

## Chapter Comm 84

### PLUMBING PRODUCTS

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**Comm 84.01 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter govern the quality and installation of materials, fixtures, appliances, appurtenances, and equipment relating to plumbing.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**Comm 84.02 Penalties.** Penalties for violations of this chapter shall be assessed in accordance with s. 145.12, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, July, 2000, No. 535.

**Comm 84.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) "Health care plumbing appliance" means a plumbing appliance, the function of which is unique to health care activities.

(2) "Laboratory plumbing appliance" means a plumbing appliance, the function of which is unique to scientific experimentation or research activities.

(3) "Prefabricated plumbing" means concealed drain piping, vent piping or water supply piping or a combination of these types of piping, contained in a modular building component, which will not be visible for inspection when delivered to the final site of installation.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**Comm 84.10 Department approval.** No fixture, appliance, appurtenance, material, device or product may be sold for use in a plumbing system or may be installed in a plumbing system, unless it is of a type conforming to the standards or specifications of chs. Comm 82 and 83 and this chapter and ch. 145, Stats.

(1) **ALTERNATE OR EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT APPROVAL.** If it is alleged that the approval of a fixture, appliance, appurtenance, material, device or product under this section would result in an adverse health effect or potentially adverse health effect on the waters of the state, the department may require an alternate or experimental product approval under s. Comm 84.50.

(2) **PRODUCT REVIEW AND APPROVAL.** (a) 1. Each type of plumbing product which falls into one of the categories specified in Table 84.10 shall be approved by the department in accordance with this subsection before the product may be sold for use in a plumbing system or installed in a plumbing system.

2. Specifications and plans or drawings for each type of product shall be submitted to the department for review. The submittal shall be accompanied by sufficient data and information to determine if the product and its performance comply with the provisions of chs. Comm 82, 83 and this chapter and ch. 145, Stats.

(b) The department may require that a submitter of a product for review have the product tested and its performance certified by an approved testing laboratory.

(c) If, upon review, the department determines that a product conforms to the provisions of chs. Comm 82, 83 and this chapter and ch. 145, Stats., the department shall issue an approval in writing. The department may impose specific conditions in granting

an approval. Violations of the conditions under which an approval is granted shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(d) If, upon review, the department determines that a product does not conform to provisions of chs. Comm 82, 83 and this chapter and ch. 145, Stats., the request for approval shall be denied in writing.

(e) The department shall review and make a determination on an application for a product approval within 40 business days of receipt of all fees, plans, drawings, specifications and other information required to complete the review.

(f) If an approved plumbing product is modified or additional assertions of function or performance are made, the approval shall be considered null and void, unless the change is submitted to the department for review and the approval is reaffirmed.

(g) Approvals for plumbing products issued by the department prior to November 1, 1985, shall expire 30 months after the effective date of this section.

(h) Approvals for plumbing products issued by the department after November 1, 1985, shall expire at the end of the 60th month after the date of approval issuance.

**Table 84.10**  
**SUBMITTALS TO DEPARTMENT**

Product Categories	
1.	Chemical or biochemical treatments for private sewage systems
2.	Health care plumbing appliances
3.	Laboratory plumbing appliances
4.	Prefabricated holding or treatment components for POWTS
5.	Prefabricated plumbing
6.	Water treatment devices not listed by a nationally recognized listing agency as complying with NSF Standard 44

(3) **VOLUNTARY POWTS COMPONENT REVIEW.** (a) The department may issue an approval, upon request and review, for specific methods or technologies that are proposed to be utilized as POWTS holding, treatment or dispersal components which conform to the standards or specifications referenced in chs. Comm 81, 82, 83 and this chapter, but do not require approval under sub. (2) or s. Comm 84.50.

(b) Each request for approval shall be made on a form provided by the department.

**Note:** See appendix for a reprint of the form and addresses of the department where the form may be obtained.

(c) The submittal shall be accompanied by sufficient data and information to determine if the method or technology complies with the provisions of chs. Comm 81, 82 and 83, and this chapter. The submittal shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

1. Plans and specifications.
2. Theory of operation.
3. Testing protocol.
4. Testing data.
5. Limits of reliable operation.
6. Installation requirements and procedures.

7. Inspection checklist and worksheet.
8. Inspection requirements and procedures.
9. Operation and maintenance requirements.
10. Operation and maintenance schedule.
11. Operation and maintenance checklist and worksheet.

(d) 1. The department shall review a submittal under this subsection with input from a technical advisory committee.

2. The members on the technical advisory committee under subd. 1. shall be appointed by the department for staggered 3-year terms and shall include representatives of at least the following groups or organizations:

- a. The department of natural resources.
- b. Local governmental unit.
- c. POWTS designer.
- d. Academic or scientific community.
- e. Plumber.
- f. Environmental group.
- g. POWTS component manufacturer.

(e) 1. After review by the technical advisory committee under par. (d) but prior to issuing an approval under par. (f), the department shall seek public comments on a submittal under this subsection.

2. a. The department shall place the notice requesting public comment under subd. 1. in the official state newspaper.

**Note:** The official state newspaper at the time this rule goes into effect, July 1, 2000, is the Wisconsin State Journal.

b. The department shall include a time limit for public comment in each notice.

3. If the department receives a significant amount of public comment under subd. 2., the department may elect to recognize the specific method or technology through the rule-making process under ch. 227, Stats., and to cite the recognition in s. Comm 83.61.

(f) 1. If, upon review, the department determines that the method or technology conforms to the provisions of chs. Comm 81, 82 and 83 and this chapter, the department shall issue an approval in writing.

2. The department may impose specific conditions in granting an approval, including a provision to provide training to POWTS installers and POWTS inspectors.

3. Violations of the conditions under which an approval is granted shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(g) If, upon review, the department determines that the method or technology does not conform to the provisions of chs. Comm 81, 82 and 83 and this chapter, the request for approval shall be denied in writing.

(h) The department shall review and make a determination on an application for a method or technology approval within 3 months of receipt of all fees, plans, drawings, specifications and other information required to complete the review, unless the department elects to review the method or technology as part of the rule-making process under ch. 227, Stats.

(i) If an approved method or technology is modified or additional assertions of function or performance are made, the approval shall be considered null and void, unless the change is submitted to the department for review and the approval is reaffirmed.

**(4) REVOCATION.** The department may revoke any approval issued under this section for any false statements or misrepresentation of facts on which the approval was based, or as a result of the product's failure, or if data indicate a health hazard or threat to the waters of the state.

**(5) LIMITATIONS.** An approval of a plumbing product by the department may not be construed as an assumption of any responsibility for defects in design, construction or performance of any product nor for any damages that may result. All products shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions and as specified in chs. Comm 82 to 84. If there is a conflict between the manufacturer's printed instructions and requirements of chs. Comm 82 to 84, the requirements of chs. Comm 82 to 84 shall take precedence.

**(6) FEES.** Fees for product approval review shall be submitted in accordance with s. Comm 2.66.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; correction made in (6) under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, February, 1994, No. 458; emerg. am. Table 84.10, (2) (a) (intro.), r. (2) (a) 2., eff. 5-12-94; renum. (2) (a) (intro.), 1. and 2. to be 1., 2. and 3., r. (2) (a) 3., am. Table 84.10, Register, October, 1994, No. 466, eff. 11-1-94; am. Table 84.10 and r. and recr. (3), Register, April, 2000, No. 532, eff. 7-1-00; r. (2) (a) 2., renum. (2) (a) (intro.) and 1. to be (2) (a) 1. and 2. and am. (2) (a) 2., am. (5), (6) and Table 84.10, Register, July, 2000, No. 535, eff. 9-1-00; am. (4) and (5), Register, December, 2000, No. 540, eff. 1-1-01.

**Comm 84.11 Device listing.** Cross connection control devices and water treatment devices complying with the referenced standard in Table 84.11 shall be listed by a nationally recognized listing agency acceptable to the department.

**Note:** See appendix for acceptable listing agencies.

**Table 84.11**  
**Device Listings**

Device	Referenced Standard
Atmospheric Type Vacuum Breakers	CAN/CSA B64.1.1
Back Siphonage Vacuum Breakers	ASSE 1056
Backflow Preventers for Carbonated Beverage Machine	ASSE 1022
Backflow Preventers with Intermediate Atmospheric Vent	ASSE 1012
Double Check Backflow Prevention Assemblies	ASSE 1015
Double Check Detector Assembly Preventers	ASSE 1048
Double Check Valve Type Backflow Preventers	CAN/CSA B64.5
Dual Check Valve Type with Atmospheric Port Backflow Preventers	CAN/CSA B64.3
Hand Held Showers	ASSE 1014
Hose Connection Backflow Preventers	ASSE 1052
Hose Connection Type Vacuum Breakers	CAN/CSA B64.2
Hose Connection Vacuum Breakers	ASSE 1011
Laboratory Faucet Backflow Preventers	ASSE 1035
Laboratory Faucet Type Vacuum Breakers	CAN/CSA B64.7
Pipe Applied Atmospheric Type Vacuum Breakers	ASSE 1001
Pressure Type Vacuum Breakers	CAN/CSA B64.1.2
Pressure Vacuum Breakers	ASSE 1020
Pressurized Flushing Devices (Flushometers) for Plumbing Fixtures	ASSE 1037
Reduced Pressure Detector Assembly Backflow Preventers	ASSE 1047
Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Preventers	ASSE 1013
Reduced Pressure Principle Type Backflow Preventers	CAN/CSA B64.4
Water Closet Flush Tank Ballcocks	ASSE 1002
Wall Hydrants, Freeze Resistant, Automatic Draining Type	ASSE 1019
Residential Cation Exchange Water Softeners	NSF 44

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 2000, No. 535, eff. 9-1-00.

