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FOREWORD

In 1994, the ASME B16 Committee authorized Subcommittee J Standardization to develop a standard for wrought copper and copper alloy braze-joint pressure fittings. These fittings are intended for use with seamless copper tube conforming to ASTM Standard Specifications, B 88 (Water and General Plumbing Systems), B 280 (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Service), and B 819 (Medical Gas Systems). Following approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, this Standard was approved as an American National Standard on October 11, 2001, with the new designation ASME B16.50-2001.

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1 SCOPE

1.1 General

This Standard establishes requirements for wrought copper and wrought copper alloy braze-joint seamless fittings designed for use with seamless copper tube conforming to ASTM Standard Specification, B 88 (Water and General Plumbing Systems), B 280 (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Service), and B 819 (Medical Gas Systems).

This Standard covers joints assembled with brazing materials conforming to ANSI/AWS A5.8.

This Standard is allied to ASME standards B16.18 and B16.22. It provides requirements for fitting-ends suitable for brazing. This Standard covers:

- (a) pressure-temperature ratings;
- (b) abbreviations for end connections;
- (c) size and method of designating openings of fittings;
- (d) marking;
- (e) material;
- (f) dimensions and tolerances; and
- (g) testing.

1.2 Convention

For the purpose of determining conformance with this Standard, the convention for fixing significant digits where limits, maximum or minimum values, are speci-

NOTE: Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

1.4 References

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.

1.5 Quality Systems

Requirements relating to the product manufacturer's Quality System Programs are described in Nonmandatory Appendix B.

2 PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE RATINGS

2.1 Rating of System

The internal working pressure-temperature rating for a braze-joint system is dependent upon, not only fitting and tube strength, but also selection of valves and appurtenances.

Pressure-temperature ratings for fittings and braze joints to the dimensions of Table 3 (Table I3) made

TABLE 1 RATED INTERNAL WORKING-PRESSURE FOR COPPER FITTINGS, kPa

Standard Water Tube Size [Note (1)]	-29/38°C	66°C	93°C	121°C	149°C	177°C	204°C
1/8 [Note (2)]	9690	8240	7750	7750	7590	6460	4840
3/16 [Note (3)]	7630	6490	6110	6110	5980	5090	3810
1/4	6280	5340	5020	5020	4920	4190	3140
3/8	5360	4560	4290	4290	4200	3570	2680
1/2	4970	4220	3980	3980	3890	3310	2480
5/8	4350	3700	3480	3480	3410	2900	2170
3/4	4010	3410	3210	3210	3140	2670	2000
1	3400	2890	2720	2720	2660	2270	1700
1 1/4	3020	2570	2420	2420	2370	2010	1510
1 1/2	2810	2390	2250	2250	2200	1870	1400
2	2500	2130	2000	2000	1960	1670	1250
2 1/2	2310	1960	1850	1850	1810	1540	1150
3	2180	1850	1740	1740	1710	1450	1090
3 1/2	2090	1770	1670	1670	1630	1390	1040
4	2020	1710	1610	1610	1580	1340	1010
5	1850	1570	1480	1480	1450	1230	920
6	1720	1460	1380	1380	1350	1150	860
8	1860	1580	1490	1490	1460	1240	930

GENERAL NOTES:

- (a) The fitting pressure-rating applies to the largest opening of the fitting.
 (b) The fitting pressure-rating is calculated, as shown in Nonmandatory Appendix A, then rounded down to the nearest unit of 10.

NOTES:

- (1) For size designation of fittings, see Section 4.
 (2) 1/8 nominal size is 1/4 O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.
 (3) 3/16 nominal size is 5/16 O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.

3 TERMINOLOGY**3.1 Abbreviations**

The following symbols are used to designate the type of fitting end:

C = braze-joint fitting end made to receive copper tube diameter (female)

F = internal ANSI standard taper pipe-thread end (female) NPTI

M = external ANSI standard taper pipe-thread end (male) NPTE

FTG = braze-joint fitting end made to copper tube diameter (male)

3.2 Definitions

out-of-roundness: the maximum measured diameter minus minimum measured diameter.

ovality: the elliptical condition associated with out-of-roundness.

4 SIZE

The size of the fittings shown in Table 3 and Table B3 corresponds to standard water tube size as shown in ASTM B 88, Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube. The size of the threaded ends corresponds to nominal pipe size as shown in ASME B1.20.1.

