

SECTION 33 16 00  
FIBERGLASS TANK SOLUTIONS  
POTABLE WATER TANKS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Underground Tanks:
  - 1. For tank installations in the following locations:
    - a. United States.
  - 2. For the following applications:
    - a. Potable Water tanks.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 02200 – Earthwork.
- B. Section 03300 – Concrete.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. Potable Water Tanks:
  - 1. American Concrete Institute (ACI) standard ACI 318, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete.
  - 2. ANSI/AWWA D120: Thermosetting Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Tanks.
  - 3. NSF/ANSI Standard 61: Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects.
  - 4. ASTM D4097: Standard Specification for Contact-Molded Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks.
  - 5. ASTM D3299: Standard Specification for Filament-Wound Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section 01300 – Administrative Requirements.
- B. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's data sheets on each product to be used, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
  - 2. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.
  - 3. Installation manual and operating guidelines.
- C. Shop Drawings: Tank manufacturer shall submit the following for review and approval prior to fabrication of the tanks:
  - 1. Detailed shop drawings of each tank complete with all accessories supplied by the manufacturer.
  - 2. Detailed shipping, handling and installation instructions.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Tank installations:
  - 1. Regulatory Requirements: Comply with applicable requirements of the laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations of federal, state, and local authorities having jurisdiction.

## 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. General: Comply with tank manufacturer's Installation and Operating Guidelines recommendations for delivery, storage, and tank handling.

## 1.7 WARRANTY

- A. Warranty: Provide manufacturer's standard limited warranty.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS:

- A. Tank installations:
  - 1. Acceptable Manufacturer: Acceptable Manufacturer: Fiberglass Tank Solutions, which is located at: 436 S. State Hwy 7, Camdenton, MO 65020. Telephone: 573-317-9620. Email: [info@fgtsolutions.com](mailto:info@fgtsolutions.com). Web: [fgtsolutions.com](http://fgtsolutions.com).
  - 2. Acceptable Pre-cast Deadmen Manufacturer: Fiberglass Tank Solutions, which is located at: 436 S. State Hwy 7, Camdenton, MO 65020. Telephone: 573-317-9620. Email: [info@fgtsolutions.com](mailto:info@fgtsolutions.com). Web: [fgtsolutions.com](http://fgtsolutions.com).
- B. Substitutions: Not permitted.
- C. Requests for substitutions will be considered in accordance with provisions of Section 01600 – Product Requirements.

### 2.2 UNDERGROUND TANKS

- A. Tank Design - Fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) tanks:
  - 1. Tank Design: Single-Wall, Double-Wall or Triple-Wall vessel as specified and shown on the Drawings.
  - 2. The tank size, fittings and accessories shall be as shown on the drawings.
  - 3. Tank shall be manufactured with continuous monolithic structural ribs that are placed at a standard 24" spacing along the cylinder of the tank.
  - 4. Tank shall be manufactured with a laminate consisting of resin and glass fiber reinforcement only. No sand/silica fillers or resin extenders shall be used.
  - 5. Tank shall be vented to atmospheric pressure.
  - 6. Tank shall be compatible with liquids identified in the manufacturer's standard limited warranty.
  - 7. Actual tank capacity shall be equal to or greater than the nominal capacity listed on sales literature and production drawings.
  - 8. Tanks shall have ASME 80:10 tank ends, allowing for maximum capacity with minimum tank footprint.
  - 9. Primary wall construction: NSF/ANSI 61 certified for use in commercial and domestic potable water systems as a protective barrier material.
  - 10. Primary wall construction: filament or helically wound laminate of resin and continuous glass fiber with structural ribs integral to wall; ribs constructed over a foam form.
  - 11. Secondary (outer) wall for DW tanks bonded to inner wall using a 3D structural glass material forming a monitorable interstice.
  - 12. Exterior finish: smooth hot-coat finish for additional corrosion resistance.
- B. Loading Conditions – Tank shall meet the following design criteria:
  - 1. Internal Load – Tank shall be designed to withstand a 5-psig air-pressure test with a 5:1 safety factor.

