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Section 403.9

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Fuel Gas Section 403.9 and the referenced standard, ASME B1.20.1 to allow the use of pipe nipples with "running threads" for gas piping installations?

Answer

No. Florida Building Code - Fuel Gas Section 403.9 states that "Metallic pipe and fitting threads shall be TAPER pipe threads and shall comply with ASME B1.20.1". Continuously threaded pipe nipples, or "running" thread nipples do not produce a tapered thread, are not compatible with pipe fittings and as such, do not provide a gas tight seal.

Commentary:

None.

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