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SECTION 02515

HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PIPE AND FITTINGS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 Scope of Work

The Contractor shall provide solid wall high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) and fittings which conform to AWWA, ASTM and other referenced documents listed in this specification with flanged and thermal butt fusion joints complete in place.

1.02 Manufacturer Qualifications

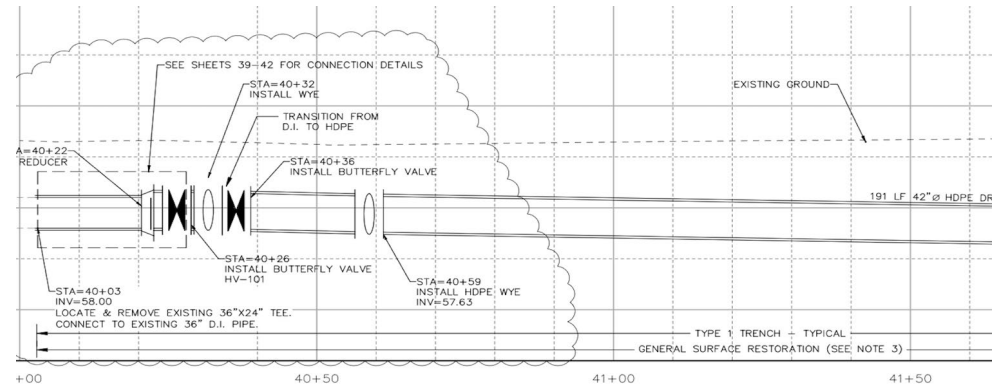
- A. Manufacturer shall have a minimum of 5 years recent experience producing HDPE pressure pipe and fittings for at least the specified sizes and lengths, and shall be able to submit documentation of at least 5 installations in satisfactory operation for at least 5 years.
- B. HDPE pipe and fittings manufacturers and distributors shall be listed as current members of the Alliance for PE Pipe.
- C. Contractor shall have a minimum of 5 years recent experience installing HDPE pressure pipe and fittings for at least the specified pipe and fittings sizes and lengths and shall be able to submit documentation of at least 5 installations in satisfactory operation for at least 5 years.
- D. All pipe and fittings of each material type shall be furnished by the same manufacturer.
- E. The HDPE utility pipe and fittings manufacturer shall review and approve or prepare all Shop Drawings and other submittals for all components furnished under this Section.
- F. Pipe and fittings, including linings and coatings, that will convey potable water or water that will be treated to become potable, shall be certified by an accredited organization in accordance with NSF 61 as being suitable for contact with potable water, and shall comply with requirements of authorities having jurisdiction at Site.

1.03 Referenced Standards

- A. American Water Works Association (AWWA) latest edition:
 - 1. AWWA C901 - Polyethylene Pressure Pipe and Tubing, 1/2 Inch Through 3 Inch for Water Service

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Alliance for PE Pipe

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3. PolyethylenePipeandFittings.docx



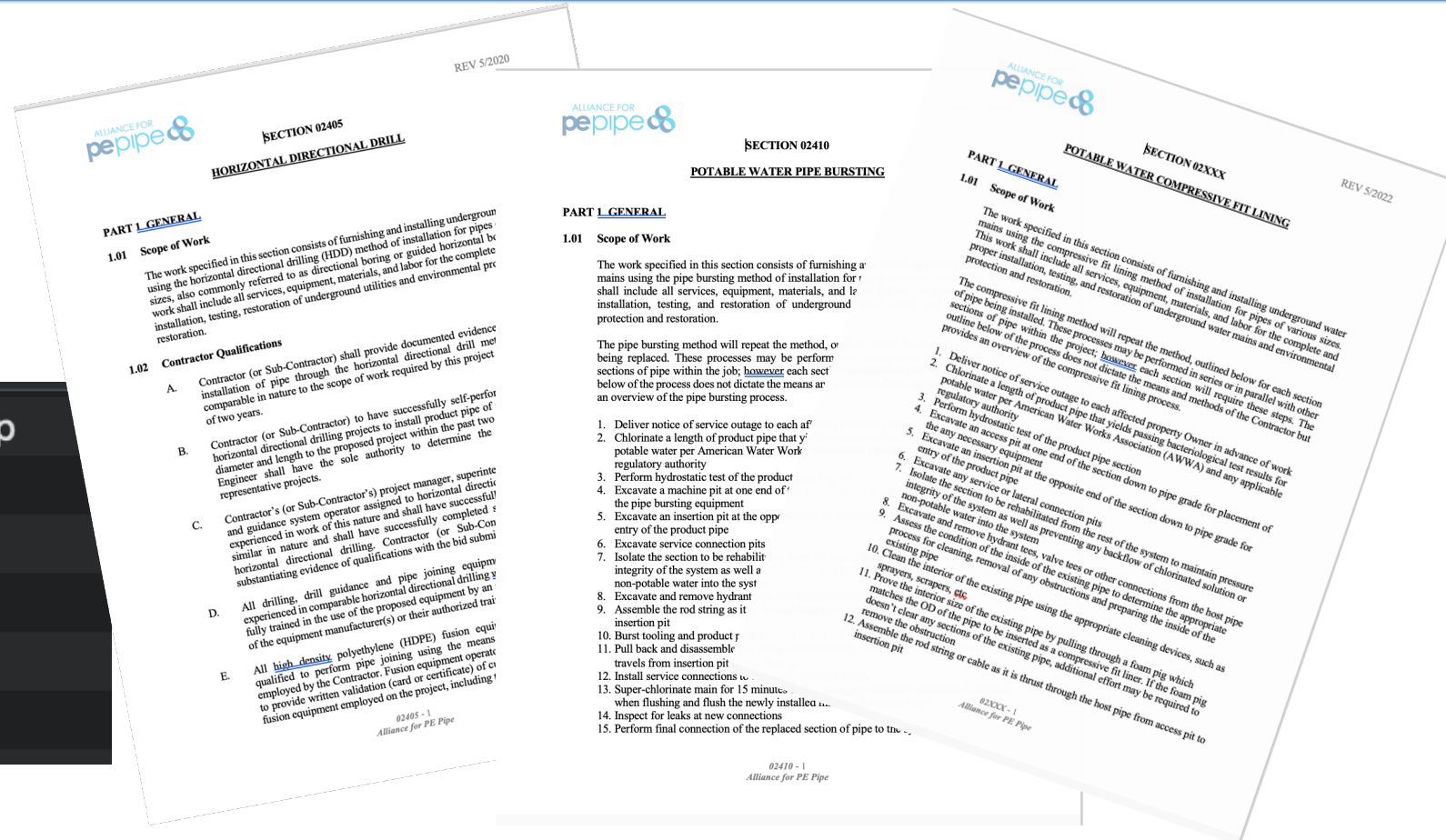
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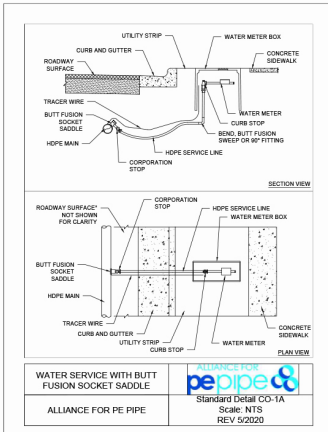


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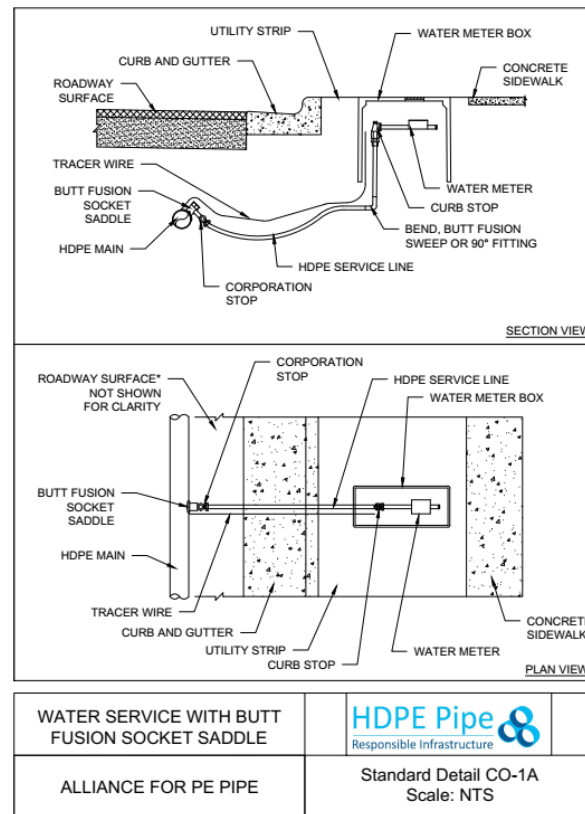


PE Handbook
WRF Earthquake Report
Alliance Operator
Qualifications
Alliance Insider's Guide
Alliance Decision Trees



Alliance Pipe Chart
Model Specifications
HDPE Standard Details
PPI MAB Contacts
PPI MAB EF 1 - <12"
PPI MAB EF 1 - >14"
PPI TN 44 - Long Term Resistance
PPI TN 49 - Service Tubes
PPI TN 54 - Squeeze Off
PPI Transitions

