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Foreword²

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum physical, performance, and health effects requirements for plastics piping system components and related materials.

In this edition of NSF/ANSI 14, the following revisions have been incorporated:

This version includes the following revisions:

- Issue 37 Table 3 was updated to include a GC/FID analytical method for MEK.
- Issue 38 This issue clarified the intent of the “Degree of Crosslinking” test. A footnote was added indicating that the test shall be performed on samples collected from the post cure process.
- Issue 39 The start frequency of in-plant QC for socketed fittings was raised from the current requirement of daily to weekly in tables 6, 9, and 13.

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1 General

1.1 Purpose

This Standard establishes minimum physical, performance, and health effects requirements for plastic piping system components and related materials. These criteria were established for the protection of public health and the environment.

1.2 Scope

The physical, performance, and health effects requirements in this Standard apply to thermoplastic and thermoset plastic piping system components, including but not limited to pipes, fittings, valves, joining materials, gaskets, and appurtenances. The established physical, performance, and health effects requirements also apply to materials (resin or blended compounds) and ingredients used to manufacture plastic piping system components. This Standard provides definitions and requirements for materials, ingredients, products, quality assurance, marking, and recordkeeping.

1.3 Materials, design, and construction

For plastic piping system components and materials cited by the references in 2, the materials, design, and construction requirements of this Standard and the applicable product standard(s) in 2 shall apply. When materials, designs, or constructions are utilized that are not cited in 2, the plastic piping system components and related materials shall comply with the applicable requirements of this Standard. Plastic piping system components and related materials that incorporate materials, designs, or constructions not cited in 2 are acceptable, provided that such plastic piping system components and related materials can be demonstrated to be at least equivalent in terms of strength, quality, effectiveness, durability, and safety to those that are cited in this Standard.

2 Normative references

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2.1 Normative references for plastic pipe and related components

ASME A112.4.14-2004. *Manually Operated, Quarter-Turn Shutoff Valves for Use in Plumbing Systems*³

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