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# FOREWORD

In July 1953, the American Welding Society presented a proposal on Welding End Preparation to Sectional Committee B16 of the American Standards Association (ASA), with the recommendation that it be considered as a candidate for an American Standard. The proposal was expanded to include welding preparation for flanges and valves covered by ASA B16.5, Steel Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, and for fittings covered by ASA B16.9, Buttwelding Fittings. Consideration was also given to Pipe Fabrication Institute Standard ES-1.

The third draft reviewed by Subcommittee 3, Subgroup 6 (now Subcommittee F), of the B16 Sectional Committee was forwarded to the Committee, cosponsor organizations, and then ASA for approval. Final approval was given on September 14, 1955, with the designation ASA B16.25-1955.

Revisions were developed as a need for clarification and improvements became known and were approved as ASA B16.25-1958 and ASA B16.25-1964. After ASA reorganized as the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Sectional Committee became American National Standards Committee B16, a further revision was approved as ANSI B16.25-1972.

Subcommittee F immediately began work on a major expansion and updating of the Standard, adding illustrations and requirements for welding end configurations applicable to a number of specific circumstances, including cast steel and alloy valves. When a draft had been developed that overcame the many problems and conflicting demands, the Standards Committee, cosecretariat organizations, and ANSI concurred in approval of ANSI B16.25-1979 on July 18, 1979.

In 1982, American National Standards Committee B16 was reorganized as an ASME committee operating under procedures accredited by ANSI. In the 1986 edition, inch dimensions were established as the standard, and numerous changes in text and format were made. Notes for illustrations were also clarified. Following approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, approval as an American National Standard was given by ANSI on October 8, 1986, with the new designation ASME/ANSI B16.25-1986.

In 1992, the subcommittee revised the requirements for the preparation of the inside diameter of welding end. The references in Annex B were also updated. After public review and approval by ASME, this edition was approved by ANSI on October 26, 1992, with the new designation ASME B16.25-1992.

In the 1997 edition, metric dimensions were added as an independent but equal standard to the inch units. An Annex was also added to reference quality system requirements. Following approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, this revision to the 1992 edition of B16.25 was approved as an American National Standard by ANSI on April 17, 1997, with the new designation ASME B16.25-1997.

In the 2003 edition, the reference standard dates were updated. There were clarifications to text made to address inquiries. Tolerances on bevel angles were modified slightly. Following approval by the Standards Committee and ASME, this revision to the 1997 edition of B16.25 was approved as an American National Standard by ANSI on December 17, 2003, with the new designation ASME B16.25-2003.

In the 2007 edition, buttwelding end data were extended to cover requirements for sizes up to NPS 48 (DN 1200). The reference data were updated, and the interpretation section was removed from the Standard.

In the 2012 edition, the references in [Mandatory Appendix II](#) were updated, and notes were updated in the included tables.

In this 2017 edition, provisions have been made to update verbiage and readings. Following the approval by the ASME B16 Standards Committee, approval as an American National Standard was given by ANSI on September 7, 2017.

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# ASME B16.25-2017

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Following approval by the ASME B16 Committee and ASME, and after public review, ASME B16.25-2017 was approved by the American National Standards Institute on September 7, 2017.

ASME B16.25-2017 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.

<i>Page</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Change (Record Number)</i>
2	4.2	Revised (14-1123)
3	5.3	In-text table revised (14-1123)
3	5.4	Revised in its entirety (15-862)
4	Figure 1	(1) $t_{nom}$ and associated arrows deleted (15-862) (2) Note (4) moved to underneath $t_{min}$ (15-862) (3) Note (5)(b) revised (15-862)
9	Table 1	Revised in its entirety (14-1123)
16	Table I-1	Revised in its entirety (14-1123)
22	Mandatory Appendix II	Updated (16-802)

## LIST OF CHANGES IN RECORD NUMBER ORDER

<u>Record Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
14-1123	Revised to incorporate the values currently found in ASME B36.19M per para. 5.4, Tables I and I-1, and Appendix II.
15-862	Revised to incorporate the values currently found in ASME B36.19M per para. 5.4, Tables I and I-1, and Appendix II.
16-802	Updated to reflect the latest references.

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# BUTTWELDING ENDS

## 1 SCOPE

### 1.1 General

This Standard covers the preparation of butt welding ends of piping components to be joined into a piping system by welding. It includes requirements for welding bevels, for external and internal shaping of heavy-wall components, and for preparation of internal ends (including dimensions and tolerances). Coverage includes preparation for joints with the following:

- (a) no backing rings
- (b) split or noncontinuous backing rings
- (c) solid or continuous backing rings
- (d) consumable insert rings
- (e) gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW) of the root pass

Details of preparation for any backing ring must be specified when ordering the component.

### 1.2 Application

This Standard applies to any metallic materials for which a welding procedure can be satisfactorily qualified but does not prescribe specific welding processes or procedures. Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, it does not apply to welding ends conforming to ASME B16.5, B16.9, or B16.47.

### 1.3 Relevant 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 or in a separate table that appears in [Mandatory Appendix I](#). 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.

### 1.4 Size

Nominal pipe size (NPS), followed by a dimensionless number, is the designation for nominal fitting size. NPS is related to the reference nominal diameter (DN) used in international standards. The relationship is typically as follows:

NPS	DN
$\frac{1}{2}$	15
$\frac{3}{4}$	20
1	25
$1\frac{1}{4}$	32
$1\frac{1}{2}$	40
2	50
$2\frac{1}{2}$	65
3	80
4	100

For  $NPS \geq 4$ , the related  $DN = 25 \times NPS$ .

### 1.5 Referenced Standards

Standards and specifications adopted by reference in this Standard are shown in [Mandatory Appendix II](#). It is not considered 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 II](#). A product made in conformance with a prior edition of referenced standards will be considered to be in conformance, even though the edition reference may be changed in a subsequent revision of the standard.

### 1.6 Quality Systems

Nonmandatory requirements relating to the manufacturer's quality system program are described in [Nonmandatory Appendix A](#).

### 1.7 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.

## 2 TRANSITION CONTOURS

[Figure 1](#) delineates the maximum envelope in which transitions from welding bevel to the outer surface of the component and from the root face to the inner surface of the component must lie. Except as specified in Note (5) to [Figure 1](#), and as otherwise specified by the purchaser, the exact contour within this envelope is the manufacturer's option, provided it maintains the specified minimum wall thickness, has no slopes