



# Standard Specification for Type PSM Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers requirements and test methods for materials, dimensions, workmanship, flattening resistance, impact resistance, pipe stiffness, extrusion quality, joining systems and a form of marking for type PSM poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) sewer pipe and fittings.

1.2 Pipe and fittings produced to this specification should be installed in accordance with Practice D 2321.

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

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 8, 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials for Testing<sup>2</sup>
- D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 1784 Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds<sup>2</sup>
- D 2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings<sup>3</sup>
- D 2152 Test Method for Adequacy of Fusion of Extruded

Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe and Molded Fittings by Acetone Immersion<sup>3</sup>

D 2321 Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe for Sewers and Other Gravity-Flow Applications<sup>3</sup>

D 2412 Test Method for Determination of External Loading Characteristics of Plastic Pipe by Parallel-Plate Loading<sup>3</sup>

D 2444 Test Method for Impact Resistance of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings by Means of a Tup (Falling Weight)<sup>3</sup>

D 2564 Specification for Solvent Cements for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping Systems<sup>3</sup>

D 2749 Symbols for Dimensions of Plastic Pipe Fittings<sup>3</sup>

D 2855 Practice for Making Solvent-Cemented Joints with Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe and Fittings<sup>3</sup>

D 3212 Specification for Joints for Drain and Sewer Plastic Pipes Using Flexible Elastomeric Seals<sup>3</sup>

F 412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems<sup>3</sup>

F 1336 Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Gasketed Sewer Fittings<sup>3</sup>

2.2 *Federal Standard:*<sup>4</sup>

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

2.3 *Military Standard:*<sup>4</sup>

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology F 412, and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D 1600, unless otherwise specified. The abbreviation of poly(vinyl chloride) plastics is PVC.

3.1.1 The term PSM is not an abbreviation but rather an arbitrary designation for a product having certain dimensions.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The requirements of this specification are intended to provide pipe and fittings suitable for non-pressure drainage of sewage and surface water.

NOTE 1—Industrial waste disposal lines should be installed only with the specific approval of the cognizant code authority since chemicals not

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.04.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

commonly found in drains and sewers and temperatures in excess of 60°C (140°F) may be encountered.

## 5. Basic Materials

5.1 Pipe shall be made of PVC plastic having a cell classification of 12454 or 12364 as defined in Specification D 1784.

5.2 Fittings shall be made of PVC plastic having a cell classification of 12454 or 13343 as defined in Specification D 1784.

5.3 *Pipe and Fitting*—Compounds that have different cell classifications, because one or more properties are superior to those of the specified compounds, are also acceptable.

5.4 *Rework Material*—The manufacturer shall use only his own clean pipe or fitting rework material; the pipe and fittings produced shall meet all the requirements of this specification.

## 6. Joining Systems

6.1 *Solvent Cement Joints for Pipe and Fittings*—In the solvent cement joint, the pipe spigot wedges into the tapered socket and the surfaces fuse together. The tapered socket may be a portion of a molded fitting or it may be a belled end of the pipe section. Formed bells shall be concentric with the pipe axis.

6.1.1 The assembly of joints shall be in accordance with Practice D 2855.

6.1.2 *Joint Tightness*—Joints made with pipe and fittings or with belled-end pipe shall show no signs of leakage when tested in accordance with 8.9.

6.2 *Elastomeric Gasket Joints*, providing a water-tight seal.

6.2.1 The assembly of elastomeric gasket joints shall be in accordance with the pipe and fittings manufacturer's recommendations.

## 7. Requirements

7.1 *Workmanship*—The pipe and fittings shall be homogeneous throughout and free from visible cracks, holes, foreign inclusions, or other injurious defects. The pipe shall be as uniform as commercially practical in color, opacity, density, and other physical properties.

7.2 *Pipe Requirements:*

7.2.1 *Diameter*—The average outside diameter of the pipe shall meet the requirements given in Table 1 when measured in accordance with 8.4.1.

NOTE 2—As larger sizes of sewer pipe are needed, it is recommended that they be made with the following outside diameters: 475, 560, and 630 mm.

7.2.2 *Wall Thickness*—Pipe wall thicknesses shall meet the requirements of Table 1 when measured in accordance with Test Method D 2122 and 8.4.2. In the case of belled pipe and fittings fabricated from pipe sections, the thickness of the wall in the bell shall be considered satisfactory if it was formed from pipe meeting the preceding requirements.

7.2.3 *Pipe Flattening*—There shall be no evidence of splitting, cracking, or breaking when pipe is tested in accordance with 8.6.

7.2.4 *Pipe Impact Strength*—The impact strength of the pipe shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 when tested in accordance with 8.7.

NOTE 3—This test is intended only for use as a quality control test, not as a simulated service test.

