

CORRESPONDENCE WITH ASME STANDARDS COMMITTEES UNDER THE STANDARDIZATION & TESTING DEPARTMENT

General

ASME Standards are developed and maintained with the intent to represent the consensus of concerned interests. As such, users of ASME Standards may interact with the Committee by requesting interpretations, proposing revisions or a Case, and attending Committee meetings. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Secretary, Standards Committee
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Standardization & Testing Dept.
Two Park Ave.
New York, NY 10016-5990
<http://go.asme.org/Inquiry>

To search the ASME Codes and Standards Staff contact list and Committee list [Click Here](#).

Proposing Revisions

Revisions are made periodically to ASME Standards to incorporate changes that appear necessary or desirable, as demonstrated by the experience gained from the application of the Standard. Approved revisions will be published periodically.

The Committee welcomes proposals for revisions to their Standards. Such proposals should be as specific as possible, citing the Standard, the edition, the paragraph number(s), figure or table number(s), the proposed wording, and a detailed description of the reasons for the proposal, including any pertinent documentation.

Proposing a Case

Cases may be issued for the purpose of providing alternative rules when justified, to permit early implementation of an approved revision when the need is urgent, or to provide rules not covered by existing provisions. Cases are effective immediately upon ASME approval and shall be posted on the ASME Committee web page.

Requests for Cases shall provide a Statement of Need and Background Information. The request should identify the Standard and the paragraph, figure or table number(s), and be written as a Question and a Reply in the same format as existing Cases. Requests for Cases should also indicate the applicable Edition(s) of the Standard to which the proposed Case applies.

Interpretations

Upon request, many of the Standards Committees under the ASME Standardization & Testing Department will render an interpretation of any requirement of their Standards. Interpretations can only be rendered in response to a written request sent to the Secretary of the Standards Committee at go.asme.org/Inquiry. For the list of Standards Committees under the ASME Standardization & Testing Department that will render an interpretation [Click Here](#).

The request for an interpretation should be clear and unambiguous. It is further recommended that the inquirer submit his/her request in the following format:

Subject: Cite the applicable paragraph number(s), figures or table number(s), and the topic of the inquiry.

Edition: Cite the applicable edition of the Standard for which the interpretation is being requested.

Question: Phrase the question as a request for an interpretation of a specific requirement suitable for general understanding and use, not as a request for an approval of a proprietary design or situation. The inquirer may also include any plans or drawings that are necessary to explain the question; however, they should not contain proprietary names or information.

Requests that are not in this format may be rewritten in the appropriate format by the Committee prior to being answered, which may inadvertently change the intent of the original request.

ASME procedures provide for reconsideration of any interpretation when or if additional information that might affect an interpretation is available. Further, persons aggrieved by an interpretation may appeal to the cognizant ASME Committee or Subcommittee. ASME does not "approve," "certify," "rate," or "endorse" any item, construction, proprietary device, or activity.

Approved interpretations are posted on the ASME Committee web page and in the ASME Interpretation database.

Attending Committee Meetings

Most Standards Committee under the ASME Standardization & Testing Department hold regularly meetings and / or telephone conferences that are open to the public. Persons wishing to attend any meeting and / or telephone conference should contact the Secretary of the Standards Committee. Future Committee meeting dates and locations can be found on the Standards Committee Home Pages.