
**Plastics piping systems — Multilayer pipe
systems for indoor gas installations —**

**Part 2:
Code of practice**

*Systèmes de canalisations en matières plastiques — Tubes
multicouches et leurs assemblages destinés à l'alimentation en gaz à
l'intérieur des bâtiments —*

Partie 2: Code de pratique



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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 17484-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 138, *Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Plastics pipes and fittings for the supply of gaseous fuels*.

ISO 17484 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics piping systems — Multilayer pipe systems for indoor gas installations*:

- *Part 1: Specifications for systems*
- *Part 2: Code of practice*

Introduction

ISO 17484 applies to multilayer pipe systems intended to be installed inside buildings.

The scope of this part of ISO 17484 has been limited to a maximum operating pressure (MOP) of 5 bar (500 kPa).

Although these materials are able to withstand higher pressures, a lower maximum working pressure has been selected taking into account use for gas within buildings. Therefore, a rather high safety factor has been incorporated into the functional requirements. Currently, in some countries multilayer piping is installed only under specific conditions, but this is not the case everywhere. Generally, interest in multilayer pipe systems has been increasing. Cost-effective material installation cost is a good argument for the reconsideration of conventional installation techniques. Compared with traditional materials and installation techniques, multilayer systems offer ease of installation and are more cost-effective.

The working pressure of gas in buildings for domestic or commercial use is usually not more than 100 mbar (10 kPa). Only in very rare cases is a higher working pressure applied.

When higher pressures are applied, it is very important to take into account national regulations for the fitting of (industrial) gas installations.

It is likely that new pipe constructions or materials like multilayer pipe and PEX systems will be accepted in more countries in the coming years. At present, in the majority of countries only steel and copper pipework are permitted for gas supply within buildings, other materials being forbidden explicitly. However, it would be expected that national standards and laws will be changed in favour of the application of new installation techniques.

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Part 2: Code of practice

1 Scope

This part of ISO 17484 specifies the recommended practice for the installation of multilayer pipe systems in accordance with ISO 17484-1.

It is applicable to pipe systems used in buildings to supply gas with a maximum operating pressure (MOP) up to and including 5 bar¹⁾.

This part of ISO 17484 specifies common basic principles for indoor gas systems. Users of this part of ISO 17484 should be aware that more detailed national standards and/or codes of practice can exist in ISO member countries. These existing regulations, as well as new national regulations, take precedence over this part of ISO 17484. It is intended to be applied in association with these national standards and/or codes of practice setting out the above-mentioned basic principles.

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 17484-1, *Plastics piping systems — Multilayer pipe systems for indoor gas installations with a maximum operating pressure up to and including 5 bar (500 kPa) — Part 1: Specifications for systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17484-1 and the following apply.

3.1

equipotential bond

means of ensuring that metallic gas pipework and other metallic parts of the building are at the same potential

NOTE For safety reasons, this equipotential bonding is connected to earth.

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 0,1 N/mm² = 10⁵ N/m².