



# Standard Specification for Coextruded Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe With a Cellular Core<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers coextruded poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) plastic pipe with a cellular core and concentric inner and outer solid layers, and is produced using a multilayer coextrusion die for nonpressure use in three series: an IPS Schedule 40 series for DWV; a PS series with an iron pipe size (IPS) outside diameter with varying wall thickness as required for pipe stiffnesses of 25, 50, and 100 for communication conduit, and a sewer and drain series.

1.2 The function of this specification is to provide standardization of product-technical data and serve as a purchasing guide.

1.3 The text of this specification references notes, footnotes, and appendixes which provide explanatory material. The notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the specification.

NOTE 1—All the pipe series covered by this specification are permitted to be perforated or belled for joining by solvent cement or belled for joining by an elastomeric seal (gasket). Because this pipe is OD controlled, the inside diameter will vary, and therefore, the pipe ID is not suitable for use as a socket. (For more information see Specification D2672.)

NOTE 2—This standard specifies dimensional, performance and test requirements for plumbing and fluid handling applications, but does not address venting of combustion gases.

1.4 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.

NOTE 3—Specifications related to this specification are as follows: D2665, D2729, D3034, F512, F758, and F789.

1.5 *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.*

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1.6 *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:<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
- D2152 Test Method for Adequacy of Fusion of Extruded Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe and Molded Fittings by Acetone Immersion
- D2321 Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe for Sewers and Other Gravity-Flow Applications
- 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)
- D2564 Specification for Solvent Cements for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping Systems
- D2665 Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Drain, Waste, and Vent Pipe and Fittings
- D2672 Specification for Joints for IPS PVC Pipe Using Solvent Cement
- D2729 Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings
- D2855 Practice for the Two-Step (Primer and Solvent Cement) Method of Joining Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) or Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Pipe and Piping Components with Tapered Sockets
- D3034 Specification for Type PSM Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings

<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.

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

- D3212 Specification for Joints for Drain and Sewer Plastic Pipes Using Flexible Elastomeric Seals
- D3311 Specification for Drain, Waste, and Vent (DWV) Plastic Fittings Patterns
- D4396 Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds for Plastic Pipe and Fittings Used in Nonpressure Applications
- F402 Practice for Safe Handling of Solvent Cements, Primers, and Cleaners Used for Joining Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems
- F477 Specification for Elastomeric Seals (Gaskets) for Joining Plastic Pipe
- F512 Specification for Smooth-Wall Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Conduit and Fittings for Underground Installation
- F545 Specification for PVC and ABS Injected Solvent Cemented Plastic Pipe Joints (Withdrawn 2001)<sup>3</sup>
- F656 Specification for Primers for Use in Solvent Cement Joints of Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe and Fittings
- F758 Specification for Smooth-Wall Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Underdrain Systems for Highway, Airport, and Similar Drainage
- F789 Specification for Type PS-46 and Type PS-115 Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Gravity Flow Sewer Pipe and Fittings (Withdrawn 2004)<sup>3</sup>

2.2 *Federal Standard:*

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)<sup>4</sup>

2.3 *Military Standard:*

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage<sup>4</sup>

2.4 *ANSI Standards:*

Z34.1 American National Standard for Certification-Third-Party Certification Program<sup>5</sup>

Z34.2 American National Standard for Certification-Self-Certification by Producer or Supplier<sup>5</sup>

### 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 poly(vinyl chloride) plastic is PVC.

3.2 *Definitions:*

3.2.1 *cellular plastic*—a plastic containing numerous cells, intentionally introduced, interconnecting or not, distributed throughout the mass.

3.2.2 *coextruded pipe*—pipe consisting of two or more concentric layers of material bonded together in processing by any combination of temperature, pressure, grafting, crosslinking, or adhesion.

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

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

<sup>5</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

3.2.3 *coextrusion*—a process whereby two or more heated or unheated plastic material streams, forced through one or more shaping orifice(s), become one continuously formed piece.

3.3 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.3.1 *lot*—a lot shall consist of all pipe of the same size produced from one extrusion line during one designated shift.

