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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Specifications for ancillary fittings including shallow inspection chambers;*
- *Part 2: Specifications for manholes and inspection chambers in traffic areas and deep underground installations;*
- *Part 3: Guidance for assessment of conformity (CEN/TS) (the present document).*

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Introduction

Figures 1 and 2 are intended to provide general information on the concept of testing and organisation of those tests used for the purpose of the assessment of conformity. For each type of tests (i.e. type testing (TT), batch release test (BRT), process verification test (PVT) and audit test (AT), this document details the applicable characteristics to be assessed and the frequency and sampling of testing.

A typical scheme for the assessment of conformity of compounds, products and assemblies by manufacturers is given in Figure 1.

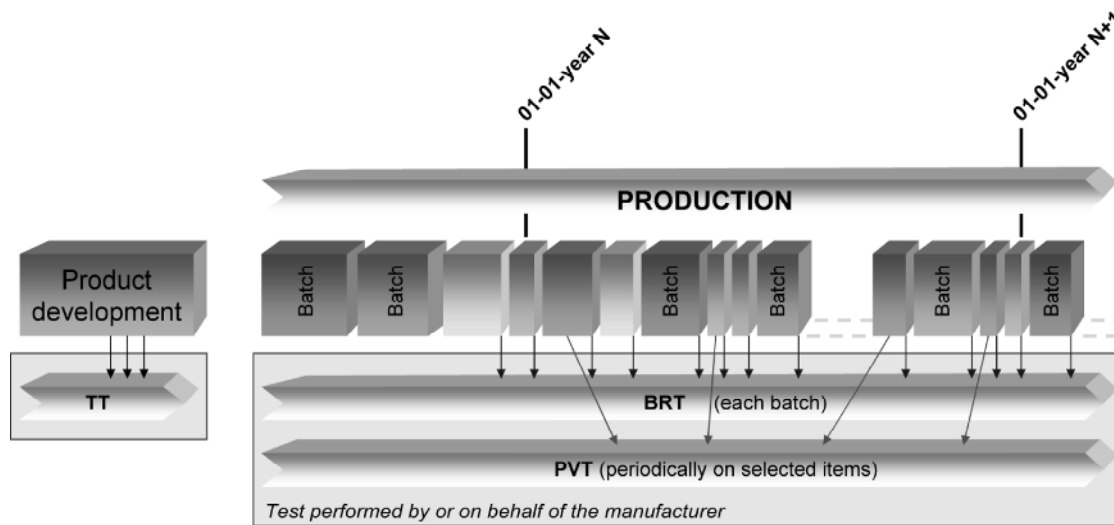


Figure 1 — Typical scheme for the assessment of conformity by a manufacturer

A typical scheme for the assessment of conformity of *compounds, formulations, pipes, fittings, or assemblies* by manufacturers, is given in Figure 2.

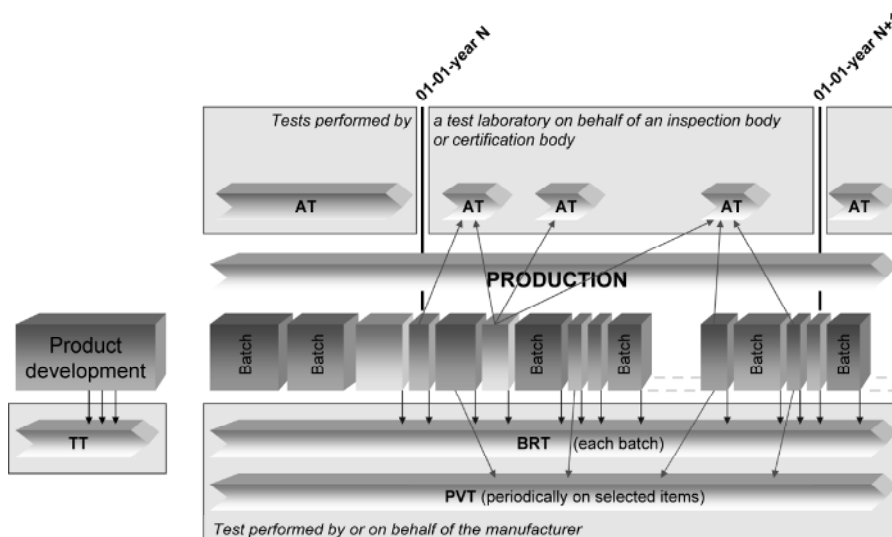


Figure 2 — Typical scheme for the assessment of conformity by a manufacturer

1 Scope

This Technical Specification gives guidance for the assessment of conformity of compounds/formulations, products and assemblies in accordance with Parts 1 and 2 of EN 13598 intended to be included in the manufacturer's quality plan as part of the quality management system and for the establishment of third-party certification procedures.

