Strategic Product Specification

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Glass Reinforced Plastics Pipe and Pipe Fittings
FOREWORD

Each Strategic Product Specification has been prepared to inform Water Corporation staff, consultants, contractors and land developers of the requirements for selecting and acquiring a manufactured product to be used in strategic Corporation infrastructure. The definition of ‘Product’ includes items that comprise assembled components, equipment or plant for mechanical, electrical and civil infrastructure applications.

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1 Scope and General

1.1 Scope

This Specification sets out requirements for the manufacture, supply, handling and delivery of glass reinforced plastics (GRP) pipe and associated pipe fittings for pressure and non-pressure water and wastewater applications. The Specification also details the acceptance criteria for GRP pipe and pipe fittings intended for infrastructure projects use and the means of demonstrating compliance with the Specification. References to AS 3571 shall mean both parts of the Standard i.e. AS 3571.1 and 3571.2.

NOTES:
1. GRP pipelines for buried applications should be designed and installed in accordance with AS/NZS 2566.1 and AS/NZS 2566.2 respectively;
2. Service condition, site condition and other project variables listed in AS 3571 Appendix ZZ should be considered prior to selecting and ordering GRP pipes and fittings to ensure an appropriate fit to project needs.

1.2 Referenced Documents

The following documents are referenced in this Specification:

AS
1646 Elastomeric seals for waterworks purposes *(Performance requirements in AS 681)*
681.1 Elastomeric seals - Material requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications - Vulcanized rubber
681.2 Elastomeric seals - Material requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications - Thermoplastic elastomers
681.3 Elastomeric seals - Material requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications - Cellular materials of vulcanized rubber
681.4 Elastomeric seals - Material requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications - Cast polyurethane sealing elements
3571.1 Plastics piping systems - Glass-reinforced thermoplastics (GRP) systems based on unsaturated polyester (UP) resin - Pressure and non-pressure drainage and sewerage (ISO 10467:2004, MOD)
3571.2 Plastics piping systems - Glass-reinforced thermoplastics (GRP) systems based on unsaturated polyester (UP) resin - Pressure and non-pressure water supply (ISO 10639:2004, MOD)

AS/NZS
2566.1 Buried flexible pipelines - Part 1: Structural design
2566.1 Suppl1 Buried flexible pipelines - Part 1: Structural design - Commentary
2566.2 Buried flexible pipelines - Part 2: Installation
4020 Products for use in contact with drinking water
4087 Metallic flanges for waterworks purposes

ISO
25780 Plastics piping systems for pressure and non-pressure water supply, irrigation, drainage or sewerage -- Glass-reinforced thermosetting plastics (GRP) systems based on unsaturated polyester (UP) resin -- Pipes with flexible joints intended to be installed using jacking techniques

ISO/TS
10465-1 Underground installation of flexible glass-reinforced pipes based on unsaturated polyester resin (GRP-UP) - Part 1: Installation procedures

AS/NZS/ISO
9001 Quality management systems – requirements

SAA
HB 18.28 Conformity assessment - Guidance on a third-party certification system for products (ISO/IEC Guide 28)
1.3 Definitions and Notation

The following definitions are intended to clarify the terminology used in this Specification.

1.3.1 Australian Standards®

Standards that are developed, published and maintained by Standards Australia

1.3.2 Certificate

A formal certificate issued by a Certification Body in accordance with the third party product certification system described in HB 18.28, including associated Product licence schedules.

1.3.3 Certification Body

An independent (or third party) organisation duly accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ) to operate product Certification Schemes.

1.3.4 Certification Mark

A proprietary mark of product conformity issued in accordance with HB 18.23.

1.3.5 Certification Scheme

A third party product certification system operated in accordance with HB 18.28.

NOTE: The effect of this is to require maintenance by the manufacturer of effective production control planning in addition to full type testing from independently sampled production and subsequent verification of conformity with specified standards.

1.3.6 Compliant Product

Product that has been assessed, by means of Product Appraisal, as conforming with standards and specifications that are specified by the Corporation.

1.3.7 Corporation

The Water Corporation of Western Australia.

1.3.8 Manufacturer

An entity or combination of entities that are responsible for selection, processing and control of Product constituent materials or compounds and for the processing equipment that collectively result in the manufactured product.

1.3.9 Notation

Statements governed by use of the word ‘shall’ are mandatory or ‘normative’ requirements of the Specification. Statements expressed by use of the words ‘should’ or ‘may’ are ‘informative’ but not mandatory and are provided for information and guidance. Notes in Specification text are informative. Notes that form part of Specification Tables are normative. An Appendix to the Specification that is designated ‘normative’ contains mandatory requirements. An Appendix that is designated ‘informative’ is provided for information and guidance only. The term ‘specified’ includes requirements of the Specification and requirements stated or referenced in other project documentation.

1.3.10 Officer

A duly authorised representative or appointed agent of the Corporation.

1.3.11 Product

A single unit or multiple units of manufactured end product or an assembly of manufactured component products, materials or equipment. This Specification and accompanying Purchasing Schedule define the nature and details of Product to be supplied.
NOTE 1: An end product is most commonly an output of manufacturing processes that result in finished end products having the same features and characteristics and can be the result of a single or multiple production batches.

NOTE 2: Manufactured equipment and assemblies of Product components or materials are commonly procured for mechanical, electrical and civil infrastructure applications.

1.3.12 Product Appraisal
A formal process whereby Product, including product design, is subjected to systematic engineering assessment to determine Product fitness for prescribed end uses and to evaluate conformity of its production systems with specified standards and requirements. Product Appraisal includes verification of the extent of compliance in accordance with the requirements of a relevant ‘Technical Compliance Schedule’.

1.3.13 Product Assessor
An organization, Officer or other person who, having demonstrated specialist product knowledge and competence acceptable to the Corporation, is appointed to evaluate Product, appraises the Product and issues one or more Product Verification Reports.

1.3.14 Product Certification
A formal process whereby the production and management systems for the manufacture of Product, are assessed by a Certification Body to evaluate compliance of these systems with specified product standards and tests, in accordance with Certification Scheme rules.

1.3.15 Product Verification Report
A formal report wherein a Product Assessor evaluates the extent of Product compliance with the specified product standards and specifications.

NOTE: Verification may be on a project-by-project basis or at agreed intervals, as appropriate to the scope of a Purchasing Schedule and Product end use, subject to determination by the Corporation.

1.3.16 Product Warranty
A formal express undertaking by a Supplier that indemnifies the Corporation against the consequences of supplied Product failure to comply with specified fitness for application and in-service life expectancy performance requirements.

1.3.17 Purchasing Schedule
A Corporation purchase order, tender, schedule of prices, bill of quantities, or specification that details the nature, quantity and other characteristics of Product to be supplied, purchased or installed.

1.3.18 Quality System
A management system that establishes, documents, implements and maintains organizational structures, resources, responsibilities, processes and procedures for the manufacture of Product and provision of Product related services in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS ISO 9001.

1.3.19 Standards Australia
The peak non-government standards development body in Australia which develops Australian Standards®.

1.3.20 Strategic Product
An essential infrastructure component whose performance is critical to the elimination of risk to the safe and effective provision of water services, which are functions of the Corporation under the Water Corporation Act as licensed under the Water Services Coordination Act.

NOTE: Strategic product is a component of permanent Corporation infrastructure. Ancillary operational and safety equipment that does not form part of permanent infrastructure but offers exceptional enhancements in operational performance or personnel safety may also be deemed strategic.
1.3.21 **Strategic Product Appraisal Process**

The process described in the Strategic Product Appraisal Process Manual whereby manufactured products and equipment are evaluated and, where they comply with specified requirements, authorised for use in Corporation infrastructure.

1.3.22 **Supplier**

An entity or combination of entities that is responsible for the supply of Product.

**NOTE:** A Supplier may be a Manufacturer, owner, producer, distributor, vendor, agent, tenderer or contractor for supply of Product or Product related service.

1.3.23 **Testing**

The determination of Product characteristics by inspection and by the application of specified test procedures.
2 Materials and Components

2.1 Pipe and Fittings Selection

GRP pipe and fittings for wastewater/drainage and water applications shall be manufactured, using orthophthalic polyester resin and ECR glass, in accordance with the requirements of AS 3571.1 and AS 3571.2 respectively. Pipe and pipe fitting nominal sizes (DN) and outside diameters (OD) shall be as defined in Tables 3 and 5 respectively of Appendix ZZ of both AS 3571.1 and AS 3571.2. Initial pipe and pipe fitting ring stiffness shall be at least 10 000 N/m² (SN 10).

