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FOREWORD

The American National Standards Committee A112, Plumbing Materials and Equipment, was established on July 27, 1955. Its first organizational meeting was held on July 22, 1958, and Panel No. 14 was created on May 1, 1964, to establish standards for interceptors, separators, and backwater valves. Its charter was as follows: the recommendation of suitable existing standards in cooperation with interested sponsors, or the development of adequate new standards as needed for interceptors, separators, and backwater valves as used or installed in plumbing systems.

The A112 Committee underwent a number of organizational changes over the years and is currently identified as ASME Standards Committee A112. Its Panel 14 working group, with the responsibility for backwater valves, was redesignated Project Team 14.1. The Project Team met twice to prepare this revision, which now includes criteria from the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Official's (IAPMO) Product Standard 38.

Suggestions for the improvement of this Standard are welcome. They should be sent to The American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Attn: Secretary, A112 Main Committee; Three Park Avenue; New York, NY 10016-5990.

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Subject:	Cite the applicable paragraph number(s) and the topic of the inquiry.
Edition:	Cite the applicable edition of the Standard for which the interpretation is being requested.
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BACKWATER VALVES

1 GENERAL

1.1 Scope

This Standard establishes requirements for dimensions, performance requirements, connections, materials and finishes, testing, and marking of backwater valves. Types of backwater valves covered in this Standard include horizontal backwater valves, combination horizontal backwater valves and manual gate valves, terminal backwater valves, combination floor drains with backwater valves, vertical or 90 deg backwater valve, and related products.

1.2 Units of Measurement

Values are stated in U.S. Customary units and the International System of Units (SI). The U.S. Customary units shall be considered as the standard.

1.3 Illustrations

The figures included in this Standard are intended only to describe and portray typical types of backwater valves and are not intended to restrict design nor to be used for specification purposes.

1.4 Reference Standards

The following standards are referenced in this document (unless otherwise specified, the latest edition shall apply):

ASME B1.20.1, Pipe Threads (Excluding Dryseal)
ASME B16.1, Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings

Publisher: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME International), Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990; Order Department: 22 Law Drive, Box 2300, Fairfield, NJ 07007-2300

ASTM A 48, Grey Iron Castings
ASTM A 74, Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Fittings
ASTM A 307, Carbon Steel Externally Threaded Fasteners
ASTM A 351, Austenitic Steel Castings for High-Temperature Service
ASTM A 888, Hubless Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Fittings for Sanitary and Storm Drain, Waste and Vent Piping Applications
ASTM B 16, Free Cutting Brass Rod, Bar and Shapes for Use in Screw Machines
ASTM B 584, Copper Alloy Sand Castings for General Applications
ASTM C 564, Rubber Gaskets for Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Fittings
ASTM C 1440, Standard Specification for Thermoplastic Elastomeric (TPE) Gasket Materials for Drain, Waste, and Vent (DWV), Sewer, Sanitary and Storm Plumbing Systems
ASTM D 1784, Rigid Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds
ASTM D 2661, Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS) Schedule 40 Plastic Drain, Waste, and Vent Pipe and Fittings
ASTM D 2665, Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Drain, Waste and Vent Pipe and Fittings
ASTM D 3965, Rigid Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS) Compounds for Pipe and Fittings

Publisher: The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428

CSA B 181.1, ABS Drain Waste and Vent Pipe and Pipe Fittings
CSA B 181.2, PVC Drain Waste and Vent Pipe and Pipe Fittings
CSA B 182.1, PVC Plastic Drain and Sewer Pipe and Pipe Fittings
CSA B 602, Mechanical Couplings for Drain, Waste, and Vent Pipe and Sewer Pipe

Publisher: Canadian Standards Association, 5060 Spectrum Way, Suite 100, Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 5N6, Canada

1.5 Definitions

backwater valve: a device installed in building drainage systems utilizing a check valve to prevent backflow. Backwater valves are designed in either normally open position or normally closed position.

normally open backwater valve: a backwater valve designed in such a manner as not to interfere with the movement of the air in the drainage system. When installed, the swing check hangs in a normally open position.

normally closed backwater valve: a backwater valve designed in such a manner that when installed, the swing check remains closed until flow causes it to open.

blow hole: hole in casting due to air or gas in the metal or mold.