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# Standard Finishes for Contact Faces of Pipe Flanges and Connecting-End Flanges of Valves and Fittings

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## STANDARD FINISHES FOR CONTACT FACES OF PIPE FLANGES AND CONNECTING END FLANGES OF VALVES AND FITTINGS

### 1. SCOPE

1.1 This Standard Practice pertains to the finish of gasket contact faces of pipe flanges and end flanges of valves and fittings.

1.2 This Standard Practice is intended for applications to products for which ASME B16 Standards do not contain complete facing finish requirements or for which there are no such Standards.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Roughness Average** The term Ra (Roughness average) is expressed in micro-inches ( $\mu\text{in}$ ) [micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ )].

2.2 **Flange Facing Finish** The surface finish on the flange contact face, see Figure 1, that comes in contact with a gasket upon flange assembly.

### 3. REQUIREMENTS

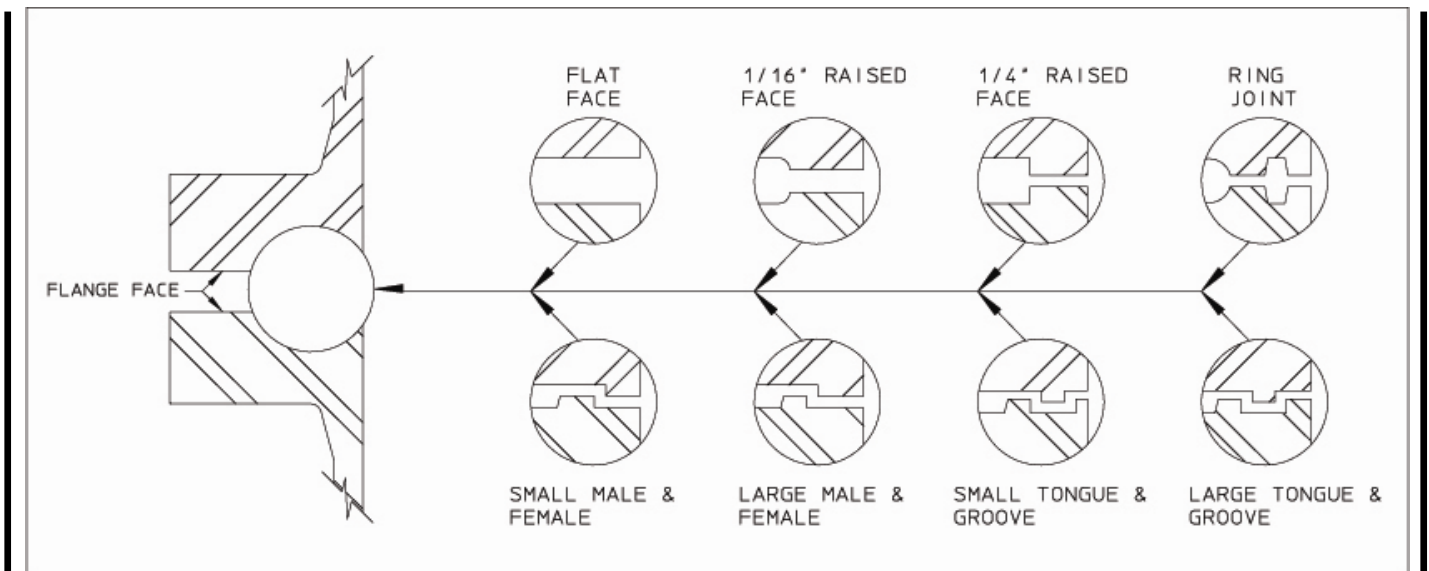
3.1 Flange facing finish shall be judged by visual comparison with Ra standards (see ASME B46.1) and not by instruments having stylus tracers and electronic amplification. The finishes required are given in Table 1. Other finishes may be furnished by agreement between purchaser and manufacturer.

3.2 Dimensions shown (in Table 1) shall not be cause for rejection by depth gage measurement or precision instrument measurements.

### 4. LIMITATIONS

4.1 Surface finishes listed are not necessarily optimum for all gasket types of materials.

4.2 On flat faces, serrations need not extend beyond corresponding raised face diameter.



**FIGURE 1** Types of Contact Faces for Flanges