Gasket Factors "M" and "Y"

"M" and "Y" data are to be used for flange designs only as specified in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Division 1, Section VIII, Appendix 2. They are not meant to be used as gasket seating stress values in actual service. Our bolt torque tables give that information and should be used as such.

"M" - Maintenance Factor

A factor that provides the additional preload needed in the flange fasteners to maintain the compressive load on a gasket after internal pressure is applied to a joint.

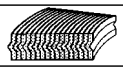
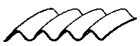
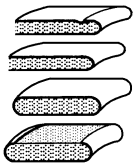
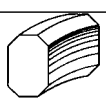
$$M = (W - A_2P) / A_1P$$

Where: W = Total Fastener force (lb. or N)
A_2 = Inside area of gasket (in.^{2} or mm^2)
P = Test pressure (psig or N/mm^2)
A_1 = Gasket area (in.^{2} or mm^2)

"Y" - Minimum Design Seating Stress

The minimum compressive stress in pounds per square inch (or bar) on the contact area of the gasket that is required to provide a seal at an internal pressure of 2 psig (0.14 bar).

$$Y = W / A_1$$

Gasket Design	Gasket Material	Gasket Factor "M"	Min. Design Seating Stress "Y" (psi)
Spiral wound metal, non-asbestos filled 	Stainless steel or MONEL®	3.00	10,000
Garlock CONTROLLED DENSITY® flexible graphite-filled spiral wound 	Stainless steel or MONEL®	3.00	7,500
Garlock EDGE® 	Stainless steel or MONEL®	2.00	5,000
Corrugated metal, non-asbestos or Corrugated metal-jacketed, non-asbestos filled 	Soft aluminum Soft copper or brass Iron or soft steel MONEL® or 4%-6% chrome Stainless steel	2.50 2.75 3.00 3.25 3.50	2,900 3,700 4,500 5,500 6,500
Corrugated metal 	Soft aluminum Soft copper or brass Iron or soft steel MONEL® or 4%-6% chrome Stainless steel	2.75 3.00 3.25 3.50 3.75	3,700 4,500 5,500 6,500 7,600
Flat metal-jacketed, non-asbestos filled 	Soft aluminum Soft copper or brass Iron or soft steel MONEL® 4%-6% chrome Stainless steel	3.25 3.50 3.75 3.50 3.75 3.75	5,500 6,500 7,600 8,000 9,000 9,000
Grooved metal 	Soft aluminum Soft copper or brass Iron or soft steel MONEL® or 4%-6% chrome Stainless steel	3.25 3.50 3.75 3.75 4.25	5,500 6,500 7,600 9,000 10,100
Solid flat metal 	Soft aluminum Soft copper or brass Iron or soft steel MONEL® or 4%-6% chrome Stainless steel	4.00 4.75 5.50 6.00 6.50	8,800 13,000 18,000 21,800 26,000
Ring joint 	Iron or soft steel MONEL® or 4%-6% chrome Stainless steel	5.50 6.00 6.50	18,000 21,800 26,000

This table lists many commonly used gasket materials and contact facings with suggested design values of "M" and "Y" that generally have proven satisfactory in actual service when using effective gasket seating width B_1 described in the formula on page 26. The design values and other details given in this table are suggested only and are not mandatory.

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