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Technology included since NFPA 59A-2001: Membrane LNG Storage Tanks

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GTT overview

LNG storage tank types

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Membrane systems proven across markets

LNG Carrier Orders by Containment System Type:

TANK TYPES	Number on Order	Number in Service *
MOSS	26	98
SPB	4	2
GTT MEMBRANE	107	297
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FSRU Floating Storage Regasification Units

GTT Membrane used in all 19 newbuilds in service with 6 more on order⁽¹⁾

- **FLNG** Floating LNG Units
 - GTT Membrane used in all 3 newbuilds on order⁽¹⁾
- Onshore Storage Tanks
 - 34 GTT Membrane storage tanks in operation as far back as 1972



Membrane onshore references

- About 100 Membrane Tanks in service today :
 - **34 GTT MEMBRANE TANKS**
 - Mainly LNG but also LPG, Ethylene
- First Membrane tank commissioned in 1972 (and still in operation...)
- ▶ From 8,000 m³ to 250,000 m³ capacity
- Approximately 2,500 tank-years experience in total (similar to 9% Ni)
- More than 150 LNG carriers (+600 tanks) using GTT Mark system are operated
- Two large Membrane tanks under construction (Philippines & Indonesia)









2 LNG storage tank types according to International Standards





Safety

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Excellence



Cross-sectional comparison of elements

Between 9% Nickel and Membrane



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Glasswool on

suspended

deck

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Membrane design philosophy

"... tightness and structural functions are separated which allows optimization of each function and avoids simultaneous multiple failures ..."

The outer tank provides the structural resistance to inner and outer loads

External loads (eg Impact, Blast, Fire,...)

The insulation system limits the heat exchange between the concrete and the LNG Primary barrier ensures the liquid and vapour tightness

> Internal loads: LNG hydrostatic & dynamic pressure and vapour gas pressure

The TPS ensures the design of concrete outer tank in case of leak of primary barrier

> The insulation system transmits loads to the outer tank



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Design philosophy of stainless steel metallic primary membrane

CORRUGATIONS MAKE THE MEMBRANE INSENSITIVE TO THERMAL LOADS



The membrane flat portions operate at ZERO STRESS LEVEL which results in an almost unlimited resistance to fatigue and prevents any risk of crack propagation and therefore catastrophic failure.





Main conclusions:

- The Membrane and 9% Ni tanks are predicted to pose very similar levels of risk from external LNG leaks
- It is the design of each tank against specific events that is more important than whether it is Membrane or 9% Ni tank



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Status in International codes and standards



Membrane references in worldwide standards

Country	Standard	Edition	Title	Comments	
Europe	EN 14620 parts 1 to 5	2006	Design and manufacture of site built, vertical, cylindrical, flat bottomed steel tanks for the storage of refrigerated, liquefied gases with operating temperatures between 0° C and - 165° C	Addresses the full design of membrane tanks. liquefied C and -	
Japan	JGA RP 107-2		Recommended practice for LNG in-ground storage	Deals only with in-ground storage tanks; No English version exists for this Japanese standard.	
Europe	EN 1473	2007	Installation and equipment for liquefied natural gas - Design of onshore installations	Addresses definition and equipment relative to membrane tanks.	
Korea	KS B 6943	2007	Standard for Membrane type inner tank	Design of membrane type inner tank.	
USA	ACI 376	2011	Code Requirements for Design and Construction of Concrete Structures for the Containment of Refrigerated Liquefied Gases	This Code is not applicable to membrane tanks. However, it says that with appropriate additional engineering analysis and justification, portions of this Code may be applied.	
Canada	BCOGC	2014	Oil & Gas Activity act; LNG Regulation	This regulation integrates Membrane tanks with reference to EN14620 for parts exclusive to membrane, ACI376 for concrete outer tank, and API625 as general codes.	
Canada	CSA Z-276	2015	Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Production, Storage and Handling	Full inclusion of requirements for Membrane containment tanks in line with other tank technology requirements.	
USA	NFPA 59A	2016	Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	Full inclusion of requirements for Membrane containment tanks in line with other tank technology requirements.	



Latest update of International standards

▶ NFPA 59A incorporates Membrane as of 2016 revision :

Membrane and 9% Ni are recognized at the same level of safety and therefore the same requirements are valid for both technologies.

In this latest revision, Membrane and 9% Ni are designed without dike and the outer concrete wall shall be able to contain the liquid in case of major leak and shall be able to withstand external fire.

Other relevant standards:

Canadian Standards

CSA Z276 updated in 2015 and Membrane is now included in this standard with Membrane and 9% Ni recognized at the same level of safety, with no dike required for either technology.

Korean Standards

KS standards recognize Membrane and 9% Ni as equivalent technologies.











Existing/under construction LNG tanks (on www.gtt.fr)

GTT LNG STORAGE TANKS REFERENCES							
DATE	ТҮРЕ	CAPACITY(m3)	Qty	LOCATION	STANDARDS		
1981	Above ground	120 000	2	Montoir de Bretagne, France			
1981	In ground	95 000	1	Negishi, Japan			
1984	In ground	60 000	4	Ohgishima, Japan			
1985	In ground	130 000	1	Sodegaura, Japan			
1987	Above ground	100 000	4	Pyeong Taek, Korea			
1987	In ground	90 000	1	Futtsu, Japan	Technigaz standards		
1990	In ground	100 000	3	Kaohsiung, Taïwan	&		
1995	Above ground	100 000	3	Pyeong Taek, Korea	RPIS (Recommended Practice for In-		
1996	In ground	35 000	2	Fukuoka, Japan	ground Storage tanks)		
1996	In ground	200 000	2	Negishi, Japan			
1997	In ground	80 000	1	Sendai, Japan			
1998	Above ground	100 000	3	Pyeong Taek, Korea			
2003	In ground	200 000	1	Ohgishima, Japan			
2003	In ground	35 000	1	Nagasaki, Japan			
2016	Above ground	90 000	1	Sengkang, Indonesia	EN14620		
2016	Above ground	130 000	1	Pagbilao, Philippines	EN14620		

North America

Pagbilao, regasification terminal – 130,000 m³ net











Containment system pre-production underway



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Sengkang, liquefaction plant – 90,000 m³ net







Concrete completed, moisture barrier mid-2016



Why is the Industry requesting Membrane tank technology?



- Is Proven with 34 tanks in service since 1972 with 2 large tanks and 2 very small tanks on order
- Is Reliable (no dyke is required according to European, Korean, North American Std)
- Is Similar to MARK III technology used for LNG Carriers (synergy and feedback on harsher dynamic environment)
- Is a Cost saver with up to 20% less CAPEX compared to other technology (160k m3)
- Is a Schedule saver with a gain of 3+ months in over all construction (160k m3)
- Only requires trained operators instead of highly skilled welders
- Can be locally produced with GTT assistance
- Same design whatever the capacity



Conclusion: Membrane Full Integrity storage tank

- Now broadly recognized by all International standards
- Poses similar safety level as 9% Ni
- **Concrete outer structure for Membrane is more robust than for 9% Ni**
- **Benefits from 40+ years of onshore tank performance feedback**
- Benefits from feedback of 150+ LNG Carriers in operation with similar Mark technology in much harsher environment
- Testing program ensures tank integrity after each step of erection
- Membrane provides commercial advantages and marketplace competition to Project Developers



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