7.2.5 *Pipe Stiffness*—Pipe stiffness values for the pipe shall comply with Table 3 when tested in accordance with 8.8.

7.2.6 *Extrusion Quality*—The pipe shall not flake or disintegrate when tested in accordance with 8.10.

7.3 *Requirements for Solvent Cemented Pipe and Fittings*

7.3.1 *Socket Diameter*—The inside diameter of the tapered socket shall comply with the dimensions listed in Table 4 when determined in accordance with 8.5.1.

7.3.2 *Socket Depth*—The socket depth shall not be less than that shown in Table 4 when measured in accordance with 8.5.2.

7.3.3 *Wall Thickness of Molded Fittings*—The wall thicknesses of the waterway and socket or bell of molded fittings shall be no less than the respective minimum thicknesses listed for the equivalent pipe in Table 1. For reducing fittings or those with smaller inlets, the minimum wall thickness of each inlet shall be no less than the minimum wall thickness for that size pipe. The thickness shall be determined in accordance with Test Method D 2122 and 8.5.3.

7.3.4 *Spigot Length*—The minimum distance from the spigot end to the area where the spigot diameter changes due to a socket, branch, or change in angle shall comply with the "C" dimension of Table 4.

7.4 *Fabricated Fittings*—Any fitting made from pipe or from a combination of pipe and molded parts shall be considered a fabricated fitting and the following provisions shall apply (see Table 5).

7.4.1 *Over-Wrapped Fittings*—Fabricated fittings that have an over-wrap of fiberglass reinforced thermosetting resin or other similar materials shall meet all of the requirements in 7.4.2 and 7.4.3.

NOTE 4—Refer to Appendix X3 for geometric configurations of some

**TABLE 1 Pipe Dimensions**

Nominal Size	Outside Diameter		Minimum Wall Thickness <sup>A</sup>			
	Average	Tolerance on Average	SDR 41	SDR 35	SDR 26	SDR 23.5
4	4.215	±0.009	...	0.120	0.162	0.178
6	6.275	±0.011	0.153	0.180	0.241	0.265
8	8.400	±0.012	0.205	0.240	0.323	...
9	9.440	±0.014	0.230	...	...	...
10	10.500	±0.015	0.256	0.300	0.404	...
12	12.500	±0.018	0.305	0.360	0.481	...
15	15.300	±0.023	0.375	0.437	0.588	...

<sup>A</sup>*Fitting Wall Thickness*—The wall thickness is a minimum value except that a ±10 % variation resulting from core shift is allowable. In such a case, the average of two opposite wall thicknesses shall equal or exceed the value shown in the table.

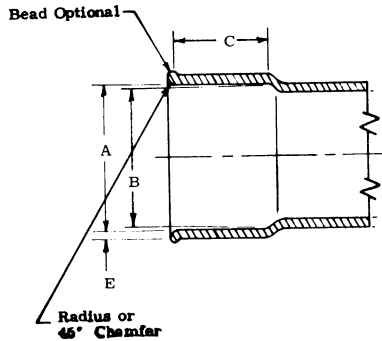
**TABLE 2 Minimum Pipe Impact Strength at 23°C (73°F)**

Pipe Size, in.	Impact Strength, J (ft-lbf)
4	203 (150)
6	284 (210)
8	284 (210)
9	299 (220)
10	299 (220)
12	299 (220)
15	299 (220)

**TABLE 3 Minimum Pipe Stiffness at 5 % Deflection**

Pipe Size, in.	Pipe Stiffness, kPa (psi)			
	SDR 41	SDR 35	SDR 26	SDR 23.5
4	...	320 (46)	790 (115)	1055 (153)
6 to 15	190 (28)	320 (46)	790 (115)	1055 (153)

**TABLE 4 Solvent Cement Socket Dimensions**



Nominal Size, in.	A	B	C
4	4.235 ± 0.009	4.210 ± 0.009	1.75
6	6.305 ± 0.011	6.270 ± 0.011	3.000
8	8.424 ± 0.012	8.388 ± 0.012	4.000
9	9.486 ± 0.014	9.426 ± 0.014	4.500
10	10.530 ± 0.015	10.485 ± 0.015	5.000
12	12.536 ± 0.018	12.482 ± 0.018	6.000
15	15.346 ± 0.023	15.277 ± 0.023	7.500

**TABLE 5 Fabricated Fitting Loads—F<sup>A</sup>**

Fitting Body Pipe Size, in.	F (lb/in. of length)
4	13.3
6	20.0
8	26.7
9	30.0
10	33.3
12	40.0
15	50.0

<sup>A</sup>F is the load required to produce 7.5 % deflection in SDR 35 (PS46) PVC pipe.

of the fittings being produced. Consult the individual manufacturer for laying lengths.

