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**Multilayer piping systems for hot  
and cold water installations inside  
buildings —**

**Part 7:  
Guidance for the assessment of  
conformity**

*Systèmes de canalisations multicouches pour installations d'eau  
chaude et froide à l'intérieur des bâtiments —*

*Partie 7: Guide pour l'évaluation de la conformité*



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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 21003-7:2008), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO/TS 21003-7:2008/Amd1:2010.

The major technical changes are:

- New definition of the terms “material”, “material grade” and “compound”;
- Revision of [6.2](#) “type testing”;
- Addition of [Annex A](#) “Interchangeability of different material grades — Testing of an alternative material grades for a layer in a Multilayer M-Pipe (second sourcing)”.

A list of all parts in the ISO 21003 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document can be used to support elaboration of national third party certification procedures for products conforming to the applicable part(s) of ISO 21003.

This document is a part of a System Standard for plastics piping systems of a particular material for a specified application. There are a number of such System Standards.

At the date of publication of this document, System Standards for piping systems of other plastics materials used for the same application are the following:

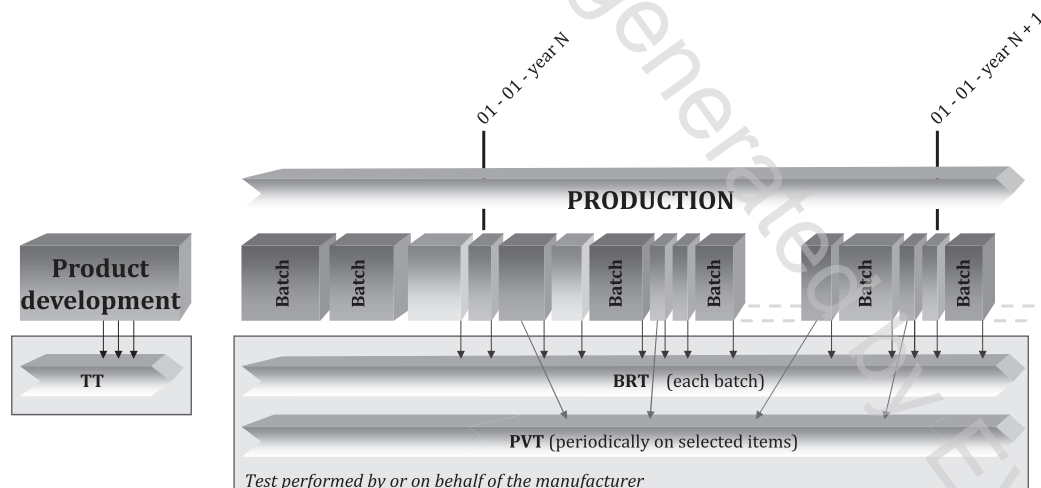
- ISO 15874, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polypropylene (PP)*
- ISO 15875, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X)*
- ISO 15876, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB)*
- ISO 15877, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Chlorinated poly (vinyl chloride) (PVC-C)*
- ISO 22391, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT)*

They are supported by separate standards on test methods to which references are made throughout the System Standard.

The System Standards are consistent with general standards on functional requirements and on recommended practice for installation.

[Figures 1](#) and [2](#) are intended to provide general information on the concept of testing and organisation of those tests used for the purpose of the assessment of conformity. For each type of test, i.e. type testing (TT), batch release test (BRT), process verification test (PVT), and audit test (AT), this document details the applicable characteristics to be assessed as well as the frequency and sampling of testing.

A typical scheme for the assessment of conformity of materials, compounds, pipes, fittings, valves, joints or assemblies by product manufacturers is given in [Figure 1](#)



**Figure 1 — Typical scheme for the assessment of conformity by a product manufacturer**

A typical scheme for the assessment of conformity of compounds, pipes, fittings, joints or assemblies by manufacturers, including certification, is given in [Figure 2](#).

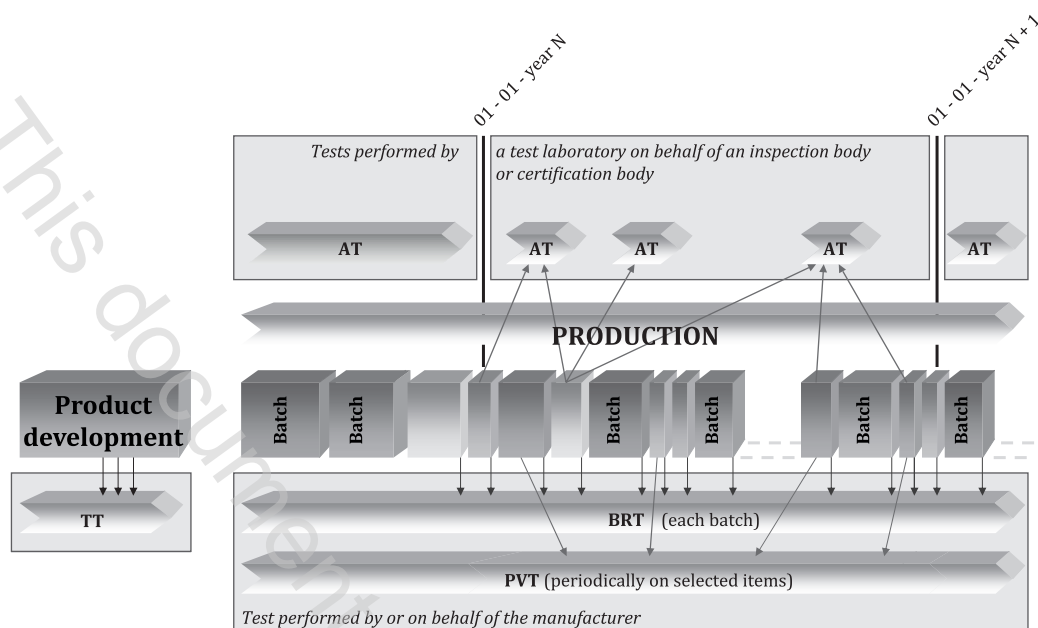


Figure 2 — Typical scheme for the assessment of conformity by product a manufacturer, including certification.

# Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings —

## Part 7: Guidance for the assessment of conformity

### 1 Scope

This document gives requirements and guidance for the assessment of conformity of compounds, products, and assemblies in accordance with the applicable part(s) of ISO 21003 intended to be included in the manufacturer's quality plan as part of the quality management system and for the establishment of certification procedures.

In conjunction with the other parts of ISO 21003 (see Foreword), this document is applicable to multilayer piping systems intended to be used for hot and cold water installations within buildings for the conveyance of water, whether or not intended for human consumption (domestic systems) and for heating systems, under design pressures and temperatures appropriate to the class of application (see ISO 21003-1:2008, Table 1).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 17456, *Plastics piping systems — Multilayer pipes — Determination of long-term strength*

ISO 21003-1, *Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings — Part 1: General*

ISO 21003-2, *Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings — Part 2: Pipes*

ISO 21003-3, *Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings — Part 3: Fittings*

ISO 21003-5, *Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 21003-1, ISO 21003-3 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>