



Standard Specification for Metal Insert Fittings Utilizing a Copper Crimp Ring for SDR9 Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing and SDR9 Cross- linked Polyethylene/Aluminum/Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX) Tubing¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers metal insert fittings with o-ring seals and copper crimp rings for use with Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) and Cross-linked Polyethylene/Aluminum/Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX) tubing in $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. nominal diameters that meet the requirements for Specifications F876 or F3253, and F2262 respectively. These fittings are intended for use in 125 psi (861.9 kPa) (PEX-AL-PEX) and 100 psi (689.5 kPa) (PEX) cold- and hot-water distribution systems operating at temperatures up to and including 180 °F (82 °C). Included are the requirements for materials, workmanship, dimensions, performance, and markings to be used on the fittings and rings.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 Compliance with this specification requires that these fittings be tested and certified to Specification F877 and F2262.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- B16/B16M Specification for Free-Cutting Brass Rod, Bar and Shapes for Use in Screw Machines
- B62 Specification for Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Castings
- B140/B140M Specification for Copper-Zinc-Lead (Red Brass or Hardware Bronze) Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B283 Specification for Copper and Copper-Alloy Die Forgings (Hot-Pressed)
- B371/B371M Specification for Copper-Zinc-Silicon Alloy Rod
- B584 Specification for Copper Alloy Sand Castings for General Applications
- D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials
- F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems
- F876 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing
- F877 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Hot- and Cold-Water Distribution Systems
- F2262 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene/Aluminum/Crosslinked Polyethylene Tubing OD Controlled SDR9 (Withdrawn 2018)³
- F3253 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing with Oxygen Barrier for Hot- and Cold-Water

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

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2.2 ASME Standards:⁴

B1.20.1 Pipe Threads General Purpose (Inch)

B16.18 Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings

B16.22 Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings

2.3 Manufacturer's Standardization Society Standard:

SP-104 Wrought Copper Solder Joint Pressure Fittings⁵

2.4 NSF International Standards:⁶

NSF/ANSI 14 Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials

NSF/ANSI 61 Drinking Water System Components-Health Effects

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions are in accordance with Terminology **F412** and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology **D1600**, unless otherwise indicated.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification covers one class of fittings and copper crimp rings suitable for use with tubing that meets the requirements of Specifications **F876** or **F3253** and PEX-AL-PEX tubing that meets the requirements of Specification **F2262**.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Fittings*—The fittings shall be made from one of the following metals:

5.1.1 *Cast Copper Alloys*—Cast copper alloy fittings shall be made from material meeting the requirements of Specification **B584**, Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C84400, C83800, C87850 or C89844 or Specification **B62** Copper Alloy UNS No. C83600.

5.1.2 *Machined Brass*—Machined brass fittings shall be made from material meeting the requirements of Specification **B371/B371M**, Copper Alloy UNS No. C69300, Specification **B371/B371M**, Copper Alloy UNS No. C69850, Specification **B140/B140M** Copper Alloy UNS No. C31400, Specification **B283** Copper Alloy UNS No. C37700, or Specification **B16/B16M** Copper Alloy UNS No. C36000, Copper Alloy UNS No. C27450.

5.1.3 *Forged Brass*—Forged brass fittings shall be made from material meeting the requirements of Specification **B283** Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C37700 or Copper Alloy UNS No. C27450 or Copper Alloy UNS. No. C69300 or Copper Alloy UNS No. C69850.

5.2 *Crimp Rings*—Crimp rings shall be made from copper UNS Nos. C10200, or C12200, and shall be black in color or alternately be identified per **10.2.3.2** of this specification. The

⁴ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

⁵ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.mss-hq.com>.

⁶ Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140, <http://www.nsf.org>.

crimp rings shall have a minimum allowable hardness of 35 and a maximum allowable hardness of 45 on the Rockwell 15T scale when measured according to Test Methods **E18**.

5.3 *O-rings*—O-rings used on the copper alloy fittings to make a static seal shall be manufactured from ethylene propylene rubber (EPDM) or silicone rubber (Si), with a Shore A durometer between 60 and 70 when tested in accordance with Specification D2240.

6. General Requirements

6.1 The following sections of Specifications **F877** and **F2262** constitute a part of this specification.

6.1.1 Use with PEX Tubing (**F877**):

6.1.1.1 Requirements,

6.1.1.2 Test Methods, and

6.1.2 Use with PEX-AL-PEX Tubing (**F2262**):

6.1.2.1 Performance Requirements of Connectors except product marking section.

6.1.3 Retest and Rejection.

6.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in **6.1**, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specifications **F877** and **F2262**.

6.3 *Dimensions*—Any randomly selected fitting or fittings, and crimp ring or crimp rings, shall be used to determine dimensions. Measurements shall be made in accordance with Test Method **D2122**, except determine diameters by making measurements at four locations spaced approximately 45° apart around the circumference. Inspection and gauging of solder joint ends shall be in accordance with ASME B16.18, ASME B16.22, or MSS SP-104.

6.4 *General*—All performance tests shall be performed on assemblies of fittings, crimp rings, PEX, and PEX-AL-PEX tubing. Fittings and crimp rings shall meet the material and dimensional requirements of this specification. PEX tubing shall meet the requirements of Specification **F876** or **F3253**. PEX-AL-PEX tubing shall meet the requirements of Specification **F2262**. Assembly of test specimens shall be in accordance with **9.1.1**. Use separate sets of assemblies for each performance test requirement. In addition, fittings shall be designed with sufficient overall dimensions to allow proper use of crimp tool without interference with previously completed crimps on the same fitting.

7. Dimensions

7.1 *Dimensions and Tolerances*—The dimensions and tolerances of fittings and crimp rings shall be as shown in **Fig. 1**, **Fig. 3**, **Fig. 4**, and **Table 1**, when measured in accordance with **6.3**.

7.1.1 *Alignment*—The maximum angular variation of any opening shall not exceed 1° off the true centerline axis.

7.1.2 *Fittings with Solder Joint Ends*—Solder joint ends shall be in accordance with ASME B16.22, ASME B16.18, or MSS SP-104.

7.1.3 *Tapered Threaded Ends*—Fitting threads shall be right-hand conforming to ASME B1.20.1. They shall be taper threads (NPT).