Most Common Abbreviations Of Piping Terms



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#	Lbs or Class	
BB	Bolted Bonnet	(
BW	Butt Welding ends	
CE	Carbon Equivalent	
CI	Grey Cast Iron (GG25)	
CS	Carbon Steel	F
DN	Nominal Diameter	
ERW	Electric Resistance Welded	
FB	Full Bore	
FF	Flat Face	
F/F	Face to Face	
HB	Hardness Brinnel	
HRB	Hardness Rockwell B method	
HRC	Hardness Rockwell C method	S
IBR	Indian Boiler Regulation	
ID	Inside Diameter	
IS&Y	Inside Screw & Yoke	
LP	Liquid Penetrant	
MPI(E)	Magnetic Particle Inspection(Examin.)	
MTC	Material Test Certificate	
ND	Nominal Diameter	
NDT(E)	Non Destructive Test(Examination)	
NPS	Nominal Pipe Size	

OD	Outside Diameter
OS&Y	Outside Screw & Yoke
PE	Plain Ends
PMI	Positive Material Identification
PN	Nominal Pressure
PWHT	Post Weld Heat Treatment
QT	Quench and tempered
RB	Reduced Bore
RF	Raised Face
RTJ	Ring Type Joint
SAW	Sub-merged Arc Welded
SCH	Schedule (wall thickness)
SG	Spheroid Graphite Cast Iron
SMLS	Seamless
SR	Supplementary Requirement
SS	Stainless Steel
SW	Socket Weld
TPI	Third Party Inspection
UNS	Unified Numbering System
US	Ultra-sonic test
WT	Wall Thickness
XS	Extra Strong (wall thickness)
XXS	Extra Extra Strong (wall thickness)

Many abbreviations are used into the Manufacturing and Testing standard communications. Duplications exist and may take to confusions. The above table shows just a list of the most common abbreviations used today. We will be pleased to receive by e-mail from any readers comments, suggestions, additional terms, corrections to avoid confusion or misunderstanding, that might occur.

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