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Standard Specification for Resilient Connectors Between Reinforced Concrete Manhole Structures, Pipes, and Laterals¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the minimum performance and material requirements for resilient connectors used for connections between reinforced concrete manholes conforming to Specification C478 and pipes, between wastewater structures and pipes, and between precast reinforced concrete pipe and laterals.

1.1.1 These connectors are designed to minimize leakage between the pipe and manhole, and between the pipe and lateral.

1.2 A complete metric companion to Specification C923 has been developed—C923M; therefore, no metric equivalents are presented in this specification.

NOTE 1—This specification covers the design, material, and performance of the resilient connection only. Connections covered by this specification are adequate for hydrostatic pressures up to 13 psi (30 ft) without leakage when tested in accordance with Section 7. Infiltration or exfiltration quantities for an installed system are dependent upon many factors other than the connections between manhole structures and pipe, and allowable quantities must be covered by other specifications and suitable testing of the installed pipeline and system.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 7, 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.* For a specific precaution statement, see 7.2.5.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C13 on Concrete Pipe and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C13.06 on Manholes and Specials.

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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.

- A493 Specification for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods for Cold Heading and Cold Forging
- A666 Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Flat Bar
- C478 Specification for Circular Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections
- C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products
- C913 Specification for Precast Concrete Water and Wastewater Structures
- D395 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Compression Set
- D412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension
- D471 Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids
- D543 Practices for Evaluating the Resistance of Plastics to Chemical Reagents
- D573 Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration in an Air Oven
- D624 Test Method for Tear Strength of Conventional Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers
- D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics
- D1149 Test Methods for Rubber Deterioration—Cracking in an Ozone Controlled Environment
- D1566 Terminology Relating to Rubber
- D2137 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Brittleness Point of Flexible Polymers and Coated Fabrics
- D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

NOTE 2—For more information about wastewater structures, see Specification C913.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 Terms relating to plastics and rubber shall be as defined in Terminologies D883 and D1566, respectively.

3.1.2 Terms relating to precast concrete pipe, manholes, and related products shall be as defined in Terminology C822 and as modified in 3.1.3 – 3.1.6.

3.1.3 *connector*—the entire assembly including resilient seals and metallic or nonmetallic mechanical devices, if any, used therein.