Standard Details



Case Studies



Training



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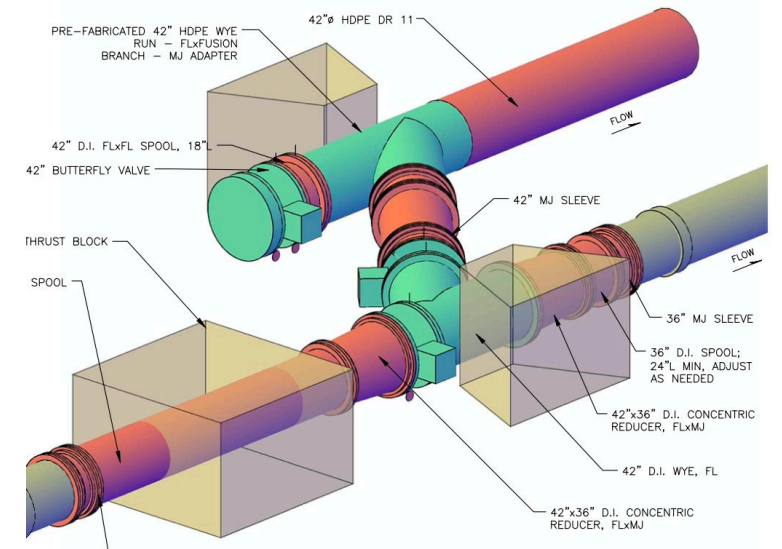
Joining HDPE



Material Properties



Applications & Design



Joining HDPE: Method 1 - Butt Fusion



- 1. CLEAN IT*
- 2. SHAVE IT*
- 3. HEAT IT*
- 4. FUSE IT*

Joining HDPE: Method 1 - Butt Fusion



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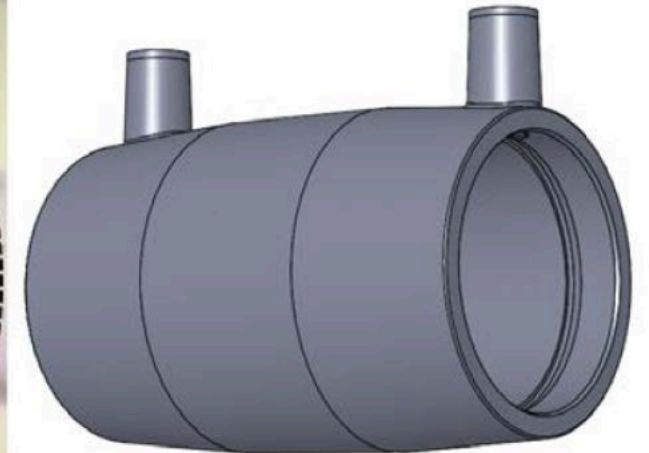
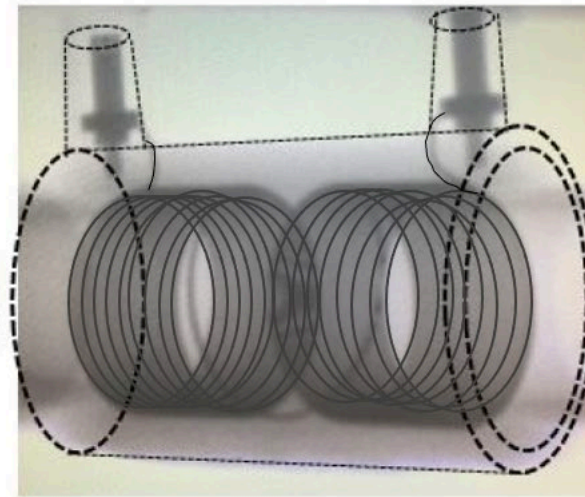


