COMMENTS

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1975

MATERIALS

Brass Tubing Composition

Ferrous alloy Permanent Fitting Composition Ferrous alloy Removable Fitting Composition

Yes Protective Polymer Coating

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

33 5/8" Length 1/2"

Nominal Tubing Diameter

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

29/32" Dimension Across Flats 3/4"

Flat Length

Shoulder Length/Male .757"/.688" Shoulder Length/Female

Compliant INSTRUCTIONS

MARKING

Compliant Permanent Labeling

Compliant Removable Fittings Marked

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1973

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	Brass Ferrous alloy Brass None
CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS	
Length Nominal Tubing Diameter	10 5/8" 1/2"
FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS	
Dimension Across Flats Flat Length	15/16" 25/32"
Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female	.610"/.693"
INSTRUCTIONS	Compliant
MARKING	
Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked	Compliant Compliant

Removable Fittings Marked



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1975

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Brass

Permanent Fitting Composition Ferrous alloy Removable Fitting Composition

Protective Polymer Coating Yes

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

46 1/8" Length 1/2"

Nominal Tubing Diameter

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats

Flat Length 11/16"

Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female

Compliant INSTRUCTIONS

MARKING

Compliant Permanent Labeling Compliant

Removable Fittings Marked

COMMENTS

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MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1976

MATERIALS

Brass Tubing Composition

Ferrous alloy Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Ferrous alloy Yes

Protective Polymer Coating

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

22 1/8" Length 1/2" Nominal Tubing Diameter

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

1" Dimension Across Flats 3/4"

Flat Length

Shoulder Length/Male .764" Shoulder Length/Female

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MARKING

Compliant Permanent Labeling Compliant Removable Fittings Marked

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1975

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition	Brass
Permanent Fitting Composition	Ferrous alloy
Removable Fitting Composition	Brass
Protective Polymer Coating	Yes

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length			10"	
Nominal	Tubing	Diameter	3/8"	•

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats	7/8"
Flat Length	1/2"
Shoulder Length/Male	.547"
Shoulder Length/Female	.547"

INSTRUCTIONS

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MARKING

Permanent	Labeling		Compliant
Removable	Fittings	Marked	Non-compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1971

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition

Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition

Protective Polymer Coating

Brass Ferrous alloy

Brass None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length
Nominal Tubing Diameter

10 3/4"

1/4"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length

Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female 3/4" 3/8"

.564"

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.488"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling

Removable Fittings Marked

Compliant

Non-compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1973

MATERIALS COMMENTS

Brass Tubing Composition Ferrous alloy Permanent Fitting Composition

Ferrous alloy Removable Fitting Composition

None Protective Polymer Coating

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

34" Length 1/2"

Nominal Tubing Diameter

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

29/32" Dimension Across Flats 3/4"

Flat Length

Shoulder Length/Male .755" Shoulder Length/Female

INSTRUCTIONS Compliant

MARKING

Compliant Permanent Labeling Compliant

Removable Fittings Marked

Compliant Compliant

MANUFACTURER:
SAMPLE NUMBER:
DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

MARKING

1974

MATERIALS	COMMENTS
Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy None
CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS	
Length Nominal Tubing Diameter	27 1/2" 1/2"
FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS	
Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female	31/32" 3/8" .788"
INSTRUCTIONS	Compliant

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked



MANUFACTURER:
SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 19

1973

MATERIALS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Fe

Protective Polymer Coating

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female

INSTRUCTIONS

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked COMMENTS

Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy

None

23 1/2" 1/2"

29/32" 3/4"

.771"

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Compliant



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1976

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

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Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	
CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS	
Length Nominal Tubing Diameter	21 1/4" 1/2"
FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS	
Dimension Across Flats Flat Length	1" 17/32"
Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female	.723"
INSTRUCTIONS	Compliant
MARKING	
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Removable Fittings Marked



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1974

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition
Permanent Fitting Composition
Removable Fitting Composition

Protective Polymer Coating

Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy

None

Brass

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter

21 1/8" 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length

3/4"

Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female

.708"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling

Removable Fittings Marked

Compliant Compliant



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1976

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition	Brass
Permanent Fitting Composition	Ferrous alloy
Removable Fitting Composition	Ferrous alloy
Protective Polymer Coating	Yes

