
**Plastics piping systems — Multilayer
pipes — Test method for the adhesion of
the different layers using a pulling rig**

*Systèmes de canalisations en plastiques — Tubes multicouches —
Méthode d'essai de l'adhérence des différentes couches utilisant un
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Introduction

In response to the worldwide demand for specifications, requirements and test methods for multilayer pipes, WG 16 of ISO/TC 138/SC 5 was created at a meeting held in Kyoto, Japan, in 1998. The working group then started drafting three test standards (including ISO 17454) for multilayer pipes:

- ISO 17456, *Plastics piping systems — Multilayer pipes — Determination of long-term hydrostatic strength*;
- ISO 17455, *Plastics piping systems — Multilayer pipes — Determination of the oxygen permeability of the barrier pipe*.

Only multilayer pipes are dealt with in this International Standard and for these purposes cross-linked polyethylene (PE-X) as well as adhesives are to be considered as a thermoplastics material.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for testing the adhesion between layers of multilayer pipes using a pulling test rig.

The bond between the metal layer and the inside (underlying) layer is measured.

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 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

multilayer pipe

pipe comprising layers of different materials

3.2

multilayer M pipe

multilayer pipe comprising layers of polymers and one or more metal layers

NOTE The wall thickness of the pipe consists of at least 60 % polymer layers.

3.3

inner layer

layer in contact with the liquid or gas

3.4

outer layer

layer exposed to the outer environment

3.5

embedded layer

layer between the outer and inner layer

NOTE There can be more than one embedded layer.

**3.6
joint line**

location of the joint line (welded or adhesion bonded) of the metal layer

4 Symbols

- d_i inside diameter of the test piece (pipe), in millimetres (mm)
- d_e manufacturer's nominal outside diameter, expressed in millimetres (mm)
- n number of measurements
- F_p pulling force of the pulling rig, in newtons
- $F_{cal,i}$ calibration force, all forces occurring during the pulling process, other than the adhesion force, in newtons per millimetre
- F_{cal} average calibration force, in newtons per millimetre
- $F_{d,i}$ general force, all forces occurring during the pulling process, in newtons per millimetre
- F_d average minimum general force, in newton per millimetre
- F_{ad} adhesion force, in newtons per millimetre
- W_p length of the test piece, in millimetres
- l_c needed (fixed) length ($\pm 0,1$ mm) for the clamp-grip, in millimetres

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5 Principle

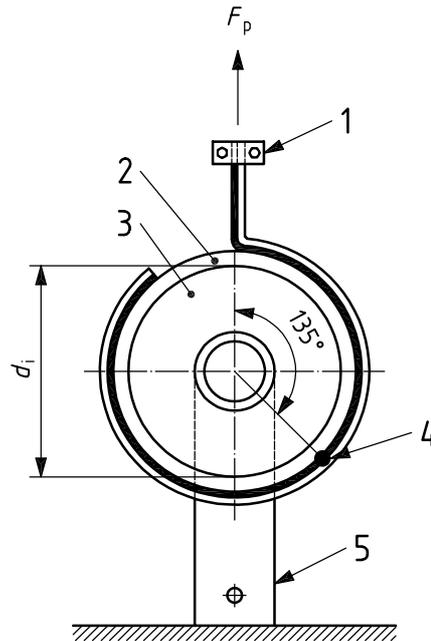
A tensile-force is introduced to the metal (embedded) layer of a test piece perpendicular to the axial direction. This pulling force is measured.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Tensile testing machine, in accordance with ISO 5893.

6.2 Rotating test rig, with

- a) for every pipe diameter (d_i), a **support mandrill**, having an outside diameter of $0,95d_i$ and a length of at least (12 ± 1) mm, able to rotate without significant resistance, preferably by the inclusion of a roller bearing, and
- b) a **pulling rig**, conforming to the principle as represented in Figure 1.



Key

- 1 clamp
- 2 inner layer
- 3 support axle that includes a roller bearing
- 4 weld line
- 5 pivoted sample holder

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Figure 1 — Pulling rig (Test I shown)
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6.3 Device capable of monitoring the force applied to the metal (embedded) layer of a test piece.

