

Set Up & Curing Times

The set up/cure time is dependent on several factors. The pipe size, socket fit, ambient temperature, relative humidity, solvent cement used and the system operating pressure should all be considered when determining set up/cure times.

Average Handling/Set Up Times for PVC/CPVC Solvent Cements

Handling/Set Up Time is the time required prior to handling the joint. In damp or humid weather, allow 50% additional time.

	Temperature during assembly					
Pipe Diameter	60° to 100°F	40° to 60°F	20° to 40°F	0° to 20°F		
1/2" to 11/4"	2 minutes	5 minutes	8 minutes	10 minutes		
1½" to 3"	5 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes 12 minutes			
4" to 5"	15 minutes	30 minutes	1 hour	2 hours		
6" to 8" 30 minutes		90 minutes 3 hours		6 hours		

Contact Oatey Technical Services for set up times for pipe larger than 8" diameter.

These figures should only be used as a general guide. Conditions in the field may vary.

Average Number of Joints Per Quart of Solvent Cement

Pipe Diameter	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"
Number of Joints	325	250	150	125	90	70	50	30	10	8

These figures are estimates based on laboratory testing. Conditions in the field may vary.

Average Joint Cure Times for PVC, ABS and CPVC Solvent Cements

PVC & ABS							
Pipe Diameter		Temperature during assembly and cure period					
		60° to 100°F	40° to 60°F	20° to 40°F	0° to 20°F		
1/2" to 11/4"	Up to 180 psi	15 min	20 min	30 min			
72 10 174	180 psi +	4 hours	8 hours	36 hours	Please contact Oatey		
1½" to 3"	Up to 180 psi	30 min	45 min	60 min			
	180 psi +	8 hours	16 hours	3 days	Technical		
4" to 5"	Up to 180 psi	2 hours	4 hours	36 hours	Services for		
	180 psi +	12 hours	24 hours	4 days	cure time information		
6" to 8"	Up to 180 psi	8 hours	16 hours	3 days			
	180 psi +	24 hours	48 hours	9 days			

CPVC							
Pipe Diameter		Temperature during assembly and cure period					
		60° to 100°F	40° to 60°F	20° to 40°F	0° to 20°F		
1/2" to 11/4"	Up to 180 psi	1 hour	2 hours				
72 10 174	180 psi +	6 hours	12 hours				
1½" to 3"	Up to 180 psi	2 hours	4 hrs	Please contact Oatey Technical Services for cure time information			
	180 psi +	12 hours	24 hours				
4" to 5"	Up to 180 psi	6 hours	12 hours				
	180 psi +	18 hours	36 hours				
6" to 8"	Up to 180 psi	8 hours	16 hours				
	180 psi +	24 hours	48 hours				

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This data is applicable only for new piping installations and not recommended for repair or cut-ins on hot and cold water distribution systems. Please contact Oatey Technical Service for recommendations on Cure Times for such applications.

DO NOT test PVC and CPVC piping systems with compressed air or gas.

NOTES: Cure schedule is the time required before pressure testing the system

- This chart can be used as a guideline to determine joint cure
- Cure times stated are for conditions with relative humidity of 60% or less
- + In damp or humid weather, allow 50% additional cure time



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