



## Standard Specification for Billets made by Winding Molten Extruded Stress-Rated High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers billets made from stress-rated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) materials.

1.2 The billets are manufactured by application of molten extruded material onto a rotating mandrel to form a monolithic mass. Removal of the mandrel provides a billet in the approximate shape of a thick-walled cylindrical shell. Machining prior to dimensioning is acceptable.

NOTE 1—Although it is impossible to address all manufacturing details related to the fabrication of billets in this specification, successful heat fusion bonding of HDPE is obtained through controlled application of sufficient heat to cause melting in combination with applied force over a period of time.

1.3 The billets are intended for fabrication into pipe fittings such as flange adapters and reducers.

1.4 Requirements for and use of the fabricated pipe fittings shall be in accordance with an applicable product specification. This specification for billets does not include requirements for items fabricated from the billets.

1.5 This specification includes thermoplastic pipe material designation codes for selection of appropriate stress-rated material, together with performance requirements for billets and test methods for determining conformance with the requirements.

1.6 Minimum quality control measures are prescribed for manufacturers. See **Annex A1** for quality control for billets conforming to this specification.

1.7 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.8 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.9 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
- D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
- D1238 Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer
- D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D1603 Test Method for Carbon Black Content in Olefin Plastics
- D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- D2837 Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials or Pressure Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Products
- D3350 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials
- D4218 Test Method for Determination of Carbon Black Content in Polyethylene Compounds by the Muffle-Furnace Technique
- F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems

### 2.2 NSF/ANSI Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- Standard No. 14 for Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials
- Standard No. 61 for Drinking Water Systems Components—Health Effects

### 2.3 PPI Standards:<sup>4</sup>

- PPI TR-3 Policies and Procedures for Developing Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB), Pressure Design Basis (PDB), Strength Design Basis (SDB), and Minimum Required Strength (MRS) Ratings for Thermoplastic Piping Materials or Pipe
- PPI TR-4 HDB/SDB/PDB/MRS Listed Materials, PPI Listing of Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB), Strength Design Basis (SDB), Pressure Design Basis (PDB), and Minimum Required Strength (MRS) Ratings for Thermoplastic Piping Materials or Pipe

## 3. Terminology

3.1 Unless otherwise specified, definitions are in accordance with Terminology F412 and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D1600.

### 3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *average outside diameter, n*—the average distance following all forming and machining operations when measured in accordance with 6.3.1.

3.2.2 *billet, n*—a mass formed from a single polyethylene compound in the approximate shape of a thick-walled cylindrical shell.

3.2.3 *mid-wall, n*—the location half-way between the outside diameter and the inside diameter following all forming and machining operations.

3.2.4 *minimum wall thickness, n*—the minimum distance following all forming and machining operations when measured in accordance with 6.3.2.

## 4. Materials

4.1 *Polyethylene Compound*—Polyethylene compounds used in the manufacture of billet under this specification shall have thermoplastic pipe materials designation code PE3608, PE4608 or PE4710; shall have a minimum Specification D3350 cell classification of 333344C and shall meet all other requirements of Specification D3350.

4.1.1 *General*—The PE compound used to make billet shall be virgin PE compound or reworked PE compound (see 4.3) and shall have a hydrostatic design basis listed in Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI) TR-4.

4.1.2 *Color and Ultraviolet (UV) Stabilization*—Polyethylene compounds shall meet Specification D3350 code C. In addition, Code C polyethylene compounds shall have 2.0 to 3.0 percent carbon black.

<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <http://www.nsf.org>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI), 105 Decker Court, Suite 825, Irving, TX 75062, <http://www.plasticpipe.org>.

4.1.3 *Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB) Substantiation*—The HDB for PE compound at 73 °F (23 °C) shall be substantiated to be linear to 50 years as described in Substantiation of the HDB for Polyethylene Materials in Test Method [D2837](#).

NOTE 2—This is 5.7 in the 2011 publication of Test Method [D2837](#).

