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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16486-4:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the Scope highlights that this document is valid for On/Off valves;
- the Scope shows 16 bar¹⁾ as the regional CEN requirement for the limitation of the maximum operating pressure (MOP);
- in 7.3 and 7.4 the nominal diameter of spigot ends or electrofusion sockets has been expanded to d_n 400 mm;
- a new subclause, 5.2.4 Greases and lubricants, has been added;
- subclause 5.2 for non-unplasticized polyamide parts has been redrafted to bring it in line with EN 1555-4. A NOTE for regional requirements has been introduced;
- subclauses 6.3.1 General, 6.3.2 Valve body, 7.5 Dimensions of the operating device and 8.1 General have been redrafted;
- a new subclause, 6.3.3 Valve terminal ends, has been introduced for valve terminal ends;
- subclauses 6.3.4 Operating device and 6.3.5 Seals have been modified to bring them in line with EN 1555-4;

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm².

- [subclause 7.2](#) Measurement of dimensions has been modified to bring it in line with EN 1555-4 with the exception that PA-U conditioning does not allow the use of test pieces earlier than 48 h after their manufacture;
- [subclause 8.4](#) Regional requirements has been added with reference to an extension of [subclause B.1.1](#) for CEN;
- in [Table 1](#), the number of test pieces has been added and new footnote ^b has been inserted relating to this addition;
- in [Table 1](#), the condition period has been changed to 16 h;
- in [Table 1](#), the test period has been changed to 1 000 h for hydrostatic strength (20 °C, 1 000 h);
- in [Table 1](#), the pressure drop test been deleted, as this is covered in the new [subclause 8.3.2](#);
- in [Table 1](#), the operating torque for $125 \text{ mm} < d_n \leq 400 \text{ mm}$ has been changed to $10 \text{ Nm} < M \leq 150$;
- in [Table 1](#), leaktightness after tensile load is added, including footnote ^j for limiting the diameter;
- a new subclause, [5.1.2](#) Fusion compatibility, substitutes the former subclause 6.4;
- a new [Clause 11](#) Technical File has become an individual paragraph in line with EN 1555-4;
- [subclause 12.1](#) General includes a NOTE for regional marking requirements on packaging, with reference to CEN/TS 12007-6, for CEN member countries, for example;
- [Table 3](#) for minimum required marking of valves has been modified in line with EN 1555-4;
- former subclause 12.5 Packaging has become [Clause 13](#) Delivery conditions, and has been modified and extended;
- [Annex A](#) has been updated in line with EN 1555-4;
- [Annex B](#) has been modified according longitudinal stress parameters in line with ISO 17885:2021, Table F.1;
- in [Clause B.2](#) Test piece, the definition for the length of test piece has been redrafted;
- in [Annex B](#), [subclause B.4.4](#) has been added including a regional requirement.

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Introduction

This document specifies the requirements for valves used in a piping system made from unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) that is intended to be used for the supply of gaseous fuels.

General requirements for unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) materials used for a piping system and its components, intended for the supply of gaseous fuels, are specified in ISO 16486-1.

Requirements and test methods for pipes are specified in ISO 16486-2 and for fittings in ISO 16486-3.

Characteristics for fitness for purpose of the system and generic fusion parameters are specified in ISO 16486-5.

Recommended practice for installation is given in ISO 16486-6, which will not be implemented as a European Standard under the Vienna Agreement.

NOTE Recommended practice for installation is also given in CEN/TS 12007-6^[2], which has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 234, *Gas infrastructure*.

Assessment of conformity of the system is to form the subject of the future ISO/TS 16486-7:—²⁾.

For CEN member countries, all components are to conform to the relevant EN standard(s). Alternative standards may be applied in cases where the suitable EN standard(s) do not exist.

The ISO 16486 series covers a range of maximum operating pressures and gives requirements concerning colours.

It is the responsibility of the purchaser or specifier to make the appropriate selections from these aspects, taking into consideration their particular requirements and any relevant national regulations and installation practices or codes.

2) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/WD TS 16486-7:2022.