

- Category A (Permissible)
 - Test with methane / Approval Number 07-EPA24000#
- Category B (Nonpermissible)
 - Test without methane / Approval Number 07-ENA24000#
- Modern Diesel Engines incorporate aftertreatment systems included in the engine approval
 - Aftertreatment Drawings and Specifications
 - Aftertreatment Regeneration Details



30 CFR Part 7 - Subpart F Diesel Power Packages

- Requires a Category A Approved Diesel Engine (Concurrent testing)
- Exhaust System
 - explosion proof requirements / exhaust gas cooling / flame and spark arresting / surface temperature controls
- Intake System
 - Explosion proof requirements / intake flame arrester / emergency intake air shut off valve
- Safety Shutdown System
 - high coolant temperature / high exhaust gas temperature / low water shutdown on wet systems



30 CFR Part 36 – Mobile Diesel-Powered Equipment

- Required Forms and Checklists
 - Machine Factory Inspection Form
 - Machine Permissibility Checklist
- Certification Statements
 - Guarding & Hose Routing
 - Operator's Compartment
 - Fire Suppression/Fire Extinguisher
 - V belts shall be static conducting



30 CFR Part 36 – Mobile Diesel-Powered Equipment

- Total machine approval (brakes, operator safety, etc.)
- Evaluate to Part 75 (Subpart T Diesel-Powered Equipment) requirements
- Machine Inspection
 - Need Completed Factory Inspection Form
 - Permissibility Checklists
 - Exhaust Gas Check
 - Drawing Comparison
- Approval Number 36-CA**24000**# (Coal) / 36-NA**24000**# (Noncoal)



CERTIFICATION GROUP



Overview of Certification Group Presentation

- 30 CFR – Part 7 – Subpart C – Battery Assemblies
- 30 CFR – Part 18 – Explosion-Proof Enclosures
- 30 CFR – Part 7 – Subpart J – Electric Motor Assemblies
- Important Certification Program Update
- 10 Ways to Expedite the Approval Process
- Common Discrepancies



30 CFR Part 7 - Subpart C Battery Assemblies



Part 7 - Subpart C: Battery Assemblies

- Lead acid machine batteries designs are evaluated for compliance and certified to 30 CFR - Part 7 - Subpart C
- The battery layout, tray design, and electrical specifications must be documented on drawings submitted for evaluation.
- Battery trays and cover must be coated in an MSHA accepted flame-resistant, acid resistant, and electrically insulating material.

LINK: [Acid and Flame Resistant Battery Box Cover Insulation Material Listing](#)



Part 7 - Subpart C: Battery Assemblies

- If battery trays and/or cover are constructed in materials less than the impact tensile strength of AISI 1010 steel, testing listed in 30 CFR § 7.44 must be performed by applicant or third-party.
- For Application Procedures and Checklist: See ASAP 2013 - Application Procedure for Part 7 Battery Assembly Approvals, Subsequent Approvals and Extensions of Approval:
 - Check List located in 'ENCLOSURE E'

LINK: [ASAP 2023 - Part 7 Battery Application Procedures](#)



30 CFR Part 18

Explosion-Proof Enclosures



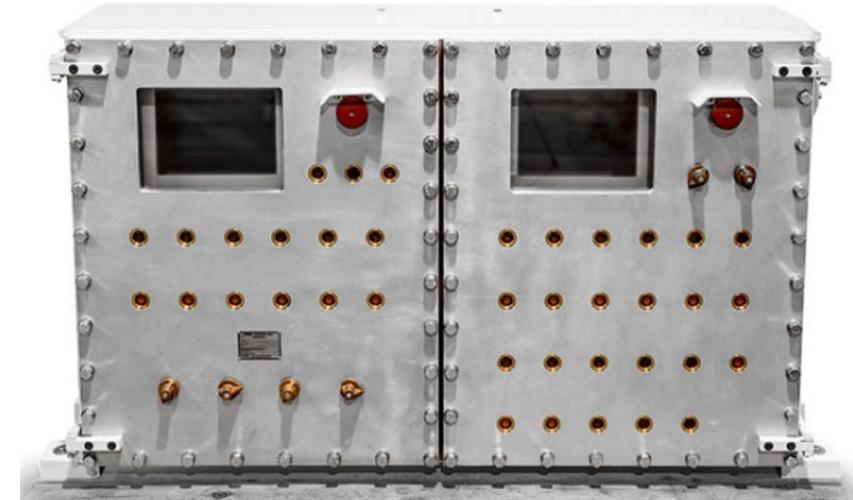
Part 18: Explosion-Proof (XP) Enclosures

- Explosion-proof (XP) enclosures and connectors designs are evaluated for compliance with requirements listed in Part 18 and applicable design criteria.
- XP enclosures and connectors are inspected and tested unless similar to a previously tested enclosure.
 - MSHA performs the inspection, thermal shock, impact, and explosion-testing at this facility.