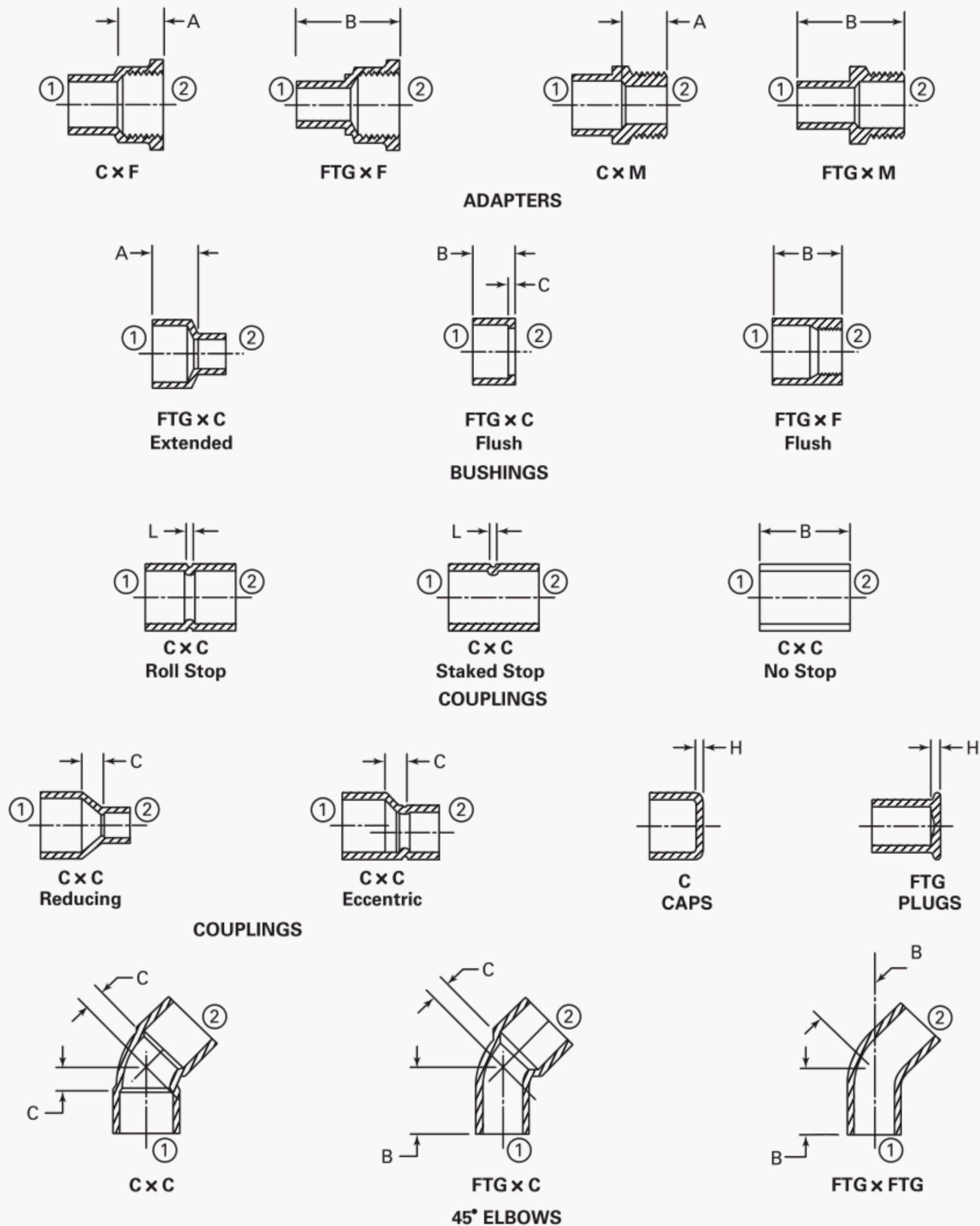
Fittings are designated by the size of the openings in the sequence illustrated in Fig. 1.

5 MARKING

Each fitting shall be permanently marked with the manufacturer's name or trademark in accordance with MSS SP-25 and the letters "BZ" in upper case. Marking on fittings less than size 1/2 or on any fitting where it damages the brazing surfaces is not required.

6 MATERIAL

- (a) Fittings shall be made from copper UNS Nos.



GENERAL NOTES:

- (a) Fittings are designated by size in the order: 1 x 2 x 3.
- (b) Fitting designs and drawings are illustrative only.

