


BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	September 16, 2025
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2024, Book II: Plumbing Systems (BCPC) and BC Building Code Book I: General
Subject:	Press-Connect Fittings – Stainless Steel and Copper Piping
Keywords:	Press-Connect Fittings, Stainless Steel Piping, Copper Piping
Building Code Reference(s):	2.2.6., 2.2.7., 2.3.2., 2.3.3.
Question: Are press-connect fittings permitted to be used to join piping in a stainless steel or copper water distribution system?	
Interpretation: No. The requirements listed in Subsections 2.2.6., 2.2.7., 2.3.2. and 2.3.3. do not contain provisions for the use of press-connect fittings in stainless steel or copper water distribution systems. The Committee is aware that there is a code change proposal that is currently being considered by the Standing Committee on HVAC and Plumbing, however, this proposal has not been adopted into the National Plumbing Code at this time. Since this process is not complete, local authorities, other than the City of Vancouver as mentioned below, are limited by the Building Act in accepting any product not contained in the current edition of Book II (Plumbing Systems) which is the National Plumbing Code of Canada. It is also important to note that press-connect fittings are permitted by the Part 7 of the Vancouver Building By-law 2025, under Article 7.1.5.2. Currently, in the balance of the Province, the acceptance of press-connect fittings would need to be considered by a local authority through an Alternative Solution in accordance with Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b) of Division A.  <hr/> Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair	

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