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FOREWORD

In 1921, the American Engineering Standards Committee [later the American Standards Association (ASA)] organized Sectional Committee B16 to unify and develop standards for pipe flanges and fittings. Cosponsors of the B16 Committee were The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Heating and Piping Contractors National Association [now Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)], and the Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fitting Industry (MSS). Cosponsors were later designated as Co-Secretariat organizations.

Threaded fittings were also included in the scope of the B16 Committee, and Subcommittee 2 (now Subcommittee B) was made responsible for threaded fittings other than steel.

The American Standard for Pipe Plugs was originally published as ASA B16e2-1936. It had been developed by Subcommittee 2 from material assembled and published by MSS as a standard practice in April 1929.

From the beginning, pipe plugs have been made with the American Standard Taper Pipe Thread, but the design of the square heads necessary to screw them into fittings or any tapped hole has been a matter of manufacturers' and users' individual design. However, the use of pipe plugs soon broadened, and they came to be employed in many other service applications, e.g., automotive and industrial machinery. Accordingly, it was natural for the dimensions of the square heads and the sockets to conform to standard open wrench sizes and to maximum dimensions of standard hot-rolled steel bars.

Pipe bushing and locknut dimensions were originally included in ASA B16c-1939, American Standard for 150 lb Malleable Iron Screwed Fittings. ASA B16c-1939 was adapted from information assembled and published by MSS in 1929.

In response to a demand for inclusion under one cover, B16.14-1943, American Standard for Ferrous Plugs, Bushings, Locknuts, and Caps, was developed from ASA B16c-1939 and ASA B16e-1941, American Standard for Cast Iron Screwed Fittings, 125 lb and 250 lb, and approved by ASA in October 1943. The section of B16.14 covering pipe caps was later removed because of differences in pressure ratings between caps made of cast iron and malleable iron.

This Standard was revised in 1948 and approved by letter ballot vote of the Sectional Committee. Following the approval by the sponsor bodies, it was presented to ASA, now the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), with recommendations for approval as an American Standard. This approval and designation was given on April 6, 1949.

Subcommittee 2 began a review of the document in 1961, and completed its work in 1964. The Sectional Committee approved a number of minor changes in format and wording. Following approval by the sponsor organizations, ANSI approval was granted on November 12, 1965.

In 1970, a review was initiated by Subcommittee B that resulted in the proposal to revise the document in several minor areas and update referenced standards. Following approvals by the B16 Standards Committee and Co-Secretariat, ANSI granted approval on November 1, 1971.

In 1975, review was again initiated by Subcommittee B (formerly Subcommittee 2), and it was determined that the only significant changes needed were the updating of referenced standards and the addition of metric equivalents. Approvals were granted by the B16 Standards Committee, Co-Secretariat, and ANSI, the latter on February 4, 1977.

In 1982, the American National Standards Committee was reorganized as an ASME Committee operating under procedures accredited by ANSI. That same year, Subcommittee B once again began review of the Standard. The only changes made were the dates of the referenced standards. After approval by the B16 Standards Committee and ASME, final approval was granted by ANSI in July 1983.

In the 1991 edition of B16.14, U.S. Customary units were established as the standard and updates were made to the referenced standards and minimum specifications for steel fittings. Following approval by the B16 Standards Committee and ASME, approval as an American National Standard was given by ANSI on January 4, 1991, with the new designation ASME B16.14-1991.

In the 2001 edition of B16.14, SI units became the primary units, and U.S. Customary units were incorporated into the Standard as secondary units and shown in parentheses. Following approval by the B16 Standards Committee and the ASME Board, the revision to the 1991 edition of the Standard was approved as an American National Standard by ANSI on April 1, 2010, and designated as ASME B16.14-2010.

In the 2013 edition, section 8 was revised to require threads and gaging practices to be as per, and identical with, ASME B1.20.1 and other B16 standards. Following approval by the ASME B16 Standards Committee, approval as an American National Standard was given by ANSI on July 29, 2013, with the new designation ASME B16.14-2013.

