

# DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF PRESSURE VESSEL

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## ABSTRACT

*This technical paper presents design and analysis of pressure vessel. High pressure rise is developed in the pressure vessel and pressure vessel has to withstand severe forces. In the design of pressure vessel, safety is the primary consideration, due the potential impact of possible accident. There have a few main factors to design the safe pressure vessel. This writing is focusing on analyzing the safety parameter for allowable working pressure. Allowable working pressures are calculated by using Pressure Vessel Design Manual by Dennis Moss, third edition. The corruption of the vessel are probability occur at maximum pressure which is the element that only can sustain that pressure. Efforts are made in this paper to design the pressure vessel using ASME codes & standards to legalize the design.*

**Keyword:** - Design pressure, Design temperature, Vessel failure, Reinforcement design etc....

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Tanks, vessel and pipelines that carry, store or receive fluids are called pressure vessel. A pressure vessel is defined as a container with a pressure differential between inside and outside. The inside pressure is usually higher than the outside. Pressure vessel often has a combination of high pressure together with high temperature and in some cases flammable fluids or highly radioactive material. Because of such hazards it is imperative that the design be such that no leakage can occur. In addition vessel has to be design carefully to cope with the operating temperature and pressure [1].

## 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Pressure vessel may have failed through corrosion fatigue because the wrong material was selected. The designer must be as familiar with categories and types of failure as with categories and types of stress and loadings [1].

- Material - Improper selection of material; defects in material.
- Design - Incorrect design data; inaccurate or incorrect de-sign methods; inadequate shop testing.
- Fabrication - Poor quality control; improper or insufficient fabrication procedures including welding.

## 3. METHODOLOGY

To design of pressure vessel the selection of Code are important as a reference guide to achieve the safety pressure vessel. The selections of ASME VIII div 2 are described. The standard of material use are explained. Beside of that, the design and analysis software to obtain the result are introduced.

### 3.1 Code Selection

ASME VIII (division 2) "Construction of Pressure vessel Codes" are selected. It is, however, emphasized that any standard selected for manufacture of the air receiver must be followed and complied with in entirety and the design must not be based on provisions from different standards [2].

### 3.2 Material Selection

Several of materials have been use in pressure vessel fabrication. The selection of material is based on the appropriateness of the design requirement. AU the materials used in the manufacture of the receivers shall comply with the requirements of the relevant design code and be identifiable with mill sheets. The selection of materials of the shell shall take into account the suitability of the materials with the maximum working pressure and fabrication process. For this kind of pressure vessel, the selection of material use is based on Appendix B:

**Table - 1:** Material assignment

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Head                  | SA- 106 B |
| Shell                 | SA- 106 B |
| Nozzle -Relieve Valve | SA- 106 B |
| Pressure Gauge (PG)   | SA- 106 B |
| Drain                 | SA- 106 B |
| Inlet                 | SA- 106 B |
| Outlet                | SA- 106 B |

According to ASTM standard this specification for pres-sure vessel is suitable for higher temperature services. The chemical and tensile requirement of Seamless Carbon steel pipe for high temperature service (SA-106 B) is as per table [3].

**Table - 2:** Material Composition

|                 | Composition %, (Grade B) |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Carbon, max     | 0.3                      |
| Manganese       | 0.29-1.06                |
| Phosphorus, max | 0.035                    |
| Sulfur, max     | 0.035                    |
| Silicon, min    | 0.10                     |
| Chrome, max     | 0.40                     |
| Copper, max     | 0.40                     |
| Molybdenum, max | 0.15                     |
| Nickel, max     | 0.40                     |
| Vanadium. max   | 0.08                     |

**Table - 3:** Material Properties

|                                  | Grade B      |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Tensile strength, min, psi (MPa) | 60 000 (415) |
| Yield strength, min, psi (MPa)   | 35 000 (240) |

### 3.3 Design Pressure

The pressure use in the design of a vessel is call design pressure. It is recommended to design a vessel and its parts for a higher pressure than the operating pressure. A design pressure higher than the operating pressure with 10 percent, whichever is the greater, will satisfy the requirement. The pressure of the fluid will also be considering. The maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) for a vessel is the permissible pressure at the top of the vessel in its normal operating position at a specific temperature. This pressure is based on calculations for every element of the vessel using nominal thicknesses exclusive of corrosion allowance. It is the basis for establishing the set pressures of any pressure-relieving devices protecting the vessel. The design pressure may be substituted if the MAWP is not calculated. (UG22, ASME VIII.) [1].

