Operation manual for PPS Graphite - Heat Transfer Tubes

The information contained in this manual is provided in good faith and from sources believed to be reliable and accurate. The guidelines and procedures described herein are intended solely as recommendations designed to maximize the use and service life of PPS-GR heat transfer tubes. It is important to note that these are suggestions and should not be construed as binding instructions. Users should use their own judgment and consult additional resources or experts as needed to adapt these recommendations to specific circumstances or requirements.

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the operational manual for the PPS-GR heat transfer tubes. This manual is designed to provide you with detailed guidelines for the safe handling, effective installation, and optimal use of Technoform's innovative PPS-GR heat transfer tubes. By adhering to the recommendations provided herein, you can maximize both the performance and the lifespan of these high-quality components.

1.1 About Technoform

Technoform is a global leader in precision engineering with a strong commitment to innovation and sustainability. Specializing in high-performance plastic solutions, Technoform aims to enhance efficiency and performance across a wide range of industries. Our solutions are crafted with precision and care, meeting the highest standards of quality and reliability.

1.2 PPS-GR heat transfer tubes

The PPS-GR heat transfer tubes represent a significant advancement in the field of thermal management. Constructed from a specialized polyphenylene sulfide graphite-reinforced (PPS-GR) compound, these tubes offer exceptional performance under corrosive conditions and temperatures up to 250°C. The key attributes of PPS-GR tubes include:

• **High chemical resistance:** Resilient against nearly all types of fluids, the PPS-GR compound provides reliable performance in aggressive environments.

- **Superior thermal conductivity:** Designed to facilitate efficient heat transfer, enhancing system performance.
- **Robust pressure resistance:** Engineered to withstand high pressures, ensuring durability and safety even under rigorous operating conditions.

These tubes are primarily used in applications such as heat exchangers, where their advanced properties can be fully utilized to improve energy efficiency and reduce operational costs.

1.3 Purpose of this manual

This manual serves as a comprehensive guide for handling, installing, operating, and maintaining Technoform's PPS-GR heat transfer tubes. Compiled with the utmost expertise and dedication, the recommendations herein are provided to assist you in achieving the best possible outcomes with our products. Please note that the procedures and guidelines detailed in this document are intended as recommendations based on our current knowledge and experience.

We trust that this manual will be an invaluable resource for your operations, ensuring that you benefit from the full potential of Technoform's PPS-GR heat transfer tubes.



2. Quality Management

This chapter outlines the comprehensive quality management strategies implemented by Technoform to ensure the highest standards of quality and compliance in the manufacture and delivery of PPS-GR tubes for heat exchangers. Our commitment to excellence ensures our products meet the specific needs of heat exchanger manufacturers and operators, adhering to stringent industry standards and customer expectations.

Quality assurance and compliance

Technoform maintains a rigorous quality control system, documented in our Quality Control Manual, which aligns with the ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1. Our facility is authorized to fabricate parts marked with the ASME Certification Mark and PRT designator, ensuring that each component meets all necessary safety and performance criteria.

Laser marking:

Each tube is laser-marked for easy and clear identification:

Marking format:

TECHNOFORM CW/YEAR TRSG322001 EOXXXX XXXX

- CW Calendar week
- YEAR Calender year
- TRSG322001 Article Number
- EOXXXX Extrusion Order / Lot Number
- XXXX Tube serial number

Article number explanation:

- TRSG322001 is the article number broken down as follows:
 - T Thermal application
 - R Profile shape
 - R Round tube shape
 - F Flat tube shape
 - S Polymer
 - S Made of PPS (Polyphenylene Sulfide)
 - P Made of PP (Polypropylene)
 - G -Filler
 - G Graphite
 - F Glass fibers
 - 32 Outer diameter in mm
 - 20 Wall thickness in 2.0 mm
 - 01 Finishing code where:
 - 00 indicates no finishing
 - 01 indicates both tube ends chamfered
 - 02 indicates one tube end hot molded and one tube end chamfered

This system ensures traceability and accountability throughout the tube's lifecycle, from production and delivery to end of life.



Documentation for quality assurance

Each delivery of PPS-GR tubes is accompanied by the following documents to ensure transparency and traceability:

- **Article Drawing:** Detailed schematics of the tubes, providing essential specifications and design parameters.
- **Test Report:** In compliance with EN10204 (types 2.2, 3.1, or 3.2), these reports outline the results of material and product testing, confirming adherence to quality and safety standards. The test report includes tests for:
 - Material Specification:
 - Hydrostatic burst pressure
 - Surface quality
 - Dimensional Specification:
 - Outer diameter
 - Wall thickness
 - Roundness
 - Deflection
 - Length
- **Declaration of Conformity:** This document certifies that the delivered PPS-GR tubes comply with all relevant EU regulations and standards, ensuring their quality and safety for use in heat exchangers.

Monitoring and Improvement

Our quality management system is designed to continuously monitor the manufacturing process and implement improvements where necessary. This proactive approach includes regular audits, both internal and by external inspectors, and comprehensive training for all staff involved in the manufacturing process.

Ensuring Material Quality and Specification

We employ strict controls over the raw materials used in our manufacturing processes, with detailed records maintained for each batch of material. These records include Certificates of Analysis (COA) that confirm the material's compliance with specified standards.

Commitment to Customer Satisfaction

Technoform is dedicated to ensuring the satisfaction of all customers by delivering products that meet both the specified technical requirements and the high standards of quality and reliability expected in the industry. Our quality management practices are integral to our mission of providing superior heat transfer solutions across global markets.



Supplementary documentation for quality assurance of pressure equipment

Important documents that accompany every PPS-GR tube delivery, with a focus on the integrity of pressure equipment.

ASME Documents: Specific documents required for customers under ASME standards, ensuring compliance and eligibility for use in pressure vessel components.

- CMTR (Certified Material Test Report): Specifies material properties as per ASME BPVC VIII.1 table UIG-6-1 'Compound material' and Code Case 3041. Specifications covered include
 - · Compressive strength
 - · Tensile strength
 - Tensile Modulus
 - Tensile strength at maximum material temperature
 - Tensile Modulus at maximum material temperature
 - Coefficient of thermal expansion
 - Coefficient of permeability
- For every new batch of compound tube material, a simplified CMTR is conducted, testing:
 - · Compressive strength
 - Tensile strength at room temperature

Manufacturers Supplementary and Manufacture's Partial Data Report (MPDR form U-2a / MSDR form U-1b):

• These reports are certified by the Quality Control Manager (QCM) following final inspection and presented to the Authorized Inspector (AI) for review. Upon AI approval, the ASME Certification Mark is applied to the name plate on the container/packing unit of tubes.

Note:

ASME documents can be provided only upon request prior to the production of compound tube material. Customers must specify their need for these documents during the order process to ensure compliance and documentation readiness.



3. Transport and Storage

Transportation Guidelines:

To ensure the safe transportation of PPS-GR heat transfer tubes:

- **Avoid contact with sharp edges:** Ensure that no sharp edges come in contact with the tubes during transport.
- **Prevent tube dropping:** Dropping the shipment, applying weight directly on the tubes or walking on the tubes can cause significant damage and should be strictly avoided.
- **Use protective containers:** Technoform's shipments include containers protected from all sides, ensuring additional safety during transit.

Handling Damage:

- **Initial inspection:** Conduct a visual inspection upon delivery. If there are signs of damage, such as cracks or holes, do not proceed with installation.
- Handling shattered or broken PPS-GR tubes: In case a PPS-GR tube is accidentally dropped and breaks or shatters, it is important to note that the broken parts are not sharp.
 Therefore, these fragments can be safely touched and collected without the need for protective gloves. However, these damaged parts should not be used and must be handled according to disposal regulations.
- **Reporting damage:** Report any damage immediately to the supplier for further instructions or replacement.

