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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO_16486-3:20212020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes ~~compared to the previous edition~~ are as follows:

- the references in the Introduction have been updated;
- ~~—~~ a ~~note~~ Note has been added in the ~~scope~~ Introduction for information related to the suitability of PA-U pipe systems for 100 % hydrogen and its admixtures with natural gas;
- ~~— the references in the Introduction have been updated;~~
- ~~—~~ ISO 3183 has been added to the normative references;
- ~~—~~ in Table 3, in Table 3, row “315”, cut back length, the value “758” has been corrected to “75”;

- ~~a note~~Note has been added in ~~subclause 7.4~~7.4 for the testing of leaktightness under pressure with air/nitrogen, appropriate for all gaseous fuels (e.g. methane and hydrogen);
- the Note in ~~subclause 11.3~~11.3 concerning coding of traceability data has been changed and in ~~subclause 11.4~~11.4, reference to ISO 12176-5 has been made;
- in ~~Figure A.1~~Figure A.1, the illustration is replaced by a sketch that shows the value ~~H₂~~h₂ (= height of the active part).

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Introduction

This document specifies the 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.

NOTE 1 Additional information about the suitability of PA-U pipe systems for hydrogen and its admixtures is given in ISO 16486-1:2023, Annex D.

Requirements and test methods for material and components, ~~other than fittings~~ of the piping system, are specified in ISO 16486-1, ISO 16486-2, and ISO 16486-4 ~~[1]~~.

Characteristics for fitness for purpose of the system and generic fusion parameters are covered in ISO 16486-5.

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

~~Assessment of conformity of the system is given in ISO/TS 16486-7 [2].~~

NOTE 2 Recommended practice for installation is also given in CEN/TS 12007-6 ~~[3]~~, ^[3] which has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 234, *Gas infrastructure*.

Assessment of conformity of the system is covered in ISO/TS 16486-7.

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Part 3: Fittings

1 Scope

This document specifies the physical and mechanical properties of fittings made from unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) in accordance with ISO 16486-1, intended to be buried and used for the supply of gaseous fuels.

NOTE Additional information about the suitability of PA-U pipe systems for hydrogen and its admixtures is given in ISO 16486-1:2023 [4], Annex D.

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.

~~In addition, it~~In particular, this document lays down dimensional characteristics and requirements for the marking of fittings.

In conjunction with the other parts of the ISO 16486 series, this document is applicable to PA-U fittings, their joints, joints with components of PA-U and joints with mechanical fittings of other materials, and to the following fitting types:

- fusion fittings (electrofusion fittings and butt fusion fittings), and
- transition fittings.

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

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

ISO 1133-2, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 2: Method for materials sensitive to time-temperature history and/or moisture*

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 1167-4, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 4: Preparation of assemblies*

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

ISO 3183, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipe for pipeline transportation systems*

ISO 4433-1, *Thermoplastics pipes — Resistance to liquid chemicals — Classification — Part 1: Immersion test method*

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

ISO 13950, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Automatic recognition systems for electrofusion joints*

ISO 13951, *Plastics piping systems — Test method for the resistance of plastic pipe/pipe or pipe/fitting assemblies to tensile loading*

ISO 13953, *Polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings — Determination of the tensile strength and failure mode of test pieces from a butt-fused joint*

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 13955, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Crushing decohesion test for polyethylene (PE) electrofusion assemblies*

ISO 13956, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Decohesion test of polyethylene (PE) saddle fusion joints — Evaluation of ductility of fusion joint interface by tear test*

ISO 13957, *Plastics pipes and fittings — Polyethylene (PE) tapping tees — Test method for impact resistance*

ISO 16486-1, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) piping systems with fusion jointing and mechanical jointing — Part 1: General*

ISO 16486-2, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) piping systems with fusion jointing and mechanical jointing — Part 2: Pipes*

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 17778, *Plastics piping systems — Fittings, valves and ancillaries — Determination of gaseous flow rate/pressure drop relationships*

ISO 17885, *Plastics piping systems — Mechanical fittings for pressure piping systems — Specifications*

EN 682, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for seals used in pipes and fittings carrying gas and hydrocarbon fluids*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

API 5L, *Specification for Line Pipe*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16486-1 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

electrofusion socket fitting

polyamide (PA-U) fitting which contains one or more integral heating elements that are capable of transforming electrical energy into heat to realize a fusion joint with a spigot end and/or a pipe

3.2

electrofusion saddle fitting

unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) fitting which contains one or more integral heating elements that are capable of transforming electrical energy into heat to realize fusion onto a pipe

3.3

tapping tee

electrofusion saddle fitting (3.2) (top loading or wraparound) which contains an integral cutter, used to cut through the wall of the main pipe, and which holds the coupon inside the cutter

Note 1-to-entry:- The cutter remains in the body of the saddle after installation.

3.4

spigot end fitting

unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) fitting where the outside diameter of the spigot length is equal to the nominal outside diameter, d_n , of the corresponding pipe

3.5

transition fitting

factory made fitting that makes a transition joint between an unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) piping and a metallic pipe

Note 1-to-entry:- The metallic parts of the fitting may be assembled to metallic pipes by screw threads, compression joints, welded or flanged connections. The fitting can allow for either a dismountable or permanently assembled joint. In some cases, the supporting ring can also act as a grip ring.

4 Material

4.1 PA-U compound

The fittings shall be made from virgin material.

The compound from which the fittings are made shall be in accordance with ISO 16486-1.

4.2 Material for non-unplasticized polyamide parts

4.2.1 General

The materials and constituent elements used in making the fitting shall be resistant to the external and internal environments in which they are intended to be used: