



R986 - R986S

Description

Giacomini polybutylene pipes with intermediate anti-oxygen barrier can be used for the distribution of water in heating and/or cooling systems. Besides the known advantages of using synthetic material pipes, the PB has a high flexibility that makes the installation quick and easy. These pipes are extruded with an intermediate anti-oxygen barrier made of EVOH, in compliance with DIN 16968, DIN 16837 and DIN 4726 standards. Thanks to the barrier, the modest oxygen quantity that outside permeates towards the inside of the pipe, becomes completely negligible.

Properties

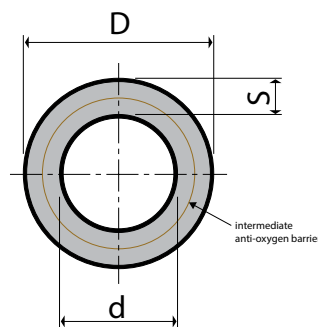
Physical properties	Method	Unit of measure	Value
Melt flow rate	ISO 1133	g/10 min	0,6
Colour	-	-	Grey
Density	ISO 1183	g/cm ³	0,925
Fusion point	DSC	°C	127-129
Flexural modulus	ISO 178	MPa	450
Thermal expansion coefficient	D696	mm/(m °C)	0,13
Thermal conductivity	C177	W/(m °C)	0,22

Features

- Not for potable water.
- Pressure loss reduced.
- Lightweight: the specific weight of polybutylene is approximately 9 times lower than the weight of iron and copper.
- Reduced thermal expansion.
- Non-toxic. Polybutylene is a sure and non-toxic material
- Corrosionless. Polybutylene is a bad conductor of electric energy.
- Scaleless, total scale absence and to chemical inertia material.
- Resistance to high abrasion; polybutylene feature allows the flow to increase quickly without abrasion problems.
- UV ray resistant: when systems are exposed to solar rays, we recommend the piping be protected in order to avoid a premature ageing of the material.
- Resistance to shock; the high material flexibility allows the pipe to return again to its original shape after a shock.
- Chlorine resistant: as with all the plastic materials, the polybutylene can be damaged by chlorine concentrations higher than 1,5 ppm (mg/l).
- High flexibility especially at low temperatures.
- Recycleable material.
- Very good resistance to prolonged stresses combined with pressure and temperature. This feature remains unchanged also with high water temperature.

Dimensional features pipes of available

Size	D [mm]	d [mm]	S [mm]	Weight [g/m]	Water contents [l/m]	Length [m]
12 x 1,5	12	9	1,5	47,7	0,064	100, 600
16 x 1,5	16	13	1,5	70,0	0,133	100
16 x 2	16	12	2	85,0	0,113	100, 240, 500
18 x 2	18	14	2	98,4	0,154	100, 240
22 x 2	22	18	2	124,5	0,254	100



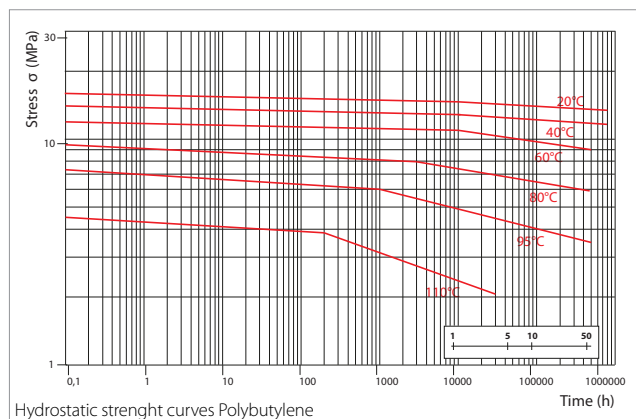
• The ability to recycle, a factor that must not be disregarded. Giacomini polybutylene pipes are compatible with all Giacomini manifolds, fittings, valves and lockshield valves. Connections are made using Giacomini adapters for plastic pipes (R179, R179AM).

Working pressure

The continuous working duration of Giacomini polybutylene pipe is established according to hydrostatic strength curves connecting the duration (expressed in hours) to pressure and to temperature of the transported fluid. Pipe thickness characterising Giacomini polybutylene pipe is designed according to the required coefficient of security in order to guarantee the necessary reliability in the time. The calculation of admitted working pressure is restrained to a series of parameters such as the temperature and the working period. Evaluation of admitted working pressures can be done by the formula and by the diagram as follows.

$$P_{calc} = \frac{20 \cdot sp \cdot \sigma}{DN \cdot Sf} \quad P_{max} = \frac{P}{sf}$$

- Where:
- P_{calc} = pressure in bar
 - sp = pipe thickness in mm
 - P_{max} = max. working pressure in bar
 - DN = pipe external diameter in mm
 - σ = extrapolated stress resulting from the diagram in MPa
 - sf = security factor

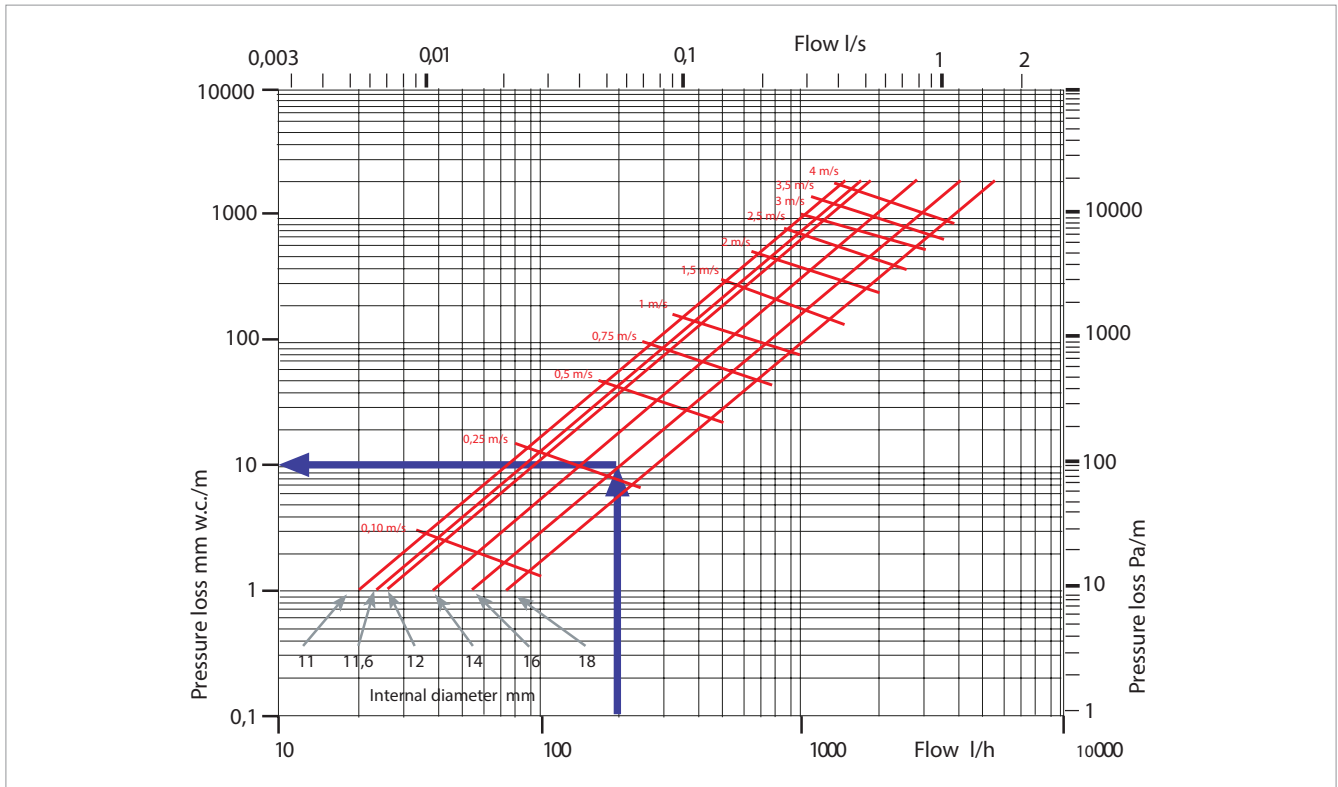


As shown in the examples of calculation extracted and reported in the table, after a continued working period of the system equal to 50 years with fluids at 95 °C, (which will be lesser than the effective life of the system, except for systems of hot water recycle), Giacomini polybutylene pipes are able to support pressures of at least 4,7 bar at 95 °C.



Pressure losses

The following diagram shows the pressure losses distributed in Giacomini polybutylene pipes.



In order to evaluate a pressure loss at a temperature different from 10 °C (for this temperature is valid the above diagram), it is sufficient to multiply the result obtained by the diagram for the suitable coefficient of correction: $\Delta P_{50^\circ\text{C}} = \Delta P_{10^\circ\text{C}} \cdot 0,89$ $\Delta P_{80^\circ\text{C}} = \Delta P_{10^\circ\text{C}} \cdot 0,78$

Graphic determination example of pressure losses

Examine a Giacomini polybutylene pipe 18 x 2 with a flow of 200 l/h at a temperature of 10 °C.

In the diagram it is possible to determine immediately a pressure loss equal to 10 mm w.c./m at a temperature of 10 °C.

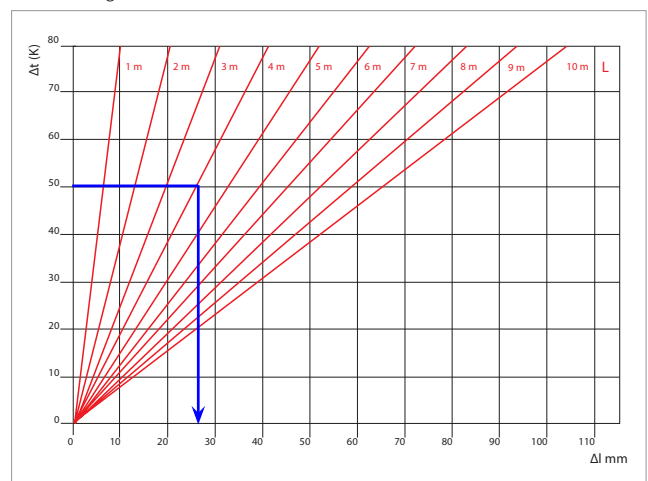
At 80 °C it will result in: $\Delta P_{80^\circ\text{C}} = \Delta P_{10^\circ\text{C}} \cdot 0,78 = 10 \cdot 0,78 = 7,8 \text{ mm w.c./m}$

Thermal linear expansion

Pipe length [m]	Temperature variation [K]								
	5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
0,1	0,07	0,13	0,26	0,39	0,52	0,65	0,78	0,91	1,04
0,2	0,13	0,26	0,52	0,78	1,04	1,30	1,56	1,82	2,08
0,3	0,20	0,39	0,78	1,17	1,56	1,95	2,34	2,73	3,12
0,4	0,26	0,52	1,04	1,56	2,08	2,60	3,12	3,64	4,16
0,5	0,33	0,65	1,30	1,95	2,60	3,25	3,90	4,55	5,20
0,6	0,39	0,78	1,56	2,34	3,12	3,90	4,68	5,46	6,24
0,7	0,46	0,91	1,82	2,73	3,64	4,55	5,46	6,37	7,28
0,8	0,52	1,04	2,08	3,12	4,16	5,20	6,24	7,28	8,32
0,9	0,59	1,17	2,34	3,51	4,68	5,85	7,02	8,19	9,36
1,0	0,65	1,30	2,60	3,90	5,20	6,50	7,80	9,10	10,40
2,0	1,30	2,60	5,20	7,80	10,40	13,00	15,60	18,20	20,80
3,0	1,95	3,90	7,80	11,70	15,60	19,50	23,40	27,30	31,20
4,0	2,60	5,20	10,40	15,60	20,80	26,00	31,20	36,40	41,60
5,0	3,25	6,50	13,00	19,50	26,00	32,50	39,00	45,50	52,00
6,0	3,90	7,80	15,60	23,40	31,20	39,00	46,80	54,60	62,40
7,0	4,55	9,10	18,20	27,30	36,40	45,50	54,60	63,70	72,80
8,0	5,20	10,40	20,80	31,20	41,60	52,00	62,40	72,80	83,20
9,0	5,85	11,70	23,40	35,10	46,80	58,50	70,20	81,90	93,60
10,0	6,50	13,00	26,00	39,00	52,00	65,00	78,00	91,00	104,00

During the planning and outside installation phases of Giacomini polybutylene pipes the thermal expansion must not be overlooked.

If the working pressure of the system can pass through variations up to 10÷15 °C (typical case of systems for the addition of sanitary hot water), the planner will evaluate the piping behaviour. This is possible using the following table and the diagram.



where:

- Δt = working temperature variation in Kelvin degrees (°K) or Celsius (°C)
- Δl = variation of length in mm
- L = initial length of the pipe in mm

Graphic determination example of thermal linear expansion

When a pipe length $L = 4$ m and a probable temperature variation $\Delta t = 50$ °C has been fixed, it is possible to go back to a variation of length $\Delta l = 26$ mm using the table and the diagram.

Thermal linear expansion calculation

Thermal expansion of Giacomini polybutylene pipes can also be valued with the following formula: $\Delta l = L \cdot \Delta t \cdot \alpha$

where:

- Δt = working temperature variation in Kelvin degrees (°K) or Celsius (°C)
- Δl = variation of length in mm
- L = initial pipe length in mm
- α = linear thermal expansion coefficient of 0,13 mm/mK for Giacomini polybutylene pipes (mm for every °C of thermal fall)

Example of thermal linear expansion calculation

When a piping length $L = 4$ m and a possible variation of temperature $\Delta t = 50$ °C, has been fixed the formula used is the following:

$\Delta l = L \cdot t \cdot \alpha = 4 \cdot 50 \cdot 0,13 = 26$ mm



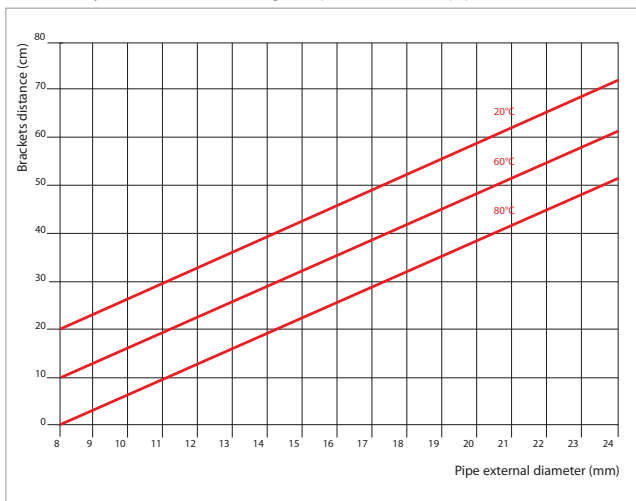
Warning.
The above mentioned thermal expansions refer to the visible pipe installation and it is recommended to cover the pipe to protect it from solar rays.

In case of an installation where the outer sleeve is not used, the expansion is absorbed by the pipe due to its high flexibility.

When using an outer sleeve the expansion will be discharged in the air space between the pipe and the sleeve.

Brackets for external pipe work

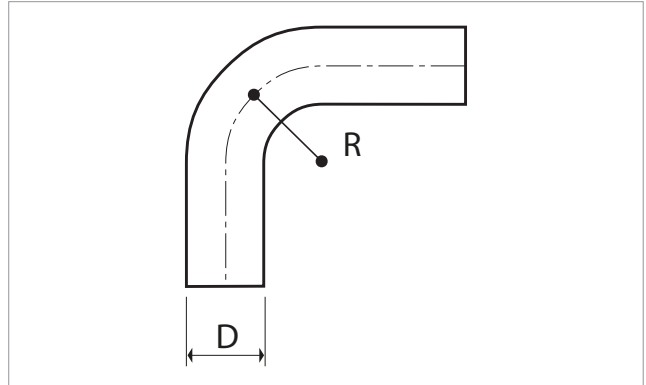
For an outside installation, the designer and the plumber have to carefully value the distances between the pipe brackets. In order to do this valuation, it is necessary to know the working temperature of the pipe.



Warning.
In order to prevent early ageing of the pipe, we recommend to install Giacomini polybutylene pipe away from direct sun light.

Bending

Due to the high flexibility of Giacomini polybutylene pipes simple bending can be carried out manually. The minimum radius of curvature to be realized is equal to 5 times the pipe diameter in question (as recommended in the specification DIN 4726), if pipe has been installed without sleeve.



Even though the DIN Standard 4726 allows a minimum curvature radius of 5xD (5 times the outside diameter), some raw material suppliers precautionary recommend to abide with the curvature value, giving different values from one manufacturer to another, in an interval going from 8 to 15 times the diameter. In order to demonstrate the versatility of Giacomini polybutylene pipes, some examples of installations are reported in the following pages.

In this way the advantage is that the water flows to the manifold from two pipes with a big quantity but with low pressure loss as compared to the case of a supply using one pipe having the same diameter.

With this installation the following components should be used:

Precautions

Giacomini polybutylene pipes, as with all plastic pipes, need some small precautions in order to guarantee duration and operation:

Keep the pipe in suitable packages in order to avoid direct exposure, for long periods, to sun rays.	
Store the pipe in protected and dry places.	
Avoid the pipe coming into contact with sharp objects, and pay particular attention during transportation and installation of the pipe.	
Avoid tight bends during the installation of the sheathed pipe; it is recommended to have curves at least 8 times the external diameter of the pipe used, in order to guarantee pliability.	
Cut the Giacomini polybutylene pipe using the correct pipe cutters to ensure there are no burrs and that the cut is perpendicular to the pipe axis.	
The pipe must not come in contact with free flames.	
Protect Giacomini polybutylene pipe from U.V. rays during installation. Avoid direct exposure to the sun in order to stop 'pipe ageing'.	

Guarantee

All products and components supplied by Giacomini S.p.A. are subjected to the European norms in force as regards to guarantee and responsibility (1994/44/CE Directive, 2001/95/CE Directive and CEE 85/374). The guarantee is not valid in the following cases:

1. If the working conditions are different from the prescribed ones;
2. If the pipes are used to distribute fluids that are not compatible with the material;
3. If the installation instructions are not scrupulously followed;
4. If the pipe shows defects already present at the installation time due to accidental factors, visually perceivable in the laying phase, or at the system pressure test;
5. If the pipe is installed using components not produced by Giacomini S.p.A. or anyway different from the allowed ones.

Reference standards

- DIN 16968
- DIN 16837

**ADD ON
EN ISO 15875**

Table 1 - Classification of the working conditions

The performance requirements for pipe systems complying with EN ISO 15875 are specified for a project operation lifetime of 50 years.

Application field	T _{oper.} [°C]	Time at T _{oper.} [years]	T _{max} [°C]	Time at T _{max} [years]	T _{mal} [°C]	Time at T _{mal} [h]
Class 4 Floor heating and low temperature radiators	20 plus 40 plus 60	2,5 plus 20 plus 25	70	2,5	100	100
Class 5 Heating with high temperature radiators	20 plus 60 plus 80	14 plus 25 plus 10	90	1	100	100

- Working temperature (Toper): operating temperature expected for the application field, expressed in °C.
- Max working temperature (Tmax): higher value of the temperature, allowed for a short period of time only.
- Malfunctioning time (Tmal): the highest temperature value that you can have when the control systems are in breakdown (the possible and permitted time period for that value is 100 h in a period of 50 years of continuous operation).

For each application, the parts involved shall agree with in the selection of the class. Each application class shall moreover be associated to a working pressure.

SIZE	CLASS 4	CLASS 5
12 x 1,5	10 bar	8 bar
16 x 1,5	10 bar	8 bar
16 x 2,0	10 bar	10 bar
18 x 2,0	10 bar	10 bar
22 x 2,0	10 bar	8 bar

All pipes are suitable to the transport of water for a period of 50 years at a temperature of 20°C and a working pressure of 10 bar.
All heating systems shall use as transfer fluid only water or treated water.

Additional information

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