## Buttweld Fittings

ANSI B16.9, ANSI B16.28, MSS-SP-43, MSS-SP-95, MSS-SP-97


Concentric and eccentric reducers, equal and reducing tees, $45^{\circ}$ and $90^{\circ}$ elbows, buttweld caps and stub ends, are all part of the comprehensive range of buttweld fittings carried by Prochem.

Stocks include dual grades 304/304L, 316/316L and $321 / 321 \mathrm{H}$ austenitic stainless steel, in sizes 15NB ( $1 / 2 \mathrm{z}$ ) through to 400NB (16") in SCH 10S, SCH 40S and SCH 80S. Larger sizes and heavier schedules, such as SCH160 or SCHXXS, are readily available through our worldwide network.

All our buttweld fittings conform to relevant material and dimensional specifications and can be supplied complete with material certific ates.

Buttweld fittings in duplex and other special alloys are available from stock and throughout our worldwide network of suppliers.


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#### Abstract

A pipe fitting is defined as a part used in a piping system, to change direction or function, which is mechanically joined to the system.


Probably the simplest way to achieve this would be to bend the pipe in the direction required, but this process will stretch and thin the outer wall whilst thickening and wrinkling the inner wall. This results in flow resistance and accelerated wall erosion.

A second method sometimes used is a mitre joint, where pipes are cut to the correct angle and welded together to achieve the desired change. Whilst the cross-sectional area and wall thickness are maintained, a great deal of efficiency is lost due to friction and turbulence resulting from the severe changes in direction. For example, a single-mitre bend offers about six times the resistance of a swept elbow.

For these reasons swept fittings are preferred on most piping systems, particularly where internal pressure, flow and corrosion are of major consideration.

## TYPES AND APPLICATIONS OF BUTTWELD FITTINGS

A piping system using buttweld fittings has many inherent advantages over other forms.

- Welding a fitting to the pipe means it is permanently leakproof.
- The continuous metal structure formed between pipe and fitting adds strength to the system.
- Smooth inner surface and gradual directional changes reduce pressure losses and turbulence and minimise the action of corrosion and erosion.
- A welded system utilises a minimum of space.


## $90^{\circ}$ ELBOWS



The function of a $90^{\circ}$ elbow is to change direction or flow in a piping system.

Elbows are split into three groups which define the distance over which they change direction, expressed as a function of the distance from the centre line of one end to the opposite face.
This is known as the centre to face distance and is equivalent to the radius through which the elbow is bent.

## Long Radius Elbow

The most common is the long radius (L.R.) elbow where the centre to face dimension is always $1 \frac{1}{2}$ times the nominal pipe size of the elbow.

## Short Radius Elbow

In this case the centre to face dimension is the same as the nominal pipe size of the elbow.

## Extra Long Radius

This is where the centre to face dimension is longer than the standard long radius type. The most common of these is where the centre to face dimension is three times the nominal size. i.e. 3D.

## $45^{\circ}$ ELBOWS



The function of a $45^{\circ}$ elbow is the same as a $90^{\circ}$ elbow, but the measurement of dimensions, however, is different to that of the $90^{\circ}$ elbow. The radius of a $45^{\circ}$ elbow is the same as the radius of the $90^{\circ}$ L.R. elbow where ' $R$ ' equals $11 / 2 D$.
However, the centre to face dimension is not equivalent to the radius as in $90^{\circ}$ L.R. elbows. This is measured from each face to the point of intersection of the centre lines perpendicular to each other. This is due to the smaller degree of bend.

## $180^{\circ}$ RETURN BENDS



The function of a $180^{\circ}$ return bend is to change direction of flow through $180^{\circ}$ and there are two basic types, long radius and short radius. Both types have a centre to centre dimension double the matching $90^{\circ}$ elbows. The primary application for these fittings is in heater coils and heat exchangers, boilers etc.

## ECCENTRIC AND CONCENTRIC REDUCERS



The function of both types of reducer is to reduce the line from a larger to a smaller pipe size, this obviously results in an increased flow pressure. With the eccentric reducer the smaller outlet end is off centre to the larger end enabling it to line up with one side of the inlet and not with the other.

The concentric reducer is so manufactured that both inlet and outlet ends are on a common centre line. The concentric reducer is easier and less expensive to produce but does not allow quite the same versatility as the eccentric reducer. The lengths of both types are fixed by manufacturing standards.

