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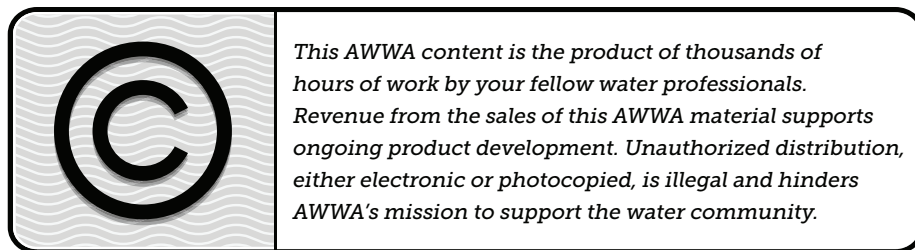
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## Foreword

*This foreword is for information only and is not a part of ANSI\*/AWWA C560.*

### **I. Introduction.**

I.A. *Background.* A cast-iron slide gate is a cast-iron or cast-ductile-iron, vertically sliding gate with metal (usually bronze or stainless-steel) seating faces and adjustable metal (usually bronze or stainless-steel) wedges. The slide gate consists of a self-contained frame or nonself-contained frame and a slide. Examples of where this type of gate is used include the control of water and wastewater through orifice openings in walls, at the ends of pipes, at the ends of open-top channels, or within open-top channels and controlling flow at openings in tank walls. Downward-opening gates act as weir gates. Slide gates are raised and lowered by means of a stem or rod using a manually operated screw stem actuator, an electrically driven screw stem actuator, or by a hydraulic or pneumatic cylinder. Gates are mounted directly to concrete walls with anchor bolts and leveling grout, or grouted into blockouts within concrete channel walls, or bolted to a pipe flange or wall thimble. Other terms used to describe slide gates include *penstocks* and *sluice gates*.

The term *slide gate* has been adopted for use by this series of standards, which supersede ANSI/AWWA C501-92.

ANSI/AWWA C560—Cast-Iron Slide Gates

ANSI/AWWA C561—Fabricated Stainless-Steel Slide Gates

ANSI/AWWA C562—Fabricated Aluminum Slide Gates

ANSI/AWWA C563—Fabricated Composite Slide Gates

The slide gates represented by ANSI/AWWA C560 through ANSI/AWWA C563 differ in material and means of sealing between the slide and the fixed frame as described below.

ANSI/AWWA C560 gates have a cast-iron or cast-ductile-iron slide and frame with machined metal seating faces and wedges to force the slide to seal between the seating faces on the slide and frame.

ANSI/AWWA C561 gates have a fabricated, reinforced stainless-steel slide and frame with ultra high molecular weight (UHMW) polyethylene seating faces and seals or UHMW polyethylene seating faces and resilient rubber seals.

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ANSI/AWWA C562 gates have a fabricated, reinforced aluminum slide and frame with UHMW polyethylene seating faces and seals or UHMW polyethylene seating faces and resilient rubber seals.

ANSI/AWWA C563 gates have fiberglass reinforced composite-plastic or rigid compressed plastic slides and frames of either fiberglass reinforced composite plastic, stainless steel, or coated carbon steel, with UHMW polyethylene seating faces and resilient rubber seals.

I.B. *History.* The original AWWA standard for slide gates (then referred to as sluice gates) was approved as tentative on June 26, 1941, and described cast-iron gates. The tentative standard was revised and approved on June 4, 1967, as AWWA C501. Subsequent editions were approved in January 1980, June 1987, and June 1992. Following the latest revision, the Standards Council authorized the development of additional standards for slide gates to recognize the widespread use of slide gates similar to ANSI/AWWA C501 gates in performance but manufactured by different methods and of different materials. For consistency among the new standards and recognizing the new designs employed, the Standards Council directed that each of the standards use the name *slide gate* in lieu of the term *sluice gate*. The Standards Council also directed that ANSI/AWWA C501 be redesignated ANSI/AWWA C560, with subsequent slide gate standards numbered consecutively. Subsequent revisions of the standard were approved as ANSI/AWWA C560 on June 11, 2000, and on June 24, 2007. This edition was approved on Jan. 19, 2014.

