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Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 3: Pipes and fittings with non-smooth external surface, Type B

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## Introduction

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## Foreword

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ISO 21138-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 138, *Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Plastics pipes and fittings for soil, waste and drainage (including land drainage)*.

ISO 21138 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE)*:

- *Part 1: Material specifications and performance criteria for pipes, fittings and system*
- *Part 2: Pipes and fittings with smooth external surface, Type A*
- *Part 3: Pipes and fittings with non-smooth external surface, Type B*

## Introduction

ISO 21138 is the system standard covering the plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage, in particular thermoplastics structured-wall piping systems.

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## Part 3: Pipes and fittings with non-smooth external surface, Type B

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 21138, together with ISO 21138-1, specifies the definitions and requirements for pipes with a non-smooth external surface (Type B), fittings and systems based on unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) structured-wall piping systems in the field of non-pressure systems for underground drainage and sewerage.

NOTE 1 These pipes, fittings and the system can be used for highway drainage and surface water.

This part of ISO 21138 specifically refers to PVC, PP and PE materials.

NOTE 2 Other thermoplastic materials may be added via an addendum.

This part of ISO 21138 specifies test methods and test parameters.

This part of ISO 21138 covers a range of pipe and fitting sizes, materials, pipe constructions and nominal ring stiffnesses, and gives recommendations concerning colours.

NOTE 3 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.

In conjunction with ISO 21138-1, this part of ISO 21138 is applicable to PVC-U, PP and PE structured-wall pipes and fittings, to their joints and to joints with components of other plastics and non-plastics materials intended to be used for buried piping systems for the transport of drainage and sewage.

It is applicable to PVC-U, PP and PE structured-wall pipes and fittings with or without an integral socket with elastomeric ring seal joints as well as welded and fused joints.

NOTE 4 Pipes, fittings and other components conforming to any plastics product standards referred to in Clause 2 can be used with pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138, when they conform to the requirements for joint dimensions given in parts 2 and 3 of this International Standard and to the performance requirements given in Clause 10.

NOTE 5 For dimensions larger than DN/OD 1200 or DN/ID 1200 this standard can serve as a general guide regarding appearance, colour, physical and mechanical characteristics as well as performance requirements.

Test methods are not included in this document.

## 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 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 306:1994, *Plastics — Thermoplastic materials — Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)*

ISO 527-2:1993, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 580:2005, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Injection-moulded thermoplastics fittings — Methods for visually assessing the effects of heating*

ISO 1133:2005, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and the melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics*

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 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 2507-1, *Thermoplastics pipes and fittings — Vicat softening temperature — Part 1: General test method*

ISO 2507-2, *Thermoplastics pipes and fittings — Vicat softening temperature — Part 2: Test conditions for unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) or chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C) pipes and fittings and for high impact resistance poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-Hi) pipes*

ISO 3126, *Plastics piping systems — Plastics components — Determination of dimensions*

ISO 3127, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of resistance to external blows — Round-the-clock method*

ISO 3451-1:1997, *Plastics — Determination of ash — Part 1: General methods*

ISO 4435:2003, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U)*

ISO 8772:2006, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Polyethylene (PE)*

ISO 8773:2006, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Polypropylene (PP)*

ISO 9852, *Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) pipes — Dichloromethane resistance at specified temperature (DCMT) — Test method*

ISO 9967, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of creep ratio*

ISO 9969, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of ring stiffness*

ISO 11173, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of resistance to external blows — Staircase method*

ISO 11357-6, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 6: Determination of oxidation induction time (isothermal OIT) and oxidation induction temperature (dynamic OIT)*

ISO 12091, *Structured-wall thermoplastics pipes — Oven test*

ISO 13967, *Thermoplastics fittings — Determination of ring stiffness*

ISO 21138-1, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 1: Material specifications and performance criteria for pipes, fittings and system*

ISO 21138-2, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Pipes and fittings with smooth external surface, Type A*

ISO 22088-3, *Plastics — Determination of resistance to environmental stress cracking (ESC) — Part 3: Bent strip method*

EN 681-1, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 1: Vulcanized rubber*

EN 681-2, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 2: Thermoplastic elastomers*

EN 681-4, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 4: Cast polyurethane sealing elements*

EN 922, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Pipes and fittings of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) — Specimen preparation for determination of the viscosity number and calculation of the K-value*

EN 1053, *Plastics piping systems — Thermoplastics piping systems for non-pressure applications — Test method for watertightness*

EN 1277:2003, *Plastics piping systems — Thermoplastics piping systems for buried non-pressure applications — Test methods for leaktightness of elastomeric sealing ring type joints*

EN 1437:2002, *Plastics piping systems — Piping systems for underground drainage and sewerage — Test method for resistance to combined temperature cycling and external loading*

EN 1446, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of ring flexibility*

EN 1905, *Plastics piping systems — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) pipes, fittings and material — Method for assessment of the PVC content based on total chlorine content*

EN 1979, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Thermoplastics spirally-formed structured-wall pipes — Determination of the tensile strength of a seam*

EN 10204:2004, *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents*

EN 12061, *Plastics piping systems — Thermoplastics fittings — Test method for impact resistance*

EN 12099, *Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene piping materials and components — Determination of volatile content*

EN 12256, *Plastics piping systems — Thermoplastics fittings — Test method for mechanical strength or flexibility of fabricated fittings*

EN 14741, *Thermoplastics piping and ducting systems — Joints for buried non-pressure applications — Test method for the long-term sealing performance of joints with elastomeric seals by estimating the sealing pressure*

EN 15344:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Plastics — Recycled plastics — Characterisation of polyethylene)(PE) recyclates*

EN 15345:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Plastics — Recycled plastics — Characterisation of polypropylene)(PP) recyclates*

EN 15346:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Plastics — Recycled plastics — Characterisation of poly(vinyl chloride)(PVC) recyclates*

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

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms apply.

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

The terms and definitions given in ISO 21138-1 apply.

#### 3.2 Symbols

$A$	length of engagement, or maximum pull-out whilst maintaining tightness
$D_i$	socket inside diameter
$D_{im,min}$	minimum mean inside diameter of a socket
$d_e$	outside diameter
$d_{em}$	mean outside diameter
$d_i$	inside diameter
$d_{im}$	mean inside diameter
$e$	wall thickness (at any point)
$e_c$	construction height
$e_2$	wall thickness of the socket
$e_3$	wall thickness of the groove
$e_4$	wall thickness of the inside layer (waterway wall thickness)
$e_5$	wall thickness of the inside layer under a hollow section
$F$	distance from the spigot end to the effective sealing point
$l$	effective length of a pipe
$L_{1,min}$	minimum length of a spigot

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### 3.3 Abbreviated terms

CaCO <sub>3</sub>	calcium carbonate
CT	close tolerance class
DN	nominal size
DN/ID	nominal size related to inside diameter
DN/OD	nominal size related to outside diameter
ID	inside diameter
MgCO <sub>3</sub>	magnesium carbonate
MFR	melt mass-flow rate
OD	outside diameter
OIT	oxidation induction time
PE	polyethylene
PP	polypropylene
PVC-U	unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride)
S	pipe series S
SDR	standard dimension ratio
SN	nominal ring stiffness
TIR	true impact rate
TPE	thermoplastic elastomer
VST	Vicat softening temperature

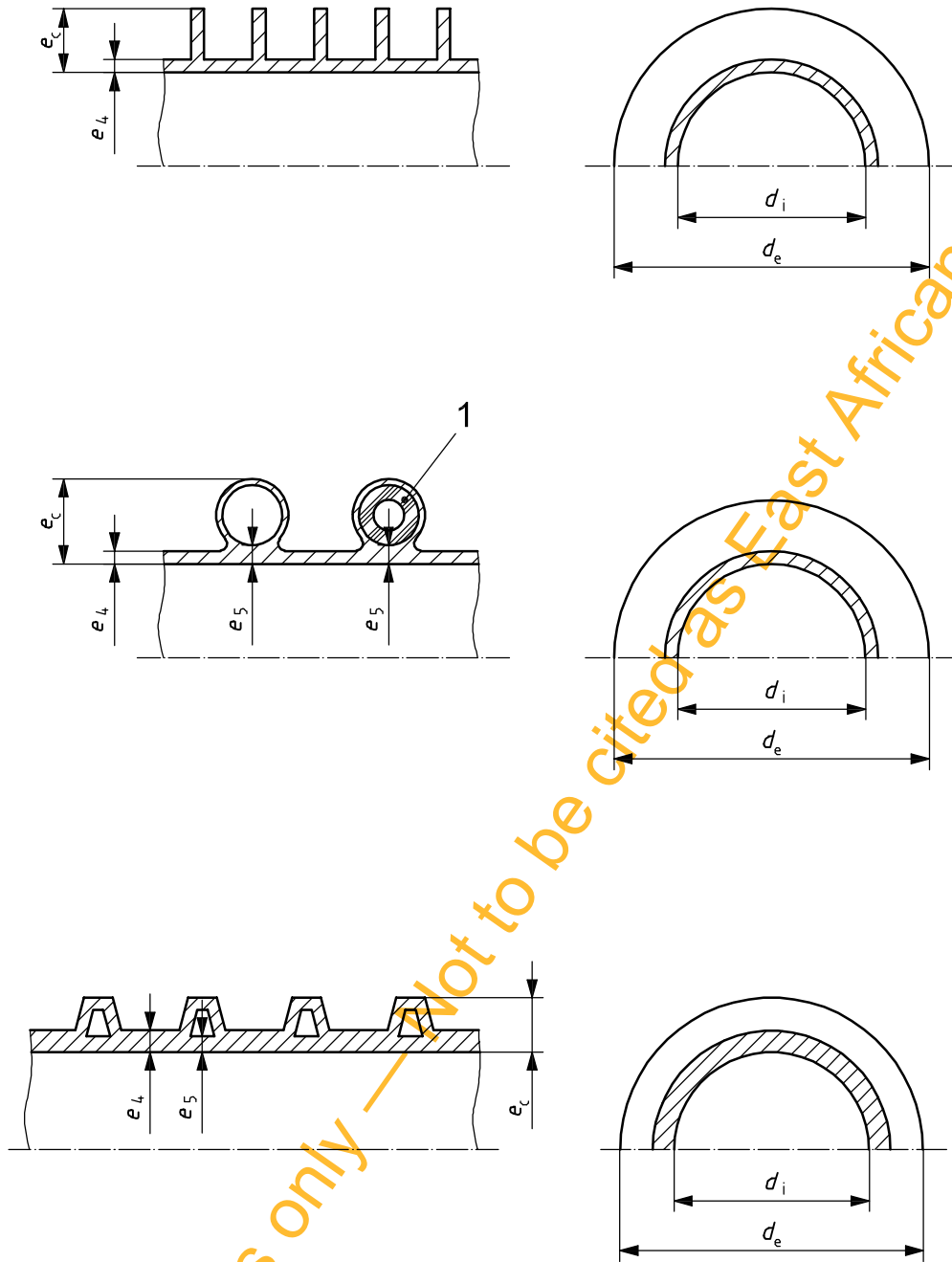
## 4 Material

### 4.1 General

The material shall be one of the following, unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) or polyethylene (PE) to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to this part of ISO 21138, including the relevant annexes.

Spirally formed Type B pipes may include a support profile (see Figure 1) made from polymers other than PVC-U, PP or PE.

Spirally formed pipe constructions may include a continuous elastomeric sealing component of a material conforming to EN 681-1, EN 681-2 or EN 681-4 as applicable, or a continuous adhesive conforming to 4.8.



**Key**  
 1 supporting profile

**Figure 1 — Typical examples of Type B wall construction**

**4.2 Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U)**

**4.2.1 General**

The raw material shall be PVC-U to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to the requirements of this part of ISO 21138 (see also Annex A).

NOTE Additional information on the characteristics of PVC-U material or components made thereof is given in ISO 21138-1:2007, Annex A.

#### 4.2.2 Pipe and fitting material characteristics

When tested in accordance with the test method specified in Table 1, using the indicated parameters, the material shall have characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Material characteristics of PVC-U pipes and injection-moulded fittings**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Resistance to internal pressure a, b	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	ISO 1167-1
		Orientation	Free	
		Number of test pieces	3	ISO 1167-2
		Test temperature	60 °C	
		Circumferential stress		
		pipe material	10 MPa	
		fitting material	6,3 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	1 000 h	
<p><sup>a</sup> For extrusion compounds this test shall be carried out in the form of a solid-wall pipe made from the relevant extrusion material.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> For injection-moulding compounds this test shall be carried out in the form of an injection-moulded or extruded sample in solid-wall pipe form made from the relevant material.</p>				

#### 4.2.3 Utilization of non-virgin materials

For the utilization of non-virgin PVC-U materials, conditions and requirements are given in Annex B, and the PVC recyclates shall conform to the characterization specified in EN 15346.

NOTE Annex G gives a survey of the possible uses of reprocessible and recyclable materials.

### 4.3 Polypropylene (PP)

#### 4.3.1 General

The compound for pipes and fittings shall be PP base material to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to the requirements of this part of ISO 21138. See also Annex C.

NOTE Additional information on the characteristics of PP material or components made thereof is given in Annex A of ISO 21138-1:2007.

#### 4.3.2 Pipe and fitting material characteristics

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 2, using the indicated parameters, the material shall have characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 2.

**Table 2 — Material characteristics of PP pipes and injection-moulded fittings**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Resistance to internal pressure, 140 h <sup>a, b</sup>	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	ISO 1167-1
		Test temperature	80 °C	
		Orientation	Free	ISO 1167-2
		Number of test pieces	3	
		Circumferential stress	4,2 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	140 h	
Resistance to internal pressure 1 000 h <sup>a, b</sup>	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	ISO 1167-1
		Test temperature	95 °C	
		Orientation	Free	ISO 1167-2
		Number of test pieces	3	
		Circumferential stress	2,5 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	1 000 h	
Melt mass-flow rate	≤ 1,5 g/10 min	Temperature	230 °C	ISO 1133:2005
		Loading mass	2,16 kg	Condition M
Thermal stability, OIT <sup>c</sup>	≥ 8 min	Temperature	200 °C	ISO 11357-6

<sup>a</sup> For extrusion compounds this test shall be carried out in the form of a solid-wall pipe made from the relevant extrusion material.

<sup>b</sup> For injection-moulding compounds this test shall be carried out in the form of an injection-moulded, or extruded sample in solid-wall pipe form made from the relevant material.

<sup>c</sup> This requirement is only valid for pipes and fittings intended to be jointed in the field by fusing or welding.

**4.3.3 Melt mass-flow rate classification**

Materials for pipes and fittings intended for jointing in the field by fusion or welding shall be designated by the following MFR classes:

- Class A: MFR ≤ 0,3 g/10 min
- Class B: 0,3 g/10 min < MFR ≤ 0,6 g/10 min
- Class C: 0,6 g/10 min < MFR ≤ 0,9 g/10 min
- Class D: 0,9 g/10 min < MFR ≤ 1,5 g/10 min

In the case where a raw material, because of its MFR tolerance, arbitrarily falls in one of two adjacent classes, the manufacturer of the components may mark the MFR class on the product as follows:

- for an MFR value across the border between A and B it is permitted to classify as class A;
- for an MFR value across the border between B and C it is permitted to classify as class C;
- for an MFR value across the border between C and D it is permitted to classify as class D.

#### 4.3.4 Utilization of non-virgin materials

For the utilization of non-virgin PP materials, conditions and requirements are given in Annex D, and the PP recyclates shall conform to the characterization specified in EN 15345.

NOTE Annex G gives a survey of the possible uses of reprocessable and recyclable materials.

### 4.4 Polyethylene (PE)

#### 4.4.1 General

The base material shall be polyethylene (PE) to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to this part of ISO 21138. See also Annex E.

NOTE Additional information on the characteristics of PE material or components made thereof is given in Annex A of ISO 21138-1:2007.

#### 4.4.2 Material characteristics of pipes and injection-moulded fittings

When tested in accordance with the test method specified in Table 3, using the indicated parameters, the material shall have characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 3.

#### 4.4.3 Material characteristics of rotational-moulded fittings

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 4, using the indicated parameters, the material shall have characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 4.

#### 4.4.4 Utilization of non-virgin materials

For the utilization of non-virgin PE materials, conditions and requirements are given in Annex F, and the PE recyclates shall conform to the characterization specified in EN 15344.

NOTE Annex G gives a survey of the possible uses of reprocessable and recyclable materials.

Table 3 — Material characteristics of PE pipes and injection-moulded fittings

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Resistance to internal pressure 165 h <sup>a, b</sup>	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	ISO 1167-1
		Test temperature	80 °C	ISO 1167-2
		Orientation	Free	
		Number of test pieces	3	
		Circumferential stress	4,0 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	165 h	
Resistance to internal pressure 1 000 h <sup>a, b</sup>	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	
		Test temperature	80 °C	ISO 1167-2
		Orientation	Free	
		Number of test pieces	3	
		Circumferential stress	2,8 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	1 000 h	
Melt mass-flow rate	≤ 1,6 g/10 min	Temperature	190 °C	
		Loading mass	5 kg	Condition T
Thermal stability, OIT <sup>c</sup>	≥ 20 min	Temperature	200 °C	ISO 11357-6
Reference density	≥ 930 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	In accordance with ISO 1183-1		ISO 1183-1
<p><sup>a</sup> This test shall be carried out in the form of a solid-wall pipe made from the relevant extrusion material.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> For injection-moulding compounds this test shall be carried out in the form of an injection-moulded or extruded sample in solid-wall pipe form made from the relevant material.</p> <p><sup>c</sup> This requirement is only valid for pipes and fittings intended to be jointed in field by fusing or welding.</p>				

Table 4 — Material characteristics of PE rotational-moulded fittings

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test
Resistance to internal pressure 165 h <sup>a</sup>	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	ISO 1167-1
		Orientation	Free	
		Number of test pieces	3	ISO 1167-2
		Temperature	60 °C	
		Circumferential stress	3,9 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	165 h	
Resistance to internal pressure 1 000 h <sup>a</sup>	No failure during the test period	End caps	Type A or B	ISO 1167-1
		Orientation	Free	
		Number of test pieces	3	ISO 1167-2
		Temperature	60 °C	
		Circumferential stress	3,2 MPa	
		Conditioning period	In accordance with ISO 1167-1	
		Type of test	Water-in-water	
		Test period	1 000 h	
Melt mass-flow rate	3 g/10 min ≤ MFR ≤ 16 g/10 min	Temperature	190 °C	ISO 1133:2005
		Loading mass	5 Kg	Condition T
Thermal stability OIT	≥ 10 min	Temperature	200 °C	ISO 11357-6
Reference density	≥ 925 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Temperature	(23 ± 2) °C	ISO 1183-1
<sup>a</sup> This test shall be carried out in the form of an injection-moulded or extruded sample in solid-wall pipe form made from the relevant material.				

