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DRISCOPEX™ 5300 CLIMATE GUARD® SYSTEMS



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HDPE Pipe and Fitting System for
Closed-Loop Ground-Source
Heat Pump Applications

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Performance Pipe

PERFORMANCE PIPE is the functional successor to the operations of Plexco¹ and Driscopipe². On July 1, 2000, Chevron Chemical Company and Phillips Chemical Company were joined to form Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP. Performance Pipe, a division of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, succeeds Plexco and Driscopipe as North America's largest producer of polyethylene piping products for geothermal, industrial, municipal, mining, oilfield, gas and utility applications.

Performance Pipe offers more than forty years of polyethylene pipe manufacturing experience, twelve manufacturing facilities ISO certified in nine states, and two manufacturing facilities in Mexico.

The unmatched quality and performance of Performance Pipe polyethylene piping products is enhanced and strengthened with over four decades of quality polyolefin plastic resin production from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP.

DRISCOPEX™ 5300 Climate Guard® Pipe and Fitting System

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® high-density polyethylene pipe and fittings are the quality piping system for closed-loop, earth-coupled heat pump applications. DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe and fittings are the system of choice for residential, commercial, institutional and industrial installations. Performance Pipe offers a complete system of DriscoPlex™ 5300 pressure-rated pipe and fittings that meet or exceed applicable IGSHA and ASTM specifications and requirements.

DRISCOPEX™ 5300 Climate Guard® Systems - The Key to Performance

Economical - Easy to join, lightweight and flexible to help reduce construction and installation costs.

Tough and Durable - Excellent impact and abrasion resistance. Pressure ratings based on long-term tests. Exceptional resistance to slow crack growth and environmental stress cracking.



¹ Formerly - Plexco, a Division of Chevron Chemical Company

² Formerly - Phillips Driscopipe, A Division of Phillips Petroleum Company

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Ductile and Flexible - Flexible DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® Series pipe follows the "lay of the land" to ease trench and down hole installation.

Resistant to Chemicals and Corrosion - Excellent resistance to most chemical compounds and aggressive soils.

Thermally Conductive - DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe offers high strength PE 3408 to minimize pipe wall thickness and maximize heat transfer.

Leak-Tight Joining - Long, continuous coils or straight lengths reduce joining requirements. Properly made heat fusion joints are as strong as the pipe itself and do not leak.

Excellent Hydraulics - DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe offers high volume flows with low flow resistance. The hydraulically smooth, non-wetting surface provides excellent flow properties. A Hazen-Williams C-factor of 150-155 is typically used to estimate flow resistance. DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe does not rust, rot, corrode, tuberculate or support biological growth.

Sequential Footage Markings on coils to assist with proper depth setting in borehole installations.

DRISCOPLEX™ 5300 Climate Guard® Pipe and Fitting Products

Pipe

- PE 3408 DR 11- 3/4" IPS, 1" IPS, 1-1/4" IPS, 1-1/2" IPS, 2" IPS, 3" IPS and 4" IPS standard.
- PE 3408 DR 15.5 - 3" IPS, 4" IPS, 6" IPS and 8" IPS standard.
- Other sizes through 54" IPS, other DR's, and Schedule 40 available upon request.
- DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® Unicoil™ proprietary twin-coil with patented Polywing™ u-bend for down hole or horizontal loop applications - 3/4" IPS, 1" IPS and 1-1/4" IPS

Fittings and Valves

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® molded fittings for butt fusion through 12" IPS and for socket fusion through 4" IPS.

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® systems fabricated for butt fusion fittings are available for larger sizes.

IGSHPA Approved I.D. Seal® Stab fittings available for 3/4" IPS, 1" IPS and 1-1/4" IPS DR 11 DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe.

Polyvalve® polyethylene ball valves for DR 11 DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe.

Electrofusion fittings for DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe.

³ International Ground Source Heat Pump Association

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Custom Fabrication

- DriscoPlex™ piping systems can be pre-engineered for custom lengths, coils and fittings. Call for quote.
- HDPE vaults/manhole, for your site, are available. Call for quote.

Materials and Standards

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe, molded fittings and fabricated fittings are manufactured from high-density, high molecular weight PE 3408 polyethylene compound that meets or exceeds ASTM D 3350 cell classification 345464C, and is listed by the Plastic Pipe Institute in PPI TR-4 with HDB ratings of 1600 psi (11.04 MPa) at 73°F (23°C) and 800 psi (5.52 MPa) at 140°F (60°C).

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe is manufactured in accordance with ASTM D 3035. Molded fittings are manufactured in accordance with ASTM D 3261 (butt outlet) and ASTM D 2683 (socket outlet).

Secure Joining

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe and fittings are quickly joined by socket, butt or saddle heat fusion, electrofusion, or mechanical fittings. Climate Guard® 5300 mechanical connection fittings are available for joining to other materials or to itself. Suitable electrofusion fittings may also be used. Heat fusion joining procedures are available upon request.