FIG. 1 METHOD OF DESIGNATING LAYING LENGTHS OF FITTINGS AND OPENINGS OF REDUCING FITTINGS

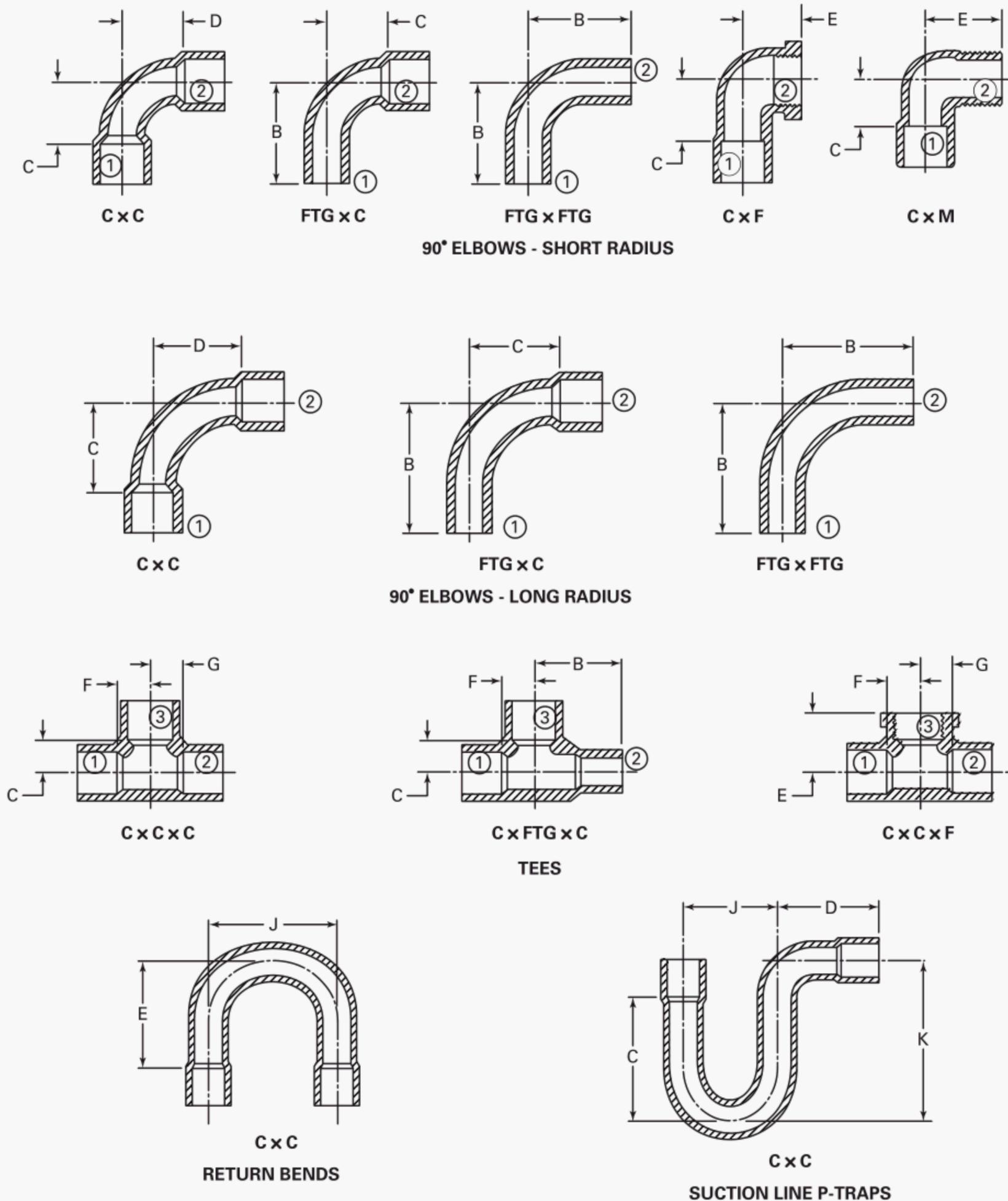


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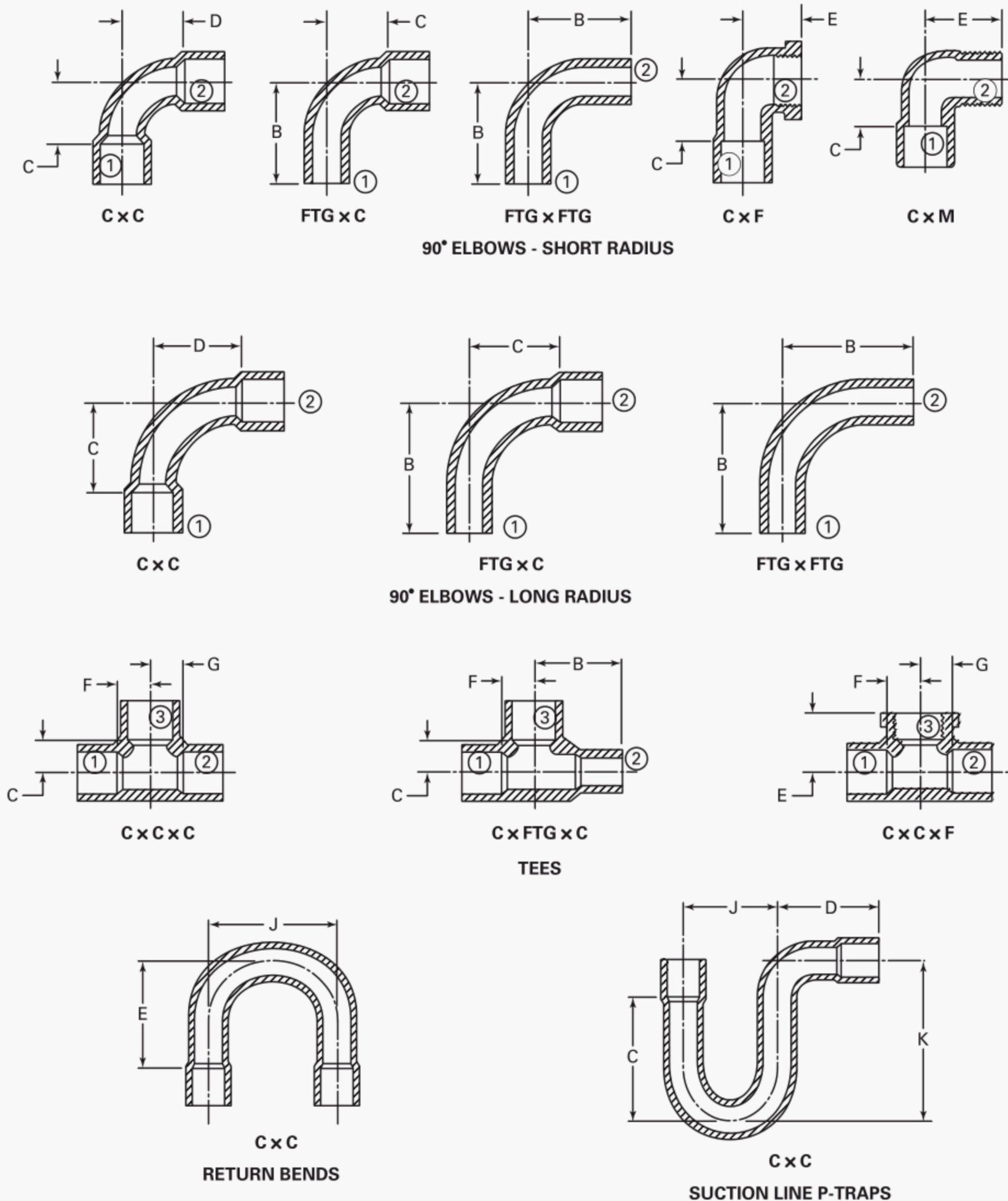


