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Radiant
Systems

Polyethylene pipes PE-RT type II R978GY126/156

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R978 PE-RT pipes (polyethylene with enhanced thermal resistance) can be used for the distribution of water in heating and/or cooling systems.

Thanks to the high flexibility of this material, the laying operations of the pipes result extremely easy and quick.

Further advantages represented by the use of synthetic pipes are the absence of welding, and the reduction of chased mechanical joints that in the long term could cause leakage, in addition to the high life time of the material that is not subjected to encrustations and electrochemical phenomenon.

➤ Versions and product codes

PRODUCT CODE	SIZE [mm]	PACK [m]	PIPE COLOR	ANTI-OXYGEN BARRIER
R978GY124	16 x 2	200	Grey	No
R978GY126	16 x 2	400	Grey	No
R978GY156	20 x 2	400	Grey	No

⚠ WARNING. This pipe is PE-RT pipe without oxygen barrier; when PE-RT tubing is to be used in sealed central heating systems, the fact that all plastics allow for a certain amount of oxygen diffusion should be taken into consideration.

As stated in many international standards, e.g. EN1264 and ASTM F876-20b, when combining plastic pipes with corrodible materials in heating installations, corrosion problems over the time can happen, because of oxygen.

To avoid this issue, several solutions are available on the market:

- Separation with heat exchangers
- Oxygen barrier
- Specific inhibitory products
- Others

Be aware of that and, if necessary, take the proper actions.

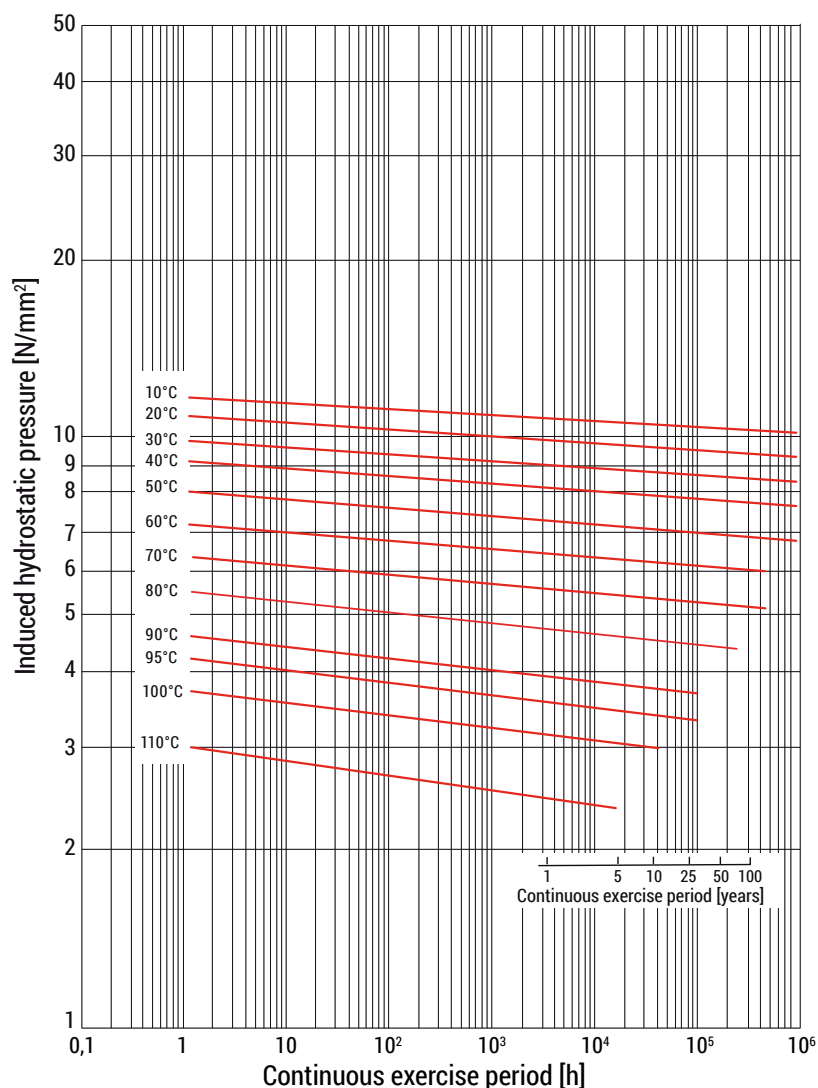
Technical data

- Application classes (ISO 22391): 4
- Not suitable for the distribution of domestic water
- Density at 23 °C: > 0,941 g/cm³
- Thermal conductivity: 0,40 W/m K
- Thermal expansion coefficient: (1,8 x 10⁻⁴)/K
- Breaking load: 36 MPa
- Breaking elongation: 760 %
- Elastic modulus: 650 MPa

