

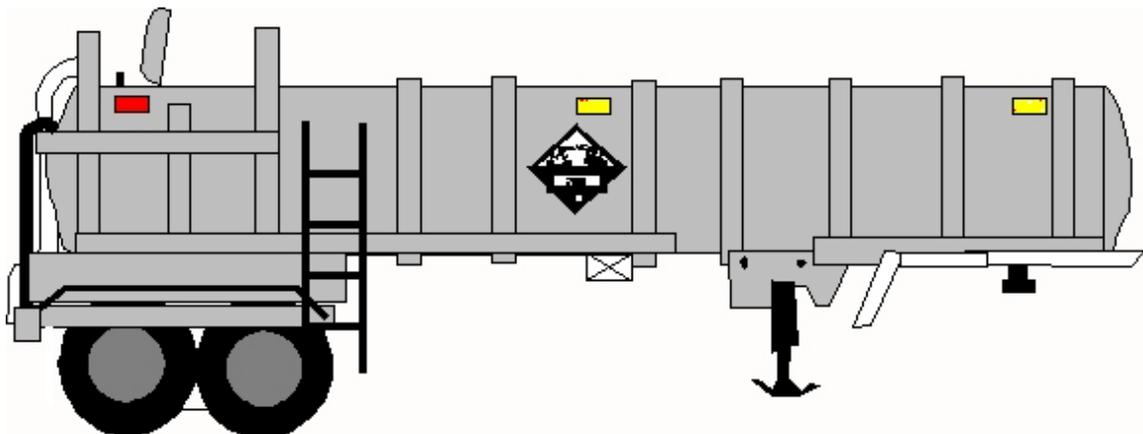


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**BULK PACKAGING AND CARGO TANKS  
PARTS 178 AND 180**



# **ESPECIFICACIONES DE TANQUES DE CARGA**

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**The requirements for design specifications for cargo tanks is contained in 49 CFR Part 178. Section 178.320 contains general requirements applicable for all cargo tanks.**

***49 CFR Part 178***

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- 178.320** General requirements applicable to all DOT specification cargo tank motor vehicles.
- 178.337** MC 331 cargo tank motor vehicles
- 178.345** General design and construction requirements applicable to Specification DOT 406, DOT 407 & DOT 412.

***49 CFR Part 178***

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- 178.346** Specification for DOT 406 cargo tank motor vehicle
- 178.347** Specification for DOT 407 cargo tank motor vehicle
- 178.348** Specification for DOT 412 cargo tank motor vehicle

**The design specifications for older cargo tanks which are no longer authorized for manufacture that are still authorized for use may be found in the October 1, 1990 49 CFR.**

The requirements for testing and inspection of cargo tanks is contained in 49 CFR 180.407. The following charts identifies the types of test required.

<b>Cargo Tank Testing Requirements</b>		
Test or Inspection (Cargo tank specification, configuration and service)	Date First Test Req.	Interval period
External Visual Inspection All cargo tanks designed to be loaded by vacuum with full opening rear heads	09/01/1991	6 mos
All other cargo tanks	09/01/1991	1 year

<b>Cargo Tank Testing Requirements</b>		
Test or Inspection (Cargo tank specification, configuration and service)	Date First Test Req.	Interval period
Internal Visual Inspection - All insulated cargo tanks except MC 330, MC 331, MC338.....	09/01/91	1 year
- All cargo tanks transporting lading corrosive to the tank.....	09/01/91	1 year
- All other cargo tanks except MC 338.....	09/01/95	5 years
Lining Inspection - All lined cargo tanks transporting lading corrosive to the tank.....	09/01/91	1 year

### **Cargo Tank Testing Requirements**

Test or Inspection (Cargo tank specification, configuration and service)	Date First Test Req.	Interval period
<b>Leakage Test</b> - MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks in chlorine service..... - All other cargo tanks except MC 338.....	09/01/91	2 years
<b>Pressure Test</b> Hydrostatic or pneumatic - All cargo tanks which are insulated with no manhole or insulated and lined except MC 338	09/01/91	1 year
	09/01/91	1 year

