

Submittal Specification

A watertight flexible pipe-to-manhole connector shall be employed in the connection of the sanitary sewer and/or stormwater pipe to precast manholes or other structures.

The connector shall be PSX:DIRECT DRIVE as manufactured by Press-Seal Gasket Corporation, Fort Wayne, Indiana, or approved equal.

The connector assembly shall be the sole element relied on to assure a flexible watertight seal of the pipe to the structure. The connector shall consist of a rubber gasket, an internal expansion sleeve, and one or more external compression take-up clamps. Approved materials for the connector shall be natural or synthetic rubber and Series 300 non-magnetic stainless steel. No plastic components shall be permitted.

The rubber gasket element shall be constructed solely of synthetic or natural rubber, and shall meet/exceed the requirements of ASTM C 923, and shall have a minimum tensile strength of 1600 PSI. Minimum thickness of the cross-section shall be 0.275 inches.

The internal expansion sleeve components shall be made of Series 300 non-magnetic stainless steel and shall utilize no welds in their construction.

Installation shall be performed using a calibrated installation tool available from the connector manufacturer. Installation of the sleeve shall require no retightening after the initial installation.

The external compression take-up clamp(s) shall be constructed of Series 300 non-magnetic stainless steel and shall utilize no welds in its constructions. The clamp(s) shall be installed by torquing the adjusting screw using a torque-setting wrench available from the connector manufacturer.

Selection of the proper size connector for the manhole and pipe requirement, and installation thereof, shall be in strict conformance with the recommendations of the connector manufacturer. Any dead end pipe stubs installed in connectors shall be restrained from movement per ASTM C 923.

The finished connection shall provide sealing to 13 psi (minimum), and shall accommodate deflection of pipe to 7 degrees (minimum) without loss of seal.

Vacuum testing shall be conducted in strict conformance with ASTM C 1244 prior to backfill. Other testing shall be conducted in strict conformance with the requirements of the connector manufacturer.

PRODUCT PERFORMANCE

PSX:Direct Drive meets and/or exceeds all requirements of ASTM C 923, including physical properties of materials and performance testing. Performance testing includes:

- 13 psi minimum in straight alignment
- 10 psi at minimum 7° angle
- 10 psi minimum under shear load of 150 lbs/in. pipe diameter

PSX:Direct Drive meets and/or exceeds the following specifications:

- ASTM C 923 *Standard Specification for Resilient Connectors Between Reinforced Concrete Manhole Structures, Pipes, and Laterals*
- ASTM C 1478 *Standard Specification for Storm Drain Resilient Connectors Between Reinforced Concrete Storm Sewer Structures, Pipes and Laterals*
- ASTM F 2510 *Standard Specification for Resilient Connectors Between Reinforced Concrete Manhole Structures and Corrugated High Density Polyethylene Drainage Pipes*
- ASTM C 1244 *Standard Test Method for Concrete Sewer Manholes by the Negative Air Pressure (Vacuum) Test*

TYPICAL TEST RESULTS for PSX:Direct Drive (as in ASTM C 923 and C 1478)			
Test	ASTM Test Method	Test Requirements	Typical Result
CHEMICAL RESISTANCE; 1N SULFURIC ACID and 1N HYDROCHLORIC ACID	D 534, AT 22°C FOR 48 HRS	NO WEIGHT LOSS NO WEIGHT LOSS	NO WEIGHT LOSS NO WEIGHT LOSS
TENSILE STRENGTH	D 412	1200 PSI, MIN.	2100 PSI
ELONGATION AT BREAK	D 412	350%, MIN.	525%
HARDNESS	D 2240 (SHORE A DUROMETER)	±5 FROM THE MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFIED HARDNESS	<2
ACCELERATED OVEN-AGING	D 573, 70± 1°C FOR 7 DAYS	DECREASE OF 15%, MAX. OF ORIGINAL TENSILE STRENGTH, DECREASE OF 20%, MAX. OF ELONGATION	-13% TENSILE CHANGE, -14% ELONGATION CHANGE
COMPRESSION TEST	D 395, METHOD B, AT 70°C FOR 22 HRS	DECREASE OF 25%, MAX. OF ORIGINAL DEFLECTION	13%
WATER ABSORPTION	D 471 IMMERSE 0.75 BY 2-IN. SPECIMEN IN DISTILLED WATER AT 70°C FOR 48 hrs	INCREASE OF 10%, MAX. OR ORIGINAL BY WEIGHT	3.50%
OZONE RESISTANCE	D 1171	RATING 0	PASS
LOW-TEMP, BRITTLE POINT	D 746	NO FRACTURE AT -40°C	PASS
TEAR RESISTANCE	D 624, METHOD B	200 LBF/IN. (MIN.)	450 LBF/IN.

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