Part 18: Explosion-Proof (XP) Enclosures

- For Application Procedures and Checklist: See ASAP 2015 - Standard Application Procedures for Simplified Certification, Certifications and Extensions of Certification
 - Check List located in 'ENCLOSURE E'



MSHA DOES NOT ENDORSE THESE PRODUCTS

SOURCE: [Elgin Power Solutions](#)

LINK: [ASAP 2015 - Part 18 Certification Application Procedures](#)



Part 18: Explosion-Proof (XP) Enclosures

- Compliance Guides for products are located on the MSHA website.
- These 'guides' are valuable resources which contain links to MSHA policies and regulations.

XP Connection Box/Enclosures – Compliance Guide

LINK: [XP Connection Enclosures Compliance Guide](#)

XP Plug and Receptacles/Connectors – Compliance Guide

LINK: [XP Connector Compliance Guide](#)



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SOURCE: [Elgin Power Solutions Matrix](#)





Compliance Information Guide for Approval and Certification Center Electrical Safety Division Approval and Acceptance Programs

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT - - X/P Connection Boxes/Enclosures

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

- [30CFR Part 18.1 through 18.20](#)
- [30 CFR Part 18.23](#)
- [30 CFR Part 18.27 through 18.33](#)
- [30 CFR Part 18.38 and 18.39](#)
- [30 CFR Part 18.41, 18.42, and 18.43](#)
- [30 CFR Part 18.60, 18.62, 18.66, 18.67, and 18.69](#)

Links to Regulations

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- [ASAP1005 - RAMP Application Procedures](#)
- [ASAP2015 - Application Procedures for Certified Enclosures](#)

APPLICABLE POLICIES & TEST PROCEDURES

- [ACRI2012 - Criteria for Enclosures Containing Electrical Components Embedded in Potting Material](#)
- [ACRI2102 - Windows or Lens on X/P Enclosures](#)
- [APOL1009 - Center Cancellation Policy](#)
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[APOL2155 - Flat Washers on X/P Equipment](#)

[APOL2163 - Listing Cables & Cable Ranges](#)

[APOL2166 - Maximum Cable Ampacity](#)

[APOL2168 - Explosion Testing of Alternate Materials](#)

[APOL2174 - Attaching Hose Conduit on Potted Solenoids](#)

[ASOP 2111 - Inspection of Explosion-proof \(XP\) Electrical Enclosures](#)

[ASTP2130 - Polycarbonate Surface Temperature Tests](#)

[ASTP2131 - Thermal Shock Tests on Windows/Lens](#)

[ASTP2132 - Lens Impact Test](#)

[ASTP2137 - Explosion Testing Per 18.62](#)

[Program Policy for 18.69](#)

[Program Policy for 18.20](#)

[Program Policy for 18.30](#)

[Program Policy for 18.4](#)

[Program Policy for 18.6](#)

[Program Policy for 18.61](#)

[Program Policy for 18.68](#)

[Program Policy for 18.41](#)

[Program Policy for 18.37](#)

[Program Policy for 18.50](#)

**Links to Policies
& Test Procedures**



30 CFR Part 7 – Subpart J

Electric Motor Assemblies



Part 7 – Subpart J: Electric Motor Assemblies:

- Explosion-proof (XP) motors and pumps are evaluated for compliance and approved to Part 7, Subpart J and applicable design criteria.
- XP motors and pumps are tested by applicant or third party.
 - MSHA may elect to witness testing at full cost to the applicant.
 - List of labs located on MSHA website under Explosion Testing of Electric Motor Assemblies
 - New labs performing testing MSHA will likely elect to witness testing.

LINK: [MSHA - Technical Support - Approval and Certification Center - Test Laboratories](#)

(Not endorsed or Approved by MSHA, but listed as a convenience)



Part 7 – Subpart J: Electric Motor Assemblies:

- For Application Procedures and Checklist: See ASAP 2017 - Standard Application Procedure for Part 7 Motor Approvals, Extension of Approvals, and Subsequent Approvals
 - Check List located in 'ENCLOSURE E'

LINK: [ASAP 2017 - Part 7 XP Motor Application Procedures](#)

- Compliance Guides for products are located on the MSHA website.

