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- specification of steel grade moved into EN 13941-1;
- added thermal insulation series;
- added linear water tightness: requirements and test method;
- revised description of expected thermal life and long term temperature resistance in balance with EN 13941-1;
- revised description on shear strength: requirements and test method;
- removed Tangential shear strength and long-term creep resistance and modulus;
- revised Annex A, “Relation between actual continuous operating condition and accelerated ageing test conditions”;
- removed Annex C, “Calculated Continuous Operating Temperature (CCOT)”.

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Introduction

This specification is part of the standards for bonded pipe systems for district heating using polyurethane (PUR) foam thermal insulation applied to bond to a steel service pipe and a polyethylene (PE) casing.

The other standards from CEN/TC 107 covering this subject are:

- EN 448, *District heating pipes – Bonded single pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Factory made fitting assemblies of steel service pipes, polyurethane thermal insulation and a casing of polyethylene;*
- EN 488, *District heating pipes – Bonded single pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Factory made steel valve assembly for steel service pipes, polyurethane thermal insulation and a casing of polyethylene;*
- EN 489-1, *District heating pipes – Bonded single and twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Part 1: Joint casing assemblies and thermal insulation for hot water networks in accordance with EN 13941-1;*
- EN 13941-1, *District heating pipes – Design and installation of thermal insulated bonded single and twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Part 1: Design;*
- EN 13941-2, *District heating pipes – Design and installation of thermal insulated bonded single and twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Part 2: Installation;*
- EN 14419, *District heating pipes – Bonded single and twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Surveillance systems;*
- EN 15698-1, *District heating pipes – Bonded twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Part 1: Factory made twin pipe assembly of steel service pipes, polyurethane thermal insulation and one casing of polyethylene;*
- EN 15698-2, *District heating pipes – Bonded twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks – Part 2: Factory made fitting and valve assemblies of steel service pipes, polyurethane thermal insulation and one casing of polyethylene;*
- EN 17248, *District heating and district cooling pipe systems – Terms and definitions.*

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for straight lengths of factory made thermally insulated bonded single pipe assemblies for hot water networks in accordance with EN 13941-1, comprising a steel service pipe, polyurethane foam thermal insulation and a casing of polyethylene.

The pipe assembly can also include the following additional elements: measuring wires, spacers and diffusion barriers.

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.

EN 10204, *Metallic products - Types of inspection documents*

EN 10216-2, *Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 2: Non-alloy and alloy steel tubes with specified elevated temperature properties*

EN 10217-2, *Welded steel tubes for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 2: Electric welded non-alloy and alloy steel tubes with specified elevated temperature properties*

EN 10217-5, *Welded steel tubes for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 5: Submerged arc welded non-alloy and alloy steel tubes with specified elevated temperature properties*

EN 10220, *Seamless and welded steel tubes - Dimensions and masses per unit length*

EN 13941-1, *District heating pipes — Design and installation of thermal insulated bonded single and twin pipe systems for directly buried hot water networks — Part 1: Design*

EN 14419, *District heating pipes - Bonded single and twin pipe systems for buried hot water networks - Surveillance systems*

EN 17248, *District heating and district cooling pipe systems - Terms and definitions*

EN ISO 845, *Cellular plastics and rubbers - Determination of apparent density (ISO 845:2006)*

EN ISO 1133 (all parts), *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastic (ISO 1133 series)*

EN ISO 1923, *Cellular plastics and rubbers - Determination of linear dimensions (ISO 1923:1981)* A1

EN ISO 2505, *Thermoplastics pipes - Longitudinal reversion - Test method and parameters (ISO 2505:2005)*

EN ISO 3126, *Plastics piping systems - Plastics components - Determination of dimensions (ISO 3126:2005)*

EN ISO 4590, *Rigid cellular plastics - Determination of the volume percentage of open cells and of closed cells (ISO 4590:2016)*

EN ISO 6259-1, *Thermoplastics pipes - Determination of tensile properties - Part 1: General test method (ISO 6259-1:2015)*

EN ISO 8497:1996, *Thermal insulation - Determination of steady-state thermal transmission properties of thermal insulation for circular pipes (ISO 8497:1994)*