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For New Zealand Building Code Clauses **G10 Piped Services** 



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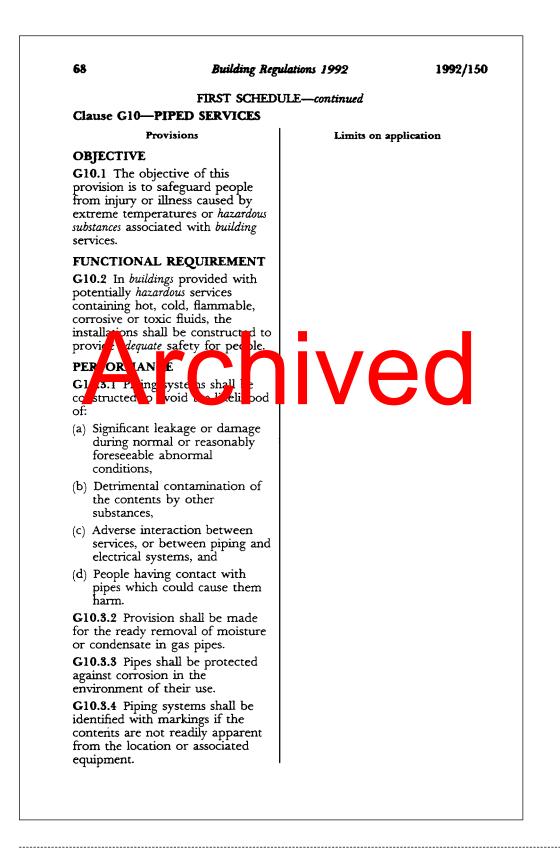
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	BS 3799: 1974 (1994)	Specification for steel pipe fittings, screwed and socket-welding for the petroleum industry	AS1 Table 1	Amend 2 Dec 1995
	BS EN 10241: 200	0 Steel threaded pipe fittings	AS1 Table 1	
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	AS 1432: 2004	Copper tubes for plumbing, gasfitting and drainage applications	AS1 Table 1	
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	B16.5-1988	Pipe langes and flanged ittings, steel-nicker anoy and other special alloys	S1 Table 1	
	B16.9-1990	Factory-made wrought steel butt-welding fittings	AS1 Table 1	
	ANSI			
	B16.11-1980	Forged steel fittings, socket-welding and threaded	AS1 Table 1	
	American Petrole	um Institute		
	API SPEC 5L-1991	Specification for line pipeAS1 Table 1		
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# Definitions

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Adequate Adequate to achieve the objectives of the *building code*.

Sections 8 and 9 of the Building Act 2004.

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**Hazardous** Creating an unreasonable risk to people of bodily injury or deterioration of health.

Building has the meaning ascribed to it by

Intended use in relation to a *building*:

- a) includes any or all of the following:
  - Any reasonably foreseeable occasional other use that is not incompatible with the *intended use*; and
  - ii) Normal maintenance; and

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 iii) Activities taken in response to *fire* or any other reasonably foreseeable emergency

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**Regulator** device the hautine car regulates the pressure or volume of gas passing through it to a predetermined level.

**Safety shut-off system** An arrangement of valves and associated control systems which shuts off the supply of gas when required by a device which senses an unsafe condition.

- **Tailpipe** A device placed at the low point of a gas piping system to collect condensate, and from which the condensate may be removed.
- **Vent line** A pipe or tube which conveys gas to a safe place outside the *building* from a gas pressure *regulator* relief valve.

# Verification Method G10/VM1

#### 1.0 Soundness Testing

Amend 7 Feb 2014 | **1.0.1** AS/NZS 5601.1 Appendix E describes acceptable test methods to establish that piping systems will withstand a forseeable pressure without significant leakage.

# Acceptable Solution G10/AS1

It is intended that the New Zealand Building Code will in due course provide acceptable solutions for piping a range of fluids and solids. This acceptable solution is restricted to the reticulation of gas (typically natural or town gas), used as an energy source.

For water supply piping, an acceptable solution is given in G12/AS1.

## Piping for Gas used as an Energy Source

#### 1.0 Pipework Construction

- **1.0.1** Pipework installed in *buildings* shall:
- a) Be designed in accordance with B1/VM1, Paragraphs 2.0 and 13.0,
- b) Use materials and jointing techniques
- c) Have no plain nipples, square back elbows or long screws, and
- d) Have metal (including spirally wound metal) gaskets with a minimum melting point of 500°C.

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1.1 Drain ge and cle ning

1.1.1 Where condensates can form in a pipeline, they shall be removed by grading the pipe with a fall of 4 mm per metre towards a tailpipe (drip), located at the piping low point nearest the outlet side of the meter.

**1.1.2** If this is impractical, a single *tailpipe* may be provided at the lowest point in the pipeline, which shall have a fall to that point.

#### 1.1.3 Tailpipes

Tailpipes shall be:

- a) Constructed to provide:
  - i) ready access for cleaning and draining,
  - ii) a trap which on filling will shut off the flow of gas before the condensate can run back to the meter, and
  - iii) protection from frost,

- b) Of sufficient capacity for:
  - i) the pipes draining into them, and
  - the amount of condensate likely to ii) occur, and
- c) Installed with a suitable control fitting and plug to allow removal of condensate if the tailpipe is below ground.

#### 1.2 Pipework installation

- **1.2.1** A pipework installation shall have:
- a) Pipes supported in accordance with Table 2,
- b) Pipes separated (by at least 25 mm) from any metallic electrical conduit, or metal armoured or metal sheathed electrical wire,



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anchers and attachments h arc ca ble f supporting the total weight of the riser and allow for differential expansion,

ii) sleeved through floors,

iii) not jointed at sleeve locations, and

- d) Pipe bends and offsets which:
  - i) are constructed without buckling, cracks, or physical damage, and
  - ii) give at least the gas-carrying capacity of a standard fitting, and
- e) No piping laid on the ground.

 Table 1:
 Acceptable Standards for Piping Systems

Mat	terial	Acceptable piping	Acceptable fittings	Acceptable jointing	Special conditions
Ste           hend 5                     hend 5                     hend 5                     hend 5	el	Steel pipe to NZS/BS 1387, NZS/BS 3601, ASTM A53, ASTM A106 or API 5L.	Screwed pipe fittings, malleable cast iron to BS 143 and 1256 or ANSI B16.3. Wrought steel to BS EN 10241, or ANSI B16.11.	Screwing/socketing to NZS/BS 21.	<ol> <li>Black pipe:         <ol> <li>is not permitted below ground unless protected. (Galvanising is not sufficient protection ii) is not permitted with wot gap</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
nend 5 o 2010			Socket-welding pipe fittings, sockets to NZS/BS 3799 or ANSI B16.11.	Welding to BS 2971 or API 1104.	with wet gas. iii) shall be painted or suitably coated when installed above ground.
nend 6 tt 2011			Butt-welding fittings to BS EN 10253-2, BS EN 10253-3 or ANSI B16.9.		2. All joints in locations below ground shall be externally protected against corrosion.
end 5 2010			Flanges to BS 10, AS/NZS 4331		<ol> <li>Welding shall be by welders certified in accordance with API 1104.</li> </ol>
	oper	Copper tube	ANSI B16.1 and B16.5.	raz g in	<ol> <li>Flanged joints may only be used when other jointing method are in the subable.</li> <li>No or insullation</li> </ol>
nends and 7		3501 or AS 432.	epand d with proper forming to the provide capillary tolerances.	S E 1432 using copper-phosphorous brazing alloy to AS	believ ground, unles i a stective ducting.
2010			Copper and copper alloy capillary fittings to AS 3688.	1167-1 or BS EN 1044, with a nominal silver content of not less than 5% and a melting point in excess of 550°C.	
			Copper alloy compression fittings to AS 3688 or AS D26.	Flares formed with proprietary flaring tools	

