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1. Scope

This Practice provides the detailed purchase descriptions for stainless steel ball valve tag numbers included in PIP Piping Material Specifications and used along with *PIP PNSM0110* for the procurement of valves. This Practice also provides a cross reference for stainless steel ball valve tag numbers to applicable PIP Piping Material Specifications.

2. References

Applicable parts of the following Practices, industry codes and standards, and references 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

2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
 - API 6FA – *Specification for Fire Test for Valves*
 - API 607 – *Fire Test for Soft-Seated Quarter-Turn Valve*

3. Valve Designation System

- 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 ball valves. Therefore, the first two characters in the valve numbers are BA.
- 3.2 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., BA01ST500, BA01ST501, BA01ST502).

4. Notes

- 4.1 Occasionally, valve size ranges listed in this Practice are broader than the size ranges shown for the same valves on a piping line class material specification. While the “most common practice” has been used to specify valve size ranges on piping 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 some, but not all, ball valve descriptions. If not specified in the valve description, 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 ball valve manufacturers offer numerous operator options (e.g., locking/nonlocking, latching/nonlatching, oval, tee). As a default, valve descriptions