HDPE vs PVC

There are performance specifications and installation differences between HDPE and PVC that can help determine the best material for your installation.

HDPE PVC

VERSATILITY

on reels up to 6" OD in sticks up to 8" OD stick lengths: 20', 40', 50'



STICKS ONLY

(10' or 20')

FLEXIBLE

durable, yet lightweight

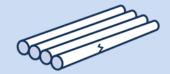


STRAIGHT STICKS ONLY

requires sweeps or fittings to "bend"

LONG CONTINUOUS LENGTHS

provide lower chance of leaking joints



GREATER CHANCE OF LEAKAGE

due to multiple joints where sticks are glued

NO GLUES REQUIRED

joined using mechanical couplers or butt fusion splicing



Couplers must be installed using

PRIMER & CEMENT

at frequent intervals

HIGHLY RESISTANT

to ground shifts over time reducing debris intrusion



CRACKS & SHATTERS

from ground shift & soil movement

REDUCED FRICTION

coefficient from optional SILICORE™ lining



HIGH INTERIOR FRICTION

that's not optimized for cable placement

Can be installed from -30°F TO 180°F



Narrow temperature range from 0°F – 130°F,

brittle in colder temperatures

INSTALLATION METHODS

include trenching, vibratory plowing, horizontal directional drilling, overriding, MicroTrenching & aerial (lashed & self supporting)



Can be installed in an

OPEN TRENCH ONLY

Can be ordered with

PRE-INSTALLED
BULL-LINE PULL TAPE



TAPE INSTALLATION IS CUMBERSOME

& must be installed as the sticks are joined.

Tape can adhere to the glue during the
installation process

HDPE PVC

Available in a

VARIETY OF COLORS

for easy identification



LIMITED COLOR OPTIONS

Available with

MULTIPLE DUCTS

on the same reel for simultaneous pathway deployment (FuturePath)



SINGLE DUCT INSTALLATION ONLY

Cable can be

JETTED IN FOR LONG DISTANCES

placing less strain on the cable



Cable cannot be air-jetted,

MUST BE HAND PULLED

causing potential cable damage

Can be ordered with

PRE-INSTALLED ELECTRICAL OR FIBER CABLE



CANNOT BE PROVIDED WITH PRE-INSTALLED

electrical or fiber cables

JOIN HDPE STICKS WITH ONE OF THESE EASY TO INSTALL COUPLERS

SHUR-LOCK II COUPLER for sizes 2"-6"



E-LOC COUPLER for sizes 2"-8"







for 2" sizes

SPLIT-LOCK + COUPLER for 2" sizes

CONCLUSIONS

HDPE can be placed more efficiently with less environmental impact

HDPE lowers labor costs for installation

HDPE allows for faster deployment