### 3.4 Design Temperature

Design temperature is the temperature that will be maintained in the metal of the part of the vessel being considered for the specified operation of the vessel. For most vessels, it is the temperature that corresponds to the design pressure. However, there is a maximum design temperature and a minimum design temperature (MDMT) for any given vessel. The MDMT shall be the lowest temperature expected in service or the lowest allowable temperature as calculated for the individual parts. Design temperature for vessels un-der external pressure shall not exceed the maximum temperatures [1].

### 3.5 Corrosion Allowance

Corrosion occurring over the life of a vessel is catered for by a corrosion allowance, the design value of which depends upon the vessel duty and the corrosiveness of its content. A design criterion of corrosion allowance is 1 mm for air receiver in which condensation of air moisture is expected [1].

### 3.5 ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1 vs. Division 2

ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1 does not explicitly consider the effects of combined stress. Neither does it give detailed methods on how stresses are combined. ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 2, on the other hand, provides specific guidelines for stresses, how they are combined, and allowable stresses for categories of combined stresses. Division 2 is design by analysis whereas Division 1 is design by rules. Although stress analysis as utilized by Division 2 is beyond the scope of this text, the use of stress categories, definitions of stress, and allowable stresses is applicable.

Division 2 stress analysis considers all stresses in a triaxial state combined in accordance with the maximum shear stress theory. Division 1 and the procedures outlined in this book consider a biaxial state of stress combined in accordance with the maximum stress theory. Just as one would not design a nuclear reactor to the rules of Division 1, one would not design an air receiver by the techniques of Division 2. Each has its place and applications. The following discussion on categories of stress and allowables will utilize information from Division 2, which can be applied in general to all vessels [1].

## 4. DESIGN

### 4.1 Shell Design

The minimum thickness or maximum allowable working pressure of cylindrical shells shall be the greater thickness or lesser pressure as given by (1) or (2) below.

Circumferential Stress (Longitudinal Joints)

When the thickness does not exceed one-half of the inside radius, or P does not exceed 0.385SE, the following formulas shall apply:

$$t = \frac{PR}{SE - 0.6P} \quad \text{or} \quad P = \frac{SEt}{R + 0.6t} \quad (1)$$

Longitudinal Stress (Circumferential Joints)

When the thickness does not exceed one-half of the inside radius, or P does not exceed 1.25SE, the following formulas shall apply: [1]

$$t = \frac{PR}{2SE + 0.4P} \quad \text{or} \quad P = \frac{2SEt}{R - 0.4t} \quad (2)$$

**Table – 4:** Design specifications for shell

| NOTATION                                | SI          |     | MKS  |     |
|---|-------------|-----|------|-----|
| P = internal pressure, psi              | 1740.4524   | psi | 12   | Mpa |
| D = inside diameter, in.                | 59.05511811 | in  | 1500 | Mm  |
| S = allowable or calculated stress, psi | 20015.203   | psi | 138  | Mpa |

|                      |             |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| E = joint efficiency | 1           |     | 1   |     |
| Corrosion Allowance  | 0.059055118 | in  | 1.5 | mm  |
| FOS                  | 3.5         |     | 3.5 |     |
| Tensile Stress       | 70053.2091  | psi | 483 | Mpa |
| Yield Stress         | 50038.0065  | psi | 345 | Mpa |

#### 4.2 Circumferential stress criterion

Checking for 0.385SE

$$S = 20015.203$$

$$E = 1$$

$$0.385SE = 7705.853001 > 1740.4524$$

$$t = \frac{PR}{SE - 0.6P}$$

$$t = 68.8073\text{mm}$$

#### 4.3 Closure design

The required thickness at the thinnest point after forming of ellipsoidal, torispherical, hemispherical, conical, and toriconical heads under pressure on the concave side shall be computed by the appropriate formulas (UG-16). In addition, provision shall be made for any of the other loadings given in UG-22. The thickness of an unstayed ellipsoidal or torispherical head shall in no case be less than the required thickness of a seamless hemispherical head divided by the efficiency of the head-to-shell joint [3].

#### 4.4 Ellipsoidal Heads design

The required thickness of a dished head of semi ellipsoidal form, in which half the minor axis equals one-fourth of the inside diameter of the head skirt, shall be determined by

$$t = 65.78947368\text{mm} [3]$$

$$t = \frac{PD}{2SE - 0.2P} \quad \text{or} \quad P = \frac{2SEt}{D + 0.2t} \quad (1)$$

$$t = 65.78947368\text{mm} [3]$$

#### 4.5 Nozzle and reinforcement

Openings in cylindrical or conical portions of vessels, or in formed heads, shall preferably be circular, elliptical, or obround. When the long dimension of an elliptical or obround opening exceeds twice the short dimensions, the reinforcement across the short dimensions shall be increased as necessary to provide against excessive distortion due to twisting moment.

The constraints for the nozzle design were flow rate & standard pipes availability. Due to the standard flow rates, the inlet and outlet diameter were taken as 100 and 80 mm respectively. [4]

**Table – 5: Nozzle selection**

| Nozzle  | 1         | 2         | 3          |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|         | 4" sch 40 | 3" sch 40 | 20" sch 40 |
| ID , in | 4.026     | 3.068     | 22.624     |
| OD , in | 4.5       | 3.5       | 24         |

#### 4.6 Reinforcement Design

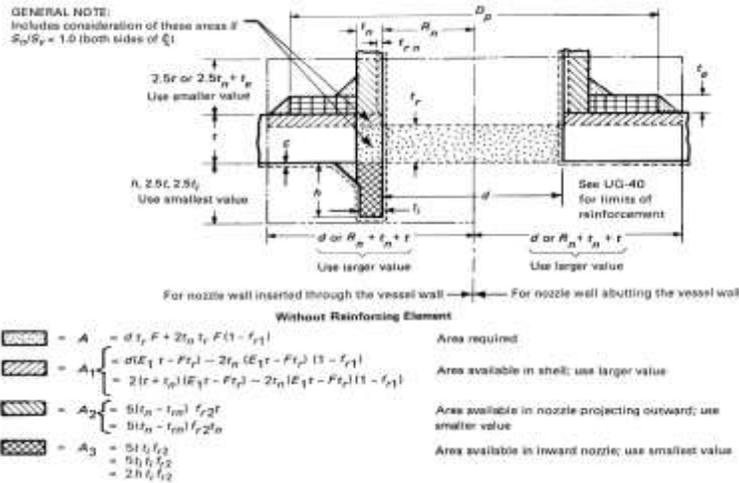


Fig -1: Reinforcement design

Table – 6: Check for reinforcement

| Nozzle | 1          | 2          | 3           |
|--------|------------|------------|-------------|
|        | 4" sch 40  | 3" sch 40  | 20" sch 40  |
| A      | 7209.3582  | 5493.8676  | 40512.7968  |
| A1     | 153.3906   | 116.8908   | 861.9744    |
| A2     | 136.041460 | 109.354924 | 109.3549248 |
| A3     | 0          | 0          | 0           |
| A41    | 36.2379920 | 30.1005849 | 30.10058496 |
| A43    | 0          | 0          | 0           |

Inlet nozzle 1

Available area = 325.67

Required area = 7209.3582

Available area < required area

Thus, reinforcement is required.

Inlet nozzle 2

Available area = 256.346

Required area = 5493.8676

Available area < required area

Thus, reinforcement is required.

Outlet nozzle 1

Available area = 1001.4299

Required area = 40512.7968

Available area < required area

Thus, reinforcement is required.

Table – 7: Reinforcement Design

| Nozzle | 1           | 2           | 3           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|        | 4" sch 40   | 3" sch 40   | 20" sch 40  |
| A      | 7209.3582   | 5493.8676   | 40512.7968  |
| A2     | 588.0214602 | 507.9949248 | 587.7229248 |

|                |             |            |             |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| A42            | 2500        | 2500       | 3600        |
| A5             | 4285        | 2555       | 36862.656   |
| Available Area | 7562.650052 | 5709.98631 | 41942.45391 |
| Remark         | OK          | OK         | OK          |

Available area of all the nozzles is greater than required area, the nozzles & reinforcement are safe in design [3].

