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# Standard Specification for Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe and Fittings for Mine Leachate Applications<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers requirements and test methods for materials, workmanship, dimensions, perforations, pipe stiffness, elongation, joint separation resistance, quality of extruded polyethylene, brittleness, testing, and marking of corrugated polyethylene (PE) pipe and fittings for mine drainage and leachate collection and transmission pipe. It covers nominal sizes 3 in. (75 mm), 4 in. (100 mm), 6 in. (150 mm), 8 in. (200 mm), 10 in. (250 mm), 12 in. (300 mm), 15 in. (375 mm), 18 in. (450 mm) and 24 in. (600 mm) diameter.

1.2 This specification covers single profile wall, annular extruded corrugated polyethylene pipe as depicted in Fig. 1, and double wall, annular extruded corrugated polyethylene pipe as depicted in Fig. 2.

1.3 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.

1.4 *The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 9, 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.*

<sup>1</sup> This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F17 on Plastic Piping Systems and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F17.65 on Land Drainage.

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## 2. Referenced Documents

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

- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
- D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- D2412 Test Method for Determination of External Loading Characteristics of Plastic Pipe by Parallel-Plate Loading
- D2444 Practice for Determination of the Impact Resistance of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings by Means of a Tup (Falling Weight)
- D3350 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials
- D3895 Test Method for Oxidative-Induction Time of Polyolefins by Differential Scanning Calorimetry
- F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems
- F2136 Test Method for Notched, Constant Ligament-Stress (NCLS) Test to Determine Slow-Crack-Growth Resistance of HDPE Resins or HDPE Corrugated Pipe

### 2.2 Federal Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Practices for Design, Construction, Problem Identification and Evaluation, Inspection, Maintenance, Renovation, and Repair

### 2.3 Military Standard:<sup>3</sup>

- MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions used in this specification are in accordance with Terminology F412 and abbreviations are in

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<sup>3</sup> Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, <http://quicksearch.dla.mil>.

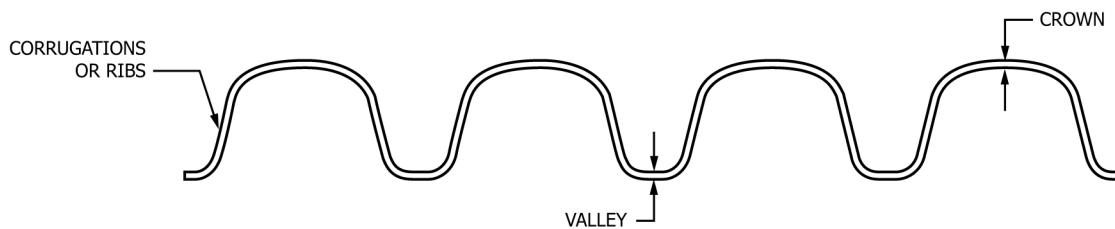


FIG. 1 Typical Single Wall Profile Cross-Section

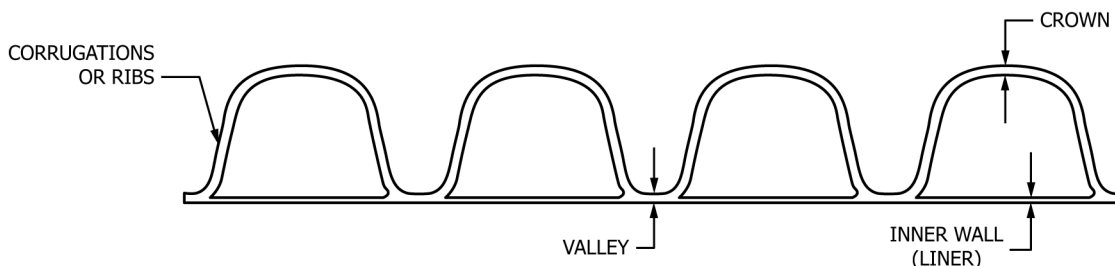


FIG. 2 Typical Double Wall Profile Cross-Section

accordance with Terminology **D1600**, unless otherwise specified. The abbreviation for polyethylene is PE.