**Butt Fusion
Forensics**

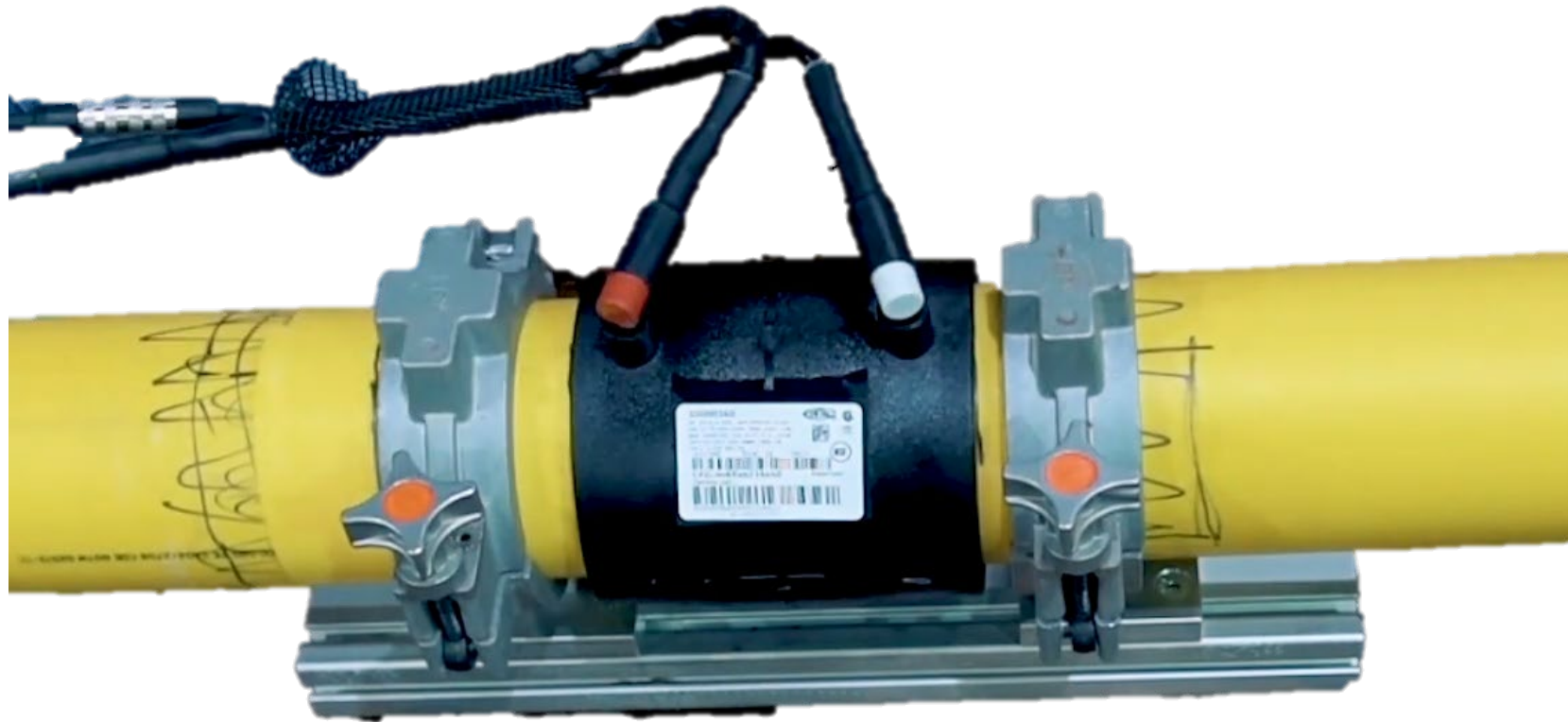
Joining HDPE: Method 2 - Electrofusion



Resistance Wire Heating Coil

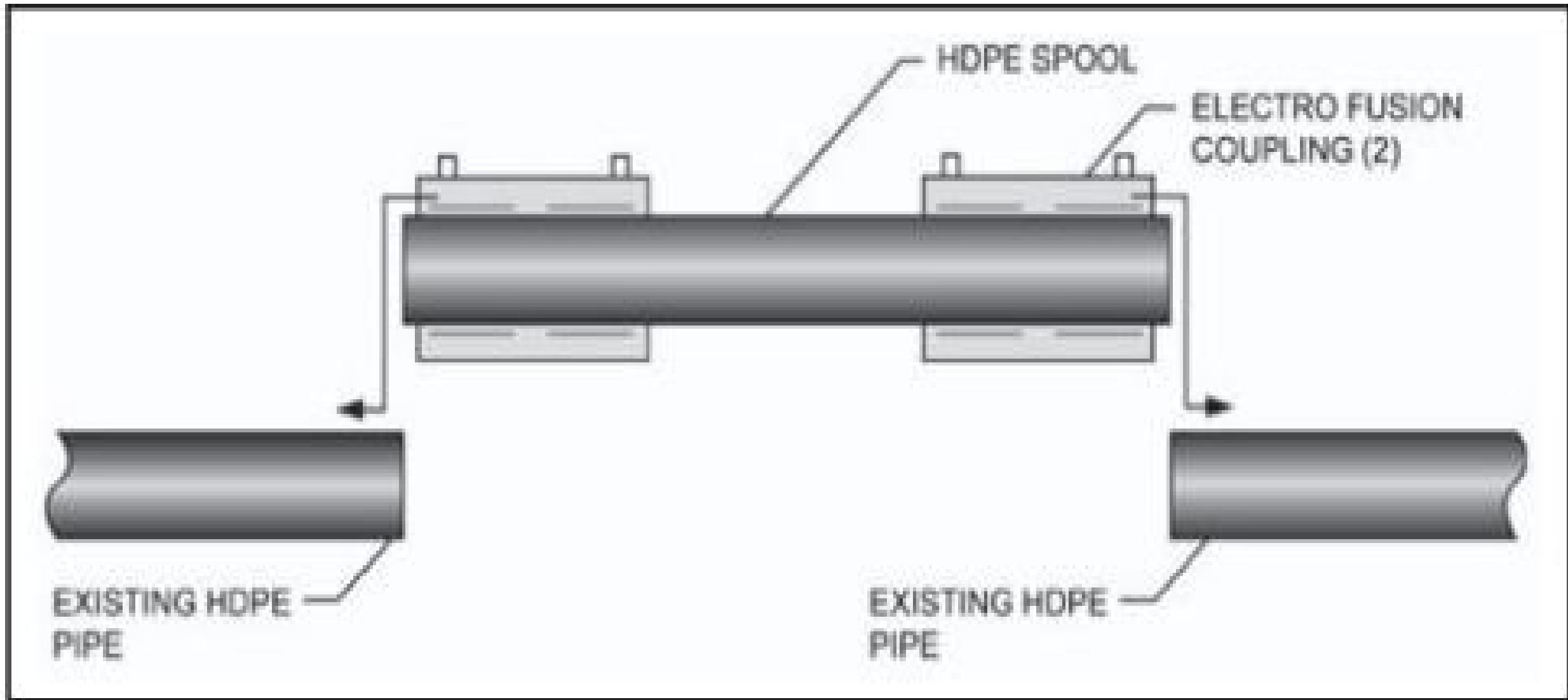


Joining HDPE: Method 2 - Electrofusion



- 1. CLEAN IT*
- 2. PEEL IT*
- 3. CLEAN IT*
- 4. FUSE IT*

Joining HDPE: Method 2 - Electrofusion



Joining HDPE: Method 2 - Electrofusion

Electrofusion Coupler



Branch Saddles



Threaded Branch Saddles



Electrofusion 90° Elbow



Electrofusion Equal Tee



Electrofusion Reducer



Flex Restraint



Electrofusion 45° Elbow



Joining HDPE: Method 3 - Couplers

Small Repairs where cutting out section of pipe is needed

Insert Stiffener Recommended

External Restraint needed if the Coupler is not Restrained



Repair – Mechanical Spool



Large Field Repair Option

Inserts Recommended and
Restraint Required

Good Option in Challenging
conditions where fusion is
difficult


Application #1: Irrigation






Application #2: Mining



The image shows three large, black, cylindrical pipes or conduits running parallel to each other. They are supported by a metal structure. The background consists of a gravel area on the left and a grassy area on the right, with a fence visible in the distance. The text 'Application #3: Industrial' is overlaid in white on the pipes.

Application #3: Industrial

A photograph of a concrete bridge with a metal railing. In the background, there is a dense line of green trees and a white house with a grey roof. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text 'Application #4: Bridge Crossings' is overlaid in white on the bridge.

Application #4: Bridge Crossings

Application #5: Environmentally Sensitive Areas



Application #6: Outfalls, Intakes, Dredging



Application #7: Temporary Water / Bypass



Materials Properties



Thermal
effects



UV Protection



Sag/deflection



Poisson's
Effect

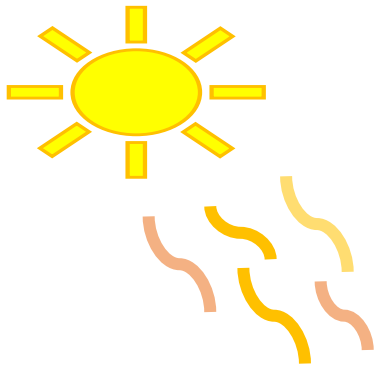


Restraint

#1: Thermal Effects - Expansion/Contraction

Thermal Expansion and Contraction

- PE expands and contracts at a rate of about 1 in/10°F/100 ft
- However, PE requires a much smaller force to restrain expansion and contraction compared to other materials

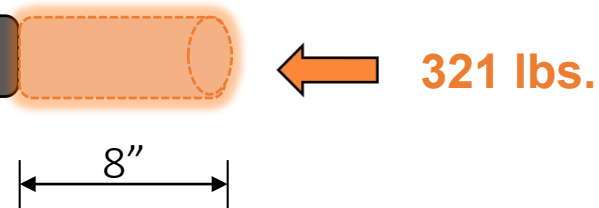


Piping Material	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (α), in/in-°F	Elastic Modulus* (E), psi	Stress, psi ($\sigma = \alpha E \Delta T$)
^Carbon Steel	6.5×10^{-6}	29×10^6	$188.5 \times \Delta T$
^Stainless Steel	9.9×10^{-6}	28×10^6	$277.2 \times \Delta T$
Polyethylene	80×10^{-6}	0.065×10^6	$5.2 \times \Delta T$

*Polyethylene uses a time and temperature-dependent modulus of elasticity. Modulus shown in this table is for 10 hours at 73°F
 ^Values for carbon steel and stainless steel obtained from www.engineeringtoolbox.com

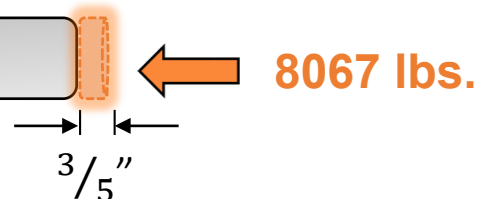
HDPE PIPE

2" DR11 HDPE pipe Length = 200 ft. $\Delta T = 40^\circ\text{F}$



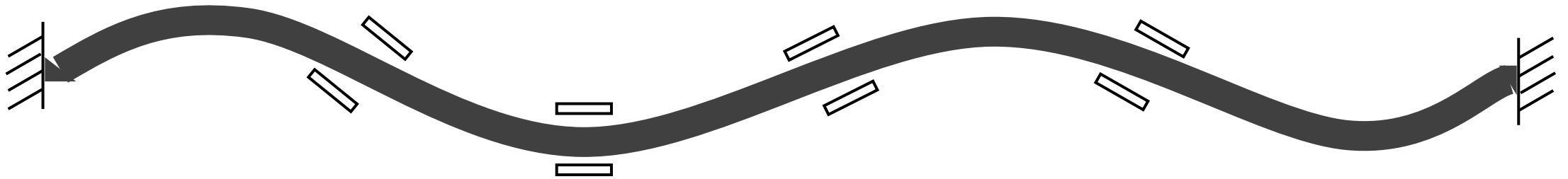
CARBON STEEL PIPE

2" Sch. 40 steel pipe Length = 200 ft. $\Delta T = 40^\circ\text{F}$



#1: Thermal Effects - Expansion Loops

Lateral Deflection Expansion Loop



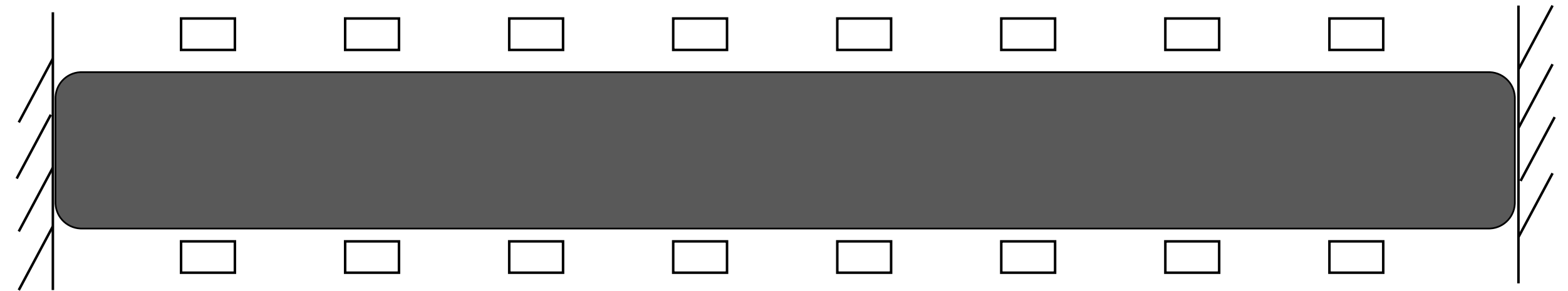
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Lateral Deflection Expansion Loop



#1: Thermal Effects - Expansion Loops

Anchored and Guided System



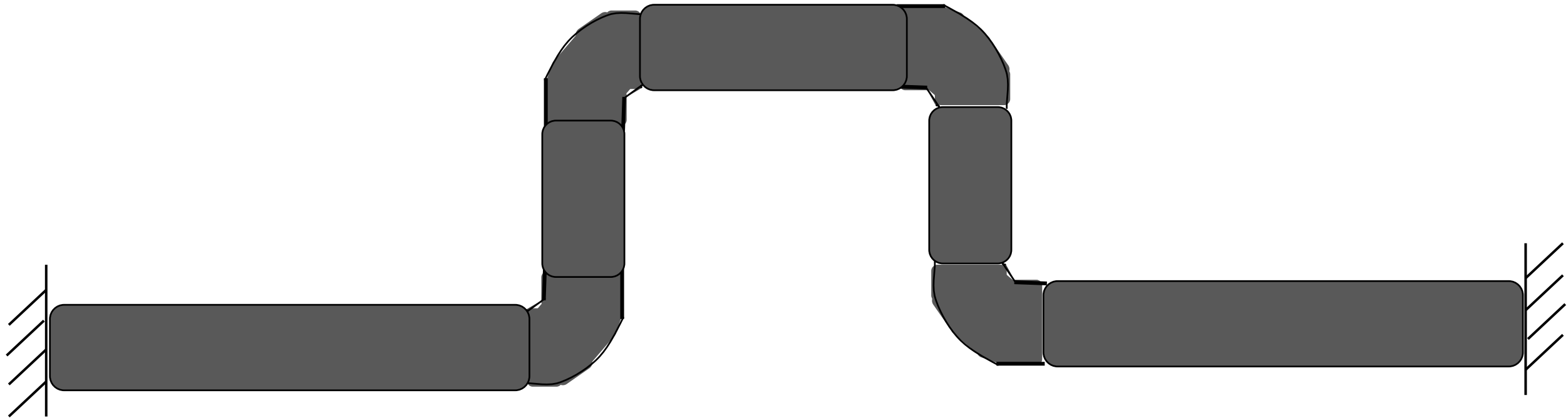
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Anchored and Guided System



