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## 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 this Standard Practice 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 Practice was revised in 1996 to be consistent with other MSS Standard Practices.

The 2006 revised edition included updates in the referenced standards, Annex A, to reflect current applicable dates and the updated addresses of the referenced publications organizations.

The 2011 revised American National Standard edition included updates to the applicable organizations and referenced standards, indicating current dates, names, and addresses of the referenced publications or organizations within this Standard Practice. In addition, an Annex B has been introduced that contains the pre-existing set of 60 reference photographs, along with various editorial corrections that include Section 5.

This 2025 revision is noteworthy and for the first time, cast irons have been included in the document. Due to idiosyncrasies in the lost-foam casting process, application of this document to iron castings made by that process must be agreed upon by both the manufacturer and the end-user.

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