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## 1. Scope

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This Practice provides requirements for suppliers providing carbon steel plug valves included in PIP Piping Line Class Material Specifications.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following Practice shall be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award shall be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles will be used herein where appropriate.

### 2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP PNCM0004 - *Valve Commodity Codes Designator System*

## 3. Valve Designation System

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- 3.1 For a full explanation of the format used to structure the valve numbers listed within this Practice, refer to *PIP PNCM0004*.
- 3.2 This Practice provides descriptions for plug valves. Therefore, the first two characters in the valve numbers are PL.
- 3.3 The valves listed in Section 5 and Section 6 of this Practice are sorted by the unique valve number designation in ascending alphanumeric sequence (e.g., PL01CB500, PL01CB501, PL03CB500, PL03CB501).

## 4. Notes

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- 4.1 Occasionally, valve size ranges listed in this Practice are broader than the size ranges shown for the same valve on a given piping line class specification. While the “most common practice” has been used to specify valve size ranges on line class specifications, a purchaser may need to utilize a valve in a size outside this “common practice” choice. Thus, for reference purposes, the full size range for which a given valve is typically manufactured is shown in this Practice.
- 4.2 Gear operators are specified in NPS 4 and larger plug valve descriptions. If gear operators are required outside of the size range specified, the purchaser shall specify that gear operators are needed. One method of specifying this need is by using Field 5 of the valve designation system as described in *PIP PNCM0004*.
- 4.3 Many plug valve manufacturers offer numerous handle options (e.g., locking/nonlocking, latching/nonlatching, lever, wrench, tee). As a default, NPS 3 and smaller valve descriptions within this Practice specify a high hub lever with lockout. The purchaser shall specify a different handle option if one is required.
- 4.4 If fluids can be trapped (e.g., in double-seated valves) and subject to heating and subsequent expansion, means of pressure relief shall be considered to avoid excessive pressure build-up.