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**Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification and designation — Overall service (design) coefficient**

*Matières thermoplastiques pour tubes et raccords pour applications avec pression — Classification et désignation — Coefficient global de service (de calcul)*



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## Introduction

ISO/TR 9080 states in 0.2.7 of its introduction that methods for using  $\sigma_{LTHS}$  and/or  $\sigma_{LCL}$  to arrive at the allowable design stresses still had to be considered. Service factors or safety factors have to be introduced.

This International Standard uses the lower confidence limit of the long-term strength,  $\sigma_{LCL}$ , as a basis for material classification and designation and defines the relation with the design stress. The service factors are expressed in the overall service (design) coefficient. The final overall service (design) coefficients are given in the product or system standards.

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# Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification and designation — Overall service (design) coefficient

## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the classification of thermoplastics materials in pipe form and specifies the material designation. It also gives a method for calculating the design stress.

It applies to materials intended for pipes and/or fittings for pressure applications.

The classification, the material designation, and the calculation method are based on the resistance to internal pressure with water at 20 °C in water for 50 years, derived by extrapolation using the method given in ISO/TR 9080.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3:1973, *Preferred numbers — Series of preferred numbers*.

ISO 497:1973, *Guide to the choice of series of preferred numbers and of series containing more rounded values of preferred numbers*.

ISO 1043-1:1987, *Plastics — Symbols — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*.

ISO/TR 9080:1992, *Thermoplastics pipes for the transport of fluids — Methods of extrapolation of hydrostatic stress rupture data to determine the long-term hydrostatic strength of thermoplastics pipe materials*.

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 long-term strength at 20 °C for 50 years,  $\sigma_{LTHS}$ :** Quantity with the dimensions of stress, in megapascals, which can be considered as a property of the material and represents the 50 % lower confidence limit for the long-term strength. It is equal to the mean strength or predicted mean strength at 20 °C for 50 years with internal pressure with water.

**3.2 lower confidence limit at 20 °C for 50 years,  $\sigma_{LCL}$ :** Quantity with the dimensions of stress, in megapascals, which can be considered as a property of the material and represents the 97,5 % lower confidence limit of the mean long-term strength at 20 °C for 50 years with internal pressure with water.

**3.3 minimum required strength, MRS:** Value of  $\sigma_{LCL}$ , rounded down to the next smaller value of the R10 series or of the R20 series conforming to ISO 3 and ISO 497, depending on the value of  $\sigma_{LCL}$ .

**3.4 overall service (design) coefficient, C:** Overall coefficient with a value greater than 1, which takes into consideration service conditions as well as properties of the components of a piping system other than those represented in the lower confidence limit.

NOTE 1 Minimum values of C for various materials are given in clause 5.

**3.5 design stress,  $\sigma_s$ :** Allowable stress for a given application. It is derived by dividing the MRS by the coefficient  $C$ , then rounding to the next lower value in the R20 series, i.e.

$$\sigma_s = \frac{[MRS]}{C}$$

#### 4 Classification of materials in pipe form

A thermoplastics material shall be classified by the

values of its  $\sigma_{LCL}$ , rounded down to the next smaller value of the R10 series when  $\sigma_{LCL}$  is less than 10 MPa or to the next smaller value of the R20 series when  $\sigma_{LCL}$  is greater than or equal to 10 MPa. This value constitutes the MRS.

The classification number for a thermoplastics material shall be 10 times the MRS expressed in megapascals (see table 1).

**Table 1 — Classification**

Range of lower confidence limits $\sigma_{LCL}$ MPa	Minimum required strength MRS MPa	Classification number <sup>1)</sup>
$1 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 1,24$	1	10
$1,25 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 1,59$	1,25	12,5
$1,6 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 1,99$	1,6	16
$2 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 2,49$	2	20
$2,5 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 3,14$	2,5	25
$3,15 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 3,99$	3,15	31,5
$4 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 4,99$	4	40
$5 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 6,29$	5	50
$6,3 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 7,99$	6,3	63
$8 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 9,99$	8	80
$10 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 11,19$	10	100
$11,2 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 12,49$	11,2	112
$12,5 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 13,99$	12,5	125
$14 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 15,99$	14	140
$16 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 17,99$	16	160
$18 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 19,99$	18	180
$20 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 22,39$	20	200
$22,4 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 24,99$	22,4	224
$25 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 27,99$	25	250
$28 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 31,49$	28	280
$31,5 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 35,49$	31,5	315
$35,5 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 39,99$	35,5	355
$40 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 44,99$	40	400
$45 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 49,99$	45	450
$50 \leq \sigma_{LCL} \leq 54,99$	50	500

1) If the classification number is not an integer, a full stop is used instead of a comma.