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

3.2.1 *crease*—a deformation that cannot be removed like a dent: generally associated with wall buckling.

3.2.2 *leaching*—minerals are removed (leached) from ores that have been mined, crushed, and placed on impervious pads for removal (by chemical leaching) by percolation of the solution through the ore, and collection of that solution at the bottom of the heap leach pile.

3.2.3 *split*—any break or crack that extends through the wall.

## 4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for product made to this specification shall include the following information to adequately describe the desired product:

4.1.1 This ASTM designation and year of issue,

4.1.2 *Perforations*:

4.1.2.1 With perforations,

4.1.2.2 Without perforations,

4.1.3 Diameters,

4.1.4 Total footage of each pipe diameter involved,

4.1.5 Pipe laying length,

4.1.6 *Fitting type(s)*:

4.1.6.1 Size and type of fittings, including mainline and branch diameters, and

4.1.6.2 Number of fittings per diameter.

## 5. Significance and Use

5.1 Corrugated PE pipe and fittings in this standard are intended for deep underground applications under harsh chemical exposure from a corrosive effluent where they serve as leachate pipe under a mine heap or dump leaching process. Their major use is to collect or convey ore leachate to a facility for processing and extraction of the desired metal or mineral. Heap leaching is used to extract copper, gold, lead, nickel,

silver, uranium, or zinc. The solution may be either acidic or alkaline, depending on the metal being extracted.

## 6. Materials

6.1 *Pipe and Fittings*—The pipe and fittings shall be made of virgin PE plastic compound meeting the requirements of Specification **D3350** cell classification 435400C or 435400E, except that carbon black content shall be equal to or greater than 2.0 % but not exceed 3.0 %. Compounds that have a higher cell classification in one or more performance properties shall be permitted if all other product requirements are met. For slow crack-growth resistance, resins shall be evaluated using the notched constant ligament stress (NCLS) test according to the procedure described in **9.12**. Samples shall be taken from the extruded pipe supplied to the project. The average failure time of the five test specimens shall exceed 24 h with no single test specimen's failure time less than 17 h. Samples taken from the extruded pipe supplied to the project shall have a minimum Oxidative-Induction-Time of 20 minutes when tested in accordance with Test Method **D3895**.

6.2 *Rework Material*—Clean rework material, generated from the manufacturer's own production of this product, may be used by the manufacturer provided that the tubing and fittings produced meet all requirements of this specification.

## 7. General Requirements

7.1 *Workmanship*—The pipe and fittings shall be homogeneous throughout and be as uniform as commercially practical in color, opacity, and density. The pipe walls shall be free of cracks, holes, blisters, voids, foreign inclusions, or other defects that are visible to the naked eye and that may affect the wall integrity. The ends shall be cut cleanly and squarely. Holes intentionally placed in perforated pipe are acceptable.

7.1.1 Visible defects, cracks, creases, splits, obstruction to flow in perforations or in pipe, are not permissible.

7.2 *Dimensions and Tolerance*:

7.2.1 *Nominal Size*—The nominal size for the pipe and fittings for single profile wall and double profile wall shall be the minimum inside diameter as shown in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, respectively, rounded to the closest whole number.

7.2.2 *Inside Diameter*—The actual inside diameter for single profile wall and double profile wall shall be the minimum inside diameter with a +4.5 % or – 0 % tolerance when measured in accordance with 9.3 and as shown in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, respectively.

NOTE 1—The outside diameters and the corrugation pitch of products manufactured to this specification are not specified; therefore, compatibility between pipe and fittings from different manufacturers or the same manufacturer shall be verified.

7.2.3 *Minimum Crest, Liner, Wall Thickness*—The minimum wall thickness of the pipe crest shall meet the requirements given in **Table 1** when measured in accordance with 9.4. The minimum wall thickness of the valley and liner shall meet the requirements given in **Table 2** when measured in accordance with 9.4.

