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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on 27 March 1990, after the draft finalized by the Chemical Engineering Plants and Related Equipment Sectional Committee had been approved by the Heavy Mechanical Engineering Division Council.

Lack of uniformity of colour coding of pipelines in industrial installations has often been responsible for destruction of property and injury to personnel due to faulty manipulations of values, particularly when outside agencies, like fire-fighting squads, are called in. Uniformity of colour marking promotes greater safety, lessens the chances of error and reduces hazards involved in the handling of material inside the pipelines.

Identification of the particular contents of the pipelines is achieved by imposing suitable colour bands on the ground colour. Lettering, as a mode of identification, is also recommended for chemical industry as this will reduce the possibility of mistakes in identification. Lettering may include the contents by name, chemical formula, or by unmistakable and commonly understood abbreviations.

This standard was first published in 1963. The present revision is based on the prevailing practices in the industry. In this revision use of legends have been recommended for various types of hazards. Hydrocarbon, Naptha and some more chemicals and allied products have been included in the standard. The title of the standard is also revised to bring it in line with the latest guidelines.

In the formulation of this standard assistance has been derived from the following publications:

- BS 1710: 1984 Specification for identification of pipelines and services. British Standards Institution.
- ASA A 13.1-1981 Scheme for the identification of piping systems, American National Standards Institute.

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PIPELINES — IDENTIFICATION — COLOUR CODE

(First Revision)

1 SCOPE

This Indian standard covers the colour scheme for the identification of the contents of pipelines carrying fluids in domestic and public buildings and such industrial installations where a specific colour code does not exist.

1.1 For the purpose of this standard, piping systems shall include pipes of any kind and in addition fittings, valves, and pipe coverings. Supports, brackets or other accessories are specifically excluded from application of this standard.

1.2 This standard is not applicable to pipelines buried underground or used for electrical services.

2 REFERENCES

2.1 The following Indian standards are necessary adjuncts to this standard:

IS No.	Title
5:1978	Colours for ready mixed paints and enamels (<i>third revision</i>)
2339:1963	Aluminium paint for general purposes, in dual container

3 TERMINOLOGY

3.0 For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions shall apply.

3.1 Hazard

Risk involved to life, health, or property due to the poisonous nature of combustibility or other causes of dangerous subsitances.

3.2 Lettering

Painting, labelling, stencilling or otherwise indicating the contents of a pipeline.

3.3 Identification of Pipelines

A scheme consisting of a colour code or lettering or a combination of both intended for the identification of the contents of the pipelines.

3.4 Pipes and Pipelines

Any fluid-carrying media in the form of pipes, or conduits, with their coverings; this excludes media used for the pneumatic conveyance of solids.

4 PAINTS

4.1 Appropriate quality of paints conforming to relevant Indian Standards, shall be used for colour marking.

4.2 It is recommended that the paints used should produce a glossy finish.

5 COLOURS

5.1 In order to identify the contents of the pipelines, a large number of colour shades are required. Recommendation regarding shades o colours that may be used are given in IS 5 : 1978.f

6 IDENTIFICATION

The system of colour coding consists of a ground colour and colour bands superimposed on it.

6.1 Ground Colours

The ground colour identifies the basic nature of the fluid carried (*see* Fig. 1) and also distinguishes one fluid from another, for example water from oil. The various ground colours are indicated in Table 1.

6.1.1 Ground colour shall be applied throughout the entire length for uninsulated pipes, for insulated pipes, on the metal cladding or on the pipes of material such as non-ferrous metals, austenitic stainless steel, plastic, etc, ground colour coating of minimum 2 m length or of adequate length, not to be mistaken as colour band, shall be applied.

6.2 Colour Bands

Colour bands are superimposed on the ground colour (see Fig. 2) to distinguish:

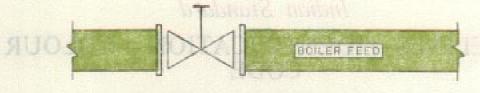
- a) One kind or condition of a fluid from another kind or condition of the same fluid, or
- b) One fluid from another but belonging to the same group, for example carbon monoxide from coke oven gas or diesel fuel from furnace fuel.

7 APPLICATION

7.1 Ground Colour

Colours as given in Table 1 shall be applied in one of the following ways:

- a) Throughout the entire length (see Fig. 1A);
- b) As a colour coating of adequate length, (but in no case less than 300 mm) so that it is not mistaken for a colour band (see Fig. IB);
- c) As a colour panel;
- d) On a label attached to the pipe; or
- e) By the use of coloured adhesive tapes of suitable material.



