Sprinkler System Installation

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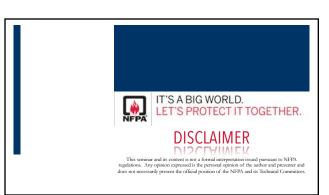
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Introduction – Introduce Yourself

- Name
- Company
- Title
- Experience in the industry
- Something specific you are looking to take away from the next 3-days



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Housekeeping Items





- Emergency Exits
- Bathrooms
- Breaks

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	Major Changes			
	60 revisions1991-Reorganization			
	 "User Friendly" Update 1994 definitions			
	• 1996- Application, placement, location, spacing, and various			
	types of sprinklers			
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	Major Changes			
	1999-ReorganizationCorrelating Committee Founded			
	Four Technical CommitteesStorage Req'ts Added			
	 Additional revisions in 2002 and 2007 			
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	2010 Changes			
		Incorporation of "Manual of Style": Eliminations of exceptions		
		Mandatory reference moved to Chapter 2 Definitions moved to Chapter 3		
		Definitions moved to Chapter 3 Additional chapters to consolidate		
		Storage revised		

2013 Changes

- Chapter 16 and 17 reorganized
- New chapter- Alternative Approaches for Storage Designs



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2016 Changes



- Redundancies per sprinkler type
- Clarifying storage differences
- Discharge committee redundancy task force

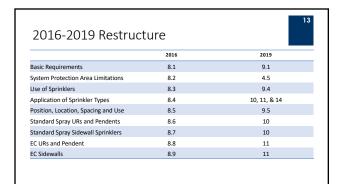
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Reason For Change





- No logical order
- Hard to follow
- Inconsistent redundancy
- Streamlining
- Consistent chapter layout
- Chapter 8....



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Pipe, Fittings, System Components, System Types



Chapter 5 – Water Supplies

Chapter 6 – Installation Underground Piping

Chapter 7 – Requirements for System Components and Hardware

Chapter 8 – System Types and Requirements



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Sprinklers Installation Requirements



Chapter 9 – Sprinkler Location Requirements

Chapter 10 - Standard Spray Uprights, Pendants, Sidewalls

Uprights, Pendants, Sidewalls **Chapter 11** – Extended Coverage
Uprights, Pendants, Sidewalls

Chapter 12 – Residential Sprinklers

Chapter 13 – CMSA Sprinklers

Chapter 14 – ESFR Sprinklers

Chapter 15 – Special Sprinklers



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Installation of Piping, Valves, and Appurtenances



Chapter 16

- Basic Requirements
- Sprinkler Installation
- Piping Installation
- Protection of Piping
- Protection of Risers Subject to Mechanical Damage
- Provision for Flushing Systems
- Air Venting
- Fitting Installation

- Valves
- Drainage
- System Attachments
- Fire Department Connections
- Gauges
- System Connections
- Hose Connections
- Electrical Bonding and Grounding
- Signs

Hanging and Bracing

Chapter 17

• Hanging a



Chapter 18

• Seismic Protection (if required)

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Design and Discharge

Chapter 19 – Design Approaches

- Storage Chapters

 Chapter 20 General Requirements for Storage

 Chapter 21 CMDA

 Chapter 22 CMSA
- Chapter 23 ESFR
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 Chapter 25 In-rack Sprinklers

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Hydraulic Calculations





Chapter 27 – Plans and Calculations

- Hydraulic Calculation Procedures
- Hose Allowance
 Hydraulic Calculation Forms
- Pipe Schedules

System Acceptance

Chapter 28

- Approval of Sprinkler Systems
- Acceptance Test Requirements
- Automated Inspection and Testing Devices and Equipment
- Instructions
- Hydraulic Data Nameplate
- General Information Sign



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Existing System Modifications

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Chapter 29

- Added for the 2019 edition
- Consolidates requirements for existing systems in one place
 In theory...
- Not "all inclusive"



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Marine Systems





Chapter 30

Marine apparatus

	Inspection,	Testing,	and	Maintenanc
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Refers the user to NFPA 25

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- Annex A Explanatory Material (Typical)
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Standards Development Process

National Fire Protection Association



Standards Development

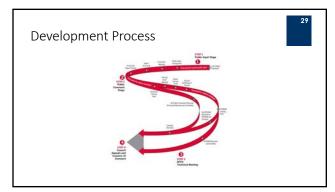
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- About 8,800 volunteers
- About 260 Technical Committees
- Balanced interests

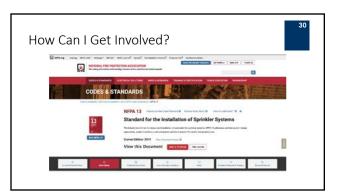
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- 44 Technical Committees
- 38 documents
- 91 seats (principal/alternate)
- Representing members

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NFPA 13 Subcommittees

Correlating Committee (AUT-AAC)

Hanging and Bracing (AUT-HBS)

- Chapter 3- Definitions
 Chapter 17- Hanging and Support of System Piping
- Chapter 18- Seismic

Private Water Supply Piping (AUT-PRI)

- NFPA 291
- NFPA 24Chapter 3- Definitions
- Chapter 6- Underground Piping

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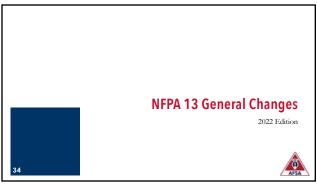
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Installation Criteria (AUT-SSI)



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Definition Ownership

- Acronym following definitions
 AUT-AAC
 AUT-PRI

 - AUT-SSDAUT-SSI

Example: 3.3.8.1 Closed Array. A storage arrangement where air movement through the pile is restricted because of 6 in. (150 mm) or less vertical flues. (AUT-SSD)



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Protecting Pipe Against Freezing

The weather temperature used to determine if an unheated portion of a system is subject to freezing and required to be protected in accordance with 16.4.1.1 shall be the lowest mean temperature for one day, obtained from an approved source.

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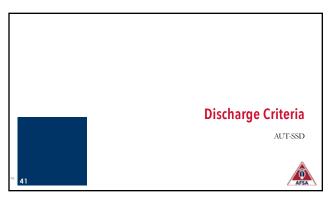
Building Height

For the purposes of seismic protection, the vertical distance from the grade plane to the average elevation of the highest roof surface. (AUT-HBS)



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Single Point Densities for New Systems

NFPA 13-2022/ Table 19.2.3.1.1

Single Point Densities for Existing Systems



NFPA 13-2022/ Figure 19.2.3.1.1

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CMDA Single Point Densities

- Curves still exist for existing systems
- Adjustments for single point densities throughout Chapter
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Chapter Reorganization



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Design Approach

Clarification to Section 19.1.1.

More than one design approach can be selected for a single building or system. It is the designer's discretion as to which design approaches or methods to utilize; prior approval by the authority having jurisdiction is not required.



NFPA 13-2022/ A.19.1.1

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Working Plans List

- Reorganized
- Added information

Provides comprehensive plans for:

- AHJ
- Installation Crew



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Working Plans

- Name, telephone number, and address of installing contractor
 Location of all fire-rated partitions, fire barriers, draft stops, and draft curtains
 Location and identification of all major structural members, and identification and labeling of construction types (i.e., obstructed or unobstructed) for each space or portion thereof in the building, as applicable
- Location and identification of spaces, regardless of combustibility, and of architectural and/or structural features not shown or easily identifiable in the floor plan or reflected ceiling plan views
- Water source(s) supply information, including the following:
 a. Location
 b. Type
 c. Size
 d. Dimensions
 c. Capacity
 f. Configuration
 g. Elevation
 h. Safti pressure
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Smooth Ceiling

 A continuous ceiling free from significant irregularities, lumps, or indentations greater than 4 in. (100 mm) in depth. (AUT-SSI)



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Exterior Projection

 Construction attached to the primary structure, An extension beyond an exterior wall capable of collecting heat below. (AUT-SSI)



NFPA 13-2022/ 3.3.73

Electrically Operated Sprinkler

 A sprinkler equipped with an integral means of activation using electricity. (AUT-SSI)



NFPA 13-2022/ 3.3.215.4.6

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Electrically Operated Sprinkler

Permitted when evaluated and listed $under \ the \ following \ conditions:$

- Fire tests related to the intended hazard
- Distribution of spray pattern:
- Floor and wall wetting Respect to obstructions
- Performance under horizontal and sloped ceilings
- Area of design
 Allowable clearance to ceilings



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Temperature Rating Table

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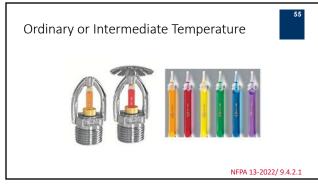
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Table 7.2.4.1

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System Air Pressure

- Low air pressure at least 5 psi above trip pressure
- High pressure 5 psi above system pressure

Notification:

- Audible at locationFACP supervisory



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Porte-cocheres

 Sprinklers are required when located directly below floors intended for occupancy



NFPA 13-2022/ 9.2.3.2.1

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Bathrooms Under Stairs

 Do not require sprinklers when separated from the stairs by fireresistive construction