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9.2 Ovality of Fitting End (C or FTG)

Maximum ovality of the fitting braze-joint end shall not exceed 1% of the maximum diameters shown in Table 3 (Table I3). The average of the maximum and minimum diameters shall be within the dimensions shown in the table.

9.3 Inside Diameter of Fitting

The minimum cross-sectional area of the inside diameter through the fitting body shall not be less than the theoretical minimum area defined by diameter "O" in Table 3 (Table I3). The out-of-roundness condition of the cross-sectional area shall not exceed the value shown in Table 3 (Table I3).

For reducer or adapter fittings, the smallest end diameter shall apply, provided that this diameter does not restrict the other outlets.

9.4 Wall Thickness

The minimum wall-thickness shall not be less than shown in Table 3 (Table I3).

10 THREADED ENDS

Fitting threads shall be right-hand, conforming to ASME B1.20.1, American National Standard for Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch). They shall be taper threads (NPT).

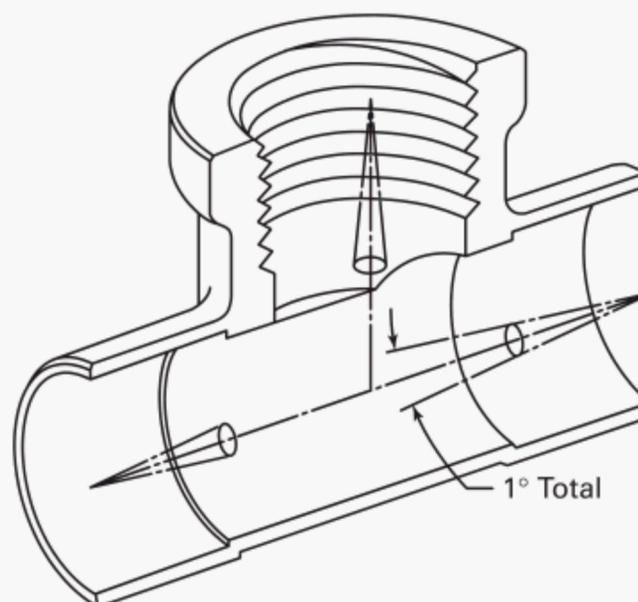
10.1 Countersink or Chamfer

All internal threads shall be countersunk a distance no less than one-half the pitch of the thread, at an angle of approximately 45 deg with the axis of the thread. All external threads shall be chamfered at an angle of 30 deg to 45 deg from the axis. Countersinking and chamfering shall be concentric with the threads.

The length of threads shall be measured to include the countersink or chamfer.

10.2 Threading Tolerances

Tapered pipe threads (NPT) shall be checked by use of plug or ring gauges in either standard or limit types. When gauging internal taper threads, the plug gauge shall be screwed handtight into the fitting. The reference point for gauging internal product-threads depends on the chamfer diameter. When the internal-chamfer diameter exceeds the major diameter of the internal thread, the reference point shall be the last thread scratch on the chamfer cone. Otherwise, when the internal-chamfer



GENERAL NOTE: Figure 2 is for illustration only.

