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## European foreword

This document (EN 1555-5:2021) 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 EN 1555-5:2010.

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 in 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.

System Standards 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*;
- 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 (this standard)*;
- 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 of 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 are specified in EN 1555-1:2021, EN 1555-2:2021, EN 1555-3:2021 and EN 1555-4:2021.

CEN/TS 1555-7 [2] 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 fitness for purpose of the system.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements of fitness for purpose of the polyethylene (PE) piping system in the field of the supply of gaseous fuels.

It specifies the requirements for electrofusion, butt fusion and mechanical joints.

It specifies the method of preparation of test piece joints, and the tests to be carried out on these joints for assessing the fitness for purpose of the system under normal and extreme conditions.

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

NOTE 1 This document is intended only to be used by the product manufacturer to assess the performance of components according to EN 1555-2, EN 1555-3:2021, and EN 1555-4:2021 when joined together under normal and extreme conditions in accordance with this document. It is not intended for on-site testing of pipe systems.

In conjunction with Parts 1 to 4 of EN 1555, it is applicable to PE pipes, fittings, valves, their joints and to joints with components of other materials intended to be used under the following conditions:

- a) a maximum operating pressure, MOP, up to and including 10 bar<sup>1</sup> at a reference temperature of 20 °C for design purposes;
- b) an operating temperature between – 20 °C and 40 °C.

NOTE 2 For other operating temperatures between 20 °C and 40 °C, derating coefficients are defined in Annex A.

EN 1555 (all parts) covers a range of maximum operating pressures and gives requirements concerning colours.

## 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 1555-2:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 2: Pipes*

EN 1555-3:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 3: Fittings*

EN 1555-4:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 4: Valves*

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 1167-4, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids - Determination of the resistance to internal pressure - Part 4: Preparation of assemblies (ISO 1167-4)*

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)*

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<sup>1</sup> 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.



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

ISO 11413:2019, *Plastics pipes and fittings - Preparation of test piece assemblies between a polyethylene (PE) pipe and an electrofusion fitting*

ISO 11414:2009, *Plastics pipes and fittings - Preparation of polyethylene (PE) pipe/pipe or pipe/fitting test piece assemblies by butt fusion*

ISO 13953, *Polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings - Determination of the tensile strength and failure mode of test pieces from a butt-fused joint*

ISO 13954, *Plastics pipes and fittings - Peel decohesion test for polyethylene (PE) electrofusion assemblies of nominal outside diameter greater than or equal to 90 mm*

ISO 13955, *Plastics pipes and fittings - Crushing decohesion test for polyethylene (PE) electrofusion assemblies*

ISO 13956, *Plastics pipes and fittings - Decohesion test of polyethylene (PE) saddle fusion joints - Evaluation of ductility of fusion joint interface by tear test*

ISO 17885, *Plastics piping systems - Mechanical fittings for pressure piping systems - Specifications*

### **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions, symbols and abbreviations given in EN 1555-1:2021 and EN 1555-3:2021, and the following definition apply.

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

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

### **4 Symbols and abbreviations**

For the purpose of this document the symbols and abbreviations given in EN 1555-1-2021 apply.

### **5 Fitness for purpose**

#### **5.1 Method of preparation of assemblies for testing**

##### **5.1.1 General**

The joints shall be made by using pipes conforming to EN 1555-2, fittings conforming to EN 1555-3:2021 or valves conforming to EN 1555-4:2021.

Test pieces for pressure test shall be closed with pressure-tight, end-load-bearing end caps, plugs or flanges which shall be provided with connections for the entry of water and release of air.

The peelable layer of peelable layer pipe shall be removed in the area of the joint prior to jointing.