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Standard Specification for Polyethylene (PE) Plastic Pipe (SIDR-PR) Based on Controlled Inside Diameter¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers polyethylene (PE) pipe made to standard inside dimension ratios (SIDR) and pressure rated for water (see appendix). Included are requirements for PE compounds and requirements and test methods for workmanship, dimensions, elevated temperature sustained pressure, burst pressure, and marking.

Note 1—Refer to specification AWWA C901and PPI Technical Note 49 (TN-49) for further information on pipe suitability for potable water end use applications. Oxidative Resistance Classification (CC# rating) information is available from NSF International.

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The text of this specification references notes, footnotes, and appendixes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes shall not be considered as requirements of the specification. Notes and footnotes in tables and figures, and Supplementary Requirements are requirements of the specification.
- 1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 7, of this specification: 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.
- 1.5 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

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

D1598 Test Method for Time-to-Failure of Plastic Pipe Under Constant Internal Pressure

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.



D1599 Test Method for Resistance to Short-Time Hydraulic Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings

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

D2565 Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposure of Plastics Intended for Outdoor Applications

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

F2263 Test Method for Evaluating the Oxidative Resistance of Polyethylene (PE) Pipe to Chlorinated Water

G154 Practice for Operating Fluorescent Ultraviolet (UV) Lamp Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials

G155 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Lamp Apparatus for Exposure of Materials

2.2 APWA Standard:³

APWA Uniform Color Code

2.3 AWWA Standards:⁴

C901 Polyethylene (PE) Pressure Pipe and Tubing, ³/₄ in. (19 mm) through 3 in. (76 mm), for Water Service

2.4 NSF Standards:⁵

NSF/ANSI Standard No. 14 for Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials

NSF/ANSI/CAN Standard No. 61 for Drinking Water Systems Components—Health Effects

2.5 PPI Standards: Publications: 6

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

PPI TN-49 Recommendations for AWWA C901 Service Tubes in Potable Water Applications

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology F412, and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D1600, unless otherwise specified. The abbreviation for polyethylene plastic is PE.

4. Pipe Classification

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4.1 *General*—This specification covers inside diameter controlled PE pipe made from PE compounds in standard inside dimension ratios and pressure rated for water. Pressure ratings for water are dependent on the PE compound in accordance with the following relationship:

$$PR = \frac{2 \times HDS}{(SIDR+1)} \tag{1}$$

where:

PR = pressure rating for water, psi (kPa)

HDS = hydrostatic design stress for water at 73 °F (23 °C), psi (kPa)

SIDR = standard inside dimension ratio

Note 2—PR and HDS must have the same units. See Appendix X1 for maximum pressure ratings for water.

5. Materials

5.1 *Polyethylene Compound*—Polyethylene compounds suitable for use in the manufacture of pipe under this specification shall meet thermoplastic materials designation codes PE2708 or PE3608 or PE4710, and shall meet Table 1 requirements for PE2708

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⁴ Available from American Water Works Association (AWWA), 6666 W. Quincy Ave., Denver, CO 80235, http://www.awwa.org.

Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140, http://www.nsf.org.

⁶ Available from Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI), 105 Decker Court, Suite 825, Irving, TX 75062, http://www.plasticpipe.org.

TABLE 1 Polyethylene Compound Requirements

	Material Designation					
Requirement	PE2708	PE3608	PE4710			
	Required Value					
Minimum HDB at 140 °F						
(60 °C),						
psi (MPa),	000 (5.5) A	000 (5.5)A	1000 (0.0) A			
in accordance with Test	800 (5.5) ^A	800 (5.5) ^A	1000 (6.9) ^A			
Method D2837						
and PPI TR-3						
HDS for water at						
73 °F (23 °C)						
psi (MPa), in accordance with	800 (5.5)	800 (5.5)	1000 (6.9)			
Test Method D2837	,	,	,			
and PPI TR-3						
Melt flow rate in accordance	≤0.40 g/10 min	≤0.15 g/10 min	≤0.15 g/10 min			
with	Cond. 190/2.16 or	Cond. 190/2.16 or	Cond. 190/2.16 or			
Test Method D1238	≤20 g/10 min	≤20 g/10 min	≤20 g/10 min			
	Cond. 190/21.6	Cond. 190/21.6	Cond. 190/21.6			
Specification D3350		Required Value				
Cell Classification		•				
Property Requirement						
Density	2	3	4			
(natural base resin)						
SCG Resistance	7	6	7			
Color and	C, D or E	C, D or E	C, D or E			
UV Stabilizer Code ^B	0, D 01 L	0, D 01 L	0, D 01 L			
Oxidative Resistance Classifica-		C	С			
tion in accordance with Test	iTah Sta	ndords	-			
Method F2263						

^A Contact manufacturer or see PPI TR-4 for listed value.