3.3.2 *IPS Schedule 40 Series*—pipe produced to an iron pipe size (IPS) outside diameter (OD) with a Schedule 40 wall thickness for use as drain, waste, and vent pipe.

3.3.3 *PS Series*— pipe produced to an IPS outside diameter and having the required wall thickness to meet a designated pipe stiffness for use as communication conduit.

3.3.4 *sewer and drain series*—pipe produced to a sewer and drain outside diameter and having a minimum wall thickness to meet a designated pipe stiffness. for use as sewer and drain pipe.

### 4. Classification by Application

4.1 Coextruded PVC plastic pipe, in an IPS Schedule 40 series, for use as shown in 4.4, is referenced in Table 1.

4.2 Coextruded PVC plastic pipe in a PS series with an IPS OD and varying wall thicknesses as required for pipe stiffnesses of 25 psi, 50 psi, and 100 psi, for use as shown in 4.5 is referenced in Table 2.

4.3 Coextruded PVC plastic pipe in a sewer and drain series for use as shown in 4.6 and 4.7 is referenced in Table 2.

4.4 Drain, waste, and vent pipe in IPS Schedule 40 series.

4.5 Underground communication conduit in PS series, not for underground electrical power distribution usage.

4.6 Nonpressure sewer and drain pipe for underground burial outside of the building.

4.7 Highway underdrain in sewer and drain series.

4.8 Recommendations for storage, joining, and installation are provided in Appendix X1, Appendix X2, and Appendix X3, respectively.

NOTE 4—Before installing pipe for industrial waste disposal use, the approval of the cognizant building code authority must be obtained, as conditions not commonly found in normal use may be encountered.

**TABLE 1 Minimum Wall Thickness,<sup>A</sup> Pipe Stiffness, and Impact Strength for IPS Schedule 40 Series**

Nominal Pipe Size	Wall Thickness, in.	Pipe Stiffness, lbf/in. <sup>2</sup>	Impact Strength, ft-lbf
1/4	0.140	600	40
1/2	0.145	600	50
2	0.154	300	80
3	0.216	300	100
3 1/2	0.226	250	100
4	0.237	200	100
5	0.258	120	100
6	0.280	120	120
8	0.322	100	120
10	0.365	60	120
12	0.406	50	120

<sup>A</sup> The maximum wall thickness shall not be greater than 1.25 times the minimum wall thickness.

**TABLE 2 Minimum Wall Thickness<sup>A</sup> for PS Series or Sewer and Drain Series for Minimum Pipe Stiffness**

Nominal Pipe Size	Wall Thickness, in.						
	PS Series			Sewer and Drain Series			
	PS 25	PS 50	PS 100	PS 12.5	PS 25	PS 50	PS 100
2	...	...	0.100	...	...	...	...
3	...	0.103	0.130	...	...	0.100	0.120
3½	0.100	0.118	0.148	...	...	...	...
4	0.106	0.133	0.167	...	0.100	0.124	0.156
5	0.131	0.164	0.206	...	...	...	...
6	0.156	0.195	0.245	0.118	0.148	0.185	0.232
8	...	...	...	...	0.198	0.248	0.310
10	...	...	...	...	...	0.310	0.388
12	...	...	...	...	...	0.369	0.462
15	...	...	...	...	...	0.452	0.565
18	...	...	...	...	...	0.548	0.691

<sup>A</sup>The maximum wall thickness shall not be greater than 1.25 times the minimum wall thickness.

NOTE 5—This specification does not include requirements for pipe and fittings intended to be used to vent combustion gases.

## 5. Material

5.1 *Material Specification*—The PVC material for all layers shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Specification **D4396** with a cell class of 11432. PVC material, which has a higher cell class than those listed, is acceptable.

5.2 *Rework Material*—The manufacturer shall use only his own clean rework pipe material conforming with these cell class requirements. It shall be used only in the core layer if it contains any residual blowing agent. The pipe produced shall meet all requirements of this specification.

5.3 *Cellular Material*—Cellular PVC used in the core layer shall be of a closed cell structure when tested in accordance with **6.3.6**.