FIG. 3 ALIGNMENT

diameter does not exceed the major diameter of the internal thread, the reference point shall be the end of the fitting. In gauging external taper threads, the ring gauge shall be screwed handtight on the external thread. On the external thread, the ring gauge shall be flush with the end of the thread.

Tolerance for an internally threaded end having an internal shoulder shall be from the gauge reference point (notch) to one turn small. Tolerance for an internally threaded end without a shoulder, and for an externally threaded end, shall be from one turn small to one turn large.

10.3 Design of Threaded Ends

The wrenching section of internally threaded ends shall be polygonal, and the wrenching section of externally threaded ends shall be furnished with either polygon or flats, at the manufacturer's option.

11 ALIGNMENT

The maximum-allowable deviation in the angular alignment of any end from the specified axis position shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ deg (1 deg total) (see Fig. 3).

12 GAUGING

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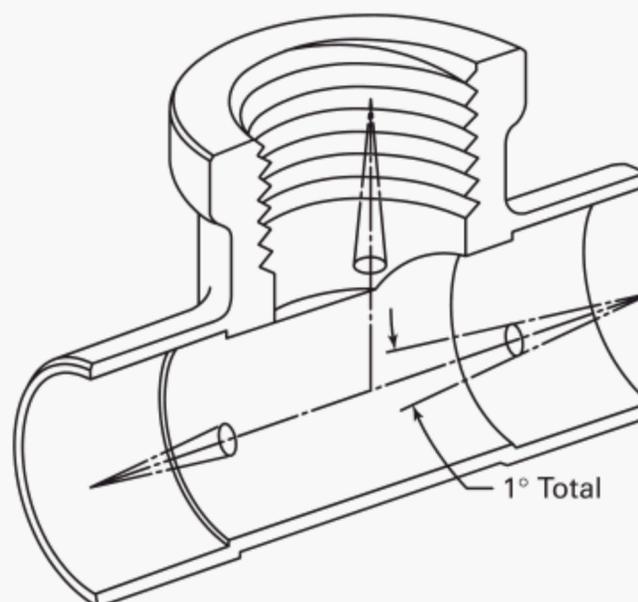
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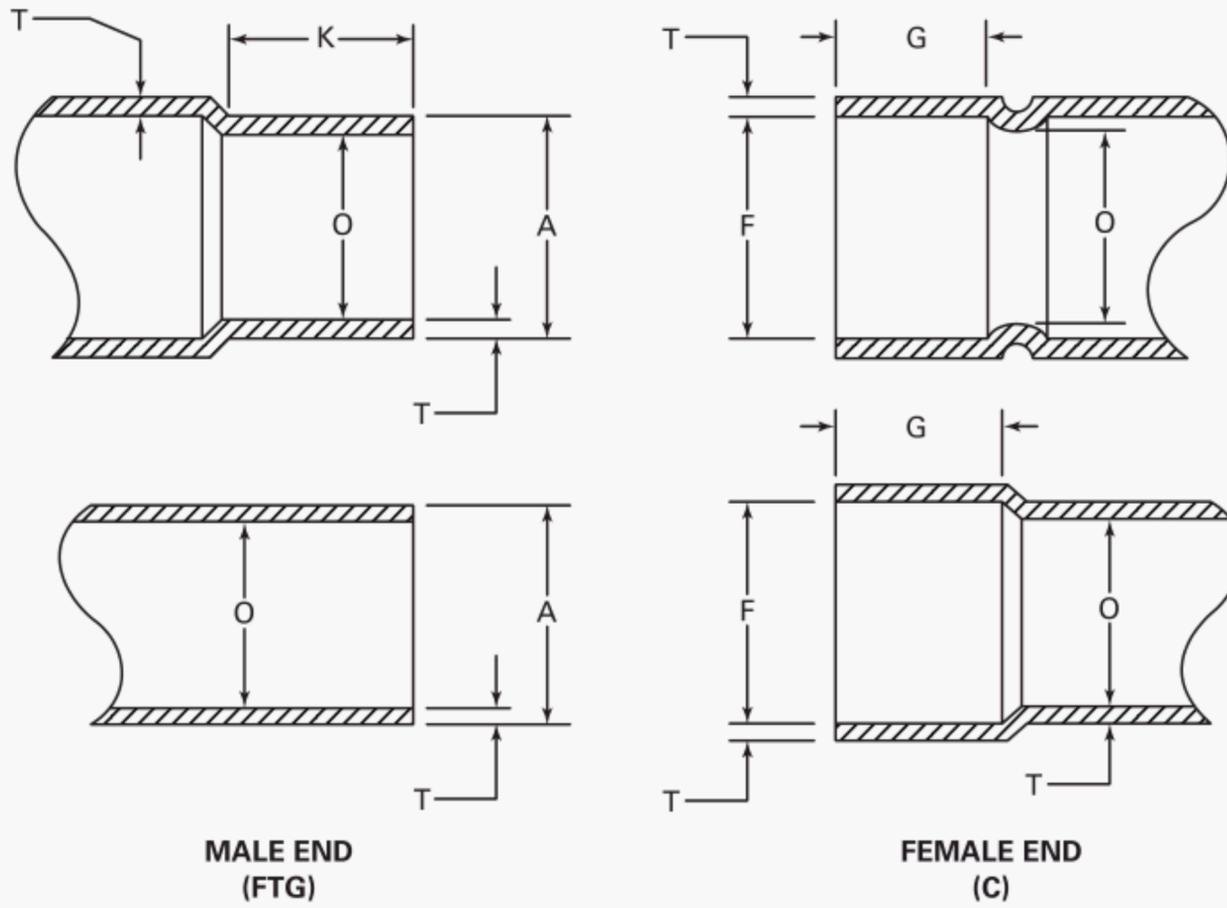