#### 4.5 Sealing ring retaining components

It is permitted that sealing rings be retained using components made from any polymer.

#### 4.6 Sealing rings

The sealing ring material shall conform to EN 681-1, EN 681-2 or EN 681-4, as applicable.

The sealing ring shall have no detrimental effects on the properties of the components and shall not cause the test assembly to fail the performance requirements given in Clause 10.

#### 4.7 Fused or welded joints

The design of fused or welded joints together with the manufacturer's instructions for the jointing process shall not cause the test assembly to fail the performance requirements given in Clause 10.

#### 4.8 Adhesives for PVC-U

The adhesive for solvent cement jointing of PVC-U shall be solvent cement and shall be as specified by the manufacturer of the pipes or fittings, where appropriate.

The adhesive shall have no detrimental effects on the properties of components and shall not cause the test assembly to fail the performance requirements given in Clause 10.

## 5 Designation of wall construction and examples of typical jointing methods

NOTE The figures are schematic sketches only to indicate the relevant dimensions. They do not necessarily represent the manufactured components.

### 5.1 Wall constructions designated as Type B

#### 5.1.1 Ribbed or corrugated construction

A pipe or fitting with a plain inside surface and a solid or hollow spiral or annular ribbed external surface shall be designated Type B.

Typical examples of Type B constructions are shown in Figure 1.

#### 5.1.2 Typical jointing methods for structured-wall Type B pipes

Relevant jointing dimensions for typical Type B joint constructions are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

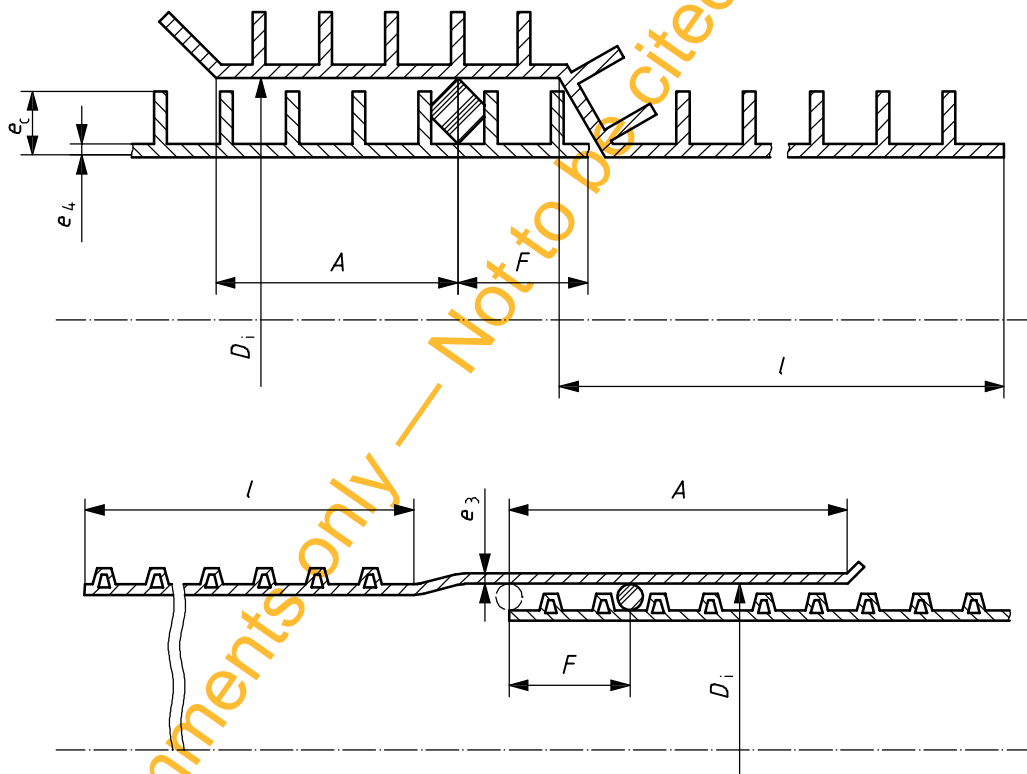


Figure 2 — Typical examples of elastomeric sealing ring joints with the sealing ring located on the spigot, Type B

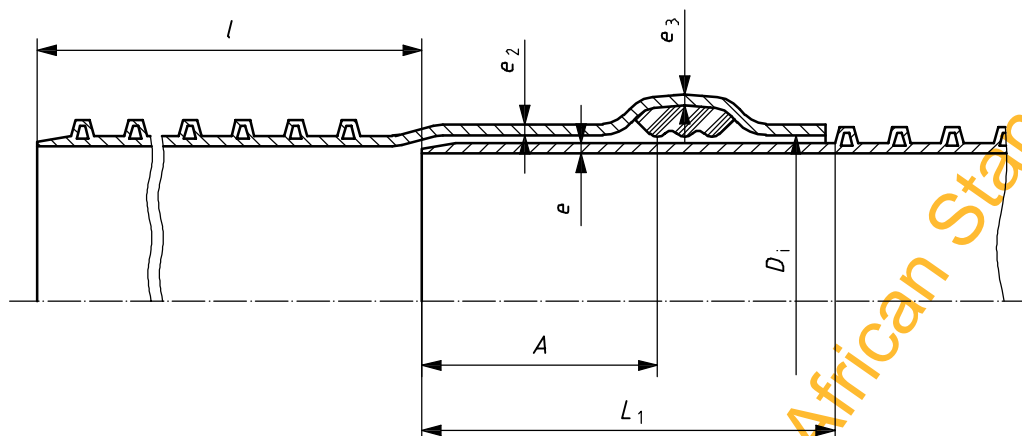


Figure 3 — Typical example of an elastomeric sealing ring joint with sealing ring located in the socket, Type B

## 5.2 Designation and design of joints

Pipes and fittings may be designed with spigot ends and sockets of another construction than the pipe or fitting body. Such constructions may be Type A1, A2 or B or solid plain. For definitions and specifications for Type A1 and A2 pipes see ISO 21138-2.

NOTE Joints with elastomeric sealing rings are designed either with the sealing ring positioned on the spigot (see Figure 2) or in the socket (see Figure 3).

## 6 General characteristics for pipes and fittings — Colour

Colour and appearance are specified in ISO 21138-1.

## 7 Geometrical characteristics

### 7.1 General

All dimensions shall be measured in accordance with ISO 3126.

### 7.2 Dimensions

#### 7.2.1 Designation

Pipes and fittings are sized according to their outside diameter (DN/OD series) and/or according to their inside diameter (DN/ID series).

Type B DN/OD pipes and fittings with plain spigot jointing dimensions conforming to ISO 4435, ISO 8772 or ISO 8773 for PVC-U, PP and PE respectively, and with larger  $d_e$  than the spigot, are permitted to be designated by the spigot dimension.

#### 7.2.2 Lengths of pipe

The effective length of pipe,  $l$ , shall be not less than that specified by the manufacturer when measured as shown in Figure 2 and/or Figure 3.

7.2.3 Diameters of Type B pipes and spigots of pipes or fittings

The nominal sizes and minimum mean inside diameters for DN/OD and DN/ID series are specified in Table 5. Other nominal sizes, greater than DN/ID 100 and DN/OD 110 and less than DN/OD and DN/ID 1200, than those given in Table 5, are permitted.

NOTE They should preferably be selected from ISO 161-1.

For DN/ODs and DN/IDs not specified in Table 5, the minimum inside diameter,  $d_{im,min}$ , shall be linearly interpolated between the adjacent values specified in the Table 5.

**Table 5 — Nominal sizes, minimum mean inside diameters, thickness of inside layers and socket length**

Dimensions in millimetres

DN/OD	Diameters		DN/ID series		Minimum wall thickness		Socket <sup>a</sup>
	DN/OD series		DN/ID	$d_{im,min}$	$e_{4,min}$	$e_{5,min}$	
	PVC-U <sup>b</sup>	PP/ PE <sup>b, c</sup>					
$d_{im,min}$	$d_{im,min}$	$d_{im,min}$	$d_{im,min}$	$e_{4,min}$	$e_{5,min}$	$A_{min}$	
110	97	90	100	95	1,0	1,0	32
125	107	105			1,1	1,0	35
			125	120	1,2	1,0	38
160	135	134			1,2	1,0	42
			150	145	1,3	1,0	43
200	172	167			1,4	1,1	50
			200	195	1,5	1,1	54
250	216	209	225	220	1,7	1,4	55
			250	245	1,8	1,5	59
315	270	263			1,9	1,6	62
			300	294	2,0	1,7	64
400	340	335			2,3	2,0	70
			400	392	2,5	2,3	74
500	432	418			2,8	2,8	80
			500	490	3,0	3,0	85
630	540	527			3,3	3,3	93
			600	588	3,5	3,5	96
800	680	669			4,1	4,1	110
			800	785	4,5	4,5	118
1 000	864	837			5,0	5,0	130
			1 000	985	5,0	5,0	140
1 200	1 037	1 005			5,0	5,0	150
			1 200	1 185	5,0	5,0	162

<sup>a</sup> For selection of the  $A_{min}$  requirements for a socket, refer to the pipe material and construction. For pipes longer than 6 m it is recommended that one produce a larger  $A_{mi,n}$  than is specified in this table.

<sup>b</sup> The actual inside diameter of a pipe depends on the material, construction and stiffness. It may be considerably higher than the minimum specified in this table. For more information see the manufacturer's documentation.

<sup>c</sup> The minimum mean inside diameter,  $d_{im,min}$ , of a fitting shall be not less than 98 % of the specified minimum mean inside diameter of the pipe for which it is designed or conform to this table, whichever is the greater value.

