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Calculation of tanks and apparatus made of thermoplastics – Welding factors



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Short-time (f_Z) and long-time (f_S) welding factors

Processes	Welding factors, short-time / long-time	PE ¹⁾	PP ²⁾	PVC-U	PVC-C	PVDF
Heated tool butt welding	f _Z	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
HS	f _S	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Hot gas extrusion welding, discontinuous	f _Z	0.8	0.8	-	-	_
WE	f _S	0.4	0.4	-	-	-
Hot gas extrusion welding, continuous	f _Z	0.8	0.8	-	-	_
WE	f _S	0.6	0.6	-	-	-
Hot gas welding	f _Z	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8
WZ/WF	f _S	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
IR welding for pipes,	f _Z	-	0.9	-	-	0.9
pressure-controlled	f _S	-	0.8	-	-	0.8
IR welding for pipes,	fz	0.9	0.9	-	-	0.9
displacement-controlled	f _S	0.7	0.8	-	-	0.8

¹⁾ Applies to PE 63, PE 80 and PE 100

2) Applies to PP-H, PP-B and PP-R

The prerequisites for the specified values are the command of the corresponding welding processes and the execution by qualified and certified personnel.

The short-time factors apply to loading times up to one hour. In the case of other materials and/or joining processes, the values must be proven individually.

The prerequisite for computation with higher welding factors than stipulated in the above table is proof which is provided on the material combination to be welded and must not be more than two years' old.

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