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**Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene  
(PE) pipes and fittings for water supply —**

**Part 5:  
Fitness for purpose of the system**

*Systèmes de canalisations en plastique — Tubes et raccords en  
polyéthylène (PE) destinés à l'alimentation en eau —*

*Partie 5: Aptitude à l'emploi du système*



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ISO 4427 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings for water supply*:

- *Part 1: General*
- *Part 2: Pipes*
- *Part 3: Fittings*
- *Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

## Introduction

ISO 4427, the system standard, specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components when made from polyethylene (PE). The piping system is intended to be used for water supply intended for human consumption, including the conveyance of raw water prior to treatment and that of water for general purposes.

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption caused by the products covered by ISO 4427:

- a) ISO 4427 provides no information as to whether the products may be used without restriction;
- b) existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of these products are in force.

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# Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings for water supply —

## Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 4427 specifies the characteristics of the fitness for purpose of assembled piping systems made from polyethylene (PE) intended for the conveyance of water for human consumption, including raw water prior to treatment and water for general purposes.

It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods to which it refers.

In conjunction with the other parts of ISO 4427, 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 25 bar<sup>1)</sup>;
- b) an operating temperature of 20 °C as the reference temperature.

NOTE 1 For applications operating at constant temperatures greater than 20 °C and up to 40 °C, see ISO 4427-1:2007, Annex A.

NOTE 2 ISO 4427 covers a range of maximum operating pressures and gives requirements concerning colours and additives. 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 guidance or regulations and installation practices or codes.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1167-1, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 1: General method*

ISO 1167-3, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 3: Preparation of components*

ISO 3458, *Assembled joints between fittings and polyethylene (PE) pressure pipes — Test of leakproofness under internal pressure*

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

ISO 3459, *Polyethylene (PE) pressure pipes — Joints assembled with mechanical fittings — Internal under-pressure test method and requirement*

ISO 3501, *Assembled joints between fittings and polyethylene (PE) pressure pipes — Test of resistance to pull-out*

ISO 3503, *Assembled joints between fittings and polyethylene (PE) pressure pipes — Test of leakproofness under internal pressure when subjected to bending*

ISO 4427-1:2007, *Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings for water supply — Part 1: General*

ISO 4427-3, *Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings for water supply — Part 3: Fittings*

ISO 11413:1996, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Preparation of test piece assemblies between a polyethylene (PE) pipe and an electrofusion fitting*

ISO 11414:1996, *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*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms given in ISO 4427-1 and the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1 electrofusion joint

joint between a PE socket or saddle electrofusion fitting and pipe or fitting with spigotted ends, made by heating the electrofusion fittings by the Joule effect of the heating element incorporated at their jointing surfaces, causing the material adjacent to them to melt and the pipe and fitting surfaces to fuse

#### 3.2 butt fusion joint

joint made by heating the planed ends of matching surfaces by holding them against a flat heating plate until the PE material reaches fusion temperature, quickly removing the heating plate and pushing the two softened ends against one another

#### 3.3 saddle fusion joint

joint made by heating the curved surface of a saddle and the outside surface of a pipe by holding them against a heated tool until the PE material reaches fusion temperature, quickly removing the heated tool and pushing the two softened surfaces against each other

#### 3.4 mechanical joint

joint made by assembling a PE pipe to another PE pipe, or any other element of the piping system that generally includes a compression part, to provide for pressure integrity, leaktightness and resistance to end loads