
**Plastics piping systems for hot and cold
water installations — Polyethylene of
raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) —**

**Part 1:
General**

*Systèmes de canalisations en plastique pour les installations d'eau
chaude et froide — Polyéthylène de meilleure résistance à la
température (PE-RT) —*

Partie 1: Généralités



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Foreword

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ISO 22391 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT)*:

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

Introduction

ISO 22391, the system standard, specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components when made from polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT). The piping system is intended to be used for hot and cold water installations.

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption caused by the products covered by ISO 22391:

- a) no information is provided as to whether the products may be used without restriction;
- b) existing national regulations concerning the use and/or characteristics of the products remain in force.

This part of ISO 22391 specifies the general aspects of the plastics piping system. At the time of its publication, system standards for piping systems of other plastics materials used for the same application are

- ISO 15874:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polypropylene (PP)*,
- ISO 15875:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X)*,
- ISO 15876:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutylene (PB)*, and
- ISO 15877:2003, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C)*.

Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) —

Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of ISO 22391 specifies the general aspects of piping systems made of polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT), intended to be used for hot and cold water installations within buildings for the conveyance of water — whether or not the water is intended for human consumption (domestic systems) or heating systems — under specified design pressures and temperatures according to the class of application.

It covers a range of service conditions (classes of application), design pressures and pipe dimension classes, and also specifies test parameters and defines terms, symbols and abbreviated terms. When used in conjunction with the other parts of ISO 22391, it is respectively applicable to PE-RT pipes, fittings, their joints, and to joints having components of PE-RT as well as of other plastics and non-plastics materials, used for hot and cold water installations.

It is not applicable for values of design temperature, maximum design temperature or malfunction temperature in excess of those it specifies.

NOTE It is the responsibility of the purchaser or specifier to make the appropriate selections from these aspects, taking into account their particular requirements and any relevant national regulations and installation practices or codes.

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, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

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

ISO 4065, *Thermoplastics pipes — Universal wall thickness table*

ISO 22391-2:2006, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 2: Pipes*

ISO 22391-3:2006, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 3: Fittings*

ISO 22391-5:2006, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

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.

3.1.1 Geometrical terms and definitions

3.1.1.1

nominal size

DN
numerical designation of the size of a component, which is a convenient round number, approximately equal to the manufacturing dimensions in millimetres (mm)

3.1.1.2

nominal size

DN/OD
nominal size, related to outside diameter

3.1.1.3

nominal outside diameter

d_n
specified diameter, in millimetres, assigned to a nominal size DN/OD

3.1.1.4

outside diameter (at any point)

d_e
measured outside diameter through the cross-section at any point of a pipe or spigot end of a fitting, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm

3.1.1.5

mean outside diameter

d_{em}
measured length of the outer circumference of a pipe or spigot end of a fitting in any cross-section, divided by π (= 3,142) rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm

3.1.1.6

minimum mean outside diameter

$d_{em,min}$
minimum value of the mean outside diameter as specified for a given nominal size

3.1.1.7

maximum mean outside diameter

$d_{em,max}$
maximum value of the mean outside diameter as specified for a given nominal size

3.1.1.8

mean inside diameter of socket

d_{sm}
arithmetical mean of two measured inside diameters perpendicular to each other at the mid-point of the socket length

3.1.1.9**out-of-roundness****ovality**

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

3.1.1.10**nominal wall thickness** e_n

numerical designation of the wall thickness of a component, approximately equal to the manufacturing dimension in millimetres (mm)

3.1.1.11**wall thickness** e

measured wall thickness at any point around the circumference of a component, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm

3.1.1.12**minimum wall thickness** e_{\min}

minimum wall thickness at any point around the circumference of a component, as specified

3.1.1.13**maximum wall thickness** e_{\max}

maximum wall thickness at any point around the circumference of a component, as specified

3.1.1.14**tolerance**

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

3.1.1.15**pipe series**

S

dimensionless number for pipe designation conforming to ISO 4065

NOTE According to ISO 22391, the pipe series S is used as a means for selecting pipe sizes for practical purposes (see ISO 22391-2).