1A Ground Colour-Applied to Full Section

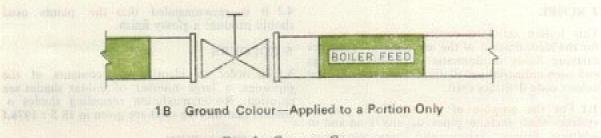


Fig. 1 GROUND COLOUR

Table 1 Ground Colours

(Clauses 6.1 and 7.1)

Substance	Colour	
Water	Sea green	
Steam	Aluminium to IS 2339	
Mideral, vegetable and animal oils, combustible liquids	Light brown	
Acids and an	Dark violet	
Air	Sky blue	
Gases	Canary yellow	
Alkalies	Smoke grey	
Other liquids/gases which do not need identification	Black	
Hydrocarbons/organic compounds	Dark admirality grey	

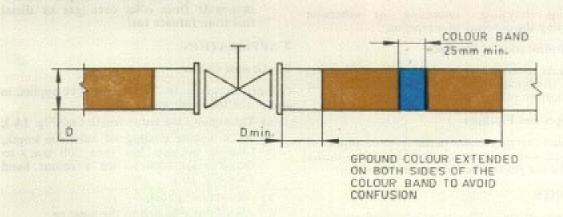


FIG. 2 COLOUR BAND SUPERIMPOSED ON GROUND COLOUR

7.2 Wherever the ground colour is not applied throughout the entire length, it shall be applied near valves, junctions, joints, service appliances, bulkheads, walls, etc (*see* Fig. 3).

7.2.1 When colour bands are superimposed on the ground colour, the ground colour shall extend sufficiently on both sides of the colour bands to avoid confusion (see Fig. 2 and 3).

7.3 Colour Bands

They shall be superimposed on ground, colour at the following location:

- a) At battery limit points;
- b) Intersection points and change of direction points in piping ways;
- c) Other points such as midway of each piping way, near valves, junction joints of service appliances, walls, on either side of pipe culverts;
- d) For long stretch yard piping at 50 m interval; and
- c) At start and terminating points.

7.3.1 Colour bands shall be arranged in the sequence shown in Tables 2 to 5, and the sequence follows the direction of flow (see Fig. 3). For example, Fig. 3 shows the colour code for a pipe carrying freon where the light grey and dark violet colour bands have sequence numbers 1 and 2.

7.3.2 The relative proportional widths of the first colour band to the subsequent bands shall be 4 ; 1 (see Fig. 3).

7.3.3 As a rule minimum width of colour band shall confirm to the following Table:

Nominal Pipe Size	Width L (mm)
80 NB and below	25
Over 100 NB up to 150 NB	50
Over 200 NB up to 300 NB	75
Over 350 NB	100

7.2 Wherever the ground colour is not applied For insulated pipes, nominal pipe size means the throughout the entire length, it shall be applied outside diameter of insulation.

7.4 Valves shall be painted with the same colour as the main pipelines except when the pipeline has been provided with the safety colour, the valves shall be painted red, for fire fighting; yellow, with black diagonal stripes, for warning of danger; and french blue in conjunction with the green basic colour, to denote pipes carrying fresh water, either potable or non-potable.

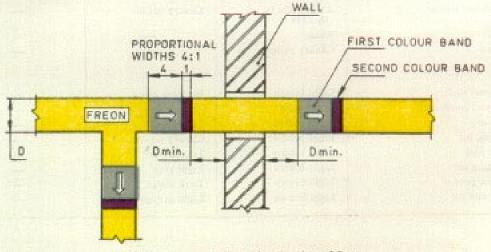
7.5 The colour coding as prescribed in this standard and as applicable to pipelines for general services, pipelines conveying industrial gases hydrocarbons and naptha and pipelines conveying medical gases are given in Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

7.6 All uninsulated pipes having temperatures above 100°C (Heat resistant Aluminium painted) need not be identified with colour bands. As special case if required colour bands may be applied using Tellon Tape.

8 HAZARDS

8.1 When it is desired to indicate that a pipeline carries a hazardous material, a panel of colour of suitable width (minimum 100 mm) as given below shall be superimposed on the ground colour at suitable intervals:

- a) Slightly Radioactive Hazards A base colour of jasmine yellow with black dots suitably superimposed (see Fig. 4A);
- b) Highly Radioactive Hazards A base colour of light orange with cross diagonal stripes of black colour, suitably superimposed (see Fig. 4B); and
- c) Other Hazards Equal diagonal stripes of black and golden yellow colours (see Fig. 4C). Different legends for various types of hazards other than radioactivity like that for flammable or explosive materials, chemically active or toxic materials, etc, may be indicated by lettering.



