

# **Concentric/Eccentric Reducers**

Aluminum reducers are aluminum pipe fittings used to connect two pipes of different diameters. They are usually made of aluminum because of its light weight, corrosion resistance, and low cost. Aluminum reducers can be concentric, meaning that their centerlines coincide with the centerline of the pipe, or eccentric, meaning that their centerlines do not coincide.

Concentric and eccentric reducers are maximum resistance to pressure, gradual change in pipe diameter and minor pressure drop. These reducer fittings are designed to be installed easily with optimal performance in different systems. They have been designed to work on high-pressure systems and other environmental challenges, giving more durable solutions.

The reducers are standard in various grades, finishes, and sizes to serve various needs of the intended applications. The conical shape provides the best flow characteristics while the construct reduces the fluid's swirling, creating positive effects in many industrial uses.

In engineering and industrial applications, aluminum reducers are used in a variety of fluid transfer systems such as water, air and other chemicals. They allow for a smooth transition of fluids from one size of pipe to another, and are therefore important in the design of piping systems. Aluminum reducers can be manufactured by machining or casting, and are available in different sizes and models depending on the application.

Size Range	$^{1\!/}_2$ " NB to 24" NB in (DN6~DN100) 10s, Sch 40s, Schedule 80s, 160s,		
	XXS.		
Dimensions	ANSI/ ASME B16.9, ASME B16.28, MSS-SP-43, BS4504, BS1560,		
	BS4504, BS10		
Thickness	SCH20, SCH10, SCH30, SCH60, STD SCH40, XS, SCH 80, Schedule 100,		
	SCH 120, SCHEDULE 140, SCH. 160, XXS available with NACE MR 01-75		
Bending Radius	R= 1D, 8D, 2D, 5D, 3D, 6D, 10D or Custom Pipe Fittings		
Types	Seamless / Welded / ERW / Fabricated Pipe Fittings		
Manufacturing process	Push, Forge, Press, Cast, etc.		
Standards	ASTM B361IASME SB361		
	ASTM B241 ASME SB 241		
Export to	Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Netherlands, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Africa,		
	Nigeria, Mexico, Canada, Venezuela, United States, South Africa,		
	Malaysia Bangladesh Singanore Sri Lanka Australia Brazil France		

# **Concentric and Eccentric Reducer Specification:**



Italy, South Korea, Poland, Iran, United Kingdom, Turkey, Germany, Belgium

## **Types of Aluminum Reducer:**

Aluminum reducer fittings can be divided into concentric and eccentric.

#### 1. Concentric Reducer

Structural characteristics:

Geometric symmetry: the center axis of the pipes at both ends coincide, and the diameter changes along the axis of symmetrical transition (e.g. DN100  $\rightarrow$  DN80).

Smooth gradient: the bore is tapered, the angle is usually  $\leq$  30  $^{\circ}$  , to reduce turbulence and pressure drop.

#### Schematic diagram:



Big end (DN100)  $\rightarrow$  tapering section  $\rightarrow$  small end (DN80) (centerline aligned, section shrinks uniformly)

## Application Scenario:

Vertical piping: Fluid flow by gravity (e.g. high level tank outlet) to avoid fluid accumulation.

High flow rate system: need to reduce the pressure drop of the scene (such as ventilation ducts, cooling water circulation).

Symmetrical flow field requirements: laboratory equipment, precision instrument piping connections.

Advantages: Low fluid resistance, low energy loss. No restriction on installation direction, wide applicability.

## 2. Eccentric Reducer

Structural characteristics:



Axis offset: the center axis of the big end and the small end are parallel but offset by a certain distance (usually offset = diameter difference / 2).

Flat bottom design: one side is kept flat and the other side is tilted and contracted (e.g.  $DN100 \rightarrow DN80$ ).

Schematic diagram:



Big end (DN100)  $\rightarrow$  offset tapering section  $\rightarrow$  small end (DN80) (Flat bottom side aligned, top side tilted and contracted)

# Application Scenario:

Gas systems: Installation with flat bottom side up to prevent liquid stagnation (e.g. compressed air piping).

Liquid systems: Installation with flat bottom facing downwards to avoid gas stagnation (e.g. pump inlet).

Impurity-sensitive systems: sewage treatment, slurry transfer to minimize solids deposits.

## Advantages:

Adapts to horizontal piping gas-liquid separation needs, reducing the risk of clogging. Optimizes suction conditions for pumping equipment and prevents cavitation.

# **Concentric Reducer vs Eccentric Reducer:**

Characteristics	Concentric Reducing Fittings	Eccentric Reducing Fittings	
Structure	Symmetrical tapering, centerline coincidence	Asymmetric tapering, axial offset	
Mounting	Arbitrany Direction	Orientation by media type required (flat	
direction	Arbitrary Direction	bottom facing up/down)	
Fluid Resistance	Low (low pressure drop)	Slightly higher (localized turbulence)	
Fluid/Gas	Not applicable to horizontal	Designed for begingented signing	
Resistance	piping	Designed for nonzontal piping	

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CharacteristicsConcentric Reducing FittingsTypical IndustriesHVAC, vertical chemical piping

Eccentric Reducing Fittings Petroleum, sewage, pumping stations

## Available Sizes of Aluminium Reducers:

Aluminum reducer sizes are usually expressed in nominal diameters (DN) or inches ("). With 3 inches corresponding to DN80 (outside diameter of approximately 88.9mm) and 4 inches corresponding to DN100 (outside diameter of approximately 114.3mm).

