
**Plastics piping systems for hot and cold
water installations — Polyethylene of
raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) —**

**Part 1:
General**

*Systèmes de canalisations en plastique pour les installations d'eau
chaude et froide — Polyéthylène de meilleure résistance à la
température (PE-RT) —*

Partie 1: Généralités



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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 22391-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 138, *Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Plastics pipes and fittings for water supplies*.

ISO 22391 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT)*:

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

Introduction

ISO 22391, the system standard, specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components when made from polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT). The piping system is intended to be used for hot and cold water installations.

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption caused by the products covered by ISO 22391:

- a) no information is provided as to whether the products may be used without restriction;
- b) existing national regulations concerning the use and/or characteristics of the products remain in force.

This part of ISO 22391 specifies the general aspects of the plastics piping system. At the time of its publication, system standards for piping systems of other plastics materials used for the same application are

- ISO 15874:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polypropylene (PP)*,
- ISO 15875:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X)*,
- ISO 15876:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutylene (PB)*, and
- ISO 15877:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C)*.

Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) —

Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of ISO 22391 specifies the general aspects of piping systems made of polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT), intended to be used for hot and cold water installations within buildings for the conveyance of water — whether or not the water is intended for human consumption (domestic systems) or heating systems — under specified design pressures and temperatures according to the class of application.

It covers a range of service conditions (classes of application), design pressures and pipe dimension classes, and also specifies test parameters and defines terms, symbols and abbreviated terms. When used in conjunction with the other parts of ISO 22391, it is respectively applicable to PE-RT pipes, fittings, their joints, and to joints having components of PE-RT as well as of other plastics and non-plastics materials, used for hot and cold water installations.

It is not applicable for values of design temperature, maximum design temperature or malfunction temperature in excess of those it specifies.

NOTE 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 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 1043-1, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*

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

ISO 22391-2:2006, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 2: Pipes*

ISO 22391-3:2006, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 3: Fittings*

ISO 22391-5:2006, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*