NOTE In order to help the reader, a basic test matrix is given in Annexes A and B.

In conjunction with EN 13598- 1 and -2, this Technical Specification is applicable to ancillary underground drainage fittings including manholes and inspection chambers:

- for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage outside the building structure (application area code "U"), reflected in the marking of products by "U", and
- for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage for both buried in ground within the building structure (application area code "D") and outside the building structure (application area code "U"), reflected in the marking of products by "UD".

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1401-1:2009, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) — Part 1: Specifications for pipes, fittings and the system*

EN 13598-1:2010, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 1: Specifications for ancillary fittings including shallow inspection chambers*

EN 13598-2:2009, *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Specifications for manholes and inspection chambers in traffic areas and deep underground installations*

ISO 3951-1, *Sampling procedures for inspections by variables — Part 1: Specification for single sampling plans indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection for a single quality characteristic and a single AQL*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in EN 13598-1:2010 and EN 13598-2:2009 and the following apply.

3.1 certification body

impartial body, governmental or non-governmental, possessing the necessary competence and responsibility to carry out certification of conformity according to given rules of procedure and management

Note 1 to entry: A certification body is preferably compliant with EN ISO/IEC 17021 [4], 3.2.

3.2 inspection body

body that performs inspection

Note 1 to entry: A body can be an organisation, or part of an organisation.

[SOURCE: EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004 [5], 2.2]

Note 2 to entry: A inspection body is preferably compliant with EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004 [5], 3.3.

3.3 testing laboratory

laboratory which measures, tests, calibrates or otherwise determines the characteristics of the performance of materials and products

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this part of EN 13598, the compounds / formulations and products can be subjected to type testing, batch release testing, process verification testing, audit testing and/or witness testing, as applicable.

Note 2 to entry: A testing laboratory is preferably compliant with EN ISO/IEC 17025 [6].

3.4 quality management system

management system to direct and control an organisation with regard to quality

[SOURCE: EN ISO 9000:2005 [7], 3.2.3]

Note 1 to entry: An example of a quality management system is given in EN ISO 9001 [1].

3.5 quality plan

document setting out the specific quality practices, resources and sequence of activities relevant to a particular product or range of products

3.6 type testing

TT

testing performed to verify that the material, product, joint or assembly is capable of conforming to the requirements given in the relevant standard

Note 1 to entry: The type test results remain valid until there is a change in the material or product or assembly provided that the process verification tests are done regularly.

3.7 batch release test

BRT

test performed by or on behalf of the manufacturer on a product batch, which has to be satisfactorily completed before the batch can be released

3.8 process verification test

PVT

test performed by or on behalf of the manufacturer on products and assemblies at specific intervals to confirm that type test originally performed on these products and assemblies continue to be valid and that the process continues to be capable of producing products which conform to the requirements given in the relevant standard

Note 1 to entry: Such tests are not required to release batches of products and are carried out as a measure of process control.

3.9 audit test

AT

test performed by a test laboratory on behalf of an inspection body or certification body to confirm that the *compound*, product, and *assembly* continues to conform to the requirements given in the relevant standard and to provide information to assess the effectiveness of the quality management system

3.10

indirect test

IT

test performed by or on behalf of the manufacturer, different from that specified test for that particular characteristic, having previously verified its correlation with the test specified

3.11

witness test

WT

testing accepted by an inspection or a certification body for type testing and/or audit testing, which is carried out by or on behalf of the manufacturer and supervised by a representative of the inspection or certification body, qualified in testing

3.12

material

compounds/formulations grouped by families, expressed by generic names, e.g. polypropylene, stainless steel, brass or EPDM

Note 1 to entry: Definition from European Commission, Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, Sub-group on Product Testing Procedures (EC, DG ENT and IND, SG PTP).

3.13

compound/formulation

clearly defined homogenous mixture of base polymer with additives, i.e. anti-oxidants, pigments, stabilisers and others, at a dosage level necessary for the processing and the intended use of the final product

3.14

material batch

clearly identified quantity of a given homogeneous *compound* manufactured under uniform conditions and defined and identified by the compound/formulation manufacturer

3.15

product

underground ancillary fittings and components intended to provide a means of access to the drainage system of a clearly identified type as specified in Parts 1 and 2 intended to be a part of a the drainage system

3.16

product batch

clearly identified collection of products, manufactured consecutively or continuously under the same conditions, using the same compound/ formulation conforming to the same specification

Note 1 to entry: The product batch is defined and identified by the product manufacturer.

