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ISO 11922 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Dimensions and tolerances*:

- Part 1: Metric series
- Part 2: Inch-based series

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## Introduction

In the past, International Standards specifying the tolerances to be applied to thermoplastics pipes have covered individual materials separately. The philosophy of ISO 11922 is to combine these already published standards into a single two-part standard covering the tolerances for extruded pipes manufactured from all thermoplastics materials, thus avoiding the need for a standard to be developed for each individual material.

ISO 11922 therefore contains a number of tolerance grades covering the mean outside diameter, the out-of-roundness of the outside diameter, the wall thickness at any point and the mean wall thickness. The bodies responsible for writing the various product and system standards will choose, from the specified tolerance grades, that grade which is suitable for the application and material involved.

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# Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Dimensions and tolerances —

## Part 1: Metric series

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11922 specifies tolerance grades for the outside diameter, out-of-roundness and wall thickness of metric thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids and manufactured with nominal outside diameters and nominal pressures in accordance with ISO 161-1<sup>[1]</sup> and nominal wall thicknesses in accordance with ISO 4065<sup>[3]</sup> (see annex A).

It is applicable to smooth thermoplastics pipes of constant circular cross-section along the whole length of the pipe, whatever the method of manufacture, the pipe material or the intended application.

NOTE — It is intended that the tolerance grades specified in product standards be selected from this part of ISO 11922, taking into account the material and the intended application.

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### 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 11922. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 11922 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3126:1974, *Plastics pipes — Measurement of dimensions*.

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 11922, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 nominal outside diameter,  $d_n$ :** A numerical designation of size which is common to all components in a thermoplastics piping system other than flanges and components designated by thread size. It is a convenient round number for reference purposes.

NOTE — For metric pipes conforming to ISO 161-1, the nominal outside diameter, expressed in millimetres, is the minimum mean outside diameter  $d_{em,min}$  specified in the applicable pipe standard.

### 3.2 Outside diameter, $d_e$

**3.2.1 mean outside diameter,  $d_{em}$ :** The measured length of the outer circumference of the pipe divided by  $\pi$ <sup>1)</sup>, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

**3.2.2 minimum mean outside diameter,  $d_{em,min}$ :** The minimum value of the mean outside diameter specified in the applicable pipe standard. It is equal to the nominal outside diameter  $d_n$ , expressed in millimetres.

**3.2.3 maximum mean outside diameter,  $d_{em,max}$ :** The maximum value of the mean outside diameter specified in the applicable pipe standard.

**3.2.4 outside diameter at any point,  $d_{ey}$ :** The measured outside diameter through the cross-section at any point of the pipe, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

**3.2.5 out-of-roundness:** The difference between the measured maximum outside diameter and the measured minimum outside diameter in the same cross-sectional plane of the pipe.

### 3.3 Terms relating to tolerances<sup>2)</sup>

**3.3.1 tolerance:** The permissible variation of the specified value of a quantity, expressed as the difference between permissible maximum and minimum values.

**3.3.2 permissible deviation:** The difference between a permissible limiting value and a reference value.

**3.3.3 tolerance grade:** In a standardized system of limits and fits, a group of tolerances considered as corresponding to the same level of accuracy for all basic sizes.

### 3.4 Wall thickness, $e$

**3.4.1 wall thickness at any point,  $e_y$ :** The measured wall thickness at any point around the circumference of the pipe, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

**3.4.2 minimum wall thickness,  $e_{y,min}$ :** The minimum wall thickness for the pipe specified in the applicable pipe standard.

**3.4.3 maximum wall thickness,  $e_{y,max}$ :** The maximum wall thickness for the pipe specified in the applicable pipe standard.

**3.4.4 mean wall thickness,  $e_m$ :** The arithmetic mean of at least four measurements regularly spaced around the same cross-sectional plane of the pipe, including the measured minimum and maximum values obtained, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

NOTE — The minimum number of measurements will be specified in the applicable pipe standard. The actual number of measurements will then depend on the fact that the measurement points have to be regularly spaced round the cross-sectional plane and, in addition, have to include both the minimum and the maximum measured values.

**3.4.5 nominal wall thickness,  $e_n$ :** The wall thickness, in millimetres, tabulated in ISO 4065, corresponding to the minimum wall thickness at any point  $e_{y,min}$ .

1) The value for  $\pi$  is taken to be 3,142.

2) These definitions are consistent with ISO 286-1<sup>[2]</sup>.

## 4 Tolerances on outside diameters

### 4.1 Mean outside diameter

For pipes conforming to ISO 161-1, the values specified therein as nominal outside diameters are minimum mean outside diameters, expressed in millimetres, and the permissible deviations from these diameters shall be positive. Hence the tolerances shall be expressed in the form  $^{+x}_0$  mm, where  $x$  is the value of the tolerance from table 1 appropriate to the tolerance grade.

The values in table 1 are based on the  $d_n$  specified in the applicable product standard, all dimensions being expressed in millimetres.

**Grade A:** For all nominal outside diameters, the tolerance equals  $0,009d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 0,3 mm and a maximum value of 10,0 mm.

**Grade B:** For all nominal outside diameters, the tolerance equals  $0,006d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 0,3 mm and a maximum value of 4,0 mm.

**Grade C:** For all nominal outside diameters, the tolerance equals  $0,003d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 0,3 mm and a maximum value of 2,0 mm.

**Grade D:** For nominal outside diameters from 10 to 1 000, the tolerances have been based on practical experience where tighter tolerances than those specified for grade C are required.

**Grade E:** Practical experience and test data have demonstrated that, for certain types of joint for which grade B tolerances may generally be applicable, e.g. socket fusion joints in PE pipe systems, the calculated tolerances for nominal outside diameters of 110, 125 and 140 are too great and may lead to premature joint failure. Therefore, for such applications, grade E tolerances have been established.

### 4.2 Out-of-roundness of outside diameter

Four tolerance grades are given in table 2. The tolerance values for each grade are calculated from the nominal outside diameter  $d_n$  specified in the applicable product standard, all diameters being expressed in millimetres. The calculation factors used are based on practical experience. Grade K is recommended for coiled pipe, subject to an appropriate relaxation treatment being specified in the product standard.

**Grade K:** The tolerance equals  $0,06d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 1,0 mm, and is applicable to nominal outside diameters  $\leq 160$  only.

**Grade L:** The tolerance equals  $0,05d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 1,0 mm.

**Grade M:** The tolerance equals  $0,024d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 1,0 mm.

**Grade N:**

- a) For nominal outside diameters  $\leq 75$ , the tolerance equals  $(0,008d_n + 1)$  mm, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm, with a minimum value of 1,2 mm.
- b) For nominal outside diameters  $> 75$  but  $\leq 250$ , the tolerance equals  $0,02d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.
- c) For nominal outside diameters  $> 250$ , the tolerance equals  $0,035d_n$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

NOTE — The applicable pipe standard will specify the point in time at which the out-of-roundness is to be measured, e.g. at the time of extrusion, the time the product leaves the factory or the time of use.

Table 1 — Tolerances on mean outside diameters — Metric series

Tolerances in millimetres

Nominal outside diameter $d_n$	Tolerances (+x)				
	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
10	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
12	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
16	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
20	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
25	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
32	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
40	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
50	0,5	0,3	0,3	0,2	—
63	0,6	0,4	0,3	0,2	—
75	0,7	0,5	0,3	0,2	—
90	0,9	0,6	0,3	0,3	—
110	1,0	0,7	0,4	0,3	0,6
125	1,2	0,8	0,4	0,3	0,6
140	1,3	0,9	0,5	0,4	0,8
160	1,5	1,0	0,5	0,4	—
180	1,7	1,1	0,6	0,5	—
200	1,8	1,2	0,6	0,5	—
225	2,1	1,4	0,7	0,5	—
250	2,3	1,5	0,8	0,6	—
280	2,6	1,7	0,9	0,6	—
315	2,9	1,9	1,0	0,6	—
355	3,2	2,2	1,1	0,7	—
400	3,6	2,4	1,2	0,7	—
450	4,1	2,7	1,4	0,8	—
500	4,5	3,0	1,5	0,9	—
560	5,0	3,4	1,7	1,0	—
630	5,7	3,8	1,9	1,1	—
710	6,4	4,0	2,0	1,2	—
800	7,2	4,0	2,0	1,3	—
900	8,1	4,0	2,0	1,5	—
1 000	9,0	4,0	2,0	1,6	—
1 200	10,0	—	—	—	—
1 400	10,0	—	—	—	—
1 600	10,0	—	—	—	—
1 800	10,0	—	—	—	—
2 000	10,0	—	—	—	—



