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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16422:2006), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

— Table 4: Physical characteristics: Resistance to dichloromethane and alternative tests.

— Annex A: Determination of pipe material classification: Procedures for classified and non-classified feedstock material.

— Annex F: Determination of axial and tangential orientation factor.

Introduction

Molecular orientation of thermoplastics results in improvement of physical and mechanical properties. Orientation is carried out at temperatures well above the glass transition temperature.

Orientation of PVC-U pipe-material can be induced by different processes.

In general the following production process is common. A thick-wall tube is extruded (feedstock) and conditioned at the desired temperature. The orientation process is activated in circumferential and axial directions under controlled conditions.

After the orientation process, the pipe is cooled down quickly to ambient temperature.

The orientation of the molecules creates a laminar structure in the material of the pipe wall. This structure gives the ability to withstand brittle failure emanating from minor flaws in the material matrix or from scratches at the surface of the pipe wall. PVC-O can therefore be considered as highly resistant to notches and no testing is needed. Because of the morphology of oriented PVC-U pipe-material, there is no risk of long-line rapid crack propagation.

Improved hoop strength, allows reduced wall thickness with material and energy savings. Improved resistance to impact and fatigue also result.

The classification depends on material compound/formulation and stretch ratios used. Therefore, with the classification, these characteristics may be specified or determined.

Variations in stretch ratios should be within 10 % of the value determined on the pipes used for classification. The determination of the stretch ratios may be carried out as shown in Annex F.