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**Plastics piping systems for hot  
and cold water installations —  
Polybutene (PB) —**

Part 7:  
**Guidance for the assessment of  
conformity**

*Systèmes de canalisations en plastique pour les installations d'eau  
chaude et froide — Polybutène (PB) —*

*Partie 7: Guide pour l'évaluation de la conformité*

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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 15876-7:2003), which has been technically revised.

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

- Addition of new definitions of the terms “material”, “compound” and “material grade”;
- Revision of 6.2 “Type testing (TT)”.

A list of all parts in the ISO 15876 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](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document can be used to support elaboration of national third party certification procedures for products conforming to the applicable part(s) of ISO 15876.

This document is a part of a System Standard for plastics piping systems of a particular material for a specified application. There are a number of such System Standards.

At the date of publication of this document, System Standards for piping systems of other plastics materials used for the same application are the following:

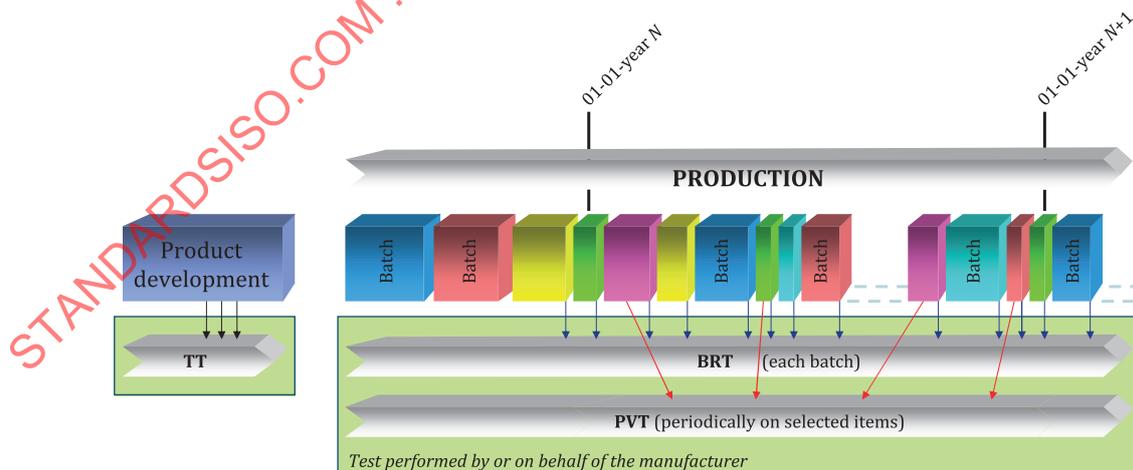
- ISO 15874, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polypropylene (PP)*
- ISO 15875, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Cross-linked polyethylene (PE-X)*
- ISO 15877, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C)*
- ISO 21003, *Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings*
- ISO 22391, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT)*

They are supported by separate standards on test methods to which references are made throughout the System Standard.

The System Standards are consistent with general standards on functional requirements and on recommended practice for installation.

Figures 1 and 2 are intended to provide general information on the concept of testing and organisation of those tests used for the purpose of the assessment of conformity. For each type of test, i.e. type testing (TT), batch release test (BRT), process verification test (PVT), and audit test (AT), this document details the applicable characteristics to be assessed as well as the frequency and sampling of testing.

A typical scheme for the assessment of conformity of materials, compounds, pipes, fittings, valves, joints or assemblies by product manufacturers is given in Figure 1.



**Figure 1 — Typical scheme for the assessment of conformity by a product manufacturer**

A typical scheme for the assessment of conformity of compounds, pipes, fittings, joints or assemblies by manufacturers, including certification, is given in Figure 2.

