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1.0 SCOPE

This specification describes the construction requirements for sealing the annular space between the steel/copper/plastic service or main pipe and the wall, casing pipe, or sleeve to prevent entry of water and gas into the building, manhole, or casing pipe.

★ 2.0 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Federal: 49 CFR Part 192, Sections 321, 323, 361, 467

State: 16 NYCRR Part 255, Sections 321, 323, 361, 467, 724


New York City Fuel Gas Code: Section FGC 404.4

3.0 NEW SERVICE INSTALLATION AND GAS PIPING IN MANHOLE WALLS

3.1 New and replacement (relayed) services that enter a building (either above ground or underground) through the building's concrete/ masonry foundation/ vaulted wall, shall enter via a continuous steel or PVC sleeve. The annular space at each end (between the service pipe and the sleeve) shall be sealed with link-type seals (see Section 7.0).

- A) For up to 2" PE service, **seal the annular space inside the building with a service head adapter.**
- B) For a 2" service through a 3" sleeve or a 3" service through a 4" sleeve, **use a 2" or 3" gasket accordingly with waterproof caulking material to seal the annular space.**

See Gas Specifications [G-8100](#), "General Specification for the Installation of Gas Distribution Services" and Gas Drawings [EO-16546-B](#), "Installation of a Flexible Sleeve Elbow Unit Where Service Enters from Beneath Building, Pressure Not Exceeding 99 PSI" and [EO-4890-A](#), "Service Pipe/Tubing And Service Sleeve Through Vault, Open Areaway, Open Area Under Stairs, Under Enclosed Area, and Into Vaulted Basement."

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3.0 NEW SERVICE INSTALLATION AND GAS PIPING IN MANHOLE WALLS (Continued)

- 3.2 New wall sleeves for gas services shall extend at least 4" beyond the outer side of the wall and at least 1" beyond the inner side of the wall. The sleeve shall be sealed at both ends. **For all new service installations, the properly sized wall sleeve shall be installed by the customer.**
- 3.3 New and replacement services that enter a building aboveground through the building's non-concrete/masonry foundation wall, do **not** require a wall sleeve. Seal the annular space (between the service pipe and the non-concrete/masonry wall) with waterproof caulking material.
- 3.4 Gas mains entering a manhole (regulator or ROV) shall be sleeved and sealed with link-type seals at the manhole wall (see Section 7.0). After link-type seals have been properly installed, grout sleeve into wall. See Gas Drawing [EO-6702-D](#), "Method of Sealing Gas Piping in Manhole Walls."

4.0 SERVICE INSERTION (REPLACEMENT)

- 4.1 Service insertions do **not** require a wall sleeve, as the old service pipe (that the new service pipe is inserted through) will "act" as the wall sleeve.
- A) For service insertions greater than 1 ¼", where the old service pipe is properly sized, **seal the annular spaces with link-type seals** (see Section 70).
- B) For ½" CTS through 1 ¼" CTS/IPS copper/plastic service insertion through an existing 2" or smaller diameter service pipe, **seal the annular space inside the building with a service head adapter**. The recommended method to seal the outside annular space (curb valve/main excavation) is by using the 3M Cold Shrink (see Section 8.0).
- C) For a 2" plastic pipe through a 3" pipe or a 3" plastic pipe through a 4" pipe service insertion, **seal the annular space with waterproof caulking material, Ductolox foam** (Class/Stock # 631-3373), **or duct seal and tape**.

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5.0 MAIN INSERTION

- 5.1 For large diameter main insertions (greater than 16") into a larger casing pipe, then consult Gas Distribution Engineering.
- 5.2 The annular space between the gas main pipe and the steel or cast-iron casing (e.g., abandoned main) pipe shall be sealed at each and every casing end with link-type seals (see Section 7.0).
- A) For 1¼" IPS plastic mains inserted into a 2" casing pipe and 2" IPS plastic mains inserted into a 3" casing pipe, **seal the annular space at each casing end with 3M Cold Shrink**. If 3M Cold Shrink is unavailable, use a gasket with waterproof caulking material, Ductolox foam (Class/Stock # 631-3373), or duct seal and tape.
- 5.3 For main insertions that preclude the use of link-type seals and/or 3M Cold Shrink, then Ductolox foam shall be used to seal the annular space at each casing end.
- 5.4 Steel main pipe installed inside a sleeve or casing for more than 10 feet, shall be supported by insulating skids. A skid shall be installed within 5 feet of each end of the sleeve and on 10 foot centers throughout the sleeve. See Gas Specification [G-100.280](#), "Pipeline Casing Insulating Skids" for the approved skids and Gas Drawing [EO-4890-A](#).

