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