

ASME B16.15 INTERPRETATIONS

Replies to Technical Inquiries August 1, 2006 Through June 1, 2011

FOREWORD

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Interpretation: 15-4

Subject: Table 9

Date Issued: April 27, 2011

File: B16-11-213

Question: Is it the intent of Table 9, Dimensions of Square Head and Square Socket Plugs, to be limited to Class 250 only?

Reply: No. It is the intent of Table 9 to be applicable to both Classes 125 and 250, with limitations as noted in para. 3.3.

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Interpretation: 15-2

Subject: Cast Bronze Unions

Date Issued: February 3, 1993

File: B16-92-012

Question: Does ANSI/ASME B16.15-1985 cover cast bronze unions?

Reply: No. ANSI/ASME B16.15-1985 does not cover bronze unions.

Interpretation: 15-3

Subject: External Thread Dimensions

Date Issued: July 12, 1993

File: B16-93-004

Question: With reference to ANSI/ASME B16.15-1985 Table 13, is dimension “A” the minimum length of external thread?

Reply: Yes.

INTERPRETATIONS TO ANSI/ASME B16.15

(These Interpretations are not part of ANSI/ASME B16.15-1985 and are included for information only.)

INTRODUCTION

As a service to persons who use the B16 Standards, the B16 Committee renders interpretations of the requirements upon request. The procedure for requesting an interpretation is described in the following paragraphs.

The Interpretations include all replies which have been approved by the B16 Main Committee, in response to inquiries concerning interpretation of this Standard.

An interpretation applies either to the Edition and Addenda in effect on the date of issuance of the interpretation or the Edition and Addenda stated in the interpretation. Subsequent revisions to this Standard may supersede the interpretation.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING INTERPRETATIONS

On request, the B16 Committee will render an interpretation of any requirement of this Standard. Interpretations can only be rendered in response to a written request, which should be addressed to:

Secretary, B16 Main Committee
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
United Engineering Center
345 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017

The request for interpretation should be clear and unambiguous. It is further recommended that the inquirer submit his request using the following format:

(a) *Subject.* Cite the applicable paragraph number(s) and/or give a concise description of the subject.

(b) *Question.* Phrase the question as a request for an interpretation of a specific requirement suitable for general understanding and use, not as a request for an approval of a proprietary design or situation. The inquirer may also include any plans or drawings which are necessary to explain the question; however, they should not contain proprietary names or information.

Requests which are not in this format may be rewritten in this format prior to being answered, which may inadvertently change the original intent of the request.

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INTERPRETATIONS NO. 1

Replies to Technical Inquiries Issued From January 1, 1984 Through June 30, 1985

Interpretation: 15-1

Subject: Measurement of Dimension H of Table 13, ANSI B16.15-1978

Date Issued: January 5, 1984

Question: For an outside head bushing, is dimension H of Table 13 in ANSI B16.15-1978 measured across the width of the corners or the flats?

Reply: Dimension H of Table 13 for an outside head bushing is measured across the flats.