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**Compression Fittings for Water Supply  
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# Preface

This is the ~~fourth~~<sup>fifth</sup> edition of IAPMO IGC 360, Compression Fittings for Water Supply and Gas Piping Applications. This Standard supersedes IAPMO IGC 360-~~2019~~2020a, Compression Fittings for Supply and Gas Piping Applications. The previous editions of this standard are: August 2019, October 2019, January 2020, March 2020.

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## Compression Fittings for Water Supply and Gas Piping Applications

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1 General

**1.1.1** This Standard covers compression fittings intended for water supply and exposed above ground gas distribution in residential, commercial, industry applications and specifies requirements for materials, physical characteristics, performance testing, and markings.

**1.1.2** This standard applies to compression fittings which can be used with one or more the following materials:

- (a) Copper tubing Type K, L and M complying with ASTM B88.
- (b) Galvanized Pipe complying with ASTM A53/A53M
- (c) Stainless Steel Pipe complying with ASTM A312/A312M

**1.1.3** Tubes or pipes used in these fittings shall not exceed 50 DN (NPS-2) in outer diameter.

#### 1.2 Alternative Materials

The requirements of this Standard are not intended to prevent the use of alternative materials or methods of construction provided that such alternatives meet the intent and requirements of this Standard.

#### 1.3 Terminology

In this Standard:

- (a) “Shall” is used to express a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user is obliged to satisfy to comply with the Standard
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- (c) “May” is used to express an option or something permissible within the scope of the Standard
- (d) “Can” is used to express a possibility or a capability.

Notes accompanying sections of the Standard do not specify requirements or alternative requirements; their purpose is to separate explanatory or informative material from the text. Notes to tables and figures are considered part of the table or figure and can be written as requirements.

## 1.4 Units of Measurement

SI units are the primary units of record in global commerce. In this Standard, the inch/pound units are shown in parentheses. The values stated in each measurement system are equivalent in application, but each unit system is to be used independently. All references to gallons are to U.S. gallons.

## 2 Reference Publications

This Standard refers to the following publications, where the specified reference is made, and it shall be to the current edition of those publications, including all amendments published thereto.

### **ASME International (The American Society of Mechanical Engineers)**

ASME B16.4

Gray Iron Threaded Fittings Classes 125 and 250

### **ASTM International**

ASTM A53/A53M

Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless

ASTM A312/A312M

Standard Specification for Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes

ASTM A536

Standard Specification for Ductile Iron Castings

ASTM B88

Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube

ASTM B783

Standard Specification for Materials for Ferrous Powder Metallurgy (PM) Structural Parts

[ASTM D256](#)

[Standard Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics](#)

ASTM D412

Standard Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension

~~ASTM D624~~

~~Standard Test Methods for Tear Strength of Conventional Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers~~

ASTM D638

Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics

ASTM D648

Standard Test Method for Deflection Temperature of Plastics Under Flexural Load in the Edgewise Position

ASTM D746

Standard Test Methods for Brittleness Temperature of Plastics and Elastomers by Impact

ASTM D785

Standard Test Method for Rockwell Hardness of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials

ASTM D790

Standard Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials

[ASTM D792](#)

[Standard Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity \(Relative Density\) of Plastics by Displacement](#)

ASTM D1505

Standard Test Method for Density of Plastics by the Density-Gradient Technique

ASTM D4066

Standard Classification System for Nylon Injection and Extrusion Materials (PA)

ASTM F1136

Standard Specification for Zinc/Aluminum Corrosion Protective Coatings for Fasteners

[ISO \(International Organization for Standardization\)](#)

[ISO 868](#)

[Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer \(Shore hardness\)](#)

[MPIF \(Metal Powder Industries Federation\)](#)

[MPIF Standard 35](#)

[Materials Standards for PM Structural Parts](#)

**NSF International**

NSF/ANSI 61

Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects

## 3 Definitions and Abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in this Standard:

**Compression fitting** — A mechanical fitting that push the pipes or tubes into the fitting by hand and lock the nut to complete tightening

**Corrosion** — A reaction caused by the accelerated oxidation of one metal when different metals come into contact

### 3.2 Abbreviations

The following abbreviations apply in this Standard:

**CTS** — Copper Tube Size

*Note: The actual outer diameter is 3.175 mm (0.125 in) larger than nominal tube size (i.e. 0.5 CTS has an outer diameter of 0.625 in)*

**POM** — Polyoxymethylene

**WOG** — Water or Gas

**TPE** — Thermoplastic elastomer

**HDPE** — High-density polyethylene

## 4 General Requirements

### 4.1 General

The compression fittings shall be designed to create a seal with the piping via a compression joining method as shown in Figure 1 as an example.