DN/OD series pipes and spigots intended to have jointing dimensions as pipes and/or fittings according to ISO 4435, ISO 8772 or ISO 8773 for PVC, PP or PE respectively, shall comply with whichever of those documents is relevant regarding the outside diameters and tolerances of the spigot.

For pipes and fittings not intended to have jointing dimensions as pipes and/or fittings according to ISO 4435, ISO 8772 or ISO 8773 for PVC, PP or PE respectively, the tolerance of the outside diameter of pipe and spigot shall be:

$$d_{em, \min} \geq 0,994 \times d_e$$

$$d_{em, \max} \leq 1,003 \times d_e$$

where  $d_e$  equals either the nominal size of a DN/OD pipe or the outside diameter as specified by the manufacturer of a DN/ID pipe.

The results are to be rounded to the next higher 0,1 mm.

## 7.2.4 Diameters and jointing dimensions of sockets and spigots

### 7.2.4.1 Joints with the elastomeric sealing ring positioned in the socket (combined with Type B pipes or fittings)

For Type B pipes, the requirement regarding the socket and spigot dimension,  $A_{\min}$ , specified in Table 5 applies.

In the case where other nominal sizes than those specified in Table 5 are selected for Type B pipes, the requirements regarding the socket dimension  $A_{\min}$  shall be linearly interpolated between the adjacent values specified in Table 5.

$D_{i, \min}$  shall be equal to  $d_{e, \max}$ .

For Type B pipes greater than DN/OD 630 and DN/ID 600 when they are designed for a specific project,  $A_{\min}$  may be shorter than is specified in Table 5. However it shall be not less than 85 mm. Such pipes shall be marked "SHORT SOCKET".

### 7.2.4.2 Joints with the elastomeric sealing ring positioned on the spigot

The spigot  $A_{\min}$  shall comply with Table 5.

In the case where other nominal sizes than those listed in Table 5 are selected, the requirement regarding  $A_{\min}$  shall be linearly interpolated from the adjacent values specified in Table 5.

$L_{1, \min}$  shall conform to the following:

$$L_{1, \min} = A_{\min} + F$$

where  $F$  is the distance from the end of the spigot to the effective sealing point. See Figure 2.

NOTE The manufacturer should specify in which position the sealing ring shall be placed if there is more than one possibility.

$D_{i, \min}$  shall be equal to  $d_{e, \max}$ .

For Type B pipes greater than DN/OD 630 and DN/ID 600 when they are designed for a specific project,  $A_{\min}$  may be shorter than is specified in Table 5. However it shall be not less than 85 mm. Such pipes shall be marked "SHORT SOCKET".

**7.2.5 Wall thicknesses**

**7.2.5.1 Wall thickness of sockets and joint design requirements**

**7.2.5.1.1 General**

In addition to the minimum required wall thickness of sockets and spigots as specified below, their ring stiffness, when determined in accordance with ISO 9969, shall conform to the following equation:

$$S_{so} + S_{sp} \geq SN_{pipe}$$

For the test it is permitted to use cut-off straight socket and spigot parts even if they do not conform to the length requirements specified in ISO 9969.

For dimensions  $\geq 500$  mm the stiffness may be calculated provided reliable information regarding the E-modulus is available.

**7.2.5.1.2 Spigots**

When the spigot has the same design as the pipe, the wall thickness requirements for the corresponding pipe dimension and construction apply.

In the case of a solid plain spigot design, the wall thickness,  $e$ , shall conform to Table 6. The values shall be calculated to the second decimal place and rounded to the next higher 0,1 mm.

**Table 6 — Minimum required wall thicknesses of solid plain spigots**

Dimensions in millimetres

Material	Outside diameter	$e_{min}$
PVC-U	$d_e \leq 500$	$d_e/51$ but not less than 3,2
	$d_e > 500$	9,8
PP	$d_e \leq 500$	$d_e/41$ but not less than 3,4
	$d_e > 500$	12,2
PE	$d_e \leq 500$	$d_e/33$ but not less than 4,2
	$d_e > 500$	15,2

**7.2.5.1.3 Sockets in accordance with ISO 4435, ISO 8772 or ISO 8773**

When a socket is intended to conform to one of the above mentioned International Standards it shall comply with the wall thickness requirements of the appropriate document.

**7.2.5.1.4 Sockets heat formed on the pipes**

When a socket is heat formed on a pipe or pipe segment the following is permitted:

- for joints with the sealing ring positioned in the socket: a reduction of the wall thicknesses, as applicable, to 85 % in the cylindrical part of the socket and to 75 % in the groove area of a socket;
- for joints with the sealing ring positioned on the pipe: a reduction of the wall thicknesses  $e_4$  and  $e_5$ , as applicable, to 75 %.

In both cases the manufacturer specifies the reference value for the wall thickness.

**7.2.5.1.5 Other sockets with stiffness  $\geq 4 \text{ kN/m}^2$** 

For structured-wall designed sockets the wall thicknesses  $e_4$  and  $e_5$ , as applicable, shall comply with the requirements given in Table 5.

**7.2.5.1.6 Other sockets with stiffness  $< 4 \text{ kN/m}^2$** 

The thickness of the inner wall of the socket shall be at least  $1,5 \times e_4$  as specified in Table 5.

**7.2.5.2 Injection-moulded fittings**

The minimum wall thickness in the body of injection-moulded fittings of Type B construction,  $e_{4,\min}$ , for  $\text{DN/OD} \leq 315$  and  $\text{DN/ID} \leq 300$  shall be 2,0 mm. For larger sizes it shall conform to the requirements for  $e_{4,\min}$  as specified in Table 5.

The construction height of the body wall,  $e_c$ , for injection-moulded fittings up to 200 mm DN/OD and up to 200 mm actual outside diameter of pipes in the DN/ID series shall be at least as specified for  $e_{\min}$  for:

- the SDR 41 series in ISO 4435;
- the SDR 33 series in ISO 8773;
- the SDR 26 series in ISO 8772;

for PVC-U, PP and PE respectively.

In the case of ID series fittings the calculation shall be based on the actual outside diameter of the corresponding pipe.

The jointing design including socket and spigot dimensions shall conform to 7.2.5.1.

**7.2.5.3 Fabricated fittings**

The wall thickness of the body of fittings fabricated from pipes shall conform to the requirements of the corresponding pipe. Wall thickness reductions due to the process is permitted provided the requirements in Table 16 are satisfied.

The jointing design including socket and spigot dimensions shall conform to 7.2.5.1.

**7.2.5.4 Rotational moulded fittings**

The minimum wall thickness in the body of rotational-moulded fittings,  $e_{4,\min}$ , shall be  $1,25 \times$  the values specified for injection-moulded fittings, rounded to the next higher 0,1 mm.

If a rotational-moulded fitting has a solid plain spigot and/or socket, the minimum required wall thicknesses  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$  and  $e_3$  as applicable shall be  $1,25 \times$  the values derived from 7.2.5.

The socket and spigot dimensions shall comply with 7.2.5.1.

**7.3 Types of fitting**

The types of fitting covered by this part of ISO 21138 are specified in ISO 21138-1.

## 8 Physical characteristics

### 8.1 Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U)

#### 8.1.1 Physical characteristics of PVC-U pipes

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 7, using the indicated parameters, the pipe shall have physical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 7.

**Table 7 — Physical characteristics of PVC-U pipes**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Vicat softening temperature (VST) <sup>a</sup>	VST ≥ 79 °C	In accordance with ISO 2507-1 and ISO 2507-2		ISO 2507-1 and ISO 2507-2
Resistance to dichloromethane <sup>b</sup>	No attack	Test temperature Immersion time Chamfering	15 °C 30 min No	ISO 9852
Resistance to heating — Oven test	The pipe shall show no delamination, cracks or bubbles <sup>d</sup>	Test temperature Immersion time <sup>c</sup> for: <i>e</i> ≤ 8 mm <i>e</i> > 8 mm	(150 ± 2) °C 30 min 60 min	ISO 12091
<sup>a</sup> Not applicable to the foamed part of a pipe. If <i>e</i> <sub>4</sub> is less than 1,8 mm the test shall be carried out on a profile extruded from the material. Indirect testing may be carried out using the pipe sample. <sup>b</sup> Only applicable to pipes with wall thickness <i>e</i> <sub>4</sub> > 3 mm. Profiles for spirally-wound pipes may be tested before winding. <sup>c</sup> For the wall thickness, <i>e</i> , the maximum measured wall thickness of the pipe excluding <i>e</i> <sub>c</sub> shall be taken. <sup>d</sup> Bubbles in the foamed structure are exempt from this requirement.				

#### 8.1.2 Physical characteristics of PVC-U fittings

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 8, using the indicated parameters, the fitting shall have physical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 8.

**Table 8 — Physical characteristics of PVC-U injection-moulded fittings**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Vicat softening temperature (VST) <sup>a</sup>	VST ≥ 77 °C	In accordance with ISO 2507-1 and ISO 2507-2		ISO 2507-1 and ISO 2507-2
Effect of heating <sup>a</sup>	<sup>b</sup>	Test temperature Heating time	(150 ± 2) °C In accordance with ISO 580 <sup>c</sup>	ISO 580:2005 Method A, air
<sup>a</sup> Only applicable to injection-moulded fittings and injection-moulded components for fabricated fittings. <sup>b</sup> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Within a radius of 15 × the wall thickness around the injection point(s), the depth of cracks, delamination or blisters shall not exceed 50 % of the wall thickness at that point.</li> <li>2) Within a distance of 10 × the wall thickness from the diaphragm zone, the depth of cracks, delamination or blisters shall not exceed 50 % of the wall thickness at that point.</li> <li>3) Within a distance of 10 × the wall thickness from the ring gate, the length of cracks running through the overall thickness of the wall shall not exceed 50 % of the wall thickness at that point.</li> <li>4) The weld line shall not have opened more than 50 % of the wall thickness at that line.</li> <li>5) In all other parts of the surface, the depth of cracks and delaminations shall not exceed 30 % of the wall thickness at that point. Blisters shall not exceed a length of 10 × the wall thickness.</li> </ol> <sup>c</sup> For the wall thickness, <i>e</i> , the maximum measured wall thickness of the fitting excluding <i>e</i> <sub>c</sub> shall be taken.				