6.0 CORROSION CONTROL OF NEW STEEL MAINS AND SERVICES IN CASINGS AND THROUGH WALL SLEEVES

- 6.1 Steel pipe in casings and through wall sleeves shall be coated and electrically isolated from the casing or wall sleeve as per Gas Specifications [G-8205](#), "Corrosion Control of Buried Steel Gas Mains and Services" and [G-8209](#), "Field Coating of Steel Pipe and Fittings Installed Underground and in Subsurface Structures."
- 6.2 Steel gas mains in casings shall have test leads installed on both the steel carrier pipe and metallic casing pipe at each end of the casing. Route the test leads into a test station at each end of the casing. See Gas Specification [G-8205](#).

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★ 7.0 **SEALING POE(S) DURING LEAK INVESTIGATION OR INSPECTION**

- 7.1 When qualified Company or contractor personnel has access to a customer's premises for, among other things, responding to an odor complaint or conducting inspections, where the service line is installed below grade through the outer foundation wall of a building, the operator shall visually inspect the seal at the foundation wall and replace or install the seal, as needed. Ductolox foam (Class/Stock # 631-3373), or duct seal are approved products to seal a POE.


8.0 **LINK TYPE SEALS**

- 8.1 Only approved link-type seals shall be used. See Gas Specification [G-100,237](#), "Link Seals for Sealing the Annular Space Between Pipe and Casing." The link-type seals are packaged ten (10) links to a set.
- 8.2 For proper link-type seal installation, see the manufacturer's installation instructions, which come with each package.

NOTE: Link-type seals are not intended to support the weight of the pipe.

- 8.3 Do not use an impact gun to install link-type seals. Use a socket or offset wrench. After tightening has been completed, all link-type seal bolt heads shall be coated with mastic.

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8.0 LINK TYPE SEALS (Continued)
8.4 Table 1: Link-Type Seals for Gas Services Inside Wall Sleeve (ST/PVC) and Gas Mains Inside Manhole Wall Sleeve (ST/PVC)

Pipe Size Nominal Diameter	Sleeve Nominal Diameter	Link-type Seal Model #		# of Links Required	Class/ Stock #	# of Packages to Order
		Thunderline Model #	Advance Products & Systems #			
1/2"	2"	LS-200-C	IL-200	4	341-1048	1
1"	3"	LS-300-C	IL-300	4	341-0750	1
1 1/4"	3"	LS-275-C	IL-275	8	NON- STOCK	1
1 1/2"	3"	LS-200-C	IL-200	6	341-1048	1
2"	4"	LS-300-C	IL-300	6	341-0750	1
3"	5"	LS-300-C	IL-300	8	341-0750	1
4"	6"	LS-300-C	IL-300	10	341-0750	1
6"	10"	LS-475-C	IL-475	10	341-1006	1
8"	12"	LS-475-C	IL-475	12	341-1006	2
10"	16"	LS-525-C	IL-525	10	341-1030	1
12"	16"	LS-425-C	IL-425	12	341-0776	2
16"	20"	LS-400-C	IL-400	15	341-0768	2
20"	24"	LS-400-C	IL-400	18	341-0768	2
24"	30"	LS-500-C	IL-500	21	341-1055	3
30"	36"	LS-500-C	IL-500	26	341-1055	3
36"	42"	LS-500-C	IL-500	36	NON- STOCK	4

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8.0 LINK TYPE SEALS (Continued)