### 4.2 Workmanship

Compression fittings shall:

- (a) be free of defects that can adversely affect their functionality or cause leaks;
- (b) not restrict the flow capacity of a water or gas supply system;
- (c) not obstruct flow;
- (d) be sound, and free of imperfections;
- (e) have uniform wall thickness;
- (f) be true to pattern; and
- (g) have a smooth interior waterway.

### 4.3 Materials

#### 4.3.1 Body and Nut

Body and Nut covered by this Standard shall be made of ductile cast iron which complies with or exceeds grade 65-45-12 ASTM A536, or the material requirements of ASME B16.4.

#### ~~4.3.2 Ferrule~~

~~Ferrule covered by this Standard shall be made of thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) which complies with the minimum properties listed in Table 1.~~

#### 4.3.32 Seal-Washer

Seal-Washer covered by this Standard shall be made of thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) which complies with the minimum properties listed in Table 1.

#### 4.3.43 Bite-Ring

Bite-Ring covered by this Standard shall be made of ferrous powder metallurgy ~~with corrosion~~

~~resistant plating~~ which complies with or exceeds material ~~designation code FN0205 in~~ [ASTM B783 designations FD-02XX of MPIF Standard 35](#).

#### **4.3.54 Pad**

Pads covered by this Standard shall be made of 66 Nylon ~~which complies with or exceeds~~ [ASTM D4066 \(Polyamide 66\) which complies with the minimum properties listed in Table 2](#).

#### ~~4.3.6 — Surface coating (Body, Nut)~~

~~Surface coating covered by this Standard shall be made of Chromium/Zinc which complies with or exceeds grade No. 4 in ASTM F1136.~~

#### **4.3.75 Inner coating (Body)**

Inner coating covered by this Standard shall be made of ~~High density polyethylene (HDPE) which complies with the minimum properties listed in Table 2~~ [thermoplastic elastomer \(TPE\) which complies with the minimum properties listed in Table 1](#).

#### **4.3.86 Sleeve**

Sleeves covered by this Standard shall be made of Polyacetal (POM) which complies with the minimum properties listed in Table 3.

#### **4.4 Toxicity**

Materials and components of compression fittings, intended to convey ~~or~~ dispense, [and/or in contact with](#) water for human consumption through drinking or cooking, shall comply with the applicable requirements of NSF/ANSI 61.

## **5 Testing Requirements**

### **5.1 Unrestrained Hydrostatic Pressure Test**

#### **5.1.1 Test Procedure**

The unrestrained hydrostatic pressure test shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Test assemblies shall include six joints of each size;
- (b) A test specimen shall be fabricated containing a fitting; and
- (c) The unrestrained test specimen shall be filled with water and the internal pressure increased to  $4137 \pm 48$  kPa ( $600 \pm 7$  psi) or double the manufacturer's rated pressure, whichever is greater, at a temperature of  $93 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $200 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ ) for a period of 48 h.

#### **5.1.2 Performance Requirements**

The fitting shall withstand the maximum applied pressure and temperature for 48 h without showing any loss of pressure, leakage, damage to the fitting components, or failure of the tube at the joint.

### **5.2 Mechanical Separation Test**

#### **5.2.1 Test Procedure**

The mechanical separation test shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Test two joints of each size for each tubing type they are designed to join;
- (b) Condition the assembled fittings and tubing at a temperature of  $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for at least 1 h in water or 16 h in air;
- (c) After conditioning the fitting, apply the required longitudinal test load shown in Table 4 gradually over 10 s and maintain the load for a period of 1 h;
- (d) After removing the test load, examine the fitting for any signs of separation;
- (e) Immerse the test assembly in water at  $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and pressurize the test assembly with air or nitrogen at  $138 \pm 14$  kPa ( $20 \pm 2$  psi);
- (f) Check for any signs of leakage; and
- (g) Increase the pressure to  $690 \pm 69$  kPa ( $100 \pm 10$  psi) and again check for any signs of leakage.

### 5.2.2 Performance Requirements

The fitting shall show no sign of leakage or separation of the fitting from the tubing in all testing phases.

