



# Standard Specification for Polypropylene (PP) Corrugated Wall Stormwater Collection Chambers<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers requirements, test methods, materials, and marking for polypropylene (PP), open bottom, buried chambers of corrugated wall construction used for collection, detention, and retention of stormwater runoff. Applications include commercial, residential, agricultural, and highway drainage, including installation under parking lots and roadways.

1.2 Chambers are produced in arch shapes with dimensions based on chamber rise, chamber span, and wall stiffness. Chambers are manufactured with integral feet that provide base support. Chambers may include perforations to enhance water flow. Chambers must meet test requirements for arch stiffness, flattening, and accelerated weathering.

1.3 Analysis and experience have shown that the successful performance of this product depends upon the type and depth of bedding and backfill, and care in installation. This specification includes requirements for the manufacturer to provide chamber installation instructions to the purchaser.

1.4 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.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address water quality issues or hydraulic performance requirements associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that appropriate engineering analysis is performed to evaluate the water quality issues and hydraulic performance requirements for each installation.*

1.6 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 6, 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:<sup>2</sup>

D256 [Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics](#)

D618 [Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing](#)

D638 [Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics](#)

D790 [Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials](#)

D1600 [Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics](#)

D2122 [Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings](#)

D2412 [Test Method for Determination of External Loading Characteristics of Plastic Pipe by Parallel-Plate Loading](#)

D2990 [Test Methods for Tensile, Compressive, and Flexural Creep and Creep-Rupture of Plastics](#)

D4101 [Specification for Polypropylene Injection and Extrusion Materials](#)

D4329 [Practice for Fluorescent UV Exposure of Plastics](#)

D6992 [Test Method for Accelerated Tensile Creep and Creep-Rupture of Geosynthetic Materials Based on Time-Temperature Superposition Using the Stepped Isothermal Method](#)

F412 [Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems](#)

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

*2.2 AASHTO Specification:*

~~Section 12 Buried Structures and Tunnel Liners, 12.12 Thermoplastic Pipes Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems  
F2787 Practice for Structural Design of Thermoplastic Corrugated Wall Stormwater Collection Chambers~~

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**3. Terminology**

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 Definitions used in this specification are in accordance with the definitions in Terminology F412, and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D1600, unless otherwise indicated.

3.1.2 *chamber*—an arch-shaped structure manufactured of thermoplastic with an open-bottom that is supported on feet and may be joined into rows that begin with, and are terminated by, end caps (see Fig. 1).

3.1.3 *corrugated wall*—a wall profile consisting of a regular pattern of alternating crests and valleys (see Fig. 2).

3.1.4 *crest*—the element of a corrugation located at the exterior surface of the chamber wall, spanning between two web elements (see Fig. 2).

3.1.5 *crown*—the center section of a chamber typically located at the highest point as the chamber is traversed circumferentially.

3.1.6 *end cap*—a bulkhead provided to begin and terminate a chamber, or row of chambers, and prevent intrusion of surrounding embedment materials.

3.1.7 *foot*—a flat, turned out section that is manufactured with the chamber to provide a bearing surface for transfer of vertical loads to the bedding (see Fig. 1).

3.1.8 *inspection port*—an opening in the chamber wall that allows access to the chamber interior.

3.1.9 *nominal height*—a designation describing the approximate vertical dimension of the chamber at its crown (see Fig. 1).

3.1.10 *nominal width*—a designation describing the approximate outside horizontal dimension of the chamber at its feet (see Fig. 1).

3.1.11 *period*—the length of a single repetition of the repeated corrugation, defined as the distance from the centerline of a valley element to the centerline of the next valley element (see Fig. 2).

3.1.12 *rise*—the vertical distance from the chamber base (bottom of the chamber foot) to the inside of a chamber wall valley element at the crown as depicted in Fig. 1.

3.1.13 *span*—the horizontal distance from the interior of one sidewall valley element to the interior of the other sidewall valley element as depicted in Fig. 1.

3.1.14 *valley*—the element of a corrugated wall located at the interior surface of the chamber wall, spanning between two webs (see Fig. 2).

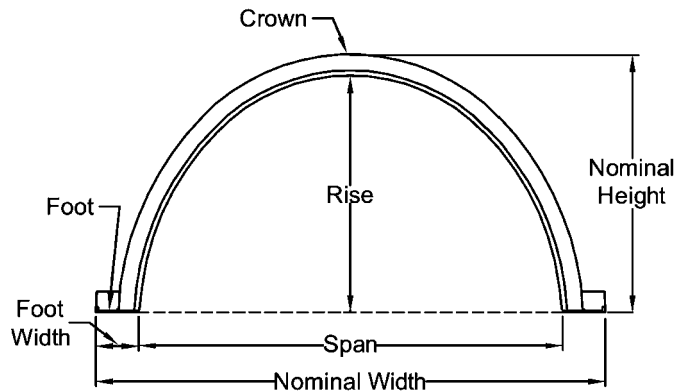
3.1.15 *web*—the element of a corrugated wall that connects a crest element to a valley element (see Fig. 2).

**4. Materials and Manufacture**

4.1 This specification covers chambers made from virgin and rework PP plastic materials as defined by material mechanical requirements and chamber performance requirements.