Handling Instructions:

- **Single worker handling:** Tubes up to 4 meters in length can be handled by one worker.
- **Multi-worker handling:** For tubes longer than 4 meters, handling by two workers is recommended to ensure safety.
- **Careful handling:** Avoid dropping the tubes or allowing them to contact hard surfaces. Always handle with care to prevent damage.

Storage Conditions:

- **Temperature and humidity:** There are no specific temperature or humidity limitations for the storage of PPS-GR tubes.
- **Protective layering:** Store the tubes on a protective layer such as cardboard or air cushion foil to prevent damage.
- **Stacking tubes:** Tubes can be stacked up to 15 layers. Avoid stacking further as additional layers can damage the tubes at the bottom.

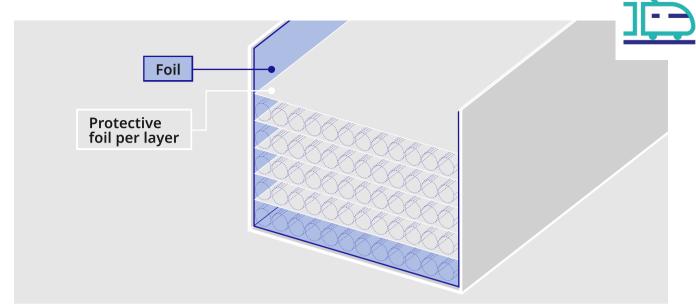
Long-Term Storage:

• **Protective foil:** While not mandatory, using a protective foil between tube layers, similar to the bottom layer, is recommended for added safety during extended storage.

Do's and Don'ts:

- ✓ Do: Use the protective packaging provided, handle tubes carefully, and store with protective layering.
- **X Don't:** Drop the tubes, stack beyond 15 layers, or expose to sharp edges.

By following these guidelines, the integrity and usability of PPS-GR heat transfer tubes can be maintained, ensuring they are in optimal condition for installation and use. Always prioritize safety and preservation in all transportation and storage processes.









4. Installation

This section outlines the recommended procedures for the proper installation of PPS-GR tubes with O-ring and rubber grommet sealing. Ensuring correct installation is crucial for achieving optimal performance and longevity of the heat transfer system.

General Recommendations on Sealing Types and Material Selection

Sealing Pressure Limits

- **Grommets:** Recommended for applications with pressure requirements up to 16 bar.
- **O-rings:** Suitable for higher pressure applications, up to 40 bar.

Material selection based on temperature

- **EPDM:** Ideal for temperatures up to 130°C, offering excellent resistance to water and steam.
- **FKM:** Appropriate for temperatures up to 200°C, with good chemical resistance.
- **PTFE or FFKM:** Best for the highest temperature range up to 250°C, providing superior chemical and heat resistance.

These material and type choices are crucial for ensuring the integrity and functionality of the seals in various operating conditions.

Installation of Tubes with O-Ring Sealing

Preparation

1. O-Ring groove and borehole design:

Work closely with Technoform's heat transfer solutions support team to design the O-ring grooves and borehole. Take into account the tolerances of the PPS-GR tubes and O-rings and ensure chamfering of sharp edges at the entry of the borehole and groove edges to prevent damage during installation.



Installation Steps

- **2. Lubrication:** Prior to installation, immerse the O-rings in a bath of soap water and spray the PPS-GR tubes with soap water to ease the installation process. Silicon-based greases may also be used as an alternative lubricant.
- **3. Inserting the tubes:** Gently insert the lubricated tubes into the designed boreholes with the O-rings in place. Avoid using excessive force or hammering, as this can cause damage to the tubes.

Post-Installation

4. Verification: Ensure that each tube is properly sealed and positioned correctly. Follow the detailed sketches and step-by-step procedures provided in the manual and accessible via QR-code linking to an installation video on our website.