## 5.3 Bending Test

### 5.3.1 Test Procedure

The bending test shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Test two joints of each size for each tight tubing type they are designed to join;
- (b) Assemble the fittings with a section of each type of tubing;
- (c) The fitting shall be mounted tightly, but in a manner such that the wall of the joint is not externally supported or constrained (see Figure 2);
- (d) Apply the load at the distance specified in Table 5;
- (e) The total applied load in Table 5 shall be the sum of total weight of the end cap assembly and the hanging weights;
- (f) The test length is measured from the joint under test to the point where the load is applied (see Figure 2); and
- (g) Fill the test assembly with water, apply and maintain a hydrostatic internal pressure of  $2586 \pm 34$  kPa ( $375 \pm 5$  psi) for 1 h at  $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

### 5.3.2 Performance Requirements

The fitting shall show no sign of leakage or permanent deformation.

## 5.4 Hydraulic Shock (Water Hammer) Test

### 5.4.1 Test Procedure

The hydraulic shock (water hammer) test shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Test two joints of each size for each tubing type they are designed to join;
- (b) Assemble one fitting with each type of length tubing intended for use;
- (c) Mount the joined fitting and tubing in a system capable of supplying a water pressure of 2586 kPa (375 psi) and set the water pressure to  $103 \pm 34$  kPa ( $15 \pm 5$  psi);
- (d) Subject the assembly to a hydraulic shock once every 2 s for 10,000 cycles with ambient water of temperature not exceeding  $24^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $75^{\circ}\text{F}$ ); and
- (e) The hydraulic shock shall consist of a sudden increase in pressure within 0.025 s to  $2586 \pm 207$  kPa ( $375 \pm 30$  psi) and a return to set pressure in step (c).

### 5.4.2 Performance Requirements

The fitting shall show no sign of leakage, damage or separation from the tubing.

## 5.5 Electrical Resistance Measurement Test

### 5.5.1 Test Procedure

The electrical resistance measurement test shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Connect the galvanized pipe and copper pipe to a single fitting according to the assembly method suggested by the manufacturer (see Figure 3);
- (b) Apply a voltage of  $500 \pm 10$  V to the metal tube for 1 min electrification time, and measure the insulation resistance between the connected pipes using a resistance gauge; and
- (c) At this time, the inside of the specimen is left blank.

### 5.5.2 Performance Requirements

The insulation resistance value should not be less than 1,000 M $\Omega$  regardless.

## 5.6 Pulling Test

### 5.6.1 Test Procedure

The pulling test shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Connect a galvanized pipe with a length of 300 mm (12 in) or more to the fitting;
- (b) Apply air pressure of 0.6 MPa (87 psi) to the test assembly using the method shown in Figure 4;
- (c) Spray the fitting assembly with leak detection liquid (i.e. soap solution); and
- (d) Pull the tube away from the fitting using the minimum tensile loads specified in Table 6.

### 5.6.2 Performance Requirements

There shall be no leakage when applying the minimum specified loads in Table 6.

## 5.7 Outdoor Thermal Cycling Test

### 5.7.1 Test Apparatus

The outdoor thermal cycling test intended for gas applications shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Connect the fitting to an applicable pipe with a minimum length of 300 mm (12 in);
- (b) Seal the test assembly and subject it to an air pressure of  $690 \pm 69$  kPa ( $100 \pm 10$  psi);
- (c) Connect a thermocouple to the fitting to monitor the fitting temperature;
- (d) Mount the test assembly in an environmental chamber with an initial room temperature;
- (e) Adjust the temperature to  $10 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  ( $50 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ) and maintain it for 1 h once the thermocouple reaches that set temperature;
- (f) Increase the temperature to  $60 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  ( $140 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ) and maintain it for 1 h once the thermocouple reaches that set temperature;
- (g) Reset to room temperature and wait for the thermocouple to indicate that temperature and repeat step (e);
- (h) Reduce the temperature to  $-40 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  ( $-40 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ) and maintain it for 1 h once the thermocouple reaches that set temperature;
- (i) Repeat steps (e) to (h) for 25 continuous cycles;
- (j) Remove the sample from the environmental chamber and let it sit in atmospheric conditions for 10-15 min;
- (k) Submerge the test specimen under water at room temperature; and

- (l) Subject the specimen to a pressure of  $690 \pm 69$  kPa ( $100 \pm 10$  psi) in increments of 69 kPa/min (10 psi/min).

### 5.7.2 Performance Requirements

The fitting shall show no sign of leakage or permanent deformation.

