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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 16486-1:2020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- in Table 1, the old requirement for "pigment or carbon black dispersion" has been substituted by new requirements with reference to ISO 18553 and no reference to Annex A. Footnote ^a has also been corrected;
- a NOTE has been added in 5.4 making reference to ISO/WD 8149 as a reference document for regression curves for PA-U;

- ~~the former~~ Annex-A, “Assessment of degree of pigment or carbon black dispersion in unplasticized polyamide compounds” ~~from ISO 16486-1:2020,~~ has been deleted ~~by making~~ and reference ~~is made~~ to ISO 18553 ~~instead~~;
- ~~in~~ Table D.2 ~~and~~ Figure D.2, permeation coefficients of methane for PA-U 11 are given ~~and~~;
- ~~in~~ Table D.4 and Figure D.4, permeation coefficients of hydrogen for PA-U 11 are given.

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Introduction

This document specifies the general requirements for a piping system and its components made from unplasticized polyamide (PA-U), which is intended to be used for the supply of gaseous fuels.

Requirements and test methods for materials and components of the piping system are specified in this document and in ISO 16486-2^[1], ISO 16486-3^[2] and ISO 16486-4^[3].

Characteristics for fitness for purpose of the system and generic fusion parameters as well as related requirements and test methods are covered in ISO 16486-5.

Recommended practice for installation is given in ISO 16486-6^[4] which will not be implemented as a European Standard under the Vienna Agreement.

Assessment of conformity of the system forms the subject of ISO/TS 16486-7^[5]

ISO/TS 16486-8^[6] specifies the training and assessment of fusion operators.

NOTE 1 Recommended practice for installation is also given in CEN/TS 12007-6^[7] which has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 234, *Gas infrastructure*.

NOTE 2 ~~Also~~ EN 13067^[8] also gives recommendations for the qualification of welders for thermoplastics welded assemblies.

NOTE 3 A list of ASTM standards related to polyamide pipes and fittings for the supply of gas is given in the Bibliography^[9]^[10]^[11]^[12]

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1 Scope

This document specifies the general properties of unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) compounds for the manufacture of pipes, fittings and valves made from these compounds, intended to be buried and used for the supply of gaseous fuels. It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods to which it refers.

The ISO 16486 series is applicable to PA-U piping systems, the components of which are connected by fusion jointing and/or mechanical jointing.

This document establishes a calculation and design scheme on which to base the maximum operating pressure (MOP) of a PA-U piping system.

NOTE For the purpose of this document the term gaseous fuels includes, for example, natural gas, methane, butane, propane, hydrogen, manufactured gas, biogas, and mixtures of these gases.

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 179-1, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 307, *Plastics — Polyamides — Determination of viscosity number*

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

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

[ISO 1110, *Plastics — Polyamides — Accelerated conditioning of test specimens*](#)

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 1183-2, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part-2: Density gradient column method*

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

ISO 6259-1, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of tensile properties — Part-1: General test method*

ISO 6259-3, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of tensile properties — Part-3: Polyolefin pipes*

ISO 6964, *Polyolefin pipes and fittings — Determination of carbon black content by calcination and pyrolysis — Test method*

ISO 9080, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Determination of the long-term hydrostatic strength of thermoplastics materials in pipe form by extrapolation*

ISO 11413:2019, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Preparation of test piece assemblies between a polyethylene (PE) pipe and an electrofusion fitting*

ISO 12162, *Thermoplastics materials for pipes and fittings for pressure applications — Classification, designation and design coefficient*

ISO 13477, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of resistance to rapid crack propagation (RCP) — Small-scale steady-state test (S4 test) — 1*

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ISO 13478, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of resistance to rapid crack propagation (RCP) — Full-scale test (FST)*

ISO 13479, *Polyolefin pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of resistance to crack propagation — Test method for slow crack growth on notched pipes*

ISO 13954, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Peel decohesion test for polyethylene (PE) electrofusion assemblies of nominal outside diameter greater than or equal to 90 mm*

ISO 15512, *Plastics — Determination of water content*

ISO 16396-1, *Plastics — Polyamide (PA) moulding and extrusion materials — Part-1: Designation system and basis for specifications*

ISO 16396-2, *Plastics — Polyamide (PA) moulding and extrusion materials — Part-2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

[ISO 16486-5, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Unplasticized polyamide \(PA-U\) piping systems with fusion jointing and mechanical jointing — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*](#)

ISO 16871, *Plastics piping and ducting systems — Plastics pipes and fittings — Method for exposure to direct (natural) weathering*