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## **EN 13598-2:2020 (E)**

### **European foreword**

This document (EN 13598-2:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 155 “Plastics piping systems and ducting systems”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by month November 2020, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 2020.

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This document supersedes EN 13598-2:2016.

Compared to the previous version, the main changes are listed below:

- 1) test methods have been updated to the latest EN ISO Standards where applicable;
- 2) the scope has been amended to clarify the products covered in this part and avoid confusion with the scope of part 1;
- 3) terms and definitions have been updated and explanatory diagrams are now included;
- 4) material durability test requirements have been included for riser, cone and telescopic adaptor components. The durability test method (Annex A) has also been updated;
- 5) the permitted use of non-virgin materials has been clarified and a new Annex D included, with conditions and requirements for non-virgin materials;
- 6) fitness for purpose testing of factory fabricated components is now included;
- 7) the minimum marking requirement for components other than bases has been updated.

This document is part of a System Standard for plastics piping systems of a particular material for a specified application.

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 Organization 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 on recommended practice for installation.

This document does not cover sewage pump chambers, valve chambers and similar products.

Separate standard(s) for manholes, inspection chambers and road gullies for storm water systems are currently under investigation.



EN 13598 consists of the following parts under the general title *Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE)*:

- *Part 1: Specification for ancillary fittings and shallow chambers* (under revision);
- *Part 2: Specifications for manholes and inspection chambers* (this document);
- *Part 3: Assessment of conformity* (CEN/TS under revision).

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## EN 13598-2:2020 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the definitions and requirements for unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) manholes and inspection chambers intended for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage systems up to a maximum depth of 6 m from ground level to the invert of the manhole or inspection chamber.

This document covers manholes and inspection chambers, with bases having a flow channel, and their joints to the piping system.

Manholes and inspection chambers are intended to be used in pedestrian or vehicular traffic areas outside the building structure.

NOTE 1 The intended use in underground installation outside the building structure is reflected in the marking of products by the application area code "U".

NOTE 2 Products complying with this document can also be used in non-traffic areas.

NOTE 3 Products complying with this standard can be installed in underground applications without additional static calculation.

NOTE 4 Shallow chambers are specified in EN 13598-1 [1].

Manholes and inspection chambers complying with EN 13598-2 are made from a prescribed set of components that are manufactured from unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), polypropylene (PP), polypropylene with mineral modifier (PP-MD) or polyethylene (PE) and assembled together.

NOTE 5 The complete manhole or inspection chamber assembly can also include items which are not covered by this document (for example near surface or surface components).

NOTE 6 Manholes and inspection chambers can be supplied with covers, frame covers and gratings complying with the relevant part of EN 124 [2].

Manholes and inspection chambers complying with EN 13598-2 may be used for storm-water systems.

Manhole and inspection chamber components can be manufactured by various methods e.g. extrusion, injection moulding, rotational moulding, low-pressure moulding or fabricated.

NOTE 7 Manholes and inspection chambers can be site assembled from different components, but can also be manufactured as a single unit.

NOTE 8 Manholes and inspection chambers can be subject to national regulations and / or local provisions.

### 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.

EN 476, *General requirements for components used in drains and sewers*

EN 681-1, *Elastomeric seals — Materials requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications — Part 1: Vulcanized rubber*

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