## 8.2 Polypropylene (PP)

### 8.2.1 Physical characteristics of PP pipes

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 9, using the indicated parameters, the pipe shall have physical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 9.

**Table 9 — Physical characteristics of PP pipes**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Resistance to heating — Oven test	The pipe shall show no delamination, cracks or bubbles	Test temperature Immersion time <sup>a</sup> for: $e \leq 8$ mm $e > 8$ mm	$(150 \pm 2)$ °C 30 min 60 min	ISO 12091
<sup>a</sup> For the wall thickness, $e$ , the maximum measured wall thickness of the pipe excluding $e_c$ shall be taken.				

### 8.2.2 Physical characteristics of PP fittings

When tested in accordance with the test method specified in Table 10, using the indicated parameters, the fittings shall have physical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 10.

**Table 10 — Physical characteristics of PP injection-moulded components**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Effect of heating <sup>a</sup>	<sup>b</sup>	Test temperature Heating time	$(150 \pm 2)$ °C In accordance with ISO 580 <sup>c</sup>	ISO 580 Method A, air
<sup>a</sup> Only applicable to injection-moulded fittings and injection-moulded components for fabricated fittings.				
<sup>b</sup> The depth of cracks, delamination or blisters shall not be more than 20 % of the wall thickness around the injection point(s). No part of the weld line shall open to a depth of more than 20 % of the wall thickness.				
<sup>c</sup> For the wall thickness, $e$ , the maximum measured wall thickness of the fitting excluding $e_c$ shall be taken.				

## 8.3 Polyethylene (PE)

### 8.3.1 Physical characteristics of PE pipes

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 11, using the indicated parameters, the pipe shall have physical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 11.

**Table 11 — Physical characteristics of PE pipes**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Resistance to heating — Oven test	The pipe shall show no delamination, cracks or bubbles	Temperature Immersion time <sup>a</sup> for: $e \leq 8$ mm $e > 8$ mm	$(110 \pm 2)$ °C 30 min 60 min	ISO 12091
<sup>a</sup> For the wall thickness, $e$ , the maximum measured wall thickness of the pipe excluding $e_c$ shall be taken.				

8.3.2 Physical characteristics of PE fittings

When tested in accordance with the test method specified in Table 12, using the indicated parameters, the fitting shall have physical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 12.

Table 12 — Physical characteristics of PE injection-moulded components

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Effect of heating <sup>a</sup>	<sup>b</sup>	Test temperature Heating time <sup>c</sup> for: $e \leq 3$ mm $3 \text{ mm} < e \leq 10$ mm $10 \text{ mm} < e \leq 20$ mm	$(110 \pm 2)$ °C 15 min 30 min 60 min	ISO 580, air
<sup>a</sup> Only applicable to injection-moulded fittings and injection-moulded components for fabricated fittings. <sup>b</sup> The depth of cracks, delamination or blisters shall not be more than 20 % of the wall thickness around the injection point(s). No part of the weld line shall open to a depth of more than 20 % of the wall thickness. <sup>c</sup> For the wall thickness, $e$ , the maximum measured wall thickness of the fitting excluding $e_c$ shall be taken.				

9 Mechanical characteristics

9.1 Mechanical characteristics of pipes

9.1.1 General

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 13, using the indicated parameters, the pipe shall have mechanical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 13.

The pipes shall be designated in one of the following nominal ring stiffness classes (SN):

- $DN \leq 500$ : SN 4, SN 8 or SN 16;
- $DN > 500$ : SN 2, SN 4, SN 8 or SN 16.

For  $DN \geq 500$  the manufacturer's guaranteed minimum stiffness, between the SN values, of a component may be used for calculation purposes only. Such pipes shall be classified and marked as the next lower stiffness class.

Table 13 — Mechanical characteristics of pipes

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Ring stiffness	$\geq$ relevant SN	In accordance with ISO 9969		ISO 9969
Impact strength	TIR $\leq$ 10 %	Test temperature	$(0 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$	ISO 3127
		Conditioning medium	Water or air	
		Type of striker	d90	
		Mass of striker for <sup>a</sup> :		
		$d_{\text{im,max}} \leq 100$	0,5 kg	
		$100 < d_{\text{im,max}} \leq 125$	0,8 kg	
		$125 < d_{\text{im,max}} \leq 160$	1,0 kg	
		$160 < d_{\text{im,max}} \leq 200$	1,6 kg	
		$200 < d_{\text{im,max}} \leq 250$	2,0 kg	
		$250 < d_{\text{im,max}} \leq 315$	2,5 kg	
		$315 < d_{\text{im,max}}$	3,2 kg	
		Fall height of striker for <sup>a</sup> :		
		$d_{\text{em,min}} \leq 110$	1 600 mm	
		$d_{\text{em,min}} > 110$	2 000 mm	
Ring flexibility	In accordance with 9.1.2 at 30 % of $d_{\text{em}}$	Deflection	30 %	EN 1446
		Length of test piece	Shall incorporate at least 5 ribs/spirals <sup>b</sup>	
		Position of test piece	Mould split line, when applicable, at 0°, 45° and 90° from the upper plate	
Creep ratio	PVC-U: $\leq 2,5$ at 2 year extrapolation  PP and PE: $\leq 4$ at 2 year extrapolation	In accordance with ISO 9967		ISO 9967
Tensile strength of seam <sup>b</sup>	In accordance with 9.1.3	Rate of movement	15 mm/min	EN 1979
<sup>a</sup> Refer to the specified $d_{\text{em,min}}$ . <sup>b</sup> Only applicable to spirally formed pipes.				

### 9.1.2 Ring flexibility

When tested in accordance with the test method described in Table 13, using the indicated parameters, and visually inspected without magnification, a) and b) shall be satisfied during the test:

- a) there shall be no decrease of the measured force;
- b) there shall be no cracking in any part of the wall structure.

Also, c) to e) shall be satisfied after the test:

- c) there shall be no wall delamination except possible delamination between the outside and inside wall of double-wall pipes occurring in reduced welding zone in the ends of the test piece. Process aiding profile of a material other than the pipe material, see Figure 1, is not subject to this requirement;
- d) there shall be no other types of rupture in the test piece;

e) permanent buckling in any part of the structure of the pipe wall including depressions and craters shall not occur in any direction.

**9.1.3 Tensile strength**

When tested in accordance with Table 13, the minimum required tensile strength of the seam shall conform to Table 14.

**Table 14 — Minimum tensile strength of seam**

Nominal size DN/ID or DN/OD	Minimum tensile force N
DN ≤ 375	380
400 ≤ DN ≤ 560	510
600 ≤ DN ≤ 710	760
DN ≥ 800	1 020

**9.1.4 Additional requirements**

Pipes intended to be used in areas where installation is carried out at temperatures less than -10 °C, shall conform to the requirements of an impact test (staircase method) as specified in Table 15.

**Table 15 — Low temperature installation performance test**

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Impact resistance (Staircase method)	H50 ≥ 1 000 mm No break below 500 mm	Test and conditioning temperature	(-10 ± 1)°C	ISO 11173
		Type of striker	d90	
		Fall mass for <sup>a</sup> :		
		$d_{em,min} \leq 110$ mm	4,0 kg	
		$110 \text{ mm} < d_{em,min} \leq 125$ mm	5,0 kg	
		$125 \text{ mm} < d_{em,min} \leq 160$ mm	6,25 kg	
		$160 \text{ mm} < d_{em,min} \leq 200$ mm	8,0 kg	
		$200 \text{ mm} < d_{em,min} \leq 225$ mm	10,0 kg	
	$225 \text{ mm} < d_{em,min}$	12,5 kg		
<sup>a</sup> Refer to the specified $d_{em,min}$ .				

**9.2 Mechanical characteristics of fittings**

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 16, using the indicated parameters, the fitting shall have mechanical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 16.

The fittings shall be designated in one of the following nominal stiffness classes (SN):

- DN ≤ 500: SN 4, SN 8 or SN 16;
- DN > 500: SN 2, SN 4, SN 8 or SN 16.

NOTE For DN ≥ 500 the manufacturer's guaranteed minimum stiffness, between the SN nominal values of a component, can be used for calculation purposes.

