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Unplasticized polyamide (PA-U)
piping systems with fusion jointing
and mechanical jointing —**

**Part 2:
Pipes**

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et assemblages mécaniques —*

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 16486-2:2020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the references in the Introduction have been updated;
- a Note has been added in the Introduction providing information on the suitability of PA-U pipe systems for 100 % hydrogen and its admixtures with natural gas;
- the symbols that have been deleted in ISO 16486-1 (but that are used in this document) have been defined in this document;
- a reference to ISO 12176-5 has been added in the Note in [Clause 9](#);
- the Bibliography has been extended.

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Introduction

This document specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components made from unplasticized polyamide (PA-U), which is intended to be used for the supply of gaseous fuels.

NOTE 1 Additional information about the suitability of PA-U pipe systems for hydrogen and its admixtures is given in ISO 16486-1:2023, Annex D.

Requirements and test methods for material and components of the piping system, are specified in ISO 16486-1, ISO 16486-3 and ISO 16486-4.

Characteristics for fitness for purpose of the system and generic fusion parameters are covered 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 2 Recommended practice for installation is also given in CEN/TS 12007-6,^[5] which has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 234, *Gas infrastructure*.

Assessment of conformity of the system is covered by ISO/TS 16486-7.

Training and assessment of fusion operators is covered by ISO/TS 16486-8.

ISO 16486-1, ISO 16486-2, ISO 16486-3, ISO 16486-5, ISO 16486-6, ISO/TS 16486-7 and ISO/TS 16486-8 have been prepared by ISO/TC 138/SC 4. ISO 16486-4 has been prepared by ISO/TC 138/SC 7.

Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) piping systems with fusion jointing and mechanical jointing —

Part 2: Pipes

1 Scope

This document specifies the physical and mechanical properties of pipes made from unplasticized polyamide (PA-U) in accordance with ISO 16486-1, intended to be buried and used for the supply of gaseous fuels.

It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods to which it refers.

The ISO 16486 series is applicable to PA-U piping systems, the components of which are connected by fusion jointing and/or mechanical jointing.

In particular, this document lays down dimensional characteristics and requirements for the marking of pipes.

Pipes conforming to this document are jointed typically by using mechanical, electrofusion or butt fusion techniques.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 307, *Plastics — Polyamides — Determination of viscosity number*

ISO 1133-2, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 2: Method for materials sensitive to time-temperature history and/or moisture*

ISO 1167-1, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 1: General method*

ISO 1167-2, *Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and assemblies for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of the resistance to internal pressure — Part 2: Preparation of pipe test pieces*

ISO 2505, *Thermoplastics pipes — Longitudinal reversion — Test method and parameters*

ISO 3126, *Plastics piping systems — Plastics components — Determination of dimensions*

ISO 6259-1, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General test method*

ISO 6259-3, *Thermoplastics pipes — Determination of tensile properties — Part 3: Polyolefin pipes*

ISO 11922-1, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Dimensions and tolerances — Part 1: Metric series*

ISO 13477, *Thermoplastics pipes for the conveyance of fluids — Determination of resistance to rapid crack propagation (RCP) — Small-scale steady-state test (S4 test)*