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HIGH-STRENGTH, WROUGHT, BUTT-WELDING FITTINGS

1. **SCOPE**

- 1.1 This Standard Practice covers factorymade, seamless and electric welded carbon and low-alloy steel, butt-welding fittings for use in high pressure gas and oil transmission and distribution systems; including pipelines, compressor stations, metering and regulating stations, and mains.
- 1.2 This Standard Practice governs dimensions, tolerances, ratings. testing. materials, chemical and tensile properties, heat treatment, notch toughness properties, manufacture, inspection and marking for highstrength, butt-welding fittings NPS 60 and smaller. Dimensional requirements for NPS 14 and smaller are provided by reference to ASME B16.9.
- 1.3 The term "welding fittings" applies to butt-welding fittings such as elbows, segments of elbows, return bends, caps, tees, single or multiple-outlet extruded headers, reducers, and extensions and transition sections⁽¹⁾. Girth weld requirements are outside the scope of this Standard Practice and are covered by the applicable ASME B31 Code for Pressure Piping and/or customer specifications.
- 1.4 Fittings may be made to special dimensions, sizes, shapes, and tolerances, or of wrought materials other than those covered by this Standard Practice by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser. When such fittings meet all other stipulations of this Standard Practice they shall be considered as being in partial compliance therewith, providing they are appropriately marked.
- 1.4.1 Fittings manufactured in partial compliance, as provided in Section 1.4, shall be identified with "Part" following the respective grade designation.

NOTE: (1) Lengths of extensions and transitions as agreed upon by purchaser and manufacturer.

2. PRESSURE RATINGS

- 2.1 The allowable internal-pressure ratings for pipe fittings designed in accordance with this Standard Practice shall be calculated as for straight seamless pipe (or welded pipe with a joint efficiency factor of 1.0) of equivalent grade, diameter and wall thickness in accordance with the rules established in the applicable sections of ASME B31 Codes.
- 2.2 All fittings produced in accordance with this Standard Practice shall be designed to withstand a field hydrostatic test pressure, after installation, at a pressure level equivalent to that required to develop a hoop stress equal to the specified minimum yield strength for pipe of equivalent grade and wall thickness based on Barlow's Formula, without failure, leakage, or impairment of serviceability. Barlow's formula is defined as:

$$P = \frac{2St}{D}$$

Where:

P = internal design pressure, psig;

S = specified minimum yield strength of the pipe, psi;

t = nominal wall thickness of the pipe, inches;

D = outside diameter of the pipe, inches.

- 2.3 By agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser, fittings may be tested at a higher pressure providing the manufacturer is notified of the test pressure to be used.
- 2.4 The design shall take into consideration performance requirements prescribed above as well as additional factors dictated by the shape of the part.
- 2.5 The design of fittings may be established by mathematical analyses contained in nationally recognized pressure vessel or piping codes or, at the manufacturer's option, by proof testing in accordance with Section 4.