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**Part 5:  
Two-dimensional data coding of  
components and data exchange format  
for PE piping systems**

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The use of two-dimensional code is becoming increasingly popular because of the quantity of information that it is possible to group in a small space, and this can provide increased opportunities for manufacturers and customers. There are many benefits for the market, but the scope of this document is not to show all of them. The most important technical advantage of using a two-dimensional code is the possibility to apply a built-in correction level to the coding, so that, even with some scratches or missing parts, the operator can still use all information coded safely. Another important fact, for those that want to use the power of the whole traceability, is that any important information regarding the piping component can be stored in an electronic device, by reading only one code instead of two (ISO 12176-4 and ISO 13950) and thus avoiding overlapping information. This document provides a means for coding all aspects not covered by ISO 12176-4 or ISO 13950, e.g. large diameters, big saddles or other imperial sizes. This document also aims to standardize the transfer of data stored in the memories of electronic units to another electronic equipment (e.g. computer/data base) and to encourage, at any level, the use of the traceability for a further development of the polyethylene piping systems.



# Plastics pipes and fittings — Equipment for fusion jointing polyethylene systems —

## Part 5:

## Two-dimensional data coding of components and data exchange format for PE piping systems

### 1 Scope

This document specifies an encoding system for data of components, assembly methods and jointing operations for polyethylene (PE) piping systems for gas, water and other industrial applications. These data can be used in a traceability system and/or used to perform the fusion of components by using equipment as specified in ISO 12176-1 and in ISO 12176-2.

This encoding system is explained in ISO/IEC 16022, ISO/IEC 18004 and ISO/IEC 24778 which refer to established code types, e.g. QR code.

Data to be encoded are: fusion cycle(s), traceability of manufactured products, other manufacturer's information that can also be given on websites such as voluntary certificates of quality and approvals.

This document specifies the export of data (type, format and sequence) from a data retrieval system.

Provisions of this document are applicable to polyethylene components conforming to ISO 4427-2, ISO 4427-3, ISO 4437-2, ISO 4437-3, ISO 4437-4 and ISO 15494, and can also be applicable to any other components used in PE systems.

ISO 13950 and ISO 12176-4, which partly cover the fields of application of this document, can be used in parallel.

### 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/IEC 10646, *Information technology — Universal coded character set (UCS)*

ISO 12176-1, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Equipment for fusion jointing polyethylene systems — Part 1: Butt fusion*

ISO 12176-2, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Equipment for fusion jointing polyethylene systems — Part 2: Electrofusion*

ISO 12176-3, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Equipment for fusion jointing polyethylene systems — Part 3: Operator's badge*

ISO/IEC 16022, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Data Matrix bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 18004, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — QR Code bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 21778, *Information technology — The JSON data interchange syntax*

ISO/IEC 24778, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Aztec Code bar code symbology specification*

ASTM F 2897-15a, *Standard Specification for Tracking and Traceability Encoding System of Natural Gas Distribution Components (Pipe, Tubing, Fittings, Valves, and Appurtenances)*

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **delimiter**

character used to define a specific set of data

##### 3.1.2

“]”

##### **hexadecimal character code 5d**

*delimiter* (3.1.1) of fields used in region data

##### 3.1.3

“~”

##### **hexadecimal character code 7e**

*delimiter* (3.1.1) of sub-fields

##### 3.1.4

##### **fusion equipment**

equipment that conforms to either ISO 12176-1 (butt fusion machine) or to ISO 12176-2 (control unit)

##### 3.1.5

##### **jointing process**

act of jointing separate parts of a plastic piping system

Note 1 to entry: For the purpose of this document a fusion process can be either electro-fusion or butt fusion.

Note 2 to entry: For the purpose of this document jointing can also be performed using a mechanical fitting as defined in ISO 17885.

##### 3.1.6

##### **JSON**

##### **Java Script Object Notification**

lightweight data-interchange format

Note 1 to entry: JSON is based on a subset of the JavaScript Programming Language Standard, ECMA-262 3rd Edition – December 1999.

Note 2 to entry: JSON is defined by ISO/IEC 21778.

##### 3.1.7

##### **JSON schema**

JSON-based format for describing JSON data

Note 1 to entry: Published on <https://json-schema.org>.