



# Standard Practice for Determination of the Temperature of Above-Ground Plastic Gas Pressure Pipe Within Metallic Casings<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice describes a procedure for the determination of the temperature history of above-ground plastic gas pressure pipe encased in a metallic casing. Such temperature changes may be due to ambient air temperature, or solar exposure, or both.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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:

- D 2513 Specification for Thermoplastic Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings<sup>2</sup>
- E 220 Method for Calibration of Thermocouples by Comparison Techniques<sup>3</sup>

### 2.2 Other Document:

Thermoplastic Fuel Gas Piping/Investigation of Maximum Temperatures Attained by Plastic Pipe Inside Metal Service Risers, TR 30, Plastic Pipe Institute, May 1978<sup>4</sup>

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *Anodeless riser*—A type of transition fitting that is designed to transport gas from an underground polyethylene service line to above-ground steel piping. In an anodeless riser polyethylene pipe is always the gas carrier, at least, in the below ground section.

3.1.2 *plastic gas pipe*—an approved gas carrier that complies with Specification D 2513.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.04.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.03.

<sup>4</sup> Available from the Plastic Pipe Institute, 355 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10017.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides a procedure for determining the temperature history of plastic gas pressure pipe encased in metallic casings.

4.2 The data obtained are indicative of the temperature attainable within a service riser of a specific design and size in a given geographical location under the climatological conditions in existence during the test period.

4.3 The data obtained can be used within the constraints of 4.2 to design the maximum allowable operating pressures permitted by existing codes.

## 5. Apparatus

5.1 *Four-Channel Continuous Chart Thermocouple Recorder.*

5.2 *Thermocouple Probes.*

5.3 *Solar Load Panel*, 12 by 20 by 0.032 in. (300 by 500 by 0.8 mm), steel, painted flat black with an insulated thermocouple attached to the underside.

5.4 *Ambient Thermocouple Apparatus*, consisting of a well-ventilated, shaded housing containing a thermocouple for monitoring ambient air temperature (see Fig. 1).

## 6. Test Specimens

6.1 The riser may be either preassembled or fabricated in accordance with written procedures.

6.2 The outlet from the specimen defined by 6.1 shall be capped to simulate no-flow (stagnant) conditions.

6.3 The riser shall be fitted with a bare junction type “J” or “K” thermocouple probe 20–30 AWG that shall be installed 3 in. below the internal transition on the polyethylene pipe. The probe tip shall be embedded into the outer surface of the polyethylene pipe by using a soldering iron. The thermocouple wiring shall follow the piping and exit out the horizontal portion of the riser (see Fig. 2).

6.4 At least two specimens shall be used at each test site.

## 7. Procedure

7.1 Calibrate all thermocouple recorder combinations in accordance with Method E 220.