Table 2:	Pipe Supports       Paragraph 1.2.1 a)						
Nominal pipe size (nominal bore of steel or nominal outside diameter of copper)		Horizontal run support spacing		Vertical run support spacing	Minimum rod diameter for single rod hangers		
(mm	ר)	(m	1)	(m)	(mm)		
STEEL	COPPER	STEEL	COPPER				
8		2	-		10		
10	10	2	1		10		
15	15	1.5			10		
-	18	-	1.5		10		
20	20	2.5	2	At each floor level	10		
25	25	2.5	2	but in any case not	10		
32	32	3	2	more than 3.0 m	10		
40	40	3	2.5		10		
50	50	3	3		10		
65	65	3	3		16		
80	80	4	3		16		
100	100	4	3		16		

1.3 Welde **1.3.1** Welded joints shall compl exit from the concrete. tests and procedures given in:

Amend 5 Sep 2010 a) BS 2971 for pressures up to 420 kPa, or

b) API 1104 for pressures over 420 kPa.

#### 1.4 Concealed piping

#### 1.4.1 In concrete

Piping installed in concrete shall:

a) For steel pipes, have a concrete cover of:

75 mm when concrete is cast against the ground,

50 mm when concrete is exposed to the weather, or

35 mm when concrete is indoors, and

b) Have pipes other than steel, sleeved to allow for expansion, and

#### COMMENT:

It is recommended that where practicable, such as in industrial construction, pipes be laid in covered floor channels and be protected against corrosion if necessary.

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#### 1.4.2 In enclosed spaces

Piping installed in enclosed spaces shall:

- a) Not be located in lift wells, air ducts, plenum ceilings, air handling plenums, clothes chutes, rubbish chutes, ventilating ducts, fire hydrant cupboards or fire isolated stairways,
- b) In under floor spaces have:
  - i) pipes suspended clear of the ground by a minimum of 100 mm, and
  - ii) enclosed spaces ventilated in accordance with E2/AS1,

- c) In unventilated and/or inaccessible spaces be installed without joints, and
- d) Where joints are unavoidable, have the joint inspected, tested and proved sound before the pipework is concealed.

#### 1.4.3 Underground

Underground pipes shall be:

a) Sleeved and sealed where they penetrate foundation walls,

#### COMMENT:

The pipes are sleeved and sealed to prevent gas leakage to the *building*, and damage to the pipe resulting from differential settlement.

- b) Sufficiently buried to protect the piping from physical damage, and have a minimum cover in accordance with Table 3, and
- c) Bedded on firm compacted ground so that:
  - i) pipes are supported along their entire length and are not resting on collars and flanges, and
  - ii) bedding material Admackfill dit 75 mm of the pide is the custor

#### COMMENT:

It is recommended that where practicable, such as in industrial construction, pipes be laid in covered floor channels, and be protected against corrosion if necessary.

#### 1.5 Pipework in ducts

**1.5.1** False ceiling spaces and void spaces within cavity and partition walls containing pipework, shall be constructed as ventilated ducts.

#### COMMENT:

Such ventilation should be installed in a way that does not compromise any other New Zealand Building Code requirements such as resistance to the spread of fire, or sound transmission.

Table 3:	<b>Piping Cover</b> Paragraph 1.4.3 b)	
Low and medium pressure	Under lawns, paths and gardens	300 mm
	Under roadways and driveways	450 mm
Intermedia pressure	te Under lawns, paths and gardens	450 mm
	Under roadways and driveways	600 mm

**1.5.2** Pipes fitted in horizontal ducts which have open grille type covers, shall be treated as above-ground pipes.

#### 1.5.3 Ventilated ducts

Piping shall be permitted in ventilated ducts when:

- a) False ceilings and void spaces within cavity
  - walls are specifically designed and purpose-
  - but: as ventilated duces, The encoding valls of the ductare not penetrated by pipes of greater than 150 mm nominal bore,
- c) Wall penetrations by pipes of 150 mm or less nominal bore are:
  - i) the minimum necessary to accommodate the pipe, and
  - ii) the opening is fire-stopped, and
- d) The duct has through-flow ventilation by providing a minimum of one opening at each end of the duct or isolated section of the duct. (For horizontal ducts acceptable openings are located at high and low levels),

- e) A minimum free ventilation opening of 1/150 of the cross-sectional area of the duct or 50,000 mm<sup>2</sup> whichever is the greater, is provided, and
- f) Pipes within horizontal ducts are located near the bottom of the duct.