**Comm 84.12 Identification.** Each length of pipe and each pipe fitting, trap, fixture, material, device and product to be used in plumbing shall be marked as required by the applicable standard specified by reference in this chapter or as specified by rule in this chapter.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; am. Register, April, 2000, No. 532, eff. 7-1-00; renum. from s. Comm 84.11, Register, July, 2000, No. 535, eff. 9-1-00.

**Comm 84.13 Penetrations of fire-resistive assemblies.** Penetrations of fire-resistive assemblies, such as walls and floor-ceiling systems, by plumbing systems or plumbing materials shall be protected in accordance with requirements of chs. Comm 61 to 65.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats.; renum. from s. Comm 84.12, Register, July, 2000, No. 535, eff. 9-1-00; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register June 2002 No. 558.

**Comm 84.14 Chemical or biochemical treatments for private sewage systems.** Chemical or biochemical treatments for private sewage systems shall function and perform in accordance with the assertions submitted to the department. Chemical or biochemical treatments for private sewage systems may not directly or indirectly adversely affect bacterial action in the systems, soil hydraulic conductivity in the absorption areas, or groundwater quality beneath the systems.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; renum. from s. Comm 84.13, Register, July, 2000, No. 535, eff. 9-1-00.

**Comm 84.15 Health care and laboratory plumbing appliances.** Health care plumbing appliances and laboratory plumbing appliances shall function and perform in accordance with the drain, vent, water supply and backflow protection requirements of ch. Comm 82.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; renum. from s. Comm 84.14, Register, July, 2000, No. 535, eff. 9-1-00.

**Comm 84.20 Plumbing fixtures, appliances and equipment. (1) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.** All plumbing fixtures, appliances and equipment shall be designed and constructed to:

- (a) Ensure durability, proper service and sanitation;
- (b) Be free from defects;
- (c) Be free from concealed fouling surfaces;
- (d) Not require undue efforts in cleaning and operating; and
- (e) Prevent nonpotable liquids, solids or gasses from being introduced into a potable water supply system through cross-connections.

**(2) MATERIALS.** (a) Plumbing fixtures shall have smooth surfaces that are impervious to water.

(b) All plumbing fixture fittings which are end-point devices, covered by the scope of NSF 61, section 9 and installed to supply water intended for human ingestion, shall conform to NSF 61, section 9.

**Note:** The scope of NSF 61, section 9 defines which devices are intended for use for human ingestion in response to the Federal clean drinking water act.

**(3) WATER CONSERVING FAUCETS, SPOUTS AND PLUMBING FIXTURES.** Water conserving faucets, spouts and plumbing fixtures which meet or exceed the water conservation requirements established in par. (b) shall be installed as specified in par. (a).

(a) 1. All lavatory faucets, shower heads, urinals, urinal flushing devices, water closets and water closet flushing devices shall conform to par. (b).

2. All faucets installed on kitchen sinks of dwelling units and living units shall conform to par. (b) 4.

(b) 1. General. Flow control or flow restricting devices shall be installed on the water inlet side or shall be an integral part of the faucet, spout or fixture. A flow controlling or restricting aerator shall be considered to be an integral part of a faucet or spout.

2. Lavatory faucet. a. The maximum discharge rate of lavatory faucets shall be 3 U.S. gallons per minute at an 80 psig flowing supply pressure.

b. Lavatory faucets which are of the self-closing type shall allow a maximum of one U.S. gallon to flow through the faucet after the handle or actuator is released.

3. Shower heads. The maximum discharge rate of shower heads shall be 3 U.S. gallons per minute at an 80 psig flowing supply pressure.

4. Sink faucets. The maximum discharge rate of sink faucets shall be 3 U.S. gallons per minute at an 80 psig flowing supply pressure.

5. Urinals. Urinals shall function properly with a maximum of 1.5 U.S. gallons per flush per fixture use at static test pressures of 20 psig and 80 psig.

6. Urinal flushing devices. The flushing cycle for urinal flushing devices shall discharge a maximum of 1.5 U.S. gallons per flush per fixture use at static test pressures of 20 psig and 80 psig.

7. Water closets. Water closets shall function properly with a maximum of 4 U.S. gallons per flush over the range of static test pressures specified in Table 84.20.

8. Water closet flushing devices. The flushing cycle for water closet flushing devices shall discharge a maximum of 4 U.S. gallons over the range of static test pressures specified in Table 84.20.

**Table 84.20**

**STATIC TEST PRESSURES FOR WATER CLOSETS AND WATER CLOSET FLUSHING DEVICES**

Tank Type	Flushometer Type	
	Siphonic	Blow Out
20 to 80 psig	25 to 80 psig	35 to 80 psig

(4) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. (a) *Fixture outlets*. 1. The outlet passageway of a fixture shall be free from impairments and of sufficient size to insure proper discharge of the fixture contents under normal conditions.

2. The outlet connection of a fixture which directly connects to the drain system shall be an air and watertight joint.

(b) *Installation of fixtures*. 1. Access for cleaning. Plumbing fixtures shall be so installed as to afford easy access for cleaning both the fixture and the area around it.

2. Securing wall mounted fixtures. Wall mounted fixtures shall be rigidly supported by a hanger which is attached to structural members so that the load is not transmitted to the fixture drain connection or any other part of the plumbing system. The hanger for a wall mounted water closet shall conform to ASME A112.6.1M.

3. Water supply protection. The water supply pipes and fittings within every plumbing fixture shall be so installed as to prevent backflow.

4. Design of overflow. A fixture which is provided with an overflow outlet shall be designed and installed so that standing water in the fixture cannot rise in the overflow when the fixture's stopper is closed, and so that no water remains in the overflow when the fixture is empty.

5. Connection of overflows. The overflow from any fixture shall discharge into the drain system on the inlet or fixture side of the trap.

6. Overflows in flush tanks. Flush tanks shall be provided with overflows discharging to the fixture served and shall be of sufficient size to prevent flooding the tank at the maximum rate at which the tanks are supplied with water.

7. Strainers. All plumbing fixtures other than water closets, clinic sinks, trap standard service sinks with flush rims, urinals, standpipes and waste sinks shall be provided with strainers, cross

bars or pop-up stoppers which restrict the clear opening of the waste outlet.

8. Flushometer valves. Flushometer valves shall be equipped with vacuum breakers which conform to ASSE 1001. Flushometer valves may not be used where the water pressure is insufficient to properly operate them. When the valve is operated, it shall complete the cycle of operation automatically, opening fully and closing positively under the water supply pressure. Each flushometer shall be provided with a means for regulating the flow through it.

9. Safing. a. The floor of all site-constructed shower stalls and shower rooms shall be protected with a safing material installed beneath the finished floor of the entire enclosure or room and upward along the sides to a minimum of 6 inches above the curb or maximum water level of the room or enclosure. The corners of the enclosure or room shall be safed to a height of 6 feet and at least 3 inches in each direction from the corners.

b. All floor drains or other similar fixtures shall be installed with a safing material extending a minimum of 12 inches from the fixture.

c. The safing material shall conform to s. Comm 84.30 (6).

d. The safing material shall be properly drained.

e. All installations directly over an unexcavated portion of a building are exempt from this subdivision.

**Note:** Chapters Comm 61 to 65 and 90 contain provisions for toilet rooms and sanitary facilities for public buildings and places of employment, including provisions concerning toilet facilities for people with disabilities, fixture compartments, number of fixtures for the different types of occupancies, and toilet room finishes.

(5) PLUMBING FIXTURES AND PLUMBING APPLIANCES. (a) *Automatic clothes washers*. Residential type automatic clothes washers shall conform to ASSE 1007.

(b) *Bathtubs*. 1. a. Enameled cast iron bathtubs shall conform to ASME A112.19.1M.

b. Porcelain enameled formed steel bathtubs shall conform to ASME A112.19.4.

c. Plastic bathtubs shall conform to ANSI Z124.1.

2. Bathtubs shall have waste outlets and overflows at least 1-1/2 inches in diameter. A closing device shall be provided on the waste outlet.

3. All whirlpool piping for bathtubs shall drain by gravity to the trap serving the bathtub.

4. All waterways of the whirlpool pump for a bathtub shall drain by gravity to the trap serving the bathtub.

(c) *Bidets*. Vitreous china bidets shall conform to the material requirements in ASME A112.19.2M.

1. A bidet may not be located closer than 15 inches from its center to any side wall, partition, vanity or other obstruction, nor closer than 30 inches center to center from a water closet.

2. Bidets with submerged inlet fittings shall be protected by vacuum breakers which conform to ASSE 1001 or CAN/CSA B64.1.1.

(d) *Chemical dispensing systems*. Chemical dispensing systems shall conform to ASSE 1055.

(e) *Dishwashing machines*. 1. Residential type dishwashing machines shall conform to ASSE 1006.

2. Commercial type dishwashing machines shall conform to ASSE 1004.

(f) *Drinking fountains*. 1. Drinking fountains and water coolers shall conform to ARI 1010 or ASME A112.19.2M.

2. Drinking fountains may not be installed in toilet rooms.

3. The water supply for drinking fountains shall be provided with an adjustable valve fitted with a loose key or an automatic self-closing valve permitting regulation of the rate of flow of water. The water supply issuing from the nozzle shall be of sufficient volume and height so that persons using the fountain need not come in direct contact with the nozzle or orifice.

4. A drinking fountain may not have a waste outlet less than 1-1/4 inches in diameter.

(g) *Floor drains.* 1. Floor drains shall be provided with removable strainers of sufficient strength to carry the anticipated loads.

