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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21138-1:2007), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated;
- references to EN test methods have been updated to ISO test methods, when applicable;
- editorial improvements have been made for clarification.

A list of all parts in the ISO 21138 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

The ISO 21138 series of standards covers plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage, in particular thermoplastics structured-wall piping systems.

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# Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) —

## Part 1: Material specification and performance criteria for pipes, fittings and systems

### 1 Scope

This document, together with ISO 21138-2 and ISO 21138-3, specifies the definitions and requirements for pipes, fittings and systems based on unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) structured-wall piping systems intended to be used in non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage applications.

NOTE 1 Pipes, fittings and the system complying with this document can also be used for highway drainage and surface water.

This document covers a range of pipe and fitting sizes, materials, pipe constructions, nominal ring stiffnesses, and gives recommendations concerning colours.

NOTE 2 It is the responsibility of the purchaser or specifier to make the appropriate selections from these aspects, taking into account their particular requirements and installation practices or codes.

In conjunction with ISO 21138-2 and ISO 21138-3, this document is applicable to structured-wall pipes and fittings, to their joints and to joints with components of other plastics and non-plastics materials.

It is applicable to structured-wall pipes and fittings with or without an integral socket with elastomeric ring seal joints as well as welded and fused joints.

NOTE 3 Pipes, fittings and other components conforming to any plastics product standards referred to in the Bibliography can be used with pipes and fittings conforming to this document when they conform to the requirements for joint dimensions given in ISO 21138-2 and ISO 21138-3 and to the performance requirements given in [Clause 9](#).

NOTE 4 For dimensions larger than DN/OD 1200 or DN/ID 1200, this document can serve as a general guideline regarding appearance, colour, physical and mechanical characteristics as well as performance requirements.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 580, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Injection-moulded thermoplastics fittings — Methods for visually assessing the effects of heating*

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

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ISO 1133-1, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 1: Standard method*

ISO 1167-1, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 1: General method*

ISO 1167-2, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 2: Preparation of pipe test pieces*

ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 2505, *Thermoplastics pipes — Longitudinal reversion — Test method and parameters*

ISO 2507-1, *Thermoplastics pipes and fittings — Vicat softening temperature — Part 1: General test method*

ISO 2507-2, *Thermoplastics pipes and fittings — Vicat softening temperature — Part 2: Test conditions for unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) or chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C) pipes and fittings and for high impact resistance poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-HI) pipes*

ISO 3126, *Plastics piping systems — Plastics components — Determination of dimensions*

ISO 3127, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of resistance to external blows — Round-the-clock method*

ISO 9852, *Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) pipes — Dichloromethane resistance at specified temperature (DCMT) — Test method*

ISO 9967, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of creep ratio*

ISO 9969, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of ring stiffness*

ISO 11173, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of resistance to external blows — Staircase method*

ISO 11357-6, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 6: Determination of oxidation induction time (isothermal OIT) and oxidation induction temperature (dynamic OIT)*

ISO 11922-1, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Dimensions and tolerances — Part 1: Metric series*

ISO 12091, *Structured-wall thermoplastics pipes — Oven test*

ISO 13254, *Thermoplastics piping systems for non-pressure applications — Test method for watertightness*

ISO 13259, *Thermoplastics piping systems for underground non-pressure applications — Test method for leaktightness of elastomeric sealing ring type joints*

ISO 13262, *Thermoplastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Thermoplastics spirally-formed structured-wall pipes — Determination of the tensile strength of a seam*

ISO 13263, *Thermoplastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Thermoplastics fittings — Test method for impact strength*

ISO 13264, *Thermoplastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Thermoplastics fittings — Test method for mechanical strength or flexibility of fabricated fittings*

ISO 13265, *Thermoplastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Joints for buried non-pressure applications — Test method for the long-term sealing performance of joints with elastomeric seals by estimating the sealing pressure*

ISO 13967, *Thermoplastics fittings — Determination of ring stiffness*

ISO 13968, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of ring flexibility*



ISO 21138-2, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Pipes and fittings with smooth external surface, Type A*

ISO 21138-3, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Structured-wall piping systems of unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 3: Pipes and fittings with non-smooth external surface, Type B*

EN 681-1, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 1: Vulcanized rubber*

EN 681-2, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 2: Thermoplastic elastomers*

EN 681-4, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 4: Cast polyurethane sealing elements*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472, ISO 1043-1, ISO 11922-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

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##### 3.1.1.1

##### **structured-wall pipes and fittings**

products that have an optimized design with regard to material usage to achieve the physical, mechanical and performance requirements of this document

Note 1 to entry: For a description of the particular designs covered by this document, see ISO 21138-2 for Type A and ISO 21138-3 for Type B. Type A pipes have an internal and external plain surface. Type B pipes have an internal plain surface and a hollow spiral or annular ribbed external surface.

