



Standard Specification for Nonreinforced Concrete Irrigation Pipe With Rubber Gasket Joints (Metric)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers nonreinforced concrete pipe with rubber gasket joints to be used for the conveyance of irrigation water with working pressures, including hydraulic transients, as shown in [Table 1](#).

1.2 This specification is the SI counterpart of Specification C505.

NOTE 1—This specification is for manufacturing and purchase only and does not include requirements for bedding, backfill, installation, or field repairs. The owner is cautioned that he must correlate field conditions with the characteristics of the pipe specified and provide inspection during installation.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[C33](#) Specification for Concrete Aggregates

[C150](#) Specification for Portland Cement

[C497M](#) Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile [Metric]

[C595](#) Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements

[C618](#) Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete

[C822](#) Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products

[C989](#) Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars

[C1116](#) Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete and Shotcrete

[D395](#) Test Methods for Rubber Property—Compression Set

[D412](#) Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension

[D471](#) Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids

[D573](#) Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration in an Air Oven

[D1149](#) Test Methods for Rubber Deterioration—Cracking in an Ozone Controlled Environment

[D1415](#) Test Method for Rubber Property—International Hardness

[D2240](#) Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology [C822](#).

4. Classification

4.1 Pipe manufactured in accordance with this specification shall be known as “Standard Nonreinforced Concrete Irrigation Pipe with Rubber Gasket Joints.”

5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 The acceptability of the pipe, joint design, and gaskets shall be determined by the results of the tests prescribed in this specification, if and when required, and by inspection to determine whether the pipe and gaskets conform to the specification as to design and freedom from defects.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Concrete*—The concrete shall consist of cementitious materials, mineral aggregates, and water.

6.2 Cementitious Materials:

6.2.1 *Cement*—Cement shall conform to the requirements for portland cement of Specification [C150](#) or shall be portland blast-furnace slag cement, or slag-modified portland cement, or portland-pozzolan cement conforming to the requirements of Specification [C595](#), except that the pozzolan constituent in the Type IP portland pozzolan cement shall be fly ash.

6.2.2 *Fly Ash*—Fly ash shall conform to the requirements of Class F or Class C of Specification [C618](#).

6.2.3 *Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBFS)*—GGBFS shall conform to the requirements of Grade 100 or 120 of Specification [C989](#).

6.2.4 *Allowable Combinations of Cementitious Materials*—The combination of cementitious materials used in the concrete shall be one of the following:

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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.

TABLE 1 Standard Dimensions, Working Pressures, and Test Requirements

Designated Internal Diameter, mm	Wall Thickness, ^A mm	Working Pressure, ^B MPa	Required Hydrostatic Test Pressure, ^C kPa	Minimum Three-Edge-Bearing Load, kN/linear metre
150	19	9	275	19.0
200	25	9	275	19.5
250	32	9	275	20.5
300	38	9	275	22.0
375	47	9	275	24.0
450	57	9	275	26.5
525	66	9	275	27.5
600	75	9	275	29.0

^A Thinner walls are not prohibited on pipe units not over 1.22 m in length but the thickness of such walls should be not less than the internal diameter divided by 10.

^B With the exception of 525 and 600-mm pipe, higher working pressures are not prohibited to be used up to a maximum of 15 m for 150 through 300-mm diameters and 12 m for 375 through 450-mm diameters. In these cases the strength of the pipe shall be increased to give minimum internal hydrostatic test pressures of at least three times the design working pressure when tested as specified in 10.4.

^C For hydrostatic test requirements, refer to 10.4.

Ultimate elongation at break, min, %	350
Ultimate elongation at break after aging, min, % of elongation before aging	80
Hardness, International Rubber Hardness Degrees or Durometer ^A	40 to 60
Compression set, max, %	25
Water absorption, %	10
Ozone resistance	no cracks in accordance with Method D1149

^A Allowable variation ± 5 from manufacturer's specified hardness.

6.5.4.1 Testing shall be in accordance with Section 9.

6.5.5 *Strength of Splice*—If a splice is used in the manufacture of the gasket, the strength shall be such that the gasket shall withstand 100 % elongation over the part of the gasket that includes the splice with no visible separation of the splice. While in the stretched position, the gasket shall be rotated in the spliced area a minimum of 180° in each direction in order to inspect for separation. Any portion of the splice shall be capable of passing a bend test without visible separation. The bend test for circular gaskets is defined as wrapping the portion of the unstretched gasket containing the splice a minimum of 180° and a maximum of 270° around a rod of a diameter equal to the cross section diameter of the gasket.

6.5.6 *Storage*—The gaskets shall be stored in a cool, clean, and shaded place, preferably at 21°C or less and in no case shall the gaskets be exposed to the direct rays of the sun for more than 72 h.