2. The floor drain shall be so constructed that it can be cleaned, and the drain inlet shall be accessible at all times.

3. Floor drains shall be of a size to efficiently serve the intended purpose. The floor drain outlet shall not be less than 2 inches in diameter.

(h) *Food waste grinders.* 1. Residential type food waste grinders shall conform to ASSE 1008. Commercial type food waste grinders shall conform to ASSE 1009.

2. Food waste grinders shall be connected to a drain of sufficient size to serve the unit, but not less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

3. Food waste grinders shall be connected to a drain and trapped separately from any other fixtures or sink compartments.

4. All food waste grinders shall be provided with an adequate supply of cold water at a sufficient flow rate to insure proper functioning of the unit.

(i) *Laundry trays.* Each compartment of a laundry tray shall be provided with a waste outlet not less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

(j) *Lavatories.* 1. a. Enameled cast iron lavatories shall conform to ASME A112.19.1M.

b. Vitreous china lavatories shall conform to ASME A112.19.2M.

c. Stainless steel lavatories shall conform to ASME A112.19.3.

d. Porcelain enameled formed steel lavatories shall conform to ASME A112.19.4.

e. Plastic lavatories shall conform to ANSI Z124.3.

2. Cultured marble vanity tops with an integral lavatory shall conform to ANSI Z124.3.

3. Lavatories shall have waste outlets not less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter.

(k) *POWTS design packages and POWTS components.* POWTS design packages and POWTS components shall function and perform in accordance with assertions submitted to and approved by the department under s. Comm 84.10.

(L) *Showers.* 1. Prefabricated plastic showers and shower compartments shall conform to ANSI Z124.2.

2. Except for combination bathtub-shower units, waste outlets serving showers shall be at least 2 inches in diameter and shall have removable strainers of sufficient strength for the anticipated loads.

3. Where a waste outlet serves more than one shower space or shower head, the waste outlet shall be at least 2 inches in diameter and the waste outlet shall be so located and the floor so pitched that waste water from one shower does not flow over the floor area serving another shower.

**Note:** Chapters Comm 61 to 65 specify slip-resistant requirements for shower rooms and compartments in public buildings and places of employment.

4. All shower compartments, regardless of shape, shall have a minimum finished interior of 900 square inches and shall be capable of encompassing a circle with a diameter of 30 inches. The minimum required area and dimension shall be measured in a horizontal plane 24 inches above the top of the threshold and may not extend beyond the centerline of the threshold. The minimum area and dimensions shall be maintained to a point 70 inches above the shower waste outlet with no protrusions other than the fixture valve or valves, showerheads, soap dishes, retractable seats and safety grab bars or rails.

**Note:** See Appendix for further explanatory materials.

(m) *Sinks.* 1. a. Enameled cast iron sinks shall conform to ASME A112.19.1M.

b. Vitreous china sinks shall conform to ASME A112.19.2M.

c. Stainless steel sinks shall conform to ASME A112.19.3.

d. Porcelain enameled formed steel sinks shall conform to ASME A112.19.4.

e. Plastic sinks shall conform to ANSI Z124.6.

2. Sinks shall be provided with waste outlets not less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

(n) *Urinals.* 1. a. Vitreous china urinals shall conform to ASME A112.19.2M and A112.19.6.

b. Plastic urinals shall conform to ANSI Z124.9 and ASME A112.19.6.

2. A urinal may not be located closer than 15 inches from its center to any side wall, partition, vanity or other obstruction, nor closer than 30 inches center to center, between urinals. When the space between stall type urinals or a stall type urinal and a side wall is less than 12 inches, the space shall be filled flush with the front and top of the urinal with nonabsorbent material.

**Note:** See Appendix for further explanatory material.

3. Stall type urinals shall be set into the floor and the floor shall be pitched toward the fixture.

4. Automatic siphon urinal flush tanks may not be installed.

5. Pressurized flushing devices to serve urinals shall conform to ASSE 1037.

(o) *Water closets.* 1. a. Vitreous china water closets shall conform to ASME A112.19.2M and A112.19.6.

b. Plastic water closets shall conform to ANSI Z124.4.

2. Except as permitted in subd. 3., all water closets required to be provided in public buildings and places of employment shall be of an elongated bowl type, and provided with either:

a. Hinged, open-front seats without covers; or

b. Hinged, closed-front seats, without covers, which are encased with a continuous plastic sleeve capable of providing a clean surface for every user and for which a specific material approval under s. Comm 61.60 has been issued.

3. Water closets which are required to be provided in day care centers or individual living units or sleeping units of residential occupancies within the scope of chs. Comm 61 to 65 may be of a round-bowl type with a hinged, closed front seat with or without a cover.

4. A water closet may not be located closer than 15 inches from its center to any side wall, partition, vanity, or other obstruction, nor closer than 30 inches center to center, between water closets. There shall be at least 24 inches clearance in front of a water closet to any wall, fixture or door.

**Note:** See Appendix for further explanatory material.

5. No person may install or maintain pan, plunger, offset washout, washout, long hopper, frostproof and other types of water closets having invisible seals or unventilated spaces or walls not thoroughly cleansed at each flushing.

6. Each water closet shall be individually equipped with a flushing device. Pressurized flushing devices shall conform to ASSE 1037. All flushing devices shall be readily accessible for maintenance and repair. Ballcocks and fill valves shall be of the anti-siphon type and shall conform to ASSE 1002. The critical level mark on the ballcock and fill valve shall be located at least one inch above the full opening of the overflow pipe.

(p) *Water heaters.* 1. Listed equipment. All water heaters shall bear the label of a listing agency approved by the department. Listing agencies approved by the department shall include:

a. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.;

b. American Gas Association;

c. American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and

d. ETL Testing Laboratories, Inc.

2. Design. a. All pressurized water heaters and pressurized hot water storage tanks, except those bearing the label of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, shall be designed and

constructed to withstand a minimum test pressure of 150% of the maximum allowable working pressure of the heater or tank.

b. All pressurized water heaters and pressurized hot water storage tanks shall be rated for a minimum working pressure of 125 psig.

c. A drain valve shall be installed at the lowest point of each water heater and hot water storage tank. Drain valves shall conform to ASSE 1005.

3. Safety devices. a. Relief valves shall be listed by the American Gas Association, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or American Society of Mechanical Engineers when the heat input to a water heater is less than or equal to 200,000 Btu per hour.

b. Relief valves shall be listed by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers when the heat input to a water heater exceeds 200,000 Btu per hour.

c. Pressure relief valves shall be set to open at either the maximum allowable working pressure rating of the water heater or storage tank or 150 psig, whichever is smaller.

d. Temperature and pressure relief valves shall be set to open at a maximum of 210° F and in accordance with subd. 3. c.

**Note:** See s. Comm 82.40 (5) (d) 1. concerning the sizing of temperature and pressure relief valves.

4. Hot water dispensers. Nonpressurized point-of-use water heaters shall conform to ASSE 1023.

(q) *Water meters.* A water meter which is used pursuant to s. Comm 83.54 (2) shall conform to AWWA C700, AWWA C701, AWWA C702, AWWA C704, AWWA C706, AWWA C707, AWWA C708, or AWWA C710.

(r) *Water treatment devices.* 1. Water softeners shall conform to NSF-44.

**Note:** See s. Comm 82.40 for limitations as to the types of water treatment devices which may discharge to a POWTS.

2. a. Except as provided in subd. 2. b., water treatment devices shall function and perform in accordance with the assessments submitted to the department under s. Comm 84.10, relating to rendering inactive or removing contaminants.

b. A water treatment device which injects a water treatment compound into a water supply system shall maintain the compound concentration in the system over the working flow rate range and pressure range of the device.

3. Except as specified in subd. 4., water treatment compounds introduced into the water supply system by a water treatment device shall be listed as an acceptable drinking water additive by a listing agency approved by the department. Listing agencies approved by the department shall include:

- a. United States environmental protection agency;
- b. United States food and drug administration; and
- c. National sanitation foundation.

4. A water supply system shall be protected from backflow when unlisted water treatment compounds, which may affect the potability of the water, are introduced into the system. The department shall determine the method of backflow protection. Water supply outlets for human use or consumption may not be installed downstream of the introduction of an unlisted water treatment compound.

5. Water treatment devices designed for contaminated water supplies shall be labeled to identify the following information:

- a. The name of the manufacturer of the device;
- b. The device's trade name; and
- c. The device's model number.

(s) *Other plumbing fixtures, appliances and equipment.* Plumbing fixtures, appliances and equipment not specifically covered in this subsection shall conform to the applicable performance standards of this chapter and chs. Comm 82 and 83.

(6) **FAUCETS, SPOUTS AND FIXTURE SUPPLY CONNECTORS.** (a) Except for circular and semi-circular wash fountains, all faucets

and showerheads shall conform to ASME A112.18.1M or CAN/CSA B125.

(b) Circular and semi-circular wash fountains shall conform to the working pressure, burst pressure, discharge rate and product marking requirements of ASME A112.18.1M or CAN/CSA B125.

(c) All fixture supply connectors shall be designed and constructed to withstand a minimum pressure of 100 psig at 180°F.

(d) Flexible hose and spray assemblies for residential sinks shall conform to ASSE 1025.

(e) Hand-held showers shall conform to ASSE 1014.

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**Comm 84.25 POWTS holding components or treatment components.** (1) **GENERAL.** All POWTS holding components or treatment components shall conform to the requirements of this section.

(2) **WATER TIGHTNESS.** (a) *General.* Tank assemblies, including fittings and access openings, shall be manufactured to be water tight as required under this subsection.

(b) *Concrete tanks.* 1. Where concrete tanks are required to have covers, the tanks shall meet one of the following requirements:

a. Withstand a vacuum of at least 2 inches of mercury for 60 minutes, without loss of pressure.

b. Hold water for one hour, without leakage after the tank has been filled with water to the top of the cover and let stand for 24 hours, then refilled to the top of the cover.

2. Concrete tanks that are not required to have a cover shall hold water for one hour, without leakage after the tank has been filled with water and let stand for 24 hours, then refilled to the highest liquid level required to be held in the tank.

(c) *Steel tanks.* 1. Steel tanks that are required to have a cover shall be capable of withstanding one of the following requirements:

a. An internal air pressure of at least 5 psig for 15 minutes, without loss of pressure.

b. An internal water pressure of at least 5 psig for 60 minutes, without loss of pressure.

2. Steel tanks that are not required to have a cover shall be capable of holding water after being filled to their inlet or outlet, whichever is higher, for 24 hours without loss of water.

(d) *Tanks constructed of materials other than concrete or steel.* 1. Tanks constructed of materials other than concrete or steel that are required to have a cover shall be capable of withstanding one of the following requirements:

a. A vacuum of at least 2 inches of mercury for 60 minutes, without loss of pressure.

b. An internal air pressure of at least 5 psig for 15 minutes, without loss of pressure.

c. An internal water pressure of at least 5 psig for 60 minutes, without loss of pressure.

2. Tanks constructed of materials other than concrete or steel that are not required to have a cover shall be capable of holding water after being filled to their inlet or outlet, whichever is higher, for one hour without loss of water.

(3) **STRENGTH.** Tank assemblies, including fittings and access openings, shall be capable of withstanding loads and pressures that the tanks are intended to encounter and remain watertight.

(4) **PROTECTION FROM ELEMENTS.** (a) *Concrete tanks.* 1. The interior of a concrete tank assembly, including fittings and access openings, shall have a protective coating or be constructed of material, above the lowest liquid level expected in the tank, that will inhibit the deterioration of the concrete due to internal environmental effects.

2. Under subd. 1., concrete with a water cement ratio not exceeding 0.45 shall be considered resistant to deterioration due to internal environmental effects.

(b) *Steel tanks.* 1. Steel tank assemblies, including fittings and access openings, shall have a protective coating that will inhibit the deterioration of the steel due to internal and external environmental effects.

2. Steel tank assemblies, including fittings and access openings, installed underground shall be provided with cathodic protection in accordance with UL Standard 1746 or STI-P<sub>3</sub>.

(c) *Tanks constructed of materials other than concrete or steel.* Tank assemblies, including fittings and access openings, constructed of materials other than concrete or steel shall be protected against deterioration due to internal and external environmental effects.

(5) **VENTING.** (a) Each tank, except camping unit transfer containers, shall be provided with a means of venting gases formed inside of the tank to the atmosphere.

(b) The tank vent shall terminate in accordance with s. Comm 82.31 (16).

(6) **PIPE CONNECTION.** All pipe connection openings to a tank shall be designed to allow connections in accordance with s. Comm 84.40.

(7) **ACCESS.** (a) Each covered tank shall be provided with one or more openings of sufficient size and located in such a manner to provide a means for inspection or required servicing or maintenance of the tank.

(b) Inspection openings for tanks located below ground shall extend at least to the finished grade.

(c) Servicing and maintenance openings for treatment tanks located below ground shall extend to at least within 6 inches below finished grade.

(d) Servicing and maintenance openings for holding components shall comply with all of the following:

1. Extend to at least 4 inches above finished grade when the holding component is below ground.

2. Be located to allow inspection and maintenance of pumps or siphons located in the holding component.

(e) Inspection, maintenance and servicing openings shall terminate with a means that prevents entrance of deleterious materials.

(f) Covers located at or above ground for openings larger than 8 inches in diameter shall be provided with locking devices and shall remain locked except for cleaning or maintenance purposes.

(8) **WARNING LABEL.** (a) Covers for all tank openings larger than 8 inches in diameter shall be provided with a permanent warning label indicating the dangers of entering the tank, in accordance with this subsection.

(b) The warning label shall be securely attached and made of a noncorrosive metal or plastic bearing the legend "DO NOT ENTER WITHOUT PROPER EQUIPMENT" or "DANGEROUS GASES EXIST IN TANK" or similar language.

(c) The label shall be rectangular in shape with minimum dimensions of 4 by 5 inches.

(d) The wording on the label shall be a minimum of ½ inch in height and be either indented or raised.

(9) **DOSING APPARATUS.** (a) Pumps for POWTS used to disperse air, treated wastewater or final effluent shall be rated by the pump manufacturer for such use.

(b) Siphons for POWTS shall be rated by the siphon manufacturer for wastewater use.

(c) All other dosing apparatus for POWTS shall be constructed of corrosive resistant materials and designed to perform as intended.

(10) **ALARM SYSTEM.** (a) All pump and alarm controls for POWTS shall be specifically designed by the manufacturer for such use.

(b) The use of pressure diaphragm switches in POWTS tanks shall be prohibited.

(11) **TANK LABEL.** (a) *Anaerobic tanks.* Each anaerobic treatment tank or holding component shall be labeled near an inlet or outlet opening. The label shall be embossed, impressed, or securely attached to the tank. The label shall include all of the following information:

1. Name or trademark of the manufacturer.

2. Capacity of each compartment.

3. Manufacturer's model number.

(b) *Aerobic tanks.* 1. Each aerobic treatment tank shall be provided with 2 label plates. Label plates shall be inscribed to be easily read and understood, and be securely attached.

2. One label plate shall be attached to the front of the electrical control box. The second label plate shall be attached to the aeration equipment assembly, tank, or riser at a location normally subject to access during inspection of the unit.

3. Each label plate shall include all of the following information:

a. Name or trademark of the manufacturer.

b. Model number.

c. Rated daily flow capacity of the unit.

(12) **OTHER TREATMENT COMPONENTS.** A treatment component not specifically covered in this section may not be sold for use in a POWTS or may not be installed in a POWTS, unless it has received department approval and conforms to the applicable performance standards of this chapter and chs. Comm 82 and 83, and ch. 145, Stats.

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### Comm 84.30 Plumbing materials. (1) GENERAL.

When selecting the material and size for a plumbing system, due consideration shall be given to the soil, liquid, and atmospheric environments that will eventually surround the plumbing system.

(a) The bending or offsetting of flexible or annealed pipe or tubing shall be in accordance with the applicable material standard or the instructions of the manufacturer of the pipe or tubing.

(b) Pipe or tubing with gouges, cuts or deep scratches may not be installed.

(c) Pipe or tubing which has been kinked may not be installed.

(d) The bending or offsetting of rigid pipe shall be prohibited.

(e) Nailing plates shall be installed to protect copper or plastic pipe or tubing from puncture.

**Note:** See s. Comm 84.30 (4) (f) concerning the bending of polybutylene water distribution pipe and tubing.

(2) **SANITARY DRAIN AND VENT SYSTEMS.** Sanitary drain systems and vent systems shall be of such material and workmanship as set forth in this subsection.

(a) *Above ground drain and vent pipe.* Except as provided in s. Comm 82.33 (2), drain pipe and vent pipe installed above ground shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-1.

(b) *Underground drain and vent pipe.* Except as provided in par. (d), drain pipe and vent pipe installed underground shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-2.

(c) *Sanitary building sewer pipe.* Sanitary building sewer pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-3.

(d) *Treated wastewater piping.* 1. Nonpressurized, nonperforated drain piping conveying treated wastewater from a POWTS treatment or holding component to a POWTS treatment or holding component, distribution cell or dispersal zone shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-3.

2. Nonpressurized perforated drain piping conveying treated wastewater in a POWTS soil treatment or dispersal component shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-4.

3. Pressurized perforated drain piping conveying treated wastewater in a POWTS treatment or dispersal component shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-5 and shall be perforated in accordance with the POWTS design.

(e) *Pressurized drain pipe.* Except as provided in par. (d) 3., pressurized drain pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-5 and shall be rated for the working pressure and temperature to which it will be subjected for a specific installation.

(f) *Chemical drain and vent pipe.* Drain systems and vent systems for chemical wastes shall be of approved corrosion resistant material. The manufacturer of the pipe shall indicate to the department the material's suitability for the concentrations of chemicals involved.

(g) *Catch basins, interceptors and sumps.* Catch basins, interceptors and sumps shall be constructed in a watertight manner of precast reinforced concrete, reinforced monolithic concrete, cast iron, coated 12-gauge steel, vitrified clay, fiberglass, plastic or other approved materials.

(h) *Manholes.* Manholes shall be constructed in a watertight manner of precast reinforced concrete, reinforced monolithic concrete, brick or block, fiberglass or other approved materials. Fiberglass manholes may be approved for use in traffic areas if the top section of the manhole is not made of fiberglass.

(i) *Service suction lines.* A service suction line or pump discharge line serving a holding tank for cleaning purposes shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-5. Joints and connections for suction lines shall conform to s. Comm 84.40. The use of mechanical joints shall be in accordance with the recommendations and instructions specified by the manufacturer.

**Table 84.30-1  
ABOVE GROUND DRAIN AND VENT PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)	ASTM D1527; ASTM D2661; ASTM F628
Brass	ASTM B43
Cast iron	ASTM A74; CISPI 301
Copper	ASTM B42; ASTM B88; ASTM B306
Galvanized steel	ASTM A53
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	ASTM D2665; ASTM D1785; ASTM F891 <sup>b</sup>
Synthetic rubber hose <sup>a</sup>	AHAM DW-1

**Note:** a: The installation of synthetic rubber hose is limited in use to indirect waste piping or local waste piping from dishwashers in accordance with s. Comm 82.33 (9) (d).

**Note:** b: Limited to pipe weight of schedule 40.

**Table 84.30-2  
UNDERGROUND DRAIN AND VENT PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)	ASTM D1527; ASTM D2661; ASTM F628
Cast iron	ASTM A74; CISPI 301
Concrete	ASTM C14; ASTM C76
Copper <sup>a</sup>	ASTM B42; ASTM B88
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	ASTM D1785; ASTM D2665; ASTM D3034 <sup>b</sup> ; ASTM F891 <sup>c</sup>
Vitrified clay	ASTM C700

**Note a:** Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

**Note b:** Limited to pipe with a SDR of 26 or less.

**Note c:** Limited to pipe weight of schedule 40.

**Table 84.30-3  
SANITARY BUILDING SEWER PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) <sup>a</sup>	ASTMD1527; ASTM D2661; ASTM D2751; ASTM F628
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) composite <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2680
Cast iron	ASTM A74; CISPI 301
Concrete	ASTM C14; ASTM C76
Copper <sup>b</sup>	ASTM B42; ASTM B88
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1785; ASTM D2665; ASTM D3034; ASTM F891
PVC Corrugated Sewer Pipe With a Smooth Interior and Fittings	ASTM F949
PVC Large-Diameter Plastic Gravity Sewer Pipe and Fittings	ASTM F679
PVC Profile Gravity Sewer Pipe and Fittings Based on Controlled Inside Diameter	ASTM F794
Type PS-46 and Type PS-115 PVC Plastic Gravity Flow Sewer Pipe and Fittings	ASTM F789

<sup>a</sup>Thermoplastic sewer pipe shall be installed in accordance with ASTM D2321.

<sup>b</sup>Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

**Table 84.30-4  
PERFORATED EFFLUENT DISTRIBUTION PIPING FOR  
NONPRESSURIZED SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEMS**

Material	Standard
Polyethylene (PE) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM F405; ASTM F810
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	ASTM D2729

**Note:** a: Polyethylene (PE) pipe shall have 2 rows, and only 2 rows, of perforations parallel to the axis of the pipe and 120° ± 5° apart. The perforations shall be at the nominal 4 and 8 o'clock positions when the pipe is installed.



**Table 84.30-5  
PRESSURIZED DRAIN PIPE AND TUBING AND SERVICE SUCTION LINES**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1527; ASTM D2282; ASTM D2661; ASTM F628
Brass	ASTM B43
Cast iron	ASTM A74; ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15; CISPI 301
Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2846; ASTM F441/F441M; ASTM F442/F442M
Concrete	ASTM C14; ASTM C76
Copper <sup>b</sup>	ASTM B42; ASTM B88; ASTM B306
Ductile iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15; AWWA C151/A21.51
Galvanized steel	ASTM A53
Galvanized steel	ASTM A53
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1785; ASTM D2241; ASTM D2665; ASTM D2672; AWWA C900
Polyethylene Pressure Pipe and Fitting, 4 in. through 63 in., for Water Distribution	AWWA C906
Stainless Steel	ANSI B36.19M; ASTM A270; ASTM A450

<sup>a</sup>Thermoplastic sewer pipe shall be installed in accordance with ASTM D2321.

<sup>b</sup>Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

**(3) STORM AND CLEAR WATER DRAIN AND VENT SYSTEMS.** Storm and clear water drain and vent systems shall be of such material and workmanship as set forth in this subsection.

(a) *Above ground drain and vent pipe.* Drain pipe and vent pipe installed above ground and inside a building shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-1, except black steel pipe conforming to ASTM A53 may be used for storm water conductors. Black steel conductors may not be embedded in concrete or masonry.

(b) *Underground drain and vent pipe.* Drain pipe and vent pipe installed underground shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-2.

(c) *Storm building sewer pipe.* Storm building sewer pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-6.

(d) *Subsoil drain pipe.* Subsoil drains shall be open jointed, horizontally split, or perforated pipe conforming to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-7.

(e) *Roof drains.* 1. Roof drains shall be provided with removable strainers of sufficient strength to carry the anticipated loads.

2. Roof drains shall be so constructed that the drains can be cleaned and the drain inlets accessible at all time.

3. Roof drains shall be sized in accordance with s. Comm 82.36 and the drain outlet shall not be less than 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches in diameter.

**Note:** See s. Comm 82.36 (18) for additional roof drain requirements.

(f) *Area drain inlets.* Area drain inlets shall be constructed in a watertight manner of precast concrete, reinforced monolithic concrete, brick or block, cast iron, coated 12 gauge steel, vitrified clay, fiberglass or other approved materials.

**Table 84.30-6  
STORM BUILDING SEWER PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1527; ASTM D2661; ASTM D2751; ASTM F628
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) composite <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2680
Cast iron	ASTM A74; CISPI 301
Concrete, circular	ASTM C14; ASTM C76
Concrete, elliptical	ASTM C507/C507M
Copper <sup>b</sup>	ASTM B42; ASTM B88
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1785; ASTM D2665; ASTM D3034; ASTM F891
PVC Corrugated Sewer Pipe With a Smooth Interior and Fittings	ASTM F949
PVC Large-Diameter Plastic Gravity Sewer Pipe and Fittings	ASTM F679
PVC Profile Gravity Sewer Pipe and Fittings Based on Controlled Inside Diameter	ASTM F794
Type PS-46 and Type PS-115 PVC Plastic Gravity Flow Sewer Pipe and Fittings	ASTM F789
Vitrified clay	ASTM C700

<sup>a</sup>Thermoplastic sewer pipe shall be installed in accordance with ASTM D2321.

<sup>b</sup>Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

**Table 84.30-7  
SUBSOIL DRAIN PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Cast iron	ASTM A74; CISPI 301
Clay drain tile	ASTM C4
Polyethylene (PE)	ASTM F405
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	ASTM D2729 (Perforated only)
Vitrified clay	ASTM C700

**(4) WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.** Water supply systems shall be of such material and workmanship as set forth in this subsection. All materials in contact with water, in a water supply system, shall be suitable for use with potable water. All pipes and pipe fittings for water supply systems shall be made of a material that contains not more than 8.0% lead.

(a) *Water quality.* A water supply system shall be resistive to corrosive action and degrading action from the water being conveyed.

(b) *Soil and groundwater.* The installation of water supply systems shall be prohibited in soil and groundwater that is contaminated with solvents, fuels, organic compounds or other detrimental materials which will cause permeation, corrosion, degradation, or structural failure of the piping material.

1. Where detrimental conditions are suspected, a chemical analysis of the soil and groundwater conditions shall be required to ascertain the acceptability of the proposed water supply system materials for the specific installation.

2. Where a detrimental condition exists, no underground water supply system may be installed until the detrimental condition can be:

a. Eliminated and the source of the condition can be eliminated;

b. Identified and the pipe and joining method can be proven resistant to the detrimental condition; or

c. Avoided by choosing an alternate route that will not be affected by the detrimental condition.

(c) *Certification of plastic pipe.* Plastic pipe for a water supply system shall conform to NSF 14 and shall be certified by a nationally recognized testing agency as to conforming to NSF 14. Plastic pipe for water supply systems shall bear the certification mark of the testing agency.

(d) *Water services and private water mains.* 1. Water service pipe and private water mains shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-8. Pipe and tubing for water services and pri-

vate water mains shall have a minimum working pressure of 150 psig at 73.4°F.

2. A local governmental unit may by ordinance restrict the types of materials for water services and private water mains which are to be located within or beneath an area subject to an easement for a highway, street or public service right-of-way. Before adopting an ordinance restricting the types of materials for water services the local governmental unit shall submit a copy of the proposed ordinance to the department for review and approval.

3. Existing metallic water service piping or water distribution piping used for electrical grounding shall not be replaced with nonmetallic pipe or tubing until other approved electrical grounding means are provided.

(e) *Water distribution pipe.* 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., water distribution pipe shall have a minimum working pressure of 100 psig at 180°F and shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-9.

2. Water distribution pipe installed underground for an exterior turf sprinkler system shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-10. Water distribution pipe and fittings for exterior turf sprinkler systems shall have a minimum working pressure of 100 psig at 73.4°F. Water distribution pipe installed above ground for an exterior turf sprinkler system shall conform to subd. 1.

**Note:** Portions of a water supply system that supply water to a water-based fire protection system are to also conform to chs. Comm 61 to 65.

(f) *Bending limitations.* 1. The bending of polybutylene water service pipe or tubing shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2. a. The bending radius of polybutylene water distribution pipe or tubing shall meet or exceed the bending radius specified in Table 84.30-9m and shall meet or exceed the bending radius specified by the manufacturer of the pipe or tubing.

**Note:** See Appendix for further explanatory material.

b. Polybutylene water distribution pipe or tubing shall be supported or anchored at the beginning and end of long bends in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Table 84.30-8  
PIPE AND TUBING FOR  
WATER SERVICES AND PRIVATE WATER MAINS**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1527; ASTM D2282
Brass	ASTM B43
Cast iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15
Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2846; ASTM F441/F441M; ASTM F442/F442M
Copper <sup>b</sup>	ASTM B42; ASTM B88
Crosslinked Polyethylene/Aluminum/ Crosslinked Polyethylene	CAN/CSA B137.10, ASTM F1281
Crosslinked polyethylene (PEX) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM F876; ASTM F877
Ductile iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15; AWWA C151/A21.51
Galvanized steel	ASTM A53
Polybutylene (PB) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2662; ASTM D2666; ASTM D3000; ASTM D3309
Polyethylene (PE) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2239; ASTM D2737; ASTM D2104; ASTM D2447; ASTM D3035, AWWA C906
Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene	CAN/CSA B137.9
Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) Composite Pressure Pipe	ASTM F1282
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1785; ASTM D2241; ASTM D2672; AWWA C900
Stainless steel	ASME B36.19/B36.19M

<sup>a</sup>Plastic water service systems shall be installed in accordance with ASTM D2774.