GRP pipes with flexible joints intended for installation using thrust boring or jacking techniques shall be in accordance with the requirements of ISO 25780.

NOTES:
1 Requirements in AS 3571.1 and AS 3571.2 are identical except for the strain corrosion resistance testing requirement in AS 3571.1 (Clause 5.4) for wastewater/drainage applications and the requirement for compliance with AS/NZS 4020 in AS 3571.2 (Clause 4.8, as amended by Appendix ZZ) for drinking water applications.
2 GRP pipes and fitting diameters (DN/OD) ≤ DN 750, as nominated in AS 3571 Appendix ZZ Table 5, are generally compatible with cast iron outside diameters (CIOD) [e.g. Corporation grey/cast Iron (CI), ductile iron (DI), asbestos cement (AC) - with some exceptions and PVC Series 2 in-service pressure pipes] and with associated Corporation repair stocks and spares.
3 GRP pipes for installation by thrust boring shall be selected and designed by reference to permissible jacking forces, as declared by the pipe manufacturer and calculated in accordance with ISO 25780 for declared pipe wall temperatures. GRP pipeline system design and installation methodology should address actual temperatures at installation sites.

2.2 Effect on Water

GRP pipe and pipe fitting joint seals and associated components and lubricants shall comply with AS/NZS 4020 for use in contact with drinking and non-drinking water, using a scaling factor of 0.05.

NOTES:
1 GRP pressure pipeline components selected for drinking and non-drinking water applications should comply with the strain corrosion resistance testing requirement in AS 3571.1 Clause 5.4 for wastewater/drainage applications in order to preclude their unintentional or intentional use in applications that require strain corrosion resistance.
2 GRP pressure pipeline components selected for wastewater and drainage applications should comply with this effect on water requirement in order to preclude any risk of their unintentional or intentional use in drinking water applications.

2.3 Joint Configuration and Performance

2.3.1 Flexible Joints

GRP pipes shall be supplied with integral joint sockets that provide maximum allowable joint angular deflections that are not less than those specified in AS 3571. Flexible joints include end-load-bearing (axial thrust resistant) and non-end-load-bearing joints as defined in AS 3571. Flexible joint seals shall be EPDM or, subject to AS/NZS 4020 compliance, NBR in accordance with AS 1646 (incorporating AS 681.1, 681.2, 681.3 and 681.4) for the nominated elastomer IRHD hardness and shall be supplied by the original GRP pipe or GRP pipe fittings manufacturer as appropriate.

NOTE Where the use of flexibly jointed GRP pipe proves impracticable at changes of direction by virtue of thrust restraint block sizes and pipe alignment space constraints, rigidly jointed pipeline sections of sufficient length should be designed to resist unbalanced joint loads at bend positions and preclude pipeline movement during field pressure testing and subsequent service operations, inclusive of appropriate design and service safety factors.

2.3.2 Rigid Joints

GRP pipes and pipe fitting rigid (non-flexible) joints shall conform to the requirements for wrapped, cemented and bolted flange joints in AS 3571, as appropriate to project configuration and application requirements.

2.3.3 Joint Performance

GRP pipe and pipe fitting joints shall be designed to assure long term structural integrity and leak-free service performance in buried and above ground applications. Joint design, in terms of structural and hydraulic performance, shall be proven by testing for conformity with the requirements of AS 3571, including those in:
• AS 3571.1 Table 24 or AS 3571.2 Table 23 for flexible non-end-load-bearing joints;
• AS 3571.1 Table 25 or AS 3571.2 Table 24 for flexible end-load-bearing joints;
• AS 3571.1 Table 26 or AS 3571.2 Table 25 for wrapped or cemented rigid joints;
• AS 3571.1 Table 27 or AS 3571.2 Table 26 for bolted flange rigid joints;

The performance of thrust bored GRP pipe joints shall comply with the requirements of ISO 25780.

NOTES
1 The interconnection of AS 3571 GRP pipe or thrust bored GRP pipe with pipe whose outside diameter is compatible with imperial cast iron (CIOD) or metric (ISO) outside diameter series pipe should be by means of appropriately selected, configured and designed adaptor pipe fittings and couplings that are compatible with the joint component outside diameters and with end load bearing (including longitudinal thrust restraint) requirements;
2 Adaptor fittings and couplings intended for connection to GRP pipe should have material, joint longitudinal restraint, joint sealing and service performance properties appropriate to the particular application, including:
   ➢ Standard (off the shelf) gibault style couplings with straight or stepped configurations;
   ➢ Standard (off the shelf) pipe fittings with appropriate end configurations (e.g. spigoted, socketed or flanged);
   ➢ Special purpose fabricated pipe adaptor fittings (e.g. straight, tapered or stepped) with appropriate end configurations (e.g. spigoted, socketed or flanged) of acceptable materials (e.g. 316 SS, GRP, rigid PVC,) complying with an appropriate performance or product standard (or combination of standards) acceptable to the Corporation;
3 Typically, pipeline component materials that are compatible with cast iron pipe outside diameters (CIOD) include GRP (Tables 3/5 respectively of AS 3571.1/AS 3571.2 Appendix ZZ), PVC Series 2, AS/NZS 2280 ductile iron and most older vintage cast (grey) iron and asbestos cement. ISO/metric OD pipes typically include PVC Series 1, AS/NZS 4130 PE, steel pipe to SPS 100 and AS/NZS 1260 PVC DWV non-pressure pipe.
4 The hydraulic integrity (or leakproofness) of GRP pipelines should be field tested after installation in accordance with AS/NZS 2566.2 Section 6 including Appendix M. Sub-clauses (paragraphs) 6.3.4.1 and M4 in particular apply to the field hydrostatic pressure testing of substantial GRP pipelines.
3 Transportation, Handling and Storage

3.1 General

GRP pipes and fittings shall be transported, handled and stored in accordance with the relevant procedures in ISO/TS 10465.1.

Transportation, handling and storage facilities shall be designed to prevent Product damage or defects and to maintain Product free of deleterious matter. Product shall not be dropped off elevated vehicle platforms or sites. Mechanical handling equipment shall be in accordance with AS 2550.1, AS 2550.3, AS 2550.5 and AS 2550.11 and shall be appropriate to the loads to be lifted. Manual handling shall be in accordance with the National Standard for Manual Handling and the National Code of Practice for Manual Handling, published by National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, Australia. Product restraint during transportation shall be in accordance with Load Restraint Guide—Guidelines for Safe Carriage of Loads on Road Vehicles, published jointly by the Federal Office of Road Safety and the National Road Transport Commission, Australia.

NOTE: Where wire ropes or chains are used for loading and unloading, they should not come into direct contact with Product. Lifting elements in direct contact with Product should be of a non-abrasive design eg elastomeric or fabric webbing straps. During transportation, Product restraints should be checked for tension at regular intervals of travel and should not be released until the transporting vehicle is resting in a secure stable disposition on level ground.

3.2 Preservation of Product in Storage

Product shall be stored in original Product packaging in accordance with the published requirements of the manufacturer, prior to installation. GRP pipe, fittings and elastomeric components shall be protected from extended exposure to direct sunlight and high temperatures. Elastomeric components shall be stored in accordance with the guidance on storage of seals in AS 1646/AS 681. Designated Product storage areas shall be of sufficient size to accommodate Product deliveries and shall be flat, reasonably level and free of combustible vegetation, sharp stones or projections that could cause Product damage or defects.
4 Quality Assurance

4.1 Certification

4.1.1 Certification of Product

Compliance with this Specification shall be certified by means of an ISO Type 5 Product Certification Scheme i.e. a scheme that meets the criteria described in HB 18.28 (ISO/IEC Guide 28), conducted by a JAS-ANZ accredited Certification Body. Each Certificate shall expressly attest compliance of all Product items with the nominated Standards. Wherever specified, Certificates shall be submitted to the Officer nominated for this purpose as evidence of compliance. Product shall be marked in accordance with the requirements of the Certification Body.

NOTE: Compliance of Product - including related accessories and services - with nominated Standards and specified requirements may be verified by means of a Product Verification Report provided by a Product Assessor. The Product Verification Report should identify all relevant Certificates of Product compliance, duly issued in accordance with Certification Scheme rules.

4.1.2 Quality System

The processes for manufacture, testing, supply, transportation, handling, delivery and storage of Product to be supplied in accordance with this Specification shall form part of a documented Quality System. The System shall be certified by a Certification Body as complying with the requirements of AS/NZS ISO 9001 and shall provide for identification and traceability, control of production and delivery to the specified destination, customer verification and control of documents and records.

4.1.3 Product Re-verification

Product compliance with the Specification shall be subject to re-verification by a Product Assessor when, during the agreed Product supply period, there occurs any:

• substantive change in Product design, material formulation or performance
• Product failure to perform in operational service to the nominated performance specification.

Re-verification shall require the issue of a new or supplementary Product Verification Report. Product components and test outcomes that are not significantly affected by the Product change or failure may be excluded from the scope of re-verification, provided that these outcomes have already been reported in a current valid Product Verification Report that is acceptable to the Corporation.

Wherever the requirements of the Specification apply to a Product supply period in excess of three years, continuing acceptance of Product shall be subject to re-verification. The purpose of re-verification shall be to confirm the continuing compliance of Product quality and production control processes with the requirements of the Specification.

4.2 Compliance and Acceptance

4.2.1 Means of Demonstrating Compliance

Compliance with this Specification shall be demonstrated by means of Product Appraisal and issue by a Product Assessor of a Product Verification Report that confirms compliance. Otherwise, Product shall be deemed non-compliant and ineligible for registration as Product authorised for use in Corporation infrastructure.

NOTES
1: Where a project includes design work including Product design, Product Appraisal may form part of the project design review process and the Product Assessor may be a member of the project design review team.
2: A Product Verification Report should verify the extent of compliance with the Specification including all relevant ‘Technical Compliance Schedule’ Appendices and the currency of a Certificate where relevant to the Product.

4.2.2 Acceptance Criteria

For acceptance, Product shall be supplied as specified in the Purchasing Schedule.
Prior to the implementation of any arrangement to supply Product, the Supplier shall, in accordance with specified requirements:

• nominate applicable Product Warranty terms; and
• provide documentary verification in the form of a current valid Certificate or Product Verification Report as appropriate to the Product; and
• detail each element of Product that does not comply with the specified requirements together with the extent of non-compliance.

NOTE: Where the Specification includes Technical Compliance Schedules, the nature and extent of all non-compliances should be provided in accordance with the appropriate Schedules.

4.3 Non-compliant Product

4.3.1 General

For acceptance, the surfaces of GRP pipe and fittings shall comply with the surfaces defects acceptability criteria in AS 3571 Appendix ZC. Product whose design, workmanship or performance fails to conform to the specified requirements shall be clearly tagged and quarantined by the Supplier as non-compliant and shall be subject to rejection for return to and replacement by the Supplier.

Where the Specification includes a ‘Technical Compliance Schedule’, Product shall be deemed non-compliant except where a Supplier has demonstrated compliance in accordance with the requirements of the ‘Technical Compliance Schedule’ Appendices of the Specification.

4.3.2 Manufacturing Repairs (In-process)

Welding, the use of fillers and other repairs shall not be permissible on Product which is in the course of production. Accordingly, details of any defect which the Manufacturer considers can be repaired; together with details of proposed repair procedures shall be submitted in writing for determination by the Corporation.

The Manufacturer shall make provision in its production Quality System and in the appropriate ITP’s for sufficient hold points whenever significant defects occur. Production work on non-compliant components shall cease and repair work shall not commence until it has been confirmed by the Corporation in writing that:

(a) repair of the non-compliant components in lieu of their replacement is acceptable;
(b) proposed repair procedures are acceptable;
(c) any consequential proposal to vary the terms of the original Product Warranty is acceptable.

4.3.3 Product Warranty

The Supplier shall replace non-compliant Product with Product that conforms to the acceptance criteria or shall repair or rectify all faults, damage or losses caused by defective Product. Except as may otherwise be specified, the Product Warranty shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Corporation against all losses suffered by the Corporation as a result of non-compliant Product for a period no less than 24 months after Product delivery or 12 months after Product installation, whichever period elapses first.

4.3.4 Product Repair

All reasonable proposals for repair or remedy of defects will be considered, provided that each such proposal is accompanied by a methodology statement that accords with the performance objectives of this Specification, as determined by the Corporation. For acceptance, a proposal for repair or remedy of Product defects shall not void or otherwise diminish the provisions of the Product Warranty.
5 Appendix A: Material Master Records (Informative)

The following Material Master Records (MMR) comprise Corporation catalogue numbers that are unique to the particular products described for the purposes of Corporation activities or work.

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