- 2. Heat-fusion joints shall be made in accordance with qualified procedures that have been established and proven by test to produce gas-tight joints at least as strong as the pipe or tubing being joined. Joints shall be made with the joining method recommended by the pipe manufacturer. Heat fusion fittings shall be marked "ASTM D2513."
- 3. Where compression-type mechanical joints are used, the gasket material in the fitting shall be compatible with the plastic *piping* and with the gas distributed by the system. An internal tubular rigid stiffener shall be used in conjunction with the fitting. The stiffener shall be flush with the end of the pipe or tubing and shall extend at least to the outside end of the compression fitting when installed. The stiffener shall be free of rough or sharp edges and shall not be a force fit in the plastic. Split tubular stiffeners shall not be used.
- Plastic piping joints and fittings for use in liquefied petroleum gas piping systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 58.
- **403.12 Flanges.** Flanges and flange gaskets shall comply with Sections 403.12.1 through 403.12.7.
 - 403.12.1 Cast iron. Cast-iron flanges shall be in accordance with ASME B16.1.
 - 403.12.2 Steel. Steel flanges shall be in accordance with ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47.
 - 403.12.3 Nonferrous. Nonferrous flanges shall be in accordance with ASME B16.24.
 - 403.12.4 Ductile iron. Ductile-iron flanges shall be in accordance with ASME B16.42.
 - 403.12.5 Raised face. Raised face flanges shall not be joined to flat faced cast-iron, ductile-iron or nonferrous material flanges.
 - 403.12.6 Flange facings. Standard facings shall be permitted for use under this code. Where 150-pound (1034 kPa) pressure-rated steel flanges are holted to Class 125 cast-iron flanges, the raised face on the steel flange shall be removed.
 - 403.12.7 Lapped flanges. Lapped flanges shall be used only above ground or in exposed locations accessible for inspection.
- 403.13 Flange gaskets. Material for gaskets shall be capable of withstanding the design temperature and pressure of the piping system, and the chemical constituents of the gas being conducted, without change to its chemical and physical properties. The effects of fire exposure to the joint shall be considered in choosing material. Acceptable materials include metal (plain or corrugated), composition, aluminum "O" rings, spiral wound metal gaskets, rubber-faced phenolic and elastomeric. Where a flanged joint is opened, the gasket shall be replaced. Full-face flange gaskets shall be used with all non-steel flanges.
 - 403.13.1 Metallic gaskets. Metallic flange gaskets shall be in accordance with ASME B16.20.
 - 403.13.2 Nonmetallic gaskets. Nonmetallic flange gaskets shall be in accordance with ASME B16.21.

SECTION 404 (IFGC) PIPING SYSTEM INSTALLATION

- 404.1 Installation of materials. Materials used shall be installed in strict accordance with the standards under which the materials are accepted and approved. In the absence of such installation procedures, the manufacturer's instructions shall be followed. Where the requirements of referenced standards or manufacturer's instructions do not conform to minimum provisions of this code, the provisions of this code shall apply.
- **404.2 CSST.** CSST piping systems shall be installed in accordance with the terms of their approval, the conditions of listing, the manufacturer's instructions and this code.
- **404.3** Prohibited locations. *Piping* shall not be installed in or through a ducted supply, return or exhaust, or a clothes chute, chimney or gas vent, dumbwaiter or elevator shaft. *Piping* installed downstream of the *point of delivery* shall not extend through any townhouse unit other than the unit served by such *piping*.
- **404.4** Piping in solid partitions and walls. Concealed *piping* shall not he located in solid partitions and solid walls, unless installed in a chase or casing.
- 404.5 Fittings in concealed locations. Fittings installed in concealed locations shall be limited to the following types:
 - 1. Threaded elbows, tees and couplings.
 - 2. Brazed fittings.
 - 3. Welded fittings.
 - 4. Fittings listed to ANSI LC-1/CSA 6.26 or ANSI LC-4.
- 404.6 Underground penetrations. Piping Through Foundation Wall. Underground piping, where installed through the outer foundation or basement wall of a building, shall be encased in a protective sleeve or protected by an approved device or method. The space between the gas piping and the sleeve and between the sleeve and the wall shall be sealed to prevent entry of gas and water.
- **404.7 Protection against physical damage.** Where *piping* will be concealed within light-frame construction assemblies, the *piping* shall be protected against penetration by fasteners in accordance with Sections 404.7.1 through 404.7.3.

Exception: Black steel piping and galvanized steel piping shall not be required to be protected.

404.7.1 Piping through holes or notches. Where piping is installed through holes or notches in framing members and the piping is located less than 1½ inches (38 mm) from the framing member face to which wall, ceiling or floor membranes will be attached, the pipe shall be protected by shield plates that cover the width of the pipe and the framing member and that extend not less than 4 inches (102 mm) to each side of the framing member. Where the framing member that the piping passes through is a bottom plate, bottom track, top plate or top track, the shield plates shall cover the framing member and extend not less than 4 inches (102 mm) above the bottom framing member and not less than 4 inches (102 nm) below the top framing member.

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