In the 2018 edition, the U.S. Customary tables formerly in Mandatory Appendix I were merged with the SI tables in the main text; the tables were redesignated, Mandatory Appendix I was deleted, and the cross-references were updated accordingly. In addition, all reference standards in what was formerly Mandatory Appendix II were updated. Following approval by the ASME B16 Standards Committee, approval as an American National Standard was given by ANSI on August 3, 2018, with the new designation ASME B16.14-2018.

In the 2024 edition, all references to steel materials have been deleted as the focus of this Standard is on cast iron. Additionally, the references have been updated and new definitions have been added.

Following approval by the ASME B16 Committee, ASME B16.14-2024 was approved by ANSI as an American National Standard on July 2, 2024.

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Standardization of Valves, Flanges, Fittings, and Gaskets

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(2) to provide alternative requirements

(3) to allow users to gain experience with alternative or potential additional requirements prior to incorporation directly into the Standard

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(3) the Standard and the paragraph, figure, or table number

(4) the editions of the Standard to which the proposed case applies

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Following approval by the ASME B16 Standards Committee and ASME, and after public review, ASME B16.14-2024 was approved by the American National Standards Institute on July 2, 2024.

ASME B16.14-2024 includes the following changes identified by a margin note, **(24)**. The Record Numbers listed below are explained in more detail in the “List of Changes in Record Number Order” following this Summary of Changes.

<i>Page</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Change (Record Number)</i>
1	2.7	Added (23-2140)
1	3	In subpara. (a), first sentence revised (19-921)
2	6	Revised (19-921)
6	Table 7-4	Note (1) revised (19-921)
9	Table 7-5	Third column head revised (19-921)
10	Mandatory Appendix I	Updated (23-2138)

LIST OF CHANGES IN RECORD NUMBER ORDER

<u>Record Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
19-921	Deleted references to steel material in paras. 3(a), 6(a), and 6(b); Table 7-4, Note (1); and Table 7-5. Revised para. 3(a) to specify gray, malleable, or ductile iron material.
23-2138	Updated references.
23-2140	Added para. 2.7 to define <i>may</i> , <i>shall</i> , and <i>should</i> .

FERROUS PIPE PLUGS, BUSHINGS, AND LOCKNUTS WITH PIPE THREADS

1 SCOPE

This Standard covers the following:

- (a) pressure-temperature ratings
- (b) size
- (c) marking
- (d) materials
- (e) dimensions and tolerances
- (f) threading
- (g) pattern taper

2 GENERAL

2.1 References

Standards and specifications adopted by reference are shown in [Mandatory Appendix I](#). It is not considered practical to identify the edition of each referenced standard and specification in the text. Instead, the editions of the referenced standards and specifications are listed in [Mandatory Appendix I](#).

2.2 Quality Systems

Requirements relating to the product manufacturer's quality system program are described in [Nonmandatory Appendix A](#).

2.3 Relevant Units

This Standard states values in both SI (metric) units 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. 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.

2.4 Service Conditions

Criteria for selection of materials suitable for particular fluid service are not within the scope of this 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 Denotation

2.6.1 Pressure Rating Designation. Class followed by a dimensionless number is the designation for pressure-temperature ratings.

2.6.2 Size. Nominal pipe size (NPS) followed by a dimensionless number is the designation for nominal flange or flange fitting size. NPS is related to the reference nominal diameter, DN, used in international standards. The relationship is, typically, as follows:

NPS	DN
1	25
1 ¹ / ₄	32
1 ¹ / ₂	40
2	50
2 ¹ / ₂	65
3	80
3 ¹ / ₂	90
4	100

For $NPS \geq 4$, the related $DN = 25 \times (NPS)$

2.7 Definitions

may: the term used to denote permission, neither a requirement nor a recommendation.

shall: the term used to denote a requirement.

should: the term used to denote a recommendation.

3 PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE RATINGS

(a) Pressure-temperature ratings for plugs and bushings shall be in accordance with ASME B16.4 if made of cast iron, or ASME B16.3 if made of malleable iron or ductile iron. Use of cored plugs or hexagon head bushings should be limited to Class 125 cast iron and Class 150 malleable iron threaded fittings. Solid plugs and face bushings are recommended for use with Class 250 cast iron fittings and Class 300 malleable iron fittings.