A GRAPHICAL SYMBOLS FOR PIPING SYSTEMS AND PLANT

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Scope

This part of BS 1553 specifies graphical symbols for use in flow and piping diagrams for process plant.

Symbols (or elements of Symbols) for Use in Conjunction with Other Symbols

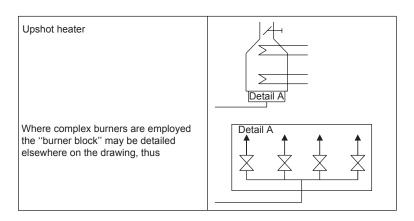
Mechanical linkage	
Weight device	\bigcirc
Electrical device	
Vibratory or loading device (any type)	#
Spray device	
Rotary movement	
Stirring device	
Fan	∞

Access point	
Equipment branch: general symbol Note. The upper representation does not necessarily imply a flange, merely the termination point. Where a breakable connection is required the branch/pipe would be as shown in the lower symbol	+
Equipment penetration (fixed)	
Equipment penetration (removable)	
Boundary line	
Point of change	
Discharge to atmosphere	

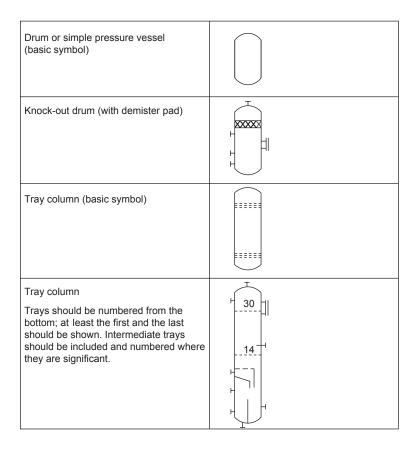
Basic and Developed Symbols for Plant and Equipment

Heat Transfer Equipment

Heat exchanger (basic symbols)	
Alternative:	
Shell and tube: fixed tube sheet	+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Shell and tube: U tube or floating head	
Shell and tube: kettle reboiler	T T
Air-blown cooler	
Plate type	←
Double pipe type	
Heating/cooling coil (basic symbol)	
Fired heater/boiler (basic symbol)	



Vessels and Tanks



Fluid contacting vessel (basic symbol)	
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Support grids and distribution details may be shown	
Reaction or absorption vessel (basic symbol)	
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Autoclave (basic symbol)	
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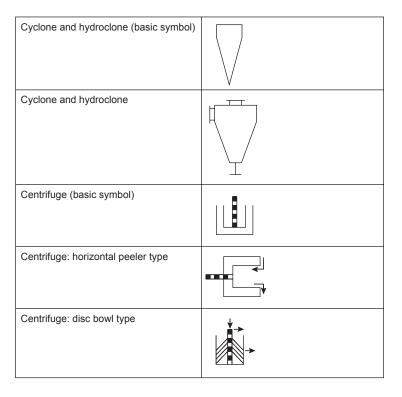
Open tank (basic symbol)	
Open tank	+
Clarifier or settling tank	H
Sealed tank	H H
Covered tank	+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Tank with fixed roof (with draw-off sump)	
Tank with floating roof (with roof drain)	
Storage sphere	THE STATE OF THE S
Gas holder (basic symbol for all types)	

Pumps and Compressors

Rotary pump, fan or simple compressor (basic symbol)	
Centrifugal pump or centrifugal fan	
Centrifugal pump (submerged suction)	
Positive displacement rotary pump or rotary compressor	H X H
Positive displacement pump (reciprocating)	
Axial flow fan	
Compressor: centrifugal/axial flow (basic symbol)	
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Compressor: reciprocating (basic symbol)	
Ejector/injector (basic symbol)	→

Solids Handling

Size reduction	*/
Breaker gyratory	
Roll crusher	X
Pulverizer : ball mill	
Mixing (basic symbol)	
Kneader	
Ribbon blender	\sim
Double cone blender	
Filter (basic symbol, simple batch)	
Filter press (basic symbol)	
Rotary filter, film drier or flaker	→ ↓



Drying

