



Standard Specification for Butt Heat Fusion Polyamide(PA) Plastic Fitting for Polyamide(PA) Plastic Pipe and Tubing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers polyamide (PA) butt fusion fittings for use with polyamide pipe (IPS and ISO) and tubing (CTS). Included are requirements for materials, workmanship, dimensions, marking, sustained pressure, and burst pressure.

~~1.2 The values given in parentheses are provided for information only.~~

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *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

- D 1598 Test Method for Time-to-Failure of Plastic Pipe Under Constant Internal Pressure
- D 1599 Test Method for Resistance to Short-Time Hydraulic Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings
- D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D 2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- D 2513 Specification for Thermoplastic Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings
- D 4066 Classification System for Nylon Injection and Extrusion Materials (PA)
- F 412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems

2.2 Federal Standard:

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)³

2.3 Military Standard:

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage³

2.4 National Sanitation Foundation Standard:

Standard No. 14 for Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions are in accordance with Terminology F 412 and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D 1600, unless otherwise specified.

3.2 *dimension ratio (DR) for thermoplastic pipe*—the ratio of diameter to wall thickness. For this specification it is calculated by dividing the specified outside diameter by the specified wall thickness of the fitting at its area of fusion. DRs are rounded and do not calculate exactly.

4. Classification

4.1 *General*—This specification covers butt fusion fittings intended for use with polyamide pipe and tubing.

4.1.1 Fittings covered by this specification are normally molded. Fittings may be machined from extruded or molded stock.

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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* Vol 08.04, volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.02.

⁴ Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140, <http://www.nsf.org>.

4.1.2 Fittings fabricated by thermal welding are not included in this specification.

4.1.3 Fittings intended for use in the distribution of natural gas or petroleum fuels shall also meet the requirements of Specification D 2513.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 When ordering fittings under this specification, the following should be specified:

5.1.1 Polyamide compound (material designation or trade name)

5.1.2 Style of fitting (tee, 90° ell, and the like)

5.1.3 Size:

5.1.3.1 Nominal diameter.

5.1.3.2 CTS, IPS, or schedule.

5.1.3.3 Dimension ratio number or schedule number.

6. Materials

6.1 *Basic Materials*—This specification covers fittings made from polyamide plastics as defined in Specification D 4066.

NOTE 1—The PA plastic fittings intended for use in the transport of potable water should be evaluated and certified as safe for this purpose by a testing agency acceptable to the local health authority. The evaluation should be in accordance with requirements for chemical extraction, taste, and odor, that are no less restrictive than those included in National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Standard No. 14. The seal or mark of the laboratory making the evaluation should be included on the pipe and tubing.

6.2 *Compounds*—The polyamide fittings compounds shall meet the requirements for Group 3, Class 2, and Grade 3, or Group 4, Class 2 and Grade 3 as prescribed in Specification D 4066.

NOTE 2—Fittings produced from compounds meeting the requirements of Group 3, Class 2, and Grade 3 (PA 323) are intended for use with pipe manufactured from compounds meeting the requirements of Group 3, Class 2, and Grade 3. Fittings produced from compounds meeting the requirements of Group 4, Class 2, and Grade 3 (PA 423) are intended for use with pipe manufactured from compounds meeting the requirements of Group 4, Class 2, and Grade 3. As per the recommendations of respective resin manufacturers, no cross fusion between PA 323 pipe and fittings and PA 423 pipe and fittings is permitted.

6.3 *Rework Material*—Clean rework material generated from the manufacturer's own production may be used by the same manufacturer as long as the fittings produced conform to the requirements of this specification.

7. Requirements

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7.1 *Dimensions and Tolerances:*

7.1.1 *Outside Diameter*—Nominal outside diameters of butt fusion fittings shall conform to the nominal iron pipe size (IPS) or copper tubing size (CTS) dimensions at area of fusion. These dimensions and tolerances shall be as shown in Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3 of this specification.

7.1.2 *Inside Diameter (CTS Fittings Only)*—Inside diameters of butt fusion fittings for tubing at area of fusion shall conform to the dimensions of the tubing being joined. The dimensions and tolerances for the fittings are shown in Table 3.