## 6 Markings and Accompanying Literature

### 6.1 Markings

Compression fittings complying with this Standard shall be marked with the:

- (a) Manufacturer's name or trademark;
- (b) Model Number; and
- (c) Application (e.g., "Water Supply", "Gas Supply", "WOG").

### 6.2 Visibility

Markings shall be legible and visible after installation.

### 6.3 Installation Instructions

Compression fittings covered by this Standard shall be accompanied by instructions for their installation, care and maintenance, and repair, specifying at least the following:

- (a) Recommended tightening torque for all applicable sizes;
- (b) Recommended working pressure range for water and gas distribution applications; and
- (c) Applicable pipe materials that can be used with this fitting.

**Table 1**  
**Minimum Properties of Thermoplastic elastomer (TPE)**

(See Sections 4.3.2, and 4.3.35)

Properties	Value	ASTM Test
Hardness (Shore A)	$\geq 60$	D790
Tensile Stress at 100%	$\geq 1.7$ MPa (246 psi)	D412
Tensile Strength at Break	$\geq 4.5$ Mpa (652 psi)	D412
Tear Strength	$\geq 20$ kN/m (114 lbf/in)	D624
Elongation at Break	$\geq 400\%$	D412
Brittleness Temperature	$\leq -50$ °C (-58 °F)	D746

**Table 2**  
**Minimum Properties of High-density polyethylene (HDPE)**

(See Section 4.3.7)

Properties	Value SI (U.S.)	ASTM Test
Density	$\geq 0.925$ g/cm <sup>3</sup> (0.033 lb/in <sup>3</sup> )	D1505
Tensile Stress at Yield	$\geq 7.5$ MPa (1088 psi)	D638
Tensile Strain at Break point	$\geq 400\%$	D638

**Table 2**  
**Minimum Properties of 66 Nylon (Polyamide 66)**

(See Section 4.3.4)

Properties	Value SI (U.S.)	ASTM Test
Density	$\geq 1.2$ g/cm <sup>3</sup> (0.043 lb/in <sup>3</sup> )	D792
Tensile Stress at Break	$\geq 115$ MPa (16.68 Ksi)	D638
Flexural Modulus	$\geq 5,000$ MPa (725 Ksi)	D790
Izod Impact Strength	40 J/m (9 lbf)	D256

**Table 3**  
**Minimum Properties of Polyacetal (POM)**

(See Section 4.3.86)

Properties	Value SI (U.S.)	ASTM Test
Rockwell Hardness (M scale)	$\geq 60$	D785
Tensile Stress at Yield	$\geq 80$ MPa (11,603 psi)	D638
Heat Deflection Temperature 1.8 Mp (261 psi))	$\geq 110$ °C (230 °F)	D648

**Table 4**  
**Forces for Mechanical Separation Test**

(See Section 5.2.1)

Nominal Size DN (CTS)	Longitudinal Test Load	
	lbf ( $\pm 5.0$ )	N ( $\pm 22$ )
mm (in)		
15 (0.5)	120.0	533.8
20 (0.75)	215.0	956.3
25 (1)	375.0	1668.0
32 (1.25)	550.0	2446.0
40 (1.5)	785.0	3492.0