4.1.4 *Melt Flow Requirement*—Polyethylene compounds shall be tested in conformance with Test Method [D1238](#) either at condition 190/2.16 or 190/21.6. When tested at condition 190/2.16, the resulting value shall be  $\leq 0.15$  g/10 min. When tested at condition 190/21.6, the resulting value shall be  $\leq 20$  g/10 min.

4.2 *Potable Water Requirement*—When required by the purchaser, billets intended for fabrication into products intended for contact with potable water shall utilize PE compounds certified for conformance with NSF/ANSI Standard No. 61 or the health effects portion of NSF/ANSI Standard No. 14 by an acceptable certifying organization.

4.3 *Rework Material*—Clean polyethylene compound from the manufacturer's own production that meets [4.1](#) and [4.2](#) of this specification as new compound is suitable for reextrusion into billet, when blended with new compound of the same thermoplastic pipe material designation code. Billet containing rework material shall meet the requirements of this specification.

## 5. Requirements

5.1 *Workmanship*—The billet shall be uniform in appearance and consistent throughout. The walls shall be free of cracks, holes, blisters, voids, foreign inclusion, or other defects that are visible to the naked eye and that affect the wall integrity (see [Annex A1](#)). A single hole deliberately placed in the center of the billet is required.

NOTE 3—Manufacturers should use appropriate quality assurance procedures to ensure that billets are free from injurious defects including laminations.

5.2 *Dimensions and Tolerances*: Requirements for dimensions shall only apply to a billet that is transferred from a seller to a buyer prior to being fabricated into one or more pipe fittings. When a billet is produced and fabricated into pipe fittings by a single manufacturer, there are no dimensional requirements specified for the billet by this Standard. All dimensional requirements for pipe fittings are as given in the applicable product standard.

5.2.1 *Average Outside Diameter and Minimum Wall Thickness*— The average outside diameter and minimum wall thickness shall fall within the range of acceptable values established in either [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) depending on nominal mandrel dimensions for billets manufactured to meet a standard size. When measured in accordance with Test Method [D2122](#) conditioning is required according to Practice [D618](#), Procedure A to standard temperature without regard to relative humidity.

5.2.2 *Length*—Any length shall be allowable, provided it is agreeable to both buyer and seller. When specified, the minimum length shall be measured following conditioning according to Practice [D618](#), Procedure A to standard temperature without regard to relative humidity.

5.2.3 *Special Sizes*—Where existing system conditions or special local requirements make other average outside diameters or minimum wall thicknesses necessary, other average outside diameters or minimum wall thicknesses, or both, shall be acceptable when mutually agreed upon by the customer and the manufacturer, provided the billet meets all other requirements of this specification. For average outside diameters not shown in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#), the tolerance shall be the same percentage as that used in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) for the next smaller listed average outside diameter. Maximum and minimum wall thicknesses for mandrel sizes not shown in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) shall be determined by subtracting the mandrel size from the maximum and minimum average outside diameter, respectively, then dividing by 2 and, finally, by rounding the third decimal place of the resulting value to give the maximum or minimum wall thickness respectively.

5.3 *Thermal Stability*—The PE material shall contain sufficient antioxidant so that the minimum induction temperature for mid-wall, outside diameter and inside diameter shall each be 428°F (220°C) when tested in accordance with both Specification [D3350](#) and [6.4 Thermal Stability Testing](#). Failure to meet this requirement shall be cause to reject the billet as unsuitable for this standard without allowance for retesting.

