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POLYPIPE DUCTING SYSTEMS

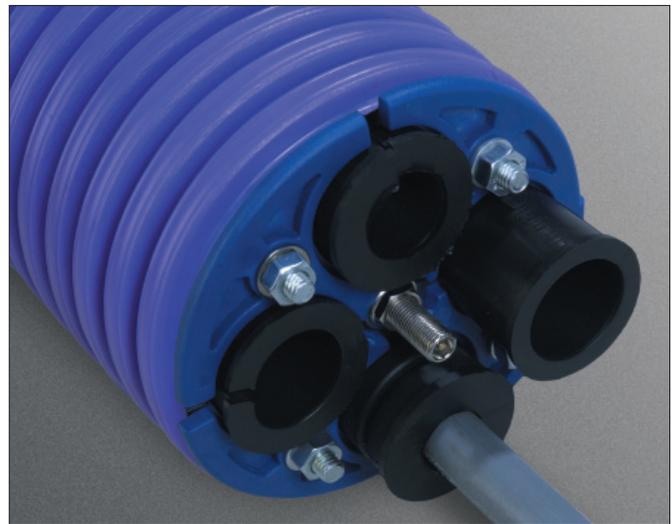
COMTITE DUCTING PLUG

This HAPAS Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ is issued by the British Board of Agrément (BBA), supported by the Highways Agency (HA) (acting on behalf of the Overseeing Organisations of the Department for Transport; Transport Scotland; the Welsh Assembly Government and the Department for Regional Development, Northern Ireland), the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT), the Local Government Technical Advisers Group and industry bodies. HAPAS Certificates are normally each subject to a review every three years.
(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

This Certificate replaces Certificate 90/R049 and relates to the Comtite Ducting Plug, for use in highways as underground ducting for electricity, gas and water supply services, and for street lighting cables and fibre-optic cabling for telecommunications.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with HAPAS requirements
- factors relating to compliance with Regulations where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Strength — the product has adequate strength to resist the loads likely to be encountered during service (see section 6).

Resistance to elevated temperatures — cables with a surface temperature of up to 60°C will not affect the integrity of the duct plug (see section 7).

Resistance to chemicals — the product has an adequate resistance to attack from chemicals likely to occur in soils and groundwater (see section 8).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément



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Requirements

In the opinion of the BBA, the Comtite Ducting Plug, when used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the following requirements of the Manual of Contract Documents for Highways Works (MCHW)⁽¹⁾, Specification for Highways Works (SHW), Volume 1 and Volume 3.

(1) The MCHW is operated by the Overseeing Organisations: The Highways Agency (HA), Transport Scotland, the Welsh Assembly Government and the Department for Regional Development (Northern Ireland).

Regulations

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: *3 Delivery and site handling* (3.1) of this Certificate.

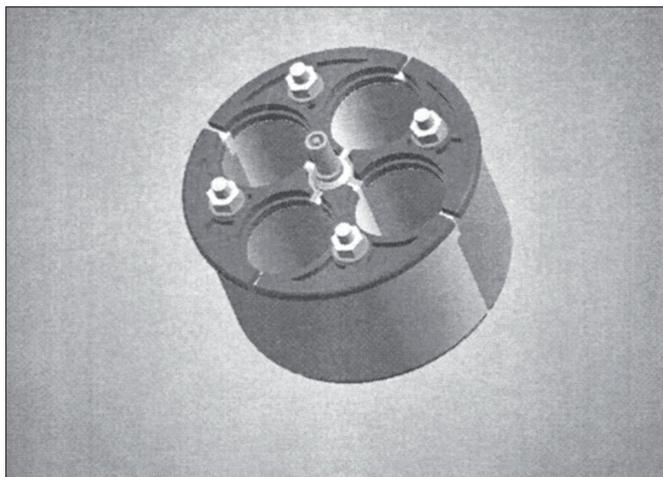
Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 The Comtite Ducting Plug is for use with the Ridgiduct Ducting (see Product Sheet 1 of this Certificate), and provides a suitable method for securing internal cables and pipes within the ducting system. One plug is used at each end of a run of ducting.

1.2 The plug (see Figure 1) comprises a two-part interlocking EPDM body held together with a centre bolt. This bolt incorporates a valve to release any pressure which may build up in the ducting during installation. The valve is also used for carrying out the air pressure test with the core valve part removed. Eight compression plates, four on each face, connected by bolts, provide additional support and, when tightened, seal the EPDM body against the walls of the duct.

Figure 1 Comtite Ducting Plug



1.3 The product is constructed with four holes in which a selection of grommets can be inserted. The range of grommets is given in Table 1.

Table 1 Range of plugs and grommets

Product code	Description
DP 94	94 mm ducting plug
DP 100	100 mm ducting plug
DPG 0	Blanking grommet
DPG 9	9 mm grommet
DPG 12	12 mm grommet
DPG 14	14 mm grommet
DPG 16	16 mm grommet
DPG 18	18 mm grommet
DPG 21	21 mm grommet
DPG 24	24 mm grommet
DPG 27	27 mm grommet
DPG 4 x 9	4 mm x 9 mm grommet
DPG 7 x 9	7 mm x 9 mm grommet

1.4 The product is available in two sizes to suit the 94 mm and 100 mm Ridgiduct pipe.

1.5 Beginning and ending the ducting system with the Comtite Ducting Plug, and incorporating optional sealed couplings, produces a system with protection against penetration by solid foreign objects of 1 mm diameter or greater and against ingress of water at 1 metre depth, ie an IP rating of IP47 to BS EN 60529 : 1992.

1.6 When using the Comtite Ducting Plug, Ridgiduct RB 94 and RB 100 are suitable for motorway communications applications as a sealed system to BS EN 61386-24 : 2010.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The EPDM components are manufactured using conventional injection moulding techniques. The compression plates are manufactured from Acyral using conventional injection moulding techniques.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of Polypipe Civils Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by BSI (Certificate Q06225).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The Comtite Ducting Plug is individually bagged and the grommets bagged in packs of five for each type of grommet.

3.2 The Comtite Ducting Plug has good resistance to UV degradation. When long-term storage is envisaged, the plugs must be stored away from direct sunlight.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Comtite Ducting Plug.

Design Considerations

4 General

The Comtite Ducting Plug, when installed in accordance with the recommendations given in this Certificate, is suitable for use in highways for underground ducting for electricity services, and for street lighting cables and fibre optic cabling for cable television and telecommunications.

5 Practicability of installation

The products are designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with these types of product.

6 Strength

6.1 The product has adequate strength to resist the loads likely to be encountered during service when used and installed in accordance with the recommendations given in this Certificate.

6.2 The product has adequate resistance to the impact loads normally encountered during handling and installation.

7 Resistance to elevated temperatures

7.1 The maximum temperature to which the duct plug will be subject in service as part of an electrical cable ducting system is dependent on the ground thermal conductivity, depth of burial, ground temperature and the heat load imposed by the electrical cable.

7.2 In general, cables with a surface temperature of up to 60°C will not affect the integrity of the duct plug. For example, in a typical installation with a 300 mm² copper cable carrying a current of 600 amps imposing a heat load of 25 W·m⁻¹, the cable would have a surface temperature of 60°C.

8 Resistance to chemicals

The materials used to manufacture the plug have adequate resistance to attack from chemicals likely to occur in soils and groundwater. Details of chemical resistance of the materials are given in CP 312-1 : 1973.

9 Maintenance

As the product is buried and have suitable durability (see section 10), maintenance is not required.

10 Durability

When used in the context of this Certificate, the Comtite Ducting Plug will have adequate durability.

Installation

11 General

11.1 The Comtite Ducting Plug must be installed in accordance with the requirements of the manufacturer's instructions, and any additional site requirements (see section 1).

11.2 The general requirements for a ducting system are to be in accordance with Product Sheet 1, sections 11 and 12.

11.3 The grommets have a high friction surface which would impede the installation or withdrawal of cables. To overcome this, the grommets are split along their length to allow them to be clipped over the cable once it has been pulled through.

Technical Investigations

13 Tests

Tests were carried out to determine:

- dimensional accuracy
- airtightness
- watertightness of joints
- degree of protection against foreign objects.

14 Investigations

14.1 An examination was made of data relating to:

- chemical resistance
- heat dissipation
- effect of temperature
- practicability of installation
- material properties
- durability.

14.2 The manufacturing process was examined, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

Bibliography

BS EN 60529 : 1992 *Specification for degrees of protection by enclosures (IP code)*

BS EN 61386-24 : 2010 *Conduit systems for cable management — Particular requirements — Conduit systems buried underground*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

CP 312-1 : 1973 *Code of practice for plastics pipework (thermoplastics material) — General principles and choice of material*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 2 *Notes for Guidance on the Specification for Highway Works*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 3 *Highway Construction Details*

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