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For this harmonized supporting standard for materials, presumption of conformity to the Essential Requirements of the Directive is limited to technical data of the material in the standard and does not presume adequacy of the material to specific equipment. Consequently the technical data stated in the material standard should be assessed against the design requirements of the specific equipment to verify that the Essential Requirements of the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) are satisfied.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive for pressure equipment 97/23/EC**

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| Clause 15                          | Declaration of compliance         | Annex I 4.3 of the Directive                  |
| Annex A, A.6                       | Fitness for purpose of the system | Article 1 paragraph 2.1.2 and paragraph 2.1.5 |
| Annex B, B.6                       | Fitness for purpose of the system | Article 1 paragraph 2.1.2 and paragraph 2.1.5 |
| Annex C, C.6                       | Fitness for purpose of the system | Article 1 paragraph 2.1.2 and paragraph 2.1.5 |
| Annex D, D.6                       | Fitness for purpose of the system | Article 1 paragraph 2.1.2 and paragraph 2.1.5 |
| Annex E, E.6                       | Fitness for purpose of the system | Article 1 paragraph 2.1.2 and paragraph 2.1.5 |

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The committee responsible for this document is Technical Committee ISO/TC 138, *Plastics piping systems*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Plastics pipes and fittings for industrial applications*.

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## Introduction

This International Standard specifies the characteristics and requirements for a piping system and its components made from polybutene (PB), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT), crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X), or polypropylene (PP), as applicable, intended to be used for industrial applications above ground or below ground by authorities, design engineers, certification bodies, inspection bodies, testing laboratories, manufacturers, and users.

At the date of publication of this International Standard, standards for piping systems of other plastics used for industrial applications are the following:

ISO 10931, *Plastics piping systems for industrial applications — Poly(vinylidene fluoride) (PVDF) — Specifications for components and the system*

ISO 15493, *Plastics piping systems for industrial applications — Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS), unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C) — Specifications for components and the system — Metric series*

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the characteristics and requirements for components such as pipes, fittings, and valves made from one of the following materials intended to be used for thermoplastics piping systems in the field of industrial applications above and below ground:

- polybutene (PB);
- polyethylene (PE);
- polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT);
- crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X);
- polypropylene (PP).

NOTE 1 Requirements for industrial valves are given in this International Standard and/or in other standards. Valves are to be used with components conforming to this International Standard provided that they conform additionally to the relevant requirements of this International Standard.

This International Standard is applicable to either PB, PE, PE-RT, PE-X, or PP pipes, fittings, valves, and their joints and to joints with components of other plastics and non-plastic materials, depending on their suitability, intended to be used for the conveyance of liquid and gaseous fluids as well as solid matter in fluids for industrial applications such as the following:

- chemical plants;
- industrial sewerage engineering;
- power engineering (cooling and general purpose water);
- mining;
- electroplating and pickling plants;
- semiconductor industry;
- agricultural production plants;
- fire fighting;
- water treatment;
- geothermal.

NOTE 2 Where relevant, national regulations (e.g. water treatment) are applicable.

Other application areas are permitted if the requirements of this International Standard and/or applicable national requirements are fulfilled.

National regulations in respect of fire behaviour and explosion risk are applicable.