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Foreword

This document (EN 1254-6:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 "Copper and copper alloys", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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Within its programme of work, Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 requested CEN/TC 133/WG 8 "Fittings" to prepare the following standard:

EN 1254-6, *Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings — Part 6: Fittings with push-fit ends.*

EN 1254 comprises the following parts under the general title "*Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings*":

- *Part 1: Fittings with ends for capillary soldering or capillary brazing to copper tubes*
- *Part 2: Fittings with compression ends for use with copper tubes*
- *Part 3: Fittings with compression ends for use with plastics pipes*
- *Part 4: Fittings with threaded end connections*
- *Part 5: Fittings with short ends for capillary brazing to copper tubes*
- *Part 6: Fittings with push-fit ends*
- *Part 7: Fittings with press ends for metallic tubes*
- *Part 8: Fittings with press ends for use with plastics and multilayer pipes*

Part 7 will be the subject of future work.

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Introduction

Products complying with this document may be used for the transport of water for human consumption if they comply with the relevant national, regional or local regulatory provisions applicable in the place of use.

This European Standard provides the basis for the assessment of a manufacturer's production process for products manufactured in accordance with this European Standard.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies materials and test requirements for fittings of copper and copper alloys.

This part of EN 1254 specifies push-fit end connections with or without plating or coating in the size range 6 mm to 54 mm for the purpose of joining tubes of copper, plated copper, multilayer pipes and plastics pipes, intended for use in hot and cold water systems according to EN 806, which are designed for service lifetime up to fifty years, as well as heating and cooling systems.

Permissible operating temperatures and maximum operating pressures are also established.

Fittings may comprise a combination of end types, specified in this European Standard, EN 1254, or other standards, providing they are suitable for the fluid being conveyed.

The standard establishes a designation system for the fittings.

This European Standard is applicable to push-fit fittings for joining one or more of the following tubes or pipes:

- Copper tubes to EN 1057;
- PE-X pipes to EN ISO 15875-2;
- PB pipes to EN ISO 15876-2;
- PP pipes to EN ISO 15874-2;
- PE-RT pipes to EN ISO 22391-2;
- Multilayer pipes to EN ISO 21003-2.

Fittings may be suitable for joining other tubes and pipes provided the push-fit joint with the specified tube or pipe meets the requirements of this standard.

Operating temperatures and pressures

For joints with copper tubes

It is essential that operating temperatures and maximum operating pressures for assembled joints do not exceed the values in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Operating temperatures and pressures
for fittings assembled to tubes**

Operating temperature °C	Maximum operating pressure (MOP) for nominal diameters from 6 mm up to and including 54 mm bar
30	16
95	6
<p>Intermediate pressure ratings are determined by linear interpolation.</p> <p>Certain designs of push-fit fittings are suitable for use at temperature/pressure ratings outside those given in this table. For such applications, the advice of the manufacturer should be sought.</p> <p>To allow for system malfunctions, it is essential that fittings be capable of temporary excursions up to a temperature of 110 °C at a pressure of 6 bar.</p>	

For joints with multilayer and plastics pipes

The operating temperatures and maximum operating pressures for the assembled joints should be determined in accordance with multilayer or plastics pipe material properties, details of which are specified in the relevant multilayer and plastics piping system standards.

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 681-1:1996, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 1: Vulcanised rubber*

EN 712, *Thermoplastics piping systems — End-load bearing mechanical joints between pressure pipes and fittings — Test method for resistance to pull-out under constant longitudinal force*

EN 713, *Plastics piping systems — Mechanical joints between fittings and polyolefin pressure pipes — Test method for leaktightness under internal pressure of assemblies subjected to bending*

EN 1057, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round copper tubes for water and gas in sanitary and heating applications*

EN 1254-4, *Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings — Part 4: Fittings combining other end connections with capillary or compression ends*

EN 1655, *Copper and copper alloys — Declarations of conformity*

EN 1982, *Copper and copper alloys — Ingots and castings*

EN 12164, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for free machining purposes*

EN 12165, *Copper and copper alloys — Wrought and unwrought forging stock*

EN 12293, *Plastics piping systems — Thermoplastics pipes and fittings for hot and cold water — Test method for the resistance of mounted assemblies to temperature cycling*

EN 12294, *Plastics piping systems — Systems for hot and cold water — Test method for leaktightness under vacuum*

EN 12295, *Plastics piping systems — Thermoplastics pipes and associated fittings for hot and cold water — Test method for resistance of joints to pressure cycling*

EN 12449, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for general purposes*

EN ISO 6509:1995, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Determination of dezincification resistance of brass (ISO 6509:1981)*

EN ISO 15874-2¹⁾, *Plastic piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polypropylene (PP) — Part 2: Pipes (ISO 15874-2)*

EN ISO 15874-5¹⁾, *Plastic piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polypropylene (PP) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system (ISO 15874-5)*

¹⁾ Currently under revision.

EN ISO 15875-2, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X) — Part 2: Pipes (ISO 15875-2)*

EN ISO 15875-5, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system (ISO 15875-5)*

EN ISO 15876-2, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutylene (PB) — Part 2: Pipes (ISO 15876-2)*

EN ISO 15876-5, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutylene (PB) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system (ISO 15876-5)*

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

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

EN ISO 22391-2, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 2: Pipes (ISO 22391-2)*

ISO 815-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set — Part 1: At ambient or elevated temperatures*

ISO 6957:1988, *Copper alloys — Ammonia test for stress corrosion resistance*

ISO 9924-1, *Rubber and rubber products — Determination of the composition of vulcanizates and uncured compounds by thermogravimetry — Part 1: Butadiene, ethylene-propylene copolymer and terpolymer, isobutene-isoprene, isoprene and styrene-butadiene rubbers*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

plumbing fitting

device used in a tube system for the purpose of connecting the tubes either to each other or to a component part of the system

3.2

push-fit end

end which incorporates a sealing element and a gripping device. The joint is made by pushing the tube into the fitting and a seal is achieved without the use of heat or tools

Note 1 to entry: In some designs, this type of joint can be disconnected and re-connected or disconnected and the fitting re-used elsewhere.

3.3

adaptor fitting

fitting combining more than one type of end

Note 1 to entry: For details of other ends, see the relevant parts of this European Standard or other standards.

3.4

nominal diameter

nominal diameter of the fitting end expressed as the nominal outside diameter of the connecting tube