- The pipes are suitable for distributing water for a period of 50 years at a working temperature corresponding to the field of application and an operating pressure of 6 bar (8 bar for 12 x 1,5 mm pipes).
- The pipes are suitable for distributing water for a period of 50 years at a temperature of 20 °C and an operating pressure of 10 bar.

NOTE. R978 PE-RT pipes are designed and verified according to ISO 22391 Standard, that defines the physical and dimensional features, as well as the evaluation of the resistance to the combined stress of pressure and temperature, with reference to the related regression curves.

Resistance to combined pressure and temperature stress with respect to regression curves



Series of pipes (S)

$$S = \frac{d - s}{2 \cdot s}$$

Standard Dimension Ratio (SDR)

$$SDR = 2 \cdot S + 1 \approx \frac{d}{s}$$

s: pipe nominal wall thickness
d: pipe nominal diameter

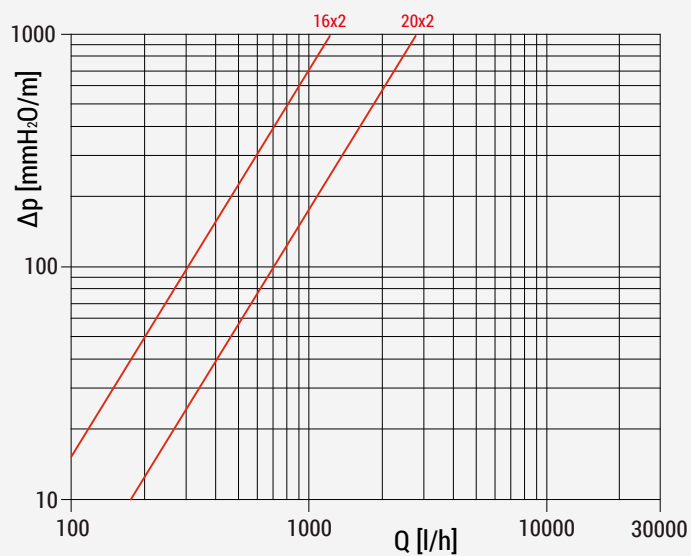
Regression curve

$$\alpha = p \cdot \frac{d - s}{2 \cdot s}$$

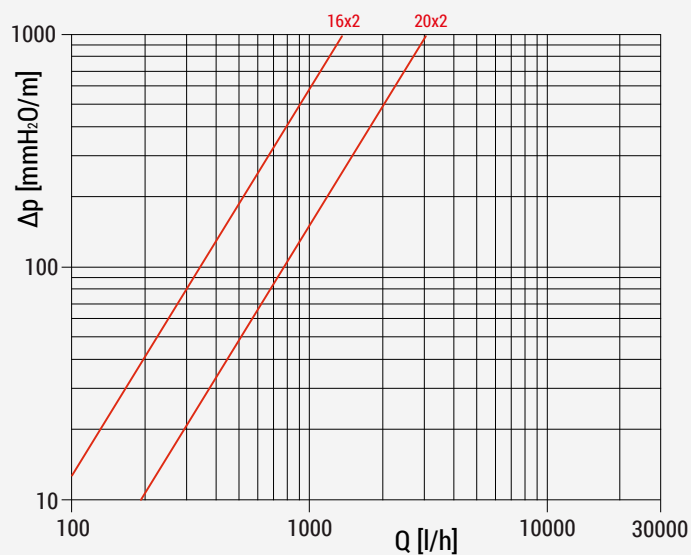
α : hydrostatic stress
p: induced hydrostatic pressure

➤ Losses of pressure

WATER TEMPERATURE = 10 °C



WATER TEMPERATURE = 50 °C



► Pipe laying

For the laying operations of PE-RT pipes, it is necessary to follow some simple practical rules concerning the choice of the fittings, the respect of the minimum radius of curvature and the protection from the sun rays and from possible accidental damages.

