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1 Scope

1.1 Scope

This Standard covers grooved mechanical pipe couplings and grooved fittings and gaskets for pressure applications intended for use with copper, ductile iron, cast iron, PVC, CPVC, steel, and stainless steel pipe and specifies requirements for materials, physical characteristics, performance testing, and markings.

1.2 Alternative Materials

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- (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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