



## MYTH vs FACT | ABS

**MYTH:** ABS pipe is not used in commercial construction.

**FACT:** ABS pipe is approved in all United States model codes for use in all types of construction.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe cannot be used in non-combustible construction.

**FACT:** In the United States, ABS pipe can be installed and fire stopped like any other material.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe should not be mechanically snaked or have chemical drain cleaners used in it.

**FACT:** ABS pipe is resistant to effects of chemical and mechanical cleaning.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe is not used in my area, but other materials are.

**FACT:** ABS pipe is generally approved anywhere PVC pipe is.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe is only for below ground uses.

**FACT:** ABS pipe is used above and below ground.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe cannot be used exposed outdoors.

**FACT:** ABS pipe can be used exposed if suitably painted or otherwise protected.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe contains plasticizers.

**FACT:** ABS is a rigid pipe, and contains no plasticizers.

**MYTH:** ABS isn't environmentally friendly.

**FACT:** ABS pipe lifecycle impacts are similar to, or better than, alternative materials. It is one of the lightest piping materials, has smooth walls, low breakage rates, permanent joints and does not corrode.

**MYTH:** ABS pipe cannot be recycled.

**FACT:** ABS is a thermoplastic and can be recycled.

**MYTH:** Use primer for better joints with ABS.

**FACT:** Primer is never intended for use with ABS.