Table 16 — Mechanical characteristics of fittings

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Stiffness <sup>a</sup>	≥ relevant SN	In accordance with ISO 13967		ISO 13967
Impact test	No cracks through the wall; jumped-off sealing elements shall be able to be restored in correct position manually	Test temperature	0 °C	EN 12061
		Drop height for: $d_e \leq 125$ mm $d_e > 125$ mm	1 000 mm 500 mm	
		Position of impact	Mouth of the socket	
Mechanical strength or flexibility <sup>b</sup>	No signs of splitting, cracking, separation and/or leakage	EITHER		EN 12256
		Test period	15 min	
		Minimum moment for: $d_e \leq 250$ mm $d_e > 250$ mm	$0,15[\text{DN}]^3 \times 10^{-6}$ kNm 0,01[DN] kNm	
		OR		
		Minimum displacement	170 mm	
<p><sup>a</sup> When a fitting in accordance with this part of ISO 21138 has the same wall construction as a corresponding pipe, the stiffness of the fitting, because of its geometry, is equal to or greater than that of the pipe. Such fittings can be classified with the same stiffness class as that pipe without testing the stiffness.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> Only for fabricated fittings made from more than one piece (a sealing ring retaining component is not considered as a piece) or when the minimum wall thickness in the body, <math>e_{4,\text{min}}</math>, is less than <math>(0,9 \times d_{\text{em}}/51)</math>, <math>(0,9 \times d_{\text{em}}/41)</math> or <math>(0,9 \times d_{\text{em}}/33)</math> for PVC, PP and PE respectively.</p>				

10 Performance requirements

When tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 17, using the indicated parameters, the joints and the system shall have characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 17.

Table 17 — Performance requirements

Characteristic	Requirements	Test parameters		Test method
Tightness of elastomeric ring seal joint		Temperature	(23 ± 2) °C	EN 1277:2003, Condition B
		Spigot deflection	10 %	
		Socket deflection	5 %	
	No leakage	Water pressure	5 kPa (0,05 bar)	
	No leakage	Water pressure	50 kPa (0,5 bar)	
	≤ -27 kPa (-0,27 bar)	Air pressure	-30 kPa (-0,3 bar)	
Tightness of elastomeric ring seal joint		Temperature	(23 ± 2) °C	EN 1277:2003, Condition C
		Joint deflection for:		
		$d_e \leq 315$ mm	2°	
		315 mm < $d_e \leq 630$ mm	1,5°	
		630 mm < $d_e$	1°	
	No leakage	Water pressure	5 kPa (0,05 bar)	
	No leakage	Water pressure	50 kPa (0,5 bar)	
	≤ -27 kPa (-0,27 bar)	Air pressure	-30 kPa (-0,3 bar)	
Resistance to combined temperature cycling and external loading <sup>b</sup>	a	For $d_{im} \leq 160$ mm: In accordance with EN 1437:2002, Method A		EN 1437:2002 Method A, hot and cold water
		For $d_{im} > 160$ mm: In accordance with EN 1437:2002, Method B		EN 1437:2002 Method B, hot water
Long-term performance of TPE seals	Tube pressure: -100 years extrapolated: ≥ 150 kPa (1,5 bar)	Test temperature	(23 ± 2) °C	EN 14741
Watertightness <sup>c</sup>	No leakage	Water pressure Duration	50 kPa (0,5 bar) 1 min	EN 1053
Tensile test of welded or fused joints	No break in the joint	Minimum tensile force	In accordance with Table 15	EN 1979 <sup>d</sup>

a The following requirements apply:  
 — vertical deformation: ≤ 9 %  
 — deviation from surface evenness in bottom: ≤ 3 mm  
 — radius of bottom: ≥ 80 % of original  
 — opening of weld line: ≤ 20 % of wall thickness  
 — tightness at 35 kPa (0,35 bar)/15 min: no leakage allowed.

b Only for components in accordance with this part of ISO 21138 with DN/OD ≤ 335 and DN/ID ≤ 300.

c Only for fabricated fittings made from more than one piece. A sealing ring retaining component is not considered as a piece.

d This test is applicable for all pipe and fitting constructions when jointed by fusion or welding. The test pieces shall be cut longitudinally in the fusion area. The length of the test piece shall include the joint plus a length at each end sufficient to ensure a proper grip in the tensile testing machine.

## 11 Marking

### 11.1 General

Marking elements shall be labelled or printed or formed directly on the pipe or the fitting, in such a way that after storage, weathering, handling and installation, legibility is maintained.

Marking shall not initiate cracks or other types of defects which adversely influence the performance of the pipe or the fitting.

### 11.2 Minimum required marking

#### 11.2.1 Pipes

Pipes shall be marked at intervals of maximum 2 m, at least once per pipe.

The minimum required marking of pipes shall conform to Table 18.

**Table 18 — Minimum required marking of pipes**

Information	Marking or symbol
Number of this document	ISO 21138-3
Diameter series, nominal size/actual guaranteed min. inside diameter <sup>a</sup> for:	
DN/OD series, interchangeable <sup>b</sup>	DN/OD 200/178 <sup>c</sup>
DN/OD series, not interchangeable <sup>b</sup>	DN/OD 200/178 <sup>c</sup>
DN/ID series	DN/ID 180/178 <sup>c</sup>
Manufacturer's name and/or trade mark	XXX
Stiffness class	e.g. SN 8
Material	Either PVC-U, PVC <sup>d</sup> , PP or PE
Manufacturer's information.	<sup>e</sup>
Low temperature installation performance	❄ (ice crystal) <sup>f</sup>
Close tolerance class	CT <sup>g</sup>
<sup>a</sup> The marking of the guaranteed minimum mean inside diameter is voluntary, but if marked it shall be as shown.	
<sup>b</sup> In this case interchangeability means use with pipes and/or fittings in accordance with ISO 4435, ISO 8772 or ISO 8773.	
<sup>c</sup> If a component is designed for both DN/OD and DN/ID series, one of them may be marked on a label.	
<sup>d</sup> PVC-U is preferred to PVC.	
<sup>e</sup> Shall be given in clear figures or in a code providing traceability to the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— the production period year and month;</li> <li>— the production site if the manufacturer is producing in different sites, nationally and/or internationally.</li> </ul>	
<sup>f</sup> This marking is only applicable to pipes which by testing have proved to conform to 9.1.3.	
<sup>g</sup> Only applicable for PP and PE pipes with spigots as specified in ISO 8772 or ISO 8773.	

11.2.2 Fittings

The minimum required marking of fittings shall conform to Table 19.

Table 19 — Minimum required marking of fittings

Information	Marking or symbol
Number of this document	ISO 21138-3
Diameter series, nominal size/actual guaranteed min. inside diameter <sup>a</sup> for:	
DN/OD series, interchangeable <sup>b</sup>	DN/OD 200/178 <sup>c</sup>
DN/OD series, not interchangeable <sup>b</sup>	DN/OD 200/178 <sup>c</sup>
DN/ID series	DN/ID 180/198 <sup>c</sup>
Manufacturer's name and/or trade mark	XXX
Nominal angle	e.g. 45°
Stiffness class	e.g. SN 8
Material	Either PVC-U, PVC <sup>d</sup> , PP or PE
Manufacturer's information	<sup>e</sup>
Close tolerance class	CT <sup>f</sup>
<sup>a</sup> The marking of the guaranteed minimum mean inside diameter is voluntary, but if marked it shall be as shown.	
<sup>b</sup> In this case interchangeability means use with pipes and/or fittings in accordance with ISO 4435, ISO 8772 or ISO 8773.	
<sup>c</sup> If a component is designed for both DN/OD and DN/ID series, one of them may be marked on a label.	
<sup>d</sup> PVC-U is preferred to PVC.	
<sup>e</sup> Shall be given in clear figures or in a code providing traceability to the following details:	
— the production period year and month;	
— the production site if the manufacturer is producing in different sites, nationally and/or internationally.	
<sup>f</sup> Only applicable for PP and PE fittings with spigots as specified in ISO 8772 or ISO 8773.	

## Annex A (normative)

### Virgin PVC-U material

The virgin material shall be PVC-U to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to the requirements of this part of ISO 21138.

When calculated on the basis of a known formulation or, in case of dispute/unknown formulation, determined in accordance with EN 1905 the PVC-U content shall conform as applicable to item a) or item b) as follows:

- a) the content of PVC-U shall be at least 80 % in mass fraction for pipes and 85 % in mass fraction for injection-moulded fittings;
- b) a further reduction of the PVC-U content (for pipes only) is permitted provided the PVC-U is substituted by  $\text{CaCO}_3$  conforming to item c) as follows;
- c)  $\text{CaCO}_3$  can be used with or without coating as follows:
  - the composition of the  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , before coating if any, shall conform to the following:
    - content of  $\text{CaCO}_3 \geq 96$  % in mass fraction;
    - content of  $\text{MgCO}_3 \leq 4$  % in mass fraction;
    - content of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  and  $\text{MgCO}_3$  in total  $\geq 98$  % in mass fraction;
  - the physical properties of the material shall conform to the following:
    - mean particle size  $D_{50} \leq 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ ;
    - top cut,  $D_{98} \leq 20 \mu\text{m}$ .

## Annex B (normative)

### Utilization of non-virgin PVC-U material

#### B.1 Reprocessable and recyclable material from pipes and fittings

NOTE For the purpose of this annex the term “pipes” means extruded pipes and any parts of a fabricated fitting which is made from an extruded pipe. The term “fitting” means injection-moulded fittings and injection-moulded parts of a fabricated fitting.

The use of clean own reprocessable material from components in conformity with this part of ISO 21138 for the production of pipes and fittings is permitted without limitations. If fitting material is used for the production of pipes it shall be considered as recyclable material.

#### B.2 External reprocessable and recyclable materials with agreed specification

##### B.2.1 Material from PVC-U pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and recyclable material with an agreed specification from PVC-U pipes and fittings that are available in relevant quantities and intervals of time shall be permitted to be used alone or added to virgin or own reprocessable material or a mixture of those two materials for the production of pipes provided that all the following conditions are met.

- a) A specification for each material shall be agreed between the supplier of external reprocessable or recyclable material, the pipe manufacturer and, if applicable, the certification body. It shall at least cover the characteristics in accordance with EN 15346 given in Table B.1.
- b) When determined in accordance with the test methods given in Table B.1, the actual values for these characteristics shall conform to the agreed value and the permitted deviations shall conform to those given in Table B.1.

The quality system of the supplier of external reprocessable or recyclable material should conform to ISO 9002. For the purposes of this subclause, the manufacturer is responsible for claiming and ensuring that the quality plan conforms to or is not less stringent than the relevant requirements of ISO 9001. It is not essential for the manufacturer to be approved and registered for operation in accordance with ISO 9001.

- c) Each delivery shall be covered by a certificate according to 3.1 of EN 10204:2004 showing conformity to the agreed specification.
- d) Where a certificate of conformity is not provided with external reprocessable and recyclable material, the manufacturer shall conduct verification testing on all material to confirm it conforms to the requirements.
- e) The maximum quantity of external reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is intended to be added shall be specified by the pipe manufacturer.
- f) The quantity of external reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is actually added in each production series shall be recorded by the pipe manufacturer.
- g) The PVC-U content of the end product shall conform to the requirements specified in Annex A.
- h) Type testing shall be carried out on the end product with the maximum specified amount and with each form of external reprocessable or recyclable material with an agreed specification. Approved results shall be taken as proving conformity also of components containing lower levels of external or recyclable material.

**Table B.1 — Specification of characteristics to be covered by the agreement and maximum permitted deviations for these characteristics**

Characteristic	Test method	Maximum permitted deviations
PVC-U content <sup>a</sup>	EN 1905	± 4 % absolute in mass fraction
K-value <sup>a</sup>	EN 922	± 3 units
Density <sup>a</sup>	ISO 1183-1	± 20 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Vicat softening temperature <sup>a</sup>	ISO 2507-1 and ISO 2507-2 or ISO 306:1994, Method B	± 2 °C
Particle size and distribution <sup>b, c</sup>	Requirements shall be agreed and stated in the specification. Test methods in accordance with Annexes D <sup>d</sup> and E <sup>e</sup> of EN 15346:—.	
Type of stabiliser <sup>a, b</sup>	Requirements and test method shall be agreed and stated in the specification.	
Impurities <sup>b</sup>	Based on the source of material and the recycling process the requirements shall be agreed and stated in the specification. Test method in accordance with Annex C of EN 15346:—.	
<sup>a</sup> If the source of the material is pipes and fittings produced under a national or European quality mark, it is not required to test those material characteristics if the requirement covered by the quality mark conforms to the requirement given in this table. <sup>b</sup> The relevant requirements depend on the recycling process and on the end product. <sup>c</sup> The particle size shall not be greater than 50 % of the minimum wall thickness of the end product. <sup>d</sup> Only applicable for micronized recycled PVC compounds. <sup>e</sup> Only applicable for recycled PVC crushes.		

### B.2.2 Material from PVC-U products other than pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and recyclable material with an agreed specification from PVC-U products other than pipes and fittings shall not be permitted to be used for the production of pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

### B.3 External reprocessable and recyclable materials not covered by an agreed specification

#### B.3.1 Material from PVC-U pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and recyclable material not covered by an agreed specification from PVC-U pipes and fittings that are available in relevant quantities and intervals of time shall be permitted to be used alone or added to virgin or own reprocessable material or a mixture of those two materials for the production of pipes provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- a) when this material is used the production shall be considered as at least one batch and shall be tested accordingly;
- b) the material shall be clean and dry;
- c) the maximum allowed amount of reprocessable and recyclable material shall depend on the difference in K-value of the virgin material and the reprocessable and recyclable material as follows:
  - 1) if the difference in K-value, when determined in accordance with EN 922, is  $\leq 4$  units, then up to 10 % in mass fraction may be added;
  - 2) if the difference in K-value is  $> 4$  units or not determined, then up to 5 % in mass fraction may be added;
- d) the quantity of external reprocessable and recyclable materials that is actually added in each production series shall be recorded by the pipe manufacturer.

### B.3.2 Material from PVC-U products other than pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and/or recyclable material not covered by an agreed specification from PVC-U products other than pipes and fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

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## Annex C (normative)

### Virgin PP material

The virgin material shall be PP to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to the requirements of this part of ISO 21138. Coated calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) conforming to b), or talcum conforming to c), may be added as mineral modifiers under the following conditions.

When calculated on the basis of a known formulation or, in case of dispute/unknown formulation, determined in accordance with ISO 3451-1 the PP content shall conform as applicable to item a) as follows:

a) For outside and single layers of Type B the content of PP shall be at least 75 % in mass fraction for pipes and 80 % in mass fraction for injection-moulded fittings.

b) Specification for  $\text{CaCO}_3$ :

— the composition of the  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , before coating, shall conform to the following:

- content of  $\text{CaCO}_3 \geq 96$  % in mass fraction;
- content of  $\text{MgCO}_3 \leq 4$  % in mass fraction;
- content of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  and  $\text{MgCO}_3$  in total  $\geq 98$  % in mass fraction;

— the physical properties of the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  shall conform to the following:

- mean particle size,  $D_{50} \leq 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ ,
- top cut,  $D_{98} \leq 20 \mu\text{m}$ .

c) Specification for talc:

The content of magnesium silicate,  $\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$  shall be at least 97 % in mass fraction;

— the physical properties of the talc shall conform to the following:

- mean particle size,  $D_{50} \leq 7 \mu\text{m}$ ;
- top cut,  $D_{98} \leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ .

## Annex D (normative)

### Utilization of non-virgin PP material

#### D.1 Reprocessable and recyclable material from pipes and fittings

NOTE For the purpose of this annex the term “pipes” means extruded pipes and any parts of a fabricated fitting which is made from an extruded pipe. The term “fitting” means injection-moulded fittings and injection-moulded parts of a fabricated fitting.

The use of clean own reprocessable material of components conforming to this part of ISO 21138 for the production of pipes and fittings is permitted without limitations.

#### D.2 External reprocessable and recyclable materials with an agreed specification

##### D.2.1 Material from PP pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and recyclable materials with an agreed specification from PP pipes and fittings that are available in relevant quantities and intervals of time shall be permitted to be used alone or added to virgin or own reprocessable material or a mixture of those two materials for the production of pipes (and fittings, if relevant) provided all of the following conditions are met.

- a) A specification for each material shall be agreed upon between the supplier of external reprocessable or recyclable material, the pipe manufacturer and, if applicable, the certification body. It shall at least cover the characteristics in accordance with EN 15345 given in Table D.1.
- b) When determined in accordance with the test methods given in Table D.1, the actual values for these characteristics shall conform to the agreed value and the permitted deviations shall conform to those given in Table D.1.

The quality system of the supplier of external reprocessable or recyclable material should conform to ISO 9002. For the purposes of this subclause, the manufacturer is responsible for claiming and ensuring that the quality plan conforms to or is no less stringent than the relevant requirements of ISO 9001. It is not essential for the manufacturer to be approved and registered for operation in accordance with ISO 9001.

- c) Each delivery shall be covered by a certificate according to 3.1 of EN 10204:2004, showing conformity to the agreed specification.
- d) Where a certificate of conformity is not provided with external reprocessable and recyclable material, the manufacturer shall conduct verification testing on all material to confirm it conforms to the requirements.
- e) The maximum quantity of external reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is intended to be added shall be specified by the manufacturer.
- f) The quantity of external reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is actually added in each production series shall be recorded by the manufacturer.
- g) The material of the end product shall conform to the requirements as specified in 4.3 and Annex C except as per D.2.1 h).
- h) The material shall be clean and free from visible contamination. Material filtering during pelletizing or extrusion shall be carried out.

- i) Type testing shall be carried out on the end product with the maximum specified amount and with each form of external reprocessable or recyclable material with an agreed specification. Approved results shall be taken as proving conformity also of components containing lower levels of external or recyclable material.
- j) For single layers and outside/inside skins only PP-B shall be used.

**Table D.1 — Specification of characteristics to be covered by the agreement and maximum permitted deviations for these characteristics**

Characteristic	Unit	Test method <sup>a</sup>	Maximum permitted deviation
Volume mass		ISO 1183-1	± 15 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Flexural modulus, <i>E</i>	MPa	ISO 178	Minimum as agreed <sup>b</sup>
Elongation at break	%	ISO 527-2:1993, test piece type 1B at 50 mm/min, injection-moulded or extruded samples	Minimum as agreed <sup>b</sup> , but ≥ 100
Melt mass-flow rate	g/10 min	ISO 1133:2005, condition T	± 20 %
Ash residue	%	ISO 3451-1:1997	Maximum as agreed <sup>b</sup>
Oxidation induction time	min	ISO 11357-6, <i>T</i> = 200 °C	Minimum as agreed <sup>b</sup> , but not less than 4 min
Source of the material <sup>c</sup>			As agreed <sup>b</sup>
Extraneous polymers	%	IR analyses	Maximum as agreed <sup>b, d</sup> , only PP, no other polymers identified by documentation
Non-melttable particles	%	Mesh filtering [see D.2.1 f) and D.3.1]	Maximum as agreed <sup>b</sup>
Cadmium	%	<sup>e</sup>	<sup>e</sup>
Volatile matter		EN 12099 <sup>b</sup>	Maximum as agreed <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Samples shall be taken from the compounded and palletized material or from each individual material batch source. The frequency of sampling shall be agreed upon between supplier and manufacturer and, where relevant, the certification body.

<sup>b</sup> Agreed upon between supplier and manufacturer and, where relevant, the certification body.

<sup>c</sup> The contents of all material shall be traceable and identifiable to the specification.

<sup>d</sup> The maximum content in the finished product shall be ≤ 2 % in mass fraction. For pipes and fittings intended for fusion systems, PP with a PE content > 1 % in mass fraction may be difficult to fuse.

<sup>e</sup> For heavy metals, e.g. cadmium, national regulations shall apply.

## D.2.2 Material from PP products other than pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and/or recyclable material covered by an agreed specification from PP products other than pipes and fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

## D.3 External reprocessable and recyclable materials not covered by an agreed specification

### D.3.1 Material from PP pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and recyclable materials not covered by an agreed specification from PP pipes and fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

### D.3.2 Material from PP products other than pipes and fittings

External reprocessable and/or recyclable material not covered by an agreed specification from PP products other than pipes and fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

**Annex E**  
(normative)

**Virgin PE material**

The virgin material shall be PE to which are added those additives that are needed to facilitate the manufacture of components conforming to the requirements of this part of ISO 21338. Coated calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) conforming to b), or talc conforming to c), may be added as mineral modifiers under the following conditions.

When calculated on the basis of a known formulation or, in case of dispute/unknown formulation, determined in accordance with ISO 3451-1, the PE content shall conform as applicable to item a) as follows:

- a) For outside and single layers of Type B, the content of PE shall be at least 75 % in mass fraction for pipes and 80 % in mass fraction for injection-moulded fittings.
- b) Specification for  $\text{CaCO}_3$ :
- the composition of the  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , before coating, shall conform to the following:
    - content of  $\text{CaCO}_3 \geq 96$  % in mass fraction;
    - content of  $\text{MgCO}_3 \leq 4$  % in mass fraction;
    - content of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  and  $\text{MgCO}_3$  in total  $\geq 98$  % in mass fraction;
  - the physical properties of the material shall conform to the following:
    - mean particle size,  $D_{50} \leq 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ ;
    - top cut,  $D_{98} \leq 20 \mu\text{m}$ .
- c) Specification for talc:
- the content of magnesium silicate,  $\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$  shall be at least 97 % in mass fraction;
  - the physical properties of the talc shall conform to the following:
    - mean particle size,  $D_{50} \leq 7 \mu\text{m}$ ;
    - top cut,  $D_{98} \leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ .

## Annex F (normative)

### Utilization of non-virgin PE material

#### F.1 Reprocessable and recyclable material from pipes and fittings

NOTE For the purpose of this annex the term “pipes” means extruded pipes and any parts of a fabricated fitting, which is made from an extruded pipe. The term “fitting” means injection-moulded fittings and injection-moulded parts of a fabricated fitting.

The use of clean own reprocessable material from components complying with this part of ISO 21138 for the production of pipes and fittings shall be permitted without limitations.

#### F.2 External reprocessable and recyclable materials with an agreed specification

##### F.2.1 Material from PE pipes and injection-moulded fittings

External reprocessable and recyclable materials with an agreed specification from PE pipes and injection-moulded fittings that are available in relevant quantities and intervals of time may be used alone or added to virgin or own reprocessable materials or a mixture of those two materials for the production of pipes (and injection-moulded fittings, if relevant) provided all of the following conditions are met.

- a) A specification for each material shall be agreed upon between the supplier of external reprocessable or recyclable material, the pipe manufacturer and, if applicable, the certification body. It shall at least cover the characteristics in accordance with EN 15344 given in Table F.1.
- b) When determined in accordance with the test methods given in Table F.1, the actual values for these characteristics shall conform to the agreed value and the permitted deviations shall conform to those given in Table F.1.

The quality system of the supplier of external reprocessable or recyclable material should conform to ISO 9002. For the purposes of this subclause, the manufacturer is responsible for claiming and ensuring that the quality plan conforms to or is no less stringent than the relevant requirements of ISO 9001. It is not essential for the manufacturer to be approved and registered for operation in accordance with ISO 9001.

- c) Each delivery shall be covered by a certificate according to 3.1 of EN 10204:2004 showing conformity to the agreed specification.
- d) Where a certificate of conformity is not provided with external reprocessable and recyclable material, the manufacturer shall conduct verification testing on all material to confirm it conforms to the requirements.
- e) The maximum quantity of external reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is intended to be added shall be specified by the manufacturer.
- f) The quantity of external reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is actually added in each production series shall be recorded by the manufacturer.
- g) The material of the end product shall conform to the requirements as specified in 4.4 and Annex E.
- h) The material shall be clean and free from visible contamination. Material filtering during pelletizing or extrusion shall be carried out.

- i) Type testing shall be carried out on the end product with the maximum specified amount and with each form of external reprocessible or recyclable material with an agreed specification. Approved results shall be taken as proving conformity also of components containing lower levels of external or recyclable material.

**Table F.1 — Specification of characteristics to be covered by the agreement and maximum permitted deviations for these characteristics**

Characteristic	Unit	Test method <sup>a</sup>	Maximum permitted deviation
Volume mass	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	ISO 1183-1	± 5
Flexural modulus, <i>E</i>	MPa	ISO 178	Minimum as agreed <sup>b</sup>
Elongation at break	%	ISO 527-2:1993, test piece Type 1B at 50 mm/min, injection-moulded or extruded samples	Minimum as agreed <sup>b</sup> , but ≥ 150 % for $\rho \geq 950 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ≥ 250 % for $\rho < 950 \text{ kg/m}^3$
Environmental stress cracking <sup>c</sup>	h	ISO 22088-3, conditions as agreed <sup>b</sup>	As agreed <sup>b</sup>
Melt mass-flow rate	g/10 min	ISO 1133:2005, conditions as agreed <sup>b</sup>	± 20 %
Ash residue	%	ISO 3451-1:1997	Maximum as agreed <sup>b</sup>
Oxygen induction time	min	ISO 11357-6, <i>T</i> = 200 °C	Minimum as agreed <sup>b</sup> , but not less than 10 min
Source of the material <sup>d</sup>			As agreed <sup>b</sup>
Extraneous polymers	%	IR analyses	≤ 3 % only PP, no other polymers identified by documentation
Unmeltable particles	%	Mesh filtering [see F.2.1 f) and F.3.1]	Maximum as agreed <sup>b</sup>
Cadmium	%	e	e
Volatile matter		b	Maximum as agreed <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Samples shall be taken from the compounded and palletized material or from each individual material batch source. The frequency of sampling shall be agreed upon between supplier and manufacturer and, where relevant, the certification body.

<sup>b</sup> Agreed between supplier and manufacturer and, where relevant, the certification body.

<sup>c</sup> Recommended test for high melt mass-flow material and contaminated material.

<sup>d</sup> The contents of all material shall be traceable and identifiable to the specification.

<sup>e</sup> For heavy metals, e.g. cadmium, national regulations shall apply.

## F.2.2 Material from products other than pipes and injection-moulded fittings

External reprocessible and/or recyclable material covered by an agreed specification from PE products other than pipes and injection-moulded fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and injection-moulded fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

## F.3 External reprocessible and recyclable materials not covered by an agreed specification

### F.3.1 Material from PE pipes and injection-moulded fittings

External reprocessible and/or recyclable material not covered by an agreed specification from PE products other than pipes and fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

### F.3.2 Material from PE products other than pipes and injection-moulded fittings

External reprocessable and/or recyclable material not covered by an agreed specification from PE products other than pipes and injection-moulded fittings shall not be used for the production of pipes and injection-moulded fittings conforming to this part of ISO 21138.

### F.4 External reprocessable and recyclable material from PE rotational-moulded fittings and other components

External reprocessable and recyclable materials of PE from

- rotational-moulded fittings covered or not covered by an agreed specification,
- other rotational moulded components covered by an agreed specification

that are available in relevant quantities and intervals of time shall be permitted to be added to virgin or own reprocessable material for the production of rotational-moulded fittings only provided all of the following conditions are met:

- a) up to 5 % in mass fraction may be used;
- b) when this material is used, the production shall be considered as at least one batch and shall be tested accordingly;
- c) when determined in accordance with Table F.1, the melt mass-flow rate of the material shall not deviate more than 20 % from the value of the virgin material;
- d) when determined in accordance with Table F.1, the density of the material shall not be less than the virgin material;
- e) the material shall be clean and free from visible contamination;
- f) the material of the end product shall conform to the requirements as specified in 4.4 and Annex E;
- g) the quantity of reprocessable and/or recyclable material that is actually added shall be recorded by the fitting manufacturer.

**Annex G**  
(informative)

**Survey of possible use of reprocessable and recyclable material**

A survey of possible use of reprocessable and recyclable material is given in Table G.1.

**Table G.1**

Material	Description	Reprocessable and recyclable material from pipes and fittings		Reprocessable and recyclable material from non-pipes and fittings	
		With agreed specification	Without agreed specification	With agreed specification	Without agreed specification
See subclause		B.2.1	B.3.1	B.2.2	B.3.2
	Other layers	Up to 100 %	5 % or 10 %	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Fittings	Up to 100 %	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
See subclause		D.2.1	D.3.1	D.2.2	D.3.2
	Other layers	Up to 100 %	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Fittings	Up to 100 %	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
See subclause		F.2.1	F.3.1	F.2.2	F.3.2
	Other layers	Up to 100 %	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Fittings, injection-moulded	Up to 100 %	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
See subclause		F.4	F.4	F.4	F.4
PE	Fittings, rotational-moulded	Up to 5 %	Up to 5 %	Up to 5 %	Not permitted

NOTE The development in recycling technology and experience obtained is expected to make it possible to extend the permitted use of reprocessable and recyclable materials in the future. The situation is monitored and this part of ISO 21138 will be revised, or amendments published, when it becomes relevant.

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