**7.4.2 Fabricated Fittings General Requirements:**

7.4.2.1 Pipe used in fabricated fittings shall meet all quality and dimensional requirements listed in the standard for that pipe.

7.4.2.2 Pipe used in fabricated fittings shall have a wall thickness equal to or greater than the wall thickness of the pipes to which the fitting (or that part of the fitting) will be joined.

7.4.2.3 No part of the spur or branch shall protrude into the waterway of the fitting more than 0.070 in.

7.4.2.4 All edges and joints exposed to sewage shall be rounded and free from any rough parts that could catch solids.

7.4.2.5 No fitting shall have an inside diameter dimension smaller than the base inside diameter listed in Table X1.1 for that pipe size and DR.

7.4.2.6 All welds and solvent cement joints shall be sound and free of visible defects.

**7.4.3 Fabricated Fittings Test Requirements:**

7.4.3.1 These requirements apply only to tee, wye, and bend fittings.

7.4.3.2 Deflect the fitting by applying the prescribed load to the body of the fitting (see Fig. 1 and Table 5). Apply the load over a 1 to 2-min period and maintain the load for 5 min. Inspect all welds and fabrication joints while the load is on the fitting. Any evidence of cracking or separation shall constitute failure of this requirement.

NOTE 5—Fitting Body Length: For bends use center line length. (Blocks shall be 2 in. shorter than body length.)

NOTE 6—This test is applicable to tees, wyes, and bends. Fittings shall be supported on a flat wood block, and the load shall be applied to a second block as shown. The TEST LOAD shall be computed by multiplying the F value in Table 5 by the length of the fitting body.

7.4.3.3 After completing the load test, plug all openings and pressure test at 25-ft head of water for 10 min. Any visible leakage of water at the fabrication joint or through the body constitutes failure to meet this requirement.

7.4.3.4 Fittings that have successfully passed both the load and pressure test are suitable for sale and use.

NOTE 7—These test requirements have been selected to evaluate quality of fabrication. They are not intended to simulate service conditions or to require testing of every fitting.

7.5 Solvent Cement—The cement shall meet the requirements of Specification D 2564.

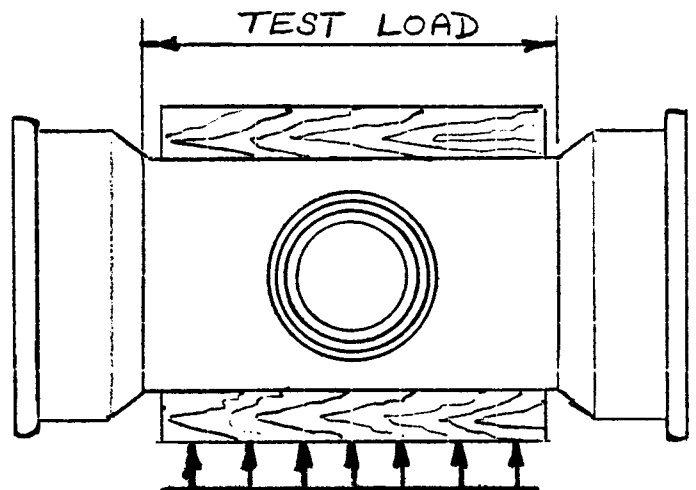
7.6 Requirements for Pipe and Fittings with Elastomeric Gasket Joints:

7.6.1 Pipe Requirements—In addition to the requirements of 7.2, the assembled joint shall display no leakage when tested in accordance with the requirements of Specification D 3212.

7.6.1.1 Bells—The dimensions shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s standard design dimensions and tolerances.

7.6.2 Fitting Requirements—With the exception of spigot lengths, molded and fabricated fittings with elastomeric gasket joints shall comply with the requirements of Specification F 1336.

7.6.2.1 Spigot Length—The minimum distance from the spigot end to the area where the spigot diameter changes due to a socket, branch, or change in angle shall comply with the “C” dimension of Table 4.



**FIG. 1 Deflection Test for Fabricated PVC Fittings**

## 8. Test Methods

8.1 *Conditioning*—Condition the test specimens at  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  ( $73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$ ) and  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity for not less than 40 h prior to test in accordance with Procedure A of Practice D 618, for those tests where conditioning is required.

8.2 *Test Conditions*—Conduct tests in the standard laboratory atmosphere of  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  and  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity, unless otherwise specified in the test methods or in this specification.

8.3 *Sampling*—The selection of the sample or samples of pipe or fitting shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. In case of no prior agreement, any sample selected by the testing laboratory shall be deemed adequate.

### 8.4 Pipe Dimensions:

8.4.1 *Pipe Diameters*—Measure the average outside diameter of the pipe in accordance with the applicable section of Test Method D 2122. Either a tapered sleeve gage or a vernier circumferential wrap tape accurate to  $\pm 0.02\text{ mm}$  ( $\pm 0.001\text{ in.}$ ) may be used.

