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**Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification, designation and design coefficient**

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## Introduction

The revision of this International Standard incorporates the introduction of a  $CRS_{\theta,t}$  value (categorized required strength at a temperature  $\theta$  and time  $t$ ), in addition to the MRS classification and the introduction of minimum design coefficients for additional materials.

The classification in this International Standard does not qualify a material for a specific application. For specific applications, the relevant product standards require that additional mechanical and physical properties be met.

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# Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification, designation and design coefficient

## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the classification of thermoplastics materials in pipe form and specifies the material designation. It also specifies a method for calculating the design stress.

It is applicable to materials intended for pipes and fittings for pressure applications.

NOTE 1 Classification, minimum design coefficient and calculation method are based on the resistance to internal pressure with water at 20 °C for 50 years, derived by extrapolation using the method given in ISO 9080.

NOTE 2 Design coefficients for multilayer pipes are described in the appropriate product (system) standards.

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## 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. <http://www.iso.org/standards/std/b713e9a5-bc76-49a3-9e56-4735d1210821/iso-12162-2009>

ISO 1043-1, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### long-term hydrostatic strength

$\sigma_{LTHS}$

quantity, with the dimension of stress, which represents the predicted mean strength at a temperature  $\theta$  and time  $t$

NOTE 1 The quantity is expressed in megapascals.

NOTE 2 Temperature,  $\theta$ , is expressed in degrees Celsius and time,  $t$ , is expressed in years.

### 3.2

#### lower confidence limit of the predicted hydrostatic strength

$\sigma_{LPL}$

quantity, with the dimensions of stress, which represents the 97,5 % lower confidence limit of the predicted hydrostatic strength at a temperature  $\theta$  and time  $t$

NOTE 1 The quantity is expressed in megapascals.

NOTE 2 Temperature,  $\theta$ , is expressed in degrees Celsius and time,  $t$ , is expressed in years.

**3.3  
minimum required strength  
MRS**

value of  $\sigma_{LPL}$  at 20 °C and 50 years, rounded down to the next smaller value of the R10 series or the R20 series

NOTE The R10 series conforms to ISO 3<sup>[1]</sup> and the R20 series conforms to ISO 497<sup>[2]</sup>.

**3.4  
categorized required strength at temperature  $\theta$  and time  $t$   
CRS $_{\theta, t}$**

value of  $\sigma_{LPL}$  at temperature  $\theta$  and time  $t$ , rounded down to the next smaller value of the R10 series or the R20 series

NOTE 1 CRS $_{\theta, t}$  at 20 °C and 50 years equals MRS.

NOTE 2 Temperature,  $\theta$ , is expressed in degrees Celsius and time,  $t$ , is expressed in years.

NOTE 3 The R10 series conforms to ISO 3<sup>[1]</sup> and the R20 series conforms to ISO 497<sup>[2]</sup>.

**3.5  
design coefficient  
 $C$**

coefficient with a value greater than 1, which takes into consideration service conditions as well as properties of the components of a piping system other than those represented in the lower confidence limit

NOTE 1 The minimum value of  $C$ ,  $C_{min}$ , is defined and given for various thermoplastics pipe systems in Clause 6.

NOTE 2 The design coefficient for a given application is specified in the relevant product (system) standard.

**3.6 Design stress**

**3.6.1  
design stress based on MRS classification**

$\sigma_s$   
stress derived by dividing MRS by the design coefficient  $C$ , i.e.  $\sigma_s = MRS/C$

NOTE 1 The maximum allowable design stress for a given material is derived by dividing MRS by the minimum design coefficient,  $C_{min}$ , i.e.  $\sigma_s = MRS/C_{min}$ .

NOTE 2 Design stress for a specific application is specified in the relevant product (system) standard.

**3.6.2  
design stress based on CRS $_{\theta, t}$  value**

$\sigma_{s, \theta, t}$   
stress derived by dividing CRS $_{\theta, t}$  by the design coefficient  $C$ , i.e.  $\sigma_{s, \theta, t} = CRS_{\theta, t}/C$

NOTE 1 The maximum allowable design stress for a given material is derived by dividing CRS $_{\theta, t}$  by the minimum design coefficient,  $C_{min}$ , i.e.  $\sigma_{s, \theta, t} = CRS_{\theta, t}/C_{min}$ .

NOTE 2 Design stress for a specific application is specified in the relevant product (system) standard.

