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Polyethylene (PE) - Part 2: Pipes

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European foreword

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In comparison with the previous version, the following technical modifications have been introduced:

- PE 100-RC type materials with enhanced resistance to slow crack growth have been added.
- Annex A of EN 1555-1:2021 now discusses the performance of this type of material and gives additional information for non-conventional installation techniques.
- Test methods have been updated.
- New test methods have been added for PE 100-RC materials.

It has been prepared in liaison with Technical Committee CEN/TC 234 “Gas infrastructure”.

System Standards are based on the results of the work being undertaken in ISO/TC 138 “Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids”, which is a Technical Committee of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

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.

EN 1555 consists of the following parts:

- EN 1555-1, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 1: General*;
- EN 1555-2, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Pipes (this standard)*;
- EN 1555-3, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 3: Fittings*;
- EN 1555-4, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 4: Valves*;
- EN 1555-5, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*;
- CEN/TS 1555-7, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 7: Guidance for assessment of conformity*.

NOTE EN 12007-2 [1] prepared by CEN/TC 234 “Gas infrastructure” deals with the recommended practice for installation of plastics pipes system in accordance with EN 1555 (all parts).

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Introduction

This document specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components made from polyethylene (PE) and which is intended to be used for the supply of gaseous fuels.

Requirements and test methods for material and components, other than pipes, are specified in EN 1555-1, EN 1555-3 [2] and EN 1555-4 [3].

Characteristics for fitness for purpose are covered in EN 1555-5. CEN/TS 1555-7 [4] gives guidance for assessment of conformity. Recommended practice for installation is given in EN 12007-2 [1] prepared by CEN/TC 234.

This part of EN 1555 covers the characteristics of pipes.

1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of pipes made from polyethylene (PE) for piping systems in the field of the supply of gaseous fuels.

It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods referred to in this document.

In conjunction with Parts 1 and 3 to 5 of EN 1555, it is applicable to PE pipes, their joints and to joints with components of PE and other materials intended to be used under the following conditions:

- a) a maximum operating pressure, MOP, up to and including 10 bar¹ at a reference temperature of 20 °C for design purposes;
- b) an operating temperature between –20 °C and 40 °C.

NOTE 1 For operating temperatures between 20 °C and 40 °C derating coefficients are defined in EN 1555-5:2021.

EN 1555 covers a range of maximum operating pressures and gives requirements concerning colours.

It covers three types of pipe:

- PE pipes (outside diameter d_n) including any identification stripes;
- PE pipes with co-extruded layers on either or both the outside and/or inside of the pipe (total outside diameter d_n) as specified in Annex A, where all layers have the same MRS rating. A coextruded pipe made of a combination of PE 100 and PE 100-RC layers shall be regarded as PE 100 and marked accordingly;
- PE pipes (outside diameter d_n) with a peelable, contiguous thermoplastics additional layer on the outside of the pipe ('coated pipe') as specified in Annex B.

NOTE 2 It is the responsibility of the purchaser or specifier to make the appropriate selections from these aspects, taking into account their particular requirements and any relevant national regulations and installation practices or codes.

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.

EN 1555-1:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 1: General*

EN 1555-5:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

EN 12106, *Plastics piping systems - Polyethylene (PE) pipes - Test method for the resistance to internal pressure after application of squeeze-off*

EN ISO 1133-1, *Plastics - Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics - Part 1: Standard method (ISO 1133-1)*

¹ bar = 0,1 MPa. = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm².

EN ISO 1167-1:2006, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids - Determination of the resistance to internal pressure - Part 1: General method (ISO 1167-1:2006)*

EN ISO 1167-2, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids - Determination of the resistance to internal pressure - Part 2: Preparation of pipe test pieces (ISO 1167-2)*

EN ISO 2505, *Thermoplastics pipes - Longitudinal reversion - Test method and parameters (ISO 2505)*

EN ISO 3126, *Plastics piping systems - Plastics components - Determination of dimensions (ISO 3126)*

ISO 4065, *Thermoplastics pipes - Universal wall thickness table*

EN ISO 6259-1, *Thermoplastics pipes - Determination of tensile properties - Part 1: General test method (ISO 6259-1)*

EN ISO 6259-3:2015, *Thermoplastics pipes - Determination of tensile properties - Part 3: Polyolefin pipes (ISO 6259-3:2015)*

EN ISO 9969, *Thermoplastics pipes - Determination of ring stiffness (ISO 9969)*

EN ISO 11357-6, *Plastics - Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) - Part 6: Determination of oxidation induction time (isothermal OIT) and oxidation induction temperature (dynamic OIT) (ISO 11357-6)*

EN ISO 13477, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids - Determination of resistance to rapid crack propagation (RCP) - Small-scale steady-state test (S4 test) (ISO 13477)*

EN ISO 13478, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids - Determination of resistance to rapid crack propagation (RCP) - Full-scale test (FST) (ISO 13478)*

EN ISO 13968, *Plastics piping and ducting systems - Thermoplastics pipes - Determination of ring flexibility (ISO 13968)*

ISO 11922-1:2018, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids - Dimensions and tolerances - Part 1: Metric series*

ISO 13479:—², *Polyolefin pipes for the conveyance of fluids - Determination of resistance to crack propagation - Test method for slow crack growth on notched pipes*

ISO 18488, *Polyethylene (PE) materials for piping systems - Determination of Strain Hardening Modulus in relation to slow crack growth - Test method*

ISO 18489, *Polyethylene (PE) materials for piping systems - Determination of resistance to slow crack growth under cyclic loading - Cracked Round Bar test method*

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