8.4.2 *Wall Thickness*—Measure the wall thickness in accordance with the applicable section of Test Method D 2122. Make sufficient readings, a minimum of six, to ensure that the minimum thickness has been determined. Use a cylindrical anvil tubing micrometer accurate to  $\pm 0.02\text{ mm}$  ( $\pm 0.001\text{ in.}$ ).

### 8.5 Fittings Dimensions:

8.5.1 *Socket Diameters*—Measure the inside diameters of the sockets at the entrance and bottom in accordance with the applicable section of Test Method D 2122. Calculate the average inside diameters at the entrance and the bottom of the socket by taking the mean of the minimum and maximum values.

8.5.2 *Socket Depth*—Measure the fitting socket depth using a steel rule with at least 1-mm ( $1/16\text{-in.}$ ) graduations in accordance with the applicable section of Test Method D 2122.

8.5.3 *Wall Thickness*—Measure the wall thickness in accordance with the applicable section of Test Method D 2122. Make sufficient readings, a minimum of six, to ensure that the minimum thickness has been determined. Use a cylindrical anvil tubing micrometer accurate to  $\pm 0.02\text{ mm}$  ( $0.001\text{ in.}$ ).

8.6 *Pipe Flattening*—Flatten three specimens of pipe, 150 mm (6 in.) long, between parallel plates in a suitable press until the distance between the plates is 40 % of the outside diameter of the pipe. The rate of loading shall be uniform and such that the compression is completed with 2 to 5 min. Remove the load and examine the specimens for evidence of splitting, cracking, or breaking.

8.7 *Impact Resistance*—Determine the impact resistance of the pipe in accordance with the applicable section of Test Method D 2444, using a 20-lb Tup A and the flat plate Holder B. Test six specimens each 150 mm (6 in.) long at the impact levels given in Table 2. All shall pass. If one fails, test another six specimens; 11 passes out of 12 tested shall be acceptable.

8.8 *Pipe Stiffness*—Determine the pipe stiffness at 5 % deflection using Test Method D 2412. Test three specimens each 150 mm (6 in.) long and determine the average pipe stiffness at 5 % deflection. The pipe stiffness shall equal or exceed the minimum value listed in Table 3.

NOTE 8—The 5 % deflection criterion, which was arbitrarily selected for testing convenience, should not be considered as a limitation with respect to in-use deflection. The engineer is responsible for establishing the acceptable deflection limit (Appendix X1).

8.9 *Joint Tightness*—Join two pieces of pipe by means of a fitting or socket in accordance with Practice D 2855 and using solvent cement as described in 7.5. Allow the joined unit to stand 24 h at room temperature. Subject the unit to an internal water pressure of 170 kPa (25 psi) at room temperature for 1 h, and examine the pipe, fitting, and joints for leakage.

8.10 *Extrusion Quality*—Tests shall be run in accordance with Test Method D 2152. This procedure is used for determining the extrusion quality of extruded PVC plastic pipe as indicated by reaction to immersion in anhydrous acetone. It is applicable only for distinguishing between unfused and properly fused PVC.

## 9. Inspection

9.1 Inspection of the material shall be made as agreed upon by the purchaser and the seller as part of the purchase contract.

## 10. Retest and Rejection

10.1 If the results of any test(s) do not meet the requirements of this specification, the test(s) shall be conducted again only by agreement between the purchaser and the seller. Under such agreement, minimum requirements shall not be lowered, changed, or modified, nor shall specification limits be changed. If, upon retest, failure occurs, the quantity of product represented by the test(s) does not meet the requirements of this specification.

## 11. Certification

11.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, a manufacturer's certification shall be furnished to the purchaser that the material was manufactured, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification, and has been found to meet the requirements. When specified in the purchase order or contract, a report of the test results shall be furnished. Each certification so furnished shall be signed by an authorized agent of the manufacturer.

## 12. Marking

12.1 Pipe in compliance with this specification shall be clearly marked as follows at intervals of 1.5 m (5 ft) or less:

12.1.1 Manufacturer's name or trademark and code,

12.1.2 Nominal pipe size,

12.1.3 The PVC cell classification, for example 12454,

12.1.4 The legend "SDR-41 PVC Sewer Pipe," "SDR-35 PVC Sewer Pipe," "SDR-26 PVC Sewer Pipe," or "SDR 23.5 PVC Sewer Pipe," and

12.1.5 This designation, "ASTM D 3034."

12.2 Fittings in compliance with this specification shall be clearly marked as follows:

12.2.1 Manufacturer's name or trademark,

12.2.2 Nominal size,

12.2.3 The material designation "PVC,"

12.2.4 This designation, "ASTM D 3034."