



Standard Specification for Large Diameter Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe and Fittings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers requirements and test methods for materials, workmanship, dimensions, perforations, pipe stiffness, elongation, joint separation resistance, quality of extruded polyethylene, brittleness, bond, and marking of corrugated polyethylene (PE) pipe and fittings. It covers nominal sizes 8 in. (203 mm), 10 in. (254 mm), 12 in. (305 mm), 15 in. (381 mm), 18 in. (457 mm), and 24 in. (610 mm).

1.2 This specification covers tubularly extruded, spirally laminated, and rotationally molded corrugated polyethylene pipe.

1.3 The values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes only.

NOTE 1—Sizes 3 to 6 in. are covered in Specification F405.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 9, 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*:²
- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
 - D2412 Test Method for Determination of External Loading Characteristics of Plastic Pipe by Parallel-Plate Loading
 - D2444 Test Method for Determination of the Impact Resistance of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings by Means of a Tup (Falling Weight)
 - D3350 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials
 - F405 Specification for Corrugated Polyethylene (PE) Pipe and Fittings

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems
- F449 Practice for Subsurface Installation of Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe for Agricultural Drainage or Water Table Control
- 2.2 *Federal Standard*:³
- Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)
- 2.3 *Military Standard*:³
- MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

3. Terminology

- 3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions used in this specification are in accordance with Terminology F412, unless otherwise noted.
- 3.2 *split*—any break or crack that extends through the wall.
- 3.3 *crease*—a deformation that cannot be removed like a dent; generally associated with wall buckling.

4. Significance and Use

- 4.1 Corrugated PE pipe and fittings are intended for underground applications where soil provides support to their flexible walls. Their major use is to collect or convey drainage water, or both.
- 4.2 *Exclusions from Recommended Use*:
 - 4.2.1 Exposure to flame at any time,
 - 4.2.2 Permanent exposure to sunlight or weathering, or both, and
 - 4.2.3 Exposure to chemicals, other than those normally found in ground water, whose compatibility with the tubing and fittings is not known.

5. Materials

- 5.1 *Basic Materials*—Compounds used in the manufacture of corrugated PE drainage pipe and fittings shall have a minimum cell classification of 323410C or 333410C as defined and described in Specification D3350. Compounds that have a higher cell classification in one or more properties are acceptable, provided the product requirements are met.

NOTE 2—Class B pigments may be substituted for Class C provided that ultraviolet protection is acceptable to the publisher as satisfactory for the intended use.

- 5.2 *Rework Material*—Clean rework material, generated from the manufacturer's own production of the product, may

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be used by the manufacturer provided that the tubing and fittings produced meet all requirements of this specification.

6. General Requirements

6.1 *Workmanship*—The pipe and fittings shall be homogeneous throughout and essentially uniform in color, opacity, density, and other properties. The inside and outside surfaces shall be semimatte or glossy in appearance (depending on the type of plastic) and free of chalking, sticky, or tacky material. The pipe and fitting walls shall be free of cracks, holes, blisters, voids, foreign inclusions, or other defects that are visible to the naked eye and that may affect the wall integrity. Holes deliberately placed in perforated pipe are acceptable. The surface shall be free of excessive bloom. Bloom or chalking may develop in pipe exposed to the direct rays of the sun (ultraviolet radiant energy) for extended periods; consequently, these requirements do not apply to pipe and fittings after extended exposure to direct rays of the sun.

NOTE 3—Wall thickness may vary within each corrugation. Variation is acceptable provided the tubing meets all physical requirements.

7. Detail Requirements

7.1 General:

7.1.1 The following requirements shall be met by perforated or nonperforated pipe, as applicable.

7.1.2 Individual results shall be used to determine compliance with the requirements, unless otherwise stated.

7.2 Dimensions and Tolerances:

7.2.1 Pipe:

7.2.1.1 *Nominal Diameter*—The nominal diameter of the pipe shall be the average inside diameter rounded to the nearest whole number.

7.2.1.2 *Inside Diameter*—The tolerance on the nominal inside diameter shall be +3 %; −1.5 %, when measured in accordance with 9.3.

