

English Version

**Thermoplastics piping and ducting systems - Outside the  
building structures for gravity and pressurised systems -  
Trench installation**

Systèmes de canalisations et de gaines en matières  
thermoplastiques - Système d'adduction d'eau ou  
d'assainissement à l'extérieur de la structure des  
bâtiments - Pratiques pour la pose en enterrée

Thermoplastische Kunststoff-Rohrleitungs- und  
Schutzrohr-Systeme - Systeme außerhalb der  
Gebäudestruktur zum Transport von Wasser oder  
Abwasser - Verfahren zur unterirdischen Verlegung

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## European foreword

This document (CEN/TS 1046:2021) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 155 “Plastics piping systems and ducting systems”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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This document supersedes CEN/TR 1046:2013.

This document is changed fundamentally by taking out design topics and topics already dealt with in EN 1610 and EN 805. The lay-out was changed and the pressure systems are described more in detail.

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## Introduction

This document contains guidance for installation procedures for thermoplastics piping systems and their components intended to be used below ground for pressure and non-pressure applications outside building structures. This document is intended to be used in conjunction with general standards for installation recommendations, for example those issued by CEN/TC 164 “Water supply” and CEN/TC 165 “Waste water engineering” as stated in EN 805 and EN 1610 respectively.

NOTE 1 Guidelines for installation of pipelines made out of thermosetting materials can be found in the ISO/TS 10465 series [23].

This document is based on the results from research with full-scale trials undertaken by the thermoplastics pipes industry and expressed in CEN/TS 15223.

This document is a guidance document only. It provides a set of general guidelines which gives best practices for underground installation of thermoplastics piping and ducting systems outside building structures.

This document includes recommendations for the pipe surround and backfilling procedures but not road base and road sub-base details. Attention is drawn to any national regulations which may cover these or other aspects of the installation.

This document does not cover matters relating to renovation of existing pipeline systems using lining techniques, or replacement of existing pipeline systems using trenchless techniques.

NOTE 2 Guidelines for installation of lining techniques can be found in the EN 12889 series

This document is intended to be used by authorities, design engineers, installation contractors and manufacturers.

In this document, much of the guidance is expressed as requirements, e.g. by use of “shall” or by instructions in the imperative. It is strongly recommended that these be followed whenever applicable.

Other guidance is presented for consideration as a matter of judgement in each case, e.g. by use of “should”.

## 1 Scope

This document gives the recommended practise for underground open trench installation and commissioning of thermoplastics piping systems to be used for the conveyance of water under pressure (in addition to EN 805) and for the discharge of wastewater under gravity (in addition to EN 1610).

In the field of non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage this is reflected in the marking of products by application code “U” and “UD”:

- outside the building structure (U);
- both buried in ground within the building structure (application area code “D”) and outside the building (application area code “UD”).

This document covers also installation and/or connections to valves, manholes, inspection chambers, gullies and other ancillary components in piping systems.

NOTE 1 Code of practise for pipelines for gas supply is covered by EN 12007-series [21].

NOTE 2 Recommended practices for installation of plastic piping systems for soil and waste discharge within the building structure is covered by CEN/TR 13801 [12].

NOTE 3 Practices for underground installation of rainwater infiltration and storage attenuation systems are covered by CEN/TR 17179 [13].

NOTE 4 It is assumed that additional recommendations and/or requirements are detailed in the individual product standards.

NOTE 5 If non-plastic components are part of the plastic system there will be applicable manufacturer's instructions.

Requirements and instructions concerning commissioning of systems can be found in EN 805 and EN 1610 and the relevant national and/or local regulations. This document gives specific additional recommendations for commissioning relevant for plastic piping systems.

Attention is drawn to any relevant local and/or national regulations (e.g. health, safety and hygienic requirements).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 805, *Water supply - Requirements for systems and components outside buildings*

EN 1610:2015, *Construction and testing of drains and sewers*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply in addition to EN 1610.

### 3.1 deformation

change in the true shape of the cross-section