6.6 *Synthetic Fibers*—Collated fibrillated virgin polypropylene fibers are not prohibited in concrete pipe as a nonstructural manufacturing material. Only Type III synthetic fibers designed and manufactured specifically for use in concrete and conforming to the requirements of Specification C1116 shall be accepted.

7. Design

7.1 *Design Tables*—The standard dimensions shall be as given in Table 1. Wall thicknesses furnished shall be not less than those given in Table 1, except as affected by the tolerance specified in Section 12.

7.2 *Modified Design*—Manufacturers shall submit to the owner for approval prior to manufacture, wall thicknesses other than those shown in Table 1. Such pipe shall meet all of the test and performance requirements specified by the owner in accordance with 5.1.

8. Joints

8.1 Pipe units shall be manufactured with male- and female-type joints of such design that the rubber gasket applied thereto shall be the sole element depended upon to make the joints flexible and watertight.

8.2 The slope on the conic surfaces of the gasket seat on the inside of the female portion and on the outside of the male portion shall be not more than 3.5° measured from a longitudinal trace on the inside surface of the pipe. The female or the male portions, or both, shall form a proper gasket positioning area or “seat.” The joint design shall be such that, when the joint has been fully closed and is off center sufficiently to cause

- 6.2.4.1 Portland cement only,
- 6.2.4.2 Portland blast furnace slag cement only,
- 6.2.4.3 Slag modified portland cement only,
- 6.2.4.4 Portland pozzolan cement only,
- 6.2.4.5 A combination of portland cement and fly ash,
- 6.2.4.6 A combination of portland cement and ground granulated blast-furnace slag, or
- 6.2.4.7 A combination of portland cement, fly ash (not to exceed 25 % of the total cementitious weight) and ground granulated blast furnace slag (not to exceed 25 % of the total cementitious weight).

6.3 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to Specification C33, except that the requirements for gradation shall not apply.

6.4 *Admixtures and Blends*—Owner is not prohibited from obtaining the record of mix design used.

6.5 Gaskets:

6.5.1 *Composition*—The rubber compound used in the manufacture of the gasket shall be compounded from natural rubber, synthetic rubber, or a mixture of the two fabricated as prescribed in 6.5.2 to 6.5.6, inclusive.

6.5.2 *Fabrication*—Gaskets shall be extruded or molded and cured in such a manner that they will be dense and homogeneous at any cross section, and have uniform dimensions. They shall be free from porosity, blisters, pitting, and other defects, which will affect their serviceability.

6.5.3 *Tolerances*—Commercial tolerances A3-F3, T.032 for molded gaskets, and A3-F3 for extruded gaskets in accordance with the *Rubber Handbook*³ shall be permitted. The tolerances in gasket and joint dimensions shall be such as not to exceed permissible deformations prescribed in Section 8.

6.5.4 *Physical Properties of Gaskets*—The rubber from which the gaskets are fabricated shall have the following physical properties:

³ Available from the Rubber Manufacturers Assn., Inc., 1400 K St., NW, suite 900, Washington DC, 20005.

the outer concrete surface of the male portion and the inner concrete surface of the female portion to come into contact at some place in the joint periphery, the deformation of the gasket adjacent to that point shall not exceed 50 % of the stretched diameter for O-ring gaskets, or 75 % of the uncompressed radial thickness for all other types. At the diametrically opposite side, the gasket deformation shall be not less than 15 % of the stretched diameter for O-ring gaskets, or 25 % of the uncompressed radial thickness for all other types. O-ring gaskets are defined as solid gaskets of circular cross section. Stretched gasket diameters shall be calculated as being $\sqrt{1/(1+x)}$ times the original gasket diameter where x equals the percent of gasket stretch divided by 100.

8.3 The joint design shall provide for the deflection of each pipe unit by opening one side of the outside perimeter of the joint, wider than the fully closed position, a distance no less than 13 mm or 25 % of the wall thickness, whichever is less, without reducing its watertightness.

8.4 The joint shall be of such design that it will withstand, without cracking or fracturing, the forces caused by the compression of the gasket, and the required hydrostatic test pressure.

8.5 All surfaces of the joint upon or against which the gasket bear shall be smooth, free of spall, cracks, or fractures, and imperfections that would adversely affect performance.

8.6 *Alternative Joint Designs*—If permitted by the owner, manufacturers shall submit to the owner, detailed designs for joints and gaskets other than those described in 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5. Design submissions shall include joint geometry tolerances, gasket characteristics, proposed plant tests, gasket splice bend tests, and such other information as required by the owner to evaluate the joint design for field performance. Joints and gaskets of alternative joint designs shall meet all test requirements of this specification unless waived by the owner. Alternative joint designs shall be acceptable provided the designs are approved by the owner prior to manufacture and provided the test pipe comply with the specified test.