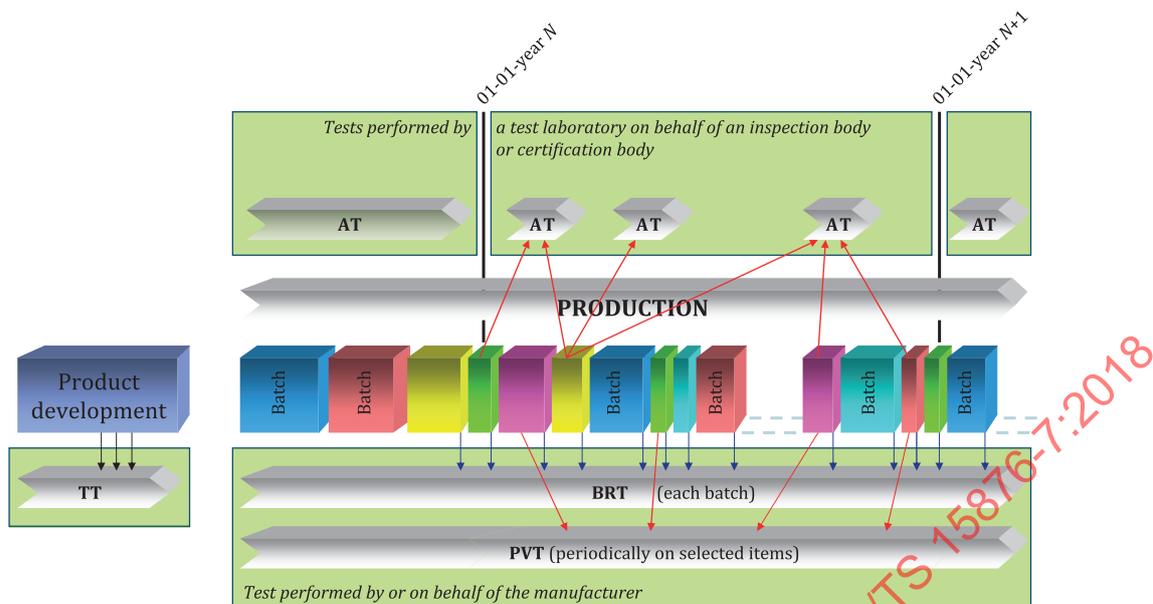


Figure 2 — Typical scheme for the assessment of conformity by a product manufacturer, including certification

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# Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB) —

## Part 7: Guidance for the assessment of conformity

### 1 Scope

This document gives requirements and guidance for the assessment of conformity of compounds, products, and assemblies in accordance with the applicable part(s) of ISO 15876 intended to be included in the manufacturer's quality plan as part of the quality management system and for the establishment of certification procedures.

NOTE In order to help the reader, a basic test matrix is given in [Annex A](#).

In conjunction with the other parts of ISO 15876 (see Foreword), this document is applicable to polybutene (PB) piping systems intended to be used for hot and cold water installations within buildings for the conveyance of water, whether or not intended for human consumption (domestic systems) and for heating systems, under design pressures and temperatures appropriate to the class of application (see ISO 15876-1:2017, Table 1).

### 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 15876-1, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB) — Part 1: General*

ISO 15876-2, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB) — Part 2: Pipes*

ISO 15876-3, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB) — Part 3: Fittings*

ISO 15876-5, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15876-1 and ISO 15876-3 and the following apply.

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

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

**3.1  
certification body**

impartial body, governmental or non-governmental, possessing the necessary competence and responsibility to carry out certification of conformity according to given rules of procedure and management

Note 1 to entry: A certification body is preferably compliant with ISO/IEC 17065[2].

**3.2  
inspection body**

body that performs examination of a product, process, service, or installation or their design and determination of its conformity with specific requirements or, on the basis of professional judgement, with general requirements

Note 1 to entry: An inspection body can be an organization, or part of an organization.

Note 2 to entry: An inspection body is preferably compliant with ISO/IEC 17020[3].

**3.3  
testing laboratory**

laboratory which measures, tests, calibrates or otherwise determines the characteristics of the performance of materials and products

Note 1 to entry: A testing laboratory is preferably compliant with ISO/IEC 17025[4]

**3.4  
quality management system**

part of a management system with regard to quality

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.5.4]

Note 1 to entry: Requirements for quality management systems are given in ISO 9001[5].

