

AB 1953 No Lead Product Compliance
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Sioux Chief Manufacturing is committed to provide products that comply with No Lead AB 1953, available to the California and Vermont marketplace, by January 1, 2010.

Below are the products that will be available by January 1, 2010:

- F1807 Pex Fittings – Our current F1807 copper offering meets the requirements of the new law and will be our answer for ells, couplings, and other various fittings. For tees, we will offer a no lead line of brass tees (in addition to our standard brass tees) to meet the AB 1953 requirement.
- CPVC & PVC Transition Fittings- we are offering both copper and standard brass fittings in this category. The all copper fittings meet the requirements.
- Ox Box Access Boxes– we will have a compliant offering with no lead brass valves in the ice maker and lav/sink versions of these products. Washing machine valves do not need to meet the requirement as spelled out below in the FAQs.
- Water Hammer Arresters– being made of copper, most current sku's in this product category meet the requirements of the law already. Those few that include a standard brass connection will have no lead versions available. This includes both our Mini-Rester (residential) and Hydra-Rester (commercial) offerings.
- Water Heater Connectors – all-copper connectors with a standard brass swivel nut are no lead compliant because the gasketed nut is not considered part of the “wetted surface” of the fitting. We will offer a compliant version of any connector that includes a ball valve.
- Ball Valves – we will have a no lead version of our current ball valve offering by January 1, 2010.

See a complete list of Sioux Chief No Lead Compliant items (along with a list of standard brass items that are not applicable to the required no lead applications) at www.siouxchief.com.



**Frequently Asked Questions
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1. When will Sioux Chief be ready to ship these products?

December 21, 2009.

2. How do I return standard brass material?

RGA requests will follow the normal procedure. Please contact Jane Bennett at 800-821-3944, ext. 315.

3. How do I identify no lead brass items from standard brass?

All no lead brass items will be marked with a "G" in the item number, indicating they adhere to the requirement and can be distinguished from the non-conforming brass products.

Example: #641XG222 (no lead) vs. #641XB222 (standard brass).

In addition, a green feather will be printed on each Min/Case label as indicated below.



4. Which products are affected by the changes to the law that are effective January 1, 2010?

Beginning January 1, 2010, the law requires pipes and pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, or fixtures intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking to meet the new "lead-free" definition. Additionally, any other end-use devices intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking must meet the new lead-free requirement. Examples include kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets and drinking water fountains. Service saddles, back-flow preventers for non-potable services such as irrigation and industrial, and water distribution main gate valves that are two inches in diameter and above are not covered by the law.

5. What information do retailers need to obtain from manufacturers of plumbing products?

Beginning January 1, 2010, California law requires that all pipes, pipe or plumbing fittings, fixtures, solders, or flux must be certified by an [American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\) accredited third party](#) as being in compliance with applicable law.



6. Which products are excluded from DTSC's annual testing and evaluation program required by HSC Section 25214.4.3?

Health and Safety Code Section 25214.4.3 requires DTSC to select drinking water faucets or other drinking water plumbing fittings and fixtures for testing and evaluation. Section 25214.4.3 does not specifically exclude any product(s) from being subject to these testing and evaluation requirements. Rather, the statute provides a narrative standard of those items that are subject to its requirements. That standard is described in the law as "drinking water faucets or other drinking water plumbing fittings and fixtures...." Assembly member Wilma Chan, the author of Assembly Bill 1953 (Chan, Chapter 853, Stats. 2006), which codified the no lead requirements for plumbing products, has published additional guidance about what she intended to be subject to the low lead requirement. Based on the plain language of the statute, the legislative history, and clarifying letter from Chan, DTSC does not intend to test or evaluate the following products as part of its initial round of testing: (highlighted products pertain to Sioux Chief)

- service saddles
- back-flow preventers which protect/separate potable water systems from non-potable services such as irrigation, industrial and laboratory use
- water distribution main gate valves that are two inches in diameter and above
- fire hydrants
- fittings and valves for wastewater distribution systems
- decorative fountains
- marine applications
- air and vacuum appliances
- bathtubs and bathtub faucets
- showers, bath and shower valves, shower heads of all types and shower head adapters
- Roman tubs and Roman tub valves
- sanitary sewer drains
- irrigation sprinklers
- faucets, fittings and fixtures for laboratory uses
- toilets, urinals, bidets and their fittings
- utility, laundry and shampoo fittings
- service sinks
- whirlpools and spa therapy pools
- flexible plumbing connectors and flexible risers not intended for potable water applications (e.g. clothes washing machines, dishwashers)
- hose bibs, fittings, tees and splitters
- flush valves
- solenoid valves
- pre-rinse assemblies for commercial kitchen use that do not include an auxiliary spout or other outlet

In addition, there may be other plumbing fittings and fixtures that are not part of plumbing systems delivering drinking water for human consumption. DTSC does not intend to evaluate any such item, whether listed above or not.