<sup>b</sup>Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

**Table 84.30-9  
WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Brass	ASTM B43
Cast iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15
Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2846; ASTM F441/441c; ASTM F442/442M <sup>d</sup>
Copper <sup>b</sup>	ASTM B42; ASTM B88
Crosslinked Polyethylene/Aluminum/ Crosslinked Polyethylene	CAN/CSA B137.10, ASTM F1281
Crosslinked polyethylene (PEX) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM F876; ASTM F877
Ductile iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15; AWWA C151/A21.51
Galvanized steel	ASTM A53
Polybutylene (PB) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D3309
Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene	CAN/CSA B137.9
Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) Composite Pressure Pipe	ASTM F1281
Stainless Steel	ASME B36.19M; ASTM A270; ASTM A450

<sup>a</sup>Plastic pipe and tubing installed underground shall be in accordance with ASTM D2774.

<sup>b</sup>Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

<sup>c</sup>Use is limited to pipe 2 1/2 inches or less in diameter.

<sup>d</sup>Use is limited to pipe with a SDR 11 or less.

**Table 84.30-9m  
MINIMUM BENDING RADIUS OF POLYBUTYLENE WATER  
DISTRIBUTION PIPE AND TUBING**

Pipe Size (inches)	Bending Radius (inches)	Tubing Size (inches)	Bending Radius (inches)
3/4	12 3/4	1/4	4 1/2
1	15 3/4	3/8	6
1 1/4	20	1/2	7 1/2
1 1/2	23	3/4	10 1/2
2	28 1/2	1	13 1/2
		1 1/4	16 1/2
		1 1/2	19 1/2
		2	25 1/2

**Table 84.30-10  
EXTERIOR TURF SPRINKLER SYSTEM PIPE AND TUBING**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1527; ASTM D2282
Brass	ASTM B43
Cast iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15
Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2846; ASTM F441/F441M
Copper <sup>b</sup>	ASTM B88
Crosslinked Polyethylene/Aluminum/ Crosslinked (PEX-AL-PEX) Polyethylene Pressure Pipe	ASTM F1281
Crosslinked Polyethylene/Aluminum/ Crosslinked Polyethylene	CAN/CSA B137.10
Ductile iron	ASTM A377; AWWA C115/A21.15; AWWA C151/A21.51
Galvanized steel	ASTM A53
Polybutylene (PB) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2666; ASTM D3000; ASTM D2662; ASTM D3309
Polyethylene (PE) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D2104; ASTM D2239; ASTM D2447; ASTM D3035; ASTM D2737
Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene	CAN/CSA B137.9
Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) Composite Pressure Pipe	ASTM F1282
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM D1785; ASTM D2241; ASTM D2672; AWWA C900

<sup>a</sup>Plastic pipe and tubing installed underground shall be in accordance with ASTM D2774.

<sup>b</sup>Copper tubing, type M, may not be installed underground.

(g) *Circulating loops.* Polybutylene pipe and tubing may not be used for continuously circulating hot water loops.

(h) *Used piping.* Piping which has been used for any other purpose than conveying potable water may not be used for water supply systems.

(5) PIPE FITTINGS AND VALVES. (a) *Fittings.* Pipe fittings shall conform to the pipe material standards listed in this chapter or one of the standards listed in Table 84.30-11. Threaded drain pipe fittings shall be of the recessed drainage type.

(b) *Water supply valves.* 1. Control valves for water services and private water mains shall be designed and constructed to withstand a minimum pressure of 125 psig at 73.4°F.

2. Control valves for water distribution systems shall be designed and constructed to withstand a minimum pressure of 100 psig at 180°F.

3. A control valve which serves 2 or more plumbing fixtures shall have, with the valve in a fully open position, a flow through passageway of not less than one nominal pipe size smaller than the nominal size of the piping connecting to the valve.

4. A control valve which serves 2 or more plumbing fixtures may not be a globe type valve.

(c) *Special fittings and valves.* 1. Water hammer arrestors shall conform to ASME A112.26.1 or ASSE 1010.

2. Relief valves and automatic gas shutoff devices for hot water supply systems shall conform to ANSI Z21.22.

3. Backwater valves shall conform to ASME A112.14.1, CAN/CSA B181.1 or CAN/CSA B181.2.

4. Pipe applied atmospheric type vacuum breakers shall conform to ASSE 1001, and CAN/CSA B64.1.1.

5. Water pressure reducing valves and strainers for water pressure reducing valves for domestic water supply systems shall conform to ASSE 1003.

6. Hose connection vacuum breakers shall conform to ASSE 1011 or CAN/CSA B64.2.

7. Backflow preventers with intermediate atmospheric vent shall conform to ASSE 1012 and dual check type atmospheric port backflow preventers shall conform to CAN/CSA B64.3.

8. Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall conform with ASSE 1013 or CAN/CSA B64.4.

**Note:** Reduced pressure principle fire protection backflow preventers are not permitted for cross connection control.

9. Double check backflow prevention assemblies shall conform to ASSE 1015 or CAN/CSA B64.5.

**Note:** Double check fire protection backflow preventer assemblies are not permitted for cross connection control.

10. Individual thermostatic, pressure balancing, and combination pressure balancing and thermostatic control valves serving individual showers shall conform to ASSE 1016 or CAN/CSA B125.

11. Trap seal primer valves, water fed shall conform to ASSE 1018.

12. Vacuum breaker wall hydrants, freeze resistant automatic draining type shall conform to ASSE 1019, types A or B.

13. Pressure vacuum breaker assemblies shall conform to ASSE 1020 or CAN/CSA B64.1.2.

14. Laboratory faucet backflow preventers shall conform to ASSE 1035 and laboratory faucet type vacuum breakers shall conform to CAN/CSA B64.7.

15. Reduced pressure detector backflow preventers shall conform to ASSE 1047.

16. Double check detector assembly backflow preventers shall conform to ASSE 1048.

17. Back siphonage backflow vacuum breakers shall conform to ASSE 1056.

18. Hose connection backflow preventers shall conform to ASSE 1052.

19. Backflow preventers for carbonated beverage machines shall conform to ASSE 1022.

(d) *Pipe saddles.* Pipe saddles shall be installed in accordance with the instructions of the saddle manufacturer and the following limitations:

1. Pipe saddles may be installed on private interceptor main sewers, building sewers, underground drain and vent pipe and tubing, and where otherwise approved by the department;

2. A saddle for drain piping shall have a radius in accordance with s. Comm 82.30 (8) (a);

3. The material of the saddle shall be compatible with the materials of the pipes which are to be connected to the saddle;

4. The hole in the pipe which is to receive the saddle shall be drilled or cored to match the saddle outlet;

5. Straps or clamps which wrap around the pipe and saddle shall be provided by the manufacturer of the saddle;

6. Saddles shall be installed with straps or clamps which wrap around the pipe and saddle; and

7. Proper hangers or bedding shall be provided to maintain alignment between the opening in the pipe and the saddle.

**Table 84.30-11  
PIPE FITTINGS**

Material	Standard
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)	ASTM D2468; ASTM D3311; ASTM F409
Cast bronze	ANSI B16.15; ANSI B16.24
Cast copper alloy	ASME B16.18; ASME B16.23; ASME B16.26
Cast iron	ASME B16.4; ASME B16.12; ASME B16.1; ASME B16.45
Chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC)	ASTM F437; ASTM F438; ASTM F439
Copper	ASME B16.22; ASME B16.29
Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX)	ASTM F1807
Ductile iron and gray iron	ANSI/AWWA C110/A21.10; ANSI/AWWA C153/A21.53; ANSI B16.42
Malleable iron	ANSI B16.3
Polybutylene (PB) <sup>c</sup>	ASTM D3309; MSS SP-103
Polyethylene (PE)	ASTM D2609; ASTM D2683; ASTM D3261
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	ASTM D2464; ASTM D2466; ASTM D2467; ASTM D3311; ASTM F409; ASTM F1336
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Gasketed Sewer Fittings	ASTM F1336
Stainless steel	ASTM A403
Steel <sup>a</sup>	ANSI B16.5; ANSI B16.9; ANSI B16.11; ANSI B16.28
Styrene-rubber (SR)	ASTM D2852

<sup>a</sup>: Steel fittings and malleable iron fittings to be used in a water supply system shall be galvanized-coated in accordance with ASTM A123/123M.

<sup>b</sup>: See s. Comm 84.30 (4) (intro.) concerning the maximum lead content for fittings.

<sup>c</sup>: Copper and copper alloy fittings conforming to MSS SP-103, may not be installed underground.

**(6) SPECIAL MATERIALS.** (a) *Sheet lead.* Sheet lead for the following uses may not weigh less than indicated in subds. 1. and 2.

1. Site-fabricated flashings for vent pipes, 3 pounds per square foot; and

2. Prefabricated flashings for vent pipes, 2½ pounds per square foot.

(b) *Traps and fixture drain connection fittings.* Copper or tubular brass traps and fixture drain connection fittings shall be at least of 20 gage material.

(c) *Sheet copper.* Sheet copper for the following uses may not weigh less than indicated in subds. 1. and 2. and shall conform to ASTM B152.

1. Flashing for vent pipes, 8 ounces per square foot; and

2. Flush tank linings, 10 ounces per square foot.

(d) *Cleanout plugs.* Cleanout plugs shall be of brass or plastic. Brass cleanout plugs shall be used with metallic piping only and shall conform to ASTM A74. Plastic cleanout plugs shall conform to the requirements of sub. (5) (a).