## EQUAL AND REDUCING TEES



The function of a tee is to permit flow at $90^{\circ}$ to the main direction of flow. The main flow passes through the 'run' whilst the $90^{\circ}$ outlet is known as the 'branch'. The equal tee is manufactured with all three outlets being the same size.

The reducing tee is manufactured with the branch outlet smaller than the run to obtain the desired flow and pressure through the system.

## EQUAL AND REDUCING CROSSES



The function of a cross is similar to that of a tee with the exception of providing two $90^{\circ}$ outlets opposite each other. Equal crosses have all four outlets of equal size. Reducing crosses have branches that are smaller in size to that of the run to obtain the desired flow and pressure through the system.

## CAPS



The function of an end cap is to block off the end of a line in piping systems. This is achieved by placing the end cap over the open line and welding around the joint.

## LAP J OINT STUB ENDS



A lap joint stub end and its associated slip-on flange in a piping system allows quick disconnection of the particular section involved. Stub ends are installed in pairs and mated together with two lap joint flanges. The surface of the stub end has a phonographic serrated gasket surface which prevents leakage at the joint. Using stub ends allows sections of the line to be opened for cleaning, inspection or quick replacement etc., without the need to re-weld.

There are two basic types of stub end, ANSI types A \& B long barrel, and M.S.S. types short barrel. Under certain design criteria such as temperature or pressure, etc., it is not acceptable to have the joint between stub end and pipe in close proximity with the flange joint, in these applications ANSI types are used.