**3.5  
quality plan**

document setting out the specific quality practices, resources and sequence of activities relevant to a particular product or range of products

**3.6  
type testing**

TT  
testing performed to prove that the *compound* (3.13), *component* (3.21), *product* (3.16), *joint* (3.22) or *assembly* (3.23) is capable of conforming to the requirements given in the relevant standard

Note 1 to entry: The type test results remain valid until there is a change in the *compound* (3.13) or *product* (3.16) or *assembly* (3.23) provided that the process verification tests are done regularly.

**3.7  
batch release test**  
BRT

test performed by or on behalf of the manufacturer on a batch of *compound* (3.13), *components* (3.21) or *products* (3.16), which has to be satisfactorily completed before the batch can be released

**3.8****process verification test****PVT**

test performed by or on behalf of the product manufacturer on *compounds* (3.13), *components* (3.21), *products* (3.16) or *joints* (3.22) at specific intervals to confirm that the process continues to be capable of producing *components* (3.21) and *products* (3.16) which conform to the requirements given in the relevant standard

Note 1 to entry: Such tests are not required to release batches of *materials* (3.12), *compound* (3.13), *components* (3.21) or *products* (3.16) and are carried out as a measure of process control.

**3.9****audit test****AT**

test performed by a test laboratory on behalf of an *inspection body* (3.2) or *certification body* (3.1) to confirm that the material, *compound* (3.13), *components* (3.21), *product* (3.16), *joint* (3.22) or *assembly* (3.23) continues to conform to the requirements given in the relevant standard and to provide information to assess the effectiveness of the *quality management system* (3.4)

**3.10****indirect test****IT**

test performed by or on behalf of the manufacturer, different from that specified test for that particular characteristic, having previously verified its correlation with the specified test

**3.11****witness test****WT**

test accepted by an inspection or a *certification body* (3.1) for *type testing* (3.6) and/or audit testing, which is carried out by or on behalf of the manufacturer and supervised by a representative of the inspection or *certification body* (3.1), qualified in testing

**3.12****material**

composition grouped by specific families, expressed by generic names used in material standards, e.g. PP-H, PB-R, PE-RT Type II, PE-X a.

**3.13****compound**

clearly defined homogenous mixture of the polymer with additives, i.e. antioxidants, pigments, stabilizers and others, at a dosage level necessary for the processing and the intended use of the final *product* (3.16)

**3.14****material grade**

*material* (3.12) with a defined specification from a material manufacturer

**3.15****batch of material grade**

clearly identified quantity of a given homogeneous *material* (3.12) or *compound* (3.13) manufactured under uniform conditions and defined and identified by the material/compound manufacturer

**3.16****product**

pipe, fitting, or valve of a clearly identified type intended to be a part of a piping system which the manufacturer puts on the market

**3.17**

**product batch**

clearly identified collection of units or *products* (3.16), manufactured consecutively or continuously under the same conditions, using the same *compounds* (3.13) conforming to the same specifications

Note 1 to entry: The production batch is defined and identified by the product manufacturer.

**3.18**

**lot**

clearly identifiable sub-division of a batch for inspection purposes

**3.19**

**sample**

one or more units or *products* (3.16) drawn from the same production batch or *lot* (3.18), selected at random without regard to their quality

Note 1 to entry: The number of *products* (3.16) in the sample is the sample size.

**3.20**

**group**

collection of similar *components* (3.21) or *products* (3.16) from which *samples* (3.19) are selected for testing purposes

**3.21**

**component**

*product* (3.16) manufactured out of a specific *compound* (3.13), brought to the market as part of another *product* (3.16) or as a spare part

Note 1 to entry: For drinking water application, components may be considered as products and be individually approved (e.g. o-ring, gasket) or they are tested as integral part of a *product* (3.16) (e.g. in a valve).

**3.22**

**joint**

connection between two or more *products* (3.16)

**3.23**

**assembly**

**assembled product**

product consisting of two or more parts

**3.24**

**sampling plan**

specific plan which defines the test and the number of units or *products* (3.16) or *assemblies* (3.23) to be inspected

**3.25**

**product type**

generic description of a *product* (3.16)

EXAMPLE A pipe or fitting or valve or their main parts, of the same design, from a particular compound (3.13).

