



Standard Specification for Polyethylene (PE) Plastic Tubing¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers polyethylene (PE) plastic tubing in outside diameters and SDR's that are pressure rated for water. Included are requirements for PE compounds, and requirements and test methods for PE plastic tubing workmanship, dimensions, elevated temperature sustained pressure, burst pressure and marking.

1.2 The text of this specification references notes, footnotes, and appendixes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes shall not be considered as requirements of the specification. Notes and footnotes in tables and figures, and Supplementary Requirements are requirements of the specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

NOTE 1—Joining PE plastic tubing with fittings that require flaring the tubing is not recommended because Practice D3140, the technique used to make the flare has been withdrawn (discontinued).

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 7, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
 - D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
 - D1238 Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer
 - D1598 Test Method for Time-to-Failure of Plastic Pipe Under Constant Internal Pressure
 - D1599 Test Method for Resistance to Short-Time Hydraulic Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings
 - D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
 - D1603 Test Method for Carbon Black Content in Olefin Plastics
 - D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
 - D2565 Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposure of Plastics Intended for Outdoor Applications
 - D2837 Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials or Pressure Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Products
 - D3350 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials
 - D3140 Practice for Flaring Polyolefin Pipe and Tubing (Withdrawn 1999)³
 - D4218 Test Method for Determination of Carbon Black Content in Polyethylene Compounds by the Muffle-Furnace Technique
 - F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems
 - G154 Practice for Operating Fluorescent Ultraviolet (UV) Lamp Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials
 - G155 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic Materials
- ### 2.2 APWA Standard:⁴
- APWA Uniform Color Code

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from APWA, 1200 Main Street, Suite 1400 Kansas City, MO 64105-2100, <https://www.apwa.net/>

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard