DuroMaxx® Steel Reinforced Polyethylene Technology

Sanitary & Storm Sewer | Reline | Irrigation | Stormwater/CSO/SSO Detention
The Strength of Steel.  
The Durability of Plastic.  

It’s the ideal combination of materials that makes DuroMaxx an exceptional pipe. 80 ksi steel reinforcing ribs provide the strength, and pressure rated Polyethylene Resin (PE) provides the durability. This combination of materials results in an extraordinarily strong and durable pipe. DuroMaxx is designed with a smooth waterway wall for outstanding hydraulic capacity. These materials provide the properties you can count on for long service and trouble-free performance in the most demanding environments.

Lifelong Performance  

DuroMaxx steel reinforced ribbed profile wall construction will not creep or buckle. The built-in capacity of the high strength steel eliminates concerns that have long plagued profile wall HDPE pipe. Today, it is possible to design with confidence to meet the long-term structural demands of the most difficult sanitary & storm sewer, reline, irrigation, and stormwater/CSO/SSO detention projects.

Temperature Effects on Strength  

All flexible pipes must be designed to have adequate pipe stiffness to resist handling, installation and construction loads and to minimize deflection, ensuring a successful installation. Published pipe stiffness levels are measured at 73˚F in a laboratory. The actual or apparent field pipe stiffness due to the effects of sunlight and a modest 80˚ temperature can produce results that are very different in the field – where it counts. A pipe wall temperature in excess of 110˚results in a loss of pipe stiffness greater than 30% for a non-reinforced profile wall polyethylene pipe. Steel reinforced DuroMaxx pipe loses less than 1% of its stiffness under the same conditions because the steel provides the pipe stiffness, not the PE plastic. As a result, DuroMaxx can be twice as stiff as non-steel reinforced HDPE pipe.

High Strength Steel & High Performance Pressure Rated Resins  

Predictable service life demands predictable material properties. DuroMaxx uses only high quality pressure rated PE resin that provides predictable engineering properties including crack resistance, tensile strength and modulus of elasticity. Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB) testing verifies and documents important 50 and 100 year design properties that aid the professional engineer when designing piping systems.

Unlike unreinforced plastic pipes which rely fully on time/strain sensitive materials for their structural performance, DuroMaxx’s steel reinforcement provides 100% of the load carrying capacity. DuroMaxx resin contains 3% carbon black which long-standing research has shown will inhibit the affects of UV degradation (strength loss and brittleness) in excess of 50 years of direct exposure to sunlight. Therefore, the strength of DuroMaxx does not diminish over time, nor is it significantly impacted by elevated summertime temperatures.

Multiple Joint Options  

DuroMaxx’s steel reinforced bell and spigot joint achieves a level of watertight joint performance that sets it apart from conventional pipe products. The DuroMaxx steel reinforced high performance (HP) joint is designed to meet, exceed, and maintain the highest standards of performance when tested in accordance with ASTM D3212. Additional options include: soil tight (ST) and welded coupler (WC) joints.

![Graph: Effective Pipe Stiffness vs. Temperature*](image)

* The information in this graph is an average stiffness loss observed over several diameters of one AASHTO M-294 HDPE profile wall product.

» Manufactured in accordance with ASTM F2562 and AASHTO MP-20.
Hydraulic Performance

High flow rates are achieved with a smooth polyethylene waterway wall for optimal savings. Target flow rates can be assured with DuroMaxx by contacting your local Contech sales engineer for the appropriate information. Manning’s “n” values will range between 0.011 to 0.013, depending on velocity and flow rate.

Savings

DuroMaxx pipe is lightweight and can be easily handled and quickly installed, often eliminating the need to use heavy construction equipment. The outside diameter (OD) of DuroMaxx is smaller than other conventional pipe materials, resulting in less trench excavation. As the two main cost drivers to install water conveyance products are manpower and machinery, DuroMaxx provides the opportunity to save in both, resulting in less overall spending. The longer lengths and easy joint assembly are just some of the DuroMaxx installation advantages. DuroMaxx should be installed in accordance with nationally accepted ASTM D2321 installation practices. Contact your local Contech representative for the DuroMaxx Installation Guide.

Fittings & Fabricated Manholes

DuroMaxx pipe is available with a full range of fabricated fittings such as elbows, tees, wyes, slope junctions and reducers. Both standard and custom fittings can be readily fabricated, which can result in fewer concrete structures and lower project costs. Manhole structures fabricated with DuroMaxx and HDPE pipe can be an excellent alternative to precast or cast-in-place concrete manholes and structures by providing greater durability and better hydraulic flow through the structure. This solution is both efficient and cost effective.

Sizes

Available in diameters from 30 to 120 inches and manufactured in standard lengths of 14 or 24 feet with bell and spigot joints, DuroMaxx has fewer joints to assemble on site, resulting in faster installation rates for the contractor. If your project requires custom lengths, contact your Contech representative for details and availability.

Contech is an environmentally conscious company committed to shaping the future of green building and design. Contech offers a wide range of site solutions that respond to green building and construction needs and can contribute towards LEED® and NAHB green credits. DuroMaxx has the potential to contribute to a variety of LEED credits in the categories for sustainable sites, water efficiency, materials and resources, innovation in design and regional priority. DuroMaxx consumes 35% less of the natural resources required to produce AASHTO M-294 pipe. The steel reinforcing ribs in the profile wall that provide the structural integrity for the pipe are made out of steel with recycled content levels ranging from 55-80%.

About LEED

A third party certification program, U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is based on points and evaluates the overall performance of a green building project by assessing each of the materials and systems used in aggregate.

### Pipe Dimensions & Handling Weights

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* Currently available with welded coupler (WC) joints or plain ended with or without soil tight (ST) joints.

** The maximum cover limits shown in the table above are conservative and greater burial depths are possible. Contact your local Sales Engineer for project specific information.
Large diameter sanitary sewer projects can be tough to deal with for many agencies. These long interceptors or trunk lines can run for miles, from manhole to manhole, eating away at an already constrained budget. Much of the costs can be contributed to installation realities for large quantities of very large diameters. These costs can include:

- Freight and number of trucks needed.
- Number of picks and weight of those picks.
- Number of joints and procedure to meet watertight standard.
- Other material costs.

DuroMaxx provides real answers that help make the agency’s and engineer’s job easier. Outstanding performance and value are clearly evident when comparing DuroMaxx to a wide variety of other products such as RCP, HDPE, Polypropylene, PVC and fiberglass pipe.

**Benefits**

- Large diameters up to 120 inches.
- Predictable, high strength for deep covers, shape and deflection control.
- Joint tightness that meets initial testing requirements and long-term infiltration/exfiltration needs.
- Resistant to corrosive effluent.
- Smooth inner walls allow for minimum slope designs and longer runs.
- Lightweight for installation efficiency.
Irrigation Applications

Agriculture and irrigation agencies are in need of more dependable and cost effective solutions to conserve their most valuable resource, water. Many are enclosing ditches and canals with pipe conveyance systems in remote areas of the country. These projects can be challenging to any engineer or project manager, especially when hydraulic parameters require larger diameter pipe sizes. DuroMaxx has proven solutions to these problems.

Benefits

- HDB pressure rated PE resins provide superior corrosion resistance.
- A variety of joint configurations and joint tightness levels are available to meet your specific project needs.
- Installation cost advantages important for remote locations.
- Versatile fabrication supports unique fittings and components.
- Excels in short and long-term cost analysis for irrigation applications.

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Barker Ranch, Washington
3 miles
54” & 60” diameter
DuroMaxx Irrigation System
Benefits

- 80 ksi high strength steel provides maximum load carrying capabilities with allowable cover limits ranging from 30 to 50 feet.
- High strength steel provides exceptional shape and deflection control even on warm, sunny days where typical corrugated HDPE drainage pipes fall short.
- Pressure rated PE resin provides unmatched durability.
- Abrasion and chemical resistance is unaffected by water pH levels unlike reinforced concrete pipe, where abrasion resistance varies with water pH levels.
- Available with soil tight, steel reinforced high performance, and welded coupler joint options. If your project requires extreme joint tightness for the life of the system, rely on the DuroMaxx steel reinforced high performance or welded coupler joints.
- While DuroMaxx may not be the least expensive storm sewer pipe on the market, it outperforms when other products fall short. Long-term, DuroMaxx's outstanding performance and durability generate value.
- The efficient wall profile makes DuroMaxx ideally suited for reline of deteriorating culverts.
Storage tank systems are used to regulate stormwater and wastewater flow through main pipelines by acting as a buffer during peak loads. DuroMaxx systems are designed to contain the water and slowly release it into the main system over a period of time. These systems are often custom made to watertight specifications in order to suit the project requirements.

DuroMaxx tank systems can incorporate a wide range of fittings such as bends, risers, bulk headed ends, and inlet/outlet pipes. The systems can be custom manufactured to individual lengths in sizes and configurations that can be economically transported and assembled on site.

**Benefits**

- Utilizing larger diameters whenever possible reduces storage cost per gallon. DuroMaxx is available up to 120 inches.
- Steel reinforcing results in smaller outside diameter dimensions when compared to corrugated HDPE pipe or reinforced concrete pipe. When maximum diameter selection is limited by minimal cover, DuroMaxx can typically be upsized by 6 inches or more, resulting in reduced overall water storage cost.
- A variety of joint configurations and joint tightness levels available to meet specific project needs.
- Offers a corrosion resistant system alternative to concrete in wastewater management without need for protective coatings.
- Fast, efficient installation.

**Tank Applications**

Sanitary Sewer Overflow/Combined Sewer Overflow/
Pump Station Equalization Tanks/Detention

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The Design Behind the Performance

Soil Tight (ST) Joint Detail

High Performance (HP) Joint Details

Welded Coupler (WC) Joint Detail

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