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Standard Specification for Malleable Iron Flanges, Pipe Fittings, and Valve Parts for Railroad, Marine, and Other Heavy Duty Service at Temperatures Up to 650°F (345°C)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers malleable iron flanges, pipe fittings, and valve parts, including parts to be assembled for use in railroad, marine, and other heavy duty service applications where fittings furnished in accordance with American National Standard for Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 150 and 300 (ANSI B16.3) are not considered adequate.

1.2 Service shall include up to 650°F (345°C).²

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 47 Specification for Ferritic Malleable Iron Castings³

A 153 Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware⁴

2.2 American National Standards:

B 2.1 Pipe Threads⁵

B 16.3 Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 150 and 300⁵

2.3 Other Standards:

Hand Book H28, Section VI, Screw-Thread Standards for Federal Services, 1944⁶
SP-25-1936 Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges, and Unions⁷

3. Process

3.1 The castings shall be made in accordance with Specification A 47.

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A-4 on Iron Castings and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A04.02 on Malleable Iron Castings.

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² Based on Lauriston C. Marshall and George F. Sommer, "Stress Rupture Properties of Malleable Iron at Elevated Temperatures," *Proceedings*, Am. Soc. Testing Mats., Vol 58, 1958, p. 733.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.02.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.06.

⁵ Available from American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

⁶ Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20234.

⁷ Available from the Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 502, Falls Church, VA 22041.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The sizes, shapes, and dimensions of the fittings, covered by ANSI B16.3 shall conform to the requirements therein specified.

4.2 Screwed pipe fittings, unions, union fittings, and globe and angle valves that are covered by the various standards and recommended practices as issued by the Association of American Railroads shall conform to the requirements therein specified.

4.3 All pipe threads, unless otherwise specified, shall be in accordance with ANSI B2.1. (Standards for pipe threads are also available in Section VI of Screw-Thread Standards for Federal Services.)

4.4 Zinc coatings on fittings which are required to be galvanized by the hot-dip process shall conform to the requirements for Class A castings as prescribed in Specification A 153, except on surfaces where it is the practice to machine after galvanizing.

5. Manufacture Control and Records

5.1 The iron shall be produced under constant control of chemical composition and physical properties. Records of the chemical composition of the iron and of the physical properties of the test specimens shall be systematically made and maintained.

6. Tests

6.1 Tests shall be made when required by the specifications listed herein.

7. Certification

7.1 The manufacturer shall be prepared to certify, upon request of the purchaser, that his product conforms to the requirements of this specification.

8. Product Marking

8.1 The castings shall be marked with the manufacturer's name or trademark.

8.2 Malleable iron products conforming to the standards of the Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry shall be marked in accordance with the