Installation of tubes with grommet sealing

Preparation

1. Borehole design: Similar to the O-ring setup, coordinate with Technoform to design the boreholes according to recommended specifications. No grooves or chamfering are necessary for grommet sealing, because of overall protection by the grommet.



Installation Stepsc

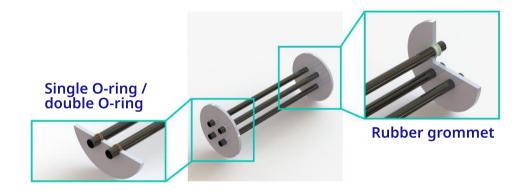
- **2. Lubrication:** As with O-ring sealing, lubricate the grommets and tubes with soap water or a suitable silicone-based grease.
- **3. Inserting the tubes:** Place the grommets in the boreholes and carefully insert the tubes. Ensure that there is no undue pressure that might harm the tubes.

Post-Installation

4. Checking the seals: Confirm that all tubes are securely sealed and positioned as per the installation guidelines. Utilize the resources provided, including visual aids on the website for additional guidance.

General Precautions

- **Handling:** Always handle the PPS-GR tubes with care during the installation process. Avoid any actions that may exert excessive force on the tubes.
- **Tools:** Do not use any tools that could impact the tubes forcefully, such as hammers or push rods.







How to proceed:



1. Plug grommet into plate.



2. Push tube through rubber grommet.



3. Insert second grommet.



4. Push tube back. Done!

Tube finishing options:



Chamfering

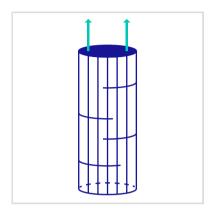


Collar

Collar for vertical installation of tubes to prevent slipping

Handling of graphite compound tube bundles

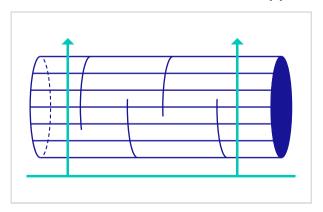
Vertical lift of tube bundle - no support is needed.



- Only use defined lifting points on tube sheet or tie rods!
- Don't apply force to tubes
- · Avoid any Impact!
- If tube bundle is in shell no special handling is required
- The PPS-GR tubes are not designed for an axial load, instead the axial forces are supported via tie rods or housings.

If handled outside the shell please respect following:

Horizontal lift of tube bundle - support is needed.



Avoid excessive bending of tube bundle/tubes!



5. Design & Operation

Maximum operating conditions (temperature and pressure) for PPS-GR63

- The maximum tube wall temperature acceptable for continuous operation is **250°C**. As an indication melting temperature of the material is around 270°C. Technoform does not warrant temperature resistance above 250°C.
- The maximum pressure depending on the profile geometry (outer diameter and wall thickness) and the operational temperature.

Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]	Max. operational pressure at 23°C [bar g]	Max. operational pressure at 50° [bar g]	Max. operational pressure at 100° [bar g]	Max. operational pressure at 150° [bar g]	Max. operational pressure at 200° [bar g]	Max. operationa pressure at 250° [bar g]
10	1,25	33	33	33	29	21	13
10	1,5	48	48	47	42	30	18
12,7	1,25	23	23	23	20	14	9
12,7	1,5	33	33	33	29	21	13
19,05	1,5	18	18	18	16	11	7
24	1,25	12	12	12	11	8	5
24	1,5	15	15	15	13	9	6
24	2	18	18	18	16	11	7
25,4	1,25	10	10	10	9	6	4
25,4	1,5	15	15	15	13	9	6
25,4	2	24	24	24	21	15	9
25,4	2,5	26	26	26	23	16	10
30	1,5	15	15	15	13	9	6
32	2	13	13	13	12	8	5
32	4	29	29	29	26	18	11
32	4,5	38	38	38	33	24	14
40	2	10	10	10	9	6	4
40	3	18	18	18	16	11	7
40	4	23	23	23	20	14	9
50	2	8	8	8	7	5	3



Table of unsupported PPS-GR63 tube lengths by operational pressure at 20°C

- ASME Compliance: The unsupported tube length for PPS-GR63 tubes is calculated according to ASME BPVC VIII Sec. 1 2023 UIG-34(5) Step 9(b)(1), taking into account the maximum operational pressure specific to the tube diameter and wall thickness.
- DIN EN Compliance: In alignment with DIN EN 13480-3 C.2, the calculation of unsupported tube length for PPS-GR63 considers variations in temperature and includes the corresponding safety factor, ensuring structural integrity under various operating conditions.

		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]							Unsup	ported tu	be length	in mm						
50	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	4	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	=
40	3	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	4,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	954	913	877	845	817
32	4	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	968	927	890	858	-
32	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25,4	2,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	988	924	872	827	788	755	-	-	_
25,4	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	942	889	843	804	-	-	-	-
24	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	948	886	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25,4	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24	1,25	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19,05	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	894	816	756	707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12,7	1,5	1000	1000	907	740	641	574	524	485	453	428	406	387	370	356	343	331
10	1,5	1000	980	693	566	490	438	400	370	346	327	310	295	283	272	262	253
10	1,25	1000	1000	709	579	502	449	410	379	355	334	317	302	290	278	268	259



Table of unsupported PPS-GR63 tube lengths by operational pressure at 50°C

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		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]							Unsup	ported tu	be length	in mm						
50	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	4	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-
40	3	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	=	=	-	-	-	-
40	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	=	=	-	-	-	-
32	4,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	983	927	879	839	803	771	743	718
32	4	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	998	941	893	851	815	783	754	-
32	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	2,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	939	869	813	766	727	693	664	-	-	-
25,4	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	957	886	829	781	741	707	-	-	-	-
24	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	986	900	833	780	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25,4	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	976	903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	919	851	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24	1,25	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19,05	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	879	786	718	664	622	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12,7	1,5	1000	1000	797	651	564	504	460	426	399	376	357	340	326	313	301	291
10	1,5	1000	861	609	497	431	385	352	326	305	287	272	260	249	239	230	222
10	1,25	1000	882	624	509	441	395	360	333	312	294	279	266	255	245	236	228



Table of unsupported PPS-GR63 tube lengths by operational pressure at 100°C

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		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]							Unsupp	oorted tu	be length	in mm						
50	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	4	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	977	914	862	817	779	-	-	-	=
40	3	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	4,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	994	889	812	752	703	663	629	600	574	552	532	513
32	4	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	903	824	763	714	673	638	609	583	560	539	-
32	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	960	876	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	1,5	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	911	832	770	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25,4	2,5	1500	1000	1000	949	822	735	671	621	581	548	520	496	475	-	-	_
25,4	2	1500	1000	1000	968	838	750	684	634	593	559	530	505	-	-	-	-
24	2	1500	1000	1000	910	788	705	644	596	557	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	1,5	1500	1000	1000	987	855	764	698	646	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,5	1500	1000	1000	929	805	720	657	608	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,25	1500	1000	1000	939	813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19,05	1,5	1500	1000	889	726	629	562	513	474	444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12,7	1,5	1000	806	570	466	403	361	329	305	285	269	255	243	233	224	216	208
10	1,5	1000	616	436	356	308	275	251	233	218	205	195	186	178	171	165	159
10	1,25	1000	631	446	364	315	282	258	238	223	210	199	190	182	175	169	163



