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### FOREWORD

In 1921, the American Engineering Standards Committee, later the American Standards Association (ASA), organized Sectional Committee B16 to unify and further develop national standards for pipe flanges and fittings (and, later, for valves, gaskets, and valve actuators). Cosponsors of the B16 Committee were The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Heating and Piping Contractors National Association [now the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)], and the Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS). Cosponsors were later designated as cosecretariat organizations.

Pioneer work on standardization of end-to-end dimensions of valves began in 1917 under the direction of J. A. Stevens. It was put aside at the end of World War I and interest did not revive until 1926. ASA and ASME agreed to include the topic in the scope of the B16 Committee, and Subcommittee 5 (now Subcommittee E) was established for the purpose. Work began in 1928 and covered ferrous flanged-end gate, globe, angle, and check valves.

Development of a national standard was hindered by the diversity of existing practices and by adverse economic conditions in the early 1930s. A proposed 1933 American Standard for face-to-face dimensions of ferrous flanged valves did not gain acceptance, even though it was largely based on a 1931 Standard Practice of MSS. Further work and industry developments led to a meeting in May 1937, which undertook to reconcile differences among the draft ASA standard, two American Petroleum Institute (API) standards (5-G-1 on pipeline valves and 600A on flanged OS&Y steel wedge gate valves), and a newly updated MSS SP-32.

A revised B16 proposal was voted favorably in June 1938, was approved by ASA, and was published in 1939. The standard was reaffirmed in 1947. Work began on a revision in 1953 to include buttwelding end valves, plug valves, and control valves in both cast iron and steel. That edition was published as ASA B16.10-1957. Further revision was begun in 1964. After reorganization of ASA, first as the United States of America Standards Institute (USASI), then as American National Standards Institute (ANSI), with the Sectional Committee being redesignated as an American National Standards Committee, a new edition adding ball valves was approved and published as ANSI B16.10-1973.

In 1982, American National Standards Committee B16 was reorganized as an ASME Committee operating under procedures accredited by ANSI. In the 1986 Edition, ductile iron and the alloys covered by ANSI B16.34 were added to the materials covered. Wafer type gate and check valves, Class 150 Y-pattern globe and check valves, and several patterns of butterfly valves were added to the types covered. Inch dimensions were converted from common to two-place decimal fractions.

In 1991, Subcommittee E — Face-to-Face and End-to-End Dimensions of Valves, was combined with Subcommittee N — Steel Valves. In the 1992 Edition, steel offset seat and grooved end butterfly valves were added. Globe and flangeless style control valves, which previously had been included, were removed from the Standard. Information regarding control valve dimensions may be obtained from The International Society of Automation (ISA), 67 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

In the 2000 Edition, metric dimension tables were added. All tables and references to Class 400 steel and Class 800 cast iron were removed. All tables were renumbered. Following the approvals of the Standards Committee and ASME, approval for the edition was granted by ANSI on June 7, 2000.

In the 2009 Edition, Nonmandatory Appendix A was revised and updated. Also, all affected regions of the Standard were updated to reflect the changes in Nonmandatory Appendix A. PN values and references to API 605 were removed from the Standard. Following approval by the B16 Standards Committee and the ASME Supervisory Board, the Standard was approved as an American National Standard by ANSI on June 15, 2009.

In the 2017 Edition, tolerances for straightway valves were modified and new NPS sizes were added. Singular Face-to-Face dimensions for Class 150 and Class 300 valves, and short and long pattern face-to-face dimensions were added to Tables 7 and I-7.

In ASME B16.10-2022, the U.S. Customary tables in former Mandatory Appendix I have been merged with the SI tables in the main text. The tables have been redesignated, former Mandatory Appendix I has been deleted, and the subsequent Mandatory Appendix has been redesignated. Cross-references have been updated accordingly. Also in this edition, Table 1.3-1 (formerly Tables 1 and I-1), Table 1.3-3 (formerly Tables 7 and I-7), Table 1.5-1 (formerly Tables 3 and I-3), Table 1.5-2 (formerly Tables 4 and I-4), Table 1.5-3 (formerly Tables 5 and I-5), and Table 1.5-4 (formerly Tables 6 and I-6) have been revised. Following approval by the ASME B16 Standards Committee, ASME B16.10-2022 was approved by the American National Standard Institute on April 15, 2022.

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