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**Glass-reinforced thermosetting  
plastics (GRP) pipes — Test method  
to prove the resistance to initial ring  
deflection**

*Tubes en plastiques thermodurcissables renforcés de verre (PRV) —  
Méthode d'essai pour établir la résistance à la déflexion annulaire  
initiale*

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Clause 2](#), "Normative references", has been added;
- [subclause 5.3](#), "Dimension measuring instruments, capable of determining", has been amended;
- [subclause 6.3](#), "Determination of dimensions", has been amended.

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# Glass-reinforced thermosetting plastics (GRP) pipes — Test method to prove the resistance to initial ring deflection

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for testing the ability of glass-reinforced thermosetting plastics (GRP) pipes to withstand specified levels of initial ring deflection without displaying surface damage and/or structural failure.

## 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.

ISO 3126, *Plastics piping systems — Plastics components — Determination of dimensions*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### vertical deflection

$y$

vertical change in diameter of a pipe in a horizontal position in response to a vertical compressive load

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in metres.

### 3.2

#### relative vertical deflection

$y/d_m$

ratio of the vertical deflection,  $y$ , (3.1) to the mean diameter,  $d_m$  (3.3), of the pipe

### 3.3

#### mean diameter

$d_m$

diameter of the circle corresponding to the middle of the pipe wall cross-section and given, in metres (m), by either of the following formulae:

$$d_m = d_i + e$$

$$d_m = d_e - e$$

where

- $d_i$  is the internal diameter, in metres;  
 $d_e$  is the external diameter, in metres;  
 $e$  is the wall thickness of the pipe, in metres.

### 3.4 visual evidence of structural failure

unless otherwise specified by the referring standard, a failure apparent in any of the following forms:

- interlaminar separation;
- tensile failure of the glass fibre reinforcement;
- buckling of the pipe wall;
- if applicable, separation of the thermoplastic liner from the structural wall.

### 3.5 strength-reduction evidence of structural failure

unless otherwise specified by the referring standard, a failure apparent in any of the following ways:

- a) during the two-minute inspection period, there is an instantaneous drop in load in excess of 10 % of the maximum load applied;
- b) when an instantaneous drop in load of up to 10 % has occurred and the test piece cannot sustain an increase in load equal to twice the reduction in load.

### 3.6 compressive load

$F_1$  or  $F_2$   
load applied to a pipe to cause a diametric deflection

Note 1 to entry: Compressive load is expressed in newtons.

## 4 Principle

A length of pipe supported horizontally is loaded throughout its length to compress it diametrically to two successive specified levels of vertical deflection (see [Figure 2](#)). The pipe is inspected at the first deflection level for visual evidence of surface damage and/or structural failure and at the second deflection level for visual evidence of structural failure (see [3.4](#)). A performance test for structural integrity is also carried out, as a function of the resistance to loading.

NOTE It is assumed that the following test parameters are set by the standard making reference to this document:

- a) the two pipe deflection limits (see [5.1](#) and [8.3](#));
- b) the length of the test piece (see [Clause 6](#));
- c) the number of test pieces (see [Clause 6](#));
- d) the test temperature (see [8.1](#));
- e) the surface(s) of the test piece to be inspected for surface damage (see [8.3](#));
- f) the visual characteristics of surface damage and structural failure (see [8.3](#)).

## 5 Apparatus

### 5.1 Compressive-loading machine

The machine comprises a system capable of applying, without shock, a compressive force,  $F$ , at a controlled rate through two parallel load application surfaces conforming to 5.2 so that a horizontally orientated pipe test piece conforming to Clause 6 can be compressed vertically. The machine shall be able to achieve and sustain the deflections or relative vertical deflections specified in the referring standard in accordance with the periods specified in 8.3.

### 5.2 Load application surfaces

#### 5.2.1 General arrangement

The surfaces shall be provided by a pair of plates (see 5.2.2), or a pair of beam bars (see 5.2.3), or a combination of one such plate and one such bar, with their major axes perpendicular to and centred on the direction of application of the load  $F$  by the compressive-loading machine, as shown in Figure 1. The surfaces in contact with the test piece shall be flat, smooth, clean and parallel.

Plates and beam bars shall have a length at least equal to that of the test piece (see Clause 6) and a thickness such that visible deformation does not occur during the test.

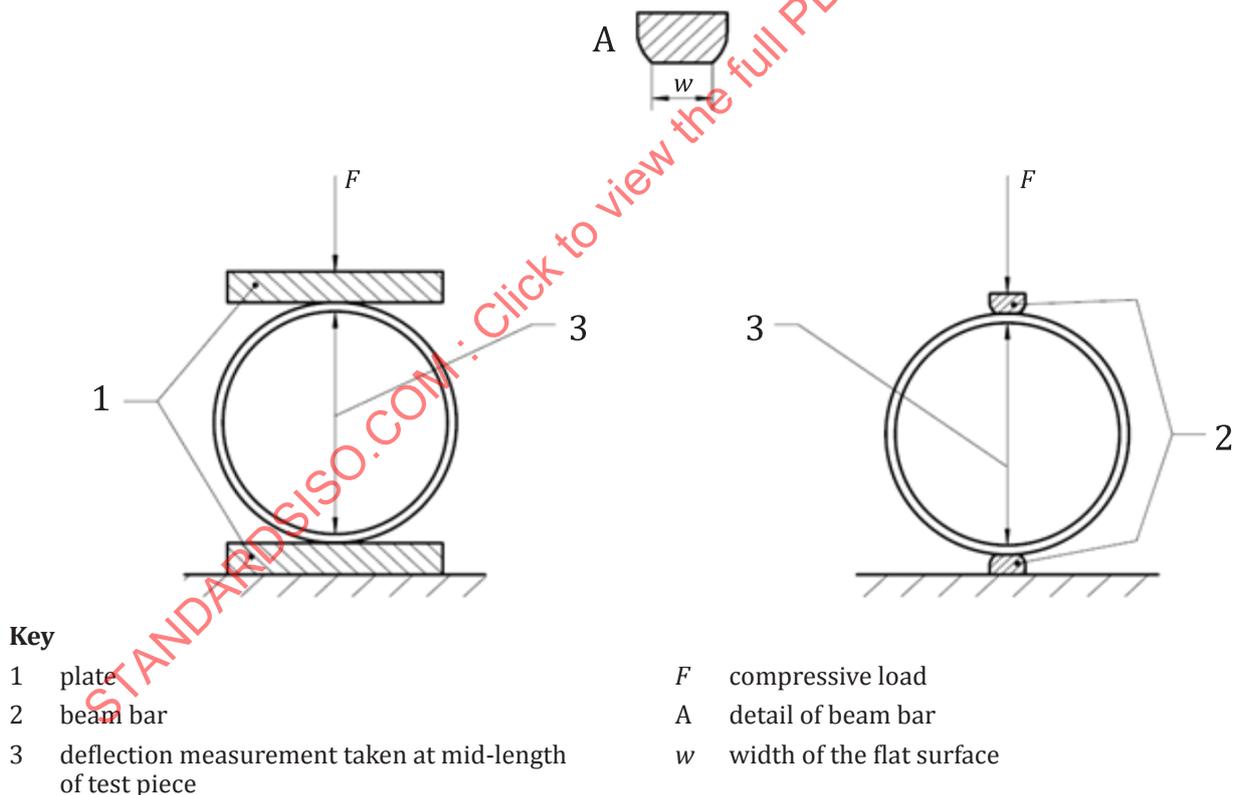


Figure 1 — Schematic diagram of the test arrangement

#### 5.2.2 Plates

The plate(s) shall have a width of at least 100 mm.

### 5.2.3 Beam bars

Each beam bar shall have rounded edges, a flat face (see [Figure 1](#)) without sharp edges and a width dependent upon the pipe as follows:

- a) for pipes with a nominal size not greater than DN 300, the width shall be  $(20 \pm 2)$  mm;
- b) for pipes of nominal sizes greater than DN 300, the width shall be  $(50 \pm 5)$  mm.

The beam bars shall be designed and supported such that no other surface of the beam bar structure shall come into contact with the test piece during the test.