3.17

lot

clearly identifiable sub-division of a batch for inspection purposes

3.18

sample

one or more products drawn from the same production batch or lot, selected at random without regard to their quality

Note 1 to entry: The number of products in the sample is the sample size.

3.19

group

collection of similar products from which samples are selected for testing purposes

3.20
component

product manufactured out of a specific compound/formulation, brought to the market as part of another product or as a spare part

3.21
joint

connection between two products

3.22
assembled component

assembled final product using two or more single parts

3.23
thermoplastics fabricated fitting

fitting produced from pipe and/or from injection-moulded fittings by thermoforming, solvent-cementing or welding

3.24
sampling plan

specification of the type of sampling to be used combined with the operational specification of the entities or increments to be taken, the samples to be constituted and the measurements or tests to be made

EXAMPLE A specific plan which indicates the number of units of products or assemblies to be inspected.

3.25
product type

generic description of a product

EXAMPLE A pipe or fitting or their main parts, of the same design, from a particular compound.

3.26
base type

base of a particular design and which can have different diameter and riser connections

3.27
cavity

(moulding) space within a mould to be filled to form the moulded product

EXAMPLE That part of the injection mould which gives the form to the injection moulded product.

4 Abbreviated terms

To avoid misunderstanding, the abbreviations in this Clause are defined as being the same in each language. For the same reason, the terms are given in the three languages, English, French and German.

EXAMPLE In the French language, the abbreviation for the French equivalent of "acceptable quality level" (AQL) is NQA; however for the purposes of this part of EN 13598 (CEN/TS 13598-3), the abbreviation of the English term (AQL) is adopted.

| | EN | FR | DE |
|-----|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| AQL | acceptance quality limit | niveau de qualité acceptable | annehmbare Qualitätsgrenzlage |
| AT | audit test | essai d'audit | Überwachungsprüfung |
| BRT | batch release test | essai de libération de campagne de fabrication | Freigabeprüfung einer Charge |
| IT | indirect test | essai indirect | indirekte Prüfung |
| PVT | process verification test | essai de vérification du procédé de fabrication | Prozessüberprüfung |
| TT | type test | essai de type | Typprüfung |
| WT | witness testing | essai témoin | Prüfung unter Aufsicht |

5 General

5.1 Materials, compounds/formulation, products, and assemblies shall conform to the requirements given in EN 13598-1 and -2.

5.2 Products shall be produced by the manufacturer under a quality management system which includes a quality plan (including specifications on joints and assemblies).

It is recommended that the quality management system conforms to or is no less stringent than the relevant requirements to EN ISO 9001 [1].

6 Testing and inspection

6.1 Material specification of PVC-U

For the purposes of this Document, the material specification consists of a formulation which defines types of PVC and additives and their dosage levels.

The dosage level of ingredients of a material shall not exceed the tolerance bands given in Table 1. If any level exceeds the dosage band or if a type is changed, this variation in formulation constitutes a change in material.

The manufacturers own rework material of known compound from his own production shall be allowed without limitation.

The use of external reformulated, reprocessible and/or recyclable material with agreed specification shall be considered as a change in formulation when the change in addition exceeds the tolerance bands given in Table 2.

The values of the parts X added to 100 parts by mass of PVC shall be specified by the manufacturer in his quality plan.

Table 1 — Formulation specification

| Ingredients | Type | Band |
|--|---|---|
| PVC resin | Nominal K value: as specified | ± 3 units |
| Type and content of stabiliser or master batch | 1) Pb 2) Ca-Zn 3) Sn 4) Ca-Sn 5) others | X ₁ : ± 25 % |
| Lubricants | All | X ₂ : ± 50 % for X ₂ ≤ 0,2 X ₂ : ± 0,1 parts for X ₂ > 0,2 |
| Fillers | 1) CaCO ₃ 2) others | X ₃ : ± 3 parts X ₄ : ± 25 % |
| Impact modifiers | All | X ₅ : ± 1 part |
| Flow agents | All | X ₆ : ± 25 % for X ₆ ≤ 2 X ₆ : ± 0,5 parts for X ₆ > 2 |
| Pigments | | No requirement |
| Others | To be separately specified by the manufacturer | X ₇ : ± 25 % |

Table 2 — Limits of addition of PVC reprocessable and recycling material

| Ingredients | Type | Band |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| External reprocessable and recyclable material | With an agreed specification ^a | ≤ X ₈ ^b |
| ^a The specifications shall be declared by the manufacturer to the certification body. ^b See specifications in A.3 of EN 1401-1:2009. | | |

6.2 Material specification of PP

For the purposes of this document, the material specification consists of a compound comprising a PP compound with specific trade name and additives with known dosage level.