**4.7 Saddle supports**

**Table – 8: Saddle Dimensions**

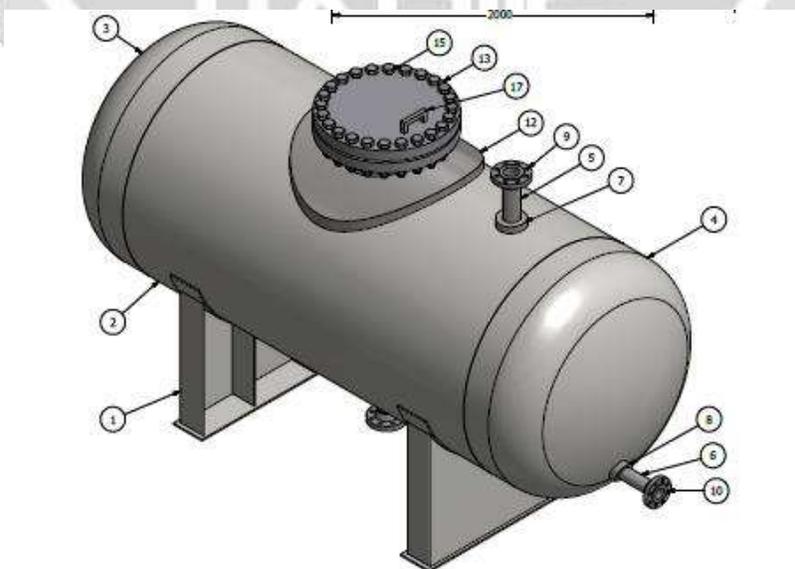
| Vessel O.D. | Maximum Operating Weight | A   | B  | C   | D    | E  | F  | G     | H    | Bolt Diameter | #    | Approximate Weight/Set |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----|----|-----|------|----|----|-------|------|---------------|------|------------------------|
| 24          | 15,400                   | 22  | 21 | N/A | 0.5  | 7  | 4  | 0.25  | 15.2 | 1             | 120° | 80                     |
| 30          | 16,700                   | 27  | 24 |     |      | 9  | 4  |       | 16.5 |               | 120° | 100                    |
| 36          | 15,700                   | 33  | 27 |     |      | 12 | 6  |       | 18.8 |               | 125° | 170                    |
| 42          | 15,100                   | 38  | 30 |     |      | 15 |    |       | 20.0 |               | 125° | 200                    |
| 48          | 25,330                   | 44  | 35 |     |      | 19 |    |       | 22.3 |               | 127° | 250                    |
| 54          | 25,730                   | 48  | 36 |     |      | 20 |    |       | 22.7 |               | 121° | 270                    |
| 60          | 38,000                   | 54  | 39 |     |      | 23 |    |       | 25.0 |               | 124° | 310                    |
| 66          | 38,950                   | 60  | 42 |     |      | 26 |    |       | 27.2 |               | 127° | 350                    |
| 72          | 50,700                   | 64  | 45 | 10  |      | 28 |    | 0.375 | 27.6 |               | 122° | 400                    |
| 78          | 56,600                   | 70  | 48 | 11  | 0.75 | 31 |    | 8     | 29.8 |               | 124° | 710                    |
| 84          | 57,620                   | 74  | 51 | 12  |      | 33 |    |       | 30.2 |               | 121° | 810                    |
| 90          | 64,200                   | 80  | 54 | 13  |      | 36 |    |       | 32.5 |               | 122° | 880                    |
| 96          | 65,400                   | 86  | 57 | 14  |      | 39 |    |       | 34.7 |               | 125° | 940                    |
| 102         | 94,500                   | 92  | 60 | 15  |      | 42 | 10 | 0.500 | 37.0 | 1 1/2         | 126° | 1,350                  |
| 108         | 85,000                   | 96  | 63 | 16  |      | 44 |    |       | 37.3 |               | 123° | 1,430                  |
| 114         | 164,000                  | 102 | 66 | 17  |      | 47 |    | 0.625 | 39.6 |               | 125° | 1,780                  |
| 120         | 150,000                  | 106 | 69 | 18  |      | 49 |    |       | 40.0 |               | 122° | 1,800                  |
| 132         | 127,600                  | 118 | 75 | 20  |      | 55 |    |       | 44.5 |               | 125° | 2,180                  |
| 144         | 280,000                  | 128 | 81 | 22  |      | 60 |    |       | 47.5 |               | 124° | 2,530                  |
| 156         | 205,000                  | 140 | 87 | 24  |      | 66 |    |       | 51.8 |               | 125° | 2,730                  |

\*Table is in inches and pounds and degrees.

