



Standard Specification for Cast (All Temperatures and Pressures) and Welded Pipe Line Strainers (150 psig and 150°F Maximum)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers all cast strainers and welded strainers in services up to 150 psig and 150°F (1 MPa and 65°C). For welded strainers used in services above 150 psig and 150°F, see Specification [F1200](#).

1.2 This standard provides the minimum requirements for the design, fabrication, rating, marking, and testing of cast and welded pipe line strainers for services above 0°F (–18°C).

1.3 Strainers manufactured to this specification are acceptable for use in the marine environment.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.5 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 8, of this specification. *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[F1200 Specification for Fabricated \(Welded\) Pipe Line Strainers \(Above 150 psig and 150°F\)](#)

2.2 ANSI Standards:³

[B2.1 Pipe Threads](#)

[B16.1 Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings](#)

[B16.3 Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings](#)

[B16.4 Cast Iron Threaded Fittings](#)

[B16.5 Steel Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings](#)

[B16.11 Forged Steel Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded](#)

[B16.15 Cast Bronze Threaded Fittings](#)

[B16.24 Bronze Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings](#)

[B16.25 Buttwelding Ends](#)

[B31.1 Power Piping](#)

2.3 MSS Standards:⁴

[SP-51 150 lb Corrosion Resistant Cast Flanges and Flanged Fittings](#)

[SP-63 High Strength Wrought Welding Fittings](#)

2.4 ASME Standards:⁵

[ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section VIII, Division 1, Pressure Vessels](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *basket or element*—the replaceable part in a strainer that performs the barrier separation of solid particles from flowing fluid. It is normally removable for cleaning and servicing and can be furnished in a wide variety of materials, particle size removal capability, straining area, and types of construction. Interchangeable baskets or elements are normally available for a given make, model, and size strainer.

3.1.2 *maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP)*—the highest internal pressure that the strainer can be subjected to in service. The maximum nonshock working pressure for which a strainer is rated by the manufacturer.

3.1.3 *maximum design temperature*—the maximum temperature for which a strainer is rated by the manufacturer.

3.1.4 *strainer*—a device which, when installed in a pipe line, provides a mechanical means of removing solids from a flowing liquid or gas by using a barrier element.

3.1.5 *straining open area*—the net effective open area of the clean element through which the fluid can pass.

⁴ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.mss-hq.org>.

⁵ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

4. Classification

4.1 Strainers may be classified into three general construction categories, simplex, duplex (or multiplex), and automatic (self-cleaning), as follows:

4.1.1 *Simplex*—A strainer consisting of a single basket or element chamber that normally requires the flow through the unit to be shut down before cleaning.

4.1.1.1 Classifications of simplex strainers based on port alignment relative to basket or element chamber are *Y*, *T*, *Z*, and others.

4.1.2 *Duplex (or Multiplex)*—A strainer usually consisting of at least two basket or element chambers separated by a valve (or valving) that permits continuous flow of fluid through one chamber while the other is accessible for cleaning.

4.1.3 *Automatic (Self-Cleaning)*—A strainer providing some means for back-flushing or cleaning of the straining element while the unit is in service. It can have one or more elements and may require periodic shutdown for maintenance and inspection.

4.2 Strainers may be further classified by pressure ratings and types of port connections, port alignments relative to unit center lines, cover closures, valve types (in duplex), types of baskets or elements, materials of construction, and other features of design.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for products under this specification shall include the following information as applicable. If a manufacturer's standardized product is being ordered, include all data needed by the manufacturer to define the product.

- 5.1.1 Make.
- 5.1.2 Model (simplex or duplex).
- 5.1.3 Port size.
- 5.1.4 Port connections.
- 5.1.5 Maximum allowable pressure/temperature rating.
- 5.1.6 Body and cover material.
- 5.1.7 Type of cover closure.
- 5.1.8 Basket (element) material.
- 5.1.9 Basket hole size.
- 5.1.10 Optional design features.
- 5.1.11 Certification (see 8.1.2.1 and Section 9).
- 5.1.12 This ASTM standard designation number.
- 5.1.13 Additional requirements or testing as contracted by the manufacturer and purchaser.

5.2 If a product is to be specified by performance criteria rather than model description, then the following should be specified:

- 5.2.1 Maximum allowable clean pressure loss at a given flow capacity of a given liquid at a given velocity.
- 5.2.2 Temperature and pressure.
- 5.2.3 Straining area.
- 5.2.4 Minimum basket rupture differential pressure (see 7.4).
- 5.2.5 Maximum valve seepage rates (see 7.3).
- 5.2.6 Certification (see 6.2, 8.1.2.1, and Section 9).
- 5.2.7 For self-cleaning strainers, specify basket cleaning effectiveness and endurance testing.

5.3 In general, the standard product description should not be mixed with the performance criteria because conflicting specifications can result (for example, maximum allowable pressure loss inconsistent with product size).

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Strainer housings, as well as any pressure-retaining parts, including bolting used for pressure retention, shall be constructed of materials listed in Section VIII, Division 1 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (hereafter called ASME Code) or ANSI/ASME B31.1. Bolts, screws, and fasteners in contact with interior fluid shall be of appropriate corrosion-resistant material.