The manufacturers own rework material of known compound from his own production shall be allowed without limitation.

Reformulated material must meet the band requirements of Annex A of EN 13598-1:2010 and Annex A or B of EN 13598-2:2009.

The use of external reformulated, reprocessable and/or recyclable material with agreed specification shall be considered as a change in formulation when the change in addition exceeds the tolerance bands given in Table 3.

Table 3 — Limits of addition of PP reprocessable and recycling material

| Ingredients | Type | Band |
|---|---|------------------|
| External reprocessable and recyclable material | With an agreed specification ^a | ≤ X ₁ |
| ^a The specification shall be declared by the manufacturer to the certification body. | | |

6.3 Material specification of PE

For the purposes of this document, the material specification consists of a compound comprising a PE compound with specific trade name and additives with known dosage level.

The manufacturers own rework material of known compound from his own production shall be allowed without limitation.

Reformulated material must meet the band requirements of Annex A of EN 13598-1:2010 and Annex A or B of EN 13598-2:2009.

The use of external reformulated, reprocessable and/or recyclable material with agreed specification shall be considered as a change in formulation when the change in addition exceeds the tolerance bands given in Table 4.

Table 4 — Limits of addition of PE reprocessable and recycling material

| Ingredients | Type | Band |
|---|---|------------------|
| External reprocessable and recyclable material | With an agreed specification ^a | ≤ X ₁ |
| ^a The specification shall be declared by the manufacturer to the certification body. | | |

6.4 Grouping

6.4.1 General

For the purposes of this document, the following groups apply.

6.4.2 Size groups

4 size groups are defined for ancillary products, inspection chambers and manholes, as given in Table 5.

For testing purposes, one individual nominal diameter, d_n , as defined in Parts 1 and 2 shall be selected from each group.

Table 5 — Size groups

| Size group | Nominal outside diameter, DN/OD mm | Nominal diameter DN/ID mm |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | ≤ 200 | ≤ 180 |
| 2 | >200 and ≤ 500 | > 180 and ≤ 450 |
| 3 | >500 and ≤ 1 200 | > 450 and ≤ 1 000 |
| 4 | > 1 200 | >1 000 |

NOTE For Inspection chamber and manholes size relates to the riser diameter. Mechanical saddles are sized by the diameter of the main pipe that they are intended to joint to. Other ancillary products are sized by their outlet diameter.

6.4.3 Fitting groups

6 groups of fittings are defined, as given in Table 6.

For testing purposes, one individual fitting shall be selected from each group.

Each group shall consist of a range of products of the same material and design.

Table 6 — Fitting groups

| Fitting group | Type of fitting |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Sealed access fittings |
| 2 | Rodding point tees |
| 3 | Rodding point covers |
| 4 | Mechanical Saddles |
| 5 | Inspection Chambers |
| 6 | Manholes |

6.5 Type testing (TT)

Relevant type tests shall be carried out whenever there is a change in design, in compound /formulation and/or in the production method, other than routine in-process adjustments, and/or whenever there is an extension of the product range.

Type tests shall demonstrate that the products conform to all requirements for the characteristics given in Tables 7 and 8.

Key (to Tables 7 and 8)

- N new system
- D change in design
- M change of compound-formulation
- P change of production method
- E extension of the product range (except the products already covered by the scheme of sampling procedure)
- + test to be carried out

NOTE The manufacturer should submit intended marking details of the product to the certification body prior to approval.

Table 7 — Characteristics of EN 13598-1:2010 products that require type testing (TT)

| Characteristic | Reference to clause or subclause of EN 13598-1:2010 | Conditions requiring test | | | | | Sampling procedure | |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| | | N | D | M | P | E | Manufacturer | Certification body ^a |
| Material | 4.1 | + | | + | | | Once per compound/formulation | Once per compound/formulation |
| Appearance | 5.1 | + | | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per fitting group |
| Colour | 5.3 | + | | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per fitting group |
| Geometrical characteristics | 6.2 and 6.3 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group and per fitting group |
| Effect of heating PVC-U injection moulded products | 8 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per fitting group |
| | | | | + | | | Once per size group per fittings group | Once per compound/formulation |
| Mechanical characteristics inspection chamber shallow | | | | | | | | |
| Stiffness of riser shaft | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per riser | Once per size group |
| Vacuum requirement of base | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group |
| Resistance of riser / base to vertical loading | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group |
| Mechanical characteristics mechanical saddles | | | | | | | | |
| Resistance to vertical load | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per fitting | Once size group of branch inlet per joint design ^c |
| Mechanical strength of saddle | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group per joint design ^c (saddle to pipe) |
| Mechanical characteristics rodding point covers | | | | | | | | |
| Resistance to vertical loading | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group |
| Mechanical characteristics fabricated fittings^b | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanical strength and flexibility | 9 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group per fitting group |
| Leaktightness of fabricated fittings | 9 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group per fittings group |
| Performance characteristics | | | | | | | | |
| Tightness of elastomeric sealing ring joints to pipes | 10 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting per joint design ^c | Once per size group per joint design ^c |
| Elevated temperature resistance of UD fittings | 10 | + | + | + | + | | Once per fitting per joint design ^c | Once per size group per fittings group |
| Tightness of fittings other than shallow inspection chambers | 10 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting per joint design ^c | Once per size group per fittings group per joint design ^c |
| Watertightness of shallow inspection chambers | 10 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting per joint design ^c | Once per size group of main channel per joint design ^c |
| Shear resistance of joints to rigid pipes | 10 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting per joint design ^c | Once per size group per joint design ^c |