**3.26**

**cavity**

<moulding> space within a mould to be filled to form the moulded product

EXAMPLE That part of an injection mould which gives the form to the injection-moulded product.

## 4 Abbreviated terms

To avoid misunderstanding, the abbreviations in this clause are defined as being the same in each language. For the same reason, the terms are given in the three languages, English, French and German.

	EN	FR	DE
AT	audit test	essai d'audit	Überwachungsprüfung
BRT	batch release test	essai de libération de campagne de fabrication	Freigabepfung einer Charge
IT	indirect test	essai indirect	indirekte Prüfung
PVT	process verification test	essai de vérification du procédé de fabrication	Prozessüberprüfung
TT	type test	essai de type	Typprüfung
WT	witness testing	essai témoin	Prüfung unter Aufsicht

## 5 General

Compounds, products and assemblies shall conform to the requirements given in ISO 15876 (all parts).

Products and assemblies shall be produced by the manufacturer under a quality management system which includes a quality plan.

For the effect on water quality, attention is drawn to the requirements of national regulations.

## 6 Testing and inspection

### 6.1 Grouping

#### 6.1.1 General

For the purposes of this document, the groups specified in 6.1.2 to 6.1.4 apply.

#### 6.1.2 Pressure groups

Two pressure groups are defined, as given in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Pressure groups**

Pressure group	Design pressure, $p_{op}$ bar
1	4; 6
2	8; 10

#### 6.1.3 Size groups

Two size groups are defined for pipes and fittings, as given in Table 2.

**Table 2 — Size groups**

Size group	Nominal diameter, $d_n$ mm
1	$10 \leq d_n \leq 63$
2	$63 < d_n \leq 160$

6.1.4 Fitting groups

Two groups of fittings each having a similar design are defined, as given in Table 3.

Table 3 — Fitting groups

Fitting group	Type of fitting
1	Elbows, tees, reducers, couplers, end caps
2	Unions, flange adaptors, transition fittings, adaptor pieces and/or their plastics parts and others

6.2 Type testing (TT)

Relevant TTs shall be carried out on new systems and whenever there is a change in design, compound, production site or production method, other than routine in-process adjustments, and/or whenever there is an extension of the product range.

TTs shall demonstrate that the products conform to all requirements for the characteristics given in Table 5 to Table 7.

Conditions considered as leading to a change of compound (M) are given in Table 4. The dosage level of ingredients of the compound shall not exceed the tolerance bands given in Table 4. The values (see Table 4) shall be specified in the manufacturer’s quality plan. The relevant characteristics to be tested in case of change of compound are given in Tables 5, 6 and 7 in columns M1A to M2C, as applicable. If certification is involved, retesting shall be agreed between the certification body and the manufacturer.

A change in the supplier of stabilizer or other additives does not necessarily constitute a change in compound (see Table 4, footnote a).

A change of material of metal fittings without any change of design in those areas which are relevant to the joint performance requires no testing as specified in ISO 15876-5.

Table 4 — Conditions considered to lead to a change of compound (M)

Conditions		A	B	C
		Polymer used in the compound to manufacture a product	Thermal stabilizer <sup>d</sup>	Other additives e.g. pigments etc.
M1 <sup>a,b</sup>	Change of material grade	— Full TT of the product — System test required	— Full TT of the product — No system test required	— Reduced TT of the product — No system tests required
M2 <sup>e</sup>	Change of amount of any stabiliser or other additive greater than ±30 %	c	— Reduced TT of the product — No system tests required	— Reduced TT of the product — No system tests required

<sup>a</sup> Stabiliser, pigments or other additives with identical CAS number are considered to be identical substances.

<sup>b</sup> The case of adding pigments to fully stabilized natural (not pigmented) material grade is covered by M1C.

<sup>c</sup> Not applicable.

<sup>d</sup> Stabilizer which affects the thermal stability of the compound.

<sup>e</sup> Changes of the amount of stabilizer and other additives equal or less than ±30 % requires no testing.

