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**Water Pressure Reducing Valves for
Potable Water Distribution Systems**

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ASSE International considers product performance standards to be of great value in the development of improved plumbing systems. ASSE standards are developed in the interest of consumer safety.

The working group that developed this standard was set up within the framework of the ASSE International Product Standards Committee.

A need was expressed for this standard for water pressure reducing valves. It was developed by a sub-committee of the ASSE Standards Committee using a City of Los Angeles standard as a base, which was originally created by a group that included the major manufacturers of this class of product

Testing procedures and test equipment diagrams have been added to this basic standard to enable uniform testing by testing agencies with adequate facilities and qualified personnel.

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Recognition is made of the time volunteered by members of this working group and of the support of manufacturers who also participated in meetings for this standard.

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Section I

1.0 General

1.1 Application

The purpose of a water pressure reducing valve for domestic water distribution systems (herein referred to as the “device”) is to reduce static and flowing pressures in water distribution systems.

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 Description

Devices covered by this standard are self-contained, direct acting, single diaphragm types. Devices shall be permitted to have an integral strainer, separate strainer connected to the valve inlet, or be without strainer. Devices shall be permitted to be with or without an integral by-pass relief valve.

1.2.2 Size Range

Nominal device sizes shall be ½, ¾, 1, 1¼, 1½, 2, 2½, 3 and 4 inches (DN 15, DN 20, DN 25, DN 32, DN 40, DN 50, DN 65, DN 80, and DN 100).

1.2.3 Pressure Range

Devices shall be designed for a minimum working pressure of 250.0 psi (1723.7 kPa).

1.2.4 Temperature Range

The devices shall be designed for temperatures of 33.0 °F (0.6 °C) to 140.0 °F (60.0 °C) minimum.

1.3 Limitations on Design

All parts of the device shall be designed to withstand, without permanent distortion, the stresses developed by the specified hydrostatic test pressure, as well as the stresses resulting from a specified water working pressure coincident with operation under a specified unbalanced pressure condition.

1.3.1 Repairability

- a) The internal parts of the devices or strainers (if provided) shall be accessible for inspection, cleaning, repair or replacement. The design shall permit this servicing without removing the device from the pipeline.
- b) All replacement parts shall be interchangeable with the original parts.