^a Recommended sampling procedure for a testing laboratory working on behalf of a certification body. Testing undertaken in a manufacturer laboratory shall be taken into account, provided prior acceptance by the certification body.

^b Only for fabricated fittings made from more than one piece. A sealing ring retaining mean is not considered as a piece.
^c Joint design at least includes: seal design, groove geometry and seal hardness (+ 5 IRHD)

Table 8 — Characteristics of EN 13598-2:2009 products that require type testing (TT)

| Characteristic | Reference to clause or subclause of EN 13598-2:2009 | Conditions requiring test | | | | | Sampling procedure | |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | N | D | M | P | E | Manufacturer | Certification body ^a |
| Material for bases | 4.1 | + | | + | | | Once per compound/formulation | Once per compound/formulation |
| Material for risers and cones | 4.2 | + | | + | | | Once per compound/formulation | Once per compound/formulation |
| Utilisation of non virgin materials | 4.3 | + | | + | + | | Once per compound/formulation | Once per compound/formulation |
| Appearance | 5.1 | + | | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per fitting group |
| Colour | 5.2 | + | | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per fitting group |
| Geometrical characteristics | 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group and per fitting group |
| Geometrical characteristics additional requirements | 6.2 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per size group and per fitting group |
| Mechanical characteristics of bases | | | | | | | | |
| Structural integrity | 7 | + | + | + | + | + | once per size group (largest size) and per design | Once per size group and per fitting group |
| Impact resistance | 7 | + | + | + | + | | Once per fitting | Once per size group and per fitting group |
| Impact Strength (Drop test) ^c | 7 | + | + | + | + | | Once per size per fittings group | Once per fitting group |
| Mechanical characteristics risers, ladders and telescopic parts | | | | | | | | |
| Ring stiffness risers and telescopic parts | 7 | + | + | + | + | | Once per size and design | Once per size group and per fitting group |
| Manhole steps and ladder strength and pull out resistance | 7 | + | + | + | + | | Once per design | Once per manhole size group per design |
| Physical characteristics of PVC-U injection moulded components | | | | | | | | |
| Effect of heating | 8 | + | + | | + | + | Once per fitting | Once per fitting group |
| | | | | + | | | Once per size group per fittings group | Once per compound/formulation |
| Performance characteristics of bases | | | | | | | | |
| Tightness of elastomeric sealing ring joints for pipe-base connection | 9 | + | + | | + | + | Once per joint size DN, per join design and per size group | Once per size group per joint design ^b |
| Water tightness base to riser connection | 9 | + | + | | + | + | Once per joint design and per size group | Once per size group per joint design ^b |
| Performance characteristics of riser | | | | | | | | |
| Water tightness between elements and accompanying | 9 | + | + | | + | + | Once per joint size DN, per join design and per size group | Once per size group per joint design ^b |

| components | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Performance characteristics of telescopic parts deeper than 0,5 m, cones and other near surface components | | | | | | | | |
| Water tightness of cone and telescopic parts | 9 | + | + | | + | + | Once per joint design and per size group | Once per size group per joint design ^b |
| Load bearing capacity of cone and near surface components | 9 | + | + | + | + | + | Once per joint design and per size group | Once per size group |
| ^a Recommended sampling procedure for a testing laboratory working on behalf of a certification body. Testing undertaken in a manufacturer laboratory shall be taken into account, provided prior acceptance by the certification body. ^b Joint design at least includes: seal design, groove geometry and seal hardness (± 5 IRHD) ^c Optional test, for bases intended to be used in areas where installation is usually carried out at temperatures below -10 °C. | | | | | | | | |

6.6 Batch release tests (BRTs)

Those characteristics specified in EN 13598 and listed in Table 9 and Table 10 shall be batch release tested with the minimum sampling frequency as given in Table 9 or Table 10, as applicable.