Vessel outer diameter = 65 inch

Thus selecting support with vessel O.D. 66 inch which is next standard dimension available [1]

**5. ASSEMBLY AND SIMULATION**



**Fig -2: Pressure vessel assembly**

Analysis is carried out to check various stresses and forces acting on vessel and magnitude of it at different points on same vessel. [5]

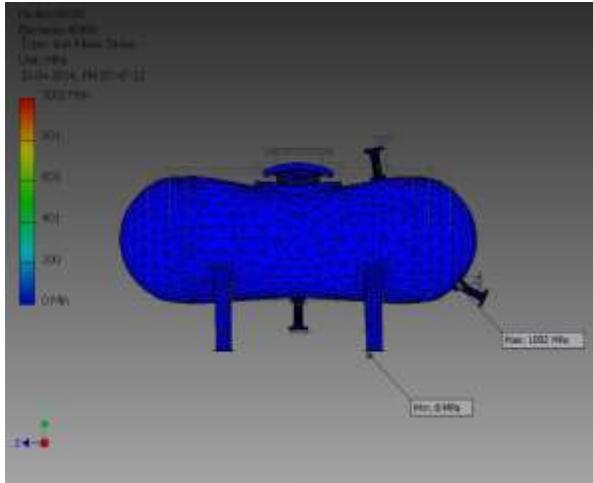


Fig -3: Von Mises stresses

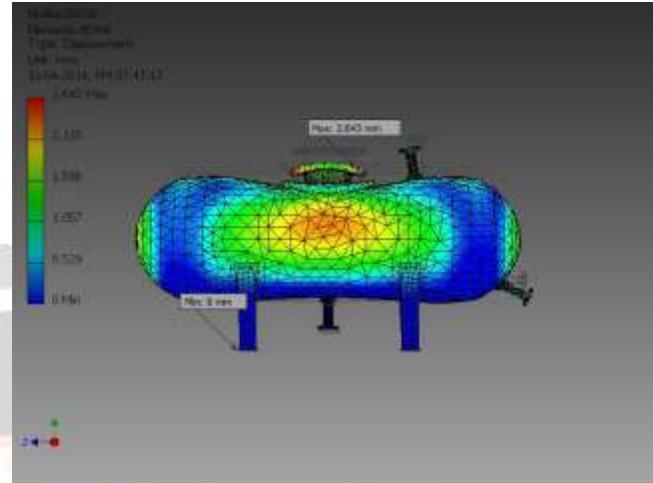


Fig -4: Displacement

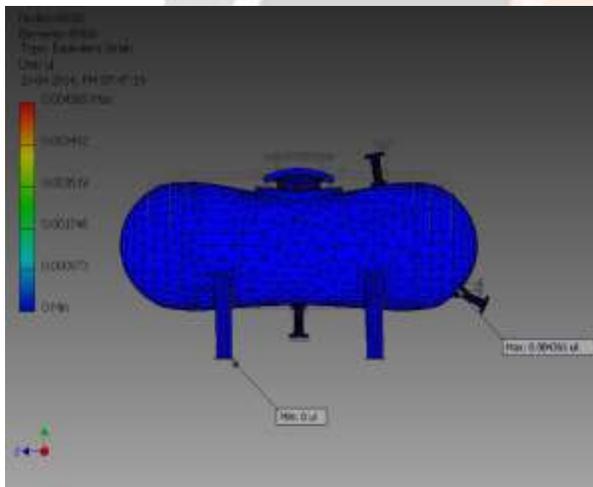


Fig -5: Equivalent Strain

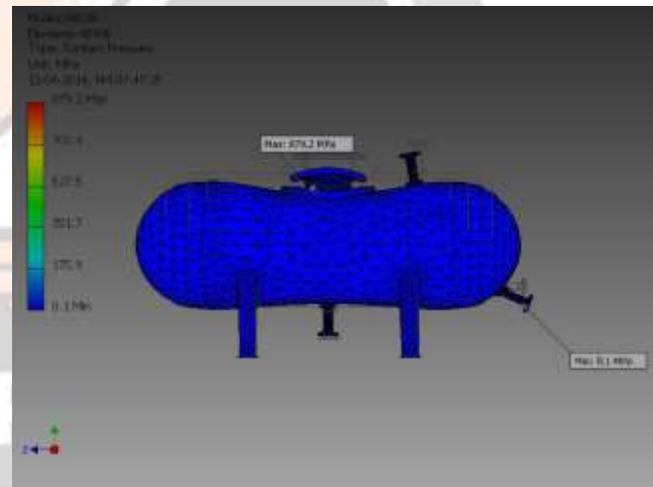


Fig -6: Contact pressure

### 5.1 Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (MAWP)

The MAWP for a vessel is the maximum permissible pressure at the top of the vessel in its normal operating position at a specific temperature, usually the design temperature. When calculated, the MAWP should be stamped on the nameplate.

The MAWP is the maximum pressure allowable in the “hot and corroded” condition. It is the least of the values calculated for the MAWP of any of the essential parts of the vessel, and adjusted for any difference in static head that may exist between the part considered and the top of the vessel. This pressure is based on calculations for every element of the vessel using nominal thicknesses exclusive of corrosion allowance. It is the basis for establishing the set pressures of any pressure-relieving devices protecting the vessel.

The design pressure may be substituted if the MAWP is not calculated. The MAWP for any vessel part is the maximum internal or external pressure, including any static head, together with the effect of any combination of loadings listed in UG-22 which are likely to occur, exclusive of corrosion allowance at the designated coincident operating temperature. The MAWP for the vessel will be governed by the MAWP of the weakest part. [1]

- *MAWP, corroded at Design Temperature  $P_w$ .*

Shell:

$$P_w = \frac{S_{DT} E t_{sc}}{R_c + 0.6 t_{sc}} \text{ or } \frac{S_{DT} E t_{sc}}{R_o - 0.4 t_{sc}}$$

2:1 S.E. Head:

$$P_w = \frac{2 S_{DT} E t_{hc}}{D_c + 0.2 t_{hc}} \text{ or } \frac{2 S_{DT} E t_{hc}}{D_o - 1.8 t_{hc}}$$