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length			34 3/8"
_	Tubing	Diameter	3/8"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats	27/32"
Flat Length	23/32"
Shoulder Length/Male	.815"
Shoulder Length/Female	.776"

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Removable	_	Marked	Compliant

MANUFACTURER:
SAMPLE NUMBER:
DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1970

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MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy None
CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS	
Length Nominal Tubing Diameter	32 7/8" 1/2"
FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS	
Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female	1" 11/16" .715"/.777"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked Compliant Compliant



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1974

MATERIALS

Tubing Composition
Permanent Fitting Composition
Removable Fitting Composition
Protective Polymer Coating

COMMENTS

Aluminum
Ferrous alloy
Ferrous alloy
None

Brass/

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter 21 3/4" 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female 1" 3/4"

.744"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked Compliant Compliant



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1975

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Brass Permanent Fitting Composition Ferrous alloy Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating

Ferrous alloy

None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter 21 1/2" 3/8"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female 7/8" 23/32" .784" .786"

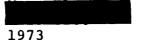
INSTRUCTIONS

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MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked Compliant Compliant

MANUFACTURER:
SAMPLE NUMBER:
DATE OF MANUFACTURE:



MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition
Permanent Fitting Composition
Removable Fitting Composition
Protective Polymer Coating

Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length 70 1/4" Nominal Tubing Diameter 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats 1"
Flat Length 13/16"

Shoulder Length/Male
Shoulder Length/Female .493"/.547"

INSTRUCTIONS Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Compliant Removable Fittings Marked Compliant



MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: DATE OF MANUFACTURE:



MATERIALS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating

Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy

COMMENTS

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter 22 1/4" 3/8"

None

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female

29/32" 15/32"

.685"

INSTRUCTIONS

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MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked

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MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: None listed C855-4991

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1974

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition
Permanent Fitting Composition
Removable Fitting Composition
Protective Polymer Coating

Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy

None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter 33 1/2" 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female

23/32"

.683"/.691"

INSTRUCTIONS

Non-compliant: none

MARKING

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MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: None listed C840-7764

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1975

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition
Permanent Fitting Composition
Removable Fitting Composition
Protective Polymer Coating

Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy

Yes

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length 45 1/4" Nominal Tubing Diameter 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats 1"
Flat Length 11/16"

Shoulder Length/Male
Shoulder Length/Female .601"/.570"

INSTRUCTIONS Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Compliant Removable Fittings Marked Compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

None listed C855-4987 None listed

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition

Protective Polymer Coating

None

Brass

Brass

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length Nominal Tubing Diameter

9 5/8" 1/4"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female 5/8" 9/32"

INSTRUCTIONS

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MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked Non-compliant: none present

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MANUFACTURER: None listed SAMPLE NUMBER: C -1372 DATE OF MANUFACTURE: None listed

MATERIALS COMMENTS Brass Tubing Composition Brass Permanent Fitting Composition Brass Removable Fitting Composition None Protective Polymer Coating CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS 58 1/8" Length 1/4" Nominal Tubing Diameter FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS 5/8" Dimension Across Flats 9/32" Flat Length .400" Shoulder Length/Male .500" Shoulder Length/Female Non-compliant: none INSTRUCTIONS MARKING

Permanent Labeling Non-compliant: none Removable Fittings Marked Non-compliant

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GAS APPLIANCE CONNECTOR SURVEY

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: None listed C825-9286

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

None listed

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition

Brass

Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition

Ferrous alloy

Protective Polymer Coating

Yes

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length

35 1/2"

Nominal Tubing Diameter

3/8"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats

7/8"

Flat Length

23/32"

Shoulder Length/Male

Shoulder Length/Female

INSTRUCTIONS

None

MARKING

Permanent Labeling

None

Removable Fittings Marked

None

MANUFACTURER:
SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 19

1972

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length
Nominal Tubing Diameter

21 3/8" 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female 31/32" 3/4"

.751"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked Compliant Compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1976

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition	Brass
Permanent Fitting Composition	Ferrous alloy
Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	Ferrous alloy Yes
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CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length			27 1/4"
_	Tubing	Diameter	3/8"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats	7/8"
Flat Length	3/4"
Shoulder Length/Male	.800"
Shoulder Length/Female	.638"

Compliant INSTRUCTIONS

MARKING

Permanent	Labeling	Compliant
Removable	_	Compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 1976