#1: Thermal Effects - Expansion Loops

Conventional Expansion Loop



#2: UV Radiation



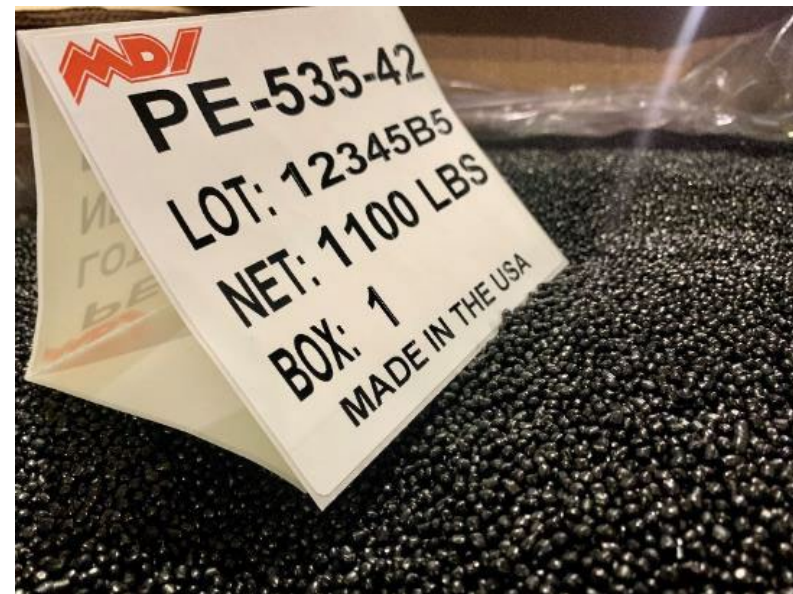
Figure 1: Surface discoloration of PVC pressure