Table 9 — Characteristics of product to EN 13598-1:2010 and minimum sampling frequencies for BRTs

| Characteristic | Reference to part, clause or subclause of EN 13598-1:2010 | Minimum sampling frequency |
|---|---|---|
| Appearance and colour | 5.1 | Start up and once per shift |
| Wall thickness | 6.2.3 | Injection moulding – start of production Rotational moulding – start up and once per shift |
| Diameters sockets and spigots | 6.2.4 | Start up and once per shift |
| Effects of heating PVC-U only | 8 | Start up and once per day |
| Leaktightness of fabricated fittings ^a | 9 and Table 5 | Once per shift per fitting or AQL max ^b : 4% inspection level min S3 |
| Marking | 11.2 | Start up only |
| ^a Only for fabricated fittings made from more than one piece. A sealing ring retaining mean is not considered as a piece. ^b AQL requirements as defined in ISO 3951-1. | | |

Table 10 — Characteristics of product to EN 13598-2:2009 and minimum sampling frequencies for BRTs

| Characteristic | Reference to part, clause or subclause of EN 13598-2:2009 | Minimum sampling frequency |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Appearance and colour | 5 | Start up and once per shift |
| Wall thickness Injection moulding | 6.1.2 | Start up only |
| Wall thickness of extruded product ^a | 6.1.2 | Start up and once per shift |
| Diameters of socket and spigot of injection moulded and extrusion products | 6.1.2 | Start up and once per 24 hours |
| Wall thickness rotational moulded products plus diameters of sockets and spigots | 6.1.2 | Start up and once per shift |
| Effects of heating – PVC-U only | 8 | Start up and once per day |
| Product weight – Rotational moulding only | 9.2 | Start up and per shift |
| Dimensions of ladders or steps if installed | 6.2.2 | Start up only |
| Stiffness of riser ^{a b} | 7 – Table 4 | Start up and once per week |
| Marking | 10.1 | Start of production only |
| ^a Only for extruded products not covered by the product standards listed in Table 1 of EN 13598-2:2009. ^b Not for near surface components used at ≤ 1.25m depth. | | |

The manufacturer shall specify a batch or a lot in his quality plan.

A batch or lot shall only be released for supply when all the relevant tests and inspections have been carried out at least once at the specified frequencies and the requirements have been met.

If a product fails in respect of any characteristic given in Table 9 or Table 10, as applicable, the batch or lot shall be rejected or the retest procedures shall be performed for the characteristic on which the product failed.

The retest procedure shall be as follows:

Find the last product which conforms to the requirements as specified in EN 13598. Release all products produced before that point and reject the products produced after that point.

Procedures for dealing with rejected products shall be detailed in the manufacturer's quality plan.

6.7 Process verification tests (PVTs)

Those characteristics specified in EN 13598 and listed in Table 11 and Table 12 shall be process verification tested with the minimum sampling frequency given in Table 11 and Table 12, as applicable, if not type tested or audit tested in the same period.

Table 11 — Characteristics of product to EN 13598-1:2010 and minimum sampling frequencies for PVTs

| Characteristic | Reference to part, clause or subclause of EN 13598-1:2010 | Minimum sampling frequency |
|--|---|---|
| Material | 4.1 | Once per 2 years per compound formulation currently used |
| Tightness of elastomeric sealing ring joints to pipes | 10 – Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group and joint design ^a |
| Water tightness base to riser | 10 – Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^a |
| Tightness saddles | 10 – Table 6 and Annex B | Once per 2 years per pipe size group and saddle joint design ^a |
| ^a Joint design at least includes: seal design, groove geometry and seal hardness (± 5 IRHD). | | |

Table 12 — Characteristics of product to EN 13598-2:2009 and minimum sampling frequencies for PVTs

| Characteristic | Reference to part, clause or sub-clause of EN 13598-2:2009 | Minimum sampling frequency |
|---|--|---|
| Material for bases (not a listed EN 13598-2:2009, Table 1 material) | 4.1.2 - Annex A and Table A.1 | Once per 2 years per compound/formulation currently used |
| Material for risers, telescopic parts, and cones (not a listed EN 13598-2:2009, Table 1 material) | 4.1.2, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 - Annex A, Table A.2 and Annex B | Once per 1 years per compound/formulation currently used |
| Utilisation of non-virgin materials | 4.3, Annex A, Table A.2 | Once per 1 year per compound/formulation currently used |
| Tightness of elastomeric ring sealing joints for pipe-base connection | 9 – Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group and joint design ^a |
| Water tightness base - riser riser – riser riser – cone riser – telescopic part telescopic part to telescopic part telescopic part - cone | 9 – Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group and joint design ^a |
| Impact resistance of base | 7 – Table 3 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Impact strength (Cold climate only) | 7 – Table 3 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Ladders / steps resistance to pull out | 7 – Table 4 | Once per design per year |
| Ladders / steps vertical loading | 7 – Table 4 | Once per design per year |
| ^a Joint design at least includes: seal design, groove geometry and seal hardness (± 5 IRHD). | | |