2. Surface Loads – Tank shall be designed to withstand surface H-20 and HS-20 axle loads when properly installed according to manufacturer's current Installation Manual and Operating Guidelines.
  3. External Hydrostatic Pressure – Tank shall be designed for 7 feet of overburden over the top of the tank, the hole fully flooded, and a safety factor of 2.5:1 against general buckling.
- C. Interstitial Space:
1. The interstitial space between the tank walls shall be constructed with a glass reinforcement material which provides a structural bond between the tank walls while creating a defined interstice that allows for free flow of liquid.
- D. Tank Monitoring System:
1. General:
    - a. The continuous monitoring system shall include monitoring fluid factory-installed in the interstitial space and within a fiberglass tank-top mounted reservoir.
  2. Design:
    - a. The continuous monitoring system shall be designed to always detect a leak in either the primary or secondary wall, regardless of the water table conditions at the installation site.
    - b. The interstice of the tank shall be designed for a 5:1 safety factor beyond normal hydrostatic operating pressure to ensure structural integrity and to prevent false leak alarms.
- E. Potable Water Tanks:
1. Governing Standards, as applicable:
    - a. American Concrete Institute (ACI) standard ACI 318, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete.
    - b. ANSI/AWWA D120: Thermosetting Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Tanks.
    - c. NSF/ANSI Standard 61: Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects.
    - d. ASTM D4097: Standard Specification for Contact-Molded Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks.
    - e. ASTM D3299: Standard Specification for Filament-Wound Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks.
  2. Tank Accessories:
    - a. Tank Anchoring:
      - 1) Anchor straps shall be as supplied by tank manufacturer and designed for a maximum load of 25,000 lbs.
      - 2) Galvanized turnbuckles shall be supplied by the tank manufacturer.
      - 3) Prefabricated concrete anchors shall be supplied and manufactured by the tank manufacturer, designed to the ACI 318 standard, manufactured with 4,000 psi concrete and shall have adjustable anchor points.
      - 4) Pre-cast concrete deadmen to be manufactured by Fiberglass Tank Solutions LLC, located at 436 S. State Hwy 7.
      - 5) Substitutions are not permitted.
    - b. Threaded Fittings Connections:
      - 1) All threaded fittings shall be NPT half or full couplings, in 2-inch, 4-inch and 6-inch diameters.
      - 2) Threaded fittings are available in FRP, carbon steel and stainless steel.
      - 3) All FRP materials used to be NSF/ANSI 61 certified for use in commercial and domestic potable water systems as a protective barrier material.
      - 4) Fittings shall be installed on the tank-top centerline or in the cover of the

- manway.
- 5) Carbon steel and stainless steel NPT fittings shall withstand a minimum of 150 foot-pounds of torque and 1,000 foot-pounds of bending, both with a 2:1 safety factor.
- c. PVC Piping and FRP Nozzles Connections:
    - 1) All materials used to be NSF/ANSI 61 certified for use in commercial and domestic potable water systems as a protective barrier material.
    - 2) When acceptable for use, PVC piping shall at a minimum meet the requirements of ANSI Schedule 40.
    - 3) All flanged nozzles shall be flanged and flat-faced and conform to Class 150 bolting patterns as specified in ANSI/ASME/ B16.5.
  - d. Flexible Connectors:
    - 1) Flexible connectors should be utilized for all inlet or outlet connections that penetrate the tank on a horizontal plane.
    - 2) Flexible connectors should be designed to provide vertical movement to accommodate settlement at the project design burial depth.
    - 3) Flexible connectors not required on tank top centerline fittings that extend vertically to finished grade.
  - e. FRP Riser Lids:
    - 1) 24-inch, 30-inch, 36-inch, 42-inch, or 48-inch diameter lids shall be of an FRP composite material and utilize 316 S.S. bolts and latches.
    - 2) Connection to lids is gasketed and fits either a flat face flange or the riser pipe plain end connection.
    - 3) Lids include a textured finish with UV inhibitors.
    - 4) FRP lids shall be rated for 300-pound pedestrian rating for use in common areas where needed.
    - 5) FRP lids shall be rated for 2500-pound occasional wheel load for use in common areas where light wheel traffic will be required.
    - 6) When utilizing FRP riser lids with C.I. manhole ring and lids, construction techniques should be utilized to isolate the wheel load from the FRP riser.
  - f. Hinged & Lockable Covers
    - 1) Hinged and lockable covers shall be 100% FRP laminate in construction and are hinged for easy inspection and sealed with a watertight gasket to keep out dirt, groundwater, or insects.
  - g. Manways:
    - 1) The standard manway shall be flanged, 22 inches I.D. and complete with gaskets, bolts and cover.
  - h. Manway Extensions:
    - 1) FRP Manways shall provide a 24" or 30" I.D. opening and come complete with 304 S.S. bolts, nuts, and neoprene flat face gaskets.
    - 2) Manways shall provide lengths needed to extend 12" above grade for easy assembly of covers to top manway connection.
    - 3) Manway extensions shall be gel-coated 12" at finish grade.
  - i. Baffles and Partitions:
    - 1) Baffles and Partitions shall be the pump platform made using NSF/ANSI 61 certified materials for use in commercial and domestic potable water systems as a protective barrier material.
    - 2) Baffles and Partitions shall be capable of withstanding hydrostatic loads occurring when one compartment is empty and the remaining compartment(s) full.
  - j. Pump Platforms:
    - 1) Pump platforms shall be the pump platform made using NSF/ANSI 61 certified materials for use in commercial and domestic potable water

- systems as a protective barrier material.
- k. Secondary Containment Collars:
  - 1) The tank shall have factory-installed 42-inch or 48-diameter containment collars.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 TESTING

- A. Tank shall be tested according to the tank manufacturer's Installation Manual and Operating Guidelines in effect at time of installation.

#### 3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Tank shall be installed according to the tank manufacturer's Installation Manual and Operating Guidelines in effect at time of installation.

END OF SECTION