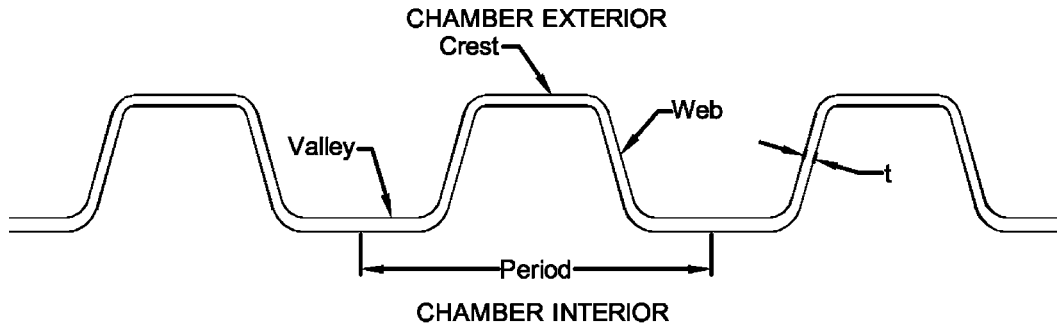
4.2 Polypropylene materials may be combined with copolymers, pigments, and impact modifiers which together are suitable for manufacture. Manufactured chamber and end cap material shall meet or exceed the requirements of designation PP0330B99945, Specification D4101. The minimum amount of polypropylene plastic in the material shall be 95 % by weight. The minimum tensile stress at yield, Test Method D638, shall not be less than 3 100 psi (21 MPa). The minimum flexural modulus (1 % secant), Test Method D790, Procedure A, shall not be less than 145 000 psi (1 000 MPa). The minimum Izod Impact Resistance at 73 °F (23 °C), Method A in Test Method D256, shall not be less than 4 ft-lb/in. (215 J/m). Materials shall meet the creep requirements in 5.3.5 and 5.3.6 of this standard.

NOTE 1—The polypropylene melt flow rate is specified for chamber manufacture by injection molding. The melt flow rate may be less than 10 if the



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**FIG. 1 Model Chamber**



NOTE—The corrugation profile shown in this standard is intended only as a general illustration. Any corrugation pattern is permitted, as long as it meets all the specified test requirements of this standard.

FIG. 2 Model Corrugated Wall

manufactured chamber meets all other requirements in this standard. This cell class will be re-evaluated when new chamber classifications are added to Table 1.

NOTE 2—Polypropylene plastic is prepared by the polymerization of propylene or propylene with other alpha olefins as described in Specification D4101.

4.3 *Rework Material*—Clean rework material generated from the manufacturer’s own chambers may be used by the same manufacturer, using the same type and grade resin, provided that the chambers produced meet all the requirements of this specification.

5. Requirements

5.1 Chamber Description

5.1.1 Chambers shall be produced in arch shapes symmetric about the crown with corrugated wall and integral feet for base support (see Fig. 1). Any arch shape is acceptable provided all the requirements of this specification are met.

NOTE 3—For purposes of structural optimization, the wall geometry (e.g. for example, corrugation height, crest width, valley width, and web pitch) may vary around the chamber circumference.

5.1.2 Chambers shall be produced with maximum span at the base of the chamber (bottom of the chamber foot).

5.1.3 Chambers may include access ports for inspection or cleanout. Chambers with access ports shall meet the requirements of this standard with access ports open and closed.

5.1.4 Chambers may include perforations. Perforations shall be cleanly fabricated in a size, shape, and pattern determined by the manufacturer. Chambers with perforations shall meet the requirements of this standard.

5.1.5 Chamber sections shall be manufactured to connect at the ends to provide rows of various lengths. Joints shall be configured to prevent intrusion of the surrounding embedment material and shall be capable of carrying the full load for which the chamber is designed.

5.1.6 Each row of chambers shall begin and terminate with an end cap.

5.1.7 Chamber classifications, dimensions, and tolerances are provided in Table 1. Chamber classifications are based on the nominal height and nominal width of the chambers, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Classifications shall be manufactured with the specified rise and span with tolerances, minimum foot width, and minimum wall thickness.

5.2 *Workmanship*—The chambers shall be homogeneous throughout and essentially uniform in color, opacity, density, and other properties. The interior and exterior surfaces shall be free of chalking, sticky, or tacky material. The chamber walls shall be free of cracks, blisters, voids, foreign inclusions, or other defects that are visible to the naked eye and may affect the wall integrity.

5.3 Physical and Mechanical Properties of Finished Chamber:

TABLE 1 Classifications, Dimensions, and Tolerances

Chamber Classification	Nominal Height	Nominal Width	Rise		Span		Minimum Foot Width	Wall Thickness		Minimum Arch Stiffness Constant <sup>A</sup>
			Average	Tolerance ±	Average	Tolerance ±		Average	Minimum	
	in. (mm)	in. (mm)	in. (mm)	in (mm)	in. (mm)	in (mm)	in. (mm)	in. (mm)	in. (mm)	lb/ft/%
16×33	16 (406)	33 (838)	13.1 (333)	0.4 (10)	24.3 (617)	0.4 (10)	4.0 (100)	0.130 (3.3)	0.120 (3.0)	300
30×51	30 (762)	51 (1295)	26.7 (678)	0.4 (10)	42.6 (1082)	0.4 (10)	4.0 (100)	0.180 (4.6)	0.165 (4.2)	300
45×76	45 (1143)	76 (1930)	41.0 (1041)	1.0 (25)	67 (1702)	2.0 (51)	5.0 (127)	0.225 (5.7)	0.205 (5.2)	250
60×101	60 (1524)	101 (2565)	54.7 (1389)	1.0 (25)	85 (2159)	2.0 (5.1)	8.0 (203)	0.245 (6.2)	0.225 (5.7)	250

<sup>A</sup>The values for arch stiffness should not be considered comparable to values of pipe stiffness.