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## Introduction

This document specifies requirements and test methods for tapes and strings produced from virgin unsintered polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) for use with metallic threaded joints. It specifies two classes of PTFE tapes and PTFE strings – mainly differing in thickness and mass per area – for fine (F) and coarse (G) threads.

A universally applicable PTFE tape or PTFE string may be used for all gas, potable water and hot water installation.

In respect of potential adverse effects of the jointing compounds covered by this document on the quality of water intended for human consumption this document provides no information as to whether the jointing compounds may be used without restriction in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA. The use and characteristics of the jointing compounds should comply with current regulations, where they exist, depending the acceptance of verifiable European criteria.

Compared to previous standard EN 751-3:1996, this document does not include an assessment of the turning back properties. It has been determined in practice and during periodic tests that these properties can only be reproduced to a limited extent. Turning back during installation should be avoided. Should a connection made with PTFE tapes or threads nevertheless (have to) be turned back during installation, this is the responsibility of the user. It is common sense that installations are checked for tightness after completion.

Although PTFE natural colour is white and most common for PTFE tapes and PTFE strings, other colours may be used as well.

Test practice since the standard was published has shown that the vibration test has not provided any additional information about the tightness of the threaded connections. Therefore, the test was removed from the test schedule of the standard.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for unsintered polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) tapes and polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) strings (PTFE tapes or PTFE strings, for short) which are suitable for sealing threaded metallic joints as specified in EN 10226-1:2004.

This document covers two classes of PTFE tapes and PTFE strings suitable for fine (F) and coarse (G) threads.

The PTFE tapes and PTFE strings are used as sealing materials for metallic threaded joints in contact with 1<sup>st</sup> family gases (town gas), 2<sup>nd</sup> family gases (natural gas) and 3<sup>rd</sup> family gases (liquefied petroleum gases (LPG)) up to 500 kPa, up to 700 kPa for hot water of heating systems, and up to 20 kPa in gas appliances and their auxiliary equipment. The maximum working pressure covered in this document is 2000 kPa which is relevant to LPG storage. The temperature range is limited to -20 °C to 125 °C.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 10242:1994,<sup>1</sup> *Threaded pipe fittings in malleable cast iron*

EN 10255:2004+A1:2007, *Non-alloy steel tubes suitable for welding and threading — Technical delivery conditions*

EN 12164:2016, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for free machining purposes*

EN 10226-1:2004, *Pipe threads where pressure tight joints are made on the threads — Part 1: Taper external threads and parallel internal threads — Dimensions, tolerances and designation*

EN 10226-3:2005, *Pipes threads where pressure tight joints are made on the threads — Part 3: Verification by means of limit gauges*

EN ISO 11357-3:2018, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization (ISO 11357-3:2018)*

EN ISO 11358-1:2014, *Plastics — Thermogravimetry (TG) of polymers — Part 1: General principles (ISO 11358-1:2014)*

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