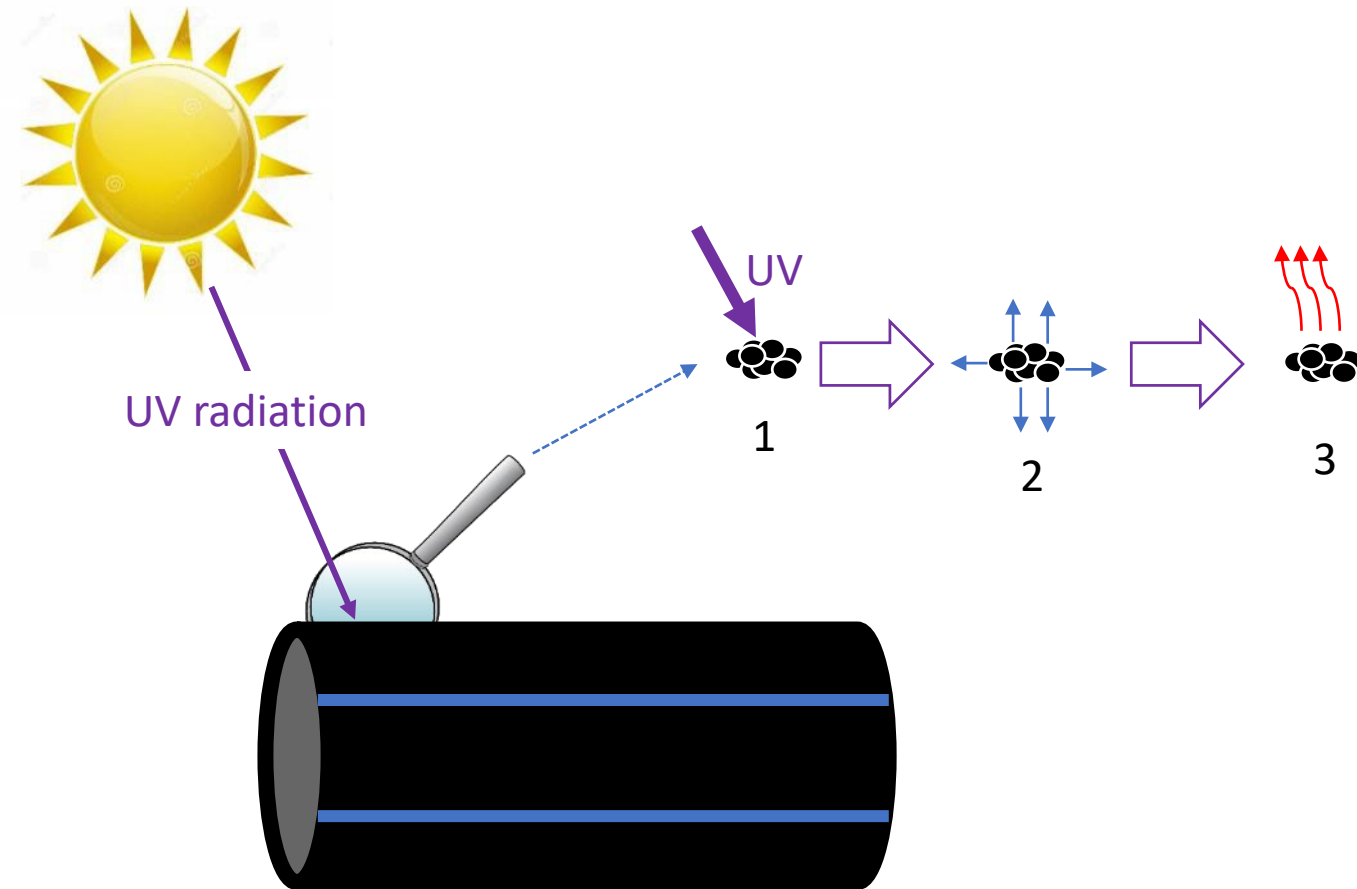
#2: UV Radiation - Carbon Black

Goal: Protect polymer chains on a molecular level

Solution: 2% carbon black protects from UV radiation for an indefinite time



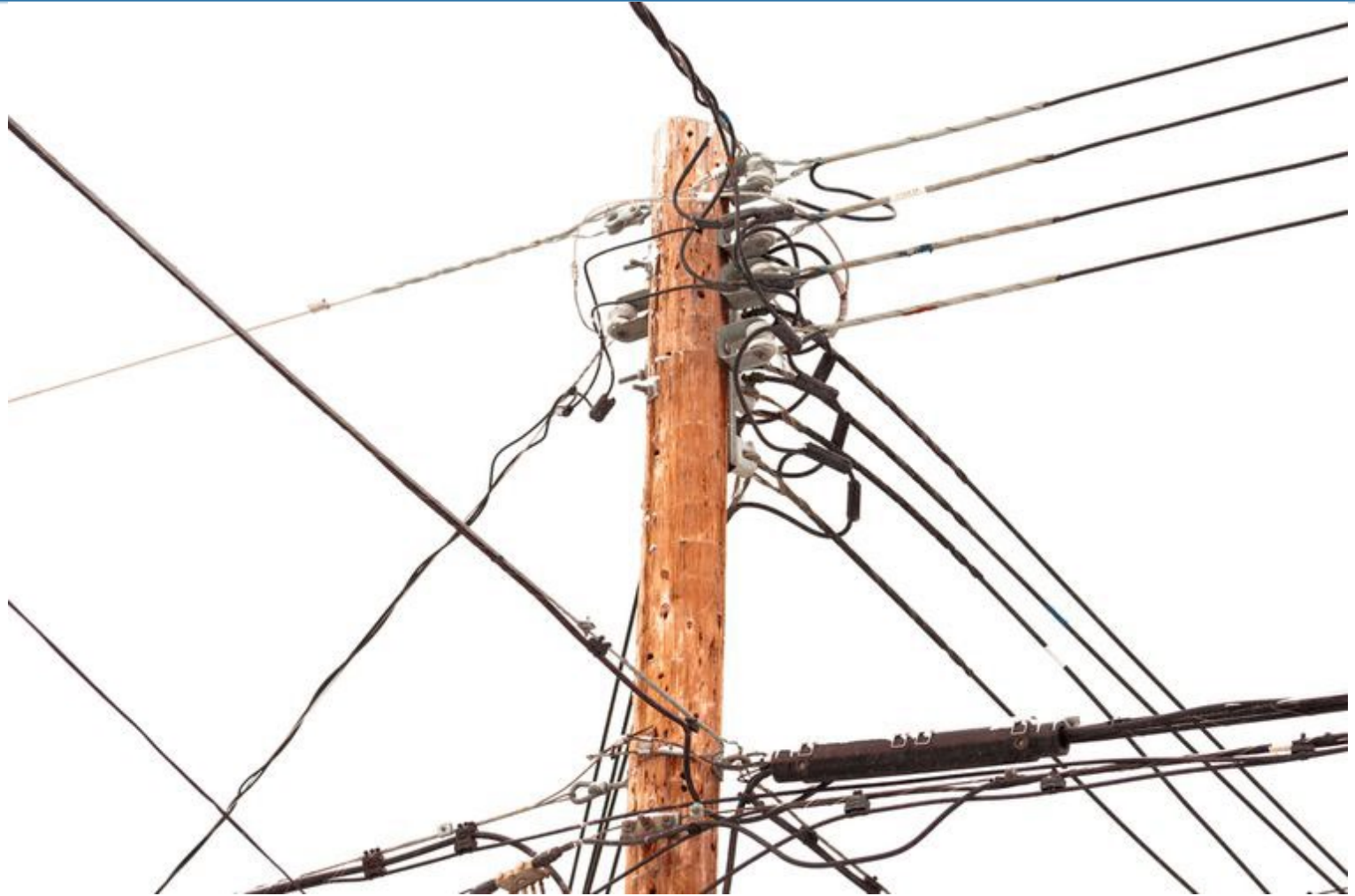
#2: UV Radiation



1. UV radiation strikes particles
2. Particles react to the UV energy by vibrating
3. Particles are constrained, and the vibrations are converted to heat

#2: UV Radiation - PROOF

*Existing telephone lines
protected by carbon black
Have been installed for well
over 50 years*

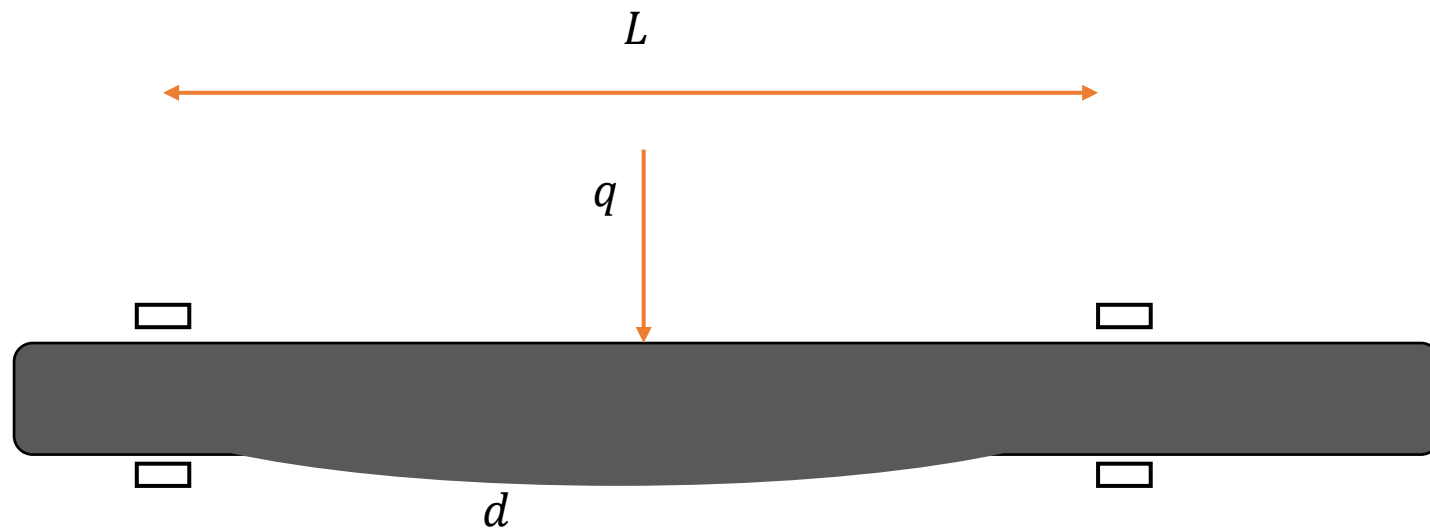


#3: Vertical Deflection

Center-to-center span length

Load per unit length

Beam deflection analysis based on limiting deflection



#3: Vertical Deflection - Span Length

Determine Max allowable bending stress

- PPI provides maximum allowable bending stress (σ_m) as 1/2 (non pressure) and 1/8 (pressure) operating pressure
- OD, ID, weight of pipe
- Density of internal fluid
- Deflection coefficient Table 2
- Apparent long-term modulus of elasticity at average long-term temperature
- Moment of Inertia

$$L_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{3(OD^4 - ID^4)\sigma_m\pi}{8qOD}}$$

$$q = \frac{W}{12} + \frac{\pi\sigma_{fluid}(ID)^2}{6912}$$

$$d = \frac{fqL^4}{E_L I}$$

$$I = \left(\frac{\pi}{64}\right)(OD^4 - ID^4)$$

#3: Vertical Deflection

10-inch (10.75 OD) DR11 pipe

$\sigma_m = 100$ psi (bending stress)

L min. calc = 13.45'

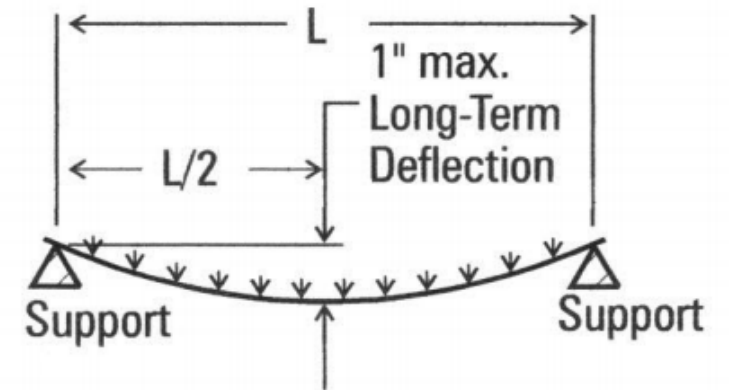
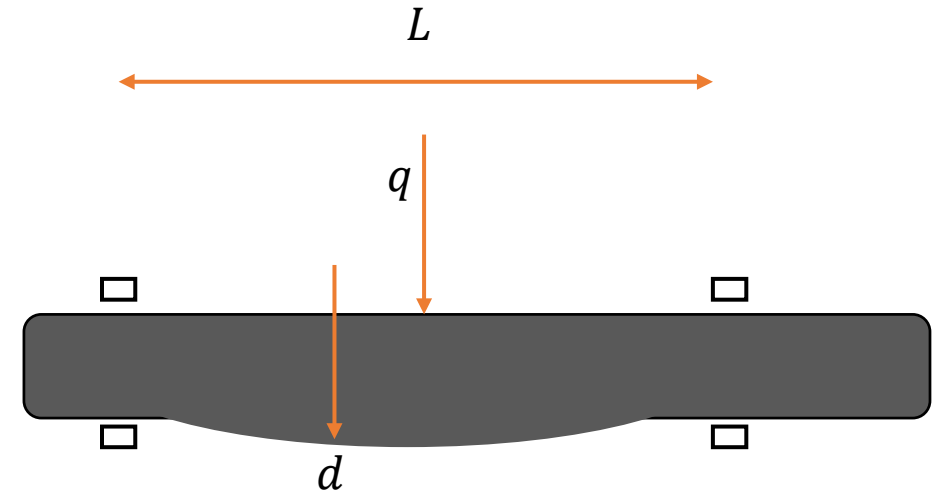
L recommended = 12' restraint intervals

$q = 3.23$ lb/in

$d = 0.00002896$ in

$$L_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{3(OD^4 - ID^4)\sigma_m\pi}{8qOD}}$$

$$d = \frac{fqL^4}{E_L I}$$



18" DR11 IPS with Restraint Every 10'		
	OD	18
	ID	14.531
	Weight (lb/ft)	36.403
Load per Unit Length		
	$q = W/12 + \pi\sigma(ID)^2/6912$	
W	Weight of pipe (lbs/ft)	36.403
σ	Density of internal fluid (lb/ft ³)	62.4
q	Load per unit length (lb/in)	9.02
	Load per unit length (lb/ft)	108.27
Simple Beam Deflection Analysis		
	$d = qL^4 / E_L I$	
d	Deflection or sag (inches)	0.30
f	Deflection Coefficient, Refer to Table 2	0.0026
L	Span length (inches)	120
q	Load per unit length (lb/in)	108.27
E_L	Apparent long-term modulus of elasticity at average long-term temp	130000
I	Moment of Inertia, $(\pi/64) * (OD^4 - ID^4)$	2334.7
18" DR26 IPS with Restraint Every 10'		
	OD	18
	ID	14.532
	Weight (lb/ft)	36.386
Load per Unit Length		
	$q = W/12 + \pi\sigma(ID)^2/6912$	
W	Weight of pipe (lbs/ft)	36.386
σ	Density of internal fluid (lb/ft ³)	62.4
q	Load per unit length (lb/in)	9.11
	Load per unit length (lb/ft)	109.30
Simple Beam Deflection Analysis		
	$d = qL^4 / E_L I$	
d	Deflection or sag (inches)	0.30
f	Deflection Coefficient, Refer to Table 2	0.0026
L	Span length (inches)	120
q	Load per unit length (lb/in)	109.30
E_L	Apparent long-term modulus of elasticity at average long-term temp	130000
I	Moment of Inertia, $(\pi/64) * (OD^4 - ID^4)$	1486.33

Vertical Deflection Is Well Understood & Easily Calculated

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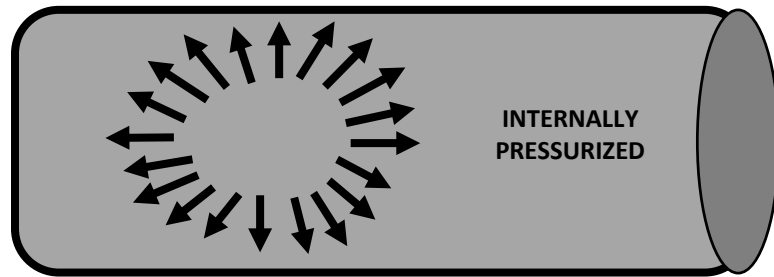
TABLE B.2.1
Approximate Values of Apparent Modulus for 73°F (23°C)

Rate of Increasing Stress	Approximate Values of Apparent Modulus for 73°F (23°C)					
	For Materials Coded PE2XXX ⁽¹⁾		For Materials Coded PE3XXX ⁽²⁾		For Materials Coded PE4XXX ⁽¹⁾	
	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	MPa
"Short term" (Results Obtained Under Tensile Testing) ⁽³⁾	100,000	690	125,000	862	130,000	896
"Dynamic" ⁽⁴⁾	150,000psi (1,034 MPa) For All Designation Codes					

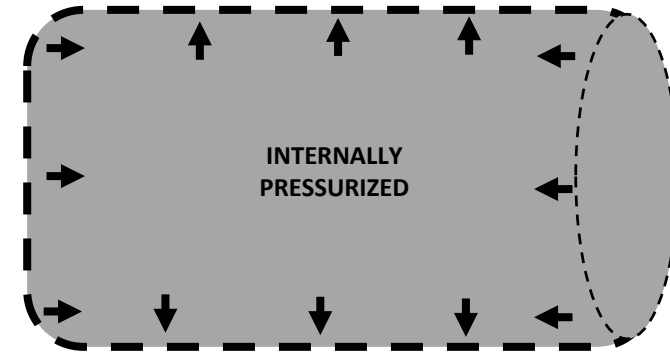
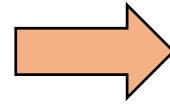
TABLE B.2.2
Compensating Multipliers for Determination of the Apparent Modulus of Elasticity at Temperatures Other than at 73°F (23°C)
Equally Applicable to All Stress-Rated PE's
(e.g., All PE2xxx's, All PE3xxx's and All PE4xxx's)

Maximum Sustained Temperature of the Pipe °F (°C)	Compensating Multiplier
-20 (-29)	2.54
-10 (-23)	2.36
0 (-18)	2.18
10 (-12)	2.00
20 (-7)	1.81
30 (-1)	1.65
40 (4)	1.49
50 (10)	1.32
60 (16)	1.18
73.4 (23)	1.00
80 (27)	0.93
90 (32)	0.82
100 (38)	0.73
110 (43)	0.64
120 (49)	0.58
130 (54)	0.50
140 (60)	0.43

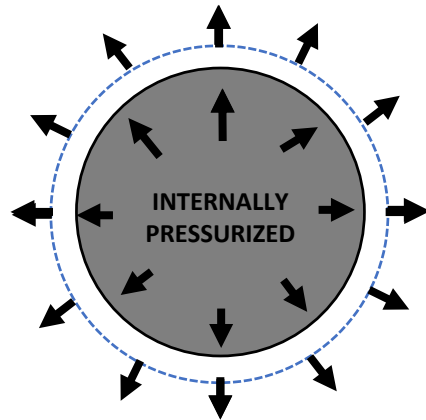
#4: Poisson's Effect



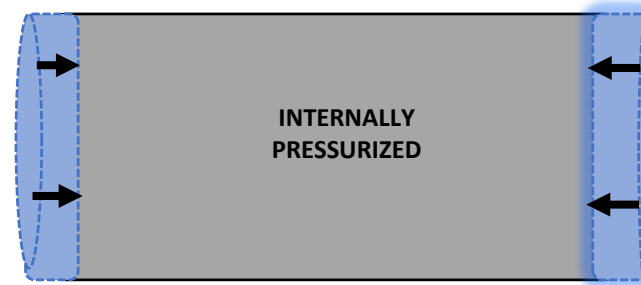
Pipe is pressurized



Pipe expands diametrically and contracts longitudinally



Expands diametrically



Contracts longitudinally

#5: Restraint – MJ Adapter



Stout, heavy duty to fully restrain HDPE

HDPE naturally moves but force required is equally minimized

Does not require fully dry and sanitized conditions

#6: Eliminate Unnecessary Fittings

Bend Radius

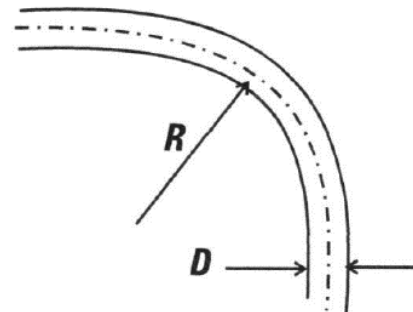
- Bend radius of PE pipe is limited by
 - Bending strain capacity
 - Resistance to kinking\

Longitudinal Wall Strain

- Bend radius guidance limits longitudinal wall strain in the pipe to 2%
- 2% longitudinal wall strain = bending ratio of 20

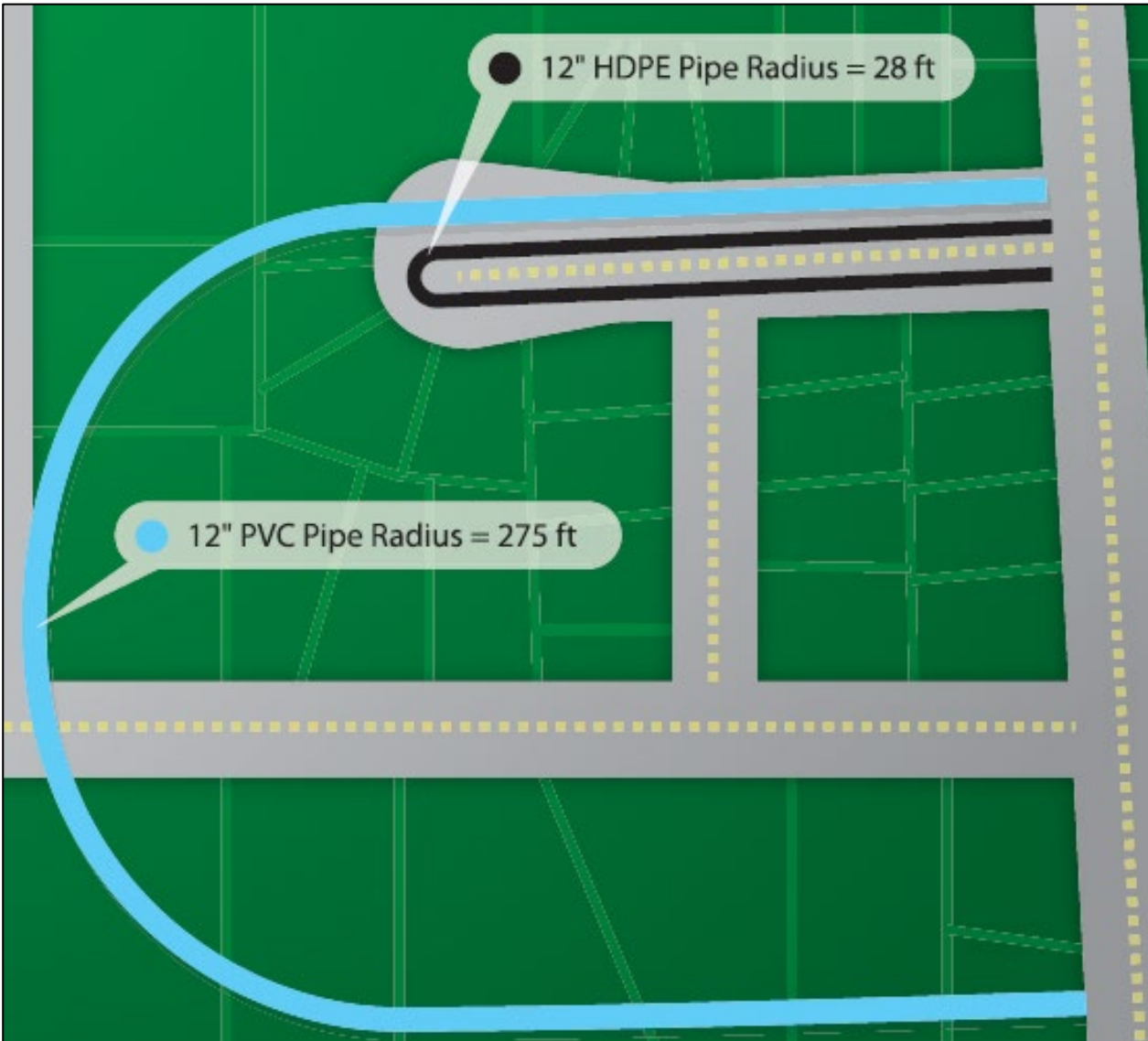
Kinking

- Longitudinal bending induces ovality
- Thicker wall pipes have higher kink resistance
- Minimum bend radius decreases as pipe increases thickness (and DR)



Pipe DR	Minimum Long-Term Bending Radius
≤ 9	20 x OD
11 – 13.5	25 x OD
17 - 21	27 x OD
26	34 x OD
32.5	42 x OD
Fitting or flange present in any bend	100 x OD

#6: Bend Radius





#1 – Irrigation

#1 – Irrigation: Advantages

Technical advantages of HDPE pipe

The methods briefly described above are used to install an HDPE golf irrigation system. Not included in those descriptions are the technical advantages in using HDPE pipe and fittings for golf irrigation applications. They include:

Pipe fatigue factor – When water surges take place within PVC pipe as sprinkler cycles turn on and off, the PVC pipe and fittings expand and contract ever so slightly. Due to the chemical composition of PVC, the material is weakened over time. With HDPE pipe, however, it contracts to its original size without weakening. For this reason, AWWA “derates” PVC pipe, stating that over time, the pressure the pipe can handle is reduced from its originally manufactured pressure rating. There is no such derating for HDPE pipe. The lifespan of PVC pipe is 25 to 30 years; HDPE pipe’s is more than 50 years.

Flexibility – According to manufacturers’ recommendations, larger diameter PVC pipe cannot be deflected (bent) more than 5 degrees. HDPE pipe has a bend radius of 25 times the diameter of the pipe with no detrimental effect to the pipe. This eliminates many of the fittings and thrust blocks required for PVC pipe installation, which in turn, reduces the number of potential main line breaks.

Leakage – Even the best installed PVC irrigation systems experience leakage at fitting and valve locations. With the butt-fusion technique for HDPE fittings and valves, the pipe and fittings become one monolithic unit, which eliminates leaky joints. This saves water and electrical costs as it eliminates pump cycling to maintain pressurization. Environmentally, as more courses choose to use effluent water for irrigation, less leakage means less worry about environmental breaches.

Freeze breaks – In colder climates, golf course personnel must drain as much water as possible from PVC pipe systems before winter to avoid the freezing and breaking of the irrigation system. HDPE pipe can be frozen solid and not break, although draining the irrigation system before winter is still recommended. Worry about breakage is eliminated with an HDPE system.

Going green – Most professionals in the golf industry are concerned about environmental issues – from the materials used to build the golf course to the inputs used to maintain them. The EPA has expressed concerns about PVC at various seminars and would like to see it disappear from the irrigation industry. HDPE pipe is 100 percent recyclable. GCI



#1 – Irrigation: Ease of Installation



The life expectancy of pressurized PVC is roughly 15 years according to the Golf Course Builders Association of America.

#1 – Irrigation: Smaller Projects

Small/Turf/Golf Irrigation

- Landscaping installations
- Turf irrigation projects
- Crop/cattle irrigation
- Golf Courses (new and rehab)*

*replacing older pipes (AC, pvc, etc)



#1 – Irrigation: Larger Projects

- Using HDPE helps prevent water loss due to evaporation and seepage in open canals
- Drought relief projects
- Used for salinity control projects



#1 – Irrigation: Larger Projects



- Corrosion resistant, flexibility, diameters, fused joints
- Zero leaks / Prevent Water Loss
- Faster installation & longer life

#1 – Irrigation: Center Pivot

HDPE used on all new main lines for center pivots



#2 – Mining

The most common use for pipe in the aggregate and mining industries is water management.

The design, construction, operation and maintenance rely on pipe systems that are rustproof, break-resistant, corrosion-free, and environmentally friendly.

From dewatering to tailings from the mill, pumps and pipework play a vital and integral part to keep fluids moving.



#2 – Mining: Slurry

THE CHALLENGE



K+S Potash Canada (KSPC) recently opened a new greenfield potash mine in Bethune, Saskatchewan, CA with a projected production capacity of 2 million tons of potash. This site pumps and pipes highly abrasive materials including slurry and salt slurry as well as process water across miles of pristine territory. Wear resistance and the ability to design a custom solution led K+S to choose ISCO.

#2 – Mining: Transmission



Above Ground

#2 – Mining: Transmission



Underground

#3 – Industrial: Applications

- Acid/Caustic Lines
- Organic Chemicals/Inorganic Chemicals
- Hazardous Waste
- Wastewater
- Process Water / Cooling Water
- Acid bath
- Barge loading
- unloading / Tank storage
- Dual Containment Piping Systems
- Aeration
- Liquor, bleaching, and caustic acid lines
- Pipe rehabilitation in both plant and out of plant piping
- Dredge piping
- Pit dewatering
- Fertilizer
- Power Plants, fresh water and discharge. Spent fuel slurry (fly ash and bottom ash)
- Semi Conductor

#3 – Industrial: Acid & Chemical Lines

Example - Acid/Chemical lines:

- What makes HDPE a premier option?
 - Less expensive than GRP, stainless and other alloys
 - Less fragile & more durable than GRP
 - Fusion welded joints
 - Seismic advantages and flexibility in field
 - Dual containment options
- Check corrosion resistant (use PPI TR-19)



#3 – Industrial



#3 – Industrial: Cooling Water



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Until recently, process cooling applications carrying cooling liquids have been dominated by three primary materials: polyvinyl chloride (PVC), type 304 or type 316 stainless steel, and carbon steel.¹ Each of these materials offers specific advantages with regard to cost, corrosion resistance, strength or reduced long-term maintenance requirements; however, none of these materials possesses all of these benefits simultaneously.

HDPE Replaces Carbon Steel in Safety-Related Pipe System

Corrosion of steel water pipes in the safety-related piping systems of aging U.S. nuclear power plants is fast becoming a safety concern and a significant operational cost, not to mention an indication of potential future liability for nuclear utilities currently constructing new plants or retrofitting existing sites. According to the Electric Power Research Institute, the physical maintenance of degraded steel water pipe systems, combined with the operational costs of shutting a plant down during repairs, is already costing some nuclear utilities up to \$25 million per year.

The problem is particularly sensitive when the water pipe systems in question are safety-related, such as the essential service water (ESW) systems that stand ready to cool a reactor when needed. In these systems, water-cooled secondary heat exchangers are used to maintain public safety and power generation continuity. Lost revenue from a system shutdown, which is likely when an ESW system fails, can be more than \$1 million per day for a utility due to the expense of purchasing electricity on the open market to replace what was being generated by the plant.

Carbon steel pipe is the incumbent medium for transporting water to heat exchangers in ESW systems, but alternatives are being explored



#3 – Industrial: Process Water

“Frack” water transfer. Alternative to trucking or reinjecting process water. Transfer it to another well and use it again.



#4: Bridge Crossings or Piers

Keep pipe bending stress within limits

Limit deflection, if necessary

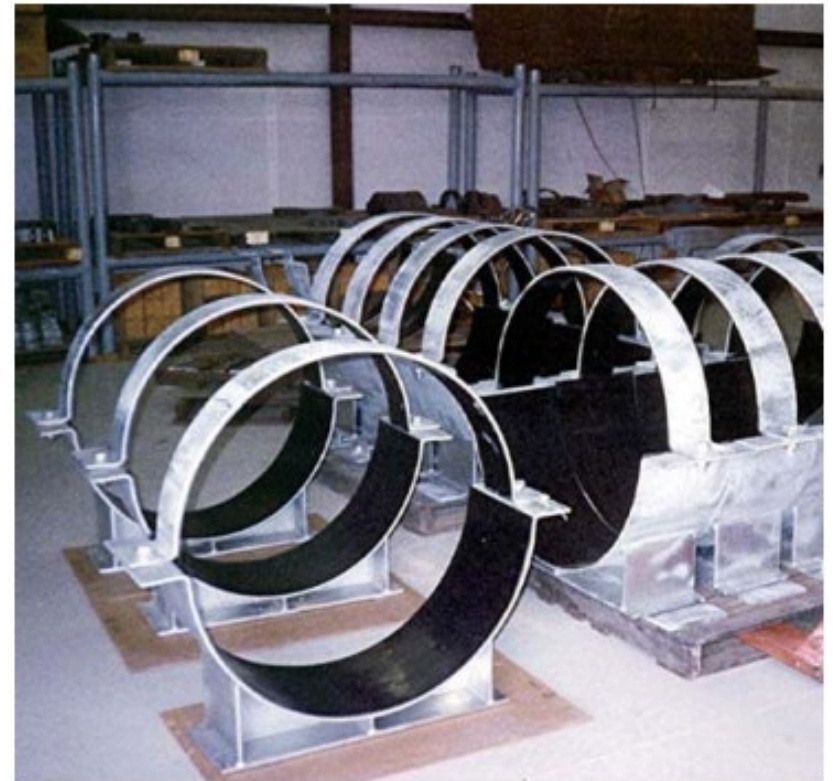
- Appearance
- Avoiding pockets or sumps
- Avoid interference with other pipes

Support spacing design

Anchor and support design



#4: Bridge Crossings or Piers



#4: Anchor and Support Design

- Pipe support design varies and can help minimize deflections due to thermal or support spacing
- Cradle support should be $\frac{1}{2}$ -one pipe diameter and support 120° of pipe diameter
- Supports should have no sharp edges or burrs
- Heavy fittings or flanges should be supported for one full pipe OD on either side