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Small Temporarily Occupied Enclosures

- Do not require sprinklers when:
- Do not extend to the ceiling
- No storage
- Maximum: 24 ft²



NFPA 13-2022/ 9.3.20

Partitions in OH Occupancies	
Sprinkler located to the side Sprinkler located directly above	
NFPA 13-2022/ 10.2.7.3.2.3, 10.2.7.3.2.4	
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Sidewall Spray Sprinklers	
Annex language added for car stackers	
Allowance to install sidewall sprinklers:	-
• Under cars in car stackers	
Cars stacked vertically placed under each level of cars	
NFPA 13-2022/ 10.3.2	
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Sprinkler Obstructions in Hallways	

NFPA 13-2022/ 10.3.6.1.7, 12.1.10.1.2

Clearance to Storage

• Rubber tire storage: 36 in.



NFPA 13-2022/10.2.8.3, 11.2.6.3

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Concealed Sprinklers in Beams

- Concealed sprinklers
- Increased from 4 in. to 14 in.deep beam



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NFPA 13-2022/ 12.1.8.1.2

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Upright ESFR on Branch lines

- Attached directly to branch lines ≤ 4 in. (nominal)
- Offset horizontally minimum of 12 in. from the pipe
- Supplied by a riser nipple to elevate the sprinkler 12 in. from centerline of pipe > 4 in. (nominal)



NFPA 13-2022/ 14.2.11.3.3

Protection of Piping Subject to Mechanical Damage

- Must provide nail plates when pipe other than steel is run through wood or metal studs:
- Steel shield plates:
- Where the face of piping is less than 1.25 in from nearest edge of member
- Minimum thickness of .0575 in. (No. 16 gauge)
- Cover the area of the pipe where the member is notched and bored



NFPA 13-2022/ 16.4.5

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Pipe Schedule Nameplate

- Installing contractor must provide
- Permanently marked weatherproof or rigid plastic sign
- Corrosion-resistant wire, chain, or other approved means
- Placed at the corresponding system riser

Table 27.5.2.2.1

Table 27.5.3.4

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Waterflow Alarm Devices

Mechanical



5 minutes

Electrical



100 seconds

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Table 8.2.3.6.	1
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Nitrogen Supply for Increased C-factor

- Restore air pressure within 30/60 minutes
- Listed and permanently installed
- Maintain 98% at minimum leakage rate of 1.5 psi/hr
- Installed per manufacturer's instructions



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ESFR in Light and Ordinary Hazard

- For retrofits
- Light and Ordinary Hazard

Utilize Spray Sprinkler Guidance

- Protection Areas and Maximum Spacing for Light Hazard
- Spacing
- Obstruction Criteria



NFPA 13-2022/ 14.2.7

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ESFR Isolated Obstructions

Sprinklers not required for isolated noncontiguous obstruction:

• ≤ 1.5 in. in width located horizontally a minimum of 12 in. below deflector

• ≤ 6 in. in width and located a minimum of 6 in. horizontally from the sprinkler

- ≤24 in. in width and a minimum of 12 in. horizontally from the sprinkler

High-piled storage is not physically separated from an adjacent light or ordinary hazard area:

Criteria applies to sprinkler located 6 ft. horizontally of any high-piled storage



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ESFR - Continuous Obstructions

Sprinklers not required for isolated noncontiguous obstruction :

- ≤ 1.5 in. in width located horizontally a minimum of 12 in. below deflector
- ≤ 6 in. in width and located a minimum of 6 in. horizontally from the sprinkler

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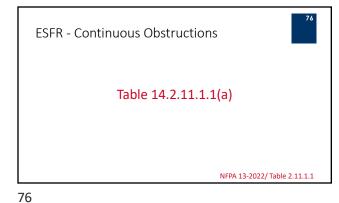
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 ESFRs shall be arranged with respect to the
 bottom chord of bar joist or open truss:

 Bottom cord is ≤ 6 in. in width, located a
 minimum of 6 in. horizontally from nearest
 edge of bottom cord

 Bottom cord is ≤ 24 in. in width, located a
 minimum of 12 in. horizontally from
 nearest edge of bottom cord

NFPA 13-2022/ 14.2.11.3



Campus Arrangement of Spare Sprinklers



- Sprinklers and wrenches do not need to be stored at individual systems locations
- Hospitals
- Multifamily complexes
- Schools

NFPA 13-2022/ 16.2.7.1

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When is Backflow Prevention Required?