## 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.

### 6.2 Dimensions and Tolerances:

6.2.1 *Outside Diameter*—The outside diameter and tolerances for the IPS Schedule 40 series, PS series, and the sewer and drain series shall meet the requirements of **Table 3** when measured in accordance with Test Method **D2122**. The tolerances for out-of-roundness shall apply to the pipe prior to shipment.

6.2.2 *Wall Thickness*—The wall thickness for the IPS Schedule 40 series shall equal or exceed the minimum dimensions in **Table 1**, and for the PS series and sewer and drain series it shall equal or exceed the minimum dimensions in **Table 2**, when measured in accordance with Test Method **D2122**.

6.2.3 *Length*—The pipe length may be 10 or 20 ft with a tolerance on length of +½, –0 in., unless otherwise specified.

### 6.3 Performance Requirements:

6.3.1 *Pipe Stiffness*—The minimum pipe stiffness values at 5 % deflection when measure in accordance with Test Method **D2412**, shall equal or exceed the value in **Table 1** for IPS Schedule 40 series, or the value in **Table 2** or PS series and sewer and drain series. Three specimens shall be tested. If all three meet this requirement, the sample meets this requirement. If one or two fail, additional testing shall be conducted in accordance with **6.3.1.1**. If all three fail, the sample does not meet the requirement.

**TABLE 3 Outside Diameter and Tolerances**

Nominal Pipe Size	Outside Diameter		Tolerance on Average Outside Diameter, in.	Out-of-Roundness Maximum Diameter Minus Minimum Diameter, in.
	IPS Schedule 40 Series, in. PS Series, in.	Sewer and Drain Series, in.		
1¼	1.660	...	±0.005	0.060
1½	1.900	...	±0.006	0.060
2	2.375	...	±0.006	0.060
3	3.500	3.250	±0.008	0.060
3½	4.000	...	±0.008	0.100
4	4.500	4.215	±0.009	0.100
5	5.563	...	±0.010	0.100
6	6.625	6.275	±0.011	0.100
8	8.625	8.400	±0.015	0.150
10	10.750	10.500	±0.015	0.150
12	12.750	12.500	±0.015	0.150
15	...	15.300	±0.023	0.150
18	...	18.700	±0.028	0.200

**TABLE 4 Minimum Impact Strength for PS Series or Sewer and Drain Series**

Nominal Pipe Size	Minimum Impact Strength, ft-lbf			
	PS 12.5	PS 25	PS 50	PS 100
2	...	...	...	80
3	...	80	80	100
3½	...	80	80	100
4	...	80	100	100
5	...	100	100	100
6	70	100	100	120
8	...	140	140	140
10	...	160	160	160
12	...	200	200	200
15	...	...	220	...
18	...	...	220	...

6.3.1.1 *Pipe Stiffness and Lower Confidence Limit*—In the event that one or two of the specimens tested in 6.3.1 fail to meet the minimum requirement, the average pipe stiffness of 11 specimens shall meet or exceed the minimum requirement given in **Table 1** for IPS Schedule 40 series pipe, and **Table 2** for PS Series and Sewer and Drain pipe. The 99 % lower confidence limit (LCL) shall be within 15 % of the average value. The LCL shall be calculated using the Student’s “*t*” distribution, with *N*-1 degrees of freedom, where *N* is the number of specimens (11). The critical *t* value shall be used to at least three significant digits. Alternatively, if the LCL exceeds the minimum PS requirement in the applicable table, but is not within 15 % of the average, the sample meets the requirements of the pipe stiffness testing. The 11 specimens include the three tested under 6.3.1, and an additional eight with rotation by 35°, as specified in **D2412**, continuing throughout the remaining specimens.