7.2.1.3 *Length*—The pipe may be sold in any length agreeable to the user. Length shall not be less than 99 % of stated quantity, when measured in accordance with 9.4.

7.2.2 Fittings:

7.2.2.1 The maximum allowable gap between pipe and fitting shall not exceed $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3 mm) unless otherwise specified.

7.3 Perforations:

7.3.1 *Drainage Pipe*—When perforations are necessary, they shall be cleanly cut and uniformly spaced along the length and circumference of the pipe in a size, shape, and pattern suited to the needs of the user.

7.3.2 The inlet area of the perforations shall be a minimum of 1 in.²/ft (21 cm²/m) of pipe.

7.4 *Pipe Stiffness*—The pipe shall have a minimum pipe stiffness of 30 psi (0.21 MPa) at 5 % deflection and 25 psi (0.18 MPa) at 10 % deflection, when tested in accordance with 9.5.

7.5 *Elongation*—Continuously extruded pipe that elongates more than 5 %, but less than 10 %, when tested in accordance with 9.6, shall meet the requirements of 7.4 when tested in accordance with 9.7. Pipe that elongates more than 10 % shall be rejected.

7.6 *Brittleness*—Pipe and fitting specimens shall be tested in accordance with 9.9.

7.7 *Bond*—The bond between layers of spirally laminated pipe shall be strong and uniform. There shall be no separation of layers when the pipe is deflected 20 %, in accordance with Test Method D2412, nor shall it be possible to separate the layers with the point of a knife when the pipe is in the deflected condition.

NOTE 4—This test may be conducted as a continuation of pipe stiffness testing as specified in 9.5.

NOTE 5—Until an ASTM specification for an acceptable stress-crack test is published, environmental stress cracking should be evaluated by the user on the basis of data furnished by the manufacturer.

7.8 Fitting Requirements:

7.8.1 The fittings shall not reduce or impair the overall integrity or function of the pipe line.

NOTE 6—Common corrugated fittings include in-line joint fittings, such as tees, Y's, reducers, couplers, elbows, and end caps. These fittings are installed internally or externally by various methods, such as snap-on, V-insertion, screw-on, or wrap around.

NOTE 7—Some corrugated fittings will not fit all pipe. Only fittings supplied or recommended by the pipe manufacturer should be used.

7.8.2 Joints made with couplers, installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, shall not separate when tested in accordance with 9.8.

7.8.3 Fitting specimens shall not crack or split when tested in accordance with 9.9.

8. Sampling and Retest

8.1 *Sampling*—Samples of pipe and fittings sufficient to determine conformance with this specification shall be taken at random from stock by the testing agency. Samples shall be representative of the product type under consideration.

8.2 *Retest and Rejection*—If any test failure occurs, the pipe or fitting may be retested to establish conformity. The test shall be repeated on two additional samples from the same lot or shipment. If either of these two additional samples fail, the pipe or fitting does not comply with this specification.

9. Test Methods

9.1 *Conditioning Test Specimens*—Condition the specimen prior to test at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) and 50 ± 5 % relative humidity for not less than 40 h prior to the test, in accordance with Procedure A in Practice D618 for those tests where conditioning is required, unless otherwise specified.

9.2 *Test Conditions*—Conduct tests in laboratory atmosphere of 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) and 50 ± 5 % relative humidity, unless otherwise specified.

9.3 *Inside Diameter*—Measure the inside diameter of three 1-ft (300-mm) specimens, with any suitable device accurate to ± $\frac{1}{32}$ in. (0.8 mm), at two positions, namely, the block seam and 90° from the block seams, and average the six measurements.

9.4 *Length*—Measure pipe with any suitable device accurate to ± $\frac{1}{32}$ in. in 10 ft (1 mm in 3 m). Make all measurements on the pipe while it is resting on a relatively flat surface, in a straight line, with no external tensile or compressive forces exerted on the pipe.

9.5 *Pipe Stiffness*—Select a minimum of three pipe specimens and test for pipe stiffness $F/\Delta y$, as described in Test