NOTE - Arrows indicate the direction of flow.

FIG 3 COLOUR BANDS ON GROUND COLOUR-FLUID CARRIED, FREON

Table 2 Colour Code for General Services

(Clauses 7.5 and 9.1)

Contents	Ground Colour	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
WATER:	-		
Cooling	Sea green	French blue	_
Boiler feed water	Sea green	Gulf red	_
Condensate	Sea green	Light brown	_
Drinking	Sea green	French blue	Signal red
Treated	Sea green	Light orange	
Fire water	Fire red	Crimson red	
Central heating below 60°C	Sea green	Canary yellow	
Central heating 60°C to 100°C	Sea green	Dark violet	
Central heating above 100°C	Sea green	Dark violet	Signal red
Cold water down service from storage tanks	Sea green	French blue	Canary yellow
Domestic, hot	Sea green	Light grey	-
Hydraulic power	Sea green	Black	
Sea, river, untreated	Sea green	White	-
Filtered water	Sea green	Light brown	
Soft water	Sea green	Light brown	Signal red
Warm water	Sea green	Light grey	Canary yellow
Chilled water	Sea green	Black	Canary yellow
Sprinkle and hydrant water	Sea green	White	Signal red
Waste water	Sea green	Canary yellow	Signal red
AIR:			
Compressed, up to and including 15 kg/cm ²	Sky blue		
Compressed to over 15 kg/cm ²	Sky blue	Signal red	-
Plant air	Sky blue	Silver grey	
Instrument air	Sky blue	French blue	
Dry vacuum	White		
Wet vacuum	White	Dark violet	-
Very high pressure steam	Aluminium to IS 2339	Signal red	—
High pressure steam	Aluminium to IS 2339	French blue	
Medium pressure steam	Aluminium to 1S 2339	Gulf red	_
Low pressure steam	Aluminium to 1S 2339	Canary yellow	-
Drainage	Black	-	-
Town gas	Canary yellow	-	-
OILS:			
Light dicsel fuel	Light brown	Brilliant green	-
High speed diesel fuel	Light brown		-
Paraffin oil	Light brown	Signal red	
Quenching oil	Light brown	Canary yellow	-
Furnace fuel	Light brown	French blue	-
Lubricating oil	Light brown	Light grey	-
Hydraulic power	Light brown	Dark violet	_
Transformer oil	Light brown	Light orange	· -

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Table 3Colour Code for Industrial Gases(Clauses 7.5 and 9.1)

Contents	Ground Colour	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
Ammonia	Canary yellow	Dark violet	
Chlorine	Canary yellow	Dark violet	Light orange
Hydrocyanic acid	Canary yellow	Dark violet	Post office red
Phenole	Canary yellow	Dark violet	Smoke grey
Sulphur dioxide	Canary yellow	Dark violet	Golden brown
Acetylene	Canary yellow	Service brown	_
Flare gases	Canary yellow		— ···
Hydrogen sulphide	Canary yellow	Gulf red	
Argon	Canary yellow	French blue	_
Benzole	Canary yellow	Dark violet	French blue
Blast furnace gas	Canary yellow	Signal red	Light grey
Butane	Canary yellow	Signal red	
Coal gas	Canary yellow	Signal red	Brilliant green
Carbon dioxide (temperate)	Canary yellow	Light grey	
Carbon monoxide	Canary yellow	Signal red	White
Coke oven gas	Canary yellow	Signal red	Dark violet
Ethylchloride (inflammable)	Canary yellow	Light grey	Signal red
Ethylchloride (non-inflammable)	Canary yellow	Light grey	White
Ethylene	Canary yellow	Dark violet	Signal red
Ethylene oxide	Canary yellow	Dark violet	Brilliant green
Freon (chlorofluoro derivative of methane and ethane)	Canary yellow	Light grey	Dark violet
Helium	Canary yellow	Light brown	_
Hydrogen	Canary yellow	Signal red	French blue
Methane	Canary yellow	Signal red	Light brown
Methylbromide	Canary yellow	French blue	Black
Methylchloride (inflammable)	Canary yellow	Brilliant green	Signal red
Methylchloride (non-inflammable)	Canary yellow	Brilliant green	French blue
Neon	Canary yellow	Light brown	Black
Nitrogen	Canary yellow	Black	-
Oxygen	Canary yellow	White	
Propane	Canary yellow	Signal red	Black
Phosgene	Canary yellow	Black	White

