



Standard Specification for Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe (SDR–PR)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (CPVC) pipe made in standard thermoplastic pipe dimension ratios and pressure rated for water (see [Appendix X1](#)). Included are criteria for classifying CPVC plastic pipe materials and CPVC plastic pipe, and requirements and test methods for materials, workmanship, dimensions, sustained pressure, burst pressure, flattening, and extrusion quality. Methods of marking are also given.

NOTE 1—The CPVC pipe covered by this specification was covered previously in Specification [D2241](#).

NOTE 2—The sustained and burst pressure test requirements and the pressure ratings in the [Appendix X1](#) are calculated from stress values obtained from tests made on pipe 2 in. [50 mm] and smaller. However, tests on larger pipe have shown these stress values to be valid.

1.2 The products covered by this specification are intended for use with the distribution of pressurized liquids only, which are chemically compatible with the piping materials. Due to inherent hazards associated with testing components and systems with compressed air or other compressed gases some manufacturers do not allow pneumatic testing of their products. Consult with specific product/component manufacturers for their specific testing procedures prior to pneumatic testing.

NOTE 3—Pressurized (compressed) air or other compressed gases contain large amounts of stored energy which present serious safety hazards should a system fail for any reason.

1.3 The text of this specification references notes, footnotes, and appendixes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the specification.

1.4 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining

values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets.

1.5 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 8, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* A specific precautionary statement is given in [8.4.1](#).

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

- [D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing](#)
- [D1598 Test Method for Time-to-Failure of Plastic Pipe Under Constant Internal Pressure](#)
- [D1599 Test Method for Resistance to Short-Time Hydraulic Pressure of Plastic Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings](#)
- [D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics](#)
- [D1784 Classification System and Basis for Specification for Rigid Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) \(PVC\) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) \(CPVC\) Compounds](#)
- [D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings](#)
- [D2241 Specification for Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) \(PVC\) Pressure-Rated Pipe \(SDR Series\)](#)
- [D2837 Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials or Pressure Design Basis](#)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

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2.2 *Federal Standard:*

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)³

2.3 *Military Standard:*

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage³

2.4 *NSF Standards:*⁴

NSF/ANSI Standard No. 14 for Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials

NSF/ANSI/CAN Standard No. 61 for Drinking Water Systems Components—Health Effects

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology **F412**, and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology **D1600**, unless otherwise specified. The abbreviation for chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) plastic is CPVC.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *hydrostatic design stress*—the estimated maximum tensile stress the material is capable of withstanding continuously with a high degree of certainty that failure of the pipe will not occur. This stress is circumferential when internal hydrostatic water pressure is applied.

3.2.2 *pressure rating (PR)*—the estimated maximum water pressure the pipe is capable of withstanding continuously with a high degree of certainty that failure of the pipe will not occur.

3.2.3 *relation between standard dimension ratio, hydrostatic design stress, and pressure rating*—the following expression, commonly known as the ISO equation,⁵ is used in this specification to relate standard dimension ratio, hydrostatic design stress, and pressure rating:

$$2 S/P = R - 1 \text{ or } 2 S/P = (D_o/t) - 1$$

where:

S = hydrostatic design stress, psi [MPa],

P = pressure rating, psi [kPa],

D_o = average outside diameter, in. [mm]

t = minimum wall thickness, in. [mm], and

R = standard thermoplastic pipe dimension ratio (D_o/t for CPVC pipe), also known as SDR.

3.2.4 *standard thermoplastic pipe dimension ratio (SDR)*—the standard thermoplastic pipe dimension ratio (SDR) is the ratio of pipe diameter to wall thickness. For CPVC pipe it is calculated by dividing the average outside diameter of the pipe in millimetres or in inches by the minimum wall thickness in millimetres or in inches. If the wall thickness calculated by this formula is less than 0.060 in. [1.52 mm], it shall be arbitrarily increased to 0.060 in. [1.52 mm]. The SDR values shall be rounded to the nearest 0.5.

3.2.5 *standard thermoplastic pipe materials designation code*—the pipe materials designation code shall consist of the

³ Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, <http://quicksearch.dla.mil>.

⁴ Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <http://www.nsf.org>.

⁵ See ISO R161-1960: Pipes of Plastics Materials for the Transport of Fluids (Outside Diameters and Nominal Pressures) Part 1, Metric Series.

abbreviation CPVC for the type of plastic, followed by the ASTM type and grade in Arabic numerals and the design stress at 73 °F [23 °C] in units of 100 psi [690 kPa] with any decimal figures dropped, followed by the design stress at 180 °F [82 °C] in units of 100 psi [0.7 MPa] with any decimal figures dropped. When the design stress code contains less than two figures, a cipher shall be used before the number. Thus a complete material code shall consist of four letters and six figures for CPVC plastic pipe materials (see Section 5, **Note 5** and **X1.2.1**).

4. Classification

4.1 *General*—This specification covers CPVC pipe made from one CPVC plastic pipe material in six standard dimension ratios and water pressure ratings for nonthreaded pipe.

4.2 *Standard Thermoplastic Pipe Dimension Ratios (SDR)*—This specification covers CPVC pipe in six standard dimension ratios, namely, 11, 13.5, 17, 21, 26, and 32.5, which are uniform for all nominal pipe sizes for each material and pressure rating. These are referred to as SDR11, SDR13.5, SDR21, SDR17, SDR26, and SDR32.5, respectively. The pressure rating is uniform for all nominal pipe sizes for a given CPVC pipe material and SDR (see **Table X1.1**).

4.3 *Hydrostatic Design Stresses*—This specification covers CPVC pipe made from CPVC plastic as defined by hydrostatic design stresses developed on the basis of long-term tests (see **Appendix X1**).

NOTE 4—This standard specification does not include requirements for pipe and fittings intended to be used to vent combustion gases.

5. Materials

5.1 *General*—Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) plastics used to make pipe meeting the requirements of this specification are categorized by means of two criteria, namely, (1) short-term strength tests, and (2) long-term hydrostatic strength tests at both 73 °F and 180 °F [23 °C and 82 °C].

5.2 *Basic Materials:*

5.2.1 *Basic Materials – Short-term Tests*—This specification covers pipe made from CPVC plastics having certain physical properties as described in Classification **D1784**.

5.2.1.1 *Compound*—The CPVC compounds used for this pipe shall equal or exceed the classification 23447 described in Classification **D1784**.

5.2.2 *Basic Materials – Long-term Test*—This specification covers pipe made from CPVC plastics having certain Hydrostatic Design Bases (HDB) and Hydrostatic Design Stresses (HDS) described in Test Method **D2837**.

5.2.2.1 *Compound*—The CPVC compounds used for this pipe shall have a Hydrostatic Design Basis at 73 °F [23 °C] of 4000 psi [28 MPa], and a Hydrostatic Design Basis at 180 °F [82 °C] of either 1000 psi [7.0 MPa] or 1250 psi [8.6 MPa] when evaluated in accordance with Test Method **D2837**.

5.2.3 *Standard thermoplastic pipe materials designation*—The pipe materials designation shall consist of the material designation code CPVC 4120-05 or CPVC 4120-06 for the type of plastic.

NOTE 5—As per Terminology **F412** (see, “code, thermoplastic pipe

materials designation”) the pipe materials designation code CPVC 4120 is as follows: CPVC is the abbreviation for chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) as per Terminology **D1600**, 41 represents Cell Classification 23447 per Classification **D1784**, and 20 represents a HDS of 2000 psi (14 MPa) for water at 73 °F (23 °C) per Test Method **D2837**. In addition, the -05 or -06 suffix represents a HDS of 500 psi (3.4 MPa) or 625 psi (4.3 MPa) respectively for water at 180 °F (82 °C) per Test Method **D2837**.

5.3 *Rework Material*—The manufacturers shall use only their own clean rework pipe material and the pipe produced shall meet all the requirements of this specification.

6. Requirements

6.1 Dimension and Tolerances:

6.1.1 *Outside Diameters*—The outside diameters and tolerances shall be as shown in **Table 1** when measured in accordance with Test Method **D2122**. The tolerances on out-of-roundness shall apply only to pipe prior to shipment.

6.1.2 *Wall Thickness*—The wall thicknesses and tolerances shall be as shown in **Table 2** when measured in accordance with Test Method **D2122**.

6.1.3 *Wall Thickness Range*—The wall thickness range shall be within 12 % when measured in accordance with Test Method **D2122**.

6.2 *Sustained Pressure*—The pipe shall not fail, balloon, burst, or weep as defined in Test Method **D1598** at the test pressures given in **Table 3** when tested in accordance with **8.4**.

6.2.1 *Accelerated Regression Test*—At the option of the manufacturer, the accelerated regression test may be used as a substitute for both pressure tests—sustained and burst. The test shall be conducted in accordance with **8.4.1**. The pipe shall demonstrate a hydrostatic design basis projection at the 100 000 h intercept that meets the hydrostatic design basis category requirement (see **Table 1**, Test Method **D2837**) for the CPVC material used in its manufacture. If the lower confidence

value at 100 000 h differs from the extrapolated LTHS value by more than 15 % of the latter; or *M* in Appendix X2 (Test Method **D2837**) is zero or negative; or *b* in the equation $h = a + bf$ in **Appendix X1** (Test Method **D2837**) is positive, consider the data unsuitable.

6.3 *Burst Pressure*—The minimum burst pressures for CPVC plastic pipe shall be as given in **Table 4**, when determined in accordance with **8.5**.

6.4 *Flattening*—There shall be no evidence of splitting, cracking, or breaking when the pipe is tested in accordance with **8.6**.

7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The pipe shall be homogeneous throughout and free from visible cracks, holes, foreign inclusions, or other defects. The pipe shall be as uniform as commercially practicable in color, opacity, density, and other physical properties.

NOTE 6—Color and transparency or opacity should be specified in the contract or purchase order.

8. Test Methods

8.1 *Conditioning*—Condition the test specimens at 73 °F ± 4 °F [23 °C ± 2 °C] and 50 % ± 10 % relative humidity for not less than 40 h prior to test in accordance with Procedure A of Practice **D618** for those tests where conditioning is required.

8.2 *Test Conditions*—Conduct the tests in the standard laboratory atmosphere of 73 °F ± 4 °F [23 °C ± 2 °C] and 50 % ± 10 % relative humidity, unless otherwise specified in the test methods or in this specification.

8.3 *Sampling*—The selection of the sample or samples of pipe shall be as agreed upon by the purchaser and the seller. In

TABLE 1 Outside Diameters and Tolerances for CPVC Plastic Pipe

Nominal Pipe Size (NPS)	Average Outside Diameter, in. [mm]	For Average	Tolerances, in. [mm]	
			Maximum Out-of-Roundness (maximum minus minimum diameter)	
			SDR32.5 SDR26 SDR21	SDR17 SDR13.5 SDR11
¼ [8]	0.540 [13.7]	±0.004 [0.10]	0.030 [0.76]	0.016 [0.41]
⅜ [10]	0.675 [17.1]	±0.004 [0.10]	0.030 [0.76]	0.016 [0.41]
½ [15]	0.840 [21.3]	±0.004 [0.10]	0.030 [0.76]	0.016 [0.41]
¾ [20]	1.050 [26.7]	±0.004 [0.10]	0.030 [0.76]	0.020 [0.51]
1 [25]	1.315 [33.4]	±0.005 [0.13]	0.030 [0.76]	0.020 [0.51]
1¼ [32]	1.660 [42.2]	±0.005 [0.13]	0.030 [0.76]	0.024 [0.61]
1½ [40]	1.900 [48.2]	±0.006 [0.15]	0.060 [1.52]	0.024 [0.61]
2 [50]	2.375 [60.3]	±0.006 [0.15]	0.060 [1.52]	0.024 [0.61]
2½ [65]	2.875 [73.0]	±0.007 [0.18]	0.060 [1.52]	0.030 [0.76]
3 [80]	3.500 [88.9]	±0.007 [0.18]	0.060 [1.52]	0.023 [0.58]
3½ [90]	4.000 [101.6]	±0.008 [0.20]	0.100 [2.54]	0.030 [0.76]
4 [100]	4.500 [114.3]	±0.008 [0.20]	0.100 [2.54]	0.023 [0.58]
5 [125]	5.563 [141.3]	±0.010 [0.25]	0.100 [2.54]	0.060 [1.52]
6 [150]	6.625 [168.3]	±0.011 [0.28]	0.100 [2.54]	0.070 [1.78]
8 [200]	8.625 [219.1]	±0.015 [0.38]	0.150 [3.81]	0.090 [2.29]
10 [250]	10.750 [273.1]	±0.015 [0.38]	0.150 [3.81]	0.100 [2.54]
12 [300]	12.750 [323.9]	±0.015 [0.38]	0.150 [3.81]	0.120 [3.05]