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Foreword

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In this document, the following national regulations, which apply to requirements relating to plumbing systems in premises to which a supply of public mains water (municipal water supply) has been provided, are referred to as the "Water Fittings Regulations [1]":

- The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, as amended, in England and Wales;
- Scottish Water Byelaws 2004, in Scotland; and
- The Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, in Northern Ireland.

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These regulations refer to the standards of wholesomeness for water quality parameters where the water is intended for public supply. In this standard, the following national regulations, which apply standards of wholesomeness to water provided from the public mains supply (municipal supply), are referred to as the "Water Quality Regulations [2]":

- The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 as amended, in England;
- The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 as amended, in Northern Ireland;
- The Water Supply (Water Quality) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 as amended, in Scotland; and
- The Water Supply (Water Quality) (Wales) Regulations 2010, in Wales.

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- The Private Water Supplies Regulations 2009 as amended, in England;
- The Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 as amended, in Northern Ireland;
- The Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended, in Scotland; and
- The Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2010 as amended, in Wales.

1 Scope

This British Standard specifies the requirements and associated test methods applicable to fittings with flexible, flexible restrained and restrained joints intended for connection to existing water supply pipes for the purposes of localized repair, new branch connections or pipeline rehabilitation.

NOTE These fittings may additionally connect to new pipe materials to replace faulty sections of existing pipe.

It also specifies requirements for materials and dimensions and gives performance requirements for joints.

It applies to fittings in the diameter range of DN 50 to DN 1 800 made for use on the following pipe materials other than polyethylene (PE):

- grey iron;
- ductile iron;
- steel;
- polyvinyl chloride (PVC);
- fibre cement; and
- glass-reinforced polyester (GRP).

It applies to fittings in the diameter range of DN 63 to DN 1 000 made for use on the following PE pipe material:

- PE80 material (medium-density polyethylene – MDPE);
- PE100 material (high-density polyethylene – HDPE); and
- PE barrier pipe for contaminated land [4].

This specification applies to fittings including (but not necessarily limited to) pipe couplings, flange adaptors, under pressure tees (including any similar components permanently installed on mains as part of flow isolation techniques or to facilitate equipment access into mains), repair clamps, pipe saddles and joint encapsulation units for both potable and non-potable applications.

It applies to fittings which seal to both the existing water supply pipe, including corroded or physically degraded pipe surfaces, and any new pipe by mechanical compression of elastomeric seals, though pressure actuated sealing may additionally be incorporated.

It also gives performance requirements for fittings designed to provide axial restraint when installed on the existing pipe. Joint design and gasket shapes are not covered by this British Standard.

2 Normative references

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.

Standards publications

BS 4190, *ISO metric black hexagon bolts, screws and nuts – Specification*

BS EN 545, *Ductile iron pipes, fittings, accessories and their joints for water pipelines – Requirements and test methods*

BS EN 681-1:1996, *Elastomeric seals – Material requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications – Part 1: Vulcanized rubber*