I. D. Seal® Stab Fittings

Polyethylene Fittings and Headers for Fast, Reliable Connections

I. D. Seal® Stab Fittings from Performance Pipe provide fast, reliable connections for geothermal piping systems. The I. D. Seal® Stab Fitting features a highly engineered but simple push-on design that seals and stiffens the pipe ID and locks the fitting to the pipe, virtually eliminating leakage and pull-out. The patented design has no metal components to rust or corrode. I. D. Seal® Stab Fittings are the only stab fittings for geothermal piping systems with both internal and external seals.

IGSHPA Approved I. D. Seal® Stab Fittings are available for joining 3/4" IPS, 1" IPS and 1-1/4" IPS DR 11 DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe. See the DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® Catalog for a complete listing of couplings, reducing couplings, elbows, reducing elbows, tees, reducing tees, parallel and alternating outlet headers and other configurations. All I. D. Seal® Stab Fittings have a working pressure rating of 160 psi for water at 73°F.



Unicoil™ U-Bend Coil



Pre-Fused Polyethylene U-Bend Coils for Efficient, Reliable Installation

Until now, installers have spent precious field time fabricating u-bends from elbows and making-up u-bend coils for down hole and horizontal heat pump piping loops. But no more - Now there is Unicoil™ u-bend coil from Performance Pipe.

Unicoil™ u-bend coil is the original pre-fused polyethylene u-bend coil system created by Performance Pipe. Unicoil™ u-bend coil features the patented one-piece Polywing Unibend that is factory pre-fused to two coils of DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe, all in one convenient package.

Unibend with Polywing - It Goes Down Easy, and Stays Down

Unibend is the first tight radius one-piece u-bend designed specifically for geothermal heat pump applications. The unique Unibend is factory pre-fused to two lengths of DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® pipe (supply and return) that are coiled together and banded into a single package for easy handling and quick field installation. Unibend features a pointed end for self-guiding installation to slide through the toughest borehole conditions. The one-piece Unibend design eliminates the third fusion where two elbows are fused together, thus fewer joints are buried at extreme depths.

Unibend features the patented Polywing anti-buoyancy attachment port to minimize the possibility of a loop assembly "floating" out of the borehole. When an anti-buoyancy wing tube is fitted through the Polywing attachment port, the wing tube folds against the Unibend during down-hole insertion, but the wing tube springs out to resist buoyant forces. The Polywing anti-buoyancy port may also be used to connect weights, stiffeners, or other devices without risking damage or compromising Unibend performance.

Configurations

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® Unicoil™ piping systems are available in three pipe sizes and two pressure ratings.

- Pipe sizes: 3/4" IPS, 1" IPS or 1-1/4" IPS
- Working pressure ratings: SDR 11 160 psi water at 73°F (standard) or
SDR 9 200 psi water at 73°F (special order) for deep
installations or high static pressures.
- Outside width across Unibend†: 3/4" IPS & 1" IPS 3 1/4" wide
1-1/4" IPS 4" wide

† This dimension is the approximate outside width across the Unibend at the end of the Unicoil™ u-bend coil including the fusion beads. When used in downhole applications, appropriate clearance between the borehole and the outside width of the Unibend is required to allow downhole passage.

DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® Unicoil™ geothermal piping systems sets the standard for reliability, cost-efficiency and ease of installation in the ground source heat pump industry.

General Guidelines for Closed-Loop Ground-Source Heat Pump Applications

- Verify that the total system pressure, operating plus surge, does not exceed the pressure rating of the lowest rated component in the system.
- Carefully inspect the pipe to detect any damage that may have occurred during shipping or handling.
- Conduct hydrostatic leak testing in accordance with Performance Pipe procedures. *Do not test piping with pressurized air.*
- Install DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® piping products in accordance with accepted standards for water-source heat pump applications and ASTM D 2774 *Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pressure Piping*.
- When laid in a trench, ensure that the trench bottom is smooth and free from sharp or angular objects. Embedment soils must be free from refuse, organic material, cobbles, boulders, large rocks or stones, and frozen clods. Blocking must be not be used to change pipe grade or to intermittently support pipe across excavated sections.
- When installed down-hole, such as in a vertical loop, be sure any ballast used to facilitate down-hole insertion does not impinge, gouge or cut into the pipe.

Technical Information

Heat Transfer

Heat transfer properties of various materials can be expressed by a "K-Value". A higher K-Value reflects greater heat transfer properties.

Material	K-Value, BTU-h/ft-°F
DriscoPlex™ 5300 Climate Guard® PE 3408	0.225
PVC	0.087

Table 1 Approximate Water Volume for 100 Feet of Pipe†

Nominal Pipe Size	Gallons	Nominal Pipe Size	Gallons
3/4" IPS DR 11	2.93	3" IPS DR 11	32.57
1" IPS DR 11	4.60	4" IPS DR 11	53.84
1-1/4" IPS DR 11	7.33	6" IPS DR 15.5	133.47
1-1/2" IPS DR 11	9.60	8" IPS DR 15.5	226.17
2" IPS DR 11	15.00		

* Approximate volume of water in U.S. gallons at 73°F for ASTM D 3035 nominal outside diameter and average wall thickness for pipe.

Table 2 Climate Guard® 5300 Pressure Rating (psi) vs. Temperature (°F)‡

Temp, °F	DR 15.5	SDR 11	SDR 9**
73	110	160	200
80	104	151	189
90	95	138	173
100	87	126	157
110	78	114	142
120	70	102	128
130	63	91	114
140	55	80	100

* PE 3408 pressure ratings for water. PE 3408 HDB = 1600 psi at 73°F and 800 psi at 140°F. Intermediate temperature LTHS interpolated in accordance with PPI TN-18. ** Optional SDR 9 for Unicoil™.

Table 3 Estimated Flow Properties for 100 Feet of Pipe - GPM, Pressure Drop (psi), Velocity (fps)[†]

GPM	3/4" IPS DR 11		1" IPS DR 11		1-1/4" IPS DR 11		1-1/2" IPS DR 11		2" IPS DR 11		3" IPS DR 11		4" IPS DR 11		6" IPS DR 15.5		8" IPS DR 15.5	
	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps	psi	fps
2	0.34	1.14	0.11	0.73	0.04	0.46	0.02	0.35	0.01	0.22								
3	0.73	1.71	0.24	1.09	0.08	0.68	0.04	0.52	0.01	0.33								
4	1.24	2.27	0.41	1.45	0.13	0.91	0.07	0.69	0.02	0.44								
5	1.87	2.84	0.63	1.81	0.20	1.14	0.10	0.87	0.04	0.56	0.01	0.26						
6	2.62	3.41	0.88	2.18	0.28	1.37	0.15	1.04	0.05	0.67	0.01	0.31						
7	3.48	3.98	1.17	2.54	0.38	1.59	0.19	1.22	0.07	0.78	0.01	0.36						
8	4.46	4.55	1.49	2.90	0.48	1.82	0.25	1.39	0.08	0.89	0.01	0.41						
9	5.54	5.12	1.85	3.26	0.60	2.05	0.31	1.56	0.10	1.00	0.02	0.46						
10	6.74	5.69	2.25	3.63	0.73	2.28	0.38	1.74	0.13	1.11	0.02	0.51	0.01	0.31				
12			3.16	4.35	1.02	2.73	0.53	2.08	0.18	1.33	0.03	0.61	0.01	0.37				
15			4.77	5.44	1.54	3.41	0.80	2.60	0.27	1.67	0.04	0.77	0.01	0.46				
18			6.69	6.53	2.15	4.10	1.12	3.13	0.38	2.00	0.06	0.92	0.02	0.56				
21					2.86	4.78	1.48	3.65	0.50	2.33	0.08	1.07	0.02	0.65				
24					3.66	5.46	1.90	4.17	0.64	2.67	0.10	1.23	0.03	0.74				
27					4.56	6.14	2.36	4.69	0.80	3.00	0.12	1.38	0.04	0.84				
30					5.54	6.83	2.87	5.21	0.97	3.33	0.15	1.54	0.04	0.93				
35					7.37	7.96	3.82	6.08	1.29	3.89	0.20	1.79	0.06	1.08	0.01	0.44		
40							4.89	6.95	1.65	4.45	0.25	2.05	0.07	1.24	0.01	0.50		
45							6.08	7.81	2.05	5.00	0.31	2.30	0.09	1.39	0.01	0.56		
50							7.39	8.68	2.49	5.56	0.38	2.56	0.11	1.55	0.01	0.62		
55									2.97	6.11	0.45	2.81	0.13	1.70	0.01	0.69		
60									3.49	6.67	0.53	3.07	0.16	1.86	0.02	0.75		
70									4.65	7.78	0.70	3.58	0.21	2.17	0.02	0.87	0.01	0.52
80									5.95	8.89	0.90	4.09	0.27	2.48	0.03	1.00	0.01	0.59
90									7.40	10.00	1.12	4.61	0.33	2.79	0.04	1.12	0.01	0.66
100											1.36	5.12	0.40	3.10	0.04	1.25	0.01	0.84
110											1.63	5.63	0.48	3.41	0.05	1.37	0.01	0.81
120											1.91	6.14	0.56	3.72	0.06	1.50	0.02	0.88
130											2.21	6.65	0.65	4.02	0.07	1.82	0.02	0.96

[†]U.S. gallons of water. ASTM D 3035 nominal outside diameter & average wall thickness. Pressure drop estimated using Hazen-Williams C = 150 for water at 60°F.

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