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This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee PL-006, Polyolefin pipe systems, to supersede AS/NZS 4401(Int):1999.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from ISO 8770:2003, *Plastics piping systems for soil and waste discharge (low and high temperature) inside buildings—Polyethylene (PE)*.

AS/NZS 4401(Int.):1999 was based on a previous edition of ISO 8770 (ISO 8770:1991), *High-density polyethylene (PE-HD) pipes and fittings for soil waste discharge (low and high temperature) systems inside buildings—Specifications*, and included a number of variations to the technical contents of the ISO Standard for use in Australia and New Zealand.

Following the publication of the 2003 edition of ISO 8770 such Australian/New Zealand variations to the technical contents are no longer required and the current edition of the Standard is fully equivalent to the ISO Standard.

Minor variations to the ISO Standard have been included in this document, which relate to normative references and marking requirements and do not change its technical contents.

Variations to ISO 8770:2003 are indicated at the appropriate places throughout this Standard. Strikethrough (~~example~~) identifies ISO text which, for the purposes of this Australian/New Zealand Standard, is deleted. Where text is added, it is set in its proper place and identified by shading (example).

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## INTRODUCTION

Pipes and fittings conforming to this International Standard also meet the requirements of EN 1519-1 which are applicable to those pipes and fittings which, according to EN 1519-1, are intended to be used inside buildings (application area code “B”, see EN 1519-1) only.

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**1 Scope**

This International Standard specifies the requirements for solid-wall polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings for soil and waste discharge (low and high temperature) inside buildings, as well as the system itself. It does not include buried pipework.

It also specifies the test parameters for the test methods referred to in this International Standard.

This International Standard is applicable to PE pipes and fittings, as well as assemblies of such pipes and fittings, intended to be used for the following purposes:

- a) soil and waste discharge pipework for the conveyance of domestic waste waters (low and high temperature);
- b) ventilation pipework associated with a);
- c) rainwater pipework inside the building.

It is applicable to pipes and fittings designed for jointing by means of elastomeric sealing rings or by butt fusion or electrofusion.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 265-1, *Pipes and fittings of plastics materials — Fittings for domestic and industrial waste pipes — Basic dimensions: Metric series — Part 1: Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U)*

ISO 580, *Plastics piping and ducting systems—Injection-moulded thermoplastics fittings—Methods for visually assessing the effects of heating*

ISO 1133:1997, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and the melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics*

ISO 2505, *Thermoplastics pipes—Longitudinal reversion—Test method and parameters*

ISO 3126:—1), *Plastics piping systems — Plastics components — Determination of dimensions*

ISO 3127, *Thermoplastics pipes—Determination of resistance to external blows—Round-the-clock method*

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1) ~~To be published. (Revision of ISO 3126:1974)~~