##### 3.1.1.2

##### **fabricated fitting**

fitting manufactured by heat forming and/or joining more than one piece of pipe and/or moulded component

Note 1 to entry: Sealing rings retaining components are not considered as a piece.

#### 3.1.2 Geometrical terms

##### 3.1.2.1

##### **nominal size**

DN

numerical designation of the size of a component, other than a component designated by thread size, which is approximately equal to the manufacturing dimension in millimetres

Note 1 to entry: The nominal size is either related to the outside diameter, or to the inside diameter

**3.1.2.2**

**nominal diameter**

$d_n$

specified diameter, in millimetres, assigned to a nominal size (DN/OD or DN/ID)

**3.1.2.3**

**outside diameter**

$d_e$

value of the measurement of the outside diameter through its cross-section at any point of a pipe or spigot, rounded to the next greater 0,1 mm

Note 1 to entry: For Type B constructions, see ISO 21138-3.

**3.1.2.4**

**mean outside diameter**

$d_{em}$

value of the measurement of the outer circumference of a pipe or spigot in any cross-section divided by  $\pi$  (= 3,142), rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm

Note 1 to entry: For Type B constructions, see ISO 21138-3.

**3.1.2.5**

**mean inside diameter**

$d_{im}$

average value of a number of equally spaced measurements of inside diameter in the same cross-section of a pipe or fitting

**3.1.2.6**

**minimum mean inside diameter of a socket**

$D_{im,min}$

average value of equally spaced measurements of inside diameter in the same cross-section of a socket

**3.1.2.7**

**wall thickness**

$e$

measured wall thickness at any point of the body of a component

**3.1.2.8**

**wall thickness of the inside layer**

waterway wall thickness

$e_4$

<Type A1> thickness at any point of the inner layer of a pipe or fitting

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 21138-2, Figure 1.

**3.1.2.9**

**wall thickness of the inside layer**

waterway wall thickness

$e_4$

<Type B> thickness at any point of the wall between the ribs or corrugations of the pipe or fitting

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 21138-3, Figure 4.

**3.1.2.10**

**wall thickness of the inside layer under a hollow section**

$e_5$

thickness at any point of the inside wall between a hollow section and the inside surface of the Type A2 or Type B pipe or fitting

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 21138-2, Figure 2 and ISO 21138-3, Figure 4.

### 3.1.2.11 construction height

$e_c$

radial distance between the top of ribs or corrugation and the inside surface of the wall, in the case of Type B pipes and fittings or between the outside surface of the wall and the inside surface of the wall, in the case of Type A1 and Type A2 pipes and fittings

### 3.1.2.12 minimum length of a spigot

$L_{1,\min}$

minimum permitted value for the length of a spigot of a pipe or fitting

### 3.1.2.13 nominal ring stiffness

SN

numerical designation of the ring stiffness of the pipe or fitting, which is a convenient round number, indicating the minimum required ring stiffness of the pipe or stiffness of the fitting

### 3.1.2.14 fitting stiffness

mechanical characteristic of a fitting, which is a measure of the resistance to ring deflection under an external force as determined in accordance with ISO 13967

## 3.1.3 Material terms

### 3.1.3.1 virgin material

material in form such as granules or powder that have not been subjected to use or processing other than that required for their manufacture and to which no reprocessed or recycled materials have been added

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### 3.1.3.2

#### internal (own) reprocessed material

material prepared from rejected unused pipes or fittings, including trimmings from the production of pipes and fittings, that will be reprocessed in a manufacturer's plant after having been previously processed by the same manufacturer by a process such as moulding or extrusion and for which the complete formulation is known

### 3.1.3.3

#### external recycled material

material comprising either one of the following:

- a) material from rejected unused pipes or fittings, or trimmings therefrom, that will be reprocessed and that were originally processed by another manufacturer;
- b) material from used pipes or fittings that have been cleaned and crushed or ground;
- c) material from the production of unused thermoplastics products other than pipes and fittings, regardless of where they are manufactured
- d) material from used thermoplastics products other than pipes or fittings which have been cleaned and crushed or ground

## 3.2 Symbols

$d_{n1}$  nominal diameter of the main of a branch/saddle branch

$d_{n2}$  nominal diameter of the branch of a branch/saddle branch

L axial cover by a saddle branch