

# Plumbing Board

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## NOTICE OF FINAL INTERPRETATION

On April 21, 2026, the Minnesota Plumbing Board issued a Final Interpretation, which is printed below, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 326B.435, subd. 2(a)(4), and 326B.127, subd. 5.

Any person aggrieved by this Final Interpretation may appeal it within thirty (30) days of its issuance in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14. Minnesota Statutes § 326B.127, subd. 5.

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## FINAL INTERPRETATION

Inquiry: PB0228

Subject: Product Certification Dates and Test Reports for Grease Interceptors

Code Reference: Minnesota Plumbing Code: 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) section 1701.1, as incorporated in the Minnesota Plumbing Code by Minnesota Rules, part 4714.0050.

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Approved by: Minnesota Plumbing Board, by Karl Abrahamson, Chair

Date Received: March 3, 2026

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**Question:** Are grease interceptor products approved by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (“IAPMO”) necessarily compliant with the 2018 UPC, Table 1701.1, as incorporated in the Minnesota Plumbing Code by Minnesota Rules, part 4714.0050?

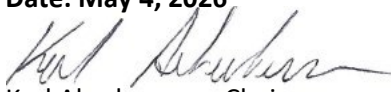
**Answer:** No. Grease interceptor products approved by IAPMO are only compliant with Table 1701.1 if they are certified to one of the applicable standards (including the year of the effective date) referenced therein. To comply with the Minnesota Plumbing Code, new grease interceptor installation must use a grease interceptor product certified by at least one of the following standards: ASME A112.14.3-2000(R2014), ASME A112.14.4-2001(R2012), ASME A112.14.6-2010(R2015), CSA B481-2012, ANSI/CAN/IAPMO Z1001-2016, PDI G-101-2015, or PDI G-102-2010.

**Analysis:** The submitter requested the Board determine which, if any, of five different Schier Products “Type C” grease interceptors (GB-1, GB-2, GB-3, GB-75, and GB-250) were compliant with the Minnesota Plumbing Code and noted that IAPMO had previously approved each of the Type C interceptors. The Board indicated that it could only determine which of the interceptors were certified to the applicable standards listed in Table 1701.1 of the current Minnesota Plumbing Code, explaining that its authority was circumscribed to reviewing products for code compliance and not otherwise “approving” them.

The Board identified ASME A112.14.3-2000(R2014) as the applicable standard for its review of the Type C grease interceptor products. The Board determined that GB-1, GB-2, and GB-3 were each certified under an older ASME standard that is not incorporated in the current Minnesota Plumbing Code, and accordingly, these products are not compliant with the Minnesota Plumbing Code. It then determined that GB-75 was certified to ASME A112.14.3-2000(R2014), and since that is the ASME standard incorporated by reference in Table 1701.1 of the current Minnesota Plumbing Code, GB-75 is code-compliant. Finally, the Board determined that GB-250 was certified under a newer ASME standard that has not yet been incorporated into the Minnesota Plumbing Code, and accordingly, GB-250 is not code-complaint. The Board did note that certain products may be subject to Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction Equivalency approval on a per-project basis pursuant to Minn. R. 4714.0301, Subp. 2.

**Commentary:** This request for interpretation was originally submitted to the Board as a Request for Action (“RFA”) on January 29, 2026. On February 18, counsel for the Board suggested to the submitter that the RFA would be more appropriate for disposition as a request for interpretation. The submitter confirmed his understanding and agreement on February 19 and informed the Board’s counsel he would redraft the RFA as a request for interpretation. The submitter provided the request for interpretation on March 3, at which time the Board’s counsel confirmed via email that the submitter was willing to waive the thirty (30) day response deadline set by Minnesota Statutes § 326B.127, subd. 5. The Board considered this request for interpretation at the special meeting of the Board on April 21. All parties had an opportunity to be heard. As required by Minnesota Statutes, § 326B.127, subd. 5, the Minnesota Plumbing Board considered this final interpretation for adoption as part of the Minnesota Plumbing Code, and did so at the special meeting held April 21.

**Date: May 4, 2026**



Karl Abrahamson, Chair

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