



Standard Specification for Contact Molded “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting Resin) Flanges¹

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1. Scope—Scope*

- 1.1 This specification covers circular contact-molded fiberglass reinforced-thermosetting-resin flanges for use in pipe systems and tank nozzles. Included are requirements for materials, workmanship, performance, and dimensions.
- 1.2 Flanges (see Fig. 1) may be produced as integral flanges, Type A, or flange-on-pipe, Type B.
- 1.3 This specification is based on flange performance and does not cover design.
- 1.4 These flanges are designed for use with pipe and tanks that are manufactured to Specifications **D2996**, **D2997**, **D3262**, **D3299**, **D3517**, **D3754**, ~~**D3982**~~, and **D4097**.
- 1.5 Selection of gaskets is not covered in this specification, refer to the manufacturer’s recommendation.
- 1.6 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI units given in parentheses are for information only.
- 1.7 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 9, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address the safety problems, 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—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- C582** Specification for Contact-Molded Reinforced Thermosetting Plastic (RTP) Laminates for Corrosion-Resistant Equipment
- D883** Terminology Relating to Plastics
- D1599** Test Method for Resistance to Short-Time Hydraulic Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings
- D1600** Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- ~~**D2310** Classification for Machine-Made “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Pipe~~
- D2996** Specification for Filament-Wound “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Pipe
- D2997** Specification for Centrifugally Cast “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Pipe
- D3262** Specification for “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Sewer Pipe
- D3299** Specification for Filament-Wound Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks
- D3517** Specification for “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Pressure Pipe
- D3754** Specification for “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Sewer and Industrial Pressure Pipe
- ~~**D3982** Specification for Contact Molded “Fiberglass” (Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin) Ducts~~
- D4097** Specification for Contact-Molded Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermoset Resin Corrosion-Resistant Tanks

2.2 ANSISME Standards:³

- B 16.1** Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings
- B 16.5** Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>, 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

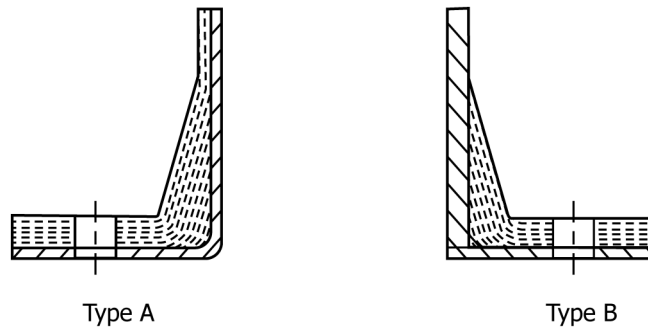


FIG. 1 Flange Types

B-27-2B 18.21.1 Type “A” Narrow Washers

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 Definitions are in accordance with Terminology **D883**. Abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology **D1600**, unless otherwise indicated. The abbreviation for reinforced-thermosetting-resin pipe is RTRP.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *contact molding (CM)*—a method of fabrication wherein the glass fiber reinforcement is applied to the mold in the form of all chopped-strand mat, or chopped-strand mat and woven roving, in alternate plies by hand with the resin matrix applied by brush or roller and the laminate consolidated by a roller.

3.2.2 *fiberglass pipe*—a tubular product containing glass-fiber reinforcements embedded in or surrounded by cured thermosetting resin; the composite structure may contain aggregate, granular or platelet fillers, thixotropic agents, pigments or dyes; thermoplastic or thermosetting liners or coatings may be included.

4. Classification

4.1 *General*—This specification covers reinforced-thermosetting-resin flanges defined by type (method of manufacture), grade (generic type of resin), class (pressure end thrust capability), and pressure rating. Flanges complying with this specification are also given numerical classifications relating to rupture pressure and sealing test pressure.

4.1.1 *Types:*

4.1.1.1 *Type A*—Integral flange, contact molded with the stub integral with the flange.

4.1.1.2 *Type B*—Flange on pipe, contact molded onto an existing pipe or fitting.

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*—Phenolic resin.

4.1.2.4 *Grade 4*—Vinylester resin.

4.1.2.5 *Grade 5*—Furan resin.

4.1.3 *Classes:*

4.1.3.1 *Class I*—Hoop and axial-pressure.

