INTERPRETATIONS TO ASME B16.36

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Replies to Technical Inquiries Issued from September 30, 1988 Through December 31, 1995

Interpretation: 1-1

Subject: Flange Facing Finish

Date Issued: February 18, 1994

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Question: According to B16.36-1988, may Class 600 flanges NPS 3 and smaller be furnished with a 0.06 in. raised face?

Reply: Yes. See Note (3) to Table 1.

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