XP Motor – Compliance Guide

LINK: [XP Motor Compliance Guide](#)

XP Pump – Compliance Guide

LINK: [XP Pump Compliance Guide](#)



Important Certification Program Update



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- Beginning in Fall of 2023, new grommet materials are flame tested through our Quality Assurance and Materials Testing Division.
- Grommet materials flame-resistant acceptances are to be submitted by the grommet material manufacturers.
 - The grommet material manufacturer will receive an MSHA Acceptance number.
- This acceptance program is only for flame-resistant acceptance.
 - Enclosure and motor manufacturers must specify the grommet acceptance number under their XP certifications to use grommet material.
 - Explosion testing will be performed under XP certifications.



Important Certification Program Update

- For Application Procedures: See ASAP 5017 - Application Procedures for Acceptance of Grommet/Compressible Materials in Explosion-Proof Enclosures and Motors
- For further information please contact MSHA's Approval & Certification Center – Quality Assurance and Materials Testing Division.

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LINK: [Application Procedures for Acceptance of Grommet/Compressible Materials in Explosion-Proof Enclosures and Motors](#)



10 Ways to Expedite the Approval Process



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1. The A&CC offers free consultation prior to submission of an application where you may discuss your proposed design and obtain assistance.
2. Ensure all required documentation is included with original application.
3. Use the checklist provided in the applicable application procedure.
4. The more accurate and complete the documentation for the application, the timelier the application can be evaluated.
5. RAMP Application Letters should include detail description of all changes and explanation of why these changes are equivalent or better than original design.



10 Ways to Expedite the Approval Process

6. If requesting waiver of testing, the justification of waiver must be included in the application letter.
7. Keep drawings, documents, reports, and files submitted clear and concise.
8. Stay organized with drawing submissions throughout the approval process and do not resend unmodified drawings.
9. When responding to a discrepancy list or questions, communication with the investigator goes a long way.



10 Ways to Expedite the Approval Process

10. Submit drawings in MSHA specific “simplified certification” format instead of submitting manufacturing drawings.
 - Assembly-type drawings instead of individual component part drawings.
 - These assembly drawings depict the actual configuration of the enclosure and include all dimensions critical to the requirements of 30 CFR, Part 18 or Part 7, including welding notes, materials and tolerances.
 - Noncritical dimensions and specifications, such as those relating to mounting feet and non-essential internal details are not required and should be omitted to gain the full benefit of the simplified procedure.



Common Discrepancies



COMMON DISCREPANCIES

1. Not having all drawings referenced by each other. If this does not occur, then a drawing list detailing all drawings must be submitted and serve as the controlled top-level drawing with all drawings referencing to see the drawing number of the drawing list.
2. Not documenting on the drawings, the specific material type for critical parts. (i.e. walls, covers, component parts)

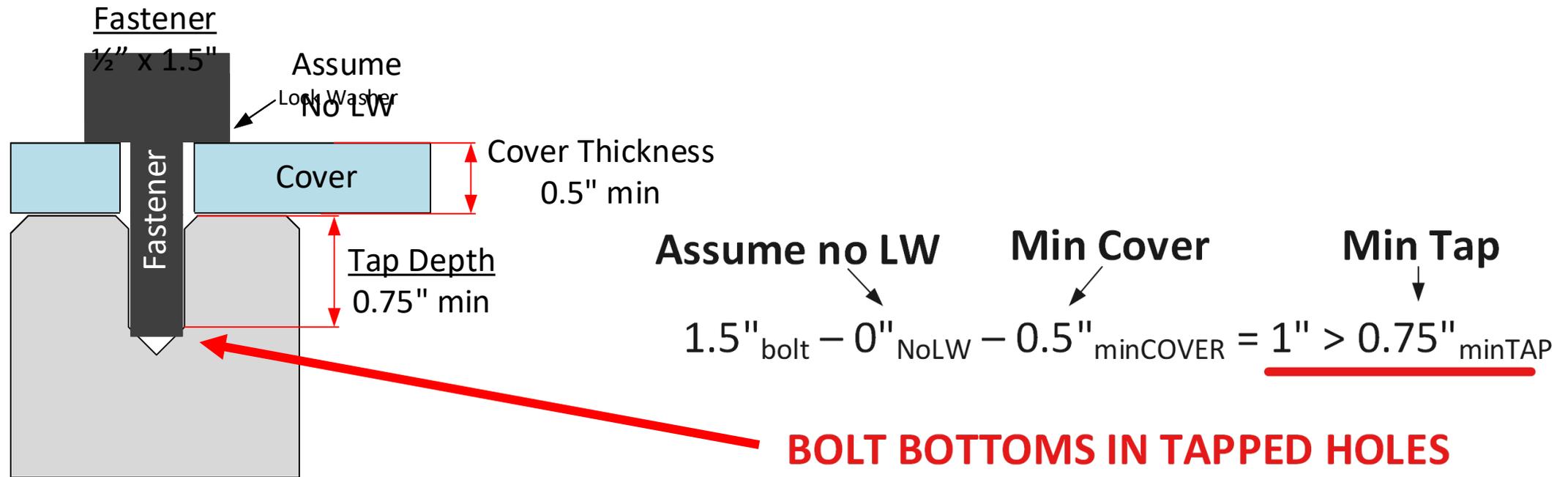
INCORRECT (not specific)	CORRECT (specific)
Steel	A36 Steel
Polycarbonate	Plaskolite Tuffak GP-V
Aluminum	6061-T6 Aluminum