For the purposes of defining a change in design, the following characteristics are relevant:

- a) dimensions;

- b) geometry of the product;
- c) jointing system.

In the manufacturer’s quality plan, the geometry, the dimensions and the dimensional tolerances shall be specified at least in accordance with and in addition to the requirements given in the relevant part(s) of ISO 15876. If one or more of these characteristics exceed the defined specifications, the relevant characteristics given in [Table 5](#) to [Table 7](#), as applicable, shall be retested.

Barrier pipes tests according to [Table 5](#) are made on the base pipe (without barrier layers) in case of dispute.

Barrier layer pipes tests according to [Table 7](#) shall be made on the full pipe including any barrier layers.

In case of extension of the product range (E) the relevant characteristics given in [Table 5](#) to [Table 7](#), as applicable, shall be tested.

In case of a change of production site of a product (pipe/fitting) (P), the relevant characteristics given in column P of [Table 5](#) to [Table 7](#), as applicable, shall be tested.

NOTE Testing is not required in case of changes (M, E) for a product (pipes, fittings) manufactured at an alternative production site provided that these changes (M, E) have been evaluated according to this document for the same product (pipe, fitting) at an equivalent and evaluated production site and provided that the production process of the product is equivalent.

In case of change of a production site of a material grade, the supplier shall ensure that the material grade is identical. Additional type testing of products (pipe/fitting) is not required.

**Table 5 — Characteristics of pipes that require type testing (TT)**

Characteristic	Reference	Conditions requiring test <sup>a</sup>								Evaluation procedure	
		N	M1A	M1B	M1C	M2B	M2C	E	P	Manufacturer	Certification body <sup>b</sup>
Influence on water intended for human consumption	ISO 15876-1:2017, 5.2	According to national regulations									
Hydro-static stress properties of material	ISO 15876-2:2017, 4.3	+ <sup>c</sup>	+ <sup>c</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	-	+ <sup>d</sup>	1 evaluation per compound	Evaluation checked by certification body
Appearance	ISO 15876-2:2017, 5.1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1 test piece of each diameter and pressure group	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group
Opacity	ISO 15876-2:2017, 5.2	+	+	+	+	-	+	+ <sup>e</sup>	+	1 test piece of the smallest wall thickness produced	1 test piece of the smallest wall thickness produced
Dimensions	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 5 to Table 9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1 test piece of each diameter and pressure group	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group
Resistance to internal pressure	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group

Table 5 (continued)

Characteristic	Reference	Conditions requiring test <sup>a</sup>								Evaluation procedure	
		N	M1A	M1B	M1C	M2B	M2C	E	P	Manufacturer	Certification body <sup>b</sup>
Longitudinal reversion	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group
Thermal stability	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 11	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	1 test piece per compound	1 test piece per compound
Melt flow rate	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3 test piece on 1 diameter/size group	3 test pieces on 1 diameter/size group
Marking	ISO 15876-2:2017, Clause 10	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	1 test piece of each diameter and pressure group	3 test piece of 1 diameter/size group and pressure group

a

N: new system.  
M1: change of material grade; see [Table 4](#).  
M2: change of amount of any stabilizer-or other additives greater than ±30 %, see [Table 4](#).  
E: extension of the product range (except the products already covered by the scheme of sampling procedure).  
P: change of production site of the pipes and fittings made of the same compounds to an existing product location, provided that the production process is equivalent.  
+: test to be carried out.

b Recommended sampling procedure for a testing laboratory working for or on behalf of a certification body. Testing undertaken in manufacturer's laboratory can be taken into account, by prior agreement with the certification body.

c If the material manufacturer/supplier has already evaluated the hydrostatic stress properties specified in ISO 15876-2:2017 (see also ISO 9080[7]), by means of a test report of an accredited testing laboratory, the manufacturer of pipes shall conduct the conformity testing (2 500 h / 95 °C) according to footnote <sup>d</sup> only.

d Conformity testing of the compound: In order to check the conformity of the compound on the hydrostatic stress properties specified in ISO 15876-2:2017, three test pieces must be tested at two different stress levels at 95 °C. The lowest stress level shall give failure times of approximately 2 500 h. All failure points shall be on or above the relevant reference curve of ISO 15876-2:2017, Figure 1.

e If extension includes smaller wall thickness than current range.

