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FOREWORD

The Sectional Committee on the Standardization of Pipe Flanges and Fittings, B16, organized in 1920 under the procedure of the American Standards Association (ASA) appointed a subgroup of Subcommittee 3 (now Subcommittee F) to initiate the standardization of welding fittings in May, 1937. The first meeting of this group was held later that month, and at its meeting in December, 1938, in New York, it was agreed to undertake the standardization of dimensions of socket-welding fittings and to refer this project to a new drafting subgroup. One of the most important dimensions of this type of fitting requiring standardization was considered to be the dimension from the centerline of the fitting to the bottom of the socket, since from the stand-point of the designing engineer, this dimension governs the location of adjacent pipe with reference to the entire piping layout. Another important item for consideration was the welding fillet dimensions.

The drafting subgroup held meetings in Chicago, Detroit, and New York in March, 1939, and May and October, 1940, respectively, and at the last named meeting the completed draft of the proposed standard was discussed and further revisions were suggested. When applied to the September, 1940, draft, these changes produced the May, 1941, draft which was prepared for distribution to industry for criticism and comment.

This distribution resulted in a number of helpful comments. The members of the subgroup agreed by mail that many of the changes suggested should be incorporated in the revised draft (December, 1941). Progress on the approval of the standard was delayed by the war after which a few more changes were added to make the proposal acceptable to all concerned. The revised draft (April, 1946) was then submitted to the members of the sectional committee for letter ballot vote.

Following the approval of the sectional committee, the proposed standard was next approved by the sponsor bodies, and presented to the ASA with recommendation for approval as an American Standard. This designation was given on December 9, 1946.

In 1960, it was agreed that the standard needed a complete revision and simultaneously that it should be expanded to cover threaded fittings and plugs, then covered by MSS SP-49 and SP-50. A Task Force worked diligently for four years before arriving at a draft which it felt was acceptable. They also found that ratings were outdated and eliminated the 4000 lb classes of threaded fittings, assigned pressure-temperature ratings for a number of materials, and converted the socket-weld fitting ratings to 3000 and 6000 lb. Following approval by the Sectional Committee and Sponsors, ASA approval was granted on January 28, 1966.

Following designation changes of ASA to ANSI and Sectional Committee to Standards Committee, Subcommittee 6 began consideration of changes in 1969. Early in 1972, changes in the pressure class designations, materials, and clarification of wording were agreed upon and submitted for approval. This approach was granted on June 20, 1973.

The work of development of the 1980 edition of B16.11 began in 1975 when the committee began consideration of comments and proposals for change that were received. The development procedure was arduous in that a number of ballots were taken which elicited many additional comments and counter proposals. The major changes included an expanded scope for better definition, requirements for conformance marking, a nonmandatory annex with provisions for proof or burst testing and the inclusion of metric equivalents.

Following approval by the Standards Committee and Co-Secretariat, final approval by ANSI was granted on October 6, 1980.

In 1982, American National Standards Committee B16 was reorganized as an ASME Committee operating under procedures accredited by ANSI. The 1991 edition of the standard, re-titled “Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded,” incorporated forging material listed in Table 1 of ASME B16.34-1988, including Group 3 material which was not previously covered in B16.11. The 1991 edition established U.S. customary units as the standard. Other clarifying and editorial revisions were made in order to improve the text. Following approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, final approval by ANSI was granted on March 4, 1991.

In 1996, metric dimensions were added as an independent but equal standard to the inch units. Following approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, this revision to the 1991 edition of this Standard was approved as an American National Standard by ANSI on December 16, 1996, with the new designation ASME B16.11-1996.

In 2000, the Standards Committee, ASME, and ANSI approved an addenda to this Standard to remove partial compliance fittings and nonstandard material requirements. Due to an ASME policy change concerning the publishing of addenda, the intended addenda changes have been incorporated into this B16.11-2001 Edition.

Suggestions for improvement of this Standard are welcome. They should be addressed to the Secretary, ASME B107 Committee, Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

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1 SCOPE

1.1 General

This Standard covers ratings, dimensions, tolerances, marking and material requirements for forged fittings, both socket-welding and threaded, as illustrated in Tables 4 through 7 and I1 through I4, inclusive.

1.1.1 Fitting Types/Configuration. Types of fittings covered by this Standard are shown in Tables 1A and 1B, by class and size range. Fittings shown in Tables 4 through 7 and I1 through I4 may also be made with combinations of socket-welding and threaded ends.

1.1.2 Special Fittings. Fittings with special dimensions, threads or counterbores may be made by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser. When such fittings meet all other stipulations of this Standard, they shall be considered in compliance therewith, provided they are appropriately marked (see para. 4).

1.1.3 Quality Systems. Nonmandatory requirements relating to the product manufacturer's Quality System Program are described in Nonmandatory Appendix A.

1.2 References

1.2.1 Referenced Standards. Standards and specifications adopted by reference in this Standard are shown in Mandatory Appendix II, which is part of this Standard. It is not considered practical to identify the specific edition of each standard and specification in the individual references. Instead, the specific edition reference is identified in Mandatory Appendix II. A fitting made in conformance and conforming to this Standard, in all other respects, will be considered to be in conformance to the Standard, even though the edition reference may be changed in a subsequent addendum to or revision of the Standard.

1.2.2 Codes and Regulations. A fitting used under the jurisdiction of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, the ASME Code for Pressure Piping, or

a governmental regulation is subject to any limitation of that code or regulation. This includes any maximum temperature limitation, or rule governing the use of a material at low temperature, or provisions for operation at a pressure exceeding the ratings in this Standard.

1.3 Service Conditions

Criteria for selection of fitting types and materials suitable for particular fluid service are not within the scope of this Standard.

1.4 Welding

Installation welding requirements are not within the scope of this Standard. Installation welding shall be done in accordance with the applicable piping Code or regulation covering the piping system into which the fittings are installed.

1.5 Standard Units

The values stated in either metric units or inch units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the inch units are shown in parentheses. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

Tables 4 through 7 show fittings dimensional requirements in millimeters. Tables I1 through I4 show the dimensional requirements for inch dimensioned fittings.

2 PRESSURE RATINGS

2.1 General

These fittings shall be designated as Class 2000, 3000, and 6000 for threaded end fittings and Class 3000, 6000, and 9000 for socket-weld end fittings.

2.1.1 Basis of Rating. The schedule of pipe corresponding to each Class of fitting for rating purposes is shown in Table 2. Design temperature and other service