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## Foreword

This document (EN 1555-3:2010+A1:2012) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2013, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2013.

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This document includes Amendment 1 approved by CEN on 4 September 2012.

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The start and finish of text introduced or altered by amendment is indicated in the text by tags A1 A1.

A1 Due to Amendment 1 to EN 1555-3:2010, this document comprises technical changes to:

- Subclause 7.2, Requirements;
- Subclause 10.2, Minimum required marking of fittings. A1

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);
- prEN 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 12007-2:2000 [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).

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.

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## **Introduction**

The System Standard, of which this is Part 3, 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, EN 1555-2 and prEN 1555-4 [9].

Characteristics for fitness for purpose are covered in EN 1555-5. CEN/TS 1555-7 [2] gives guidance for assessment of conformity. Recommended practice for installation is given in EN 12007-2:2000 [1] prepared by CEN/TC 234.

This part of EN 1555 covers the characteristics of fittings.



## 1 Scope

This **EN** European Standard **EN** 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 standard.

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>;
- b) an operating temperature of 20 °C as reference temperature.

NOTE 1 For other operating temperatures, derating coefficients should be used; see EN 1555-5.

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

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 European Standard is applicable for fittings of the following types:

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

The fittings can e.g. be in the form of couplers, equal and reduced tees, reducers, bends or caps.

## 2 Normative references

**EN** The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies. **EN**

EN 682:2002, *Elastomeric Seals — Materials requirements for seals used in pipes and fittings carrying gas and hydrocarbon fluids*

EN 1555-1:2010, *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 1555-5, *Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

EN 1716, *Plastics piping systems — Polyethylene (PE) tapping tees — Test method for impact resistance of an assembled tapping tee*

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1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa.

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