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition	Brass	
	Ferrous	
	Ferrous	alloy
Protective Polymer Coating	Yes	

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length]	L5	3/4"
Nominal	Tubing	Diameter]	L/4	**

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats	3/4"
Flat Length	5/8"
Shoulder Length/Male	.888"
Shoulder Length/Female	.649"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent	Labeling	Compliant
Removable	-	Compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

1976

DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

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Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy Yes
CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS	
Length Nominal Tubing Diameter	33 7/8" 3/8"
FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS	
Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female	7/8" 3/4" .712" .639"
INSTRUCTIONS	Compliant
MARKING	·
Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked	Compliant Compliant

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GAS APPLIANCE CONNECTOR SURVEY

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER: DATE OF MANUFACTURE:

1975

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition
Permanent Fitting Composition
Removable Fitting Composition
Protective Polymer Coating

Brass Ferrous alloy

Yes

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length
Nominal Tubing Diameter

32 3/4" 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female 1" 3/4"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked Compliant Compliant

MANUFACTURER:
SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 19

1975

MATERIALS	COMMENTS
Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating	Brass Brass Brass Yes
CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS	
Length Nominal Tubing Diameter	57 1/8" 3/8"
FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS	
Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female	7/8" 9/16" .806" .754"
INSTRUCTIONS	Compliant
MARKING	
Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked	Compliant Non-compliant

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COMMENTS

	alloy	alloy	
Brass	Ferrous	Ferrous	None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

15 5/8	1/4"
	Diameter
	Tubing
Length	.Nominal

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats	Leng	Shoulder Length/Male	Shoulder Length/Female
Dimens	Flat I	Should	Should

3/8" 19/32" .785" .655"

INSTRUCTIONS

Compliant

Compliant

MARKING

Permanent Labeling Removable Fittings Marked

Compliant Compliant

MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE NUMBER:

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: None listed

MATERIALS

COMMENTS

Tubing Composition Permanent Fitting Composition Removable Fitting Composition Protective Polymer Coating Brass Ferrous alloy Ferrous alloy None

CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

Length
Nominal Tubing Diameter

33 3/4" 1/2"

FITTING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

Dimension Across Flats Flat Length Shoulder Length/Male Shoulder Length/Female

3/4"

.727"/.690"

INSTRUCTIONS

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MARKING

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

DATE:

21 April 1977

TO

Pat Thomas, BESS

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: J. Bigio, Director, BESS

Thru FROM : J.R. Thurber, Acting Director, BESL

R. Sean Fausett, Chief Chemist, BESL

SUBJECT:

Gas Appliance Connector Survey: Phase II

This report presents the data and photographic documentation for Phase II of the BESL technical evaluation of selected gas appliance connectors. The performance evaluations were conducted per specified paragraphs of Part IV, ANSI Standard Z21.24, "Appliance Connectors of Flexible Metal Tubing and Fittings":

- § 4.3 Bending
- \$ 4.6 Season Cracking
- § 4.10 Resistance to Ammonia Atmospheres

The performance criteria defined by these paragraphs were judged by BESS technical staff to be the most pertinent to the type of abuse a connector may be subjected to during installation and subsequent use by a consumer.

84.3 Bending

Five connectors were evaluated for resistance to flexure cracking per §4.3 of the Standard. Table 1 presents the pertinent data pertaining to these connectors. A photograph of the test fixture and a connector under test is shown in Photo 1. The two connectors supplied with protective polymer coatings fractured through the coatings to the convoluted metal surface. Photos 2 and 3 illustrate the extent of damage done to these connectors. The chipping of the polymer coating evidenced in Photo 3 was not a result of the test procedure, but the condition in which the connector was received by BESL. The circumferential cracking of the polymer coating, however, was induced by the applied flexural stress. The remaining connectors exhibited no damage from the flexure testing.

