

PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION MECHANICAL PIPING SYSTEMS

1. GENERAL

1.1 Summary

.1 Related Sections:

- .1 23 05 83 – Balancing
- .2 23 05 93 - Testing
- .3 23 08 02 - Cleaning and Start-up of Mechanical Piping Systems.

1.2 Cleaning and Start-Up Of Mechanical Piping Systems

.1 In accordance with Section 23 08 02 - Cleaning and Start-up of Mechanical Piping Systems.

1.3 Hydronic Systems - Performance Verification (Pv)

.1 Perform hydronic systems performance verification after cleaning is completed and system is in full operation.

.2 When systems are operational, perform following tests:

- .1 Conduct full scale tests at maximum design flow rates, temperatures and pressures for continuous consecutive period of 48 hours to demonstrate compliance with design criteria.
- .2 Verify performance of hydronic system circulating pumps as specified, recording system pressures, temperatures, fluctuations by simulating maximum design conditions and varying.
 - .1 Pump operation.
 - .2 Chiller operation.
 - .3 Heat pump operation
 - .4 Pressure bypass open/closed.
 - .5 Control pressure failure.
 - .6 Maximum heating demand.
 - .7 Maximum cooling demand.
 - .8 Chiller failure.

1.4 Hydronic System Capacity Test

.1 Perform hydronic system capacity tests after:

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- .1 TAB has been completed
- .2 Verification of operating, limit, safety controls.
- .3 Verification of primary and secondary pump flow rates.
- .4 Verification of accuracy of temperature and pressure sensors and gauges.
- .2 Calculate system capacity at test conditions.
- .3 Using manufacturer's published data and calculated capacity at test conditions, extrapolate system capacity at design conditions.
- .4 When capacity test is completed, return controls and equipment status to normal operating conditions.
- .5 Submit sample of system water to approved testing agency to determine if chemical treatment is correct. Include cost.
- .6 Chilled water system capacity test:
 - .1 Perform capacity test when ambient temperature is within 10% of design conditions. Simulate design conditions by:
 - .1 Adding heat from building heating system or;
 - .2 Raising space temperature by turning off cooling and air systems for sufficient period of time before starting testing and pre-heating building to summer design space temperature (occupied) or above. Set OAD and RAD for minimum outside air if OAT is near outside design temperature or to maximum recirculation if RAT is greater than OAT. RAT to be at least 23 degrees C minimum.
 - .3 All test procedures and timing are to be with the consent of the Contract Administrator prior to execution and said consent documented and available for review.
 - .2 Test procedures:
 - .1 Open fully cooling coil control valves.
 - .2 Set thermostats on associated AHU's for maximum cooling.
 - .3 Set AHU's for design maximum air flow rates.
 - .4 Set load or demand limiters on chillers to 100%.
 - .5 After system has stabilized, record chilled water, and condenser water flow rates and supply and return temperatures simultaneously.

1.5 Condenser Water and Humidification Systems

- .1 In addition to procedures specified above, perform following:

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- .1 Add chemicals once per week as required.
- .2 Perform TAB as specified Section 23 05 83 – Balancing and Section 23 05 93 - Testing
- .3 Set up and adjust drip feeders, timer controls, pump strokes as required to maintain required chemical feed rates.
- .4 Inject inhibitor into cooling tower sump.

1.6 Reports

- .1 : Include:
 - .1 Pump performance verification as outlined in section 1.3.2 of this specification.
 - .2 Procedures taken to impose a full load on the chilled water system
 - .3 Document chilled water and condenser water flow and supply and return temperatures as stated in section 1.4.6.2.
 - .4 Show calculations used to determine the chilled water system capacity and how it compares to the manufacturer's performance data.

2. PRODUCTS

2.1 Not Used

- .1 Not Used.

3. EXECUTION

3.1 Not Used

- .1 Not Used.

END OF SECTION