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or PE3608 or PE4710, and shall meet thermal stability, brittleness temperature and elongation at break requirements in accordance with Specification D3350. Oxidative Resistance Classification of CC3 is required in specific end use applications in accordance with 5.3.

5.1.1 Color and Ultraviolet (UV) Stabilization—in accordance with Table 1, polyethylene compounds shall meet Specification D3350 code C, D or E. In addition, Code C polyethylene compounds shall have 2 to 3 percent carbon black, and Code D or E polyethylene compounds shall have sufficient UV stabilizer to protect pipe from deleterious UV exposure effects during unprotected outdoor shipping and storage for at least eighteen (18) months.

Note 3—Pipe users should consult with the pipe manufacturer about the outdoor exposure life of the product under consideration. Evaluation of UV stabilizer in Code E color PE compound using Practice D2565 or Practice G154 or Practice G155 may be useful for this purpose.

- 5.1.2 Colors for solid color, an external color layer or color stripes—In accordance with the APWA Uniform Color Code, blue shall identify potable water service; green shall identify sewer service; and purple (lavender) shall identify reclaimed water service. Yellow identifies gas service and shall not be used. The base resin that is used for an external color layer or color stripes shall be the same base resin as the body of the pipe in accordance with Table 1.
- 5.2 *Health Effects Requirement*—PE compound intended for contact with potable water, or when otherwise required, shall be evaluated, tested, and certified for conformance with NSF/ANSI Standard No. 61 or the health effects portion of NSF/ANSI/CAN Standard No. 14 by a certifying organization acceptable to the regulatory authority having jurisdiction.
- 5.3 Oxidative Resistance—For pipe that is intended for use in the transport of potable water containing oxidizing disinfectants (for example, hypochlorous acid or chloramines), or when required by the application, customer or regulatory authority having jurisdiction, the PE compound shall have an oxidative resistance classification of CC3 in accordance with Specification D3350. The oxidative resistance classification of CC3 is used in conjunction with pipe dimensions in accordance with 6.2.1.1 and 6.2.2.1 to ensure the intended pipe service life is met with respect to oxidative resistance (see Note 34). When the pipe meets these

^B See 5.1.1.

^C See 5.3 for when CC3 classification is required.



requirements, it shall be marked CC3 as in accordance with 9.1.8. When the pipe does not meet the compound and dimensional requirements as above it shall not be marked CC3. An oxidative resistance classification is not required for other potable water services that do not contain oxidizing disinfectants or when it is not required by the application, customer or regulatory authority having jurisdiction.

Note 4—See www.plasticpipe.org for further information on potable water disinfectants in small diameter PE pipe and the use of oxidative resistance classification for specific applications.

Note 5—Pipe failure analysis for the oxidative resistance 5.3 is based on Type 2 failures and the brittle failure line extrapolation. See ASTM F2263 Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Oxidative Resistance of Polyethylene (PE) Pipe to Chlorinated Water for brittle failure definition and Fig. 1 for a pictorial lifetime representation.

5.4 Rework Material—Clean polyethylene compound from the manufacturer's own pipe production that met 5.1 through 5.3 as new PE compound is suitable for re-extrusion into pipe when blended with new PE compound having the same material designation and oxidative resistance classification. Pipe containing rework material shall meet all the requirements of this specification.

6. Requirements

- 6.1 Workmanship—The pipe shall be homogeneous throughout and free of visible cracks, holes, foreign inclusions, or other defects. The pipe shall be as uniform as commercially practicable in color, opacity, density, and other physical properties. See 5.1.2.
- 6.2 Dimensions and Tolerances:
- 6.2.1 *Inside Diameters*—The inside diameters and tolerances shall be as shown in Table 2 when measured in accordance with Test Method D2122.
- 6.2.1.1 Pipe for potable water service containing oxidizing disinfectants or that require an oxidative resistance classification as outlined in 5.3 Oxidative Resistance shall be pipe size ³/₄ or greater as in accordance with Table 2 in order to meet the expected service life of the pipe in these specific conditions (see Note 34).
- 6.2.2 *Wall Thicknesses*—Subject to 6.2.3, wall thickness and tolerance shall be as shown in Table 3 when measured in accordance with 7.4. Wall thickness shall be inclusive of all extruded concentric layers.
- 6.2.2.1 Pipe for potable water service containing oxidizing disinfectants or that require an oxidative resistance classification as outlined in 5.3 Oxidative Resistance shall be SIDR 9, 7 or 5.3 as in accordance with Table 3 in order to meet the requirements for the expected service life of the pipe in these specific conditions (see Note 34).
- 6.2.3 Wall Thickness Range—The wall thickness variation shall not exceed 12 % when measured in accordance with 7.4.
- 6.2.4 *Thickness of Outer Layer*—For pipe produced by simultaneous multiple extrusion, that is, pipe containing two or more concentric layers, the outer layer shall be at least 0.020-in. (0.5 mm) thick.

