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Europress Stainless Steel Gas Piping System





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What is Europress Gas?

Europress gas is a fully stainless steel press fit piping system. Both the tube and fittings are 316L stainless steel. Although the 316L tube is the same as the general services tube, each of the gas fittings are individually tested to enable them to comply with the gas standards. Each fitting is marked with a yellow gas approval label.

Applications

- Flammable gas
- Inert gas

(Please note this does not include medical grade gases)

Conditions of use

- Maximum operating pressure: 5 Bar for flammable gases. 16 Bar for inert gases.
- Operating temperature: -20°C to 70°C

Certification

Europress press fittings comply with AS/NZS 5601.1.2013 which requires certification as conforming to German Standard DVGW VP614 for gas applications.

Sizing

Outside Diameter (mm)	Thickness (mm)
15	1
22	1.2
28	1.2
35	1.5
42	1.5
54	1.5
76.1	2
88.9	2
108	2

What type of seal should you use?

All Europress gas rated fittings come standard with HNBR (Yellow) O-ring seals and are compatible with most of the gas varieties used and are resistant to ageing and heat. Please speak with the Waterworks team for assistance.

Tooling

Please refer to 'Tooling' section for different tooling options. Waterworks has tooling for both sale and hire.

UTB02 Pressing Tool

Suitable for pressing sizes 15-28mm

UTB05 Pressing Tool

Suitable for pressing sizes 15mm to 54mm

UTB08 Pressing Tool

Suitable for pressing sizes 15-108mm



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Sizes: 15, 22, 28 & 35



1. Cutting

Cut the pipe using burr free approved cutters. Do not use oxyacetylene or abrasive cut off wheels. Pipes must be cut at right angles to their axis, using a pipe cutter or finetooth saw, taking into account the depth of insertion into the fitting. Be careful to avoid cross contamination between different materials.



2. Deburring

All pipe cuts must be carefully deburred, both inside and outside, using a manual or electric deburring tool. Any cutting residue (swarf) must be removed to preclude damage to the O-ring when the pipe is inserted into the fitting, avoiding possible leaks. Be careful to avoid cross contamination between different materials.



3. Witness Mark Insertion Depth

To ensure a correctly inserted joint the pipe must be marked with a fine-point felt-tip pen where it meets the fitting using the Europress depth gauge so that full insertion can be verified.



4. Assemble Fitting on Tube

Before assembling the fittings, the positioning of the O-rings must be checked and, if necessary, lubricate O-ring with water to ease the insertion of the pipe. Never use oils, greases, glues or other similar substances. The pipe is inserted in the fitting with a slight rotating motion until it hits the stop.

Check pipe is fully inserted to witness mark.



5. Press Tool & Jaw

The pressing tools must be equipped with M-shaped profile jaw attachments or pressing jaw corresponding to the diameter of the fitting to be pressed. Retract the lock pin, position the jaws into the tool head and ensure the lock pin is fully engaged.



6. Position Press Jaw

Open the jaws by squeezing the two ends together, then position jaws over the fitting so that the internal channel of the jaws form a perfect fit round the toroidal seat of the fitting. Release the jaws and check for a snug fit



7. Press Joint

Initiate the press cycle by squeezing the trigger 1 - hold until press cycle is completed. Do not allow interruption to the press cycle. If the LED light 2 comes on or warning beep sounds, the joint is NOT approved. If the hydraulic ram stops mid-cycle the automatic reset function can be manually overridden by depressing the reset button 3.

Check L.E.D. light after each press. If it comes on, battery must be recharged or changed before attempting the next press (see trouble-shooting mide)



SECTION B



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Sizes: 42, 54, 76.1, 88.9 & 108



1. Cutting & 2. Deburring

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All pipe cuts must be carefully deburred, both inside and outside, using a manual or electric deburring tool. Any cutting residue (swarf) must be removed to preclude damage to the O-ring when the pipe is inserted into the fitting, avoiding possible leaks. Be careful to avoid cross contamination between different materials.



3. Witness Mark Insertion Depth

To ensure a correctly inserted joint, the pipe must be marked with a fine-point felt-tip pen.

42 & 54 use the Europress depth gauge.

Large sizes use ruler (pictured) 76.1 mark at 55mm 88.9 mark at 63mm 108 mark at 78mm



4. Assemble Fitting on Tube

Before assembling the fittings, the positioning of the O-rings must be checked and, if necessary, lubricate O-ring with water to ease the insertion of the pipe. Never use oils, greases, glues or other similar substances. The pipe is inserted in the fitting with a slight rotating motion until it hits the stop.

Check pipe is fully inserted to witness mark.



5. Attach Press Collar

The pressing collar must be M-shaped profile corresponding to the diameter of the fitting to be pressed. Retract the lock pin 3, open the jaws and position the jaws around the fitting.



6. Lock Collar

Ensure that the internal channel of the jaws form a perfect fit around the O-ring seat of the fitting. Ensure the lock pin is fully engaged 4.



7. Attach Adaptor

Squeeze the back of the adaptor arms together and hook onto the pressing collar.



8. Connect Press Tool

Retract the lock pin, engage the adaptor and make sure lock pin is fully engaged 5.

Check witness mark for insertion and depth alignment before initialising press cycle.





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Bracketing Distances

Pipe	Recommended (m)	Maximum (m) (refer tech dept)
15	1.5	1.5
22	2	2.5
28	2.3	2.5
35	2.5	3.5
42	3	3.5
54	3	3.5
76.1	3.5	5
88.9	3.7	5
108	4	5

Refer to the Europress Technical Manual for the following:

- Europress certification and compliance
- Dimensional drawings
- Tooling technical assistance
- Thermal expansion and compensators
- Underground installation
- Insulating Europress
 - Additional bracketing information
- Commissioning & testing
- Chemical compatibility
- Pressure drop tables

Refer to the Waterworks team for:

- Any additional assistance with the above
- Project design and consultation
- Supply planning
- Installation training
- Installation