7.1.3 *Wall Thickness*—The wall thicknesses of butt fusion fittings shall not be less than the minimum specified for the pipe or tubing. The wall thicknesses and tolerances at the area of fusion shall be as shown in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5 of this specification.

7.1.4 *Measurements*—These shall be made in accordance with Test Method D 2122 for roundable pipe.

7.1.5 *Design Dimensions*—Overall fitting dimensions may be as preferred from a design standpoint by the manufacturer and accepted by the purchaser consistent with 7.1.3.

7.2 *Pressure Test Requirements :*

7.2.1 *Short-Term Rupture Strength for Fittings ½ to 12 in. and 90 to 315 mm, Nominal Diameter*—The minimum short-term rupture strength of the fitting and fused pipe or tubing shall not be less than the minimum short-term rupture strength of the pipe or tubing in the system when tested in accordance with 10.5.3. These minimum pressures shall be as shown in Table 6 of this specification. Test specimens shall be prepared for testing in the manner described in 10.5.1 of this specification. The test equipment, procedures, and failures definitions shall be as specified in Test Method D 1599.

7.2.2 *Short-Term Strength for Fittings 14 to 48 in. and 355 to 1600 mm, Nominal Diameter*—Fittings shall not fail when tested in accordance with 10.5.3. The minimum pressure shall be as shown in Table 6 of this specification. Test specimens shall be prepared for testing in the manner described in 10.2 of this specification. The test equipment and procedures shall be as specified in Test Method D 1599.

7.2.3 *Sustained Pressure*—The fitting and fused pipe or tubing shall not fail, as defined in Test Method D 1598, when tested at the time, pressures, and test temperatures selected from test options offered in Table 7. The test specimens shall be prepared for testing in the manner prescribed in 10.5.1.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 The manufacture of these fittings shall be in accordance with good commercial practice so as to produce fittings meeting

TABLE 1 IPS Sizing System Outside Diameters and Tolerances for Fittings for Use with Polyamide Pipe, in.

| Nominal Pipe Size | Average Outside Diameter at Area of Fusion ^A | Tolerance |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| 1/2 | 0.840 | ±0.008 |
| 3/4 | 1.050 | ±0.008 |
| 1 | 1.315 | ±0.010 |
| 1 1/4 | 1.660 | ±0.010 |
| 1 1/2 | 1.900 | ±0.010 |
| 2 | 2.375 | ±0.010 |
| 3 | 3.500 | ±0.012 |
| 4 | 4.500 | ±0.015 |
| 6 | 6.625 | ±0.018 |
| 8 | 8.625 | ±0.025 |
| 10 | 10.750 | ±0.027 |
| 12 | 12.750 | ±0.036 |
| 14 | 14.000 | ±0.063 |
| 16 | 16.000 | ±0.072 |
| 18 | 18.000 | ±0.081 |
| 20 | 20.000 | ±0.090 |
| 21.5 | 21.500 | ±0.097 |
| 22 | 22.000 | ±0.099 |
| 24 | 24.000 | ±0.108 |
| 28 | 28.000 | ±0.126 |
| 32 | 32.000 | ±0.144 |
| 36 | 36.000 | ±0.162 |
| 42 | 42.000 | ±0.189 |
| 48 | 48.000 | ±0.216 |

^A Defined as measured 1/4 in. (6.4 mm) from fitting outlet extremity.

TABLE 2 ISO Sizing System (ISO 161/1) Outside Diameters and Tolerances for Fit for Use with Polyamide Pipe, mm

| Nominal Pipe Size | Average Outside Diameter at Area of Fusion | |
|-------------------|--|------------------|
| | Min | Max ^A |
| 90 | 90.0 | 90.8 |
| 110 | 110.0 | 111.0 |
| 160 | 160.0 | 161.4 |
| 200 | 200.0 | 201.8 |
| 250 | 250.0 | 252.3 |
| 280 | 280.0 | 282.5 |
| 315 | 315.0 | 317.8 |
| 355 | 355.0 | 358.2 |
| 400 | 400.0 | 403.6 |
| 450 | 450.0 | 454.1 |
| 500 | 500.0 | 504.5 |
| 560 | 560.0 | 565.0 |
| 630 | 630.0 | 635.7 |
| 710 | 710.0 | 716.4 |
| 800 | 800.0 | 807.2 |
| 900 | 900.0 | 908.1 |
| 1000 | 1000.0 | 1009.0 |
| 1200 | 1200.0 | 1210.8 |
| 1400 | 1400.0 | 1412.6 |
| 1600 | 1600.0 | 1614.4 |

^A Specified in ISO 3607.

the requirements of this specification. Fittings shall be homogeneous throughout and free of cracks, holes, foreign inclusions, or other injurious defects. The fittings shall be as uniform as commercially practicable in color, opacity, density, and other physical properties.