8.5 Table 2: Link-Type Seals for Gas Mains Inserted Through a Casing (ST/CI) Pipe

Pipe Size Nominal Diameter	Casing Pipe Nominal Diameter	Link-Type Seal Model #		# of Links Required	Class/ Stock #	# of Packages to Order
		Thunderline Model #	Advance Products & Systems #			
1 1/4"	3" ST/CI	LS-275-C	IL-275	8	NON-STOCK	1
2"	4" ST/CI	LS-300-C	IL-300	6	341-0750	1
2"	6" ST/CI	LS-475-C	IL-475	5	341-1006	1
2"	8" ST/CI	LS-500-C	IL-500	4	341-1055	1
3"	6" ST/CI	LS-425-C	IL-425	4	341-0776	1
4"	6" ST/CI	LS-300-C	IL-300	10	341-0750	1
4"	8" ST/CI	LS-475-C	IL-475	7	341-1006	1
4"	10" ST/CI	LS-500-C	IL-500	6	341-1055	1
6"	8" ST/CI	LS-300-C	IL-300	15	341-0750	2
6"	10" ST/CI	LS-475-C	IL-475	10	341-1006	1
8"	10" ST/CI	LS-300-C	IL-300	19	341-0750	2
8"	12" ST	LS-475-C	IL-475	12	341-1006	2
8"	12" CI	LS-400-C	IL-400	9	341-0768	1
10"	16" ST	LS-525-C	IL-525	10	341-1030	1
10"	16" CI	LS-500-C	IL-500	10	341-1055	1
12"	16" ST	LS-425-C	IL-425	12	341-0776	2
12"	16" CI	LS-400-C	IL-400	12	341-0768	2
12"	18" ST	LS-525-C	IL-525	12	341-1030	2
12"	18" CI	LS-500-C	IL-500	12	341-1055	2
16"	20" ST	LS-400-C	IL-400	15	341-0768	2
16"	20" CI	LS-575-C	IL-575	18	NON-STOCK	2
20"	24" ST	LS-400-C	IL-400	18	341-0768	2
20"	24" CI	LS-575-C	IL-575	22	NON-STOCK	3
24"	30" ST	LS-500-C	IL-500	21	341-1055	3
30"	36" ST	LS-500-C	IL-500	26	341-1055	3

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9.0 3M COLD SHRINK SEALS

9.1 When using 3M Cold Shrink, the new main or services has to first be "inserted through" the 3M Cold Shrink. The 3M Cold Shrink cannot be installed after the service or main has been inserted into the casing pipe.


9.2 For proper 3M Cold Shrink installation, see the manufacturer's installation instructions, which come with each package.

9.3 Table 3: **3M Cold Shrink for Gas Service and Main Insertions**

3M Cold Shrink Description	Class/ Stock #
1" x 3/4"	341-5676
1" x 1/2"	341-5676
1 1/2" x 1 1/4"	341-5684
1 1/2" x 1 1/4"	341-5684
2" x 1 1/2"	341-5692
2" x 1 1/4"	341-5692
3" x 2"	341-5700
3" x 1 1/2"	341-5700

10.0 RECORDS RETENTION

Any records generated in the course of performing work in accordance with this specification shall be maintained as required by Corporate Instruction [CI-870-1](#) "Records Management". Guidance on the retention of Company Gas Operations records can also be found on the [Records Management](#) intranet site.


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11.0 REFERENCES

- ★ [CI-870-1](#) Records Management
- [G-8005](#) General Specification for the Installation of Gas Distribution Mains
- [G-8100](#) General Specification for the Installation of Gas Distribution Services
- [G-8205](#) Corrosion Control of Buried Steel Gas Mains and Services, and Metallic Fittings on Plastic Mains and Services
- [G-8209](#) Field Coating of Steel Pipe and Fittings Installed Underground and in Subsurface Structures
- [G-100.237](#) Link-Type Seals for Sealing the Annular Space Between Pipe and Casing
- [G-100.280](#) Pipeline Casing Insulating Skids
- [EO-4890-A](#) Service Pipe/Tubing and Service Sleeve Through Vault, Open Areaway, Open Area Under Stairs, Under Enclosed Areas, and Into Vaulted Basement
- [EO-16546-B](#) Installation of Flexible Sleeve Elbow Unit Where Service Enters From Beneath Building. Pressure Not Exceeding 99 PSIG
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