Common combinations of reducers include:

 $3'' \rightarrow 4''$  (DN80  $\rightarrow$  DN100): suitable for pipeline expansion needs, such as compressed air system or tanker unloading port.

 $4'' \rightarrow 3''$  (DN100  $\rightarrow$  DN80): for reduction scenarios, commonly used in industrial equipment interface adaptation.

4" to 3" aluminum reducer	4 inch to 3 inch aluminum reducer
3" to 4" aluminum reducer	3 inch to 4 inch aluminum reducer
2.5" to 3" aluminum reducer	2.5 inch to 3 inch aluminum reducer
3.5" to 3" aluminum reducer	3.5 inch to 3 inch aluminum reducer
4" to 3.5" aluminum reducer	4 inch to 3.5 inch aluminum reducer
2" to 2.5" aluminum reducer	2 inch to 2.5 inch aluminum reducer
6" to 4" aluminum reducer	6 inch to 4 inch aluminum reducer
2" to 2.5" aluminum reducer	2 inch to 2.5 inch aluminum reducer

# Available Types of Aluminum Reducer Fitting:

Butt Weld Pipe Reducers	Eccentric Reducers
ASME B16.9 Butt weld Concentric Reducer	Concentric Reducers
Reducer Pipe Fittings	Buttweld Concentric Reducer
Aluminum Concentric Reducer	Buttweld Eccentric Reducer
High Quality Concentric Reducer Manufacturer	Aluminum Eccentric Reducers
Aluminum Reducer Suppliers	Eccentric Reducers Manufacturer
High Quality Concentric Reducer	High Quality Eccentric Reducer

# The Manufacturing Process of Aluminum Reducer:

1. Material selection: aluminum alloy (such as 6061, 7075) or special alloys (such as high-temperature resistant aluminum-silicon alloy).

2. Molding process:

Die-casting molding: suitable for complex structures (such as gas storage tank joints with



reinforcement), machining threads and sealing surfaces after one-time molding. Cold/Hot Processing: Adjust the tube diameter by cold drawing or hot extrusion to suit different size requirements.

3. Processing and treatment:

Stress relief treatment: Artificial aging or preheating after rough machining to reduce subsequent deformation (e.g. dimensional shrinkage during U-groove milling). Surface treatment: anodized or sprayed to enhance corrosion resistance.

4. Welding and testing: TIG/MIG welding process is used to ensure the strength of the weld, and the sealing is verified by pressure test.

# Aluminum Reducer Fittings Core Advantages:

1. Light weight and high strength to weight ratio

Aluminum alloy density is only  $2.7g/cm^3$  (about 1/3 of steel), but through the alloy strengthening (such as 6061-T6, 7075) after the tensile strength of up to 300MPa or more.

2. Corrosion resistance and long life

Aluminum surface naturally generates dense alumina (Al  $_2$  O  $_3$  ) film, which is resistant to atmospheric, fresh water and weak acid/alkali corrosion.

3. Fluid dynamics optimization

Diameter change design: Gradual shrinkage/expansion structure gently transitions to reduce turbulence and pressure drop (e.g. DN80 $\rightarrow$ DN50 gradual shrinkage angle  $\leq 15^{\circ}$ ). Inner wall finish: Extrusion or polishing process to achieve Ra  $\leq 0.8 \ \mu$  m, reducing flow resistance.

4. Process flexibility and customization

Molding process:

Cold extrusion: suitable for small and medium diameter (DN15-DN100) precision reducer, size tolerance  $\pm\,$  0.1mm.

Die-casting molding: one-piece complex structure (such as gas storage tank joints with reinforcement), reducing welding points.

5. Thermal conductivity and electromagnetic compatibility

Thermal management advantages: thermal conductivity of 237W/(m-K), rapid temperature equalization to avoid local overheating (such as liquid-cooled server cooling circuit).

Non-magnetic interference: non-magnetic properties, suitable for MRI medical equipment, semiconductor cleanroom and other sensitive scenes.



#### 6. Environmental protection and economy

Recyclable: Aluminum recycling consumes only 5% of the energy used in primary smelting, with a recycling rate of over 95%, in line with LEED green certification.

Cost-effective: Initial cost is higher than PVC but lower than stainless steel, with the lowest comprehensive life cycle cost.

## **Application of Aluminum Pipe Reducers:**

Aluminum reducers are used in a wide range of applications, mainly in the following fields:

Plumbing and heating systems: used to connect water pipes of different sizes to ensure a smooth transition of water flow.

- Air conditioning and refrigeration systems: to connect pipes of different sizes and regulate refrigerant flow.

- Industrial piping: connecting pipes of different diameters to meet the needs of production processes.

- Automotive: for exhaust, cooling and fuel supply systems, adapting to different diameter connections.

- Aerospace: Widely used in hydraulic, fuel and pneumatic systems due to their lightweight and high strength characteristics.

- Chemical industry: used for the transportation of various chemicals with good corrosion resistance.

Power industry: connecting equipment such as boilers, steam turbines and cooling systems.