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	Outside Diameter, <i>A</i> [Note (2)]		Length, <i>K</i> [Note (3)]	Inside Diameter, <i>F</i> [Note (2)]		Depth, <i>G</i> [Note (4)]		Dia. Min.	Out-of- Round Max.
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Min.	Max.	Min.			
1/8 [Note (5)]	6.30	6.38	5.1	6.40	6.50	3.8	4.6	0.5	
3/16 [Note (6)]	7.87	7.95	5.1	8.95	8.08	4.1	6.1	0.6	
1/4	9.47	9.55	5.8	9.58	9.68	4.3	7.6	0.8	
3/8	12.62	12.73	6.6	12.75	12.85	5.1	9.9	1.0	
1/2	15.80	15.90	7.1	15.93	16.03	5.6	13.2	1.3	
5/8	18.97	19.08	7.6	19.10	19.20	6.1	16.0	1.6	
3/4	22.15	22.25	7.9	22.28	22.38	6.4	18.8	1.9	
1	28.50	28.63	8.6	28.65	28.75	7.1	24.9	2.5	
1 1/4	34.85	34.98	9.4	35.00	35.10	7.9	31.2	3.1	
1 1/2	41.17	41.33	10.2	41.35	41.48	8.6	37.3	3.7	
2	53.87	54.03	11.9	54.05	54.18	10.2	49.3	4.9	
2 1/2	66.57	66.73	13.5	66.75	66.88	11.9	61.5	6.1	
3	79.27	79.43	15.0	79.45	79.58	13.5	73.4	7.3	
3 1/2	91.97	92.13	16.5	92.15	92.28	14.0	85.6	8.6	
4	104.67	104.83	18.3	104.85	104.98	16.3	97.5	9.8	
5	130.07	130.23	20.6	130.25	130.38	18.5	119.4	11.9	
6	155.47	155.63	23.9	155.65	155.78	21.1	145.3	14.5	
8	206.22	206.43	32.5	206.45	206.58	29.7	191.8	19.2	

GENERAL NOTES:

- (a) Dimensions are in millimeters.
- (b) Drawings and designs of fittings are illustrative only. Dimensions herein shall govern in all cases.

NOTES:

- (1) For size designation of fittings, see Section 4.
- (2) For ovality, see para. 8.2.
- (3) The distance from the point of tangency, at the gauge I.D. to the gauge line, shall be equal to the dimension shown in Column K.
- (4) The distance from the point of tangency, at the gauge O.D. to the gauge line, shall be equal to the dimension shown in Column G.
- (5) 1/8 nominal size is 1/4 O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.
- (6) 3/16 nominal size is 5/16 O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.

MANDATORY APPENDIX I U.S. CUSTOMARY EQUIVALENTS

TABLE I1 RATED INTERNAL WORKING-PRESSURE FOR COPPER FITTINGS (psi)

Standard Water Tube Size [Note (1)]	-20-100°F	150°F	200°F	250°F	300°F	350°F	400°F
1/8 [Note (2)]	1405	1195	1125	1125	1100	935	700
3/16 [Note (3)]	1105	940	885	885	865	735	550
1/4	910	770	725	725	710	605	455
3/8	775	660	620	620	610	515	385
1/2	720	610	575	575	565	480	360
5/8	630	535	505	505	490	420	315
3/4	580	490	465	465	455	385	290
1	490	420	395	395	385	325	245
1 1/4	435	370	350	350	340	290	215
1 1/2	405	345	325	325	315	270	200
2	360	305	290	290	280	240	180
2 1/2	335	285	265	265	260	220	165
3	315	265	250	250	245	210	155
3 1/2	300	255	240	240	235	200	150
4	290	245	230	230	225	195	145
5	265	225	215	215	210	175	130
6	250	210	200	200	195	165	125
8	270	225	215	215	210	180	135

GENERAL NOTES:

- (a) The fitting pressure-rating applies to the largest opening of the fitting.
 (b) The fitting pressure-rating is calculated, as shown in Nonmandatory Appendix A, then rounded down to the nearest unit of 5.

NOTES:

- (1) For size designation of fittings, see Section 4.
 (2) 1/8 nominal size is 1/4 O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.
 (3) 3/16 nominal size is 5/16 O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.

