



Standard Specification for Plastic Press Insert Fittings with Factory Assembled Stainless Steel Press Sleeve for SDR9 Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing and SDR9 Polyethylene of Raised Temperature (PE-RT) Tubing¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers plastic press insert fittings with factory assembled stainless steel press sleeves incorporating 3 view holes and a tool locator ring. These fittings are for use with cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) tubing in nominal sizes $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, and 2 that meet the requirements for Specification [F876](#) or [F3253](#) and for use with polyethylene of raised temperature (PE-RT) tubing in nominal sizes $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, and 2 that meet the requirements of Specification [F2769](#). These fittings are intended for use in 100 psi (690 kPa) cold- and hot-water distribution systems operating at temperatures up to and including 180 °F (82 °C). Included are the requirements for material, molded part properties, performance, workmanship, dimensions, and markings to be used on the fittings and sleeves.

1.1.1 When used with PEX tubing in accordance with Specification [F876](#), the fittings covered by this specification are intended for use in, but not limited to, residential and commercial, hot- and cold-potable water distribution systems, water service lines, building supply lines, reclaimed water, fire protection, radiant heating and cooling systems, hydronic distribution systems, snow and ice melting systems, geothermal ground loops, district heating, turf conditioning, compressed air distribution and building services pipe.

1.1.2 When used with PEX tubing in accordance with Specification [F3253](#), the fittings covered by this specification are intended for use in residential and commercial hydronic heating and cooling systems.

1.1.3 When used with PE-RT tubing in accordance with Specification [F2769](#), the fittings covered by this specification are intended for use in residential and commercial, hot- and cold-potable water distribution systems, and building supply lines.

1.2 *Units*—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.

1.3 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- [A269/A269M](#) Specification for Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubing for General Service
- [D1600](#) Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- [D2122](#) Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- [D2837](#) Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials or Pressure Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Products
- [D6394](#) Classification System for and Basis for Specification for Sulfone Plastics (SP)
- [E92](#) Test Methods for Vickers Hardness and Knoop Hardness of Metallic Materials
- [F412](#) Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems
- [F876](#) Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [F17](#) on Plastic Piping Systems and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [F17.10](#) on Fittings.

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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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

F877 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Hot- and Cold-Water Distribution Systems

F1960 Specification for Cold Expansion Fittings with PEX Reinforcing Rings for Use with Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) and Polyethylene of Raised Temperature (PE-RT) Tubing

F2769 Specification for Polyethylene of Raised Temperature (PE-RT) Plastic Hot and Cold-Water Tubing and Distribution Systems

F3253 Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing with Oxygen Barrier for Hot- and Cold-Water Hydronic Distribution Systems

2.2 NSF/ANSI Standards:³

Standard 14 Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials

Standard 61 Drinking Water System Components-Health Effects

Standard 372 Drinking Water System Components-Lead Content

2.3 ISO Standards:⁴

ISO 9080 Plastics piping and ducting systems -- Determination of the long-term hydrostatic strength of thermoplastics materials in pipe form by extrapolation

ISO 12162 Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications –Classification, designation and design coefficient

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Unless otherwise specified, definitions, abbreviations and initialisms are in accordance with Terminology **F412** and Terminology **D1600**.

³ Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <http://www.nsf.org>.

⁴ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.

3.2 Definitions:

3.2.1 *plastic press insert fitting, n*—A type of piping component that is pushed into the open end of the plastic tubing and attaches by mechanically pressing and deforming an outer stainless steel sleeve over the outside diameter of the plastic tubing. The seal is realized between the outer diameter of the insert fitting and the inner diameter of the plastic tubing. Mechanical pressing is achieved by the use of press tool.

3.2.2 *press sleeve, n*—Cylindrical shaped stainless steel ring which is compressed with a pressing tool while located over the PEX tubing securing it permanently to the underlying insert fitting.

3.2.3 *press tool, n*—A device by which the stainless sleeve is compressed by a forming die that is radially closed down on the press sleeve by either hand powered or electro-mechanical pressing action.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification governs one class of fittings and stainless steel press sleeve suitable for use PEX tubing that meets either the requirements of Specifications **F876** or **F3253**, or with PE-RT tubing that meets the requirements of Specification **F2769**.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Material*—Fittings shall be molded from sulfone plastic (SP) as specified in Classification **D6394**. The material shall be unreinforced polyphenylsulfone blends (group 03, Class 1, grade 2) or reworked plastic in accordance with **5.1.1**.

5.1.1 *Rework Material*—Clean rework material of the same commercial designation, generated from the manufacturer's own production may be used by the same manufacturer, provided the fittings meet all of the requirements of this specification. Reworked material shall not be introduced at a ratio exceeding 25 %.

TABLE 1 Polymer Insert Dimensions and Tolerances^C

NTS	A ^A	±	B ^E	±	C ^D	D	±	E	±	F	H	r	±
	in.	in.	in.	in.		in.	in.	in.	in.		max in.	in.	in.
⅜	0.340	0.004	0.201	0.012	0° - 10°	0.307	0.012	0.344	0.008	15° - 25°	0.091	0.012	0.004
½	0.469	0.004	0.311	0.012	0° - 10°	0.437	0.012	0.344	0.008	15° - 25°	0.187	0.012	0.004
¾	0.658	0.004	0.480	0.012	0° - 10°	0.626	0.012	0.344	0.008	15° - 25°	0.187	0.012	0.004
1	0.852	0.004	0.661	0.012	0° - 10°	0.823	0.012	0.472	0.008	N/A	N/A	0.051	0.004
1¼	1.034	0.004	0.807	0.012	0° - 10°	1.004	0.012	0.689	0.008	N/A	N/A	0.079	0.004
1½	1.223	0.004	0.941	0.012	0° - 10°	1.193	0.012	0.689	0.008	N/A	N/A	0.079	0.004
2	1.579	0.004	1.244	0.012	0° - 10°	1.543	0.012	0.677	0.008	N/A	N/A	0.079	0.004

NTS	J	±	G	±	K	±	L	I	±	T ^B	R	±	X
	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	Min, in.	in.	in.	Min. in.	in.	in.	
⅜	0.110	0.008	0.087	0.008	0.378	0.016	0.512	0.043	0.008	0.047	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°
½	0.110	0.008	0.087	0.008	0.378	0.016	0.512	0.043	0.008	0.059	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°
¾	0.110	0.008	0.087	0.008	0.378	0.016	0.512	0.043	0.008	0.067	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°
1	0.118	0.008	0.118	0.008	0.500	0.016	0.669	0.059	0.008	0.075	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°
1¼	0.126	0.008	0.165	0.008	0.720	0.016	0.906	0.083	0.008	0.091	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°
1½	0.126	0.008	0.165	0.008	0.720	0.016	0.906	0.083	0.008	0.118	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°
2	0.126	0.008	0.165	0.008	0.720	0.016	0.906	0.083	0.008	0.142	0.008	0.004	35° - 45°

^A Rib outside diameter shall be measured individually.

^B Applies to entire fitting (not just to insert area), except for the area identified within the "H" dimension.

^C Directional fittings shall be designed with sufficient overall dimensions to allow proper use of press tool without interference with previously completed press on the same fitting.

^D Lead chamfer area is not considered a rib.

^E ID "B" shall be maintained through the insert length "L".