I.C. *Acceptance.* In May 1985, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) entered into a cooperative agreement with a consortium led by NSF International (NSF) to develop voluntary third-party consensus standards and a certification program for direct and indirect drinking water additives. Other members of the original consortium included the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AwwaRF, now Water Research Foundation\*) and the Conference of State Health and Environmental Managers (COSHEM). The American Water Works Association and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) joined later.

In the United States, authority to regulate products for use in, or in contact with, drinking water rests with individual states.† Local agencies may choose to impose requirements more stringent than those required by the state. To evaluate the health

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† Persons outside the United States should contact the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.



effects of products and drinking water additives from such products, state and local agencies may use various references, including

1. An advisory program formerly administered by USEPA, Office of Drinking Water, discontinued on Apr. 7, 1990.
2. Specific policies of the state or local agency.
3. Two standards developed under the direction of NSF,\* NSF/ANSI 60, Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals—Health Effects, and NSF/ANSI 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects.
4. Other references, including AWWA standards, *Food Chemicals Codex*, *Water Chemicals Codex*,<sup>†</sup> and other standards considered appropriate by the state or local agency.

Various certification organizations may be involved in certifying products in accordance with NSF/ANSI 61. Individual states or local agencies have authority to accept or accredit certification organizations within their jurisdiction. Accreditation of certification organizations may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

Annex A, “Toxicology Review and Evaluation Procedures,” to NSF/ANSI 61 does not stipulate a maximum allowable level (MAL) of a contaminant for substances not regulated by a USEPA final maximum contaminant level (MCL). The MALs of an unspecified list of “unregulated contaminants” are based on toxicity testing guidelines (noncarcinogens) and risk characterization methodology (carcinogens). Use of Annex A procedures may not always be identical, depending on the certifier.

ANSI/AWWA C560 does not address additives requirements. Thus, users of this standard should consult the appropriate state or local agency having jurisdiction in order to

1. Determine additives requirements, including applicable standards.
2. Determine the status of certifications by parties offering to certify products for contact with, or treatment of, drinking water.
3. Determine current information on product certification.

**II. Special Issues.** During the revision of this standard the issue of critical buckling of the gate stem was discussed. This resulted in the design load stipulated in 4.4.11.2 changing from the rated output to the extreme output of the actuator. The intent of this was to prevent stem failure. However, it is common to provide gates with actuators sized for modulating conditions and those actuators have higher-powered

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\* NSF International, 789 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

† Both publications available from National Academy of Sciences, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

motors. This may result in disproportionately large shafts. The user is cautioned that rated output may be more appropriate depending on the features specified with the actuator.

**III. Use of This Standard.** It is the responsibility of the user of an AWWA standard to determine that the products described in that standard are suitable for use in the particular application being considered.

III.A. *Purchaser Options and Alternatives.* The following items shall be provided by the purchaser:

1. Standard used—that is, ANSI/AWWA C560, Cast-Iron Slide Gates, of latest revision.
2. Whether compliance with NSF/ANSI 60, Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals—Health Effects, is required.
3. Number of units required.
4. Type of closure—conventional or flush-bottom.
  - a. Size—by width and by height of clear opening.
5. Design head measured from surface of water to centerline of gate, in ft (m), for the following:
  - a. Seating head.
  - b. Unseating head.
6. Operating head measured from surface of water to centerline of gate, in ft (m), in both seating and unseating conditions.
7. Type of lift actuator—manual, electric-motor-driven, or hydraulic/pneumatic-cylinder. If electric-motor-driven or hydraulic/pneumatic-cylinder, the purchaser should refer to ANSI/AWWA C542, Electric Motor Actuators for Valves and Slide Gates, or ANSI/AWWA C541, Hydraulic and Pneumatic Cylinder and Vane-Type Actuators for Valves and Slide Gates, of latest revision.
8. Conventional mounted frame or self-contained thrust reaction frame.
9. Upward- or downward-opening gate. NOTE: If a downward gate is required for skimming only, make manufacturer aware.
10. If hydraulic or pneumatic actuators are specified, provide cylinder operating media and pressure (refer to ANSI/AWWA C541 of latest revision).
11. Definition of any special design and construction required for conditions beyond the scope of this standard, such as throttling service, environmental conditions, sediment, or grit exposure, and intended operation frequency and duration.
12. Frequency of operation and special operating conditions, such as ice formation.