TABLE I2 INSPECTION TOLERANCE

Standard Water Tube and Pipe Thread Sizes	Tolerance, Plus or Minus, in.
1/8 [Note (1)], 3/16 [Note (2)], 1/4, 3/8	0.05
1/2, 5/8, 3/4	0.06
1, 1 1/4, 1 1/2, 2	0.08
2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2	0.11
4 and 5	0.12
6 and 8	0.16

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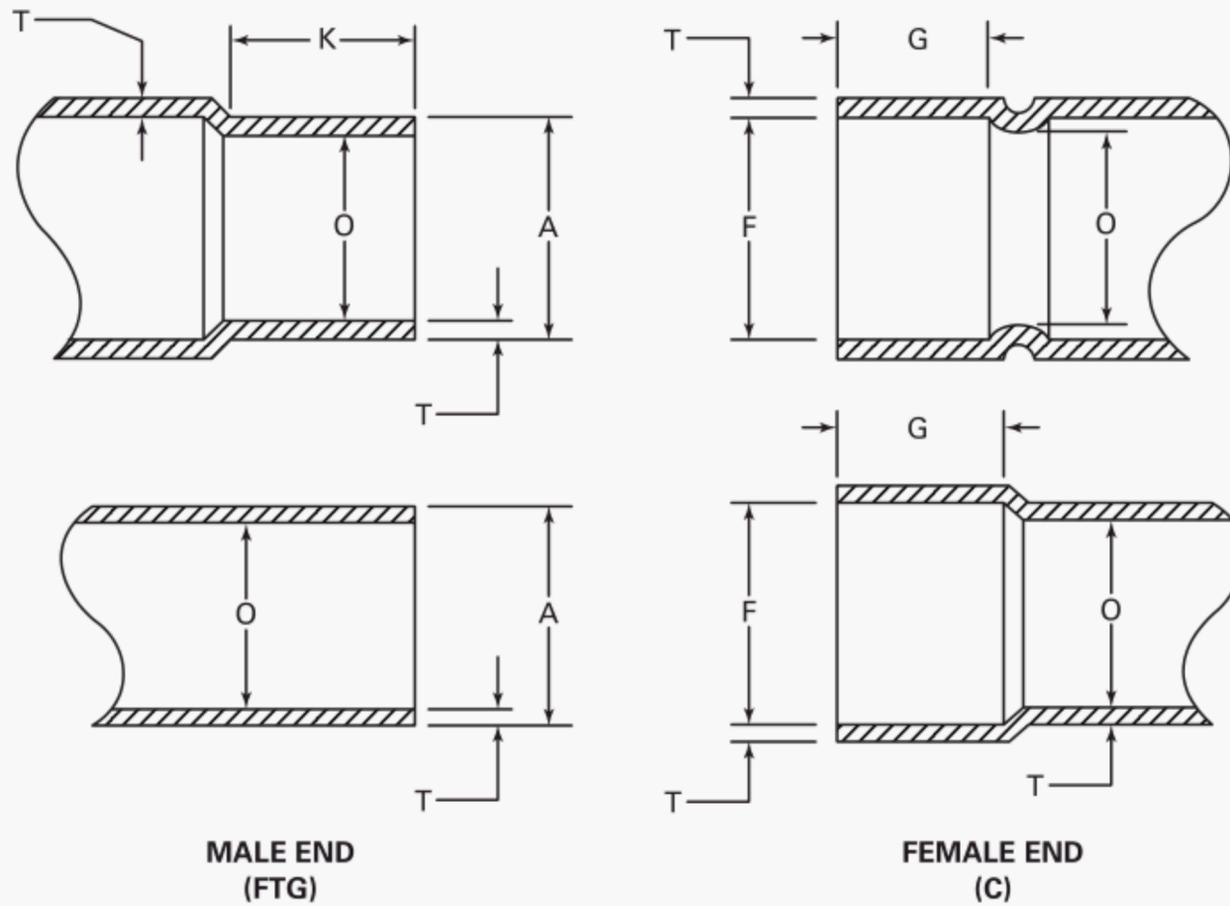


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3/16 [Note (6)]	0.310	0.313	0.20	0.314	0.318	0.16	0.023	0.24	0.02
1/4	0.373	0.376	0.23	0.377	0.381	0.17	0.023	0.30	0.03
3/8	0.497	0.501	0.26	0.502	0.506	0.20	0.026	0.39	0.04
1/2	0.622	0.626	0.28	0.627	0.631	0.22	0.029	0.52	0.05
5/8	0.747	0.751	0.30	0.752	0.756	0.24	0.031	0.63	0.06
3/4	0.872	0.876	0.31	0.877	0.881	0.25	0.033	0.74	0.07
1	1.122	1.127	0.34	1.128	1.132	0.28	0.040	0.98	0.10
1 1/4	1.372	1.377	0.37	1.378	1.382	0.31	0.044	1.23	0.12
1 1/2	1.621	1.627	0.40	1.628	1.633	0.34	0.051	1.47	0.15
2	2.121	2.127	0.47	2.128	2.133	0.40	0.059	1.94	0.19
2 1/2	2.621	2.627	0.53	2.628	2.633	0.47	0.067	2.42	0.24
3	3.121	3.127	0.59	3.128	3.133	0.53	0.075	2.89	0.29
3 1/2	3.621	3.627	0.65	3.628	3.633	0.59	0.086	3.37	0.34
4	4.121	4.127	0.72	4.128	4.133	0.64	0.096	3.84	0.38
5	5.121	5.127	0.81	5.128	5.133	0.73	0.111	4.70	0.47
6	6.121	6.127	0.94	6.128	6.133	0.83	0.124	5.72	0.57
8	8.119	8.127	1.28	8.128	8.133	1.17	0.173	7.55	0.76