Table 1
FLEXURE TEST SPECIMENS

Sample Number	Tubing Composition	Test Results
	SS	Pass
	Brass	Pass
-	Brass/Epoxy Coated	Pass
	Brass	Pass
	Brass/Epoxy Coated	Pass

§4.6 Season Cracking

A single brass connector, a stainless steel connector, and two polymer coated connectors were immersed for thirty minutes in a mercurous nitrate/ nitric acid bath as specified in §4.6 of the ANSI standard. Photo 4 illustrates the test bath apparatus employed in the evaluation. Photos 5, 6, and 7 show three connectors in their original condition; photos 8 and 9 illustrate the mercurial surface deposit plating the brass connector and the interior of a polymer-coated connector at the termination of the test. This plating was volatilized from the specimens by placing it in a drying oven at 120°C for 30 minutes. The connectors were then microscopically examined under 15x for evidence of corrosion cracking. Photomicrographs of representative damage to the brass connector and coated connectors are shown in photos 10 through 15. No damage was evident on the stainless steel connector. In addition to the overall crevice and pitting damage observed, the brass connector was found to be very brittle. This was judged to be the result of extensive hydrogen embrittlement induced by the corrosive acid bath. The connector fractured completely upon removal from the drying oven. Results of the season cracking evaluation are presented in Table 2.

Table 2
SEASON CRACKING SPECIMENS

Sample Number	Tubing Composition	Test Results
	Brass	Fail
	SS	Pass

Table 2 (Continued) SEASON CRACKING SPECIMENS

Sample Number	Tubing Composition	Test Results	
	Brass/Epoxy Coated	Fail	
	Brass/Epoxy Coated	Fail	

§4.10 Resistance to Ammonia Atmospheres

Six connectors were subjected to the specified ammonia environment outlined in \$4.10 of the standard. Photographs 16 and 17 illustrate the connector suspending method employed and the vapor tank apparatus under actual test. Table 3 presents the data representative of each sample tested.

Table 3
AMMONIA TEST SPECIMENS

Sample Number	Tubing Composition	Test Results
	Brass	Fail
	Brass	Fail
	Brass/Alum.	Pass
	SS	Pass
	Brass/Epoxy Coated	Pass
	Brass/Epoxy (Damaged) Coated	Fail

Photos 18 through 23 picture the connectors in their original condition prior to testing.

Several connectors were received by the BESL in the damaged condition similar to that shown in photograph 23. Testing was conducted on a damaged sample because it was judged possible for a consumer to purchase and install a connector in such condition. All specimens were tested at 22°C ambient temperature, with an internal connector air pressure of 2.94 psig, equivalent to a pressure of six inches of mercury column:

(6"Hg/29.92"Hg) (14.70 psig) = 2.94 psig

The two brass connectors and the damaged polymer-coated connector failed this evaluation and exhibited extensive corrosive degradation upon removal from the ammoniacal environment. Photos 24 through 31 illustrate the extent of this damage. All other specimens passed this performance evaluation.

