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1 Scope

- 1.1** This Standard covers ball valves in sizes NPS-1/8 to NPS-4, with rated working pressures of at least 860 kPa (125 psi) at 23 ± 2 °C (73 ± 4 °F), intended for use in water supply and distribution systems and specifies requirements for materials, physical characteristics, performance testing, and markings.
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