If the product does not conform to the requirements in respect of any characteristic given in Table 11 or Table 12, as applicable, the retest procedure detailed in the manufacturer's quality plan shall be performed. If third-party certification is involved, the certification body shall be informed.

If the retest procedure does not confirm conformity of the product to the requirements, then the process shall be investigated and corrected in accordance with the procedures given in the manufacturer's quality plan, as well as to verify the characteristics given in Table 11 and Table 12, as applicable.

A test performed as an AT does not need to be repeated as a PVT.

6.8 Audit tests (ATs)

ATs are performed if a third-party certification is involved only.

Those characteristics specified in EN 13598-1 and listed in Table 13 and Table 14 are intended to be audit tested with the minimum sampling frequency as given in Table 13 or Table 14, as applicable.

Table 13 — Characteristics of products to EN 13598-1:2010 minimum sampling frequencies for ATs

| Characteristic | Reference to part, clause or subclause of EN 13598-1:2010 | Minimum sampling frequency |
|---|---|---|
| Material | 4.1 | One compound / formulation per 2 years |
| General (appearance) | 5.1 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Colour | 5.3 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Dimensions | 6.2 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Marking | 11 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Physical characteristics of PVC-U injection moulded components | | |
| Effect of heating – PVC only | 8 | Once per 2 years per size group per fittings group |
| Mechanical characteristics inspection chamber shallow | | |
| Stiffness of riser shaft | 9, Table 2 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Vacuum requirements of base | 9, Table 2 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Resistance of riser / base to vertical loading | 9, Table 2 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Mechanical characteristics mechanical saddle | | |
| Resistance to vertical load | 9, Table 3 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Mechanical strength | 9, Table 3 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Mechanical characteristics rodding point cover | | |
| Resistance to vertical loading | 9 - Table 4 | Once per 2 years |
| Mechanical characteristics fabricated fittings^a | | |
| Mechanical strength and flexibility | 9, Table 5 | Once per 2 years |
| Leaktightness of fabricated fittings | 9, Table 5 | Once per 2 years |
| Performance characteristics | | |
| Tightness of elastomeric sealing ring joints to pipes | 10, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^b |
| Elevated temperature resistance of UD fittings | 10, Table 6 | Once per 3 years per size group per joint design ^b |
| Tightness of fittings other than shallow inspection chambers | 10, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^b |
| Water tightness of shallow inspection chambers | 10, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^b |
| Shear resistance | 10, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^b |
| ^a Only for fabricated fittings made from more than one piece. A sealing ring retaining means is not considered as a piece. | | |
| ^b Joint design at least includes: seal designs, groove geometry, and seal hardness (± 5 IRHD). | | |

Table 14 — Characteristics of products to EN 13598-2:2009 and minimum sampling frequencies for ATs

| Characteristic | Reference to part, clause or subclause of EN 13598-2:2009 | Minimum sampling frequency |
|---|---|---|
| Material for bases (not a listed EN 13598-2:2009, Table 1 material) | 4.1.2- Annex A and Table A.1 | Once per 2 years per compound/formulation currently used |
| Material for risers, telescopic parts, and cones (not a listed EN 13598-2:2009, Table 1 material) | 4.1.2, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 - Annex A, Table A.2 and annex B | Once per 1 year per compound/formulation currently used |
| Utilisation of non virgin materials | 4.3, Annex A, Table A.2 | Once per 1 year per compound/formulation currently used |
| General (appearance) | 5.1 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Colour | 5.2 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Dimensions | 6.1 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Marking | 10 | Once per year per size group per fitting group |
| Bases | | |
| Structural integrity | 7, Table 3 | Once per 2 years |
| Impact resistance, falling objects | 7, Table 3 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Impact strength, -10 °C, drop test (if applicable) | 7, Table 3 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Effect of heating, only PVC | 8, Table 5 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Mass of rotation-moulded component | 9.2 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Ladders, steps, telescopic parts and risers | | |
| Dimensions steps and ladders, when relevant | 6.2.2 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Ring stiffness, riser | 7, Table 4 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Ladders or steps Vertical load, when relevant | 7, Table 4 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Ladders or steps Horizontal pull out, when relevant | 7, Table 4 | Once per 2 years per size group |
| Performance characteristics | | |
| Tightness pipe/base connection | 9, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design |
| Tightness base /riser connection | 9, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^a |
| Water tightness between elements and accompanying components | 9, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^a |
| Tightness telescopic part > 0,5 m | 9, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^a |
| Tightness cone | 9, Table 6 | Once per 2 years per size group per joint design ^a |
| Load bearing capacity of cones and near surface components | 9, Table 6 | Once per 5 years and per size group |
| ^a Joint design at least includes: seal designs, groove geometry, and seal hardness (± 5 IRHD). | | |