The LCL based on testing eleven specimens is calculated as follows:

$$\text{LCL} = (\text{avg PS}) - \{2.76(\text{std. dev.})/\sqrt{(N)}\}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 11 \\ (\text{avg PS}) &= \left[ \frac{\sum(\text{PS}_i)}{11} \right] \\ (\text{std.dev.}) &= \left[ \frac{\sum \text{PS}^2 - (\sum \text{PS})^2/N}{N-1} \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

The 15 % requirement is calculated as follows:

$$(\text{avg} - \text{LCL})/(\text{avg}) \times 100 \leq 15\%$$

NOTE 6—The 5 % deflection criteria is arbitrarily selected for testing convenience. It should not be considered as a limitation with respect to in-use deflection. The engineer is responsible for establishing the acceptable deflection limit.

NOTE 7—The strength and load-carrying capabilities of plastic pipe are measured and reported as pipe stiffness, which is determined in accordance with Test Method **D2412**. The term “crushing strength” is not applicable to plastic piping.

6.3.2 *Pipe Flattening*—There shall be no evidence of cracking, delamination, or rupture when pipe is deflected 60 % of the initial inside diameter, when tested in accordance with Test Method **D2412**. Three specimens shall be tested and all shall pass.

NOTE 8—This test is intended only for use as a quality control test, and not as a simulated service test.

6.3.3 *Impact Resistance*—The minimum impact resistance, when tested at the time of manufacture, shall comply with **Table 1** for IPS Schedule 40 series and **Table 4** for the PS series and sewer and drain series. Test in accordance with Test Method **D2444**, using Tup B and Holder B. Use a 20-lb (9.1-kg) tup for testing pipe sizes 4 in. and smaller and a 30-lb (13.6-kg) tup for pipe sizes larger than 4 in.

6.3.3.1 Test 10 specimens. When 9 or 10 specimens pass, accept the lot. When 2 or more specimens fail, test 10 additional specimens. When 17 of 20 specimens tested pass, accept the lot. When 4 or more of 20 specimens fail, test 20 additional specimens. When 32 of 40 specimens pass, accept the lot. When 9 or more of 40 specimens fail, the lot does not meet the requirements of this specification.

6.3.3.2 Failure of the test specimen shall be shattering or any crack or break extending entirely through the pipe wall and visible to the unaided eye.

6.3.4 *Bond*—The bond between layers shall be strong and uniform. It shall not be possible to separate any two layers with a probe or the point of a knife blade so that the layers separate cleanly, nor shall separation of the bond occur between layers during testing performed under the requirements of this specification.

6.3.5 *Extrusion Quality*—The pipe shall meet the requirements of Test Method **D2152**.

6.3.6 *Cellular Structure*—The core layer of cellular core pipe shall not allow the passage of water when tested at  $10 \pm 1$  psig for a minimum of 30 minutes. The test sample shall be  $18 \pm 0.125$  in. long. Create a seal on the O.D. and the I.D. of the pipe near one end in a manner that permits the exposed core to be subjected to water pressure (**Note 9**). Any sign of water emanating from the core at the opposite end after 30 minutes is indication of an open cell structure and the specimen does not meet the requirements of this specification.

NOTE 9—The method of sealing against the I.D. and O.D. of the pipe is not specified, as several acceptable methods are available. One such method uses an elastomeric no-hub adapter clamped to the O.D. and pneumatic or mechanical test plug to seal the I.D.

#### 6.4 Other Requirements:

6.4.1 *Joining*—Coextruded poly(vinyl chloride) PVC plastic pipe produced in IPS Schedule 40 series and PS series are joined using fittings meeting the requirements of Specifications **D2665**, **D3311**, or **F512**. Fittings meeting the requirements of Specifications **D2729**, **D3034**, or **F789** are used with the sewer and drain series, and Specification **F545** are permitted for all series.

6.4.2 *Solvent Cement*—In the assembly of solvent cement joints, the safety requirements of Practice **F402** shall be followed and the joint shall be assembled following Practice **D2855**, using a cleaner or primer.

6.4.3 *Gaskets*—Elastomeric seals (gaskets) shall meet the requirements of Specification **F477**.

6.4.4 *Lubricant*—The lubricant used for assembly shall have no detrimental effect on the gasket or on the pipe or fitting.

6.4.5 *Gasket Joints*—Gasket joints shall comply with Specification **D3212** and be designed so that the gasket inside the