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PMBWELD305B Install polyethylene plastic pressure pipelines

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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This competency covers the installing of relevant elements of polyethylene (PE) plastic pressure pipes and pipeline components under industrial conditions in the field.

This competency is performed by operators as part of a work team.

Application of the Unit

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This competency applies to operators who are involved in the installation of relevant elements of polyethylene (PE) plastic pressure pipes and pipeline components to quality assurance requirements while maintaining personal and immediate site safety.

The key features in attaining the required quality are:

- identifying materials being used in the installation as being suitable for specific applications
- identifying applications for alternative jointing technologies
- determining appropriate methods of handling, storage and transport of PE plastics components
- identifying and carrying out service connection and repair techniques
- assessing quality of completed installations by determining appropriate testing and commissioning procedures.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisites

This unit has **no** prerequisites.

Employability Skills Information

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This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

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1. Identify PE pipe materials as being suitable for specific pressure applications.	1.1 Identify materials as PE grades from national standards, job specifications and work site instructions. 1.2 Determine PE materials properties from national standards and material data sheets. 1.3 Identify job needs from worksite instructions and specifications.
2. Identify applications for alternative jointing technologies.	2.1 Identify properties and limitations of mechanical jointing systems. 2.2 Identify properties and limitations of thermal welding jointing systems. 2.3 Perform trial jointing for all methods, identify non conformance, report, and rectify. 2.4 Assess quality against specification requirements.
3. Determine methods for handling, storage, transport and installation of PE pipeline components.	3.1 Identify requirements for handling and transport of PE materials. 3.2 Determine requirements for long term storage. 3.3 Determine requirements for installation, including additional materials.
4. Identify appropriate service connection and repair techniques.	4.1 Determine service connection requirements. 4.2 Identify alternative service connection methods to meet requirements. 4.3 Perform service connection to meet requirements. 4.4 Determine repair requirements. 4.5 Identify alternative repair options. 4.6 Perform repair installation to meet requirements.
5. Assess quality of completed installation by determining appropriate testing and commissioning procedures.	5.1 Determine specific installation test requirements. 5.2 Identify alternative test procedures to meet requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level required for this unit. Knowledge and understanding of PE materials and pipeline components as described in national standards to recognise suitability for specific installation, and to establish work instructions.

Knowledge of specific job requirements necessary to determine detailed work instructions, and the ability to implement requirements to attain required quality outcomes.

Knowledge as a basis for solving processing and material problems including:

- identify types of materials and components being used
- establish specific job needs
- set up and maintain safe working environment
- set up and maintain required storage, handling, and transport procedures
- establish installation requirements
- perform jointing and installation to meet required quality levels
- identify and rectify fault causes arising from application and component variables
- establish completion test requirements.

Language, literacy and numeracy requirements

Read material which is sequenced for instructions, explanations, information or opinions.

Write short and simple messages about routine tasks or activities, or complete forms.

Use hands-on real-life materials and pictures/diagrams based on personal experience and prior knowledge.

Use several pieces of related mathematical information.

Read, write and speak whole numbers and money sums, recognise and interpret simple fractions, decimals and percentages, use simple data, grid references.

Use simple grammatical forms and vocabulary to give instructions, give explanations, ask questions and express viewpoints.

Clarify intended meaning by asking for repetition when listening, and varying speed and changing tone or emphasis when speaking.

Use strategies such as providing verbal and non-verbal feedback in order to show interest or attitude.

Evidence Guide

The Evidence Guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, the range statement and the assessment guidelines for this training package.

Overview of assessment

A holistic approach should be taken to the assessment.

Assessors must be satisfied that the person can consistently perform the unit as a whole, as defined by the Elements, Performance Criteria and skills and knowledge.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

It is essential that the installation meets the requirements of the standard.

Assessment method and context

Assessment will occur using industrial PE pipes and installation equipment and will be undertaken in a work-like environment.

Competence in this unit may be assessed:

- using an appropriate, industrial equipment, situations and polymers
- in a situation allowing for the generation of evidence of the ability to recognise, anticipate and respond to problems
 - by using a suitable simulation and/or a range of case studies/scenarios
 - through a combination of these techniques.

In all cases it is expected that practical assessment will be combined with targeted questioning to assess the underpinning knowledge and theoretical assessment will be combined with appropriate practical/simulation or similar assessment. Assessors need to be aware of any cultural issues that may affect responses to questions.

Assessment processes and techniques must be culturally appropriate and appropriate to the oracy, language and literacy capacity of the assessee and the work being performed.

Specific resources for assessment

This section should be read in conjunction with the Range Statement for this unit of competency. Resources required include suitable access to an operating plant or equipment that allows for appropriate and realistic simulation. A bank of case studies/scenarios and questions will also be required to the extent that they form part of the assessment method. Questioning may take place either in the workplace, or in an adjacent, quiet facility such as an office or lunchroom. No other special resources are required.

Access must be provided to appropriate learning and/or assessment support when required. Where applicable, physical resources should include equipment modified for people with disabilities.

Range Statement**RANGE STATEMENT**

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

Where reference is made to industry codes of practice and/or Australian/international standards, the latest version must be used.

Context

This competency unit includes the installation of relevant elements of polyethylene (PE) pressure pipeline components. The end applications include pipelines used for transmission of gaseous and water based fluids.

It also includes the operation of alternative jointing procedures, service connections repairs using all relevant ancillary equipment.

Specifications include national standards for materials (AS/NZS 4129, AS/NZS 4130, AS/NZS 2566 and AS/NZS 2033), workplace specifications and instructions, and government codes and regulations.

Procedures

All operations are performed in accordance with procedures.

Procedures include all relevant workplace procedures, work instructions, temporary instructions and relevant industry and government codes and standards. These may include:

- AS/NZS 4129
- AS/NZS 4130
- AS/NZS 2566
- AS/NZS 2033.

Tools and equipment

This competency includes use of equipment and tools such as:

- mechanical and thermal jointing equipment, ancillary jigs and fixtures.
- measurement devices, including pressure gauges, times, temperature probes, calipers and computer based monitors
- calculators
- service connection and repair equipment and products
- relevant safety equipment
- comprehensive work instructions.

Hazards

Typical hazards include:

- hazardous cleaning fluids
- pipe material handling
- heavy stationary and moving machinery
- cutting and heating components.

Problems

'Anticipate and solve problems' means resolve a wide range of routine and non-routine problems, using product and process knowledge to develop solutions to problems which do not have a known solution/a solution recorded in the procedures.

Typical process and product problems may include:

- variable PE materials, and pipes and components as supplied
- equipment malfunction or wear and tear
- variable field site conditions
- limitations in available data on specific job requirements.
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Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.