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Dimensions in mm . Weights in kg .
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| CONCENTRIC AND ECCENTRIC REDUCERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| WT | NOMINAL SIZE |  | H | Wgt | NOMINAL SIZE |  | H | Wgt |
| SCH | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inches } \\ & \mathrm{OD} 1 \mathrm{XOD} 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Metric } \\ \mathrm{OD} 1 \times \mathrm{OD} 2 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inches } \\ & \mathrm{OD} 1 \mathrm{XOD} 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Metric } \\ \mathrm{OD} 1 \mathrm{X} \mathrm{OD} 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| 10S | $3 / 4 \times 1 / 2$ | $20 \times 15$ | 38.1 | 0.03 | $4 \times 2$ | $100 \times 50$ | 101.6 | 0.82 |
| 40S |  |  | 38.1 | 0.07 |  |  | 101.6 | 1.60 |
| 80S |  |  | 38.1 | 0.10 |  |  | 101.6 | 2.27 |
| 160S |  |  | 38.1 | 0.14 |  |  | 101.6 | 4.52 |
| XXS |  |  | 38.1 | 0.14 |  |  | 101.6 | 4.52 |
| 10S | $1 \times 1 / 2$ | $25 \times 15$ | 50.8 | 0.07 | $4 \times 2-1 / 2$ | $100 \times 65$ | 101.6 | 0.82 |
| 40S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.13 |  |  | 101.6 | 1.60 |
| 80S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.16 |  |  | 101.6 | 2.27 |
| 160S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.25 |  |  | 101.6 | 4.52 |
| XXS |  |  | 50.8 | 0.25 |  |  | 101.6 | 4.52 |
| 10S | $1 \times 3 / 4$ | $25 \times 20$ | 50.8 | 0.07 | $4 \times 3$ | $100 \times 80$ | 101.6 | 0.82 |
| 40S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.13 |  |  | 101.6 | 1.60 |
| 80S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.16 |  |  | 101.6 | 2.27 |
| 160S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.25 |  |  | 101.6 | 4.52 |
| XXS |  |  | 50.8 | 0.25 |  |  | 101.6 | 4.52 |
| 10S | 1-1/4 X 1 | $32 \times 25$ | 50.8 | 0.09 | $5 \times 4$ | $125 \times 100$ | 127.0 | 1.35 |
| 40S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.18 |  |  | 127.0 | 2.75 |
| 80S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.22 |  |  | 127.0 | 3.92 |
| 160S |  |  | 50.8 | 0.42 |  |  | 127.0 | 8.00 |
| XXS |  |  | 50.8 | 0.42 |  |  | 127.0 | 8.00 |
| 10S | 1-1/2 X 1 | $40 \times 25$ | 63.5 | 0.14 | $6 \times 3$ | $150 \times 80$ | 139.7 | 2.00 |
| 40S |  |  | 63.5 | 0.26 |  |  | 139.7 | 3.95 |
| 80S |  |  | 63.5 | 0.35 |  |  | 139.7 | 5.94 |
| 160S |  |  | 63.5 | 0.66 |  |  | 139.7 | 11.50 |
| XXS |  |  | 63.5 | 0.66 |  |  | 139.7 | 11.50 |
| 10S | 1-1/2 $\times 1-1 / 4$ | $40 \times 32$ | 63.5 | 0.14 | $6 \times 4$ | $150 \times 100$ | 139.7 | 2.00 |
| 40S |  |  | 63.5 | 0.26 |  |  | 139.7 | 3.95 |
| 80S |  |  | 63.5 | 0.35 |  |  | 139.7 | 5.94 |
| 160S |  |  | 63.5 | 0.66 |  |  | 139.7 | 11.50 |
| XXS |  |  | 63.5 | 0.66 |  |  | 139.7 | 11.50 |
| 10S | $2 \times 1$ | $50 \times 25$ | 76.2 | 0.23 | $8 \times 4$ | $200 \times 100$ | 152.4 | 3.27 |
| 40S |  |  | 76.2 | 0.41 |  |  | 152.4 | 6.50 |
| 80S |  |  | 76.2 | 0.57 |  |  | 152.4 | 9.86 |
| 160S |  |  | 76.2 | 1.12 |  |  | 152.4 | 18.55 |
| XXS |  |  | 76.2 | 1.12 |  |  | 152.4 | 18.55 |
| 10S | $2 \times 1-1 / 2$ | $50 \times 40$ | 76.2 | 0.23 | $8 \times 6$ | $200 \times 150$ | 152.4 | 3.27 |
| 40S |  |  | 76.2 | 0.41 |  |  | 152.4 | 6.50 |
| 80S |  |  | 76.2 | 0.57 |  |  | 152.4 | 9.86 |
| 160S |  |  | 76.2 | 1.12 |  |  | 152.4 | 18.55 |
| XXS |  |  | 76.2 | 1.12 |  |  | 152.4 | 18.55 |
| 10S | 2-1/2 $\times 1-1 / 2$ | $65 \times 40$ | 88.9 | 0.41 | $10 \times 6$ | $250 \times 150$ | 177.8 | 5.45 |
| 40S |  |  | 88.9 | 0.77 |  |  | 177.8 | 10.70 |
| 80S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.01 |  |  | 177.8 | 14.48 |
| 160S |  |  | 88.9 | 2.00 |  |  | 177.8 | 33.40 |
| XXS |  |  | 88.9 | 2.00 |  |  | 177.8 | 33.40 |
| 10S | 2-1/2 X2 | $64 \times 50$ | 88.9 | 0.41 | $10 \times 8$ | $250 \times 200$ | 177.8 | 5.45 |
| 40S |  |  | 88.9 | 0.77 |  |  | 177.8 | 10.70 |
| 80S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.01 |  |  | 177.8 | 14.48 |
| 160S |  |  | 88.9 | 2.00 |  |  | 177.8 | 33.40 |
| XXS |  |  | 88.9 | 2.00 |  |  | 177.8 | 33.40 |
| 10S | $3 \times 1-1 / 2$ | $80 \times 40$ | 88.9 | 0.50 | $12 \times 6$ | $300 \times 150$ | 203.2 | 7.70 |
| 40S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.00 |  |  | 203.2 | 15.00 |
| 80S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.35 |  |  | 203.2 | 19.79 |
| 160S |  |  | 88.9 | 2.73 |  |  | 203.2 | 53.00 |
| XXS |  |  | 88.9 | 2.73 |  |  | 203.2 | 53.00 |
| 10S | $3 \times 2$ | $80 \times 50$ | 88.9 | 0.50 | $12 \times 8$ | $300 \times 200$ | 203.2 | 7.70 |
| 40S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.00 |  |  | 203.2 | 15.00 |
| 80S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.35 |  |  | 203.2 | 19.79 |
| 160S |  |  | 88.9 | 2.73 |  |  | 203.2 | 53.00 |
| XXS |  |  | 88.9 | 2.73 |  |  | 203.2 | 53.00 |
| 10S | $3 \times 2-1 / 2$ | $80 \times 65$ | 88.9 | 0.50 | $12 \times 10$ | $300 \times 250$ | 203.2 | 7.70 |
| 40S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.00 |  |  | 203.2 | 15.00 |
| 80S |  |  | 88.9 | 1.35 |  |  | 203.2 | 19.79 |
| 160S |  |  | 88.9 | 2.73 |  |  | 203.2 | 53.00 |
| XXS |  |  | 88.9 | 2.73 |  |  | 203.2 | 53.00 |



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