

Performance Requirements for Push-Fit Fittings

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ASSE standards are developed in the interest of consumer safety. This standard was developed to establish minimum performance requirements for push-fit fittings; an alternative method of connecting fittings with valves and tubing on potable water distribution systems and hydronic heat systems.

There are other applications for push-fit fittings, including compressed air systems and gas piping systems. However, the performance requirements and tests in ASSE Standard #1061 were developed for fittings installed in potable water distribution systems and hydronic heat systems only.

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# Performance Requirements for **Push-Fit Fittings**

## Section I

## 1.0 General

### 1.1 Application

The purpose of this standard is to establish minimum performance requirements for push-fit fittings and push-fit connections that are integrated into plumbing devices (herein referred to as the "fitting"). The fittings described in this standard are intended for use in hot and cold potable water distribution and hydronic heating systems in residential and commercial applications.

#### 1.2 Scope

#### 1.2.1 Description

This standard applies to push-fit fittings that can be used with one or more of the following materials:

- 1) PEX tubing complying with ASTM F876 or CSA B137.5.
- 2) Copper tubing, hard drawn Type K, L and M and annealed Type M not to exceed 3/8 nominal, complying with ASTM B 88.
- 3) CPVC tubing complying with ASTM D2846 or CSA B137.6.
- 4) PE-RT tubing complying with ASTM F2769 or CSA B137.18.
- 5) PP-R/PP-RCT tubing complying with ASTM F2389 or CSA B137.11.
- 6) CPVC-AL-CPVC complying with ASTM F2855.
- 7) Transition push-fit fittings intended for installation on PB tubing

#### 1.2.2 Size

These fittings shall have a nominal size not to exceed 2" CTS.

#### 1.2.3 Minimum Pressure and Temperature Ratings

These fittings shall be designed for a continuous water service up to and including 100.0 psi (689.5 kPa) at 180.0 °F (82.22 °C). Push-fit fittings are not intended to be used in temperature/ pressure relief valve drain lines unless they are tested and rated for excessive conditions of 210.0 °F (98.89 °C) and 150.0 psi (1034 kPa), per ASME A112.4.1 or ASTM F877.

#### **1.3 Reference Standards**

Listed below are the industry standards referenced within this ASSE standard. ASSE 1061 specifically references the revision of each standard given.

- ASME A112.4.1-2009(R2014), Water Heater Relief Valve Drain Tubes
- ASME B1.20.1-2013, Pipe Threads, General Purpose, Inch
- ASME B1.20.3-1976(R2013), Dryseal Pipe Threads, Inch
- ASME B16.18-2018, Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings
- ASME B16.22-2018, Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings
- ASTM A240/A240M-2019, Standard Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications