



Polidan® PEX

for Pipes and Plumbing Components

SPECIALTY POLYMERS

Outperforming Thermoplastic Polyolefins

Polidan® PEX is a family of silane cross-linkable polyethylene compounds. This means that permanent connections, known as cross-links, are chemically formed between molecular chains, thus creating a threedimensional structure. As a result, Polidan® PEX exhibits critical advantages over polyolefins such as:

- Higher heat resistance
- Stronger resistance to oxidative aging
- Greater strength at elevated temperatures
- Better chemical and chlorine resistance
- Improved low-temperature impact strength
- Superior resistance to crack propagation
- Enhanced abrasion resistance

Moreover special grades have been designed to substitute EPDM, polyolefins, silicone or PVC in pressure-braided flexible hoses or low pressure shower hoses.

The Metal-to-Plastic Conversion

Monolayer and multilayer PEX pipes made from Polidan® compounds are flexible and have excellent strength, from below freezing point up to 95 °C. PEX piping systems are more sound-proof than rigid ones and require fewer fittings, making them easier and less costly to install.

Over the past 20 years, this unique combination of properties has allowed Polidan® PEX to successfully replace metal in piping materials used in pressurized hot and cold water plumbing systems, service lines and hydronic systems for radiant heating.

	ystem ISO 15875 cold Water Instal	Polidan® PEX Pipe Performance			
Temperature [°C]	Conditioning Media	Hydrostatic Hoop Stress, [MPa]	Time of Stress, [hours]	Hydrostatic Hoop Stress, [MPa]	Time of Stress, [hours]
20	Air or water	12	1	13	> 1300
95	Air or water	4.8	1	5	> 19,900
95	Air or water	4.4	1,000	4.6	>40,000
110	Air	2.5	8,760	2.8	>16,000

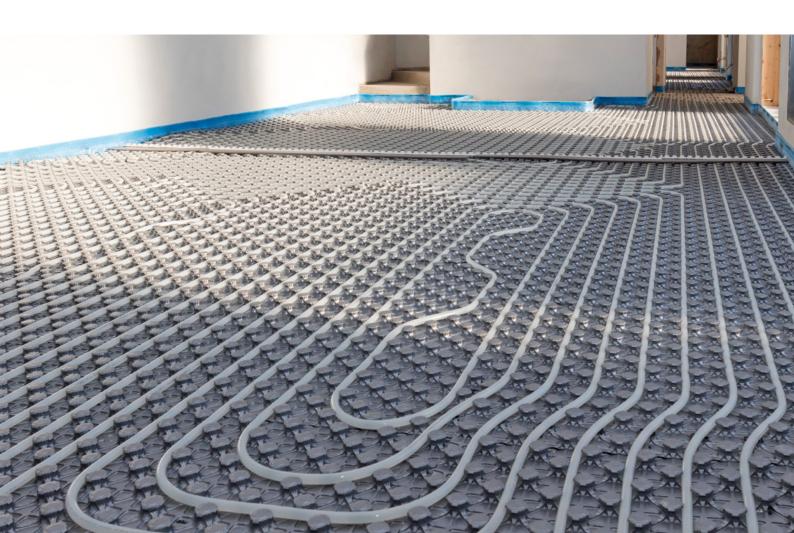
Certified for Contact with Drinking Water

Polidan® PEX compounds are globally-approved for hot and cold, potable water use and are certified by KTW, NSF and WRc. Solvay voluntarily certifies its specialty polymers on a global basis in order to help OEMs expedite the approval process required for applications involving contact with drinking water. The wide range of products and grades that meet these requirements give designers maximum freedom in selecting the best material for a variety of applications.

Polidan® PEX: Plumbing Market Applications

	High Flexible	Standard Sanitary Grades				Injection Grades			
	PNT 0856/35	PNT 0553/23	PNT 0555/06	T/A HF	T/A LX	T/A	T/A SP	T/A LV	Si/20
Fitting bodies									•
Fitting components	0	0							0
Manifolds									0
Faucet cartridges									0
Sanitary pipes				•	•	•	•	•	
Underfloor heating pipes			•	•	•				
Industrial pipes				•		•			
Flexible hoses	•	•							
Sealing gaskets	6 0	0							
Boiler tanks & components									0

- Commercial application
- O Under development & potential





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