

Configuration sheet Strength calculation of thermowell acc. to ASME PTC 19.3

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	_	ation of thermowell			
1. JSP thermov	vell code number (for ex	ample: WT70 C 01 V700 Z01 P02 L1	60 M03):		
2. JSP tempera	ture sensor code numb	er (for example: T1070 04 1 J13 L16	0 H1 S3 D3 N1 P3):		
3. Thermowell s	specification by custom	er drawing No:			
4. Basic thermo	well parameters:				
Thermowell material:	□ 1.0570 □ 1.0425 (P265GH) □ 1.5415 (15Mo3) □ 1.7335 (13CrMo4-{	•			
Thermowell c ☐ for screwin ☐ for welding ☐ with flange	g	Thermowell construction: ☐ cylindrical (welded) ☐ conical	ØB ØA Ød Conical thermowell for screwing	Ø A = Ø B Ø d Cylindric thermowell for welding	
Thermowell le Inner thermov Length of ther Bottom thickn Thermowell m	nmersion length in flowing ength from the fixation U [well diameter (bore) d [mn mowell extension piece 1 ess t [mm]:	g medium X [mm]:	Ø B Ø A Ø d Conical thermowell for welding	A=ØB Cylindric thermowell with flange	
5. Operational of	conditions:				
Measured me Maximal flow Medium press Medium temp Medium dyna Medium dens Piping with me Parameters of Caution! Strength calcu	dium: □ liquid □ gas of medium:	operational medium flow:	minimum: proces minimum: proces minimum: proces ing operational conditions) ing operational conditions) ckness: lengt ode of welded on piece)	s: units: s: units: h of welded on piece:	
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Pressure and vibration induced by liquid flow

Thermowell strength depends on several parameters related to the thermowell construction and operation conditions. Standard versions of JSP thermowells guarantee sufficient strength for most of the applications when the proper selection of thermowell material, design and length with respect to application is done. Proper selection of thermowell depends on the type of the operation medium, temperature, pressure, and flow velocity. It is important to note that the thermowells are mostly damaged by vibrations caused by a medium flow.

Possible thermowell damage can be primarily caused by following reasons:

1) Vibrations induced by internal medium flow

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Behind the thermowell, the swirls with certain frequency are created. The frequency depends on the flow velocity. If this frequency is close to the natural frequency of the thermowell, resonance of these frequencies can cause massive absorption of energy by thermowell and its damage. If the thermowell is not damaged, it is likely that the measuring insert located inside the thermowell is excessive strained by vibration and this can cause damage or destruction of the sensor.

ASME regulations require the ratio of the excitation frequency to natural frequency of the thermowell lower than 0.8. In cases, when the ratio is greater than 0.8 following two solutions can be used:

- A) Reduce the excitation frequency from the flow by reducing the flow velocity or by using a larger diameter of the thermowell.
- B) Increase the natural frequency of the thermowell by using a stronger construction (different type of thermowell, different material, or a shorter length of the thermowell).

2) Thermowell stress form the operation medium flow

The cross-section characteristic of medium flow is a function of flow velocity and density of the medium and defines the forces applied on the thermowell.

This stress is calculated and is compared with the strength of the material used for the thermowell.

3) Compression stress

Maximal static pressure that thermowell can handle is detected by calculation.

Caution!

Strength calculation should be used as a recommendation of thermowell design for specific application.

The calculation is based on theoretical methods and cannot be considered as a guarantee against possible failure of the thermowell.