- The connection to distribution manifolds and to the system terminals shall be made by means of Giacomini's adaptors for synthetic pipes.
- In order to make a correct connection, it is essential to cut off the pipes with tools that can make a clean cut without deburring and perpendicular to its axis.
- During the pipe laying operations, it is necessary making curvatures with a minimum radius equal to five times the external diameter of the pipe itself. After the pipe laying, it is required making a pressure test of the system, in order to detect immediately possible leakages.
- In case of radiant systems, the laying of the pipe covering shall requires particual care, by paying attention not to scratch the pipes with shovel or crush them in the passages with wheelbarrow.
- The pipes must not remain exposed for long time to the sun radiations or to fluorescent lamps. Keep the coils that are not used in their original pakaging and not exposed to sun, to avoid that the UV reys will alter the chemical and physical features.
- In case of radiant systems, it is good to lay over the pipes a concrete layer of minimum 3 cm (if not otherwise specified by the supplier) to avoid cracks due to thermal expansion and shrinkage.
- While crossing possible expansion joints, it is important to protect the pipe with a protecting covering in order to avoid excessive mechanical stress.

► Precautions

The use of Rg78 pipes requires the observance of some prescriptions, needed to guarantee the life time and the funtionality character.

- Store the pipes in their appropriate packaging, by avoiding direct exposition to sun rays, and in covered and dry places to prevent damages caused by the humidity.
- Prevent the pipes from coming in contact with sharp bodies able to scratch and trigger carving phenomenon – pay particular care during the installation and transport phases.
- Prevent from freezing inside the pipes and in the packaging, because the expansions due to the state change could cause cracking.
- Prevent the pipe from coming into contact with open flames or other heat sources, that could cause melting, even partial.
- If fixing to electrically welded net is needed, use plastic material instead of metallic bands, to avoid damages to the pipes.
- Prevent from contact with chemical or paints that can damage the pipes.

► Warranty

The warranty is not valid in the following cases:

- 1) if the working conditions are different from those prescribed;
- 2) if the pipes are used to distribute fluids, that are not compatible with the material;
- 3) if the installation instructions are not carefully followed
- 4) if, during installation, laying or pressure test, the pipe shows visually perceivable defects caused by accidental factors;
- 5) if the pipe is installed by using components not produced by Giacomini S.p.A., or in any case different from the allowed ones.

➤ Classification of working conditions (ISO 22391)

The performance specifications for pipe-based systems complying with ISO 22391 refer to a project with a 50-year operational life.

RANGE OF APPLICATION	WORKING TEMPERATURE T_D [°C]	DURATION OF T_D [years]	MAX WORKING TEMPERATURE T_{MAX} [°C]	DURATION OF T_{MAX} [years]	FAILURE TEMPERATURE T_{FAIL} [°C]	DURATION OF T_{FAIL} [h]
CLASSE 4	20	2,5				
	+	+				
Riscaldamento a pavimento e impianti a bassa temperatura	40	20	70	2,5	100	100
	+	+				
	60	25				

- Working temperature (T_D): working temperature provided for the range of application.
- Max. working temperature (T_{MAX}): the working temperature highest value, allowed only for a short time.
- Failure temperature (T_{FAIL}): the highest temperature possible when control systems fail (the time allowed for this value is 100 h over 50 years of uninterrupted operation).

➤ Product specifications

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R978 PE-RT pipes (polyethylene with enhanced thermal resistance) without anti-oxygen barrier. Application classes (ISO 22397): 4 (radiant floor heating and low temperature systems). Not suitable for the distribution of domestic water. Density at 23 °C: > 0.941 g/cm³. Thermal conductivity: 0.40 W/m K. Thermal expansion coefficient: (1,8 x 10⁻⁴)/K. Breaking load: 36 MPa. Breaking elongation: 760 %. Elastic modulus: 650 MPa.

⚠ Safety Warning. Installation, commissioning and periodical maintenance of the product must be carried out by qualified operators in compliance with national regulations and/or local standards. A qualified installer must take all required measures, including use of Individual Protection Devices, for his and others' safety. An improper installation may damage people, animals or objects towards which Giacomini S.p.A. may not be held liable.

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