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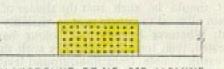
Table 4 Colour Code for Hydrocarbons and Naptha

(Clauses 7.5 and 9.1)

Contents	Ground Colour	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
Propylene F.P. (Liquid)	Dark Admirality grey	Brilliant green	_
Propylene (C.G.) (Liquid)	Dark Admirality grey	Brilliant green	Smoke grey
Ethylene glycol	Dark Admirality grey	Brilliant green	Gulf red
Ethylene Di-chloride	Dark Admirality grey	Gulf red	_
Benzene	Dark Admirality grey	Canary yellow	_
Butadine	Dark Admirality grey	Black	
Acetone	Dark Admirality grey	Black	Canary yellow
Methanol	Dark Admirality grey	Deep buff	_
Naptha	Dark Admirality grey	Light brown	Black
ACIDS			
Phosphoric acid	Dark violet	Silver grey	
Hydrofluoric acid	Dark violet	Signal red	French blue
Sulphuric acid	Dark violet	Brilliant green	Light orange
Nitric acid	Dark violet	French blue	Light orange
Hydrochloric acid	Dark violet	Signal red	Light orange
Acetic acid	Dark violet	Silver grey	-
CHEMICAL & ALLIED PRODUCTS			
Brine	Black	White	-
Caustic solution	Smoke grey	Light orange	-
Classified	Black	Canary yellow	-
Spinbath concentrative sulphuric acid	Dark violet	Brilliant green	Canary yellow
Dissolving	-	Light orange	White
Causted	Dark violet	Light orange	
Evaporated spinbath	Black	Canary yellow	Brilliant green
Floculent solution	Black	Brilliant green	-
Lime	Smoke grey	White	Canary yellow
Mercury	Black	White	Brilliant green
Rum-off caustic	Smoke grey	White	
Recovered caustic	Smoke grey	Signal red	White
Carbon disulphide	Black	Light orange	
Strong caustic	Smoke grey	French blue	White
Steeping caustic	Smoke grey	Golden yellow	
Sodium sulfide	Black	Brilliant green	Canary yellow
Soap solution	Black	Light orange	White
Spinbath supply	Black	White	Canary yellow
Spinbath return	Black	Golden yellow	-
Sodium carbonate solution	Dark violet	Jasmine yellow	-
Waste caustic	Dark violet	White	Canary yellow
Waste spinbath	Black	Jasmine yellow	-
Viscose	Black	Golden yellow	Brilliant green

Ganning in od i	Ground Colour Band	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
Ale mailes an implace parties	Sky blue	White	Black
Cyclopropane	Canary yellow	Light orange	Company of the second
Carbon dioxide	Canary yellow	Light grey	
Ethylene 14410 add	Cannry yellow	Dark yellow	Signal red
Helium 2002000000000	Canary yellow	Light brown	no mentili - o terre
Oxygen	Canary yellow	White	Children Intersection
Oxygen and carbon dioxide mixture	Canary yellow	White	Light grey
Oxygen and helium mixtur#	Canary yellow	White	Light brown
Nitrous oxide	Canary yellow	French blue	Signal red
Nitrogen	Canary yellow	Black	
Vacuum	Sky blue	Black	

Table 5 Colour Code for Medical Gases



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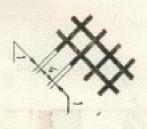
BACKGROUND OF NO. 397 JASMINE YELLOW WITH BLACK DOTS

POSITIONING OF DOTS

4A Hazard Marking for Slightly Radioactive Fluids

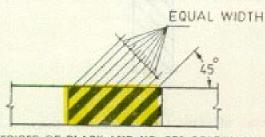


BACKGROUND OF NO. 557 LIGHT ORANGE WITH BLACK CROSS STRIPES



PROPORTIONAL WIDTH 4:1 BLACK CROSS STRIPS

4B Hazard Marking for Highly Radioactive Fluids



STRIPES OF BLACK AND NO. 356 GOLDEN YELLOW 4C Hazard Marking for Other Kind of Hazards

FIG. 4 DETAILS OF HAZARD MARKING

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9 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

When further identification is required to supplement the colour code, this may be done by the particular industry for its own use.

9.1 Lettering

Lettering is recommended for Chemical Industry (see Fig. 3 and 5), for the products not covered in Tables 2 to 5. For steam, temperature and pressure shall be indicated after colour indication, by lettering. The recommended size of lettering for pipes of different diameters is given below:

Outside Diameter of Pipe or Covering	Size of Legend
mm	mm
20 to 30	10
Above 30 ., 50	20
., 50 ,, 80	30
,, 80 ,, 150	40
,, 150 ,, 250	90
Over 250	

9.2 Direction of Flow

Where it is required to indicate the direction of flow, arrows or letters may be painted near valves, junctions, walls, etc, and at suitable intervals along the pipe, in a manner best suited to local conditions (see Fig. 3). These shall be black or white in colour and in contrast to the colour on which they are superimposed. If a label or badge with a codified indication is

attached to the pipe, the direction of flow may be indicated by the pointed end of the label or badge.

Sizes of arrow shall be as given in Fig. 6.

9.2.1 For central heating systems or other closed circuits where it is necessary to indicate separately, the flow and return pipes, this shall be done by the use of the word 'FLOW' or the letter 'F' on the one pipe and the word 'RETURN' or the letter 'R' on the other.

10 VISIBILITY OF MARKINGS

10.1 Attention shall be given to the visibility of colour marking and the letterings. Where the pipelines are located above the normal line of vision of the operator, the lettering shall be placed below the horizontal line of the pipes, as shown in Fig. 7.

10.2 Preferably colouring shall be all around the pipe wherever possible, if not, the extent of colouring along the circumference is to be decided by purchase Engineer in charge depending upon direction of visibility at site.

10.3 The electrical illumination of plant in the night should be such that the shades of colours are not affected to ensure proper visibility in the night. Wherever legends and colour bands are indicated, their location should be such that they are easily visible from floor/ground level during day time and extra illumination should be provided over them for night time or wherever visibility is poor.

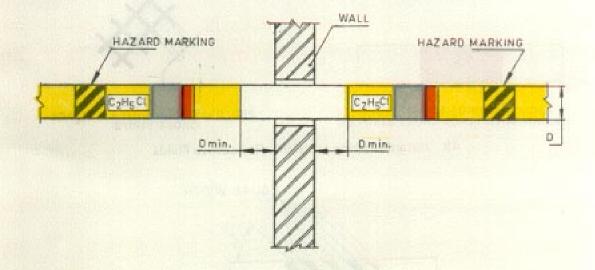
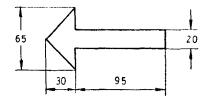
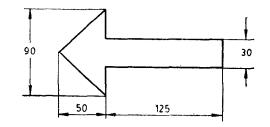


FIG. 5 HAZARD MARKING (FLUID CARRIED, ETHYL CHLORIDE)



6A For Pipes DN 200 and Below



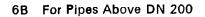


FIG. 6 SIZE OF ARROWS

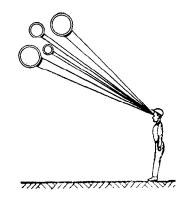


FIG. 7 POSITIONING OF MARKINGS FOR VISIBILITY

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(Page 4, Table 2) — Add the following after the last entry 'Waste water' under subheading 'Water':

Contents	Ground Colour	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
Demineralized water	Sea green	Gulf red	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Process water	Sea green	Oxide red	-
Wash water	Sea green	Canary yellow	-
Quench water	Sea green	Dark grey	-

(Page 5, Table 3) — Add the following after the last entry 'Phosgene':

Contents	Ground Colour	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
Fuel gas and sour gas	Canary yellow	Grey	Dark violet
Sweet gas	Canary yellow	Grey	-
Residue gas, LPG	Canary yellow	Oxide red	White
Charge gas	Canary yellow	Signal red	French blue
Aromatic gasoline	Dark Admiralty grey	Brilliant green	Canary yellow
Pyrolysis gasoline	Dark Admiralty grey	Brilliant green	Black

(Page 6, Table 4) — Add the following after 'Naptha':

Contents	Ground Colour	First Colour Band	Second Colour Band
Ethane (Liquid)	Dark Admiralty grey	Light grey	French blue
Propylene (Liquid)	Dark Admiralty grey	Signal red	Black
Kerosene	Light brown	Brilliant green	Dark violet
LPG (Liquid)	Dark Admiralty grey	Brilliant green	. Dark violet