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FOREWORD

In July 1993, the ASME B16 Committee gave to its Subcommittee C the assignment to convert the API 590 Steel Line Blanks Standard into an ASME standard. The American Petroleum Institute no longer publishes the API 590 Standard.

These line blanks were designed in accordance with the rules of the ASME B31.3-2002 edition. Materials and relevant footnotes have been added following the ASME format.

Significant additions were made to the 2005 edition that included reference to the use of all materials listed in B16.5 Table 1A plus Metric units. The added materials of construction included additions to classes of alloy steels, stainless steels, and nickel alloys. The 2005 edition was also metricated over previous editions to include both U.S. Customary units (in parentheses) and Metric units in the text, Metric units in dimensional tables in the body, and U.S. Customary units in dimensional tables in Nonmandatory Appendix A.

Following the approval of the Standards Committee and ASME, approval for the 2005 edition was granted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on September 19, 2005.

The 2010 edition included revisions to paragraph numbering and adjustments of appendices. In addition to renumbering of main text, updates were made to the Materials section and Marking Method. Illustrations for the figure-8 blanks for raised face flange joints were revised. Finally, the tables for male ring-joint facing figure-8 blanks were revised to support both oval and octagonal ring shapes.

The 2015 edition includes revisions to paragraph numbering, and updates have been made to the Materials and Thickness Tolerances sections. Tables for class 300 male oval ring-joint figure-8 blanks have been updated for thickness.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Following approval by the ASME B16 Committee, and after public review, ASME B16.48-2015 was approved by the American National Standards Institute on September 18, 2015.

ASME B16.48-2015 contains editorial changes, revisions, and corrections identified by a margin note, (15), placed next to the affected area.

<i>Page</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Change</i>
1	2.4	Editorially revised
	2.5	Editorially revised
2	5.2.2	Data reformatted
3	6.1	Revised
17	Table 14	Under "Thickness, <i>t</i> ," ninth entry revised
37	Table I-14	Under "Thickness, <i>t</i> ," ninth entry revised

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LINE BLANKS

1 SCOPE

This Standard covers pressure–temperature ratings, materials, dimensions, tolerances, marking, and testing for operating line blanks in sizes NPS $\frac{1}{2}$ through NPS 24 for installation between ASME B16.5 flanges in the 150, 300, 600, 900, 1500, and 2500 pressure classes.

2 GENERAL

2.1 Definitions

2.1.1 Figure-8 Blank. A figure-8 blank (also called a spectacle blank) is a pressure-retaining plate with one solid end and one open end connected with a web or tie bar (see Fig. 1).

2.1.2 Paddle Blank. A paddle blank is similar to the solid end of a figure-8 blank. It has a plain radial handle. It is generally used in conjunction with a paddle spacer in large sizes.

2.1.3 Paddle Spacer. A paddle spacer is similar to the open end of a figure-8 blank. It has a plain radial handle. It is generally used in conjunction with a paddle blank.

2.2 References

Codes, standards, and specifications, containing provisions to the extent referenced herein, constitute requirements of this Standard. These reference documents are listed in Mandatory Appendix II.

2.3 Quality Systems

Nonmandatory requirements relating to the product manufacturer's Quality System Program are described in Nonmandatory Appendix A.

2.4 Relevant Units

This Standard states values in both SI (Metric) and U.S. Customary units. These systems of units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the U.S. Customary units are shown in parentheses or in separate tables that appear in Mandatory Appendix I. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, it is required that each system of units be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems constitutes nonconformance with the Standard.

2.5 Convention

For determining conformance with this Standard, the convention for fixing significant digits where limits (maximum and minimum values) are specified shall be as defined in ASTM E29. This requires that an observed or calculated value be rounded off to the nearest unit in the last right-hand digit used for expressing the limit. Decimal values and tolerances do not imply a particular method of measurement.

2.6 Size

NPS, followed by a dimensionless number, is the designation for nominal blank size. NPS is related to the reference nominal diameter, DN, as defined in ISO 6708. The relationship is typically as follows:

NPS	DN
$\frac{1}{2}$	15
$\frac{3}{4}$	20
1	25
$1\frac{1}{4}$	32
$1\frac{1}{2}$	40
2	50
$2\frac{1}{2}$	65
3	80
4	100

GENERAL NOTE: For NPS ≥ 4 , the related DN = 25 multiplied by the NPS number.

