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FOREWORD

The initial work on ASME A112.4.4, Plastic Push-Fit Drain, Waste, and Vent (DWV) Fittings, was undertaken with the International Association for Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and NSF International. The work with IAPMO and NSF International formed the basis for this Standard.

This Standard was developed as a consensus standard to establish the minimum material and physical characteristics and performance requirements for push-fit fittings used in DWV systems. While standards for push-fit fittings for other applications previously existed, prior to publication of this Standard, there were no relevant standards for push-fit fittings for DWV applications.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

This Standard covers reversible push-fit drain, waste, and vent (DWV) fittings intended for quick assembly of IPS Schedule 40 series PVC and ABS DWV plastic pipe and fittings for applications above- and belowground at temperatures from 32°F to 140°F (0°C to 60°C), and specifies requirements for materials, physical characteristics, performance testing, and markings.

Notes accompanying sections of this Standard do not specify requirements or alternative requirements; their purpose is to separate explanatory or informative material from the text. Notes to tables and figures are considered part of the table or figure and are requirements.

1.2 Alternative Materials

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1.3 Units of Measurement

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1.4 Patents

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1.5 References

This Standard references the following publications, and where such reference is made, it shall be to the latest edition including all amendments published thereto.

ASTM A240/A240M, Standard Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications

ASTM D1784, Standard Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds

ASTM D2122, Standard Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings

ASTM D2444, Standard Test Method for Determination of the Impact Resistance of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings by Means of a Tup (Falling Weight)

ASTM D2665, Standard Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Drain, Waste, and Vent Pipe and Fittings

ASTM D3212, Standard Specification for Joints for Drain and Sewer Plastic Pipes Using Flexible Elastomeric Seals

ASTM D3311, Standard Specification for Drain, Waste, and Vent (DWV) Plastic Fittings Patterns

ASTM D3965, Standard Classification System and Basis for Specifications for Rigid Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS) Materials for Pipe and Fittings

ASTM F477, Standard Specification for Thermoplastic Elastomeric Seals (Gaskets) for Joining Plastic Pipe

ASTM F913, Standard Specification for Elastomeric Seals (Gaskets) for Joining Plastic Pipe

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1.6 Definitions and Abbreviations

1.6.1 Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in this Standard:

can: expresses a possibility or a capability.

IPS Schedule 40 Series: pipe produced to an iron pipe outside diameter with a Schedule 40 wall thickness.

may: expresses an option or something permissible within the scope of this Standard.

push-fit fitting: a fitting with a push-on joint type with an elastomeric gasket providing a compressive force against the spigot and socket after assembly to provide a permanent seal.

reversible: able to be reversed; having the ability to be removed and reused.

Schedule: a pipe-size system (outside diameter and wall thickness) originated by the iron-pipe industry.

shall: expresses a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user is obliged to satisfy to comply with this Standard.

should: expresses a recommendation but not a requirement.

1.6.2 Abbreviations. The following abbreviations shall apply in this Standard:

ABS = acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene