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**Pipes and joints made of oriented
unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride)
(PVC-O) for the conveyance of water
under pressure —**

**Part 5:
Fitness for purpose of the system**

*Tubes et assemblages en poly(chlorure de vinyle) non plastifié
orienté (PVC-O) pour le transport de l'eau sous pression —*

Partie 5: Aptitude à l'emploi du système

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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 16422-5, together with ISO 16422-1 and ISO 16422-2, cancels and replaces the second edition of ISO 16422:2014, which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- ISO 16422:2014 has been split into several parts, under the general title "*Pipes and joints made of oriented unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-O) for the conveyance of water under pressure*". The information previously included in ISO 16422:2014 has been divided into ISO 16422-1, ISO 16422-2 and ISO 16422-5 (this document), with the following addition to ISO 16422-5:
 - new pressure tests for leaktightness of assemblies have been introduced in place of those from ISO 13783.

A list of all parts in the ISO 16422 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

Molecular orientation of thermoplastics results in the improvement of physical and mechanical properties. Orientation is carried out at temperatures well above the glass transition temperature.

Orientation of PVC-U pipe-material can be induced by different processes.

In general, the following production process is common.

- A thick-wall tube is extruded (feedstock) and conditioned at the desired temperature.
- The orientation process is activated primarily in circumferential direction under controlled conditions. Axial orientation can also be activated in the product.
- After the orientation process, the pipe is cooled down quickly to ambient temperature.

The orientation of the molecules creates a laminar structure in the material of the pipe wall. This structure gives the ability to withstand brittle failure emanating from minor flaws in the material matrix or from scratches at the surface of the pipe wall.

Improved hoop strength allows reduced wall thickness with material and energy savings. It also results in improved resistance to impact and fatigue.

The classification of the pipe depends on material compound/formulation and stretch ratios used. Therefore, with the classification, these characteristics may be specified or determined.

Regarding potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption caused by the products covered by this document, this document provides no information as to whether or not the products can be used without restriction.

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Pipes and joints made of oriented unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-O) for the conveyance of water under pressure —

Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system

1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of the fitness for purpose of oriented unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-O) solid wall piping intended to be used underground or above-ground where protected from direct sunlight, for water supply, buried drainage, sewerage, treated wastewater and irrigation under pressure. It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods referred to in this document.

This document is not intended for on-site testing of pipe systems.

In conjunction with ISO 16422-1, ISO 16422-2, ISO/TS 16422-3 and ISO 1452-3, this document is applicable to PVC-O pipes and PVC-O fittings, as well as to 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 lines;
- b) conveyance of water for both outside and inside buildings;
- c) drainage, sewerage and treated wastewater under pressure;
- d) irrigation under pressure.

This document 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 wastewater under pressure.

This document is also applicable to components for the conveyance of water and wastewater up to and including 45 °C. For temperatures between 25 °C and 45 °C, see ISO 16422-2:2023, Figure C.1.

The piping system according to this document is intended for the conveyance of cold water up to pressures of 25 bar¹⁾ and especially in those applications where special performance requirements are needed, such as impact loads and pressure fluctuations, up to pressure of 25 bar.

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 16422-1, *Pipes and joints made of oriented unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-O) — Part 1: General*

ISO 16422-2, *Pipes and joints made of oriented unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-O) — Part 2: Pipes*

ISO/TS 16422-3, *Pipes and joints made of oriented unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-O) for the conveyance of water under pressure — Part 3: Fittings*

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

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

ISO 1452-3, *Plastics piping systems for water supply and for buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) — Part 3: Fittings*

ISO 1452-4, *Plastics piping systems for water supply and for buried and above-ground drainage and sewerage under pressure — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) — Part 4: Valves*

ISO 13844, *Plastics piping systems — Elastomeric-sealing-ring-type socket joints for use with plastic pipes — Test method for leaktightness under negative pressure, angular deflection and deformation*

ISO 13845, *Plastics piping systems — Elastomeric-sealing-ring-type socket joints for use with thermoplastic pressure pipes — Test method for leaktightness under internal pressure and with angular deflection*

ISO 13846, *Plastics piping systems — End-load-bearing and non-end-load-bearing assemblies and joints for thermoplastics pressure piping — Test method for long-term leaktightness under internal water pressure*

ISO 17885, *Plastics piping systems — Mechanical fittings for pressure piping systems — Specifications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and ISO 1043-1, ISO 16422-1 and the following 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

end-load-bearing joint

joint that can resist axial loads without additional external mechanical support

3.2

non-end-load-bearing joint

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

4 Fitness for purpose of joints and the system

4.1 General

Joints shall meet their own standards in addition to the fitness of purpose requirements specified in this document

4.2 Assemblies with non-end-load-bearing joints

The following types of assemblies of non-end-load-bearing joints shall fulfil the fitness for purpose requirements for the test methods specified in [Table 1](#):

- integrally socketed PVC-O pipe to pipe assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints conforming to ISO 16422-2;
- PVC-O and PVC-U fitting and pipe assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints conforming to ISO/TS 16422-3, ISO 1452-3 and ISO 16422-2, respectively;
- PVC-U valve and PVC-O pipe assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints conforming to ISO 1452-4 and ISO 16422-2, respectively;

- d) metal fitting and PVC-O pipe assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints;
- e) metal valve and PVC-O pipe assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints;
- f) glass-reinforced plastic (GRP) or metal adaptor assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints for PVC-O pipes and with flanged, threaded or other connections to pipes of different materials or to ancillary equipment, such as tapping saddles;
- g) mechanical joint assemblies with PVC-O pipes.

The components of the assemblies of types b) to g) shall be assembled with PVC-O pipes of the corresponding nominal pressure (PN), conforming to ISO 16422-2. The assembly instructions of the component manufacturer shall be followed.

Table 1 — Applicable test methods for non-end-load-bearing joints

Pipe material classification number	Test method	Non-end-load-bearing joints
Short-term positive pressure	See 5.1	Applicable
Short-term negative pressure	See 5.2	Applicable
Long-term positive pressure	See 5.3	Applicable
Short-term positive pressure and bending	See 5.4	Not applicable
Short-term negative pressure and bending	See 5.5	Not applicable

4.3 Assemblies with end-load-bearing joints

The following types of assemblies with end-load-bearing joints shall fulfil the fitness for purpose requirements for the test methods specified in [Table 2](#):

- a) PVC-O- and PVC-U fitting and pipe assemblies with special coupling assemblies conforming to ISO 16422-2 and ISO/TS 16422-3 respectively;
- b) flange assemblies with PVC-O pipes, adaptors or using GRP or metal flanges adaptors conforming ISO 1452-3;
- c) PVC-O or metal valve and PVC-O pipe assemblies with flanged joints conforming to ISO 1452-4 and ISO 16422-2, respectively;
- d) metal tapping saddles and PVC-O pipe assemblies with mechanical joints conforming to ISO 16422-2;
- e) GRP or metal adaptor assemblies with threaded or other connections to pipes of different materials conforming to ISO 1452-3 or ISO 17885;
- f) PVC-U or metal union and special coupling assemblies;
- g) end-load-bearing double socket and PVC-O pipe assemblies with elastomeric ring seal joints (see ISO/TS 16422-3).

The components of the assemblies of types b) to g) shall be assembled with PVC-O pipes of the corresponding nominal pressure (PN), conforming to ISO 16422-2. The assembly instructions of the component manufacturer shall be followed.

Table 2 — Applicable test methods for end-load bearing joints

Pipe material classification number	Test method	end-load-bearing joints
Short-term positive pressure	See 5.1	Not applicable
Short-term negative pressure	See 5.2	Not applicable
Long-term positive pressure	See 5.3	Applicable
Short-term positive pressure and bending	See 5.4	Applicable
Short-term negative pressure and bending	See 5.5	Applicable

5 Test methods

5.1 Short-term test for leaktightness under internal pressure with angular deflection

5.1.1 Test procedure

When tested using a hydrostatic pressure and angular deflection in accordance with ISO 13845, assemblies with one or more elastomeric sealing ring type joints shall be tested using the test conditions given in [Table 3](#). The number of test samples shall be one.

To avoid having an angular deflection that is too large, a stiffener can be placed into the specimen (e.g. PVC pipe), provided that it does not materially reduce the stress on the pressurized part of the socket. The diameter of the stiffener should be smaller than the internal diameter of the tested pipe and should allow the intended angular deflection. The length of the stiffener should be 50 mm shorter than the length of the assembly.

Table 3 — Test conditions and requirement for short-term assembly

Test temperature °C	Test pressure bar ^a	Angular deflection	Test time	Test requirement
$T \pm 2$ °C, where T is any temperature between 15 °C and 25 °C	Pressure calculated in accordance with Figure 1 and 5.1.2	2°	One cycle in accordance with Figure 1	No leakage at any point of the jointing areas throughout the whole test cycle
NOTE The pressure changes do not need to take place at strictly linear rates.				
^a 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10 ⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm ² .				

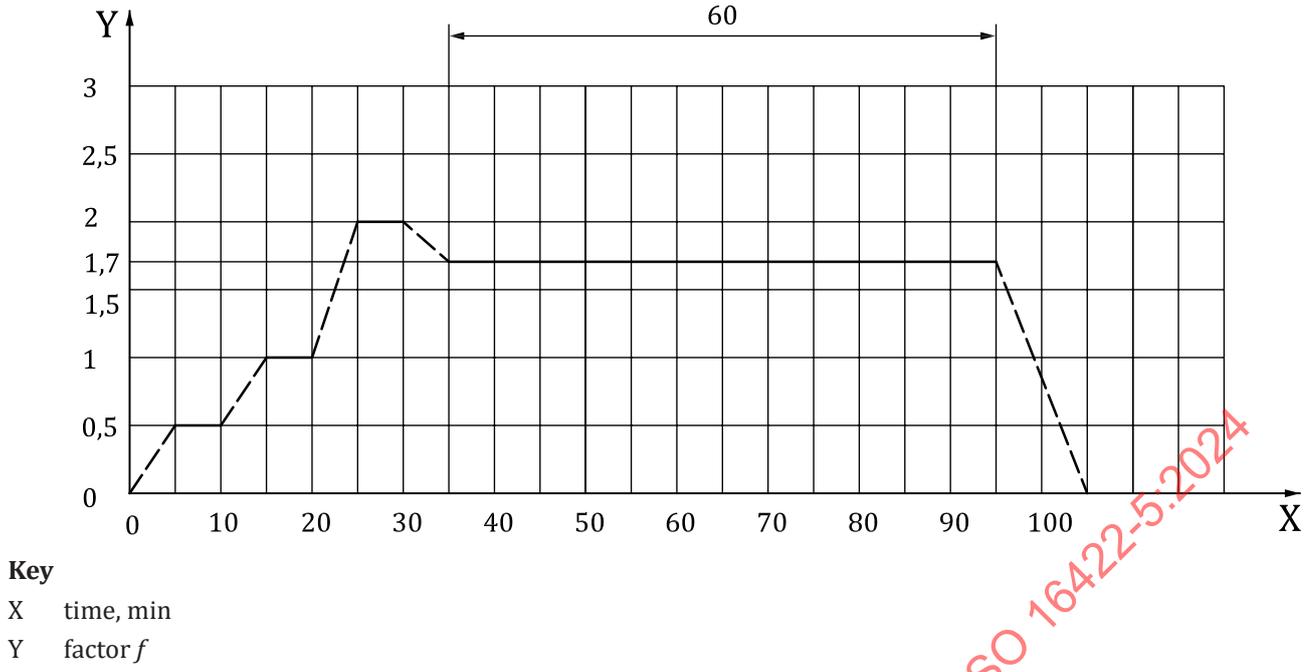


Figure 1 — Hydrostatic pressure test regime

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5.1.2 Test pressure

The test pressures, p_T , shall be calculated by multiplying the factor, f , indicated in [Figure 1](#) by the nominal pressure, PN , i.e. by using [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$p_T = f \times PN \tag{1}$$

where

PN is the nominal pressure;

f is the multiplying factor;

