

# Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutylene (PB) —

## Part 3: Fittings

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## National foreword

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### Additional information

The UK voted against the acceptance of this standard at the CEN Formal Vote, and PRI 88/2 will maintain BS 7291-1:2001<sup>1)</sup>, BS 7291-2:2001<sup>2)</sup> and BS 7291-3:2001<sup>3)</sup> and strongly recommends the continued use of polybutylene (PB) and crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X) piping systems certified to BS 7291-2 or BS 7291-3, Class S, for the following reasons.

a) Attention is drawn to the statement in the Scope of BS EN ISO 15876-1 relating to the exclusion from it of piping systems having service conditions in excess of those quoted in BS EN ISO 15876-1, Table 1. Central heating systems in the UK fall into this category. BS 7291-1 states the service conditions for UK systems where the maximum system service temperature for sealed central heating systems, designated as Class S, is 105 °C and the system malfunction temperature is 114 °C. Both these temperatures are significantly in excess of those specified in BS EN ISO 15876-1, Table 1 and these UK systems are therefore not covered by this standard.

<sup>1)</sup> BS 7291-1:2001, *Thermoplastics pipes and associated fittings for hot and cold water for domestic purposes and heating installations in buildings — Part 1: General requirements.*

<sup>2)</sup> BS 7291-2:2001, *Thermoplastics pipes and associated fittings for hot and cold water for domestic purposes and heating installations in buildings — Part 2: Specification for polybutylene (PB) pipes and associated fittings.*

<sup>3)</sup> BS 7291-3:2001, *Thermoplastics pipes and associated fittings for hot and cold water for domestic purposes and heating installations in buildings — Part 3: Specification for cross-linked polyethylene (PE-X) pipes and associated fittings.*

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b) In addition to the above:

1) The normal maximum operating cold water supply pressure in the UK is 12.5 bar<sup>4)</sup> which some categories of piping systems in the BS EN ISO 15876 series of standards do not meet.

2) The BS EN ISO 15876 series of standards does not specifically describe push fit joints, which are the predominant jointing method in the UK.

3) There is a disparity between the malfunction temperature quoted in BS EN ISO 15876-1, Table 1 (100 °C) and the malfunction temperatures applicable to boilers (110 °C) conforming to BS EN 297:1994<sup>5)</sup>, BS EN 483:2000<sup>6)</sup> and BS EN 625:1996<sup>7)</sup>. Consequently piping systems could be subjected to temperatures in service for which they have not been tested.

4) The unique and traditional practice in the UK is to use products certified to BS 7291-2 or BS 7291-3, Class S, for all applications, as defined in BS 7291-1. This is recognized in the national annex to BS EN 12828<sup>8)</sup>, which recommends the use of systems suitable for the maximum temperatures and pressures for their intended application specified in BS 7291-1.

Updated versions of BS 7291-1, BS 7291-2 and BS 7291-3 are being prepared which maintain these traditional UK operating conditions, and measures are being taken to address this issue in appropriate harmonized European Standards.

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<sup>4)</sup> 1 bar = 100 kPa.

<sup>5)</sup> BS EN 297:1994, *Gas-fired central heating boilers — Type B<sub>11</sub> and B<sub>11BS</sub> boilers fitted with atmospheric burners of nominal heat input not exceeding 70 kW*.

<sup>6)</sup> BS EN 483:2000, *Gas-fired central heating boilers — Type C boilers of nominal heat input not exceeding 70 kW*.

<sup>7)</sup> BS EN 625:1996, *Gas-fired central heating boilers — Specific requirements for the domestic hot water operation of combination boilers of nominal heat input not exceeding 70 kW*.

<sup>8)</sup> BS EN 12828, *Heating systems in buildings — Design for water-based heating systems*.



English version

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## Foreword

This document (EN ISO 15876-3:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 155 "Plastics piping systems and ducting systems", the secretariat of which is held by NEN, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 138 "Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids".

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2004, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2005.

NOTE This draft was submitted for CEN enquiry as prEN 12319-3:1995.

This standard is part of a System Standard for plastics piping systems of a particular material for a specified application. There are a number of such System Standards.

System Standards are based on the results of the work being undertaken in ISO/TC 138 "Plastics pipes, fittings and valves for the transport of fluids", which is a Technical Committee of the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO).

They are supported by separate Standards on test methods to which references are made throughout the System Standard.

The System Standards are consistent with general standards on functional requirements and recommended practices for installation.

EN ISO 15876:2003 consists of the following Parts <sup>1)</sup>, under the general title *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutylene (PB)*.

- Part 1: *General*
- Part 2: *Pipes*
- Part 3: *Fittings* (the present standard)
- Part 5: *Fitness for purpose of the system*
- Part 7 *Guidance for the assessment of conformity* (CEN ISO/TS 15876-7).

This Part of EN ISO 15876 includes a Bibliography

At the date of publication of this standard, System Standards for piping systems of other plastics materials used for the same application include the following:

EN ISO 15874, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations*  $\frac{3}{4}$  *Polypropylene (PP)*

EN ISO 15875, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations*  $\frac{3}{4}$  *Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X)*

EN ISO 15877, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations*  $\frac{3}{4}$  *Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride)(PVC-C)*

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<sup>1)</sup> This System Standard does not incorporate a Part 4 *Ancillary equipment* or a Part 6 *Guidance for installation*. For ancillary equipment separate standards can apply. Guidance on installation of plastics piping systems made from different materials intended to be used for hot and cold water installations is given by ENV 12108 <sup>[1]</sup>.