**TABLE 1 Dimensions of Standard Billet Sizes up to Nominal Mandrel Size of 21**

Nominal Mandrel Sizes

Nominal O.D.	6.625				8.625				10.75				12.75			
	Min. OD		Max OD		Min. Wall		Max. Wall		Min. Wall		Max. Wall		Min. Wall		Max. Wall	
	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
13	12.922	328.22	13.078	332.18	3.149	79.98	3.227	81.95	2.149	54.57	2.227	56.55	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	14.910	378.71	15.090	383.29	4.143	105.23	4.233	107.51	3.143	79.82	3.233	82.11	2.080	52.83	N/A	N/A
16	15.904	403.96	16.096	408.84	4.640	117.86	4.736	120.28	3.640	92.44	3.736	94.88	2.577	65.46	1.577	40.06
18	17.892	454.46	18.108	459.94	5.634	143.10	5.742	145.83	4.634	117.69	4.742	120.43	3.571	90.70	2.571	65.30
20	19.880	504.95	20.120	511.05	6.628	168.35	6.748	171.39	5.628	142.94	5.748	145.99	4.565	115.95	3.565	90.55
21	20.874	530.20	21.126	536.60	7.125	180.98	7.251	184.16	6.125	155.56	6.251	158.76	5.062	128.57	4.062	103.17
22	21.868	555.45	22.132	562.15	7.622	193.60	7.754	196.94	6.622	168.19	6.754	171.54	5.559	141.20	4.559	115.80
25	24.850	631.19	25.150	638.81	9.113	231.47	9.263	235.27	8.113	206.06	8.263	209.87	7.050	179.07	6.050	153.67
26	25.844	656.44	26.156	664.36	9.610	244.09	9.766	248.04	8.610	218.68	8.766	222.64	7.547	191.69	6.547	166.29
27	26.838	681.69	27.162	689.91	10.107	256.72	10.269	260.82	9.107	231.31	9.269	235.42	8.044	204.32	7.044	178.92
28	27.832	706.93	28.168	715.47	10.604	269.34	10.772	273.60	9.604	243.93	9.772	248.20	8.541	216.94	7.541	191.54
29	28.826	732.18	29.174	741.02	11.101	281.97	11.275	286.37	10.101	256.55	10.275	260.97	9.038	229.57	8.038	204.17
30	29.820	757.43	30.180	766.57	11.598	294.59	11.778	299.15	10.598	269.18	10.778	273.75	9.535	242.19	8.535	216.79
31	30.814	782.68	31.186	792.12	12.095	307.21	12.281	311.92	11.095	281.80	11.281	286.52	10.032	254.81	9.032	229.41
33	32.802	833.17	33.198	843.23	13.089	332.46	13.287	337.48	12.089	307.05	12.287	312.08	11.026	280.06	10.026	254.66
34	33.796	858.42	34.204	868.78	13.586	345.08	13.790	350.25	12.586	319.67	12.790	324.85	11.523	292.68	10.523	267.28
35	34.790	883.67	35.210	894.33	14.083	357.71	14.293	363.03	13.083	332.30	13.293	337.63	12.020	305.31	11.020	279.91
37	36.778	934.16	37.222	945.44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.077	357.54	14.299	363.18	13.014	330.56	12.014	305.16
39	38.766	984.66	39.234	996.54	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.008	355.80	13.008	330.40
40	39.760	1009.90	40.240	1022.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.505	343.03
41.25	41.003	1041.48	41.498	1054.05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.127	358.81
42	41.748	1060.40	42.252	1073.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
43	42.742	1085.65	43.258	1098.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
44	43.736	1110.89	44.264	1124.31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
48	47.712	1211.88	48.288	1226.52	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
49	48.706	1237.13	49.294	1252.07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**TABLE 1 Dimensions of Standard Billet Sizes up to Nominal Mandrel Size of 21 (continued)**

