



Standard Specification for Valve Label Plates¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the materials, dimensions, inscription, and methods of inscribing for shipboard valve label plates.

1.2 Fasteners shall be ordered separately and are not included in this specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.4 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[A240 Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications](#)

[B36/B36M Specification for Brass Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar](#)

[B209 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate \(Metric\) B0209_B0209M](#)

[B580 Specification for Anodic Oxide Coatings on Aluminum](#)

[D709 Specification for Laminated Thermosetting Materials](#)

2.2 Other Documents:

[American Bureau of Shipping Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels³](#)

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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 Available from American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Dr., Houston, TX 77060, <http://www.eagle.org>.

ANSI Y14.38 Abbreviations and Acronyms for Use on Drawings and Related Documents⁴

3. Classification

3.1 Label plates shall be classified by type, grade, class, size, and letter size in accordance with material and method of inscribing, method of attachment, thickness of sheet, strip, or plate, dimensions, and letter size to be used.

3.2 Types and Materials:

3.2.1 *Type I*—Anodized aluminum, engraved.

3.2.2 *Type II*—Anodized aluminum, metal photo.

3.2.3 *Type III*—Stainless steel, engraved.

3.2.4 *Type IV*—Brass, engraved.

3.2.5 *Type V*—Plastic, engraved.

3.3 Grades and Methods of Attachment:

3.3.1 *Grade A*—Adhesive on metal bracket (backing plate) (Sizes A through J).

3.3.2 *Grade B*—Metal strapping or screw (Sizes A through J).

3.3.3 *Grade C*—Welding (Sizes A through J) See also the American Bureau of Shipping Standards.

3.3.4 *Grade D*—Secured by handwheel nut (Sizes K through R).

3.3.5 *Grade E*—Connection to valve stem, bonnet, or flange (Size S).

3.4 Class and Thickness:

3.4.1 *Class 1*— $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

3.4.2 *Class 2*—16 gage.

3.4.3 *Class 3*—20 gage.

3.4.4 *Class 4*—24 gage.

3.5 *Size and Dimensions:* (length by width) or (outside diameter (OD) by inside diameter (ID).)

3.5.1 *Size A*—Rectangular 2 by $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

3.5.2 *Size B*—Rectangular 2 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.

3.5.3 *Size C*—Rectangular 3 by $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

3.5.4 *Size D*—Rectangular 3 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.

3.5.5 *Size E*—Rectangular 3 by $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.

3.5.6 *Size F*—Rectangular 4 by $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

3.5.7 *Size G*—Rectangular 4 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.