9. Concrete Mixture

9.1 The aggregates shall be sized, graded, proportioned, and thoroughly mixed with such proportions of cementitious materials and water as will produce a homogeneous concrete mixture of such quality that the pipe will conform to the test and design requirements of this specification. Cementitious materials shall be as specified in 6.2 and shall be added to the mix in a proportion not less than 280 kg/m, unless mix designs with a lower cementitious materials content demonstrate that the quality and performance meet the requirements of this specification.

10. Physical Requirements

10.1 Test Specimens:

10.1.1 Specimens for test shall be full-size pipe units and gaskets that conform in every respect to the inspection requirements of this specification, shall be selected at random by the owner at the place of manufacture of the pipe, and shall be tested in advance of shipment to the site of installation.

10.1.2 Test specimens of pipe shall be selected from dated lots and the manufacturer shall furnish manufacturing data for the lot tested if so required by the owner.

10.2 *Number and Type of Tests Required*—The manufacturer shall furnish specimens for the test without charge up to 1 % of the number of pipe units of each dated lot, except that in no case shall fewer pipe units be furnished than necessary to perform the tests herein specified. Specimens shall be proportioned equally to the test to which they are to be subjected except that the owner can specify different proportions prior to purchase. The manufacturer shall bear all the expense of testing such pipe. Should a larger number of specimens be tested upon demand of the owner or manufacturer, then the cost of such additional test specimens and the expense of testing shall be borne by the party making such demand.

10.3 *External Load Test Requirement*—The minimum three-edge-bearing strength shall be as given in Table 1 and shall be made in accordance with Test Methods C497M. If mutually agreed upon between the manufacturer and the owner, other types of bearings such as hard rubber blocks or sand-filled, high-pressure hose are acceptable.

10.3.1 It is not prohibited to fill depressions of exterior surface irregularities with plaster of paris to equalize the bearing surfaces. The user of this specification is advised that sand or other loose fine material may be spread along the length of the crown of the pipe to equalize the upper bearing.

10.3.2 The load shall be applied continuously until the strength specified in Table 1 is reached. The pipe shall not be allowed to stand under load longer than is required to apply the load and to observe and record it. The pipe shall be surface dry when tested. Tests shall not be made on frozen pipe.

10.4 *Hydrostatic Test Requirements*—Maximum hydrostatic test pressures shall be as given in Table 1, and shall be made in accordance with 10.7. There shall be no leakage of pipe or joints at one third of this pressure when pipes are in straight alignment or in maximum deflected position. Moisture appearing on the surface of the pipe in the form of patches, or beads, adhering to the surface, will not be considered as leakage. In event the pipe is tested dry, slow-forming beads of water that result in minor dripping, and slight pinhole spurts that can be proven to seal and dry up within 1 week when kept continuously under the prescribed 10-min test pressure will be considered acceptable.

10.5 Rubber Gasket Compound Tests:

10.5.1 *General*—Laboratory tests to determine the physical properties of the rubber gaskets to be furnished under this specification shall be performed on test specimens taken from the finished rubber product, except that at the option of the pipe manufacturer specimens shall be furnished in accordance with the appropriate ASTM method or specification.

10.5.2 *Tensile Strength and Elongation*—Test Method D412.

10.5.3 *Aging*—Test Method D573, aged for 96 h at 70°C.

10.5.4 *Hardness*—Test Method D1415 or Test Method D2240.

10.5.5 *Compression Set*—Method B of Test Methods D395, 22 h at 70 ± 1°C.

10.5.6 *Water Absorption*—Test Method D471. Soak in distilled water for 48 h at $70 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. When a 25-mm test specimen cannot be obtained, use the greatest width obtainable from the test sample.

10.5.7 *Ozone Resistance*—Determine the resistance to ozone in accordance with Test Method D1149.

10.5.7.1 Specimens shall be the test specimen length of the finished gasket cross section.

10.5.7.2 Conduct the test for 72 h in 50 PPHM concentration at $40 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ stressed to 20 % extension.

10.6 *Retests*—Pipe shall be considered as meeting the strength test requirements when all initial test specimens conform to the test requirements. Should any of the initial test specimens fail to meet the test requirements, the manufacturer shall be allowed a retest on two additional specimens for each specimen that failed, and the pipe shall be acceptable only when all of these retest specimens meet the strength requirements. Pipe for retest shall be selected from pipe of the same dated lot as the specimen that failed. If any of the retest specimens fail, then each of the remaining pipe units produced in that dated lot shall be tested and will be accepted only after it has satisfactorily passed the tests.

10.7 *Hydrostatic Test Method:*

10.7.1 Make the hydrostatic test on specimens selected as specified. At the option of the manufacturer, the pipe (1) shall be surface dry, (2) shall have been completely immersed in water for 7 days, or (3) shall have been completely soaked from the inside at the working pressure for up to 7 days prior to test.

10.7.2 The test shall be made first on two or more units of pipe in straight alignment between bulkheads, and secondly on the same units of pipe with the joint between them deflected as specified in 8.3. No mortar or concrete coatings, fillings, or packings other than the gasket itself shall be placed in the joint during or prior to either part of the test.

10.7.3 Properly connect the pipe units together and to bulkheads at either end in accordance with joint design and jig to prevent movement during the test.

10.7.4 Make provision to fill the pipe units with water to the exclusion of air. Connect a standardized pressure gage close to the specimens, and bring the water pressure up to a value of one third of the required hydrostatic test pressure in about 1 min and hold at that pressure for 10 min. Then increase the pressure until the required hydrostatic test pressure is reached, and hold at that pressure for a period of time not to exceed 1 min.

10.7.5 At no time during the test, or during a prior immersion period, subject the pipe to freezing temperature.

11. Gasket Lubricants

11.1 Where the particular joint design utilizing a rubber gasket dictates the use of a lubricant to facilitate assembly, the lubricant composition shall have no detrimental effect on the performance of the gasket and joint due to prolonged exposure.

11.2 The lubricant shall be stored in accordance with lubricant manufacturer's recommended temperature range.

11.3 When requested by the owner, the manufacturer shall furnish written certification that the joint lubricant conforms to all requirements of this specification for the specific gaskets supplied.

12. Permissible Variations

12.1 *Internal Diameter*—See Table 2. At the manufacturer's option, the internal diameter shall be one of two alternatives, the Designated Diameter or the Converted English Diameter. Pipe sections that are intended to be jointed to each other shall be furnished with the same internal diameter alternative. The internal diameter of pipe manufactured to the Designated Diameters shall vary from the Designated Diameter not more than ± 5 mm or $\pm 1.5\%$, whichever is greater. The internal diameter of pipe manufactured to the Converted English Diameters shall vary from the Converted English Diameter not more than ± 5 mm or $\pm 1.5\%$, whichever is greater. For pipe manufactured to Converted English Diameters, the corresponding Designated Diameter shown in Table 2 shall apply for all other requirements of this specification.

12.2 The minimum wall thickness of the pipe shall be not more than 5 % or 2 mm, whichever is the greater, less than the value shown in Table 1.

12.3 *Square Ends*—The planes formed by the ends of the pipe units shall not vary from the perpendicular to the longitudinal trace on the inside surface of the pipe by more than 5 mm across the inside diameter of the pipe.

13. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

13.1 Pipe shall be substantially free of fractures and surface roughness.

14. Repairs

14.1 Pipe repaired because of occasional imperfections in manufacturing or accidental injury during handling will be acceptable if, in the opinion of the owner, the repairs are sound and properly finished and cured and the repaired pipe conforms to the requirements of this specification.

15. Inspection

15.1 The quality of all materials and the finished pipe and gaskets shall be subject to inspection and approval by the owner.

16. Rejection

16.1 *Rejection of Pipe*—Pipe shall be subject to rejection on account of failure to conform to any of the specification

TABLE 2 Internal Diameters

Designated Diameter, mm	Equivalent English Diameter, in	Converted English Diameter, mm
150	6	152
200	8	203
250	10	254
300	12	305
375	15	381
450	18	457
525	21	533
600	24	610

requirements or on account of fractures or cracks passing through the wall of the pipe, or end cracks and fractures, that might interfere with proper seating of the gasket.

16.2 *Rejection of Gaskets*—Gaskets that do not conform to this specification or that show surface checking, weathering, or other deterioration prior to installation in the work will be rejected. All gaskets are subject to inspection.

17. Product Marking

17.1 The following information shall be clearly marked on the surface of the pipe units:

- 17.1.1 Date of manufacture,
- 17.1.2 Name or trademark of the manufacturer,
- 17.1.3 Pipe Class (NR), and

17.1.4 The working pressure designed for, if higher than that given in **Table 1**.

17.2 *Lubricant*—The following information shall be clearly marked on each container of lubricant.

- 17.2.1 Name of lubricant manufacturer.
- 17.2.2 Usable temperature range for application and storage.
- 17.2.3 Shelf life.
- 17.2.4 Lot or batch number.

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