13. An installation requirement drawing showing clearances, wall and floor thicknesses, details of wall pipe and thimble installation, and location of actuator.
14. Details of other federal, state or provincial, and local requirements (Section 4).
15. Any drawings and material specifications required of the supplier or of the manufacturer (Sec. 4.1 and 4.2).
16. If test records must be viewed (Sec. 4.3.2).
17. Acceptable materials (Sec. 4.3.3).
18. If seals, separate from seats, are to be provided (Sec. 4.3.3.8).
19. Rising stem or nonrising stem (Sec. 4.4.7 and 4.4.11).
20. Type of gate mounting used: If wall thimble is used, required length and shapes (Sec. 4.4.10).
21. Omission of stem covers (Sec. 4.4.13.6), if not required.
22. Omission of position indicator (Sec 4.4.13.7), if not required.
23. If an actuator stand is needed (Sec. 4.4.14).
24. If corrosion-resistant tongue covers/guide liners are to be provided (Sec 4.5.2.2).
25. Weld inspections, if required.
26. Leakage tests in the shop (Sec. 5.2.1.3) and in the field (Sec. 5.2.2), if required.
27. Consultation with manufacturer on leakage rates less than those specified (Sec. 5.2.2.2).
28. Inspection by purchaser, if required (Sec. 5.1).
29. Separate shipment of embedded items (Sec. 6.2).
30. Affidavit of compliance (Sec. 6.3), if required.

III.B. *Modification to Standard.* Any modification to the provisions, definitions, or terminology in this standard must be provided by the purchaser.

**IV. Major Revisions.** Major revisions made to the standard in this revision include the following:

1. The foreword was updated to bring consistency among the four slide-gate standards: Fabricated Stainless Steel, Fabricated Aluminum, Fabricated Composite, and Cast Iron.
2. Wastewater considerations were included where applicable.
3. Section 4: Requirements, was extensively updated to read identically among the four slide-gate standards except where materially different.
4. Tensile, compressive, and critical buckling loads were readdressed and language clarified. The definitions of rated and extreme outputs for manual, electric, and hydraulic/pneumatic actuators are added.

5. Maximum pressure velocity factors under defined operating conditions (modulating open/close) were added to the general design along with new language for lift nut requirements, specifically pressure on the thread contact area and the ratio of the lift nut length to the diameter of the stem.

6. Design loads for stem-guided components are added.

**V. Comments.** If you have any comments or questions about this standard, please call AWWA Engineering and Technical Services at 303.794.7711, FAX at 303.795.7603, write to the department at 6666 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235-3098, or email at [standards@awwa.org](mailto:standards@awwa.org).



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## Cast-Iron Slide Gates

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### SECTION 1: GENERAL

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#### **Sec. 1.1 Scope**

This standard describes vertically mounted, cast-iron slide gates with full aperture closing, designed for either seating head, unseating head, or both, in ordinary water-supply and wastewater service. The gates are primarily used to shut off or throttle water or wastewater flow through a rectangular or round orifice, end of channel, or in-channel opening. The gates may be either conventional-closure or the flush-bottom-closure type and may open upward or downward. This standard also describes manual slide gate actuator mechanisms together with standard accessories. Power actuated mechanisms (including electric, hydraulic, or pneumatic) are described in ANSI/AWWA C541 and ANSI/AWWA C542.

#### **Sec. 1.2 Purpose**

The purpose of this standard is to provide the minimum requirements for cast-iron slide gates, including materials, general design, manufacture, testing, inspection, and shipment.

#### **Sec. 1.3 Application**

This standard can be referenced for purchasing and receiving cast-iron slide gates and can also be used as a guide for designing and manufacturing cast-iron slide gates. The stipulations of this standard apply when this document has been