

SECTION 739 (Proposed)

STEEL REINFORCED POLYETHYLENE PIPE & FITTINGS FOR STORM DRAIN, SANITARY SEWER & IRRIGATION

739.1 GENERAL:

This specification covers the requirements of Steel Reinforced Polyethylene Pipe (SRPE) pipe manufactured per ASTM F2562 for storm drains, irrigation and sanitary sewer systems. When noted on the plans or in the special provisions, storm drains, irrigation and sanitary sewers may be constructed using SRPE pipe. The SRPE pipe will be of the sizes 24 inch diameter through 120 inch diameter.

Gasketed watertight pipe joints shall meet a laboratory test pressure of 15.0 psi or 34.5 feet of water when tested in accordance with ASTM D3212.

Optional electrofusion watertight pipe joints shall meet a laboratory test pressure of 30.0 psi or 69 feet of water when tested in accordance with ASTM D3212.

The size and stiffness class of the SRPE pipe per ASTM F2562 to be furnished shall be specified by the Engineer and shown on the plans or in the project specifications.

When specified, SRPE pipe shall be tested in accordance with 615.11 and ASTM C828

739.2 MATERIALS:

739.2.1 Base Steel Materials: Continuous high strength galvanized ribs shall be cold rolled steel meeting the requirements of either ASTM A1008 or ASTM A1011 with minimum yield strength of 80,000 psi. Steel ribs shall be completely encased within the HDPE profile.

739.2.2 HDPE Material Composition: SRPE pipe HDPE material and fittings shall, in accordance with ASTM 2562, be made from HDPE plastic compound meeting the minimum requirements of cell classification 335464C or higher cell classification, in accordance with ASTM D3350.

739.2.3 Gaskets: Rubber gaskets shall be manufactured from a natural rubber, synthetic elastomer or a blend of both and shall comply in all respects with the physical requirements in ASTM F477.

739.2.4 Water Stops: Water stops shall be manufactured from a natural or synthetic rubber and shall conform to the requirements of ASTM C923. The water stop shall have expansion rings, a tension band, or a take-up device used for mechanically compressing the water stop against the pipe.

739.2.5 Thermal Welding Material: The material used for thermally welding the pipe material shall be compatible with the base material.

739.2.6 Lubricant: The lubricant used for assembly shall comply with manufacturer's recommendations and have no detrimental effect on the gasket or pipe.

739.2.7 Other Materials: Materials other than those specified above shall comply with ASTM F2562.

739.3 JOINING SYSTEMS:

738.3.1 Gasket Type: Steel reinforced bell and spigot joints for the piping system and fittings shall consist of an integrally formed bell and spigot gasketed joint. The joint shall be designed so that when assembled, the elastomeric gasket is compressed radially on the pipe or fitting bell to form a water tight seal. The joint shall be designed so to prevent displacement of the gasket from the joint during assembly and when in service. The elastomeric gasket shall meet the provision of ASTM F477.

All pipes shall have a home mark on the spigot end to indicate proper penetration when the joint is made.

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The bell and spigot configurations for the fittings shall be compatible to those used for the pipe.

Joints shall provide a seal against exfiltration and infiltration. All surfaces of the joint upon which the gasket may bear, shall be smooth and free of any imperfections, which would adversely affect seal ability. The assembly of the gasketed joints shall be in accordance with the pipe manufacturer's recommendations.

739.3.2 Thermal Weld Type: Electro fusion (EF) joints, when specified, shall utilize plain ended pipe welded together by internal pressure testable couplers. The internal couplers shall have a minimum wall thickness equal to or greater than the pipe wall thickness as defined in pipe specification, ASTM F2562. The assembly of the welded joints shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

739.4 FITTINGS:

Fittings for SRPE pipe may include tees, elbows, manhole adapter rings, plugs, caps, adapters and increasers. Fittings shall be joined by gasket type or thermal weld type joints in accordance with Subsection [739.3](#).

A clamp gasket or approved method shall be provided at manhole entry or connection to reduce infiltration and exfiltration. Where precast manholes are used, entrance holes must be large enough to allow for proper grouting around the manhole gasket. A non-shrink grout shall be used for grouting.

739.5 CERTIFICATION:

The manufacturer shall furnish an affidavit (certification) that all materials delivered shall comply with the requirements of ASTM F2562.

739.6 DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES:

SRPE pipe dimensions shall comply with dimensions given in Table 2 of ASTM F2562. The "inside diameter" of profile wall SRPE pipe shall not deviate from its published inside diameter by more than as specified in Section 6.2.3 of ASTM F2562.

739.7 MARKINGS:

Markings on pipe shall be per ASTM F2562. These markings shall be clearly shown on the pipe at intervals of approximately 12 feet and include but not limited to the following: the manufacturer's name or trademark, nominal size, the specification designation, plant designation code, date of manufacture or an appropriate code. All fittings shall be marked with the designation number of the specification and with the manufacturer's identification symbol.

739.8 CARE OF PIPE AND MATERIALS:

All pipe and materials shall be manufactured, handled, loaded, shipped and unloaded in such a manner as to be undamaged and in sound condition, in the completed work. Particular effort shall be exercised to protect the ends of the pipe. Repairs on damaged pipe shall be made to the satisfaction of the Engineer otherwise they shall not be used in the work and shall be replaced with an equal pipe or special in an acceptance condition. At all times, rubber gaskets shall be covered in a factory applied protective wrap or stored in a cool, dark place until ready for use.

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