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**Plastics piping systems for water supply  
and for buried and above-ground  
drainage and sewerage under pressure —  
Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride)  
(PVC-U) —**

**Part 1:  
General**

*Systèmes de canalisations en plastique pour l'alimentation en eau, pour  
branchements et collecteurs d'assainissement enterrés et aériens avec  
pression — Poly(chlorure de vinyle) non plastifié (PVC-U) —*

*Partie 1: Généralités*



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## Foreword

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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 4422-1:1996, which has been technically revised.

ISO 1452 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics piping systems for water supply and for buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U)*:

- *Part 1: General*
- *Part 2: Pipes*
- *Part 3: Fittings*
- *Part 4: Valves*
- *Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

Guidance for the assessment of conformity is to form the subject of a part 7.

## Introduction

The System Standard, of which this is Part 1, specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components made from unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U). The piping system is intended to be used for water supply and for buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure.

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption, caused by the products covered by this part of ISO 1452, the following are relevant.

- a) This part of ISO 1452 provides no information as to whether or not the products can be used without restriction.
- b) Existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of these products remain in force.

Requirements and test methods for components are specified in ISO 1452-2, ISO 1452-3 and ISO 1452-4. Characteristics for fitness for purpose (mainly for joints) are established in ISO 1452-5.

This part of ISO 1452 specifies the general aspects of PVC-U.

Guidance for installation is given in ISO/TR 4191<sup>[1]</sup>.

Guidance for assessment of conformity is provided in EN 1452-7<sup>[2]</sup>.

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# Plastics piping systems for water supply and for buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) —

## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 1452 specifies the general aspects of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) solid-wall piping systems intended for water supply and for buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure.

In conjunction with ISO 1452-2, ISO 1452-3, ISO 1452-4 and ISO 1452-5, it is applicable to PVC-U pipes, fittings, valves and ancillary equipment, their joints and to joints with components of other plastics and non-plastics materials intended to be used for the following:

- a) water mains and services buried in the ground;
- b) conveyance of water above ground for both outside and inside buildings;
- c) buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure.

It is applicable to piping systems intended for the supply of water under pressure up to and including 25 °C (cold water), intended for human consumption and for general purposes as well as for waste water under pressure.

This part of ISO 1452 is also applicable to components for the conveyance of water and waste water up to and including 45 °C. For temperatures between 25 °C and 45 °C, Figure A.1 of ISO 1452-2:2009 applies.

NOTE The producer and the end-user can come to agreement on the possibilities of use for temperatures above 45 °C on a case-by-case basis.

### 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 472:1999, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 1043-1:2005, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*

ISO 1167-1, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 1: General method*

ISO 1167-2, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 2: Preparation of pipe test pieces*

ISO 6401:2008, *Plastics — Poly(vinyl chloride) — Determination of residual vinyl chloride monomer — Gas-chromatographic method*

ISO 9080, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Determination of the long-term hydrostatic strength of thermoplastics materials in pipe form by extrapolation*

ISO 12162, *Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification, design coefficient and designation*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and ISO 1043-1 and the following apply.

NOTE If not included in this part of ISO 1452, see the designations given in EN 805<sup>[3]</sup> and EN 806-1<sup>[4]</sup>.

##### 3.1.1 Wall construction definition

###### 3.1.1.1 solid-wall

having smooth internal and external surface and the same homogeneous compound/formulation throughout the wall

NOTE This term can be applied to pipes, fittings and valves.

##### 3.1.2 Geometrical definitions

###### 3.1.2.1 nominal size DN

numerical designation of the size of a component, other than a component designated by thread size, which is a convenient round number approximately equal to the manufacturing dimension in millimetres (mm)

###### 3.1.2.2 nominal size DN/OD

nominal size, related to the outside diameter

###### 3.1.2.3 nominal size DN/ID

nominal size, related to the inside diameter

###### 3.1.2.4 nominal diameter

$d_n$   
specified diameter assigned to a nominal size

NOTE 1 According to ISO 1452, the nominal (outside) diameter of a thermoplastics pipe or a spigot, is equal to its minimum mean outside diameter,  $d_{em,min}$ .