#### 4 MRS classification of materials in pipe form

A thermoplastics material shall be classified by its  $\sigma_{LPL}$  values at 20 °C and 50 years, rounded down to the next smaller value of the R10 series for  $\sigma_{LPL} < 10$  MPa or to the next smaller value of the R20 series for  $\sigma_{LPL} \geq 10$  MPa. This constitutes the MRS.

The classification number for a thermoplastics material shall be 10 times the MRS (when expressed in megapascals) as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1 — MRS classification at 20 °C and 50 years

Range of lower confidence limits $\sigma_{LPL}$ MPa	Minimum required strength MRS MPa	Classification number <sup>a</sup>
$1 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 1,25$	1	10
$1,25 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 1,6$	1,25	12.5
$1,6 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 2$	1,6	16
$2 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 2,5$	2	20
$2,5 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 3,15$	2,5	25
$3,15 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 4$	3,15	31.5
$4 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 5$	4	40
$5 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 6,3$	5	50
$6,3 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 8$	6,3	63
$8 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 10$	8	80
$10 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 11,2$	10	100
$11,2 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 12,5$	11,2	112
$12,5 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 14$	12,5	125
$14 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 16$	14	140
$16 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 18$	16	160
$18 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 20$	18	180
$20 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 22,4$	20	200
$22,4 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 25$	22,4	224
$25 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 28$	25	250
$28 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 31,5$	28	280
$31,5 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 35,5$	31,5	315
$35,5 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 40$	35,5	355
$40 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 45$	40	400
$45 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 50$	45	450
$50 \leq \sigma_{LPL} < 56$	50	500

<sup>a</sup> If the classification number is not an integer, a full stop is used instead of a comma.

### 5 $CRS_{\theta,t}$ value for specific design purposes

For design purposes at times other than 50 years and constant temperatures other than 20 °C, materials may be further described by a  $CRS_{\theta,t}$  value. These values are not intended for use in applications with temperature profiles, e.g. as defined in ISO 10508<sup>[3]</sup> for hot and cold water installations.

$CRS_{\theta,t}$  is determined from the value of  $\sigma_{LPL}$  at a temperature  $\theta$  and a time  $t$ , by rounding it down to the next smaller value of the R10 series for  $\sigma_{LPL} < 10$  MPa or by rounding down to the next smaller value of the R20 series for  $\sigma_{LPL} \geq 10$  MPa. This constitutes the  $CRS_{\theta,t}$  value as indicated in Annex A.

### 6 Design coefficient

The values of the design coefficient,  $C$ , are specified in the relevant product standards.

The values of the minimum design coefficient,  $C_{min}$ , at 20 °C for thermoplastics piping systems shall be equal to the value given in Table 2.

Higher design coefficients may be chosen in the case of:

- a) specific requirements for the products, such as additional stresses and other effects which are considered to occur in the application;
- b) influence of temperature and time (if different from 20 °C, 50 years) and/or influence of environment;
- c) standards that are based on MRS, where other temperatures of operation are required.

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**Table 2 — Values of  $C_{min}$**

Thermoplastics piping system	$C_{min}$
ABS	1,6
PB	1,25
PE (all types)	1,25
PE-X	1,25
PP copolymer	1,25
PP homopolymer	1,6
PVC-C	1,6
PVC-HI	1,4
PVC-U	1,6
PVC-O (for MRS ≤ 40)	1,6 <sup>a</sup>
PVC-O (for MRS > 40)	1,4 <sup>a</sup>
PVDF copolymer	1,4
PVDF homopolymer	1,6
PA11	1,6
PA12	1,6
PPSU	1,4

<sup>a</sup> In accordance with Table 1 of ISO 16422:2006 <sup>[4]</sup>



## 7 Calculation of design stress based on MRS classification

The design stress,  $\sigma_s$ , shall be calculated using Equation (1) and rounded to the next lower value in the R20 series:

$$\sigma_s = \frac{\text{MRS}}{C} \quad (1)$$

where

MRS is the value of the minimum required strength (see 3.3);

C is the applicable value of design coefficient in accordance with Clause 6.

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant product standards, the maximum allowable design stress shall be calculated using the minimum design coefficient,  $C_{\min}$ .

## 8 Designation of materials in pipe form

The designation of materials in pipe form shall include the following:

- the symbol of the material in accordance with ISO 1043-1;
- its classification number in accordance with Clause 4, unless otherwise specified in the product standards.

Example of the MRS designation of a PVC-U, with an MRS value of 25 MPa:

**PVC-U 250**

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A material may be designated to the next lower classification number.