
**Plastics piping systems for hot and cold
water installations — Guidance for
classification and design**

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chaude et froide — Lignes directrices pour la classification et la
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Foreword

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ISO 10508 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 138, *Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Plastics pipes and fittings for water supplies*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10508:1995), which has been technically revised. In particular, Clauses 6 to 10 have been deleted, and all product testing and fitness-for-purpose requirements have been referenced to the relevant product or system standards.

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Introduction

This International Standard gives guidance for the classification and design of plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations

Performance requirements are specified in the relevant product or systems standards.

A list of current product or systems standards is given in Annex B.

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1 Scope

This International Standard gives guidance for the classification and design of hot and cold water pressure systems which use plastics pipes and plastics or metal fittings.

It establishes a classification system for common service conditions for pressurized hot and cold water systems. It gives a basis for evaluation and design of thermoplastics pipes and fittings in relation to the system performance requirements.

It applies to plastics piping systems used to carry water

- a) in distribution systems of hot and cold water, including potable water, and
- b) in transportation systems of hot water for heating,

under design pressures up to at least 10 bar¹⁾ at 20 °C and up to 10 bar at temperatures according to the class of application (see Table 1).

For values of T_D , T_{max} and T_{ma} in excess of those in Table 1, this International Standard is not applicable.

Acceptance of any pipe(s) and/or fitting(s) made from a specific grade of material is subject to the relevant product or systems standard and the requirements detailed there.

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 7686, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Determination of opacity*

ISO 9080, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Determination of the long-term hydrostatic strength of thermoplastics materials in pipe form by extrapolation*

ISO 12162, *Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification and designation — Overall service (design) coefficient*

ISO 13760, *Plastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids under pressure — Miner's rule — Calculation method for cumulative damage*

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm².

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 design temperature

T_D
temperature or a combination of temperatures of the conveyed water related to the circumstances for which the system has been designed

3.2 maximum design temperature

T_{max}
highest design temperature, T_D , occurring for short periods only

3.3 malfunction temperature

T_{mal}
highest temperature that can be reached when the control limits are exceeded

NOTE This can occur up to a total of 100 h over a period of 50 years.

3.4 cold water temperature

T_{cold}
temperature of conveyed cold water of up to approximately 25 °C

NOTE For design purposes, 20 °C is used.

3.5 design pressure

p_D
highest pressure related to the circumstances for which the system has been designed

3.6 treated water for heating installations

water intended for heating installations which contains additives which have no detrimental effect on the system

4 Classification of service conditions

The performance requirements are formulated for five different classes and are shown in Table 1. Each class relates to a field of application and for a design period of 50 years. The derivation of the temperature-time profiles is given in Annex A. These applications are given as guidance and are not requirements. In countries with extreme weather conditions other classes may be preferred.

For applications not given in Table 1, the choice of the proper classification shall be agreed by the parties concerned.

All materials coming into contact with water intended for human consumption, up to a temperature of 80 °C shall not present any health risk.

All systems of components for use and in contact with potable water shall meet the water quality and health regulations operating in the country of use.

Table 1 — Classification of service conditions

Application class	T_D		T_{max}		T_{mal}		Typical field of application
	°C	Time ^a years	°C	Time years	°C	Time h	
1 ^b	60	49	80	1	95	100	Hot water supply (60 °C)
2 ^b	70	49	80	1	95	100	Hot water supply (70 °C)
3 ^c	20	0,5	50	4,5	65	100	Low-temperature under-floor heating
	30	20					
	40	25					
4	20	2,5	70	2,5	100	100	Under-floor heating and low-temperature radiators
	40	20					
	60	25					
5	20	14	90	1	100	100	High temperature radiators
	60	25					
	80	10					

NOTE This International Standard is only applicable to sealed systems which do not have values of T_D , T_{max} and T_{mal} in excess of those stated for class 5.

^a Where more than one design temperature appears for any class, the times should be aggregated (e.g. the design temperature profile for 50 years for class 5 is 20 °C for 14 years, followed by 60 °C for 25 years, 80 °C for 10 years, 90 °C for 1 year and 100 °C for 100 h).

^b Depending upon international, national or local regulations.

^c Only allowed when the malfunction temperature cannot rise above 65 °C.

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All systems which satisfy the conditions specified in Table 1 for one of the five classes shall also be suitable for the transportation of cold water for a period of 50 years at a temperature of 20 °C and a design pressure of 10 bar. This shall be demonstrated by using the standard extrapolation method specified in ISO 9080, or another appropriate extrapolation method.

When the specified service life is less than 50 years, all the times given in Table 1 shall be reduced by a proportionate amount, except for the time for malfunction, which shall remain at 100 h.

All heating installations should only use water or treated water as the transfer fluid. When considering problems of material compatibility such as oxygen permeation, advice should be sought from the manufacturer.

The thermal stability of the material used for the pipes or fittings shall conform to the requirements of the relevant product standard, for the intended application.

When the pipes are stated to be opaque they shall meet the minimum recommended requirement given in ISO 7686 or the relevant product standard.

Not all plastics formulations allow for extended outside storage of pipes or fittings. The user shall contact the manufacturer of the pipe or fitting before considering long-term external storage.

Plastics pipes and plastics fittings shall only be directly connected to a heat-generating source when recommended by the pipes or fittings manufacturer.