TABLE 2 Inside Diameters and Tolerances for SIDR-PR PE Plastic Pipe, in.

Pipe	Inside	Tolerance
Size	Diameter	
1/2	0.622	+0.010
		-0.010
3/4	0.824	+0.010
		-0.015
1	1.049	+0.010
		-0.020
11/4	1.380	+0.010
		-0.020
1½	1.610	+0.015
		-0.020
2	2.067	+0.015
		-0.020
3	3.068	+0.015
		-0.030

TABLE 3 Wall Thickness and Tolerance for SIDR-PR PE Plastic Pipe, in.

		Wall Thickness ^A										
Pipe Size	Pipe SIDR 19		SIDR 15		SIDR 11.5		SIDR 9		SIDR 7		SIDR 5.3	
OIZO	Minimum	Tolerance	Minimum	Tolerance	Minimum	Tolerance	Minimum	Tolerance	Minimum	Tolerance	Minimum	Tolerance
1/2	0.060	+0.020	0.060	+0.020	0.060	+0.020	0.069	+0.020	0.089	+0.020	0.117	+0.020
3/4	0.060	+0.020	0.060	+0.020	0.072	+0.020	0.092	+0.020	0.118	+0.020	0.155	+0.020
1	0.060	+0.020	0.070	+0.020	0.091	+0.020	0.117	+0.020	0.150	+0.020	0.198	+0.024
11/4	0.073	+0.020	0.092	+0.020	0.120	+0.020	0.153	+0.020	0.197	+0.024	0.260	+0.031
11/2	0.085	+0.020	0.107	+0.020	0.140	+0.020	0.179	+0.020	0.230	+0.028	0.304	+0.036
2	0.109	+0.020	0.138	+0.020	0.180	+0.022	0.230	+0.028	0.295	+0.035	0.390	+0.047
3			0.205	+0.020	0.267	+0.032						

^A The minimum is the lowest wall thickness of the pipe at any cross section. The maximum permitted wall thickness, at any cross section, is the minimum wall thickness plus the stated tolerance. All tolerances are on the plus side of the minimum requirement. Wall thickness variation shall be in accordance with 6.2.3.

- 6.3 *Bond*—For pipe produced by simultaneous multiple extrusion, the bond between the layers shall be strong and uniform. It shall not be possible to cleanly separate any two layers with a probe or point of a knife blade at any point.
- 6.4 Carbon Black—Polyethylene pipe produced using Code C polyethylene compound in accordance with 5.1.1 shall contain 2 to 3 % carbon black when tested in accordance with 7.5.
- 6.5 *Burst Pressure*—The minimum burst pressure for pipe shall be in accordance with Table 4, when determined in accordance with 7.77.6. In addition, the failure shall be ductile.
- 6.6 Sustained Pressure—Pipe made from PE1404 compound shall be tested twice annually in accordance with 7.6. The average failure time shall be ≥80 hours at 580 psi (4.00 MPa) test pressure hoop stress, or ≥150 hours at 435 psi (3.00 MPa) test pressure hoop stress.
- 6.6 Elevated Temperature Sustained Pressure—Except as provided in Elevated 6.6, elevated temperature sustained pressure tests for each polyethylene compound designation in accordance with Table 1 used in production at the facility shall be conducted twice annually in accordance with 7.87.7.
- 6.7 *Inside Surface Ductility for Pipe*——Pipe shall be tested for inside surface ductility in accordance with 7.97.8 or 7.107.9.
- Note 6—Tensile elongation testing in accordance with 7.107.9 provides a quantifiable result and is used for referee testing and in cases of disagreement.

