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**PRODUCT SPECIFICATION BULLETIN
 CERTIFICATION of COMPLIANCE**

ARRA AND BUY AMERICAN ACT OF 2009 COMPLIANCE

We hereby certify that Ward Manufacturing pipe nipples are produced in Wisconsin from domestic sourced raw materials (when specified ARRA and buy American compliant). These products comply with the following criteria thus conforming to Buy American and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Close Nipples do not comply.

ARRA and Buy American Act of 2009 Substantial Transformation Checklist

Questions for Determining Whether Substantial Transformation Has Occurred In the United States of America	Yes	No
1. Were all of the components of the manufactured good manufactured in the United States, and were all of the components assembled into the final product in the U.S.? (If the answer is yes, then this is clearly manufactured in the U.S. and the inquiry is complete).	Yes	
2. Was there a change in character or use of the good or the components?	Yes	
3. Was (/were) the process (es) performed in the U.S. (including but not limited to assembly) complex and meaningful?	Yes	

Substantial transformation has occurred in the U.S. if answer is Yes to Questions 1, 2, and 3

To Answer Question 2, Ask the Following	Yes	No
2. Was there a change in character or use of the good or the components in the America? (These are asked about the finished good as a whole , not about each individual component)	Yes	
a. Was there a change in the physical and/or chemical properties or characteristics designed to alter the functionality of the good?	Yes	
b. Did the manufacturing or processing operation result in a change of a product (s) with one use into a product with a different use?	Yes	
c. Did the manufacturing or processing operation result in the narrowing of the range of possible uses of a multi-use product?	Yes	

If answer is yes to any of 2a, 2b, or 2c, then the answer to question 2 is Yes

To Answer Question 3, Ask the Following	Yes	No
3. Was (/were) the process (es) performed in the U.S. (including but not limited to assembly) complex and meaningful?	Yes	
a. Did the process (es) take a substantial amount of time?	Yes	
b. Was (/were) the process (es) costly?	Yes	
c. Did the process (es) require particular high level skills?	Yes	
d. Did the process (e) require a number of different operations?	Yes	
e. Was substantial value added in the process (es)?	Yes	

If answer is yes to any of 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, or 3e then the answer to question 3 is Yes