

Abbreviations

ABS	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene
AGA	American Gas Association
ANSI	American National Standards Institute, (formerly USASI, formerly ASA)
ASA	American Standards Association (see ANSI)
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials; now just ASTM International.
AWWA	American Water Works Association
CPPA	Corrugated Plastic Pipe Association
CTS	Copper Tubing Size
DIPS	Ductile Iron Pipe Size
DOT	Department of Transportation, a bureau of the Federal Government
DR	Dimension Ratio
ESC	Environmental Stress Cracking
ESCR	Environmental Stress Cracking Resistance
HDB	Hydrostatic Design Basis
HDBC	Hydrostatic Design Basis Category
HDPE	High Density Polyethylene
HDS	Hydrostatic Design Stress
IPS	Iron Pipe Size
ISO	International Standards Association
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LTHS	Long-Term Hydrostatic Strength
MDPE	Medium Density Polyethylene
MRS	Minimum Required Strength
MSS	Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fitting Industry
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NPGA	National Propane Gas Association
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
OPS	Office of Pipeline Safety, a branch of the U.S. Department of Transportation
PA	Polyamide (nylon)
PB	Polybutylene
PE	Polyethylene
PEX	Crosslinked Polyethylene
PPI	Plastics Pipe Institute
RCP	Rapid Crack Propagation
RTRP	Reinforced Thermosetting Resin Pipe
SCG	Slow Crack Growth
SDR	Standard Dimension Ratio
SPE	Society of Plastic Engineers
SPI	Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
TSI	Transportation Safety Institute