TABLE 4 Minimum Burst Pressure for SIDR Pipe

	Minimum Burst Pressu	ire ^A			
SIDR	PE	2708	PE3608, PE4710		
	psi	(kPa)	psi	(kPa)	
5.3	800	(5517)	921	(6352)	
7	630	(4345)	725	(5000)	
9	504	(3476)	580	(4000)	
11.5	403	(2779)	464	(3200)	
15	315	(2174)	363	(2503)	
19	252	(1738)	290	(2000)	

^AMinimum burst pressure calculated in accordance with

$$P_B = \frac{2S}{\frac{D_i}{4}} + 1$$

where

 P_B = burst test pressure, psi (kPa)

S = minimum hoop fiber stress, psi. (kPa)

S = 1260 psi (8690 kPa) for PE1404 compound

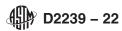
 $S = 2520 \text{ psi } (17\,370 \text{ kPa}) \text{ for PE2708 compound}$

 $S = 2900 \text{ psi} (20\,000 \text{ kPa}) \text{ for PE3608, PE4608 and PE4710 compound}$

 D_i = measured average inside diameter, in. (mm)

t = measured minimum wall thickness, in (mm).

Test temperature tolerance ±3.6 °F± 4 °F (± 2 °C). Test pressure tolerance ± 5 psi (± 35 kPa)



7. Test Methods

- 7.1 Conditioning—Condition as specified in the test method. Where conditioning is not specified in the test method, condition the test specimens at 73 °F \pm 4 °F (23 °C \pm 2 °C) without regard to humidity for not less than 4 h in accordance with Procedure A of Practice D618, or at 73 °F \pm 4 °F (23 °C \pm 2 °C) for not less than 1 h in accordance with Procedure D of Practice D618.
- 7.2 Test Conditions—Conduct tests in accordance with the conditions specified in the test method, or if not specified in the test method, at 73 °F \pm 4 °F (23 °C \pm 2 °C) without regard to relative humidity.
- 7.3 Sampling—The selection of the sample or samples of pipe shall be as agreed upon by the purchaser and the seller. In case of no prior agreement, any sample selected by the testing laboratory shall be deemed adequate.
- 7.3.1 *Test Specimens*—Not less than 50 % of the test specimens required for any pressure test shall have at least a part of the marking in their central sections. The central section is that portion of the pipe sample that is at least one pipe diameter away from an end closure. The entire marking shall be documented in testing records.
- 7.4 *Dimensions and Tolerances*—Use any length of pipe to determine the dimensions. Inside diameter, wall thickness and wall thickness range shall be measured in accordance with Test Method D2122.
- 7.5 Carbon Black—For all pipe manufactured with Code C polyethylene compound, determine in duplicate the carbon black content in accordance with Test Method D1603 or Test Method D4218.
- 7.6 Sustained Pressure Test—Select six PE1404 pipe test specimens. Test in accordance with Test Method D1598 with water at 176 °F (80 °C). Internal test pressure shall be determined in accordance with the equation in Table 5, footnote A. Failure of two of the six specimens tested constitutes failure in the test. Failure of one of six specimens tested is cause for retest of six additional specimens. Failure of one of six specimens tested in retest constitutes failure in the test. Failure of the pipe shall be as defined in Test Method D1598.
- 7.6 Burst Pressure—The test equipment, procedures and failure definitions shall be as specified in Test Method D1599.

TABLE 5 Elevated Temperature Sustained Pressure Test^A Requirements

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Test Condition Temperature, °F (°C)	Test Pressure Hoop Stress, psi (kPa)	Minimum Average Time Before Failure, hours	Test Pressure Hoop Stress, psi (kPa)	Minimum Average Time Before Failure, hours			
1	176 (80)	670 (4620)	170	750 (5170)	200		
2	176 (80)	650 (4480)	340	730 (5020)	400		
3	176 (80)	630 (4345)	510	705 (4870)	600		
4	176 (80)	610 (4210)	680	685 (4715)	800		
5	176 (80)	590 (4070)	850	660 (4565)	1000		
6	176 (80)	580 (4000)	1000	640 (4415)	1200		

^AA Calculate internal test pressure in accordance with

$$P = \frac{2S}{\frac{D_i}{t}} + 1$$

Where:

P = test pressure, psi (kPa)

S = test pressure hoop stress, psi. (kPa)

 D_i = measured average inside diameter, in. (mm)

t = measured minimum wall thickness, in (mm)

Test temperature tolerance ± 3.6 °F4 °F (± 2 °C). Test pressure tolerance ± 5 psi (± 35 kPa); test pressure hoop stress values are rounded to the nearest 5 psi or 5 kPa.