7.2.4 *Length*—The pipe shall be supplied in any length agreeable to both the owner and the manufacturer. Length shall not be less than 99 % of stated quantity when measured in accordance with 9.5.

7.2.5 *Perforations*—Perforations shall be cleanly cut, placed in the valley of the corrugation rib, and uniformly spaced along the length and circumference of the pipe. Dimensions of the perforations and the minimum perforation inlet area shall be as listed in **Table 3**. Other perforation dimensions and configurations shall be permitted, where required to meet the needs of the specifier. All measurements shall be made in accordance with 9.6. Pipe connected by bell and spigot joints shall not be perforated in the area of the bells and spigots.

NOTE 2—For perforated pipe applications, the size of the embedment zone and permeability of the embedment material provide the desired level of infiltration or inflow. The gradation and compaction of the embedment material shall be compatible with the perforation size to avoid embedment backfill migration into the pipe.

7.3 *Pipe Stiffness*—The pipe shall have a minimum pipe stiffness at 5 % deflection for single wall and double wall as shown in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, respectively, when tested in accordance with 9.7. Two pipe stiffness classes, standard and XS, are produced for 3 in.– 6 in. (75 mm through 150 mm) diameters in **Table 1**.

7.4 *Elongation*—For single wall pipe only; continuously extruded pipe that elongates more than 5 %, but less than 10 %, when tested in accordance with 9.8, shall meet the requirements of 7.3 when tested in accordance with 9.9. Pipe that elongates more than 10 % shall be rejected.

7.5 *Brittleness*—Pipe and fitting specimens shall be tested in accordance with 9.11.

7.6 *Bond*—The bond between layers of spirally laminated pipe shall be strong and uniform. There shall be no separation of layers when the pipe is deflected 20 %, in accordance with Test Method **D2412**, nor shall it be possible to separate the layers with the point of a knife when the pipe is in the deflected condition.

NOTE 3—This test may be conducted as a continuation of pipe stiffness testing as specified in 9.7.

#### 7.7 *Fitting Requirements:*

7.7.1 The fittings shall not reduce or impair the overall integrity or function of the pipe line.

NOTE 4—Common corrugated fittings include in-line joint fittings, such as tees, Y’s, reducers, couplers, elbows, and end caps. These fittings are installed internally or externally by various methods, such as snap-on, V-insertion, screw-on, or wrap around.

NOTE 5—Some corrugated fittings will not fit all pipe. Only fittings supplied or recommended by the pipe manufacturer should be used.

7.7.2 Joints made with couplers, installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, shall not separate when tested in accordance with 9.10.

7.7.3 Fitting specimens shall not crack or split when tested in accordance with 9.11.

## 8. Sampling and Retest

8.1 *Sampling*—Samples of pipe and fittings sufficient to determine conformance with this specification shall be taken at random from stock or from the project site by the testing agency. Samples shall be representative of the product type under consideration. A minimum of one sample shall be taken for every 1,000 meters of pipe length supplied on a project.

8.2 *Retest and Rejection*—If any test failure occurs, the pipe or fitting may be retested to establish conformity. The test shall be repeated on two additional samples from the same lot or shipment. If either of these two additional samples fail, the pipe or fitting does not comply with this specification.

**TABLE 1 Single Wall Pipe Stiffness and Pipe Dimensions**

Minimum Inside Diameter		Minimum Pipe Stiffness at 5 % Deflection		Minimum XS Pipe Stiffness at 5 % Deflection		Minimum Crest Thickness	
in.	mm	lbs/in/in	kPa	lbs/in/in	kPa	in.	mm
3	75	50	345	70	480	0.025	0.64
4	100	50	345	70	480	0.025	0.64
5	125	50	345	65	450	0.027	0.69
6	150	50	345	60	415	0.028	0.71
8	200	50	345			0.036	0.91
10	250	50	345			0.048	1.22
12	300	50	345			0.071	1.80
15	375	42	290			0.087	2.21
18	450	40	275			0.120	3.05
24	600	34	235			0.120	3.05