### 5.3 Dimension-measuring instruments

The instruments shall be capable of determining:

- a) the dimensions (length, diameter, and wall thickness) of the test pieces. The devices shall be calibrated to an accuracy of within  $\pm 1,0$  %;
- b) the change in diameter of the test piece in the vertical direction. The device shall be calibrated to an accuracy of within  $\pm 1,0$  %.

NOTE The maximum value of the change to be measured depends upon the vertical deflection or the relative vertical deflection specified in the referring standard.

### 5.4 Temperature-measuring instrument

If applicable, the instrument shall be capable of verifying conformity to the test temperature (see [8.1](#)).

## 6 Test pieces

### 6.1 Preparation

Each test piece shall be a complete ring cut from the pipe to be tested. The length of the test piece shall be as specified in the referring standard, with permissible deviations of  $\pm 5$  %.

The cut ends shall be smooth and perpendicular to the axis of the pipe.

Six straight lines, to serve as reference lines, shall be drawn on the inside or the outside along the length of the test piece at  $60^\circ$  intervals around its circumference.

### 6.2 Number

The number of test pieces shall be as specified in the referring standard.

### 6.3 Determination of dimensions

#### 6.3.1 Wall thickness

Using one of the methods specified in ISO 3126, measure the wall thickness of the test piece at each end of each reference line.

Calculate the average wall thickness  $e$ , in metres, of the measured values.

### 6.3.2 Mean diameter

Using one of the methods specified in ISO 3126, measure either of the following:

- a) the internal diameter,  $d_i$ , of the test piece between each pair of diametrically opposed reference lines at their mid-length, e.g. by means of a pair of calipers;
- b) the external diameter,  $d_e$ , of the test piece at the mid-points of the reference lines, e.g. by means of circumferential-wrap steel tape.

Calculate the mean diameter,  $d_m$ , of the test piece using the values obtained for the wall thickness and either the internal or the external diameter (see [3.3](#)).

## 7 Conditioning

Unless otherwise specified by the referring standard, store the test pieces for at least 0,5 h at the test temperature (see [8.1](#)) prior to testing.

In cases of dispute, condition the test pieces for 24 h at  $(23 \pm 5)$  °C before testing, or subject them to a mutually agreed conditioning schedule.

## 8 Procedure

### 8.1 Test temperature

Conduct the following procedure at the temperature specified in the referring standard.

### 8.2 Choice of load application surfaces and positioning of the test piece

If one of the required relative deflection limits (for surface damage or for structural failure) is in excess of 28 %, use beam bars. Otherwise use either plates and/or beam bars (see [5.2](#)).

Place the test piece in contact with the upper and lower plate or beam bar (see [5.2.1](#)), with one of the pairs of diametrically opposed reference lines vertically aligned. Ensure that the contact between the test piece and each plate or beam bar is as uniform as possible and that the plates and/or beam bars are not tilted laterally.

### 8.3 Application of load and measurement of deflection

**8.3.1** Compress the test piece at a constant rate so that the first minimum initial vertical deflection or minimum initial relative vertical deflection specified in the referring standard is reached to an accuracy of  $\pm 2,0$  % of the specified deflection value in  $(2 \pm 0,5)$  min and record the corresponding load  $F_1$  (see [Figure 2](#)).

**8.3.2** Maintain this deflection for  $(2 \pm 0,25)$  min while inspecting the test piece without magnification for surface damage [see items e) and f) in the NOTE to [Clause 4](#)].

Record any observations of surface damage together with the corresponding deflection.

**8.3.3** Increase the deflection, using either a constant rate of compression or loading chosen so that the second minimum initial vertical deflection or minimum initial relative vertical deflection is reached to an accuracy of within  $\pm 2,0$  % of the specified deflection value in  $(2 \pm 0,5)$  min and record the corresponding load  $F_2$ .

**8.3.4** Maintain this deflection for  $(2 \pm 0,25)$  min while continuously monitoring and recording the load applied (see [Figure 2](#)) and continuously inspecting the test piece for structural failure [see item f) in the