3. Not submitting material data sheets for critical parts.



COMMON DISCREPANCIES

4. Not reviewing and addressing all points in the Lens Criteria – ACRI 2102.
5. Not verifying that bolts do not bottom in tapped holes when washers are removed. [30 CFR §18.32(d)]



LINK: [ACRI 2102 - Lens Criteria](#)



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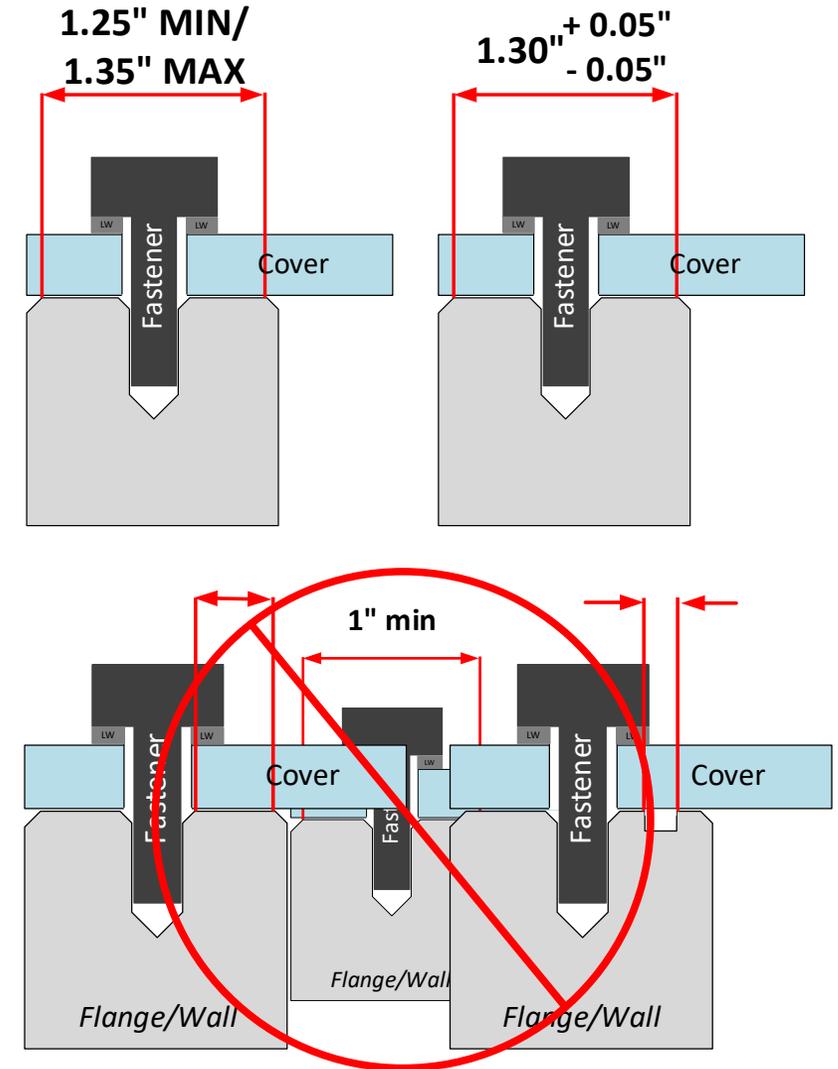
6. Not adequately documenting flamepaths.