Table 6 — Characteristics of fittings that require type testing (TT)

Characteristic	Reference	Conditions requiring test <sup>a</sup>								Evaluation procedure	
		N	D	M1A or M1B	M1C	M2B	M2C	E	P	Manufacturer	Certification body <sup>b</sup>
Influence on water intended for human consumption	ISO 15876-1:2017, 5.2	According to national regulations									
Hydrostatic stress properties of material	ISO 15876-3:2017, 4.2, 4.3	+ <sup>c</sup>	-	+ <sup>c</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	+ <sup>d</sup>	-	-	1 evaluation per compound	Evaluation checked by certification body
Thermal stability	ISO 15876-3:2017, 4.2, 4.3	+ <sup>e</sup>	-	+ <sup>e</sup>	+ <sup>e</sup>	+ <sup>e</sup>	-	+ <sup>e,g</sup>	+	1 test piece per compound	1 test piece per compound

Table 6 (continued)

Characteristic	Reference	Conditions requiring test <sup>a</sup>								Evaluation procedure	
		N	D	M1A or M1B	M1C	M2B	M2C	E	P	Manufacturer	Certification body <sup>b</sup>
Appearance	ISO 15876-3:2017, 5.1	+ <sup>f</sup>	+ <sup>f</sup>	+	+	+	+	+ <sup>f</sup>	-	5 test pieces/ size/fitting group <sup>f</sup>	5 test pieces of 1 di- ameter/size group/ fitting group
Opacity	ISO 15876-3:2017, 5.2	+	+ <sup>g</sup>	+	+	-	+	+ <sup>g</sup>	-	1 test piece of the smallest wall thickness produced	1 test piece of the smallest wall thick- ness produced
Dimensions	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 6	+ <sup>f</sup>	+ <sup>f</sup>	+	+	+	+	+ <sup>f</sup>	-	5 test pieces/ size/fitting group <sup>f</sup>	5 test pieces of 1 di- ameter/size group/ fitting group
Resistance to internal pressure	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 7	+ <sup>f</sup>	+ <sup>f</sup>	+	+	+	+	+ <sup>f</sup>	+	3 test pieces/ size/ fitting group for the relevant design pressure and ap- propriate class of application <sup>f</sup>	3 test pieces of 1 diameter/ size group/ fitting group for the relevant design pressure and ap- propriate class of application
Melt flow rate	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 8	+ <sup>f</sup>	+ <sup>f</sup>	+	+	+	+	+ <sup>f</sup>	+	2 test piece of 1 diameter/size group /fitting group <sup>f</sup>	2 test piece of 1 di- ameter/size group/ fitting group
Marking	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 11	+ <sup>f</sup>	+ <sup>f</sup>	-	-	-	-	+ <sup>f</sup>	-	5 test piece/ size/ fitting group <sup>f</sup>	5 test piece of 1 diameter/ size group/ fitting group

a

N: new system.

D: change in design.

M1: change of material grade; see [Table 4](#).M2: change of additive package; see [Table 4](#).

E: extension of the product range (except the products already covered by the scheme of sampling procedure).

P: change of production site of the pipes and fittings or the same raw materials to an existing product location, provided that the production process is equivalent.

+: test to be carried out.

b Recommended sampling procedure for a testing laboratory working for or on behalf of a certification body. Testing undertaken in manufacturer's laboratory can be taken into account, by agreement with the certification body.

c If the material manufacturer/supplier has evaluated the hydrostatic stress properties specified in ISO 15876-2:2017, by means of a test report of an accredited testing laboratory, the manufacturer of pipes has to conduct the conformity testing (2 500 h / 95 °C) according to footnote d) only.

d Conformity testing of the compound: In order to check the conformity of the compound on the hydrostatic stress properties specified in ISO 15876-2:2017, three test pieces shall be tested at two different stress levels at 95 °C. The lowest stress level shall give failure times of approximately 2 500 h. All failure points shall be on or above the relevant reference curve of ISO 15876-2:2017, Figure 1.

e Only if the fitting material is different from the pipe material.

f Shall contain fittings from each cavity. The minimum number of samples shall be at least one from each cavity.

g If extension includes smaller wall thickness than current range.

Table 7 — Characteristics of fitness for purpose of the system that require type testing (TT)

Characteristic	Reference	Conditions requiring test <sup>a</sup>					Evaluation procedure	
		N	D	M1A	E	P	Manufacturer	Certification body <sup>b</sup>
Resistance to internal pressure	ISO 15876-5:2017, 4.2	+	+d	+c,d	+d	-	3 test pieces per diameter and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class	3 test pieces of 1 diameter per size group and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class
Leaktightness under internal pressure and bending	ISO 15876-5:2017, 4.3	+	+	+c	+	-	3 test pieces per diameter and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class	3 test pieces of 1 diameter per size group and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class
Resistance to pull-out	ISO 15876-5:2017, 4.4	+	+d	+c	+d	-	3 test pieces per diameter per diameter and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class	3 test pieces for the smallest and largest diameter per size group and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class
Resistance to thermal cycling	ISO 15876-5:2017, 4.5	+	+d	+c,d	+d	-	1 assembly per diameter and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class	1 assembly per diameter per size and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class

Table 7 (continued)

Characteristic	Reference	Conditions requiring test <sup>a</sup>					Evaluation procedure	
		N	D	M1A	E	P	Manufacturer	Certification body <sup>b</sup>
Resistance to pressure cycling	ISO 15876-5:2017, 4.6	+	+d	+c,d	+d	-	3 test pieces per diameter and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class	3 test pieces of 1 diameter per size group and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class
Leaktightness under vacuum	ISO 15876-5:2017, 4.7	+	+d	+c,d	+d	-	3 test pieces per diameter and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class	3 test pieces of 1 diameter per size group and jointing system for the relevant design pressure

a

N: new system.

D: change in design.

M1: change of material grade; see [Table 4](#).

E: extension of the product range (except the products already covered by the scheme of sampling procedure).

P: change of production site of the pipes and fittings made of the same compounds to an existing product location, provided that the production process is equivalent.

+: test to be carried out.

b Recommended sampling procedure for a testing laboratory working for a certification body. Testing undertaken in manufacturer's laboratory shall be taken into account, by agreement with the certification body.

c Test shall be made on one product diameter per size group and jointing system for the relevant design pressure and appropriate application class.

d In case more than one pipe-fitting combination needs to be tested, a combination of the different connections can be tested in one test construction (per pipe dimension), provided that the number of the tested connections remains conform to the corresponding test standard and there is a maximum of tests on 2 different pipe-fitting combinations in one test construction.

### 6.3 Batch release tests (BRT)

Those characteristics specified in ISO 15876-2 and ISO 15876-3 and listed in [Tables 8](#) and [9](#) shall be subject to batch release testing with the minimum sampling frequency given in [Table 8](#) or [Table 9](#), as applicable.

Table 8 — Characteristics of pipes and minimum sampling frequencies for BRT

Characteristic	Reference	Minimum sampling frequency
Appearance	ISO 15876-2:2017, 5.1	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
Outside diameter	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 2 to Table 5	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
Wall thickness	ISO 15876-2:2017, 6.2.2, Table 2 to Table 6	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
a In case of dispute testing at 95 °C and 165 h shall be done.		

**Table 8** (continued)

Characteristic	Reference	Minimum sampling frequency
Resistance to internal pressure (95 °C, 22 h) <b>or</b> Resistance to internal pressure (95 °C, 165 h) <sup>a</sup>	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 7	1 test piece per 24 h per machine  1 test piece per week per machine
Longitudinal reversion	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 8	1 test piece per week per machine
Melt flow rate	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 11	1 test piece at start-up per machine
Marking	ISO 15876-2:2017, Clause 10	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
<sup>a</sup> In case of dispute testing at 95 °C and 165 h shall be done.		

