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## European foreword

This document (CEN/TS 17152-4:2024) 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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EN 17152 consists of the following parts under the general title *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground conveyance and storage of non-potable water — Boxes used for infiltration, attenuation and storage systems*:

- *Part 1: Specifications for storm water boxes made of PP and PVC*;
- *Part 3: Assessment of conformity (CEN/TS)*;
- *Part 4: Guidance for the structural design of modular systems (CEN/TS)*.

Recommended practices for installation are described in CEN/TR 17179 [1].

National standards for pipes and fittings for the transport of surface water are not considered to be conflicting with this document and can thus be allowed to coexist.

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## Introduction

The products covered by this document are part of surface water (previously referred to as stormwater) management systems.

Geocellular systems are an assemblage of boxes, in one or more layers, for which the material and the material characteristics are according to EN 17152-1. The assemblage is considered as a modular system for the purposes of this design guidance.

The general principles of designing structures to withstand long-term loads are well established. However, their application is generally for rigid structures such as concrete bridges, e.g. Eurocode 2 series: Design of concrete structures (EN 1992).

The behaviour of thermoplastics is more complex and the design loads which may be experienced may be different in magnitude and action. This guidance is intended to aid the designer in determining realistic loadings in the design of thermoplastic geocellular modular systems.

NOTE In this guidance, the terms pressure(s) and strength will be used, corresponding to actions and resistances in Eurocodes.

## 1 Scope

This document gives guidance on the structural design of underground modular systems for infiltration, attenuation and storage of surface water under various conditions of loading. The procedures are explained, with the appropriate variables in the design formulae, and provides graphical information on vehicle surcharge loadings.

These modular systems are constructed from multiple cuboid shaped thermoplastic boxes generally with ancillary components such as inlet/outlet connectors, vents, and access/inspection provision. This guidance is for the design of modular systems conforming to EN 17152-1.

The boxes, including integral components, are injection moulded, extruded or thermoformed thermoplastics, manufactured from polypropylene (PP) or unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), and are intended to be used as elements in a modular system where the manufacturer has clearly stated in the documentation how the components are assembled to create a complete infiltration, attenuation or storage system.

Outside the scope of this document are the following conditions:

- seismic loads,
- lateral loads from adjacent structures and embankments,
- influence of trees,
- backfill materials not according to CEN/TR 17179 [1].

Geotextile and/or geomembrane used with modular systems are outside the scope of this document.

NOTE If reference is made in this document to Eurocode standards, the conditions in a national foreword or national annex are normally stated.

## 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 ISO 472:2013, *Plastics — Vocabulary (ISO 472:2013)*

EN ISO 1043-1:2011, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics (ISO 1043-1:2011)*

EN 1997-1:—<sup>1</sup>, *Eurocode 7 — Geotechnical design — Part 1: General rules*

EN 17152-1:2019, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground conveyance and storage of non-potable water — Boxes used for infiltration, attenuation and storage systems — Part 1: Specifications for storm water boxes made of PP and PVC-U*

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