**Table 5**  
**Locations and Loads for Rigid Tubing Bend Test**

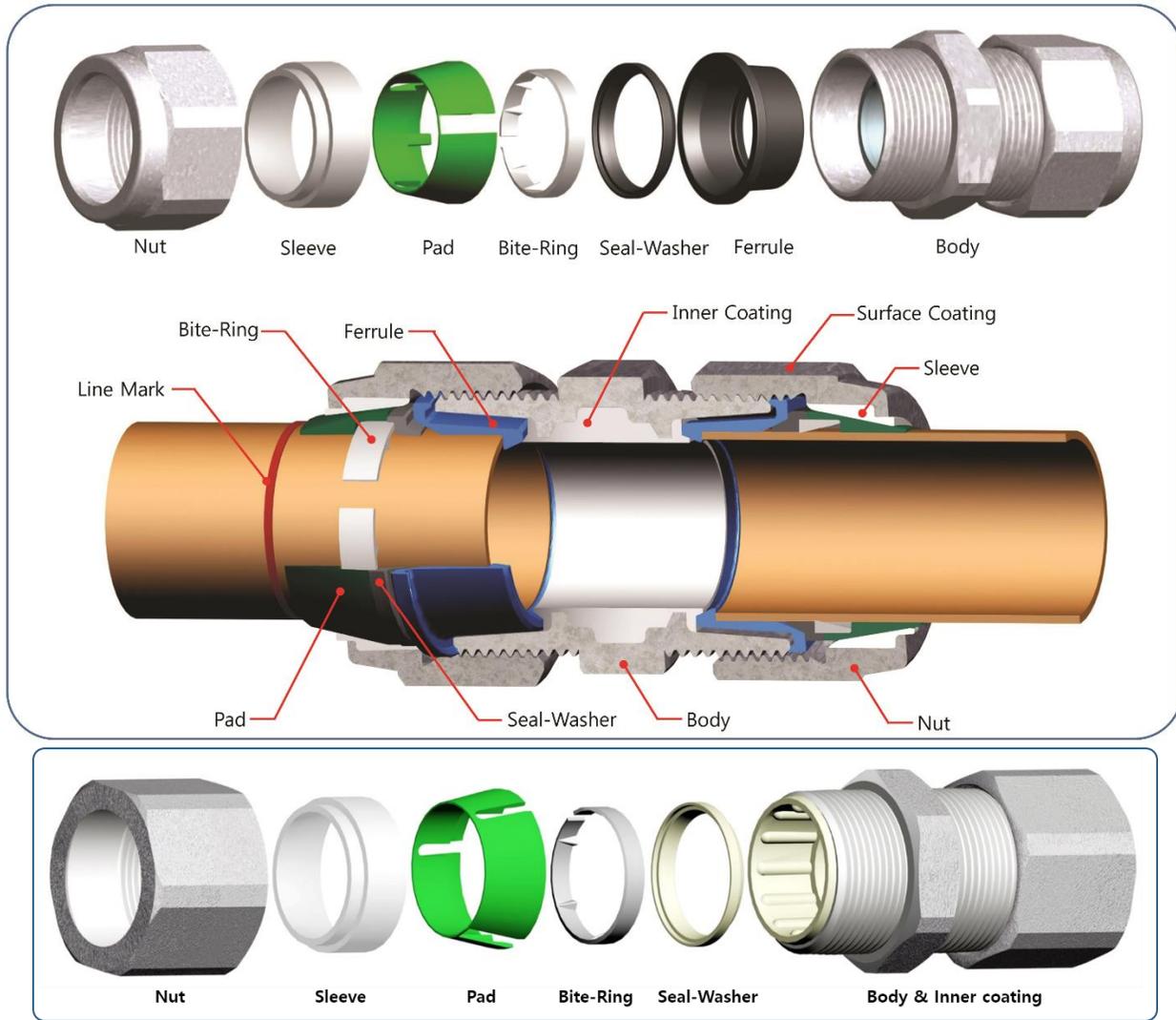
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Compression Fittings				
Nominal Size DN (CTS)	Static Load (+10%, -0%)		Test Length	
	lbf	N	ft	m
mm (in)				
15 (0.5)	1.5	6.7	3.0	0.91
20 (0.75)	2.5	11.1	3.0	0.91
25 (1)	5.0	22.2	3.0	0.91
32 (1.25)	10.0	44.5	3.0	0.91
40 (1.5)	12.5	55.6	5.0	1.50

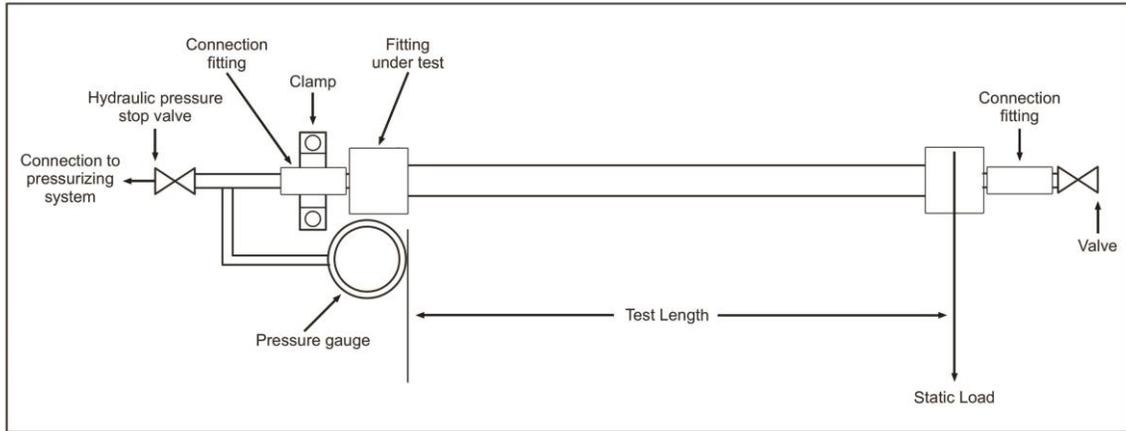
**Table 6**  
**Minimum Tensile Load Criterion by Size**