### **Cargo Tank Testing Requirements**

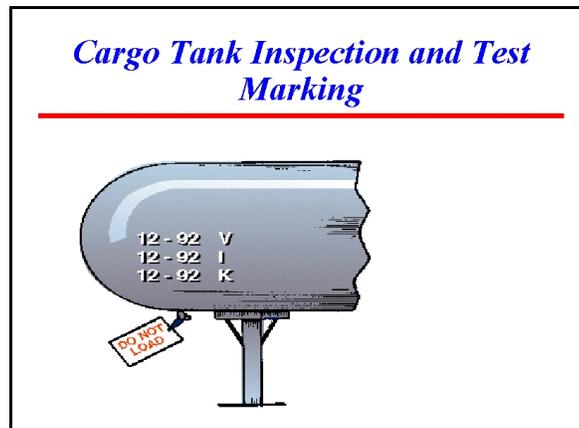
Test or Inspection (Cargo tank specification, configuration and service)	Date First Test Req.	Interval period
<b>Pressure Test (cont)</b> - All Cargo Tanks designed to be loaded by vacuum with full opening rear heads..... - Mc 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks in chlorine service..... - All other Cargo Tanks.....	09/01/92	2 years
	09/01/92	2 years
	09/01/95	5 years

### **Cargo Tank Testing Requirements**

Test or Inspection (Cargo tank specification, configuration and service)	Date First Test Req.	Interval period
<b>Thickness Test</b> - All unlined Cargo Tanks transporting material corrosive to the tank except MC 338.....	09/01/92	2 years

**These inspections must be performed by a person who meets the qualifications contained in 49 CFR ' 180.409 to perform the appropriate test(s)**

Each cargo tank that successfully completes the required test and inspection must be marked with 49 CFR in accordance ' 180.415



The following is a chart identifying the required marking.

### *Cargo Tank Inspection and Test Marking*

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- ▶ Durably and legibly marked in English
- ▶ Date, month and year the test/inspection performed, Example 10/97
- ▶ Letters and Numbers at least 32 mm (1.26 inches) high
- ▶ Marked on the Tank shell near the specification plate or anywhere on the front head.
- ▶ The type of test or inspection may be abbreviated using the following table

### *Cargo Tank Test Marking*

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TYPE OF TEST OR INSPECTION	MARKING
EXTERNAL VISUAL INSPECTION & TEST	V
INTERNAL VISUAL INSPECTION	I
PRESSURE TEST	P
LINING INSPECTION	L
LEAKAGE TEST	K
THICKNESS TEST	T

## MC-306/DOT-406



**General requirements applicable to all DOT specification cargo tanks are contained in 49 CFR 178.320. General design and construction requirements applicable to Dot 400 series tanks may be found in 178.345. The specifications for a DOT-406 cargo tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.346**

### **Usage:**

**Flammable Liquids w/low vapor pressure -Primarily petroleum products (e.g., Gasoline, diesel fuel)**

### **Similar Tank Specifications:**

**MC-300, MC-301, MC-302, MC-303, MC-305, NFPA 385, CSFMDA**

### **Design Pressure:**

**3-5 PSI non- ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) construction**

### **Shell/head Materials:**

<b>**</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>Aluminum (typical)</b>
	<b>HSLA</b>	<b>High Strength Low Alloy</b>
	<b>MS</b>	<b>Mild Steel</b>
	<b>SS</b>	<b>Stainless Steel</b>

### **Venting System:**

**10 in. spring loaded set @ 5PSI w/ fusible vents if necessary**

## **MC-307/DOT-407**



**General requirements applicable to all DOT specification cargo tanks are contained in 49 CFR 178.320. General design and construction requirements applicable to Dot 400 series tanks may be found in 178.345. The specifications for a DOT-407 cargo tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.347.**

### **Usage:**

**Flammable liquids w/moderate vapor pressure poisonous liquids  
Multiple hazard class liquid materials (e.g., flammable,  
corrosive and poisonous).**

### **Similar Tank Specification:**

**MC-304**

### **Design Pressure:**

**25 PSI min. 35 PSI (typical)**

**ASME design above 50 PSI for MC-307 ASME (American Society of  
Mechanical Engineers) Code**

**stamped above 35 PSI for DOT-407**

### **Shell/head Materials:**

**\*\* SS Stainless Steel (typical)**

**AL Aluminum**

**May also be made from MS or HSLA**

### **Venting System:**

**3 in. spring loaded set @ 130% of design pressure**

**w/ 2 ea. 3 in. fusible vents (typical)**

## MC-312/DOT-412



General requirements applicable to all DOT specification cargo tanks are contained in 49 CFR 178.320. General design and construction requirements applicable to Dot 400 series tanks may be found in 178.345. The specifications for a DOT-407 cargo tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.348.

