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#### **Foreword**

Throughout all stages of the design of a chemical plant, engineers of many disciplines communicate by reference to diagrams ranging from the simple block diagram, where process alternatives are screened and developed, to the comprehensive engineering line diagrams from which the plant is planned and fabricated. The graphic symbols employed in these diagrams need to be relatively simple and versatile, so that they may be easily modified to suit the particular design requirement; also their form should be representative of the equipment they describe.

This useful reference book has collected together graphic symbols from many standard documents and other sources and these have been arranged so that the selection of the appropriate symbol for formulation or interpretation of the many different flowsheets is easily accomplished. The existence of alternative symbols for the same item emphasises the need for further standardisation in this area and it is hoped that this publication has made a valuable contribution in this respect.

This book is recommended for undergraduate chemical engineering students, especially those embarking on design project work, and it is believed that it will also be useful to draughtsmen and process engineers employed in plant design offices in the chemical industry.

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#### **Preface**

Process flow (PFD) and engineering line (ELD) diagrams are the chemical and process engineer's basic means of communication during the development, process and project engineering of plants. However, difficulties are frequently encountered in interpreting or formulating these diagrams. Such problems are primarily associated with the layout and use of graphic symbols employed to represent plant items and ancillary equipment, including control and instrumentation features of the process.

The types of question that arise are:

What does this symbol represent?

Which type of internals is employed in this distillation column?

Does a recognised symbol exist for a plate heat exchanger?

Two symbols are available for a diaphragm valve: which is preferred, and why?

Can it be shown graphically how the valve is actuated, with the type of fittings for connection to pipelines?

Frequent reference to the various different published systems of symbols to answer these questions distracts the designer from the continuity of the flowsheet. Moreover, confusion over symbol use and interpretation, as well as being time-consuming, can lead to serious mistakes which may be costly to rectify and, if they remain undetected, can result in inefficient or even unsafe plant.

Although flowsheets fulfil diverse functions, their chief use is to communicate a process design clearly and accurately with the minimum of effort on the part of those engaged in producing and interpreting them. The principal objective in compiling this book has been to ease these tasks by providing a comprehensive list of graphic symbols with examples to illustrate the way they are used.

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## PART ONE General Equipment

	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
Heat exchanger	basic		basic (12)	
	basic			
	basic A 2			
Rack or bank exchanger horizontally stacked			13	
vertically stacked Relative positions of connections				
to be shown.			(3)	1 (12
Annular type (concentric tube)	6			
vertical See also Double pipe type.	6			
Bayonet (immersion) type			STM, general COND. (8)	
with hairpin tubes			16	
with floating end plate			(16)	

#### 4 HEAT TRANSFER Heat exchangers (general)

Heat exchangers (general)	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
Coil (heating/cooling)				
con (nouting, cooming,				
	basic 1			- ×
			Ь	
half pipe			0 06	
			þ (16)	
full pipe			0	
			0	
immersion coil				
			16)	
Double pipe type	1		<u> </u>	*
			1	0 <
A	1)		(17)	(13) (15)
Finned tube type			(6)	
Finned tube type				
	i.		16)	15
Hairpin (U-tube) type				
Relative positions of connections				
to be shown.			(16)	(12)
Kettle type				
			HOT OIL 18	
Plate type				
			<b>&gt;</b>	>
	(1)		16	(12)
Shell and tube		Å	<u> </u>	1
fixed tube	H	-		
sheet	1		<u></u>	
	1	8 11	12	13

Heat exchangers (general)

				angers (general)
	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
fixed tube sheet			(15)	(15)
Baffles to be added where necessary.			(16)	17)
horizontally mounted	6			
vertically mounted	6			,
floating head (U-tube)			(E)	
Spiral type			16	
Spray type				* * * * CW
See also Water-cooled exchanger.			(16)	(18)
Tube coil type			16	
Electrical heater	basic 1			,
Tank heater	1			
Cabin heater				

Condensers

	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
Surface condenser  shell and tube type  Steam flows in cross-flow arrangement over tubes.	basic 2	basic (11)		
	basic 4			
water-cooled	* 1	8		
air-cooled  Natural/forced draft.				
water-cooled  Divided on water side.	1			
Evaporative	basic			
barometric type  Used with steam jet ejectors for generation of vacuum.		8	13 (18)	
<b>jet type</b> Water sprayed directly into evacuated chamber.	4	(1)	12	

	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
Cooler	basic 2			
Air-cooled exchanger	basic 45			
	basic 1		basic (18)	
finned pipe			<del>&gt;                                      </del>	12
type			15	
Water cooler (cooling tower)  Direct contact between water and air flowing countercurrently — draft may be forced, induced or natural.	basic 1 4 5	basic 8	<b></b>	basic (12)
		basic 11	)	
natural draft	1	*	(16)	
forced draft Show position of fan for forced draft (fan at air outlet) or induced draft (fan at air inlet).	8		(16)	M

Coolers

	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
Air cooler			ADJUSTABLE LOUVERS  VARIABLE PITCH TO THE CONTROLLER M 13	
Torced draft			(17)	,
induced draft			STEAM COIL 13	15
Box-type cooler		8	(15)	
Oil cooler	4			
Water-cooled exchanger		8		
Refrigeration exchanger	6			
·				

				Dryers
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	BS	ANSI(ASA)	Alternative	Alternative
Dryer	basic (5)		basic (16)	
Batch tray dryer  Reheated, recirculated air passed over material placed on trays, which may be heated by steam coils.	basic 12	basic 8	basic 18	basic
drying oven				
hot gas dryer with trays	1			
Belt (continuous tunnel) dryer Material carried on belt or series of trays: suitable for vacuum unit.	basic 1	basic 8	M basic (16)	
Disc dryer			(b)	
Fluidized bed dryer			16	
Rotary dryer	basic 1			
rotary film dryer or flaker Used for solutions or slurries which are fed onto a steam- heated drum; dried product removed from drum using knife.	2	***	12	