(See Sections 5.6.1, and 5.6.2)

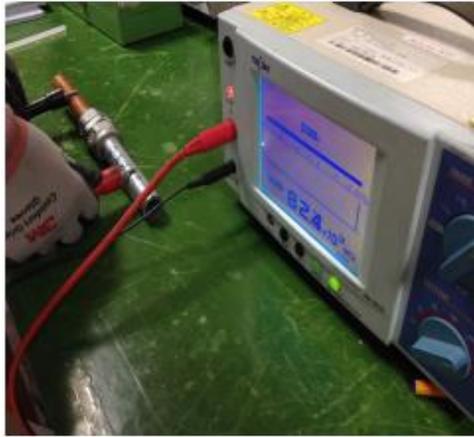
Nominal Size (Galvanized pipe) DN (NPS)	Longitudinal Test Load	
	lbf	N
mm (in)		
10 (0.375)	495	2,202
15 (0.5)	854	3,799
20 (0.75)	1,102	4,901
25 (1)	1,574	7,001
32 (1.25)	1,978	8,799



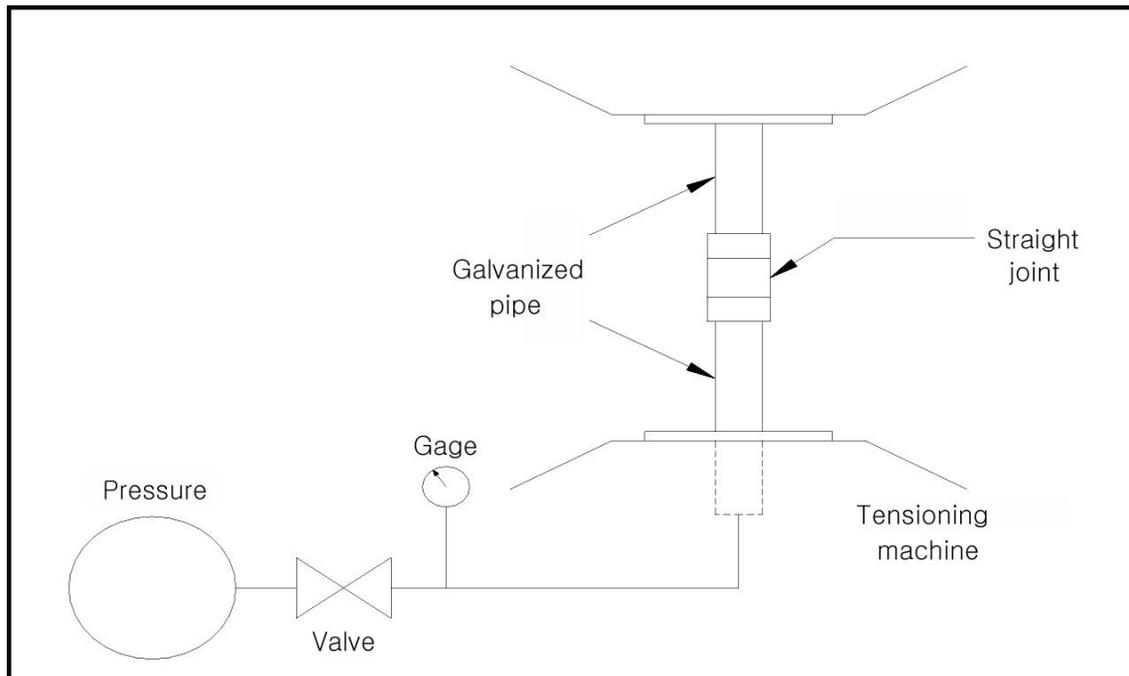
**Figure 1**  
**Compression Fitting Example**  
(See Section 4.1)



**Figure 2**  
**Bending Test Apparatus for Rigid Tubing**  
(See Section 5.3.1)



**Figure 3**  
**Electrical Resistance Measurement Test Between the Galvanized Pipe and Copper Pipe**  
(See Section 5.5.1)



**Figure 4**  
**Pulling Test**  
(See Section 5.6.1)



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