Nominal	Nominal Mandrel Sizes															
	14				16				18				21			
	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall		
O.D.	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm		
13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
18	1.946	49.43	2.054	52.17	2.060	52.32	2.060	52.32	2.060	52.32	2.060	52.32	2.060	52.32		
20	2.940	74.68	3.060	77.72	3.066	77.88	3.066	77.88	3.066	77.88	3.066	77.88	3.066	77.88		
21	3.437	87.30	3.563	90.50	3.575	90.81	3.575	90.81	3.575	90.81	3.575	90.81	3.575	90.81		
22	3.934	99.92	4.066	103.28	4.078	103.58	4.078	103.58	4.078	103.58	4.078	103.58	4.078	103.58		
25	5.425	137.80	5.575	141.61	5.581	141.76	5.581	141.76	5.581	141.76	5.581	141.76	5.581	141.76		
26	5.922	150.42	6.078	154.38	6.084	154.53	6.084	154.53	6.084	154.53	6.084	154.53	6.084	154.53		
27	6.419	163.04	6.581	167.16	6.587	167.31	6.587	167.31	6.587	167.31	6.587	167.31	6.587	167.31		
28	6.916	175.67	7.084	179.93	7.090	180.09	7.090	180.09	7.090	180.09	7.090	180.09	7.090	180.09		
29	7.413	188.29	7.587	192.71	7.593	192.86	7.593	192.86	7.593	192.86	7.593	192.86	7.593	192.86		
30	7.910	200.91	8.090	205.49	8.095	205.64	8.095	205.64	8.095	205.64	8.095	205.64	8.095	205.64		
31	8.407	213.54	8.593	218.26	8.599	218.41	8.599	218.41	8.599	218.41	8.599	218.41	8.599	218.41		
33	9.401	238.79	9.599	243.81	9.605	243.97	9.605	243.97	9.605	243.97	9.605	243.97	9.605	243.97		
34	9.898	251.41	10.102	256.59	10.107	256.74	10.107	256.74	10.107	256.74	10.107	256.74	10.107	256.74		
35	10.395	264.03	10.605	269.37	10.611	269.52	10.611	269.52	10.611	269.52	10.611	269.52	10.611	269.52		
37	11.389	289.28	11.611	294.92	11.617	295.07	11.617	295.07	11.617	295.07	11.617	295.07	11.617	295.07		
39	12.383	314.53	12.617	320.47	12.623	320.62	12.623	320.62	12.623	320.62	12.623	320.62	12.623	320.62		
40	12.880	327.15	13.120	333.25	13.126	333.40	13.126	333.40	13.126	333.40	13.126	333.40	13.126	333.40		
41,25	13.502	342.94	13.749	349.22	13.755	349.37	13.755	349.37	13.755	349.37	13.755	349.37	13.755	349.37		
42	13.874	352.40	14.126	358.80	14.132	358.95	14.132	358.95	14.132	358.95	14.132	358.95	14.132	358.95		
43	14.371	365.02	14.629	371.58	14.635	371.73	14.635	371.73	14.635	371.73	14.635	371.73	14.635	371.73		
44	14.868	377.65	15.132	384.35	15.138	384.50	15.138	384.50	15.138	384.50	15.138	384.50	15.138	384.50		
48	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.856	402.74	15.856	402.74	15.856	402.74	15.856	402.74	15.856	402.74		
49	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.535	415.37	16.535	415.37	16.535	415.37	16.535	415.37	16.535	415.37		
					16.647	422.83	16.647	422.83	16.647	422.83	16.647	422.83	16.647	422.83		
					17.129	435.41	17.129	435.41	17.129	435.41	17.129	435.41	17.129	435.41		
					17.231	442.89	17.231	442.89	17.231	442.89	17.231	442.89	17.231	442.89		
					17.333	450.37	17.333	450.37	17.333	450.37	17.333	450.37	17.333	450.37		
					17.435	457.85	17.435	457.85	17.435	457.85	17.435	457.85	17.435	457.85		
					17.537	465.33	17.537	465.33	17.537	465.33	17.537	465.33	17.537	465.33		
					17.639	472.81	17.639	472.81	17.639	472.81	17.639	472.81	17.639	472.81		
					17.741	480.29	17.741	480.29	17.741	480.29	17.741	480.29	17.741	480.29		
