



Standard Specification for Cold Expansion Fittings with PEX Reinforcing Rings for Use with Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers cold expansion fittings and cross-linked (PEX) reinforcing rings for use with cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) plastic tubing in $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, 1- $\frac{1}{4}$, and 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ in. nominal diameters. These fittings are intended for use in 100 psi (690 kPa) cold- and hot-water distribution systems operating at temperatures up to and including 180°F (82°C). The system is comprised of a PEX reinforcing ring and a cold expansion fitting. Included are the requirements for materials, workmanship, dimensions, burst pressure, sustained pressure, excessive temperature and pressure, temperature cycling tests, and markings to be used on the fitting components. The components covered by this specification are intended for use in residential and commercial, hot and cold, potable water distribution systems as well as sealed central heating, including under-floor-heating systems.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI values stated in parentheses are provided for information purposes.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 10, 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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- B 16 Specification for Free-Cutting Brass Rod, Bar, and Shapes for Use in Screw Machines²
- B 140/B 140M Specification for Copper-Zinc-Lead (Leaded Red Brass or Hardware Bronze) Rod, Bar, and Shapes²
- B 283 Specification for Copper and Copper-Alloy Die Forging (Hot Pressed)²
- B 584 Specification for Copper Alloy Sand Castings for General Applications²

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.01.

D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials For Testing³

D 792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement³

D 1505 Test Method for Density of Plastics by the Density-Gradient Technique³

D 1598 Test Method for Time-to-Failure of Plastic Pipe Under Constant Internal Pressure⁴

D 1599 Test Method for Short-Time Hydraulic Failure Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings⁴

D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics³

D 2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings⁴

D 2765 Test Methods for Determination of Gel Content and Swell Ratio of a Crosslinked Ethylene Plastics⁵

D 3045 Practice for Heat Aging of Plastics Without Load⁵

F 412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems³

F 876 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing⁴

F 877 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Plastic Hot and Cold-Water Distribution Systems⁴

2.2 Military Standard:

MIL-STD-P46120A Polysulfone GF120⁶

2.3 ANSI Standard:

B1.20 Pipe Threads General Purpose⁷

B16.18 Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings

B16.22 Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings

2.4 NSF Standards:

NSF 14 for Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials⁸

NSF 61 for Drinking Water System Components-Health Effects⁸

2.5 Manufacturers' Standardization Society Standards:

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.04.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.02.

⁶ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robins Ave., Philadelphia PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

⁷ Available from the American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd St., 13th Floor, New York, NY, 10036.

⁸ Available from the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF International), PO Box 1468, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106.