- Connection to Public Water
- When is an RPZ Required?
 - Antifreeze
 - Foam
 - Corrosion Inhibitor

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Backflow Types



- Double Check Valve Assembly
 A double check assembly (DCA) consists of two independently operating springloaded check valves
- Double Check Detector Assembly
 A double check detector assembly (DCDA) is hydraulically balanced to include a metered bypass assembly to detect system leakage
- Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly
 Two independently acting check valves
 together with a hydraulically operating,
 mechanically independent pressure
 differential relief valve



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Backflow Types

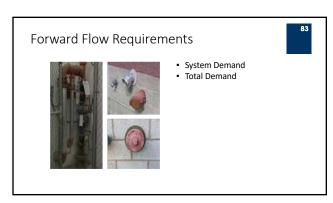


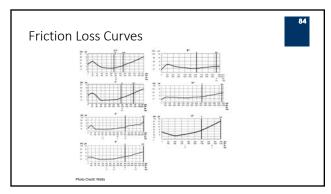
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Water Purveyor





- May require a reduced pressure backflow preventer
- May not allow discharge to atmosphere for installation and testing

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Installation Requirements



16.9.3.3.5 A listed backflow prevention assembly shall be permitted to be considered a control valve, provided both control valves are listed for fire protection system use and an additional control valve shall not be required.

16.9.4* Check Valves.

16.9.4.1 Where there is more than one source of water supply, a check valve shall be installed in each connection.

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16.9.4.2 A listed backflow prevention device shall be considered a check valve, and an additional check valve shall not be required.

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Installation Requirements

• 16.14.5.1* Backflow Prevention Valves. A test connection shall be provided downstream of all backflow prevention valves for the performance of forward flow tests required by this standard and NFPA 25at a minimum flow rate of the system demand including hose allowance where applicable.



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Installation Requirements

- 16.14.5.1.1 A 2 1/2 in. (65 mm) hose valve shall be provided downstream of the backflow prevention valve for every 250 gm (950 L/mi) of flow rate required by the system demand including hose allowance where applicable.

 16.14.5.1.2* Existing hose connections downstream of the backflow prevention valve shall be allowed to be utilized.

 16.14.5.1.3* Other means shall be permitted as long as the system doesn't require modification to perform the test and it is sized to meet the system demand.



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Contractor's Material and Test Certificate



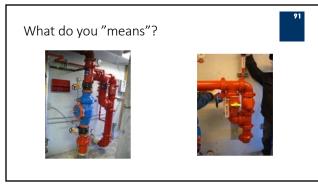
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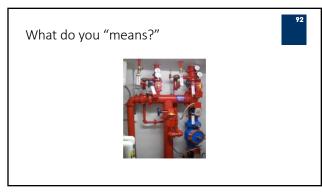
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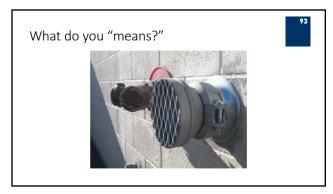
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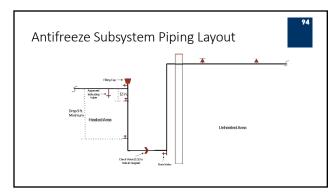


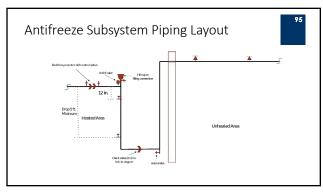


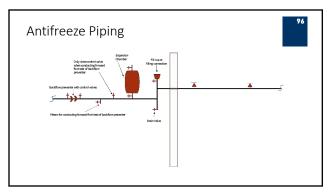




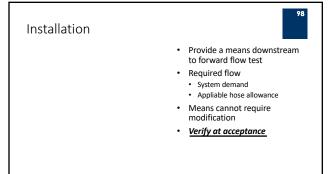


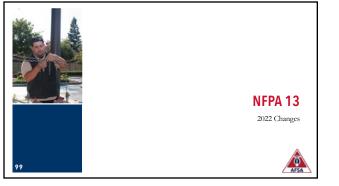












Backflow Prevention Valves





- 2.5 in. valve down stream per 250 of flow rate
- Existing hose connection downstream are permitted
- Other means not requiring modification also permitted

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Shop Drawings





 Paren 18: Location and labeling of forward flow connections required

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Backflow ITM

NFPA 25-2020CA Edition



Inspection



· RPZ – Weekly



- Verify system in service
- Normally open valves are open
- Internal Inspection 5 years
 - All BFP

NFPA 25-2020: 13.7

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Testing



- Exercised AnnuallyForward flow test

 - System demandPlus, applicable hose/hydrant
 - Maximum possible
- Drought?
 - Internally inspect
 - No flow required
- Fire Pump connected?
 - Forget about it



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What do you "means?"



