(e) *Flush pipes and fittings.* Flush pipes and fittings shall be of nonferrous material and shall conform to ASME A112.19.5.

(f) *Safing material.* Safing materials shall be waterproof when subjected to 2 feet of hydrostatic head when tested in accordance with ASTM C1306 or ASTM D4068. The material shall be recognized by the manufacturer for use as a safing material.

(g) *Geotextile fabrics.* Geotextile fabric used in a POWTS to prevent backfill material from entering the distribution cell shall meet the requirements listed in Table 84.30-12.

**Table 84.30-12  
GEOTEXTILE FABRICS**

Property	Test Method	Minimum Average Roll Value
Grab Tensile, lbs	ASTM D4632	35 lbs, minimum
Grab Elongation, %	ASTM D4632	50%, minimum
Puncture, lbs	ASTM D4833	10 lbs, minimum
Trapezoidal tear, lbs	ASTM D4533	11 lbs, minimum
AOS, US Sieve #	ASTM D4751	20 US sieve #, minimum
AOS, US Sieve #	ASTM D4751	70 US sieve #, maximum

(h) *Leaching chambers.* Leaching chambers for distribution cell components of POWTS shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. Constructed of corrosion resistant materials.
2. Designed to prevent soil surrounding the chamber from entering the chamber.
3. Capable of withstanding pressures that the leaching chamber is intended to encounter.

(i) *Stone aggregate.* Stone aggregate which is used as a filtering medium or to create a distribution cell in a treatment or dispersal component of a POWTS shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. Conform to ASTM Standard C33 for coarse aggregate prior to washing.
2. Be washed to remove fine material.
3. Be ½ to 2½ inch in size.
4. Have a hardness value of at least 3 on Moh's Scale of Hardness.

**Note:** Stone that can scratch a copper penny without leaving any residual stone material on the penny has a hardness value of at least 3 on Moh's Scale of Hardness.

(j) *Sand.* Sand which is used as a filtering medium in a treatment or distribution cell of a POWTS shall conform to ASTM Standard C33 for fine aggregate.

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### Comm 84.40 Joints and connections. (1) GENERAL.

(a) *Tightness.* Joints and connections in the plumbing system shall be watertight and gastight as required by test or system design, whichever is greater, or as required by the adopted product standard or department approval.

**Note:** The testing requirements for tightness are in s. Comm 82.21.

(b) *Preparation of pipe ends.* Pipe ends shall be prepared in accordance with the applicable pipe standard or the pipe or fitting manufacturer's instructions.

(c) *Prohibited joints and connections.* Unless otherwise permitted in this chapter or ch. Comm 82 or 83, the following types of joints and connections shall be prohibited:

1. Cement or concrete joints;
2. Mastic or hot poured bituminous joints;
3. Elastomeric rolling o-rings between different diameter pipes;
4. Solvent cement joints between different types of plastic pipe; and
5. Roll grooving of galvanized steel pipe.

(2) **ABS PLASTIC PIPE.** Joints between acrylonitrile butadiene styrene plastic pipe or fittings shall be installed in accordance with pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

1. Drain and vent systems. Mechanical push-on joints for drain and vent systems shall conform to ASTM D3212.

2. Water supply systems. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression-type joints for water supply systems which use a flexible elastomeric seal shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(b) *Solvent cemented joints.* Solvent cemented joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2235 and its appendix, ASTM D2661 or ASTM F628.

1. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free of moisture.

2. Solvent cement conforming to ASTM D2235 shall be applied to all joint surfaces and the joint shall be made while the cement is wet.

3. Solvent cement shall be handled in accordance with ASTM F402.

4. Solvent cement used on pipes and fittings of a water supply system shall conform to NSF 14 and shall be certified by a nationally recognized testing agency as to conforming to NSF 14. The container for the solvent cement shall bear the certification mark of the testing agency.

(c) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall only be used on pipes of schedule 80 or heavier. Threaded joints shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. The pipe shall be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe. Thread lubricant or tape approved for such use shall be applied to the male threads only.

(3) **BLACK STEEL PIPE.** Joints between black steel pipe or fittings shall be in accordance with pars. (a) to (d).

(a) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(b) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(c) *Caulked joints.* Caulked joints shall only be used for drain or vent piping. Caulked joints for hub and spigot piping and fittings shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp. Molten lead shall be poured in one operation not less than one inch deep and not to extend more than 1/8 inch below the rim of the pipe, and caulked tight. Paint, varnish or other coatings may not be used on the joining material until after the joint has been tested and approved.

1. Caulked joints for drain piping shall be used only in a vertical position.

2. Caulked joints for vent piping may be used for piping in a vertical or horizontal position.

(d) *Welded joints.* Joints between black steel pipe or fittings may be welded.

(4) **BRASS PIPE.** Joints between brass pipe or fittings shall be in accordance with the provisions of pars. (a) to (d).

(a) *Brazed joints.* All joint surfaces to be brazed shall be cleaned bright by other than chemical means. Brazing filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8 or other approved material shall be

used. The joining of water supply piping shall be made with lead-free materials. Solders and fluxes containing in excess of 0.2% lead shall not be used.

(b) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints for water supply systems which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(c) *Soldered joints.* All joint surfaces to be soldered shall be cleaned bright by other than chemical means. A nontoxic flux shall be applied to all joint surfaces. Solder conforming to ASTM B32 or other approved material shall be used. The joining of water supply piping shall be made with lead-free materials. Solders and fluxes containing in excess of 0.2% lead shall not be used.

(d) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(5) **CAST IRON PIPE.** Joints between cast iron pipe or fittings shall be installed in accordance with pars. (a) and (b).

(a) *Caulked joints.* 1. Drain and vent systems. Caulked joints for hub and spigot pipe of drain and vent systems shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp. Molten lead shall be poured in one operation not less than one inch deep and not to extend more than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch below the rim of the pipe, and caulked tight. Paint, varnish or other coatings may not be used on the joining material until after the joint has been tested and approved.

2. Water supply systems. Joints for bell and spigot pipe of water supply systems shall be firmly packed with treated paper rope. Molten lead shall be poured in one operation to a depth of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

(b) *Mechanical joints.* 1. Drain and vent systems. a. Mechanical push-on joints for drain and vent systems shall have gaskets which conform to ASTM C564.

b. Mechanical sleeve joints for drain and vent systems shall have a rubber sealing sleeve conforming to ASTM C564, CISPI 310 or FM 1680. Where a stainless steel band assembly is used, the band assembly shall conform to CISPI 310 or FM 1680. Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Water supply systems. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints for water supply systems shall conform to AWWA C111/A21.11. Lead tipped gaskets may not be used.

(c) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ANSI B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(6) **CPVC PLASTIC PIPE.** Joints between chlorinated polyvinyl chloride plastic pipe or fittings shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on type joints which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(b) *Solvent cemented joints.* Solvent cemented joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2846 and its Appendix or ASTM F493 and its Appendix.

1. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free of moisture. A primer conforming to ASTM F656 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The primer shall be purple in color.

2. Solvent cement conforming to ASTM F493 shall be applied to all joint surfaces and the joint shall be made while the cement is wet.

3. Solvent cement shall be handled in accordance with ASTM F402.

4. Solvent cement shall be orange in color.

5. Primer and solvent cement used on pipes and fittings of a water supply system shall conform to NSF 14 and shall be certi-

fied by a nationally recognized testing agency as to conforming to NSF 14. The containers for the primer and the solvent cement shall bear the certification mark of the testing agency.

(c) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall only be used on pipes of schedule 80 or heavier. Threaded joints shall conform to ANSI B1.20.1. The pipe shall be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe. Thread lubricant or tape approved for such use shall be applied to the male threads only.

(7) **CONCRETE PIPE.** (a) *Circular pipe.* Joints between circular concrete pipe or fittings shall be made by use of an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C443 or C990.

(b) *Elliptical pipe.* Joints between elliptical concrete pipe or fittings shall be made by use of materials conforming to ASTM C887 Type II or ASTM C990.

(8) **COPPER PIPE AND TUBING.** Joints between copper pipe, tubing or fittings shall be installed in accordance with pars. (a) to (e).

(a) *Brazed joints.* All joint surfaces to be brazed shall be cleaned bright by other than chemical means. Brazing filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8 or other approved material shall be used. The joining of water supply piping shall be made with lead-free materials.

(b) *Flared joints.* Flared joints may be used on annealed tubing for water supply systems and shall be made by the use of a tool designed for that operation.

(c) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints for water supply systems which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(d) *Soldered joints.* All joint surfaces to be soldered shall be cleaned bright by other than chemical means. A nontoxic flux shall be applied to all joint surfaces. Solder conforming to ASTM B32 or other approved material shall be used. The joining of water supply piping shall be made with lead-free materials.

(e) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ANSI B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(9) **DUCTILE IRON PIPE.** (a) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints for water supply systems shall conform to AWWA C111/A21.11. Lead tipped gaskets may not be used.

(b) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(10) **GALVANIZED STEEL PIPE.** Joints between galvanized steel pipe or fittings or between galvanized steel pipe and cast iron fittings shall be installed in accordance with pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(b) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints for water supply systems which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(c) *Caulked joints.* Caulked joints shall only be used for drain or vent piping. Caulked joints for hub and spigot piping and fittings shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp. Molten lead shall be poured in one operation not less than one inch deep and not to extend more than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch below the rim of the pipe, and caulked tight. Paint, varnish or other coatings may not be used on the joining material until after the joint has been tested and approved.

1. Caulked joints for drain piping shall be used only for piping in a vertical position.

2. Caulked joints for vent piping may be used for piping in a vertical or horizontal position.

**(11) LEAD PIPE.** Joints between lead pipe or fittings shall be installed in accordance with pars. (a) and (b).

(a) *Burned joints.* Burned joints shall be uniformly fused together into one continuous piece. The thickness of the joint shall be at least as thick as the lead being joined. The filler metal shall be of the same material as the pipe.

(b) *Wiped joints.* A wiped joint shall be full wiped, having an exposed surface on each side of the joint not less than 3/4 inch and shall be at least 3/8 inch thick at the thickest point.

**(12) PB PLASTIC PIPE AND TUBING.** Joints between polybutylene plastic pipe and tubing or fittings shall be installed in accordance with pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Flared joints.* Flared joints shall be made by use of a tool designed for that operation. Flared joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D3140.

(b) *Heat fusion joints.* Heat fusion joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2657 and ASTM D3309. Heat fusion joints shall be of a socket fusion type.

1. Joint surfaces to be fused shall be clean and free of moisture.

2. All joint surfaces shall be heated to the temperature recommended by the pipe or fitting manufacturer and joined.

3. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool.

(c) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

**(13) PE PLASTIC PIPE AND TUBING.** Joints between polyethylene plastic pipe, tubing or fittings shall be in accordance with pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Flared joints.* Flared joints shall be made by use of a tool designed for that operation. Flared joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D3140.

(b) *Heat fusion joints.* Heat fusion joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2657. Heat fusion joints shall be of a socket fusion type.

1. Joint surfaces to be fused shall be clean and free of moisture.

2. All joint surfaces shall be heated to the temperature recommended by the pipe or fitting manufacturer and joined.

3. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool.

(c) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints may be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

**(13m) PEX PLASTIC TUBING.** Joints between crosslinked polyethylene plastic pipe, tubing or fittings shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**(14) PVC PLASTIC PIPE.** Joints between polyvinyl chloride plastic pipe or fittings shall be in accordance with pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

1. Drain and vent systems. Mechanical push-on joints for drain and vent systems shall conform to ASTM D3212.

2. Water supply systems. Mechanical push-on joints and mechanical compression type joints for water supply systems which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(b) *Solvent cemented joints.* Solvent cemented joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2855.

1. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free of moisture. A primer conforming to ASTM F656 shall be applied to all joint surfaces.

2. Solvent cement conforming to ASTM D2564 shall be applied to all joint surfaces and the joint shall be made while the cement is wet.

3. Solvent cement shall be handled in accordance with ASTM F402.

4. Primer and solvent cement used on pipes and fittings of a water supply system shall conform to NSF 14 and shall be certified by a nationally recognized testing agency as to conforming to NSF 14. The containers for the primer and the solvent cement shall bear the certification mark of the testing agency.

(c) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall only be used on pipes of schedule 80 or heavier. Threaded joints shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. The pipe shall be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe. Thread lubricant or tape approved for such use shall be applied to the male threads only.

**(15) STAINLESS STEEL.** Joints between stainless steel pipe or fittings shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of pars. (a) to (c).

(a) *Mechanical joints.* Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Mechanical push-on type joints which use flexible elastomeric seals shall conform to ASTM D3139.

(b) *Threaded joints.* Threaded joints shall conform to ANSI B1.20.1. Pipe joint compound or tape shall be used on the male threads only.

(c) *Welded joints.* Joints between stainless steel pipe or fittings may be welded.

**(16) VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE.** Joints between vitrified clay pipe or fittings shall be made by use of elastomeric seals conforming to ASTM C425.

**(17) JOINTS BETWEEN PIPE AND FITTINGS OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS.** Connections between pipes of different materials shall be made with mechanical compression type joints, installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions or as specified in pars. (a) to (e).

(a) *Copper to cast iron.* Connections between copper pipe or tube and cast iron pipe shall be by means of either caulked joints in accordance with sub. (5) (a) or threaded fittings in accordance with sub. (5) (c).

(b) *Copper to galvanized steel.* Connections between copper pipe or tube and galvanized steel pipe shall be by use of an adapter fitting. The copper pipe shall be soldered to the adapter in accordance with sub. (8) (d). The galvanized steel shall be threaded to the adapter in accordance with sub. (10) (a).

(c) *Cast iron to steel or brass pipe.* Connections between cast iron pipe and galvanized or black steel or brass pipe shall be by means of:

1. Caulked joints in accordance with sub. (5) (a); or

2. Threaded joints in accordance with sub. (5) (c).

(d) *Plastic to other materials.* 1. Connections between plastic pipe and cast iron pipe shall be by means of:

a. Caulked joints in accordance with sub. (5) (a); or

b. Threaded joints in accordance with sub. (5) (c).

2. Connections between different types of plastic pipe or between plastic pipe and other piping materials other than cast iron shall be by means of threaded joints in accordance with sub. (14) (c).

(e) *Lead to other piping materials.* Connections between lead pipe and other piping materials shall be by use of an adapter fitting conforming to s. Comm 84.30 (5) (a). The lead pipe shall be caulked or burned to the adapter fitting in accordance with sub. (11).

**(18) CONNECTION OF FIXTURES.** Flanged fixtures which have integral traps shall be mechanically fastened to the drain piping by means of a compatible fitting. The joint between the fixture and the fitting shall be sealed with a watertight gasket or setting compound.

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(10) (a) and (14) (c), renum. (7) to be (7) (a), cr. (7) (b); Register, December, 2000, No. 540, eff. 1-1-01.

**Comm 84.50 Alternate approvals and experimental approvals.** (1) **GENERAL.** The provisions of chs. Comm 82 to 84 are not intended to prevent the use of a plumbing material or product not specifically addressed therein if the plumbing material or product has been approved by the department.

(2) **ALTERNATE APPROVAL.** (a) Plumbing materials or products determined by the department to comply with the intent of chs. Comm 82 to 84 and ch. 145, Stats., and not approved under s. Comm 84.10, shall be issued an alternate approval. Alternate approvals shall be issued by the department in writing.

(b) The department may require the submission of any information deemed necessary for review. Sufficient evidence shall be submitted to the department to substantiate:

1. Assertions of function and performance; and
2. Compliance with the intent of chs. Comm 82 to 84 and ch. 145, Stats.

(c) The department shall review and make a determination on an application for alternate approval within 3 months of receipt of all information and fees required to complete the review.

(d) The department may impose specific conditions in issuing an alternate approval, including an expiration date for the alternate approval. Violations of the conditions under which an alternate approval is issued shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(e) If, upon review, the department determines that a plumbing material or product does not comply with the intent of chs. Comm 82 to 84 and ch. 145, Stats., the request for alternate approval shall be denied in writing.

(3) **EXPERIMENTAL APPROVAL.** (a) The department may allow the installation of a plumbing material or product for the purpose of proving compliance with the intent of chs. Comm 82 to 84 and ch. 145, Stats.

(b) An experimental approval shall be required for each plumbing material or product to be installed for the purpose of proving compliance with the intent of chs. Comm 82 to 84 and ch. 145, Stats. A separate experimental approval shall be obtained for each project where such a product is to be used. Experimental approvals shall be issued by the department in writing. Experimental approvals shall be denied by the department in writing.

(c) The department may require the submission of any information deemed necessary for review.

(d) The department may limit the number of applications it will accept for experimental approval of products.

(e) The department shall review and make a determination on an application for experimental approval within 6 months of receipt of all information and fees required to complete the review.

(f) The department may impose specific conditions in issuing an experimental approval. Violations of the conditions under which an experimental approval is issued shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(g) If the department issues an experimental approval:

1. Plans detailing the installation of the plumbing material or product shall be submitted to the department in accordance with s. Comm 82.20 (4) or 83.22.

2. A copy of the experimental approval shall be attached to the submitted plans and approved plans.

3. A letter of consent from the owner of the installation shall be attached to the submitted plans and approved plans. The letter shall acknowledge that the owner has received and read a copy of the experimental approval and s. Comm 84.50.

4. The completed installation shall be inspected for compliance with the approved plans by the department. A report on the completed installation shall be written by the department.

5. A written report, from the party who was issued the experimental approval, shall be submitted to the department detailing the function and performance of the installed plumbing material or product. The report shall be completed at time intervals specified by the department, but not less than once a year.

6. On-site inspections shall be performed by the department at time intervals specified by the department, but not less than once a year. A report on the inspection shall be written by the department. The department may assess a fee for the inspection.

7. Five years after the date of the completed installation the department shall within 6 months order the removal of the plumbing material or product, issue an approval, or renew the experimental approval for another 5-year period to obtain additional information to determine the result of the experiment.

(h) If chs. Comm 82 to 84 or ch. 145, Stats., are revised to include or permit an experimental plumbing material or product to conform with the intent of chs. Comm 82 to 84 and ch. 145, Stats., the department shall waive the requirements of par. (f) as to that material or product.

(4) **MODIFICATIONS.** If a plumbing material or product with an alternate or experimental approval or the installation of an experimentally approved plumbing material or product is modified or additional assertions of function or performance are made, the alternate or experimental approval shall be considered null and void, unless the product is resubmitted to the department for review and the approval is reaffirmed.

(5) **REVOCAION.** The department may revoke an alternate or experimental approval issued under this section for any false statements or misrepresentations of facts or data on which the alternate or experimental approval was based or as a result of product failure.

(6) **LIMITATIONS.** An alternate or experimental approval of a plumbing material or product issued by the department may not be construed as an assumption of any responsibility for defects in design, construction, or performance of any plumbing material or product nor for any damages that may result.

(7) **FEES.** Fees for the review of a plumbing material or product under this section and any required on-site inspections shall be submitted in accordance with ch. Comm 2.

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