NOTE-Table 5 conditions are based on PE validation requirements in accordance with PPI TR-3 with Condition 6 being 85 % of Condition 1 test pressure hoop stress and six times greater minimum average time before failure. Conditions 2 through 5 are linear stress and time interpolations between Conditions 1 and 6. The intent of multiple conditions is to maintain equivalent performance criteria, but provide for retest in the event of ductile failure. The test pressure hoop stress levels for Conditions 2-5 are linear interpolations for arbitrarily chosen time increments. An equivalent performance requirement, however, may be determined by arbitrarily choosing a test pressure hoop stress between Conditions 1 and 6 and linearly interpolating the minimum average time before failure. For example for PE3710 and PE4710 compound designations, at 670 psi test pressure hoop stress, the minimum average time before failure would be 927 hours:

$$927 = 200 + \left((750 - 670) \times \frac{(1200 - 200)}{(750 - 640)} \right)$$

- 7.7 Elevated Temperature Sustained Pressure Test—Elevated temperature sustained pressure tests for each Table 1 material designation used in production of pipe in accordance with this specification at the facility shall be conducted in accordance with Test Method D1598, and Table 5 using water as the pressurizing medium. The "test sample" shall be three specimens of any pipe size or SIDR. One Table 5 Condition for the applicable material designation shall be selected for the test.
- 7.7.1 For the selected Table 5 Condition, passing results are (a) non-failure for all three specimens at a time equal to or greater than the Table 5 minimum average time before failure, or (b) not more than one ductile specimen failure and the average time before failure for all three specimens shall be greater than the specified Table 5 minimum average time before failure for the selected Table 5 Condition, or (c) successful retest in accordance with 7.8.37.7.3.
- 7.7.2 For the selected Table 5 Condition, failure to meet this requirement is (a) brittle failure of any specimen when tested at Table 5 Condition 1 through 6, or (b) ductile failure of all three specimens, or (c) unsuccessful retest in accordance with 7.8.37.7.3.
- 7.7.3 Provision for Retest for Table 5 Conditions 1 through 5—If a second ductile failure occurs before the Table 5 minimum average time before failure, it is permissible to conduct one retest at a Table 5 Condition of lower stress and longer minimum average time before failure for the material designation. The retest sample shall be three additional specimens of the same pipe size and material designation from the same time frame as the test sample in accordance with 7.87.7. For the retest, any specimen failure before the Table 5 minimum average time before failure at the retest condition constitutes failure to meet this requirement. For Table 5 Condition 6 no retest is permissible
- 7.8 Bend-back Test Method:
- 7.8.1 Squarely cut four 1 ½ to 1 ½ in. (29 to 35 mm) wide rings from pipe. Condition the rings in accordance with 7.1.
- 7.8.2 Split each ring longitudinally so that when reverse bent in accordance with 7.9.37.8.3, the pipe ID for each quadrant around the pipe will be tested.
 - 7.8.3 In a well-lit area, perform the following procedure within 5 min: (a) Bend each split ring specimen so that the pipe inside surface is on the outside surface of the bend. (b) Using an apparatus such as a bench vise or other suitable equipment, close the legs of the specimen together. When the specimen legs are closed together, the top of the bend-back specimen shall extend above the point of closure by $3 \pm \frac{1}{2}$ times the minimum wall thickness in accordance with Table 3. (c) With the unaided (naked) eye, visually examine the reverse-bent pipe ID surface.
 - 7.8.4 Visible brittle cracking or crazing indicates failure.
 - 7.9 Elongation-at-Break Test Method:
 - 7.9.1 Five Test Method D638 Type III or Type IV specimens cut in the longitudinal direction from locations equally spaced around the circumference of the pipe shall be conditioned in accordance with 7.1 and tested in accordance with Test Method D2565 at a cross-head separation speed of 2 in. (50.8 mm) per min. If the specimen thickness must be reduced by machining, the pipe ID surface shall be left unaltered.
 - 7.9.2 The percent elongation at break for each test specimen shall exceed 400 %.
 - Note 7—Specimen machining that produces smooth surfaces and uniform thickness is necessary. Surface cuts or scratches and non-uniform thickness in the specimen gage length can detrimentally affect test results.

8. Retest and Rejection

8.1 Except as provided in 7.8.37.7.3, if the results of any test(s) do not meet the requirements of this specification, the test(s) shall be conducted again only by agreement between the purchaser and the seller. Under such agreement, minimum requirements shall not be lowered, changed, or modified, nor shall specification limits be changed. If upon retest, failure occurs, the quantity of product represented by the test(s) does not meet the requirements of this specification.