6.2 The pressure ratings established under this specification are based on materials of high quality produced under regular control of chemical and mechanical properties by a recognized process. The manufacturer shall be prepared to submit a certificate of compliance verifying that his product has been so produced and that it has been manufactured from material whose chemical and mechanical properties are at least equal to the requirements of the appropriate standard or specification.

6.3 For materials not having values of allowable stress tabulated in Section VIII, Division 1 of the ASME Code, allowable stresses shall be determined in accordance with the procedures outlined in Subsection C and Appendix P of that section. Where it can be shown that the values of allowable stress listed for a particular material in one product form (because of similar chemistry, mechanical properties, heat treatment, and so forth) are applicable to the same material in an unlisted product form, the listed values of allowable stress may be used.

6.4 Seals and parts, other than pressure-retaining parts and bolting used for pressure retention, shall be of materials suitable for the service.

6.5 Users are cautioned against applications with fluids which may react chemically with any materials used in these products in contact with the fluid.

6.6 Cast iron shall be limited to services below 450°F (232°C). Cast iron fittings conforming to B16.1 and B16.4 are limited to Class 125 and Class 250.

7. Other Requirements

7.1 The maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) and maximum design temperature (MAT) rating of strainers covered under this specification shall be established by at least one of the following methods:

7.1.1 Proof test in accordance with the requirements prescribed in paragraph UG-101 of Section VIII of the ASME Code. If burst-type tests as outlined in paragraph UG-101(m) are used, it is not necessary to rupture the component. In this case, the value of *B* to be used in determining the MAWP shall be the maximum pressure to which the component was subjected without rupture. Safety of personnel shall be given serious consideration when conducting proof tests. Components that have been subjected to a proof test shall not be offered for sale.

7.1.2 Design calculations in accordance with the requirements prescribed in Section VIII, Division 1 of the ASME Code.

7.1.3 Extensive and successful performance experience under comparable service conditions with similar materials may be used as a basis for rating provided all other provisions of this specification are met.

7.2 Pipe end connections for strainers shall be in accordance with one of the standards listed in 2.2 and 2.3 or as agreed upon between the purchaser and manufacturer (see 5.1.13). Threaded pipe connections shall be limited to the following pressures:

¾ in. (19 mm) NPS and below . . .	1500 psig (10.3 MPa) max
1 in. (25 mm) NPS and below . . .	1200 psig (8.27 MPa) max
2 in. (50 mm) NPS and below . . .	600 psig (4.14 MPa) max
3 in. (76 mm) NPS and below . . .	400 psig (2.76 MPa) max

7.3 Duplex (or multiplex) strainer valve seepage rates shall be minimized to prevent undue spillage of fluid under normal operating conditions while the element is being serviced or cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer's procedures. Maximum seepage rates with a specified liquid at a specified pressure and temperature may be as contracted by the manufacturer and purchaser (see 5.2.5), and provision may be made to include a test to determine acceptability before acceptance for a given application.

7.4 Baskets or elements shall withstand a minimum of 10-psi (0.069-MPa) differential pressure without rupturing or such other differential pressure as contracted by the manufacturer and purchaser (see 5.2.4) for the application involved.

8. Test Methods

8.1 Test all strainers by one of the following methods:

8.1.1 Conduct a hydrostatic test at 1½ times the 100°F (37°C) rated MAWP of the strainer. Perform the test with water or other liquid having a maximum viscosity of 40 SSU at 125°F (52°C) with a maximum pressure test temperature of 125°F. The minimum duration of the test shall be 15 s for strainers less than 2-in. (50-mm) nominal pipe size (NPS), 1 min for strainers 2½ through 8 in. (63 through 203 mm), and

3 min for larger sizes. The purpose of this test is to detect leaks and structural imperfections. No visible leakage is permitted.

8.1.2 Strainers 2-in. (50-mm) NPS and smaller with other than flanged connections may, at the option of the manufacturer, be air tested to the lesser of 1.2 times the MAWP or 80 psig (0.55 MPa). The minimum duration of the test shall be 15 s. Visually detectable leakage is not acceptable.

8.1.2.1 If this option is exercised, the manufacturer shall be able to certify that a prototype of the same size strainer was subjected to a hydrostatic test in accordance with 8.1.1.

9. Certification

9.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, the manufacturer's certification shall be furnished to the purchaser stating that samples representing each lot have been manufactured, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification and the requirements have been met. When specified in the purchase order or contract, a report of the test results shall be furnished.

10. Product Marking

10.1 Each strainer shall have a securely attached name plate or other permanent marking indicating:

10.1.1 Manufacturer's name or trademark.

10.1.2 Maximum allowable working pressure.

10.1.3 Size (end connection NPS size).

10.1.4 Direction of flow (by an arrow or the word "inlet," "outlet," or both).

10.1.5 ASTM designation of this specification.

11. Quality Assurance

11.1 The strainer manufacturer shall maintain the quality of the strainers that are designed, tested, and marked in accordance with this specification. At no time shall a strainer be sold indicating that it meets the requirements of this specification if it does not meet the requirements herein.

12. Keywords

12.1 automatic strainer; cast pipe line strainers; cast strainers; duplex strainer; simplex strainer; strainer; welded pipe line strainers; welded strainers

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