3.1.1.16**calculated pipe value** S_{calc}

value for a specific pipe calculated by the equation, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm,

$$S_{\text{calc}} = \frac{d_n - e_n}{2e_n}$$

where

d_n is the nominal outside diameter, in millimetres, and

e_n is the nominal wall thickness, expressed in millimetres

3.1.2 Terms and definitions related to service conditions

3.1.2.1 design pressure

p_D
highest pressure related to the circumstances for which the system has been designed and is intended to be used

NOTE The design pressure is equivalent to the maximum design pressure (MDP), as specified in EN 806-1.

3.1.2.2 hydrostatic stress

σ
stress, expressed in megapascals, induced in the wall of a pipe when a pressure is applied using water as a medium, and calculated using the approximate equation

$$\sigma = p \times \frac{(d_{em} - e_{min})}{2e_{min}}$$

where

p is the applied pressure, in megapascals,

d_{em} is the mean outside diameter of the pipe, in millimetres, and

e_{min} is the minimum wall thickness, in millimetres

3.1.2.3 design temperature

T_D
temperature or combination of temperatures and times of the conveyed water, dependent on the service conditions for which the system has been designed

3.1.2.4 maximum design temperature

T_{max}
highest design temperature occurring for short periods only

3.1.2.5 malfunction temperature

T_{mal}
highest temperature that can be reached when the control limits are exceeded

3.1.2.6 cold water temperature

T_{cold}
temperature of conveyed cold water of up to approximately 25 °C

NOTE For design purposes, 20 °C is used.

3.1.2.7 treated water

water, intended for heating installations, which contains additives which have no detrimental effect on the system

3.1.3 Terms and definitions related to material characteristics

3.1.3.1

lower confidence limit of the predicted hydrostatic strength

σ_{LPL}

quantity, in megapascals, with the dimensions of stress, which represents the 97,5 % lower confidence limit of the predicted hydrostatic strength at a temperature T and time t

NOTE It is given by $\sigma_{LPL} = \sigma_{(T, t, 0,975)}$.

3.1.3.2

design stress

σ_D

allowable stress, in megapascals (MPa), in the pipe material (σ_{DP}), or in the plastics fitting material (σ_{DF}), for a given application or set of service conditions, respectively

NOTE See also ISO 22391-2:2006, Annex A.

3.1.3.3

overall service (design) coefficient

C

overall coefficient with a value greater than one, 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, LPL

3.1.3.4

own reprocessable material

material prepared from rejected unused pipes and fittings, including trimmings from the production of pipes and fittings, that 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 material specification is known

NOTE If material containing a barrier layer is to be reprocessed, the barrier layers have to be removed beforehand and discarded.

3.1.3.5

pipes with barrier layer

plastics pipes provided with a thin outside barrier layer, e.g. to prevent or greatly diminish the diffusion of gases and the transmission of light through the pipe wall, and where the design stress requirements are totally met by the base polymer (PE-RT)

3.2 Symbols

C overall service (design) coefficient

d_e outside diameter (at any point)

d_{em} mean outside diameter

$d_{em,max}$ maximum mean outside diameter

$d_{em,min}$ minimum mean outside diameter

d_n nominal outside diameter

d_{sm} mean inside diameter of socket

e wall thickness at any point

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e_{\max}	maximum wall thickness at any point
e_{\min}	minimum wall thickness at any point
e_n	nominal wall thickness
p	internal hydrostatic pressure
p_D	design pressure
S_{calc}	calculated pipe value
$S_{\text{calc,ma}}$	maximum calculated pipe value
T	temperature
T_{cold}	cold water temperature
T_D	design temperature
T_{mal}	malfunxion temperature
T_{max}	maximum design temperature
T_{test}	test temperature
t	time
σ	hydrostatic stress
σ_{cold}	design stress at 20 °C
σ_D	design stress
σ_{DF}	design stress of plastics fitting material
σ_{DP}	design stress of plastics pipe material
σ_F	hydrostatic stress values of plastics fitting material
σ_{LPL}	lower confidence limit of the predicted hydrostatic strength
σ_P	hydrostatic stress values of plastics pipe material

3.3 Abbreviated terms

DN	nominal size
DN/OD	nominal size, outside diameter related
LCL	lower confidence limit
MDP	maximum design pressure
PE-RT	polyethylene of raised temperature resistance
S	pipe series