4.1.3.2 *Class II*—Hoop pressure only.

NOTE 2—All combinations of type, liner, grade, and class may not be commercially available. Additional type, liner, grade, and class may be added as they become commercially available. The purchaser should solely determine or consult with the manufacturer for the proper class, type, liner, and grade to be used under the installation and operating conditions that will exist for the project in which the flange is to be used.

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

4.1.5 Short-term rupture pressure and sealing-test pressure limits 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 for contact molded (CM) followed by the type as a capital letter, grade as an Arabic numeral, class as a Roman numeral, and the pressure-rating category as a capital letter and two Arabic numbers identifying the cell-classification designations of the short-term rupture pressure and sealing-test pressure, respectively. Thus, a complete flange-designation code shall consist of three letters, one Arabic numeral, one Roman numeral, one letter and two numerals.

TABLE 1 Pressure Categories

Designation	Pressure Rating ^A	
	psi	MPa
A	25	0.173
B	50	0.345
C	75	0.517
D	100	0.690
E	125	0.862
F	150	1.034

^A Flanges with higher pressure ratings are available by agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

TABLE 2 Short-Term Rupture Pressure and Sealing-Test Pressure^A

Property/Cell Classification	1	2	3	4	5	6
Short-Term Rupture Pressure, psi (MPa)	100 (0.69)	200 (1.38)	300 (2.07)	400 (2.76)	500 (3.45)	600 (4.14)
Sealing-test pressure, psi (MPa)	37.5 (0.26)	75 (0.52)	112.5 (0.78)	150 (1.03)	187.5 (1.29)	225 (1.55)

^A Refer to Test Method **D1599** for explanation of failure.

4.2.1 *Example*—Contact molded fiberglass is CM-AIID-46. This designation described a stub flange, made using glass-fiber-reinforced epoxy resin for full-axial pressure thrust. The flange has a 100-psi (0.69-MPa) pressure rating, a short-term rupture pressure of 400-psi (2.76-MPa), and a sealing-test pressure of 225-psi (1.55-MPa).

4.3 Attachment of Flanges to Pipe, Pipe Fittings, or Tanks:

4.3.1 Type “A” flanges are to be butt and strap welded to pipe described in Specifications **D2996**, **D2997**, **D3262**, **D3517**, and **D3754**, and **D3982** or using overlay joint into a tank as described in Specifications **D3299** and **D4097**.

4.3.2 Type “B” flanges are built onto elbows, reducers, or other parts where the use of an integral flange (Type “A”) is not practical or required.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Flanges manufactured in accordance with this specification shall be composed of reinforcement embedded in or surrounded by cured thermosetting resin.

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

NOTE 3—The term “other materials” does not include recycled or reprocessed thermosetting plastics which might otherwise be added as fillers.

5.3 Flanges manufactured in accordance with this specification shall have an inner corrosion barrier fabricated with the same resin, reinforcement, ply sequence, and nominal glass/resin ratio as required in the applicable ASTM standard for the tank or pipe on which the flange will be used.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 The following performance requirements are intended to provide classification and performance criteria for the purpose of qualification testing and rating of prototype constructions and periodic reevaluation of the manufacturer’s stated ratings. They are not intended as routine quality assurance requirements for production runs of rated flanges:

6.1.1 *Sealing*—Flanges shall withstand a pressure of at least 1.5 times the pressure rating without leakage when tested in accordance with **9.4**.

6.1.2 *Short-Term Rupture Strength*—Flanges shall withstand a hydrostatic load of at least four times their pressure rating when tested in accordance with **9.5** using flat-faced steel closure and using the gasket or “O” ring designated by the flange manufacturer.

6.1.3 *Bolt Torque*—Flanges shall withstand, without visible sign of damage, a bolt torque of two times that recommended by the manufacturer. The use of a non-fluid thread lubricant is recommended on all bolts.

7. Dimensions and Tolerances

7.1 *Flange and Bolt Dimensions*—Flanges of 24 in. (610 mm) or smaller diameter shall conform to the values for bolt circle and number and size of bolt holes, for Class-150 cast iron flanges in **ANSI ASME B 16.5**. Flanges larger than 24 in. (610 mm) in diameter shall conform to the values for bolt circle, number and size of bolt holes, for Class-125 cast-iron flanges in **ANSI ASME**