Flamepath Issues #1

All flamepath dimensions must be listed as:

- minimum/maximum, or
- nominal plus tolerances.

This also includes other flamepath dimensions, such as o-ring groove details and bolt hole locations.



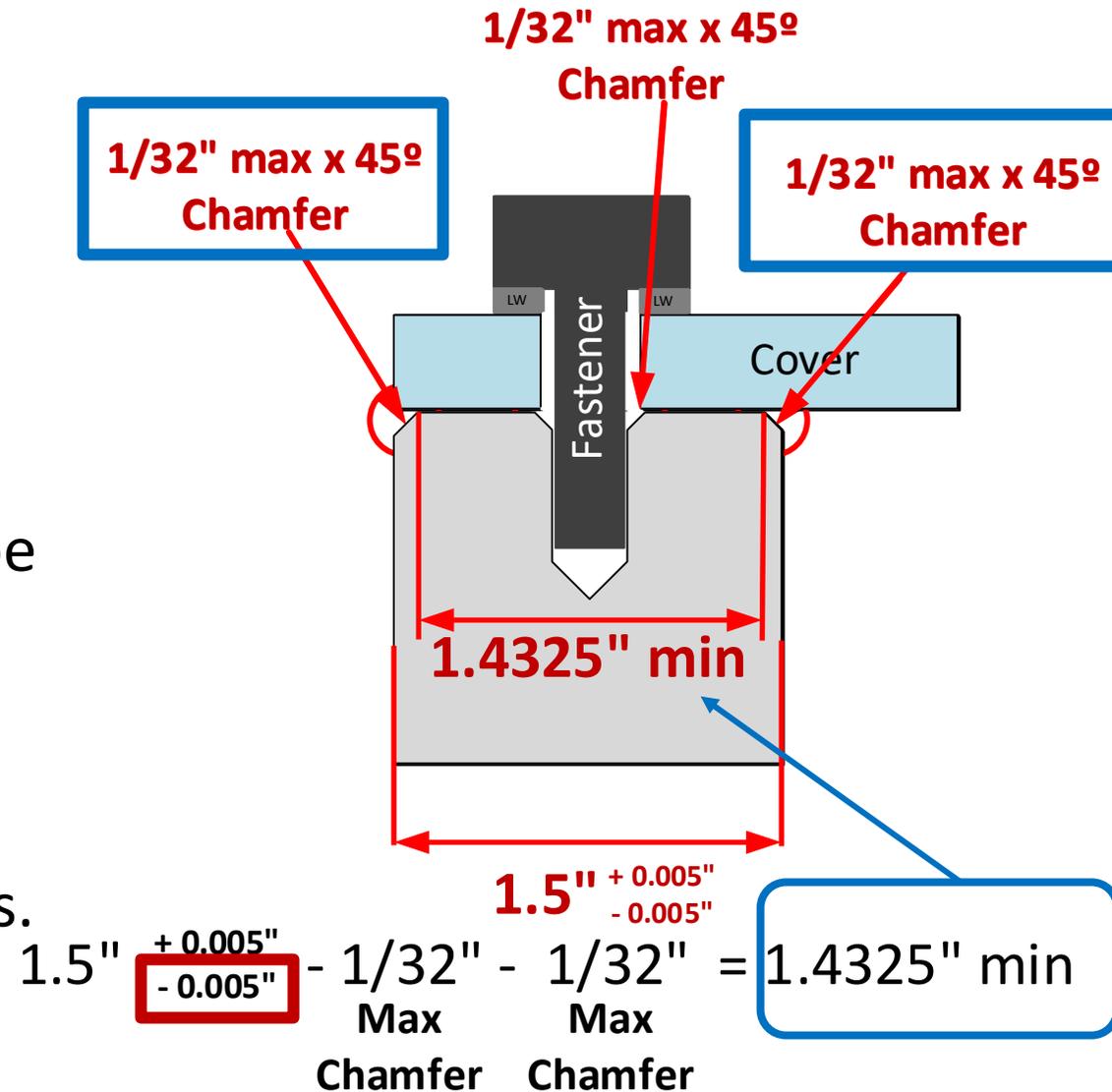
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6. Not adequately documenting flamepaths.

Flamepath Issues #2

Not listing maximum chamfers or accounting for them in flamepath calculations.

- Chamfers and bolt hole finishing must be shown in flamepath details.
- Chamfer size must be specified.
- Maximum chamfer size must be considered when calculating flamepaths.



