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Standard Specification for Machine Made “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting Resin) Flanges¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers reinforced-thermosetting resin flanges other than contact-molded flanges. Included are requirements for materials, workmanship, performance, and dimensions.

1.2 Flanges may be produced integrally with a pipe or fitting, may be produced with a socket for adhesive bonding to a pipe or fitting, or may be of the type used in conjunction with either a metallic or nonmetallic backup ring.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values in parentheses are given for information only. In cases where materials, products, or equipment are available only in SI units, inch-pound units are omitted.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 11, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

NOTE 1—Contact molded flanges are covered in Specification D 5421 and referenced in Specification D 5685.

NOTE 2—There is no similar or equivalent ISO standard.

NOTE 3—For purposes of this specification, polyester includes vinyl-ester resins.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials for Testing²
- D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics²
- D 1599 Test Method for Short-Time Hydraulic Failure Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings³

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.04.

D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics²

D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics⁴

D 5421 Specification for Contact Molded “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Resin) Flanges³

D 5685 Specification for “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Pressure Pipe Fittings³

F 412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems³

2.2 ANSI Standards:

B 16.1 Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings⁵

B 16.5 Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings⁵

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *General*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology D 883 or Terminology F 412. Abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D 1600, unless otherwise indicated. The abbreviation for reinforced-thermosetting-resin pipe is RTRP.

4. Classification

4.1 *General*—This specification covers machine-made reinforced-thermosetting-resin flanges defined by type (method of manufacture), grade (generic type of resin), class (configuration of joining system), and pressure rating. Flanges complying with this specification are also given numerical classifications relating to rupture pressure, sealing test pressure, and bolt torque limit.

4.1.1 Types:

4.1.1.1 *Type 1*—Filament-wound flanges manufactured by winding continuous fibrous glass strand roving or roving tape, either preimpregnated or impregnated during winding, into a flange cavity under controlled tension.

4.1.1.2 *Type 2*—Compression-molded flanges made by applying external pressure and heat to a molding compound that is confined within a closed mold.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.02.

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

4.1.1.3 *Type 3*—Resin-transfer-molded flanges manufactured by pumping a thermosetting resin into glass reinforcements that have been cut to size and clamped between matched molds.

4.1.1.4 *Type 4*—Centrifugally-cast flanges are made by applying resin and reinforcement to the inside of a mold that is rotated and heated, subsequently polymerizing the resin system.

4.1.2 Grades:

4.1.2.1 *Grade 1*—Epoxy resin.

4.1.2.2 *Grade 2*—Polyester resin.

4.1.2.3 *Grade 3*—Furan resin.

4.1.3 Classes:

4.1.3.1 *Class 1*—Integrally-molded flange manufactured directly on a pipe section, pipe stub, or fitting.

4.1.3.2 *Class 2*—Taper to taper adhesive joint flange manufactured with a tapered socket to be used in conjunction with a pipe or fitting with a tapered spigot section and a suitable adhesive. This joining method provides an interference fit over the entire length of the bond line.

4.1.3.3 *Class 3*—Straight-taper adhesive joint flange manufactured with a tapered socket to be used with a pipe or fitting with an untapered spigot section and a suitable adhesive. This joining method provides an interference fit at the bottom of the socket.

4.1.3.4 *Class 4*—Straight adhesive joint flange manufactured with an untapered socket for use with a pipe or fitting with an untapered spigot and a suitable adhesive. This joint provides no interference fit.

4.1.4 *Pressure Rating*—Pressure rating shall be categorized by a single letter designation. Pressure designations are shown in Table 1.

4.1.5 Rupture pressure, sealing test pressure, and bolt torque limit shall be categorized by single arabic number designations as indicated by the cell classification system of Table 2.

4.2 *Designation Code*—The flange designation code shall consist of the abbreviation RTR, followed by the type, grade, and class in arabic numerals, the pressure rating category as a capital letter, and three arabic numbers identifying the cell classification designations of the rupture pressure, sealing test pressure, and the bolt torque limit, respectively. Thus, a complete flange designation code shall consist of three letters, three numerals and one letter, and three numerals.

4.2.1 *Example*—RTR-112D-334. This designation describes a filament-wound, glass fiber-reinforced epoxy resin flange with a taper to taper adhesive joining system. The flange has a

200 psi (1.4 MPa) pressure rating, a burst pressure in excess of 600 psi (4.1 MPa), a sealing test pressure of 225 psi (1.6 MPa), and a bolt torque limit greater than 75 lbf-ft (102 N-m).

NOTE 4—Flanges with identical classification from different manufacturers may not be interchangeable due to nonstandardization of pipe or socket diameter, socket length, taper angle, or combination thereof.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Flanges manufactured in accordance with this specification shall be composed of reinforcement imbedded in or surrounded by cured thermosetting resin. The composite structure may contain granular or platelet fillers, thixotropic agents, pigments, or dyes.

5.2 The resins, reinforcements, and other materials, when combined as composite structure, shall produce a flange that will meet the performance requirements of this specification.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 Flanges shall meet the following performance requirements when joined for testing according to the manufacturer's recommended practice for field installation:

6.1.1 *Sealing*—Flanges shall withstand a pressure of at least 1.5 times the rated design pressure without leakage when tested in accordance with 11.4.

6.1.2 *Short-Term Rupture Strength*—Flanges shall withstand a hydrostatic load of at least four times their rated design pressure without damage to the flange when tested in accordance with 11.5.

6.1.3 *Bolt Torque*—Flanges shall withstand, without visible sign of damage, a bolt torque of at least 1.5 times that recommended by the manufacturer for sealing of the flange at its rated pressure when tested in accordance with 11.6.

7. Content Requirements

7.1 *Percentage Extractable Material*—Flanges shall contain no more than 5 % extractable material when tested in accordance with Annex A1.

7.2 *Recycled or Reprocessed Thermosetting Plastics*—Flanges shall not contain any recycled or reprocessed thermosetting plastics which might otherwise be added as fillers.

8. Dimensions

8.1 Dimensions and Tolerances:

8.1.1 *Flange and Bolt Dimensions*—Flanges of 24 in. (610 mm) or smaller diameter shall conform to the values given in Table 3 for bolt circle, number and size of bolt holes, and outside diameter. Flanges larger than 24 in. (610 mm) in diameter shall conform to the values for bolt circle, number and size of bolt holes, and outside diameter for Class 125 cast iron flanges in ANSI B 16.1. The tolerance for the flange dimensions provided in Table 3 shall be the same as those contained in ANSI B 16.1.

8.1.2 *Flange Face*—The flange face shall be perpendicular to the axis of the fitting within $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$, and shall be flat to $\pm \frac{1}{32}$ in. (1 mm) for sizes up to and including 18 in. (457 mm) diameter and $\pm \frac{1}{16}$ in. (2 mm) for larger diameters.

8.1.3 *Washer Bearing Surface*—Washer bearing surface shall be flat and parallel to the flange face within $\pm 1^\circ$.

TABLE 1 Pressure Categories

Designation	Pressure Rating	
	psi	MPa
A	50	0.35
B	100	0.69
C	150	1.03
D	200	1.38
E	250	1.72
F	300	2.07
G	400	2.76
H	500	3.45