

FOREWORD

The MSS SP-55, Quality Standard for Steel Castings for Valves, Flanges, Fittings, and Other Piping Components - Visual Method for Evaluation of Surface Irregularities, was originally adopted in 1961. It was developed for the purpose of providing the industry with a uniform means for identifying various types of casting surface irregularities.

A set of 60 reference photographs illustrating these casting surface irregularities is included in the standard to permit a visual comparison of an actual casting surface with the reference photographs for the purpose of establishing acceptable/unacceptable casting surface irregularities.

The format of this standard was revised in 1996 to be consistent with other MSS Standards.

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