MAWP for shell = 1780.981678 psi  
 = 12.27943961 MPa  
 MAWP for head = 1880.363012 psi  
 = 12.96464996 MPa

## 5.2 Maximum Allowable Pressure (MAP)

The term MAP is often used. It refers to the maximum permissible pressure based on the weakest part in the new (uncorroded) and cold condition, and all other loadings are not taken into consideration [1].

- *MAP, new and cold,  $P_M$ .*

Shell:

$$P_M = \frac{S_a E t_{sn}}{R_o + 0.6 t_{sn}} \text{ or } \frac{S_a E t_{sn}}{R_o - 0.4 t_{sn}}$$

2:1 S.E. Head:

$$P_M = \frac{2 S_a E t_{hn}}{D_n + 0.2 t_{hn}} \text{ or } \frac{2 S_a E t_{hn}}{D_o - 1.8 t_{hn}}$$

- *Shop test pressure,  $P_s$ .*

$$P_s = 1.3 P_M \text{ or } 1.3 P_w \left[ \frac{S_a}{S_{DT}} \right]$$

- *Field test pressure,  $P_f$ .*

$$P_f = 1.3 P$$

MAP for shell = 1816.811129 psi  
 = 12.52647504 MPa  
 MAP for head = 1903.188837 psi  
 = 13.12202853 MPa  
 Shop Test Pressure,  $P_s$  = 2361.854467 psi  
 = 16.28441755 MPa  
 Field Test Pressure,  $P_f$  = 2262.58812 psi  
 = 15.6 MPa

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

The paper has led to numerous conclusions. However, major conclusions are as below:

- The design of pressure vessel is initialized with the specification requirements in terms of standard technical specifications along with numerous requirements that lay hidden from the market.
- The design of a pressure vessel is more of a selection procedure, selection of its components to be more precise rather designing each and every component.
- The pressure vessel components are merely selected, but the selection is very critical, a slight change in selection will lead to a different pressure vessel altogether from what is aimed to be designed.
- It is observed that all the pressure vessel components are selected on basis of available ASME standards and the manufactures also follow the ASME standards while manufacturing the components. So that leaves the designer free from designing the components. This aspect of Design greatly reduces the Development Time for a new pressure vessel.

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