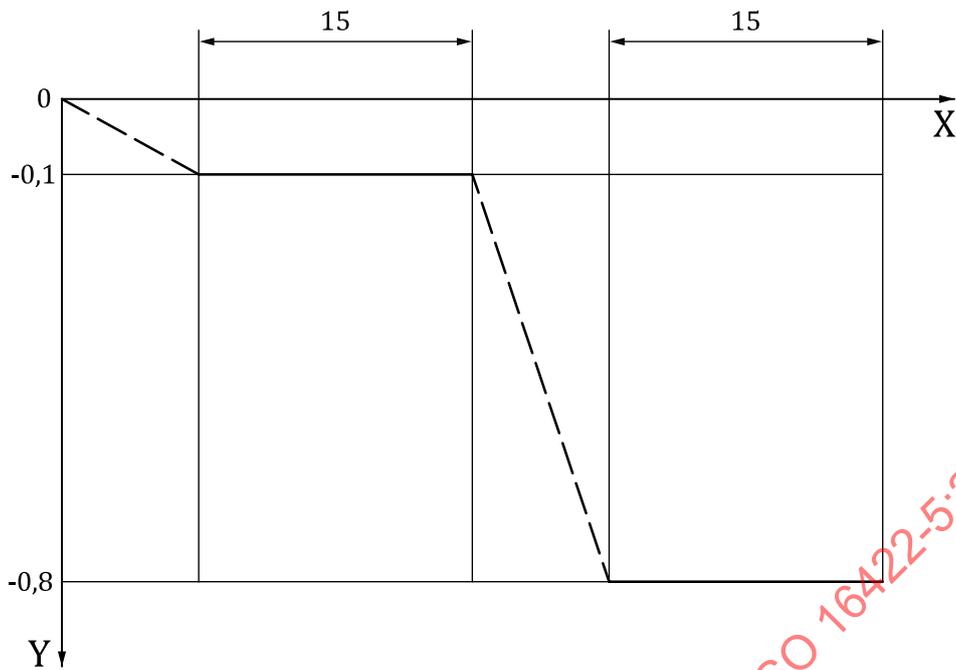
p_T is the test pressure.

5.2 Short-term test for leaktightness under negative pressure with angular deflection and deformation

When an assembly with one or more elastomeric sealing ring type joints is tested using a negative pressure with angular deflection and the deformation in accordance with ISO 13844, the assembly shall be tested using the test conditions given in [Table 4](#). The number of test samples shall be one.

Table 4 — Test conditions and requirement for short-term negative-pressure assembly test

Test temperature °C	Test pressure bar ^a	Deflection/ deformation	Test time	Test requirement
$T \pm 2$ °C, where T is any temperature between 15 °C and 25 °C	Pressure calculated in accordance with Figure 2	Angular deflection: 2° Deformation spigot: 5%	One cycle in accordance with Figure 2	The change in negative pressure shall be not more than 0,05 bar ^a during each 15 min test period shown in Figure 2 .
NOTE The pressure changes do not need to take place at strictly linear rates.				
^a 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10 ⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm ²				



Key

- X time, min
- Y pressure, bar

Figure 2 — Negative-pressure test regime

5.3 Long-term leaktightness under internal water pressure

5.3.1 Test procedure

Assemblies with one or more joints selected from elastomeric sealing ring type sockets and other end-load-bearing and non-end-load-bearing joints for oriented PVC-U components and/or PVC-O components for a piping system shall be tested in accordance with ISO 13846, using the test conditions given in [Table 5](#) for the test temperatures of 20 °C and 40 °C. The number of test samples shall be one.

Table 5 — Test requirement for the long-term pressure testing of assemblies

Test temperature °C	Test pressure ^{a,b} bar ^c	Test time h	Test requirement
20 °C	1,4 × PN	1 000	No leakage at any point of the jointing areas for at least the test time
40 °C	1,1 × PN	1 000	

^a The PN rating used in this calculation is the PN rating of the fitting or, if a pipe with an integral joint is being tested, the PN rating of the pipe.

^b Assemblies shall not be restrained from blow-out of the sealing ring by adhesive or mechanical means.

^c 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²

5.4 Short-term positive pressure test for leaktightness of assemblies

Assemblies with one or more elastomeric sealing ring type joints shall be tested using a hydrostatic pressure and angular deflection in accordance with [Annex A](#).

5.5 Short-term negative pressure test for leaktightness of assemblies

Assemblies with one or more elastomeric sealing ring type joints shall be tested using a negative pressure with angular deflection in accordance with [Annex A](#).

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