

4.04 Color Coding of Existing Standpipe Systems (2025)

Reference: 2025 San Francisco Fire Code (SFFC) Section 905.

Purpose: It is the San Francisco Fire Department Bureau of Fire Prevention's policy that all standpipe systems with multiple risers be interconnected at their base. However, existing systems that were approved and installed without such interconnection may have their use continued if such a standpipe system is provided with an approved color code.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Color Code Markers.** Color code markers shall be of a permanent material at least one inch wide surrounding the flange of the standpipe inlet. All outlets supplied by this inlet shall be equipped with similar marking.
2. **Exposed Standpipe.** If the standpipe is exposed, the pipe directly above the outlet handle shall be marked with a color band at least one inch wide which is the same color as installed at the inlet which supplies such outlet.
3. **Enclosed Standpipe.** If the standpipe is enclosed by construction, such markings shall be located on the wall directly behind the standpipe outlet. This marking may be a 3-inch color disk or 3-inch square area and shall be the same color as the inlet which supplies such outlet.