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## Recirculating Shower Systems

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1 Scope

**1.1.1** This Standard covers portable and stationary recirculating shower systems intended for new and retrofit residential and commercial applications and specifies requirements for materials, physical characteristics, performance testing, and markings.

**1.1.2** Recirculating shower systems covered by this standard, as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, may operate in

- (a) recirculating mode, which recycles shower water for reuse; or,
- (b) conventional mode, which doesn't recirculate shower water.

**1.1.3** Shower systems covered by this Standard may be manufactured with plastic and/or glass pressure-sealed walls, a showerhead, a shower panel with handheld showerhead, and a shower pan with water filtering and electrical recirculating components. These systems can include

- (a) factory-installed supply and waste fittings;
- (b) factory-formed shower thresholds; and
- (c) factory-installed shower walls and/or panels.

#### 1.2 Alternative Materials

The requirements of this Standard are not intended to prevent the use of alternative materials or methods of construction provided such alternatives meet the intent and requirements of this Standard.

#### 1.3 Terminology

In this Standard,

- (a) "shall" is used to express a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user is obliged to satisfy to comply with the Standard;
- (b) "should" is used to express a recommendation, but not a requirement;
- (c) "may" is used to express an option or something permissible within the scope of the Standard; and
- (d) "can" is used to express a possibility or a capability.

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