9. Sampling

9.1 Parts made for sale under this specification should be sampled at a frequency appropriate for the end use intended. When the fittings are to be installed under a system specification (such as Specification D 2513 for gas), the minimum requirements of that specification must be satisfied.

10. Test Methods

10.1 *General*—The test methods in this specification cover fittings to be used with pipe and tubing for gas, water, and other engineered piping systems. Test methods that are applicable from other specifications will be referenced in the paragraph pertaining to the particular test. Certain special test methods applicable to this specification only are explained in the appropriate paragraph.

TABLE 3 Diameter, Wall Thickness, and Tolerances for Fittings for Use with Polyamide Tubing

| Tubing Type, in. (mm) | Nominal Tubing Size, in. | Diameter at Area of Fusion ^A | | | | Minimum Wall Thickness, in. (mm) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Outside, in. (mm) | | Inside, in. (mm) | | |
| | | Average | Tolerance | Average | Tolerance | |
| 0.062 (1.57) | ½ CTS | 0.625 (15.88) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.495 (12.58) | ±0.004 (±0.10) | 0.062 (1.58) |
| | ¾ CTS | 0.875 (22.22) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.745 (18.92) | | |
| 0.090 (2.29) | ½ CTS | 0.625 (15.88) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.437 (11.10) | ±0.004 (±0.10) | 0.090 (2.28) |
| | ¾ CTS | 0.875 (22.22) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.687 (17.44) | ±0.004 (±0.10) | 0.090 (2.28) |
| | 1 CTS | 1.125 (28.58) | ±0.013 (±0.34) | 0.937 (23.80) | ±0.005 (±0.12) | 0.090 (2.28) |
| DR 11 | ¼ CTS | 1.375 (34.92) | ±0.013 (±0.34) | 1.187 (30.14) | ±0.005 (±0.12) | 0.090 (2.28) |
| | ¾ CTS | 0.875 (22.22) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.715 (18.16) | ±0.004 (±0.10) | 0.077 (1.96) |
| | 1 CTS | 1.125 (28.58) | ±0.013 (±0.34) | 0.915 (23.24) | ±0.005 (±0.12) | 0.101 (2.56) |
| DR 9.3 | ¼ CTS | 1.375 (34.92) | ±0.013 (±0.34) | 1.125 (28.58) | ±0.005 (±0.12) | 0.121 (3.08) |
| | ½ CTS | 0.625 (15.88) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.483 (12.26) | ±0.004 (±0.10) | 0.067 (1.70) |
| | ¾ CTS | 0.875 (22.22) | ±0.010 (±0.26) | 0.679 (17.24) | ±0.004 (±0.10) | 0.094 (2.38) |
| | 1 CTS | 1.125 (28.58) | ±0.013 (±0.34) | 0.873 (22.18) | ±0.005 (±0.12) | 0.121 (3.08) |
| | ¼ CTS | 1.375 (34.92) | ±0.013 (±0.34) | 1.069 (27.16) | ±0.005 (±0.12) | 0.148 (3.76) |

^A Defined as measured ¼ in. (6.4 mm) from fitting outlet extremity.

TABLE 4 IPS Sizing System Wall Thickness and Tolerance at the Area of Fusion for Fittings for Use with Polyamide Pipe, in.^{A, B, C}

| Nominal Pipe Size | Minimum Wall Thickness | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SCH 40 | SCH 80 | SDR 21 | SDR 17 | SDR 13.5 | DR 10 | DR 11.5 | SDR 11 | DR 9.3 | SDR 9 |
| ½ | 0.109 | 0.147 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.076 | 0.090 | ... |
| ¾ | 0.113 | 0.154 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.095 | 0.113 | 0.117 |
| 1 | 0.133 | 0.179 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.119 | 0.142 | 0.146 |
| 1¼ | 0.140 | 0.191 | ... | ... | ... | 0.166 | ... | 0.151 | 0.179 | 0.184 |
| 1½ | 0.145 | 0.200 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.173 | 0.204 | 0.211 |
| 2 | 0.154 | 0.218 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.216 | 0.256 | 0.264 |
| 3 | 0.216 | 0.300 | ... | ... | 0.259 | ... | 0.305 | 0.318 | 0.377 | 0.389 |
| 4 | 0.237 | 0.337 | ... | 0.264 | 0.333 | ... | 0.392 | 0.409 | 0.484 | 0.500 |
| 6 | 0.280 | 0.432 | 0.316 | 0.390 | 0.491 | ... | 0.576 | 0.603 | 0.713 | 0.736 |
| 8 | 0.322 | ... | 0.410 | 0.508 | 0.639 | ... | 0.750 | 0.785 | 0.928 | 0.958 |
| 10 | 0.365 | ... | 0.511 | 0.633 | 0.797 | ... | 0.935 | 0.978 | 1.156 | 1.194 |
| 12 | 0.406 | ... | 0.608 | 0.750 | 0.945 | ... | 1.109 | 1.160 | 1.371 | 1.417 |
| 14 | ... | ... | 0.667 | 0.824 | ... | ... | ... | 1.273 | 1.505 | 1.556 |
| 16 | ... | ... | 0.762 | 0.941 | ... | ... | ... | 1.455 | 1.720 | 1.778 |
| 18 | ... | ... | 0.857 | 1.059 | ... | ... | ... | 1.636 | 1.935 | 2.000 |
| 20 | ... | ... | 0.952 | 1.176 | ... | ... | ... | 1.818 | 2.151 | 2.222 |
| 21.5 | ... | ... | 1.024 | 1.265 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 22 | ... | ... | 1.048 | 1.294 | ... | ... | ... | 2.000 | 2.366 | 2.444 |
| 24 | ... | ... | 1.143 | 1.412 | ... | ... | ... | 2.182 | 2.581 | ... |
| 28 | ... | ... | 1.333 | 1.647 | ... | ... | ... | 2.545 | ... | ... |
| 32 | ... | ... | 1.524 | 1.882 | ... | ... | ... | 2.909 | ... | ... |
| 36 | ... | ... | 1.714 | 2.118 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 42 | ... | ... | 2.000 | 2.471 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 48 | ... | ... | 2.286 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

^A Tolerance +20 %, -0 %.

^B For those SDR groups having overlapping thickness requirements, a manufacturer may represent their product as applying to the combination (for example, 11.0/11.5) so long as their product falls within the dimensional requirements of both DR's.

^C For wall thicknesses not listed the minimum wall thickness may be calculated by the average outside diameter/SDR rounded up to the nearest 0.001 in.

10.2 *Conditioning*—Unless otherwise specified, condition the specimens prior to test at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) for not less than 6 h in air, or 1 h in water, for those tests where conditioning is required and in all cases of disagreement. Newly molded fittings shall be conditioned 40 h prior to test.

10.3 *Test Conditions*—Conduct the tests at the standard laboratory temperature of 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) unless otherwise specified.

10.4 *Dimensions and Tolerances:*

10.4.1 *Outside Diameter*—Measure the outside diameter of the fittings at the area of fusion in accordance with the Wall Thickness section of Test Method D 2122 by use of a circumferential tape readable to the nearest 0.001 in. (0.02 mm).

10.4.2 *Inside Diameter (CTS Fittings Only)*—Use a stepped plug gage to determine the inside diameter of the CTS end of the fitting. The plug gage shall be of the go/no go type and shall have ½-in. (12.7-mm) land lengths cut to the minimum inside diameter and maximum inside diameter. A fitting is unacceptable (no go) if it fits snugly on the minimum inside diameter land of the gage or if it fits loosely on the maximum diameter land of the gage.

10.4.3 *Wall Thickness*—Make a series of measurements using a cylindrical anvil tubular micrometer or other accurate device at closely spaced intervals to ensure that minimum and maximum wall thicknesses to the nearest 0.001 in. (0.02 mm) have been determined. Make a minimum of six measurements at each cross section.

10.5 *Pressure Testing:*