					17.843	487.77	17.843	487.77	17.843	487.77	17.843	487.77	17.843	487.77		
					17.945	495.25	17.945	495.25	17.945	495.25	17.945	495.25	17.945	495.25		
					18.047	502.73	18.047	502.73	18.047	502.73	18.047	502.73	18.047	502.73		
					18.149	510.21	18.149	510.21	18.149	510.21	18.149	510.21	18.149	510.21		
					18.251	517.69	18.251	517.69	18.251	517.69	18.251	517.69	18.251	517.69		
					18.353	525.17	18.353	525.17	18.353	525.17	18.353	525.17	18.353	525.17		
					18.455	532.65	18.455	532.65	18.455	532.65	18.455	532.65	18.455	532.65		
					18.557	540.13	18.557	540.13	18.557	540.13	18.557	540.13	18.557	540.13		
					18.659	547.61	18.659	547.61	18.659	547.61	18.659	547.61	18.659	547.61		
					18.761	555.09	18.761	555.09	18.761	555.09	18.761	555.09	18.761	555.09		
					18.863	562.57	18.863	562.57	18.863	562.57	18.863	562.57	18.863	562.57		
					18.965	570.05	18.965	570.05	18.965	570.05	18.965	570.05	18.965	570.05		
					19.067	577.53	19.067	577.53	19.067	577.53	19.067	577.53	19.067	577.53		
					19.169	585.01	19.169	585.01	19.169	585.01	19.169	585.01	19.169	585.01		
					19.271	592.49	19.271	592.49	19.271	592.49	19.271	592.49	19.271	592.49		
					19.373	600.01	19.373	600.01	19.373	600.01	19.373	600.01	19.373	600.01		
					19.475	607.53	19.475	607.53	19.475	607.53	19.475	607.53	19.475	607.53		
					19.577	615.05	19.577	615.05	19.577	615.05	19.577	615.05	19.577	615.05		
					19.679	622.57	19.679	622.57	19.679	622.57	19.679	622.57	19.679	622.57		
					19.781	630.09	19.781	630.09	19.781	630.09	19.781	630.09	19.781	630.09		
					19.883	637.61	19.883	637.61	19.883	637.61	19.883	637.61	19.883	637.61		
					19.985	645.13	19.985	645.13	19.985	645.13	19.985	645.13	19.985	645.13		
					20.087	652.65	20.087	652.65	20.087	652.65	20.087	652.65	20.087	652.65		
					20.189	660.17	20.189	660.17	20.189	660.17	20.189	660.17	20.189	660.17		
					20.291	667.69	20.291	667.69	20.291	667.69	20.291	667.69	20.291	667.69		
					20.393	675.21	20.393	675.21	20.393	675.21	20.393	675.21	20.393	675.21		
					20.495	682.73	20.495	682.73	20.495	682.73	20.495	682.73	20.495	682.73		
					20.597	690.25	20.597	690.25	20.597	690.25	20.597	690.25	20.597	690.25		
					20.699	697.77	20.699	697.77	20.699	697.77	20.699	697.77	20.699	697.77		
					20.801	705.29	20.801	705.29	20.801	705.29	20.801	705.29	20.801	705.29		
					20.903	712.81	20.903	712.81	20.903	712.81	20.903	712.81	20.903	712.81		
					21.005	720.33	21.005	720.33	21.005	720.33	21.005	720.33	21.005	720.33		
					21.107	727.85	21.107	727.85	21.107	727.85	21.107	727.85	21.107	727.85		
					21.209	735.37	21.209	735.37	21.209	735.37	21.209	735.37	21.209	735.37		
					21.311	742.89	21.311	742.89	21.311	742.89	21.311	742.89	21.311	742.89		
					21.413	750.41	21.413	750.41	21.413	750.41	21.413	750.41	21.413	750.41		
					21.515	757.93	21.515	757.93	21.515	757.93	21.515	757.93	21.515	757.93		
					21.617	765.45	21.617	765.45	21.617	765.45	21.617	765.45	21.617	765.45		
					21.719	772.97	21.719	772.97	21.719	772.97	21.719	772.97	21.719	772.97		
					21.821	780.49	21.821	780.49	21.821	780.49	21.821	780.49	21.821	780.49		
					21.923	788.01	21.923	788.01	21.923	788.01	21.923	788.01	21.923	788.01		





