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## Mechanical tests on samples from district heating pipes

### Object

Samples from district heating pipes DN150/280 mm.

### Delivered

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The Client delivered to SP 10 samples from district heating pipes of size DN150/280 mm. 6 of the samples were of length 200 mm and 4 of the samples of length 150 mm. The samples consisted of a service pipe made from steel, heat insulation made from polyurethane (PUR) and a casing pipe made from polyethylene (PE).

The samples with length 200 mm were marked:  
PP2A, PP2B, PP1C, SH1A, SH1B and SH2C.  
The samples with length 150 mm were marked:  
PP1E, PP2D, SH1D and SH2E.

## TEST RESULTS

### Measurement uncertainty

Reported uncertainty corresponds to an approximate 95 % confidence interval around the measured value. The interval has been calculated in accordance with EA-4/16 (EA guidelines on the expression of uncertainty in quantitative testing), which is normally accomplished by quadratic addition of the actual standard uncertainties, and multiplication of the resulting combined standard uncertainty by the coverage factor  $k = 2$ . The results apply only to the tested objects.

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**Compressive strength – Insulation**

Sample	Measured value, MPa	Requirement, MPa
PP1E-1 PP1E-2 PP1E-3  Mean value	0.42 0.44 0.43  <u>0.43</u>	    ≥0.30
PP2D-1 PP2D-2 PP2D-3  Mean value	0.38 0.37 0.35  <u>0.37</u>	    ≥0.30
SH1D-1 SH1D-2 SH1D-3  Mean value	0.64 0.66 0.69  <u>0.66</u>	    ≥0.30
SH2E-1 SH2E-2 SH2E-3  Mean value	0.57 0.56 0.64  <u>0.59</u>	    ≥0.30

Test method: EN 253:2009 clause 5.3.3

The total calculated uncertainty is <2 %.

Date of test: 2015-12-15

**Voids and bubbles – Insulation – DN150/280**

Sample	Measured value, %	Requirement, %
PP2D PP1E PP2A PP2B PP1C	0.72 1.76 0.35 0.89 0.16	$\leq 5$
SH1D SH2E SH1A SH1B SH2C	0.06 0.34 0.00 0.05 0.58	$\leq 5$

No single void was bigger than 2/3 of the insulation thickness.

Test method: EN 253:2009 clause 5.3.2  
Date of test: 2015-09-15

**Axial shear strength – Pipe assembly – DN150/280 mm**

Sample No	Axial shear strength at +23°C MPa	Displacement at break, mm	Location of rupture
PP2A PP2B PP1C  Mean value: Requirement:	0.20 0.16 0.16  <u>0.17</u> $\geq 0.12$	4.8 3.8 4.2	Service pipe Service pipe Service pipe
SH1A SH1B SH2C  Mean value: Requirement:	0.21 0.22 <b>0.01</b>  <u>0.15</u> $\geq 0.12$	4.3 5.5 3.7	Service pipe Casing pipe Casing pipe

Test method: Axial shear strength at +23°C EN 253:2009 clause 5.4.1.4  
The total calculated uncertainty at determination of axial shear strength is <2%.  
Date of test: 2015-12-15

**Closed cell content – Insulation**

Sample	Measured value, %	Requirement, %
PP1E-1	92.5	
PP1E-2	90.5	
PP1E-3	90.9	
Mean value	<u>91.3</u>	≥88
PP2D-1	94.6	
PP2D-2	91.6	
PP2D-3	88.3	
Mean value	<u>91.5</u>	≥88
SH1D-1	95.1	
SH1D-2	92.4	
SH1D-3	92.5	
Mean value	<u>92.3</u>	≥88
SH2E-1	93.3	
SH2E-2	92.5	
SH2E-3	91.8	
Mean value	<u>92.5</u>	≥88

Test method:

Closed cell content EN 489 clause 5.4.5.2

Date of test:

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