The sizes, types and classes selected for tests should preferably be primarily those which have not previously been selected for audit testing. Samples should be preferably taken from the largest volume of production per group.

Certification bodies may accept process verification tests (PVT) as audit tests (AT) if witnessed by them or by their agencies.

6.9 Indirect tests (ITs)

Generally, testing shall be performed using the test methods referred to in EN 13598-1 and -2.

Indirect testing may be used only for BRT characteristics as given in Table 9 and Table 10. Indirect testing shall not be used for TT, PVT and AT.

The indirect test method used and the correlation or safe relationship of the indirect testing to the specified testing shall be documented in the manufacturer's quality plan. The continuing validity of the indirect testing shall be checked at regular intervals.

In cases of dispute, the BRT as specified in Table 9 and Table 10, as applicable, shall be used.

If third-party certification is involved, the IT shall be accepted by certification body.

6.10 Test records

Unless otherwise specified all records shall be maintained for a minimum of five years in accordance with the information given in the quality management system.

Annex A
(informative)

Summary of EN 13598-1 test regime

| Characteristic | TT | BRT | PVT | AT |
|--|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Material | + | | + | + |
| Appearance | + | + | | + |
| Colour | + | + | | + |
| Geometrical characteristics | + | + | | + |
| Marking | | + | | + |
| Physical Characteristics | | | | |
| PVC-U injection moulded products | + | + | | + |
| Mechanical characteristics inspection chamber shallow | | | | |
| Stiffness of riser shaft | + | | | + |
| Vacuum requirement of base | + | | | + |
| Resistance of riser / base to vertical loading | + | | | + |
| Mechanical characteristics mechanical saddles | | | | |
| Resistance to vertical load | + | | | + |
| Mechanical strength of saddle | + | | | + |
| Mechanical characteristics rodding point covers | | | | |
| Resistance to vertical loading | + | | | + |
| Mechanical characteristics fabricated fittings | | | | |
| Mechanical strength and flexibility | + | | | + |
| Leaktightness of fabricated fittings | + | + | | + |
| Performance characteristics | | | | |
| Tightness of elastomeric sealing ring joints to pipes | + | | + | + |
| Elevated temperature resistance of UD fittings | + | | | + |
| Tightness of fittings other than shallow inspection chambers | + | | + | + |
| Watertightness of shallow inspection chambers | + | | + | + |
| Shear resistance | + | | | + |

Annex B
(informative)

Summary of EN 13598-2 test regime

| Characteristic | TT | BRT | PVT | AT |
|---|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| Material for bases | + | | + | + |
| Material for risers and cones | + | | + | + |
| Utilisation of non virgin materials | + | | + | + |
| Appearance | + | + | | + |
| Colour | + | + | | + |
| Geometrical characteristics | + | + | | + |
| Weight of rotational moulding products | | + | | + |
| Geometrical characteristics additional requirements | + | + | | + |
| Effect of heating of PVC-U injection moulded products | + | + | | + |
| Marking | | + | | + |
| Mechanical Characteristics of bases | | | | |
| Structural integrity | + | | | + |
| Impact resistance | + | | + | + |
| Impact Strength (Cold climate only) | + | | + | + |
| Mechanical characteristics risers, ladders and telescopic parts | | | | |
| Ring stiffness risers and telescopic parts | + | + (ext) | | + |
| Manhole steps and ladder strength and pull out resistance | + | | + | + |
| Physical characteristics of PVC-U injection moulded components | | | | |
| Effect of heating | + | + | | + |
| Performance characteristics of bases | | | | |
| Tightness of elastomeric sealing ring joints for pipe-base connection | + | | + | + |
| Water tightness base to riser connection | + | | + | + |
| Performance characteristics of riser | | | | |
| Water tightness between elements and accompanying components | + | | + | + |
| Performance characteristics of telescopic parts deeper than 0,5 m, cones and other near surface components | | | | |
| Water tightness of cone and telescopic parts | + | | + | + |
| Load bearing capacity of cone and near surface components | + | | | + |

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