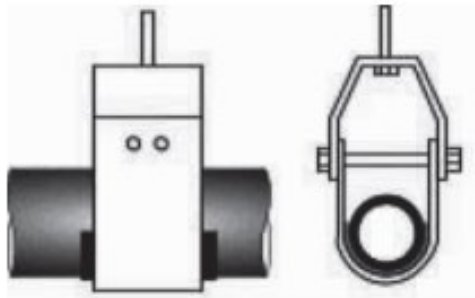


Figure 8.1 Pipe Stirrup Support

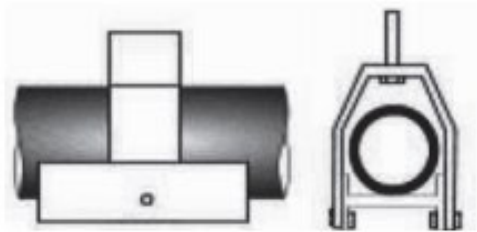


Figure 8.3 Suspended I-Beam or Channel-Continuous Support

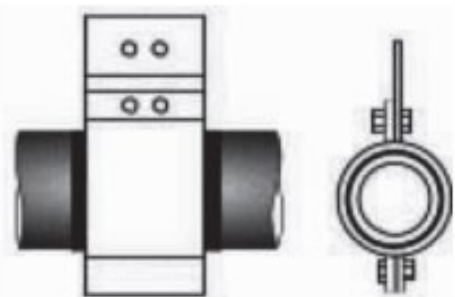


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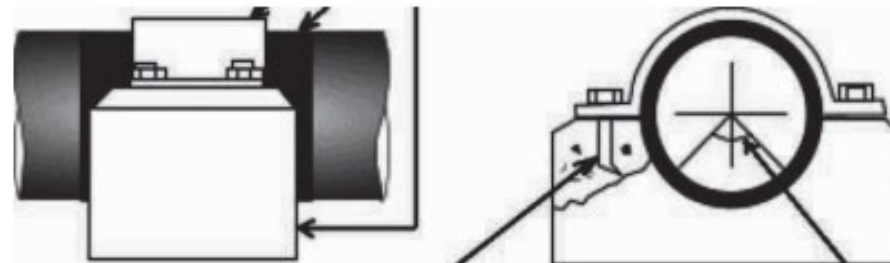
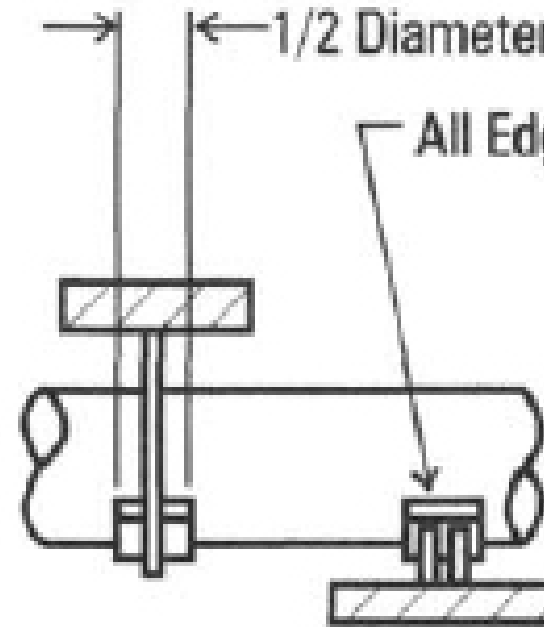
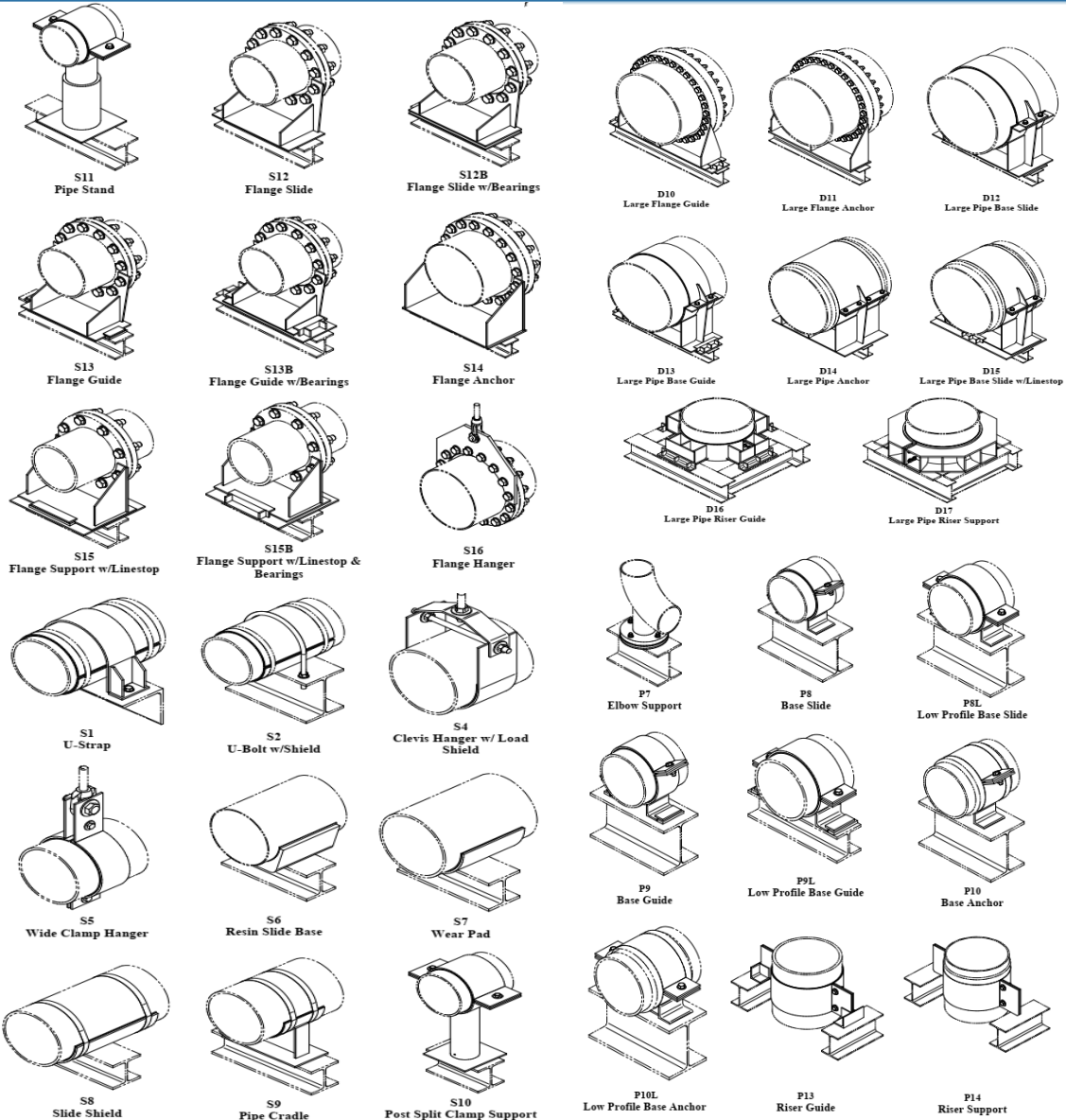


Figure 9 Typical Anchoring and Cradling Details

#4: Anchor and Support Design - Specialty



Cradle Bottom
1/3 of Pipe



#5: Environmentally Sensitive Areas



Terrain and minimized environmental impact pushed HDPE

Fire provided worse case operating scenario

Elected to replace infrastructure with HDPE & made same decision twice

#6: Outfalls, Intakes, & Dredging

Dewatering / Dredge lines:

- Lake, Marina, Power Plant, Channels, Lagoons, Ponds, Rivers, Golf, Mines etc.
- What makes HDPE a premier option?
 - UV resistance
 - Durability & Flexibility
 - Fusion welded joints
 - Seismic advantages and flexibility in field
 - Dual containment options
 - Use of pipe multiple times

- Check corrosion resistant (use PPI TR-19)
Chemical resistance, types of chemical attack on plastics,
chemical resistance data table [Chemical Resistance of Plastic Piping Materials \(plasticpipe.org\)](https://www.plasticpipe.org/chemical-resistance)



#6: Outfalls, Intakes, & Dredging



#7: Temporary Water, Wastewater & Bypass

Temporary water and wastewater service during construction

Temporary bypass requires protection

Potable water requires disinfection

Gravity sewer requires submersible pump



#7: Temporary Water, Wastewater & Bypass



Potable Water

Connections require disinfection

2" HDPE service line can be re-used

Ductility and resiliency of material allows for repeated use for temporary bypass

Protect temporary bypass in place

#7: Temporary Water, Wastewater & Bypass



Wastewater Water

Wastewater bypass pumping can be more complicated than rehabilitation design

Creative temporary pipeline locations can be productive and protective

Entrapped air still requires elimination

#7: City of Baltimore Case Study

Rehabilitation of 4,690LF of 78-in PCCP using CIPP and CFRP

Required clean and dry environment

*Main bypass capacity of **156 mgd****

Eight lines, 45,000 LF of 24-inch HDPE

Three 24-in and two 18-inch fusion machines

16 Bypass pumping units

Low pressure bypass ~ 20 psi

*** 150 mgd services about 250,000 people**



#7: City of Baltimore Case Study

