



Technical Bulletin Clear Primer (1/2012)

Many model plumbing codes require that PVC and CPVC plastic piping installed for use with water supply and distribution or drain, waste and vent applications be assembled with a two-step process of plastic pipe primer and plastic pipe solvent cement. The International Plumbing Code and the Uniform Plumbing Code indicate prior to application of solvent cement to the pipe surface, a "purple primer that conforms to ASTM F 656 shall be applied."

It is important to note that Oatey offers Purple or Clear Primer for use with PVC and CPVC plastic pipe that conforms to ASTM F 656. The formulations are identical except for the purple colorant.

Some local jurisdictions have modified the model plumbing code to allow Clear Primer to be used since it meets ASTM F 656. The purple dye only function is to help with inspection.

Oatey recommends that before purchase and use of our product, the installer reviews the product application and confirms the product, installation and use will be in compliance with any applicable building codes and regulations.

Please contact Oatey Technical Services if you have any questions or need additional information.