#### 1.5.4 Unventilated ducts

The installation of pipes in unventilated ducts should be avoided, but when it is necessary for a pipe to pass through an unventilated duct or void, either:

- a) The pipes shall be continuously sleeved with the sleeve ventilated at one or both ends into a ventilated space, or
- b) The duct void shall be filled with dry, washed sand.

#### COMMENT:

Dry, washed sand is acceptable because it is inert, noncombustible and non-corrosive.

#### 2.0 Isolating Valves

2.0.1 Gas pipi

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a) For emer utency bwn of comn rcial and industrial inst la ons. location clearly identified on a drawing permanently and prominently displayed near the primary meter set.

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b) For appliances, be of the 1/4 turn type with the handle marked to indicate the direction of gas flow.

c) For domestic and light commercial installations, be provided in an accessible location outside the building.

2.0.2 To satisfy Paragraph 2.0.1 b), the meter inlet-valve may be used as an isolating valve in accordance with the requirements of the gas supply authority.

#### 3.0 **Corrosion Control**

3.0.1 Acceptable solutions for the control of pipework corrosion shall provide for:

- a) The installation of a joint which is electrically non-conducting, where a pipe rises above ground,
- b) The separation of electrochemically incompatible materials in underground locations, by joining with insulated components, and
- c) The painting of black steel pipe as soon as practicable after installation unless it is protected with anti-corrosive wrapping.

#### Vent Lines 4.0

#### 4.0.1 Vent lines shall:

- a) Be fitted to all vented safety shut-off systems, gas pressure relief devices, and breather vents, installed within a building,
- b) Have the vent pipe disharge point located

no closer than: n from an opening irect into lin and

ii) 2.0 m from any source of ignition, and

- c) Have vent line diameters complying with:
  - i) Table 4 for ventilators, or
  - ii) Table 5 for a vented safety shut-off system, and
- d) Have no vent lines of different types interconnected.
- e) Have no breather vent connected to a safety system shut-off vent,
- f) Have *vent lines* from the same appliance interconnected for:
  - i) safety shut-off vent lines, and
  - ii) breather vent lines, and

- g) Have common vent lines with a crosssectional area equal to or greater than the sum of the cross-sectional areas of the two largest vent lines being interconnected, and
- h) Have the *vent line* extended to the outside of the *building* and terminating in a breather vent.

Table 4: D	liameter	s of Vent Lines f	or Ventil <u>ato</u>	ors	whe	re:
P	aragraph	i 4.0.1 c) i)			d	= breather v
Length of v Less than 10		Minimum diam	diameter o	f	Ρ	= inlet press (kPa).
10-30 m		One standard pi above that of the connection.		L	V	<ul> <li>volume of housing th</li> </ul>
More than 3	0 m	Sufficient to pre excessive back p taking into account	oressure		5.0	Another Ac
		effect of <i>regulator</i> , inlet pressure, <i>vent line</i> flow resistance and the capacity of the <i>regulator</i> air relief device.		L	and	AS/NZS 5601 Appendices A tion for Paragr
Table 5:		L <b>ine Diameters a</b> aph 4.0.1 c) ii)	nd Lengths	for Vent	ted Safe	ety Shut-off Sys
Minimum nominal diameter of vent valve				Vent pij	pe leng	th in metres
14110			Nc	minal dia	imeter d	of vent line (mm)
(mm)	15	20	25	32		40
6	60	160	400			
8	30	80	200			

**4.0.2** Breather vents may be vented within a room or enclosure if the diameter of the vent outlet does not exceed the value 'd' given by the formula:

 $d = [(0.6 \times V)/P^{0.5}]^{0.5}$ 

or if the volume of the room exceeds the value of 'V' given by the formula:

- $V = 7.72 d^2 P^{0.5}$
- d = breather vent orifice diameter (mm).
- P = inlet pressure to the vented device (kPa).
- V = volume of the room or enclosure housing the *regulator* (m<sup>3</sup>).

### 5.0 Another Acceptable Solution

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**5.0.1** AS/NZS 5601.1 Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Appendices A – M is another Acceptable Solution for Paragraphs 1.0 to 4.0.

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