6.4 Device capable of measuring either the pulling speed arranged so as to subject the test piece to a constant pulling speed, or the angle of rotation of the support mandrill.

7 Calibration

7.1 Principle

Before starting the test, all forces F_{cal} (e.g. the bending force) other than the adhesive force shall be determined by following the procedure given in 7.4. The force remaining after reduction of the test results using F_{cal} is the adhesive force.

7.2 Test piece sampling procedure

Samples for the pipe diameter to be tested shall contain no adhesive between the metal layer and the inner layer. In total, five samples shall be used for the calibration procedure.

7.3 Preparation of test pieces

The test pieces shall be rings cut from the pipe.

Each test piece shall have a minimum length W_p of 10 mm and shall have no loose layers.

The metal layer shall be cut in the axial direction and pulled loose over fixed length l_c to enable the clamp to be attached for pulling and where

$$l_c \leq 12 \text{ mm}$$

The outer layer has no significant contribution to the bending force and the test can therefore be carried out without the outer layer.

7.4 Procedure

7.4.1 Unless otherwise specified in the referring system standard or product standard, conduct the test at a temperature of $(23 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$.

7.4.2 Insert the support-axle into the test piece and ensure free rotation of the (pipe) test piece.

7.4.3 Install the clamp on the loosened part and check that the joint will be measured during the test.

7.4.4 Apply a crosshead spread speed of $(50 \pm 5) \text{ mm/min}$.

7.4.5 For the calculation of the results, use only the range of the angle of rotation from 30° to 255° .

7.4.6 For all five test pieces, record the applied forces $F_{p,\max}$ and $F_{p,\min}$. The average between the minimum and the maximum measured force shall be used to calculate F_{cal} .

7.5 Processing the results

Calculate the average force, $F_{\text{cal},i}$, using Equation (1):

$$F_{\text{cal},i} = \frac{F_{p,\max} - F_{p,\min}}{2W_p} \quad [\text{N/mm}] \quad (1)$$

Calculate the force F_{cal} using Equation (2):

$$F_{\text{cal}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n F_{\text{cal},i}}{n} \quad [\text{N/mm}] \quad (2)$$

where $n = 5$ (for five samples).

Reduce the test results from Clause 8 using F_{cal} to obtain the remaining force corresponding to the adhesive force.

8 Test method

8.1 Sampling

In total, 10 samples shall be cut from the pipe to be tested, equally divided over 1 m of the pipe.

8.2 Preparation of test piece

The test pieces shall be rings cut from the pipe.

Each test piece shall have a minimum length W_p of 10 mm and shall have no loose layers.

The metal layer shall be cut in the axial direction and pulled loose over fixed length l_c to enable the clamp to be attached for pulling, where

$$l_c \leq 12 \text{ mm}$$

For the location of the joint line, the test procedure shall be followed according to 8.3.

8.3 Location of joint line

To neutralize the negative influence of the cutting, two series of tests shall be performed at different angles α :

For **Test I**, the angle α shall be $135^\circ \pm 5^\circ$, see Figure 1.

For **Test II**, the angle α shall be $315^\circ \pm 5^\circ$.

The joint shall be measured in both tests.

8.4 Procedure

8.4.1 Unless otherwise specified in the referring system standard or product standard that refer to this International Standard, conduct the test at a temperature $(23 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$.

8.4.2 Insert the support-axle into the test piece and ensure free rotation of the test (pipe) piece.

8.4.3 Install the clamp on the loosened part and check that the angle α is still as specified in 8.3.

8.4.4 Apply a crosshead spread speed of (50 ± 5) mm/min.

8.4.5 Record the applied force F_p over the angle of rotation from 30° to 255° during the test.

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8.5 Processing of results

For all 10 samples, the minimum value for F_p is recorded.

Calculate the force $F_{d,i}$ using Equation (3):

$$F_{d,i} = \frac{F_p}{W_p} \text{ [N/mm]} \quad (3)$$

Calculate the minimum force F_d using Equation (4):

$$F_d = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n F_{d,i}}{n} \text{ [N/mm]} \quad (4)$$

where $n = 10$ (for 10 samples).

Calculate the adhesive force F_{ad} using Equation (5):

$$F_{ad} = F_d - F_{cal} \text{ [N/mm]} \quad (5)$$