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## European foreword

This document (EN 17878-3:2024) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 107 “District heating and cooling systems”, the secretariat of which is held by DS.

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This document is part of the EN 17878 series of standards *District heating pipes — Factory made flexible pipe systems with a lower temperature profile*:

- *Part 1: Classification, general requirements and test methods;*
- *Part 2: Requirements and test methods for bonded systems with plastic service pipes;*
- *Part 3: Requirements and test methods for non bonded systems with plastic service pipes.*

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**EN 17878-3:2024 (E)****Introduction**

District heating technology has developed rapidly since its origin and especially in recent times. Today, there are different generations of district heating networks. The technologies of these generations are driven by the different heat sources and operating temperatures used.

CEN/TC 107 provides a set of European standard series for rigid and flexible piping systems in district heating to suit all generations and requirements of district heating networks in the market.

The standard documents ensure quality for pre-fabricated piping systems in district heating.

This standard series covers flexible, pre-fabricated piping systems for operation conditions as described in the scope of part 1.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for flexible, factory made, buried district heating pipe systems with plastic service pipes and no bonding between the layers of the pipe assemblies.

It is only applicable in conjunction with EN 17878-1.

This document is applicable to pipes, fittings, their joints and to joints with components made of non-plastics materials intended to be used for district heating installations.

This document is applicable to a maximum operating temperature of 80 °C and maximum operating design pressure up to 1,0 MPa for a design service life of at least 50 years.

This document does not apply to cover surveillance systems.

NOTE For higher temperatures or for the transport of other fluids, for example potable water, additional requirements and testing are needed. Such requirements are not specified in this document.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 485-2, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Sheet, strip and plate — Part 2: Mechanical properties*

EN 489-1, *District heating pipes — Bonded single and twin pipe systems for buried hot water networks — Part 1: Joint casing assemblies and thermal insulation for hot water networks in accordance with EN 13941-1*

EN 573-3, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Chemical composition and form of wrought products — Part 3: Chemical composition and form of products*

EN 10025-2, *Hot rolled products of structural steels — Part 2: Technical delivery conditions for non-alloy structural steels*

EN 10025-3, *Hot rolled products of structural steels — Part 3: Technical delivery conditions for normalized/normalized rolled weldable fine grain structural steels*

EN 10025-4, *Hot rolled products of structural steels — Part 4: Technical delivery conditions for thermomechanical rolled weldable fine grain structural steels*

EN 10216-1, *Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Non-alloy steel tubes with specified room temperature properties*

EN 10216-2, *Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 2: Non-alloy and alloy steel tubes with specified elevated temperature properties*

EN 10216-3, *Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 3: Alloy fine grain steel tubes*

EN 10217-1, *Welded steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Electric welded and submerged arc welded non-alloy steel tubes with specified room temperature properties*

EN 10217-2, *Welded steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 2: Electric welded non-alloy and alloy steel tubes with specified elevated temperature properties*

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EN ISO 15875 (all parts), *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X) (ISO 15875)*

EN ISO 15876 (all parts), *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polybutene (PB) (ISO 15876)*

EN ISO 21003 (all parts), *Multilayer piping systems for hot and cold water installations inside buildings (ISO 21003)*

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