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## Foreword

This document (EN 12201-5:2011) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2012, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2012.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN [and/or CENELEC] shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 12201-5:2003, EN 13244-5:2002.

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 12201 consists of the following Parts:

- EN 12201-1, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 1: General*;
- EN 12201-2, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Pipes*;
- EN 12201-3, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 3: Fittings*;
- EN 12201-4, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 4: Valves for water supply systems*;
- EN 12201-5, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system* (this standard);
- CEN/TS 12201-7, *Plastics piping systems for water supply — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 7: Guidance for the assessment of conformity*.

In this revision, technical changes to this document primarily reflect technical changes made to other parts of EN 12201 and updates of test methods.

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## **Introduction**

The System Standard, of which this is Part 5, specifies the requirements for a piping system and its components when made from polyethylene (PE).

It is intended to be used for water supply intended for human consumption, including the conveyance of raw water prior to treatment, drainage and sewerage under pressure, vacuum sewer systems, and water for other purposes.

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption, caused by the product covered by EN 12201 (all parts):

- a) this standard provides no information as to whether the products may be used without restriction in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA;
- b) products intended for use in water supply systems must comply, when existing, with national regulations and testing arrangements that ensure fitness for contact with drinking water.

**NOTE** On April 2006, EC Commission set up a revised mandate (M/136) asking CEN to propose harmonised product standards and support standards for test methods which could be used for assessing the fitness for contact with drinking water. In parallel, EC Commission has launched processes for a regulation of construction products (CPR) to be substituted to CP directive (89/106/EEC) and for the revision of drinking water directive (98/83/EC). If relevant, when the outputs of these processes will be known, European Product Standards will be amended by the addition of an Annex Z under Mandate M136 which will contain formal references to the applicable requirements. Until such amendments, the current national regulations remain applicable.

Requirements and test methods for components of the piping system are specified in EN 12201-1, EN 12201-2, EN 12201-3 and prEN 12201-4:2011. CEN/TS 12201-7 [1] gives guidance for the assessment of conformity.

This Part of EN 12201 covers the characteristics of the fitness for purpose of the system.

## 1 Scope

This Part of EN 12201 specifies the characteristics of the fitness for purpose of the assembled piping systems intended for the conveyance of water intended for human consumption, raw water prior to treatment, drainage and sewerage under pressure, vacuum sewer systems, and water for other purposes.

It also specifies the method of preparation of test piece joints, and the tests to be carried out on these joints for assessing the fitness for purpose of the system under normal and extreme conditions.

NOTE 1 For PE components intended for the conveyance of water for human consumption and raw water prior to treatment attention is drawn to the introduction of this part of EN 12201. Components manufactured for water for other purposes may not be suitable for water supply for human consumption.

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

In conjunction with Parts 1 to 4 of EN 12201 it is applicable to PE pipes, fittings, valves, their joints and to joints with components of other materials intended to be used under the following conditions:

- a) allowable operating pressure, PFA, up to 25 bar <sup>1)</sup>;
- b) an operating temperature of 20 °C as a reference temperature.
- c) buried in the ground;
- d) sea outfalls;
- e) laid in water;
- f) above ground, including pipes suspended below bridges.

NOTE 2 For applications operating at constant temperatures greater than 20 °C up to 40 °C, see Annex A of EN 12201-1:2011.

EN 12201 (all parts) covers a range of allowable operating pressures and gives requirements concerning colours and additives.

NOTE 3 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 guidance or regulations and installation practices or codes.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 712, *Thermoplastics piping systems — End-load-bearing mechanical joints between pressure pipes and fittings — Test method for resistance to pull-out under constant longitudinal force*

EN 713, *Plastics piping systems — Mechanical joints between fittings and polyolefin pressure pipes — Test method for leaktightness under internal pressure of assemblies subjected to bending*

EN 715, *Thermoplastics piping systems — End-load bearing joints between small diameter pressure pipes and fittings — Test method for leaktightness under internal water pressure, including end thrust*

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1) 1 bar = 10<sup>5</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup>.

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