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Photo 1: Flexure Tester

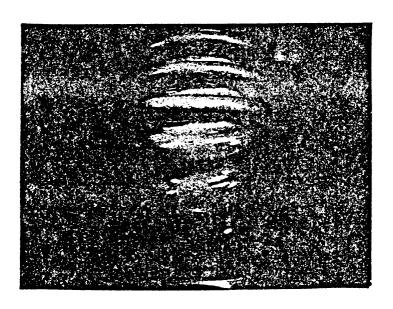


Photo 2: Flexure Stress Cracking Specimen

Photo 3: Flexure Stress Cracking Specimen

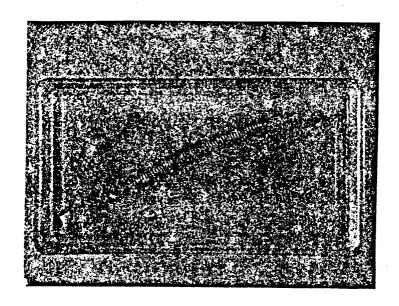


Photo 4: Mercurous Nitrate/Nitric Acid Test Bath

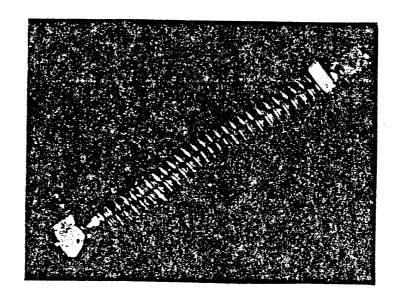


Photo 5: Brass Connector Original Condition Specimen

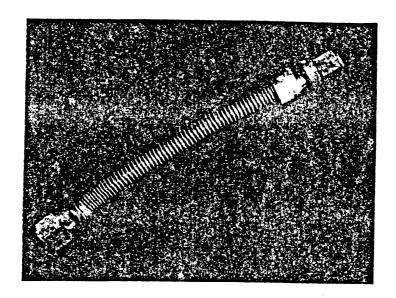


Photo 6: Stainless Steel Connector Original Condition Specimen

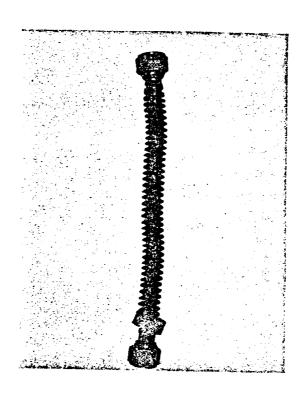


Photo 7: Polymer-coated Connector Original Condition Specimen

Photo 8: Mercurial Deposit After HgNO₃/HNO₃ Exposure Specimen

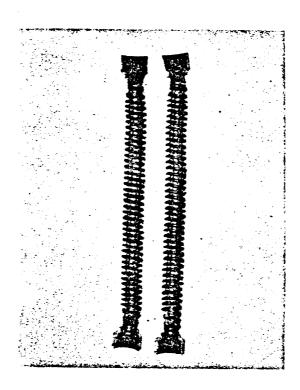


Photo 9: Mercurial Deposit After HgNO₃/HNO₃ Exposure Specimen

Photo 10: Stress Corrosion Cracking, 25x Specimen

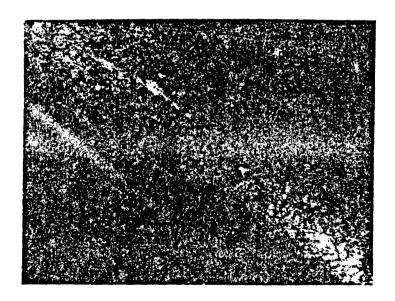


Photo 11: Stress Corrosion Cracking, 25x Specimen

Photo 12: Stress Corrosion Cracking, 25x Specimen

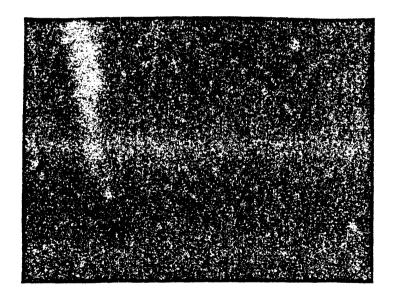


Photo 13: Stress Corrosion Cracking, 25x
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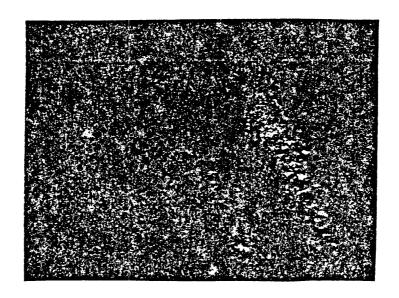


Photo 14: Stress Corrosion Cracking, 25x Specimen

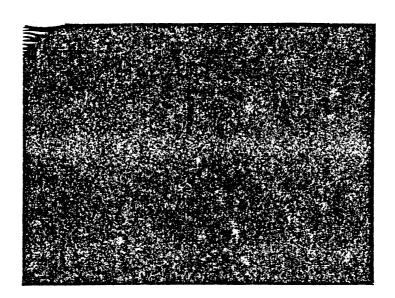


Photo 15: Stress Corrosion Cracking, 25x
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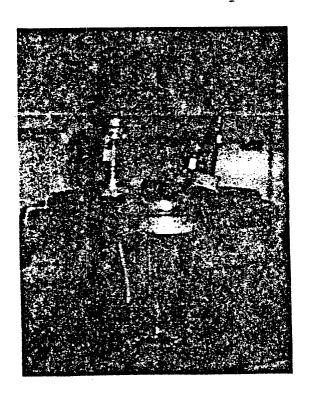


Photo 16: Connector Suspending Apparatus

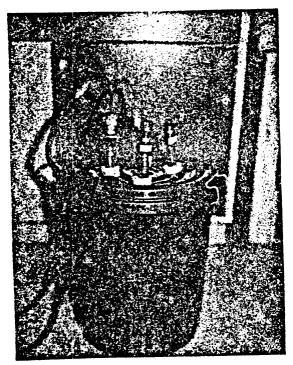


Photo 17: Ammonia Vapor Test Chamber