**Table 9 — Characteristics of fittings and minimum sampling frequencies for BRT**

Characteristic	Reference	Minimum sampling frequency <sup>a</sup>
Appearance	ISO 15876-3:2017, 5.1	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
Geometrical characteristics (but only those dimensions which vary by the manufacturing process and affect the function of the joint or fitting)	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 6	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
Resistance to internal pressure (20 °C, 1 h)	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 7	1 test piece/batch and at least once per week per machine
Melt flow rate	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 8	1 test piece at start-up per machine
Marking	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 11	1 test piece at start up and at least every 8 h per machine
<sup>a</sup> For multiple cavity moulds, a rotating sampling procedure between the cavities for testing during the shifts shall be considered. The manufacturer's quality plan shall give details accordingly. In such cases where more than one product is made per mould (family mould), sampling shall include all products.		

The manufacturer's quality plan shall specify a batch or lot.

A batch or lot shall only be released for supply when all the relevant tests and inspections have been carried out at least once at the specified frequencies and the requirements have been met.

If a product fails in respect of any characteristic given in [Table 8](#) or [Table 9](#), as applicable, the batch or lot shall be rejected or the retest procedures shall be performed for the characteristic on which the product failed.

The retest procedure shall be given in the manufacturer's quality plan.

#### 6.4 Process verification tests (PVT)

Those characteristics specified ISO 15876-2 and ISO 15876-3 and listed in [Tables 10](#) and [11](#) shall be subject to process verification testing PVTs with the minimum sampling frequency given in [Table 10](#) or [Table 11](#), as applicable, if not type tested or audit tested in the same period.

**Table 10 — Characteristics of pipes and minimum sampling frequencies for PVT**

Characteristic	Reference	Minimum sampling frequency <sup>a</sup>
<b>Pipes</b>		
Resistance to internal pressure (95 °C, 1 000 h)	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 7	3 test pieces per year per diameter
<sup>a</sup> For multiple product lines, a rotating sampling procedure shall be considered. The manufacturer's quality plan shall give details accordingly.		

**Table 11 — Characteristics of fittings and minimum sampling frequencies for PVT**

Characteristic	Reference	Minimum sampling frequency <sup>a</sup>
Resistance to internal pressure (95 °C, 1 000 h)	ISO 15876-3:2017, Clause 7	3 test pieces per year per size group and fitting group
<sup>a</sup> For multiple cavity moulds, a rotating sampling procedure between the cavities for testing during the shifts shall be considered. The manufacturer's quality plan shall give details accordingly.		

If a product does not conform to the requirements in respect of any characteristic given in [Table 10](#) or [Table 11](#), as applicable, the retest procedure specified in the manufacturer's quality plan shall be performed.

If the retest procedure does not confirm conformity of the product to the requirements, then the process shall be investigated and corrected in accordance with the procedures given in the manufacturer's quality plan, as well as to verify the characteristics given in [Table 10](#) or [Table 11](#), as applicable.

A test performed as an AT does not need to be repeated as a PVT.

## 6.5 Audit tests (AT)

Those characteristics specified in ISO 15876-2, ISO 15876-3 and ISO 15876-5 and listed in [Table 12](#) to [Table 14](#) are intended to be audit tested with the minimum sampling frequency given in [Table 12](#) to [Table 14](#), as applicable.

**Table 12 — Characteristics of pipes and minimum sampling frequencies for ATs**

Characteristic	Reference	Minimum sampling frequency
<b>Pipes</b>		
Appearance	ISO 15876-2:2017, 5.1	3 test pieces per year per size group
Dimensions	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 2 to Table 6	3 test pieces per year per size group
Resistance to internal pressure (95 °C, 1 000 h)	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 7	3 test pieces per year per size group
Longitudinal reversion	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 8	3 test pieces per year per size group
Melt flow rate	ISO 15876-2:2017, Table 11	3 test pieces per year per size group
Marking	ISO 15876-2:2017, Clause 10	3 test pieces per year per size group