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FOREWORD

In 1993, members of the ASME B31.8 Code for Pressure Piping, Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems Committee approached the B16 Committee to develop a standard that covers pipeline bends produced by the induction bending process.

Subcommittee F reviewed the request and identified that no current specification covered this product to the satisfaction of the users. It was also determined that this Standard would need to be more performance-based than most other B16 standards, which are normally product standards with set dimensional requirements.

At the 1994 meeting of Subcommittee F, the project to develop a standard was accepted. Through the cooperation of producers and users familiar with the process, and with approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, ASME B16.49-2000 received approval as an American National Standard on April 25, 2000.

In 2005, the Committee undertook a general review of this document. Based on the usage of this Standard over the last 5 years, a number of revisions, clarifications, and additions were determined to be needed to make the document more user friendly. Some requirements were dropped, revised, and clarified to reflect the desires of the users and manufacturers. The reference data were updated and the interpretation section was removed from the Standard. These revisions were incorporated into the B16.49-2007 edition.

In 2012, the Committee reviewed this document and made revisions to requirements on hardness testing and updated the references found in Mandatory Appendix I. ASME B16.49-2012 was approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on October 22, 2012.

In this 2017 Edition, provisions have been made to update verbiage and reading. Following the approval by the ASME B16 Standards Committee, approval as an American National Standard was given by ANSI on September 7, 2017, with the new designation ASME B16.49-2017.

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Requests for interpretation should preferably be submitted through the online Interpretation Submittal Form. The form is accessible at http://go.asme.org/InterpretationRequest. Upon submittal of the form, the Inquirer will receive an automatic e-mail confirming receipt.

If the Inquirer is unable to use the online form, he/she may e-mail the request to the Secretary of the B16 Standards Committee at SecretaryB16@asme.org, or mail it to the above address. The request for an interpretation should be clear and unambiguous. It is further recommended that the Inquirer submit his/her request in the following format:

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Edition:	Cite the applicable edition of the Standard for which the interpretation is being requested.
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Requests that are not in the format described above may be rewritten in the appropriate format by the Committee prior to being answered, which may inadvertently change the intent of the original request.

Moreover, ASME does not act as a consultant for specific engineering problems or for the general application or understanding of the Standard requirements. If, based on the inquiry information submitted, it is the opinion of the Committee that the inquirer should seek assistance, the inquiry will be returned with the recommendation that such assistance be obtained.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Following approval by the ASME B16 Committee and ASME, and after public review, ASME B16.49-2017 was approved by the American National Standards Institute on September 7, 2017.

ASME B16.49-2017 includes the following changes identified by a margin note, **(17)**. The Record Numbers listed below are explained in more detail in the "List of Changes in Record Number Order" following this Summary of Changes.

Page	*Location*	*Change (Record Number)*
9	13.1	Second and last sentences revised *(12-1993)*
12	Mandatory Appendix I	References updated *(16-803)*

LIST OF CHANGES IN RECORD NUMBER ORDER

Record Number	Change
12-393	Revised para. 13.1 to define limits of upset in B16.49 induction bends.
16-803	Updated References.

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FACTORY-MADE, WROUGHT STEEL, BUTTWELDING INDUCTION BENDS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

1 SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 General

This Standard covers design, material, manufacturing, testing, marking, and inspection requirements for factory-made pipeline bends of carbon steel materials having controlled chemistry and mechanical properties, produced by the induction bending process, with or without tangents. This Standard covers induction bends for transportation and distribution piping applications (e.g., ASME B31.4 and ASME B31.8). Process and power piping have differing requirements and materials that may not be appropriate for the restrictions and examinations described herein and, therefore, are not included in this Standard.

1.2 Manufacturing Process

This process utilizes induction heating to heat a narrow band 360 deg around a pipe or cylinder at the point of bending as the pipe or cylinder is being pushed through the inductor coil at a constant velocity. After the material passes through the coil, it may be cooled by forced air or water spray, or it may be allowed to cool in still air. Bends in any producible wall thickness and diameter are covered. Induction bends covered by this Standard may be produced from seamless pipe, welded pipe, or cylinders.

1.3 Fabricated Bends

Larger angle bends obtained by girth welding two or more smaller angle bends together are considered pipe fabrications and as such, are not within the scope of this Standard.

1.4 Standard 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. 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.

1.5 References

Standards and specifications adopted by reference in this Standard are shown in Mandatory Appendix I. It is not 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 I. A product made in conformance with a prior edition of reference standards and in all other respects conforming to this Standard will be considered to be in compliance.

1.6 Codes and Regulations

A bend used under the jurisdiction of a referencing code or governmental regulation is subject to any limitation of that code or regulation. This includes any maximum temperature limitation or rule governing the use of a material at low temperature.

1.7 Service Conditions

Criteria for selection of bend material for a particular fluid service are not within the scope of this Standard.

1.8 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.

1.9 Quality Systems

Requirements relating to the manufacturers' quality system programs are described in Nonmandatory Appendix A.

1.10 Glossary

bend qualification procedure: a document that specifies the properties of the starting pipe; the equipment to be used; the bending parameters; the qualification bend test results; and the postbend, heat-treat equipment, and cycle used for the manufacture of the bends. If nondestructive testing of the bend is required, procedures that have not been approved previously shall be submitted.