Table 2 — Tolerances on out-of-roundness — Metric series

Tolerances in millimetres

Nominal outside diameter $d_n$	Tolerances			
	Grade K	Grade L	Grade M	Grade N
10	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,2
12	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,2
16	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,2
20	1,2	1,0	1,0	1,2
25	1,5	1,3	1,0	1,2
32	2,0	1,6	1,0	1,3
40	2,4	2,0	1,0	1,4
50	3,0	2,5	1,2	1,4
63	3,8	3,2	1,6	1,5
75	4,5	3,8	1,8	1,6
90	5,4	4,5	2,2	1,8
110	6,6	5,5	2,7	2,2
125	7,5	6,3	3,0	2,5
140	8,4	7,0	3,4	2,8
160	9,6	8,0	3,9	3,2
180	—	9,0	4,4	3,6
200	—	10,0	4,8	4,0
225	—	11,3	5,4	4,5
250	—	12,5	6,0	5,0
280	—	14,0	6,8	5,8
315	—	15,8	7,6	6,6
355	—	17,8	8,6	7,6
400	—	20,0	9,6	8,6
450	—	22,5	10,8	9,8
500	—	25,0	12,0	11,1
560	—	28,0	13,5	12,5
630	—	31,2	15,2	14,0
710	—	35,5	17,1	15,6
800	—	40,0	19,2	17,5
900	—	45,0	21,6	19,6
1 000	—	—	24,0	22,1
1 200	—	—	28,8	24,9
1 400	—	—	33,6	28,0
1 600	—	—	38,4	31,5
1 800	—	—	43,2	35,0
2 000	—	—	48,0	42,0

## 5 Tolerances on wall thickness

### 5.1 Wall thickness at any point $e_y$

Three tolerance grades are given in tables 3, 4 and 5 which cover minimum wall thicknesses  $e_{y,min}$  up to 50 mm (tables 3 and 4) and 46 mm (table 5). The tolerance grade may be specified in product standards.

The tolerance values in tables 3, 4 and 5 are calculated from the relationships given below, where all values are expressed in millimetres, the relationships being based on practical experience of the extrusion of thermoplastics pipes of wall thickness up to 50 mm. The tolerance values specified in table 5 are normally used for pipes which are to be connected by mechanical fittings where it is necessary to have a tight tolerance on the wall thickness to allow compression of the pipe material without the need for extra sealing rings.

**Grade T** (see table 3):

- a) For  $e_{y,min} \leq 4,6$ , the tolerance equals  $(0,1e_{y,min} + 0,2)$  mm, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.
- b) For  $e_{y,min} > 4,6$ , the tolerance equals  $0,15e_{y,min}$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

**Grade U** (see table 4): For  $e_{y,min} > 3,5$ , the tolerance equals  $0,2e_{y,min}$ , rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

**Grade V** (see table 5): For  $e_{y,min} \leq 46$ , the tolerance equals  $(0,1e_{y,min} + 0,1)$  mm, rounded up to the nearest 0,1 mm.

The tolerances obtained for  $e_{y,min}$  are used to determine  $e_{y,max}$  from the following equation:

$$e_{y,max} = (e_{y,min} + t_y)$$

where  $t_y$  is the tolerance for the grade and minimum wall thickness concerned.

The limits for  $e_y$  shall be expressed as a positive permissible deviation relative to  $e_{y,min}$ , viz:

$$e_y = e_{y,min} \begin{smallmatrix} +t_y \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}$$

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