NOTE 2 The nominal (inside) diameter of the socket of a fitting, pipe, valve or of ancillary equipment is equal to the nominal (outside) diameter of the connecting pipe for which they are designed.

NOTE 3 The nominal diameter is expressed in millimetres.

**3.1.2.5****outside diameter at any point** $d_e$ 

value of the measurement of the outside diameter through its cross-section at any point of a pipe or spigot, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm

**3.1.2.6****mean outside diameter** $d_{em}$ 

value of the measurement of the outer circumference of a pipe or spigot end of a fitting in any cross-section, divided by  $\pi$  ( $\approx 3,142$ ), rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm

**3.1.2.7****mean inside diameter of socket** $d_{im}$ 

arithmetical mean of two measured inside diameters perpendicular to each other at the midpoint of the socket length

**3.1.2.8****out-of-roundness**

ovality

difference between the measured maximum and the measured minimum outside diameter in the same cross-section of a pipe or spigot, or the difference between the measured maximum and the measured minimum inside diameter in the same cross-section of a socket

**3.1.2.9****nominal wall thickness** $e_n$ 

numerical designation of the wall thickness of a component which is identical to the minimum permissible wall thickness at any point

NOTE The wall thickness is expressed in millimetres.

**3.1.2.10****wall thickness at any point** $e$ 

value of the measurement of the wall thickness at any point around the circumference of a component

**3.1.2.11****mean wall thickness** $e_m$ 

arithmetical mean of a number of measurements of the wall thickness, regularly spaced around the circumference and in the same cross-section of a component, including the measured minimum and the measured maximum values of the wall thickness in that cross-section

**3.1.2.12****tolerance**

permitted variation of the specified value of a quantity, expressed as the difference between the permitted maximum and the permitted minimum value

**3.1.2.13****pipe series****S**

dimensionless number for pipe designation

NOTE 1 The pipe series S is related to a given pipe geometry as given in Equation (1):

$$S = \frac{d_n - e_n}{2e_n} \quad (1)$$

NOTE 2 Adapted from ISO 4065:1996<sup>[5]</sup>, definition 3.6.

**3.1.2.14**  
**standard dimension ratio**  
**SDR**

numerical designation of a pipe series which is a convenient round number approximately equal to the dimension ratio of the nominal outside diameter,  $d_n$ , and the nominal wall thickness,  $e_n$

NOTE According to ISO 4065<sup>[5]</sup>, the standard dimension ratio, SDR, and the pipe series S are related as given in Equation (2):

$$SDR = 2S + 1 \quad (2)$$

**3.1.3 Material definitions**

**3.1.3.1**  
**virgin material**

material in the form of granules or powder that has not been subjected to use or processing other than that required for its manufacture and to which no reprocessible or recyclable material(s) has been added

**3.1.3.2**  
**own reprocessible material**

material prepared from rejected unused pipes, fittings and valves, including trimmings from the production of pipes, fittings and valves, which will be reprocessed in a manufacturer's plant after having been previously processed by the same manufacturer by a process such as moulding or extrusion and for which the complete formulation or compound is known

**3.1.3.3**  
**external reprocessible material**

material comprising either one of the following forms:

- a) material from rejected unused pipes, fittings or valves or trimmings therefrom, which will be reprocessed and which were originally processed by another manufacturer;
- b) material from the production of unused PVC-U products other than pipes, fittings and valves, regardless of where they are manufactured

**3.1.3.4**  
**recyclable material**

material comprising either one of the following forms:

- a) material from used pipes, fittings or valves which have been cleaned and crushed or ground;
- b) material from used PVC-U products other than pipes, fittings or valves which have been cleaned and crushed or ground

**3.1.4 Definitions related to material characteristics**

**3.1.4.1**  
**lower prediction limit**

$\sigma_{LPL}$   
quantity which can be considered as a material property, representing the 97,5 % lower confidence limit of the predicted long-term hydrostatic strength at 20 °C for 50 years with internal water pressure

NOTE Lower prediction limit is expressed in megapascals (MPa).

**3.1.4.2****minimum required strength****MRS**

value of  $\sigma_{LPL}$ , rounded to the next lower value of the R10 series when  $\sigma_{LPL}$  is below 10 MPa, or to the next lower value of the R20 series when  $\sigma_{LPL}$  is 10 MPa or greater

NOTE The R10 and R20 series are the basic series of preferred numbers conforming to ISO 3<sup>[6]</sup> and ISO 497<sup>[7]</sup>.

**3.1.4.3****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 predictive limit

**3.1.4.4****design stress** **$\sigma_s$** 

allowable stress for a given application at 20 °C

NOTE 1 It is derived from the MRS by dividing it by the coefficient, C, using Equation (3):

$$\sigma_s = \frac{\text{MRS}}{C} \quad (3)$$

NOTE 2 Design stress is expressed in megapascals (MPa).

**3.1.5 Definitions related to service conditions****3.1.5.1****nominal pressure****PN**

numerical designation used for reference purposes related to the mechanical characteristics of a component of a piping system

NOTE 1 For plastics piping systems, it corresponds to the allowable operating pressure, in bar<sup>1)</sup>, conveying water at 20 °C during 50 years, as given in Equation (4):

$$\text{PN} = \frac{20 \text{ MRS}}{C \times (\text{SDR} - 1)} \quad (4)$$

NOTE 2 Research on long-term performance prediction of existing PVC water distribution systems shows possible service life of at least 100 years (see Figure 1 and KRV Nachrichten 1/95<sup>[8]</sup> and TNO Science and Industry<sup>[9]</sup>).

**3.1.5.2****allowable operating pressure****PFA**

maximum hydrostatic pressure which a component is capable of withstanding continuously in service (excluding surge)

NOTE For water temperatures up to and including 25 °C: PFA = PN

For water temperatures above 25 °C: PFA =  $f_T$  × PN

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1) 1 bar = 10<sup>5</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup> = 0,1 MPa.

where

$f_T$  is the derating factor depending on water temperature;

PN is the nominal pressure.

In cases where a further derating factor for application is required:  $PFA = f_A \times f_T \times PN$ , where  $f_A$  is the factor depending on the application.

### 3.1.5.3

#### allowable site test pressure

##### PEA

maximum hydrostatic pressure which a newly installed component is capable of withstanding for a relatively short duration, in order to ensure the integrity and leaktightness of the pipeline

NOTE For this part of ISO 1452, PEA equals  $1,5 \times PFA$ , with a maximum of  $PFA + 5$  bar.

### 3.1.5.4

#### hydrostatic stress

##### $\sigma$

stress induced in the wall of a pipe when a pressure is applied using water as a medium

NOTE 1 The hydrostatic stress is related to the applied pressure,  $p$ , in bar, the wall thickness at any point,  $e$ , and the mean outside diameter,  $d_{em}$ , of a pipe and is calculated using approximation Equation (5):

$$\sigma = \frac{p(d_{em} - e)}{20e} \quad (5)$$

NOTE 2 Hydrostatic stress is expressed in megapascals.

## 3.1.6 Definitions for pipe joints

### 3.1.6.1

#### end-load-bearing joint

joint that can resist axial loads without additional external mechanical support

### 3.1.6.2

#### non-end-load-bearing joint

joint that cannot resist axial loads without additional external mechanical axial support

## 3.2 Symbols

$C$	design coefficient
$d_e$	outside diameter at any point
$d_{em}$	mean outside diameter
$d_i$	inside diameter at any point
$d_{im}$	mean inside diameter of socket
$d_n$	nominal outside or inside diameter
$e$	wall thickness at any point
$e_m$	mean wall thickness

$e_n$	nominal wall thickness
$f_A$	derating factor for application
$f_T$	derating factor for water temperatures
$\delta$	material density
$\sigma$	hydrostatic stress
$\sigma_s$	design stress
$\sigma_{LPL}$	lower predicted limit

### 3.3 Abbreviated terms

DN	nominal size
DN/ID	nominal size, inside diameter related
DN/OD	nominal size, outside diameter related
MRS	minimum required strength
PFA	allowable operating pressure
PEA	allowable site test pressure
PN	nominal pressure
PVC-U	unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride)
S	pipe series
SDR	standard dimension ratio
TIR	true impact rate
VCM	vinyl chloride monomer

## 4 Material

### 4.1 General requirements for compounds or formulations

The material from which the pipes, fittings and valves are made shall be an unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) compound or formulation. This compound or formulation shall consist of PVC-U resin/powder, to which shall be added those additives which are needed to facilitate the manufacture of pipes, fittings and valves conforming to ISO 1452-2, ISO 1452-3, ISO 1452-4 and ISO 1452-5, as applicable.

None of these additives shall be used separately or together in quantities sufficient to constitute a toxic, organoleptic or microbiological hazard or to impair the fabrication or solvent cementing properties of the product or to impair the chemical and physical or mechanical properties (in particular long-term mechanical strength and impact strength) as specified in the applicable part(s) of ISO 1452.

The vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) in the resin used in PVC-U compound/formulation shall be less than  $\pm 0,000 1 \%$  volume fraction <sup>2)</sup> if determined by means of gas-phase chromatography using the "headspace" method in accordance with ISO 6401.

**4.2 Special requirement for compounds or formulations for components in contact with drinking water**

All plastics and non-plastics materials for components of the PVC-U piping system, e.g. pipes, fittings, valves, elastomeric sealing rings, solvent cement, lubricants, when in permanent or in temporary contact with water, which is intended for human consumption, shall not adversely affect the quality of the drinking water.

**4.3 Use of reprocessible and recyclable material**

The use of the manufacturer's own reprocessible material obtained during the production and production testing of products conforming to ISO 1452 (all parts) is permitted in addition to the use of virgin material. Reprocessible material obtained from external sources and recyclable material shall not be used.

**4.4 Classification and verification of materials**

**4.4.1 Classification of compounds or formulations in pipe form**

Compounds or formulations shall be designated by the material type (PVC-U) and the level of minimum required strength (MRS), in accordance with Table 1.

The compound or formulation shall have an MRS equal to the values specified in Table 1. The MRS value for compound or formulation classification shall be derived from  $\sigma_{PL}$  in accordance with ISO 12162. The  $\sigma_{PL}$  is determined by analysis in accordance with ISO 9080, of hydrostatic pressure tests carried out in accordance with ISO 1167-1 and ISO 1167-2 and using pipe series 6,3  $\leq S \leq 12,5$  and end caps type A, tested with water in water. The test temperatures shall be 20 °C and 60 °C.

NOTE 1 If fittings or valves are manufactured from the same compound or formulation as the pipe, the material classification is the same as for the pipe.

NOTE 2 Analyses established according to previous editions of ISO 9080 are deemed to satisfy this clause.

**Table 1 — Material designation and corresponding maximum design stress values**

Designation <sup>a</sup>	Minimum required strength MRS MPa	Pipes		Fittings			
		$d_n \leq 90$ ( $C = 2,5$ )	$d_n > 90$ ( $C = 2,0$ )	Injection moulded		Fabricated	
				$d_n < 160$ ( $C = 2,5$ )	$d_n \geq 160$ ( $C = 2,0$ )	$d_n \leq 90$ ( $C = 2,5$ )	$d_n > 90$ ( $C = 2,0$ )
$\sigma_s$ MPa	$\sigma_s$ MPa	$\sigma_s$ MPa	$\sigma_s$ MPa	$\sigma_s$ MPa	$\sigma_s$ MPa		
PVC-U 250	25,0	10,0	12,5	10,0	12,5	10,0	12,5
PVC-U 200	20,0	b	b	8,0	10,0	b	b

<sup>a</sup> This is only used for compound classification declared by the compound manufacturer.  
<sup>b</sup> Not applicable.

2) This is the equivalent of 1 ppm; ppm is a deprecated unit.