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This document supersedes EN 1555-3:2010+A1:2012.

In comparison with the previous version, the following technical modifications have been introduced:

- PE 100-RC type materials with enhanced resistance to slow crack growth have been added.
- Annex A of EN 1555-1:2021 now discusses the performance of this type of material and gives additional information for non-conventional installation techniques.
- Additional information for non-conventional installation techniques has been added.
- The size range has been increased to 800 mm diameter.
- Test methods have been updated.

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.

EN 1555 consists of the following parts:

- EN 1555-1, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 1: General*;
- EN 1555-2, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Pipes*;
- EN 1555-3, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 3: Fittings* (this standard);
- EN 1555-4, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 4: Valves*;
- EN 1555-5, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*;
- CEN/TS 1555-7, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 7: Guidance for assessment of conformity*.

NOTE EN 12007-2 [1], prepared by CEN/TC 234 “Gas infrastructure”, deals with the recommended practice for installation of plastics pipes system in accordance with EN 1555 (all parts).



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## **EN 1555-3:2021 (E)**

### **Introduction**

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

Requirements and test methods for material and components, other than fittings, are specified in EN 1555-1:2021, EN 1555-2:2021 and EN 1555-4:2021.

Characteristics for fitness for purpose are covered in EN 1555-5:2021. CEN/TS 1555-7 [2] gives guidance for assessment of conformity. Recommended practice for installation is given in EN 12007-2 [1] prepared by CEN/TC 234.

This part of EN 1555 covers the characteristics of fittings.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of fusion fittings made from polyethylene (PE) as well as of mechanical fittings for piping systems in the field of the supply of gaseous fuels.

It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods referred to in this document.

In conjunction with Parts 1, 2, 4 and 5 of EN 1555, it is applicable to PE fittings, their joints and to joints with components of PE and other materials intended to be used under the following conditions:

- a) a maximum operating pressure, MOP, up to and including 10 bar<sup>1</sup> at a reference temperature of 20 °C for design purposes;
- b) an operating temperature between -20 °C and 40 °C.

NOTE 1 For operating temperatures between 20 °C and 40 °C, derating coefficients are defined in EN 1555-5:2021.

EN 1555 (all parts) covers a range of maximum operating pressures and gives requirements concerning colours.

NOTE 2 It is the responsibility of the purchaser or specifier to make the appropriate selections from these aspects, taking into account their particular requirements and any relevant national regulations and installation practices or codes.

This document is applicable for fittings of the following types:

- a) electrofusion socket fittings;
- b) electrofusion saddle fittings;
- c) spigot end fittings (for butt fusion using heated tools and electrofusion socket fusion);
- d) mechanical fittings.

NOTE 3 The fittings can be, for example, in the form of couplers, equal and reduced tees, reducers, saddles, elbows or caps.

## 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 682, *Elastomeric Seals - Materials requirements for seals used in pipes and fittings carrying gas and hydrocarbon fluids*

EN 1555-1:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 1: General*

EN 1555-2:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 2: Pipes*

EN 1555-5:2021, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels - Polyethylene (PE) - Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

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<sup>1</sup> 1 bar = 0,1 MPa. = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

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