

Calculation sheet for safety valves and bursting disks for bath cooled cryostats

Part 1 - The minimum cross section of flow
Design case - Loss of insulation vacuum

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Step 1 Parameters of the Cryogen

Cryogen - Helium = He; Stickstoff = N2

N2

Isentropy exponent

$\kappa =$

1.41

Evaporation enthalpy at T_s ; 1,01325bar

$h =$

199.1 J/g

Step 2 Determination of the mass flow to be extracted

Surface wetted by cryogen

$A_{\text{Cryogen}} = 4.43\text{E}+05 \text{ cm}^2$

Completely vacuum insulated : $A=50900$

One face not vacuum insulated : $A=44300$

Specific heat flux*

$q = 0.1 \text{ W/cm}^2$

* The proposed value is assuming a superinsulated He dewar and a superinsulated LN2 vessel [1,2].

Evaporating mass flow

$m =$

222.50 g/s

Step 3 Determination of the flow parameters for the blow-off case

Absolute counter pressure

$p_a = 1.01325 \text{ bar}$

Limit of subcritical - supercritical flow

$p =$

1.92 bar

Absolute pressure in vessel

$p_d = 3 \text{ bar}$

Outflow function

$\psi =$

0.485

Temperature of cryogen when leaving vessel

$T = 150 \text{ K}$

Density of the discharging cryogen

$\rho =$

6.74 kg/m³

Step 4 Determination of the minimum cross section of the flow

Outflow coefficient

$\alpha_w = 0.5^{**}$

** The proposed value is only valid for full stroke safety valves (see data sheet of valve)

Minimum cross section of flow:

$A_0 = 456 \text{ mm}^2$

$d_0 = 24 \text{ mm}$

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[3] H. Frey, R. Haefer: Tieftemperaturtechnologie, VDI-Verlag (1981).