### Usage:

**Corrosive Liquids**

**Multiple hazard class liquid materials (e.g., flammable, corrosive and poisonous)**

### Similar Tank Specifications

**MC-310, MC-311**

### Design Pressure

**~3 PSI min. (Minimum design pressure cannot not be less than the pressure used for unloading 49 CFR ' 178.343-1(c) 35 PSI (typical) ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) Code stamped above 15 PSI**

### Shell/head Materials:

**\*\* MS Mild Steel (typical)**

**SS Stainless Steel**

**May also be made from AL and HSLA**

### Venting System:

**13 in. spring loaded set @ 130% of design pressure w/ rupture discs @ 150% of design pressure**

**Often tanks have linings - rubber, teflon, glass, etc**

## MC-331



General requirements applicable to all DOT specification cargo tanks are contained in 49 CFR 178.320. The specifications for a MC-331 cargo tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.337.

### Usage:

Gasses (Liquified Petroleum Gas, Chlorine, Freon, Anhydrous ammonia)

### Similar Tank Specification:

MC-330, Non-specification tanks constructed to ASME standards in accordance with 49 CFR 173.315

### Design Pressure:

100 PSI min.      500 PSI Max.  
265 PSI (typical)  
ASME Code stamped

### Shell/head Materials:

\*\* HSLA      High Strength Low Alloy  
SS      Stainless Steel  
MS      Mild Steel

### Venting System:

Spring loaded

## MC-338



General requirements applicable to all DOT specification cargo tanks are contained in 49 CFR 178.320. The specifications for a MC-338 cargo tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.338.

**Usage:**

**Cryogenic Liquids**

**Similar Tank Specifications:**

**Tanks constructed under a DOT exemption**

**Design Pressure:**

**25.3 PSIG min. 500 PSI max.**

**ASME construction**

**Shell/head Materials:**

**\*\* HSLA High Strength Low Alloy**

**\*\* SS Stainless Steel**

**MS Mild Steel**

**Shell/head Thickness:**

**varies HSLA (typical)**

**Venting System:**

**Spring loaded w/ rupture disc**

**Insulated or vacuum thermos bottle design**

## VACUUM TANKS



### **Usage:**

**Hazardous wastes**

**These tanks are being converted to MC-307/312 specifications on or after 09/01/93.**

### **Similar Tank Specifications:**

**MC-307/MC-312**

### **Design Pressure:**

**25 PSI min. internal 35 PSI (typical)**

**15 PSI external**

**ASME Code stamped**

### **Shell/head Materials:**

**\*\* MS Mild Steel (typical)**

**SS Stainless Steel**

### **Shell/head Thickness:**

**.187 to .250 in. MS (typical)**

### **Venting System:**

**13 in. spring loaded w/ 3 in. rupture disc for corrosive service**

**A few of the tanks have linings - rubber, teflon, etc.**

## IM-101/102 Portable Tanks



The specifications for a IM 101 and IM 102 portable tanks may be found in 49 CFR 178.270.

### Usage:

Essentially all types of liquids and designed for intermodal transportation

### Similar Tank Specifications:

MC-307/312

### Design Pressure:

IM-101 - 25.4 to 100 PSIG max. (58 PSI)

IM-102 - 14.5 to 25.4 PSIG max.

ASME design not stamped

### Shell/head Materials:

\*\* SS Stainless Steel

\*\* HSLA High Strength Low Alloy

### Shell/head Thickness:

varies HSLA (typical)

### Venting System:

Spring Loaded

Both insulated and non-insulated

## **DOT-51 and DOT-60 Portable Tanks**



**The specifications for a DOT 57 portable tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.245. The specifications for a DOT 60 portable tank may be found in 49 CFR 178.255.**

**Usage:**

**Most types of liquids**

**Similar Tank Specifications:**

**None**

**Design Pressure:**

**DOT-56 - Not less than 100psig nor more than 500psig**

**DOT-60 - None**

**Shell/head Materials:**

**\*\* SS Stainless Steel**

**\*\* HSLA High Strength Low Alloy**

**MS Mild steel**

**AL Aluminum**

**MG Magnesium Alloys**

**Shell/head Thickness:**

**varies**