(continued)

TABLE 13 DIMENSIONS OF BRAZE-JOINT ENDS (CONT'D)

GENERAL NOTES:

- (a) Dimensions are in inches.
- (b) Drawings and designs of fittings are illustrative only. Dimensions herein shall govern in all cases.

NOTES:

- (1) For size designation of fittings, see Section 4.
- (2) For ovality, see para. 8.2.
- (3) The distance from the point of tangency, at the gauge I.D. to the gauge line, shall be equal to the dimension shown in Column K.
- (4) The distance from the point of tangency, at the gauge O.D. to the gauge line, shall be equal to the dimension shown in Column G.
- (5) $\frac{1}{8}$ nominal size is $\frac{1}{4}$ O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.
- (6) $\frac{3}{16}$ nominal size is $\frac{5}{16}$ O.D. seamless copper tube for refrigeration service, etc., as listed in ASTM B 280.

MANDATORY APPENDIX II REFERENCES

The following is a list of standards and specifications referenced in this Standard showing the year of approval.

ASME B1.20.1-1983 (R 1992) Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)

ASME B4.4M-1981 (R 1987) Inspection of Workpieces

ASME B31.1-1998 Power Piping

ASME B16.18-1984 (R 1994) Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings

ASME B31.9-1996 Building Services Piping

1998 ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code, Section II, Materials, Part B — Nonferrous Material Specifications

Publisher: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME International), Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016; Order Department: 22 Law Drive, Box 2300, Fairfield, NJ 07007-2300

ASTM B 88-96, Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube

ASTM B 280-97 Specification for Seamless Copper Tube for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Field Service

ASTM B 819, Specification for Seamless Copper Tube for Medical Gas Systems

ASTM E 29-93a (R99), Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specification

Publisher: The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

AWS A5.8-92 Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding

Publisher: American Welding Society (AWS), 550 LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33135

ISO 9000-1: 1994 Quality management and quality assurance standards Part 1: Guidelines for selection and use

ISO 9000-2: 1997 Quality management and quality assurance standard — Part 2: Generic guidelines for the application of ISO 9001, ISO 9002, and ISO 9003

ISO 9000-3: 1991 Quality management and quality assurance standards — Part 3: Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001 to the development, supply and maintenance of software

ISO 9001: 1994 Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation, and servicing

ISO 9002: 1994 Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in production and servicing

ISO 9003: 1994 Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in final inspection and test

Publisher: International Organization for Standardization (ISO), 1 rue Varembe, Case Postale 56 CH-1121 Genève 20, Switzerland/Suisse

MSS SP-25-1998, Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions

Publisher: Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna, VA 22180

Publications appearing above, which have been approved as American National Standards, may also be obtained from the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI), 11 West 42 Street, New York, NY 10036.

NONMANDATORY APPENDIX A FITTING RATING

The rated internal working-pressures of the fitting are shown in Table 1 (Table I1). These values are the same as those calculated for annealed temper ASTM B 88 Type L copper water tube. The rated internal working-pressures for annealed temper ASTM B 88 Type L copper water tube are calculated as follows:

$$p = \frac{2St}{D - 0.8t}$$

where

- D = maximum outside-diameter, mm (in.), from annealed temper ASTM B 88 for Type L water tube
- S = allowable stress at temperature, kPa (psi), from ASME B31.1 or ASME B31.9 for annealed temper ASTM B 88 Type L copper water tube
- p = rated working-pressure at temperature, kPa (psi)
- t = minimum wall-thickness, mm (in.), from annealed temper ASTM B 88 for Type L water tube

NONMANDATORY APPENDIX B QUALITY SYSTEM PROGRAM

The products manufactured in accordance with this Standard shall be produced under a quality system program following the principles of an appropriate standard from the ISO 9000 series.¹ A determination of the need for registration or certification of the

product manufacturer's quality system program by an independent organization, or both, shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer. The detailed documentation demonstrating program compliance shall be available to the purchaser at the manufacturer's facility. A written summarized description of the program utilized by the product manufacturer shall be available to the purchaser upon request. The product manufacturer is defined as the entity whose name or trademark appears on the product in accordance with the marking or identification requirements of this Standard.

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