Table of unsupported PPS-GR63 tube lengths by operational pressure at 150°C

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Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]							Unsup	ported tu	be length	in mm						
50	2	1500	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	4	1500	1000	1000	930	805	720	657	609	569	537	-	-	-	=	-	-
40	3	1500	1000	1000	953	825	738	674	624	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	2	1500	1000	1000	977	846	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	=
32	4,5	1500	1000	876	715	619	554	506	468	438	413	392	374	358	344	331	320
32	4	1500	1000	889	726	629	562	513	475	445	419	398	379	363	-	-	-
32	2	1500	1000	945	772	668	598	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	1,5	1500	1000	897	733	634	567	518	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	2,5	1500	1000	724	591	512	458	418	387	362	341	324	309	-	-	-	-
25,4	2	1500	1000	738	603	522	467	426	395	369	348	330	-	-	-	-	-
24	2	1500	982	694	567	491	439	401	371	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	1,5	1500	1000	753	615	532	476	435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,5	1500	1000	709	579	501	448	409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,25	1500	1000	716	585	506	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
19,05	1,5	1500	783	554	452	392	350	320	296	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12,7	1,5	1000	502	355	290	251	225	205	190	178	167	159	151	145	139	134	-
10	1,5	1000	384	271	222	192	172	157	145	136	128	121	116	111	106	103	99
10	1,25	1000	393	278	227	196	176	160	149	139	131	124	118	113	109	105	-



Table of unsupported PPS-GR63 tube lengths by operational pressure at 200°C

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		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]							Unsup	ported tu	be length	in mm						
50	2	1500	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	4	1500	1000	979	799	692	619	565	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-
40	3	1500	1000	1000	819	709	634	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	2	1500	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-
32	4,5	1500	1000	753	615	532	476	435	402	376	355	337	321	-	-	-	_
32	4	1500	1000	764	624	540	483	441	408	382	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
32	2	1500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
30	1,5	1500	1000	771	630	545	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25,4	2,5	1500	880	622	508	440	394	359	333	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
25,4	2	1500	897	635	518	449	401	366	339	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	2	1500	844	597	487	422	377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	1,5	1500	915	647	528	457	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,5	1500	862	609	497	431	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,25	1500	871	616	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19,05	1,5	1500	673	476	389	337	301	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12,7	1,5	1000	432	305	249	216	193	176	163	153	144	137	-	-	-	-	
10	1,5	1000	330	233	190	165	147	135	125	117	110	104	99	95	91	88	-
10	1,25	1000	338	239	195	169	151	138	128	119	113	107	-	-	-	-	



Table of unsupported PPS-GR63 tube lengths by operational pressure at 250°C

- ASME Compliance: The unsupported tube length for PPS-GR63 tubes is calculated according to ASME BPVC VIII Sec. 1 2023 UIG-34(5) Step 9(b)(1), taking into account the maximum operational pressure specific to the tube diameter and wall thickness.
- DIN EN Compliance: In alignment with DIN EN 13480-3 C.2, the calculation of unsupported tube length for PPS-GR63 considers variations in temperature and includes the corresponding safety factor, ensuring structural integrity under various operating Operating pressure in bar conditions.

		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]							Unsup	ported tu	be length	in mm						
50	2	1500	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	4	1500	1000	787	642	556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	3	1500	1000	806	658	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	2	1500	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	4,5	1500	856	605	494	428	383	349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	4	1500	869	614	502	434	389	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	2	1500	923	653	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	1,5	1500	877	620	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	2,5	1500	708	500	408	354	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	2	1500	721	510	416	361	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	2	1500	678	480	392	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25,4	1,5	1500	736	520	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,5	1500	693	490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1,25	1500	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19,05	1,5	1500	541	383	312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12,7	1,5	1000	347	245	200	174	155	142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	1,5	1000	265	187	153	133	119	108	100	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	1,25	1000	271	192	157	136	121	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Material properties

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Physical properties
Density
Specific heat capacity
Tensile modulus
Tensile strength
Tensile elongation at break
Flexural modulus
Flexural strength
Flexural elongation at break

PP-GR	PPS-GR
1.58	1.78
1.21	1.16
7751	17043
29.1	47.9
0.46	0.25
7438	14864
43.98	68.71
0.52	0.45

SI-Unit	Test Standard	Temperature
g/cm³	DIN EN ISO 1183-1	23°C
J/g·K	DIN EN ISO 11357-4	PP-GR 80 °C / PPS-GR 100 °C
MPa	DIN EN ISO 527-2	23 °C
MPa	DIN EN ISO 527-2	23 °C
%	DIN EN ISO 527-2	23 °C
MPa	DIN EN ISO 178	23 °C
MPa	DIN EN ISO 178	23 °C
%	DIN EN ISO 178	23 °C

All tests performed with injection moulded standard tensile bars unless otherwise specified in respective standard.



Profile properties and design parameters

Polymer-based heattransfer solutions

Exemplary profile properties

Properties				
Through-plane				
In-plane				
0 °C 100 °C				
100 °C 200 °C				
Surface roughness tube wall Rz				
Surface roughness tube wall Ra				

PP-GR	PPS-GR
6	4
26	23
20 x 10 ⁻⁶	14 x 10 ⁻⁶
N/A	26 x 10 ⁻⁶
≤ 4	≤ 8
≤ 0.5	≤ 1
20.9	36.6
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SI-Unit	Test conditions
W/m·K	Laser flash analysis at 23°C
1/K	ASTM E831-14
μm	DIN EN ISO 16610
μm	DIN EN ISO 16110
bar	23 °C

Above properties are for round tube 24 mm outer diameter, 1.5 mm wall thickness. Properties vary between different profiles, further information available upon request.

Recommendeddesign parameters

Design Parameter	
Continuous operation temperature (minimum/maximum temperature in profile wall)	

PP-GR	R PPS-GR	
-30 +80	-100 +250	

SI-Unit	Comment
°C	Recommendation based on material properties and long-term testing in application



Chemical resistant of PPS-GR

- The following overview shows the chemical resistant of the PPS-GR material.
- The chemical resistance to additional acids or concentrations has to be tested.

Medium	Concentration	Temperature	Duration	Result
Seawater	6,5%	80°C (176°F)	180 d	++
Hydrochloric acid (HCl)	36%	100°C (212°F)	30 d	++
	60%	120°C (248°F)	180 d	++
-	60%	140°C (284°F)	180 d	++
Sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄)	70%	150°C (302°F)	30 d	++
	80%	160°C (320°F)	30 d	+
	96%	95°C (203°F)	14 d	+
Phosphoric acid (H₃PO₄)	85%	158°C (176°F)	180 d	++
Hydroflouric acid (HF)	40%	100°C (212°F)	14 d	++
Nitric Acid (HNO₃)	30%	100°C (212°F)	14 d	
Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) sol.	72% satur.	23°C (73°F)	69 d	++
mixed acid condensate DIN EN 14471 class 2				
Hydrochloric acid (HCl) Nitric Acid (HNO₃) Sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄)	0,003% 0,02% 0,04%	90°C (194°F)	70 d	++
Green death test solution				
Sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄) Hydrochloric acid (HCl) Ferric chloride FeCl₃ Cupric chloride CuCl₂	23% 1,2% 1% 1%	100°C	7 d	++

++ no influence

+ small change or moderate resistant

- attack visible

-- non resistant



- In the case of **cooling failure** in a pressurized system, Technoform recommends depressurizing the system and opening it via a safety valve so that the pressure does not rise with the temperature in the tube.
- In the case of **high dust content** or abrasive components in the fluid stream, particularly on the shell side Technoform recommends using a protective tube layer in terms of an uncooled stainless steel tube row or perforated sheet in front of first/front PPS-GR tube row.
- Resistance to **pressure shocks**: PPS-GR tubes are designed to withstand water hammering and pressure shocks up to their maximum mechanical strength, ensuring they remain undamaged under such conditions.
- -ii- Instructions for monitoring and adjusting operational parameters:
 - For the long-term durability of the PPS-GR, the temperature and pressure (both inlet and outlet) must be measured and documented to ensure that the PPS-GR tubes are operating under the defined design conditions of the heat exchanger.



6. Maintenance and cleaning

Overview of maintenance intervals (short-, medium-, and long-term)

Short-term maintenance

It can be anyway considered a "short-term" maintenance maintaining the plant in operation through by-pass the complete heat exchanger.

Medium-time maintenance

Medium-time maintenance, carried out during plant shut-down (in case the tubes damaged do not affect thermal performance).

- 1. Visual inspection for damage to the tube, o-ring or grommet.
- 2. Pressurized inspection to detecting the position of leaking areas.
- 3. If accessibility is guaranteed, tube, o-rings or grommets can also be replaced during medium-time maintenance period.
- 4. Plugging individual broken or damaged tubes.

Long-term maintenance:

Requested substitution of tubes/heat exchanger:

Removing bundles and retrofit tubes.

Do's and Don'ts:

- X Do not walk on the tubes during the maintenance.
- X Do not drop any parts or tools on tubes during maintenance.
- ✓ In case of tube replacement, it is recommended to replace the tube sealing, too.

Cleaning instruction:

- There are no limits to the cleaning agents that can be used, even hydrochloric acid can be used to remove dirt from the surfaces.
- Do not use kettles, explosive or abrasive methods to clean PPS-GR tubes.
- Do not use hard brushes or similar hard tools to clean PPS-GR tubes.

If PPS-GR tube has collar:

- Do not walk on tube collars
- **Visual inspection of the collar:** Check for any breakages and verify the functionality
- **Cleaning:** Remove deposition and contamination according cleaning instruction.
- **If function is not given:** Short to medium term: Plug the tube or use sleeves if the tube is sliding through the tube sheet. Long-term solution: Replace with new tubes.



Cleaning during operation:

Specific instructions for cleaning during operation:

Cleaning of the heat transfer surfaces can be carried out by pressurized water spraying using inline cleaning lances.

The PPS-GR material has excellent thermal shock behavior - No additional stresses due to temperature differences.

Cleaning during operational interruptions:

Specific instructions for cleaning during operational interruptions:

Hydro jet cleaning may be used respecting following:

- Do not exceed pressure above 1450 psi (100 Bar)
- Keep minimum 8" (20 cm) distance to the tubes
- Do not use temperatures above 430°F (220°C)
- Avoid abrasive particles (e.g. sand) in water







Only use soft cloth or soft brushes.





Do not use hard brushes or cleaning pads (scotch brite).

Recycling information

Specific instructions for recycling

- All PPS-GR parts should be sent for material recycling
- All non-PPS-GR parts must be taken care of in agreement with local regulations

Scrapping

 At end of use, the equipment shall be recycled according to relevant, local regulations. Beside the equipment itself, any hazardous residues from the process liquid must be considered and dealt with in a proper manner. When in doubt, or in the absence of local regulations, please contact Technoform

7. Appendix

Disclaimer:

This handbook manual provides guidelines for the usage of PPS-GR heat transfer tubes, particularly in pressurized vessels. Technoform is an ASME-certified manufacturer. qualified to fabricate, test, and provide pressure parts in accordance with ASME BPVC VIII UIG "PRT" standards.

While Technoform ensures that all components are manufactured to the highest standards, users must adhere to all safety and operational guidelines provided within this manual. Improper use, installation, or maintenance of PPS-GR heat transfer tubes can result in equipment failure, personal injury, or property damage. Users should ensure that all personnel handling these components are adequately trained and familiar with relevant safety protocols.

Technoform does not assume responsibility for damages or losses resulting from the misuse of the product or failure to follow the instructions provided. Regular inspection and maintenance of the equipment are crucial to ensure safe and efficient operation. For specific applications and additional guidance, please consult with a qualified engineer or contact Technoform directly.



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