COMMON DISCREPANCIES

6. Not adequately documenting flamepaths.

Flamepath Issues #3

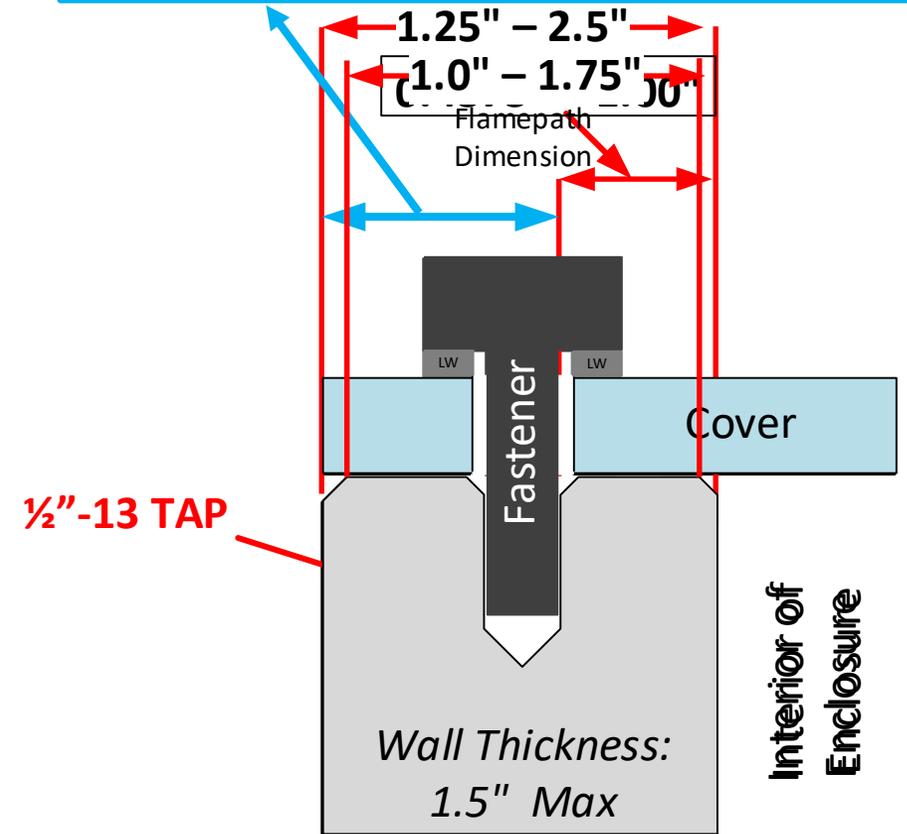
Dimensions should be representative of the manufacturing drawings and should be checked by the manufacturer before submitting.

- Being generic with dimensions usually end up with dimensions contradicting each other.
- Worst case design will be required for testing purposes.

There would not be enough room for the tap into the wall flange
1.5" Max Wall Thickness < 1.75" Max Flamepath

$$1.25''_{\text{minFlange}} - 1.00''_{\text{maxTap}} = 0.25'' < 0.5''_{\text{tap}}$$

This is not possible



COMMON DISCREPANCIES

7. Not adequately justifying changes to design and test waivers when requested.
 - Manufacturers should do their review prior to submitting application to determine if waiving of testing is viable.
 - Application letter must document the justification for why changes to design or new design testing should be waived.
 - The certification or approval number of the original tested enclosure or motor must be listed in the application test waiver request.
 - If there are any questions related to design changes or test waiving questions, reach out for a consultation prior to submitting application.



COMMON DISCREPANCIES

7. Not adequately justifying changes to design and test waivers when requested.

Test Waivers Tips

- Waivers can only be based upon a certification/approval that has been explosion tested and owned by manufacturer requesting the waiver.
- The tested design must be previously certified and tested to MSHA requirements.
- If there are barriers included in the design (i.e. between Stator and Connection Box of Motor) or other design stipulations which require additional testing the test waiver will typically be denied.
- Volume difference between new design and tested design cannot be greater than $\pm 10\%$



COMMON DISCREPANCIES

7. Not adequately justifying changes to design and test waivers when requested.

Test Waivers Tips

- The new design needs to be equivalent or better than the tested design.

Some example of areas we look at:

- Wall, Cover, Flange Thickness
- Material Strengths
- Flamepaths - lengths, clearances and design
- Bolt – size, spacing and thread engagement
- Previously tested and accepted components (i.e. lens assemblies, glands, etc.)



QUESTIONS?



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