

PVC water pipe

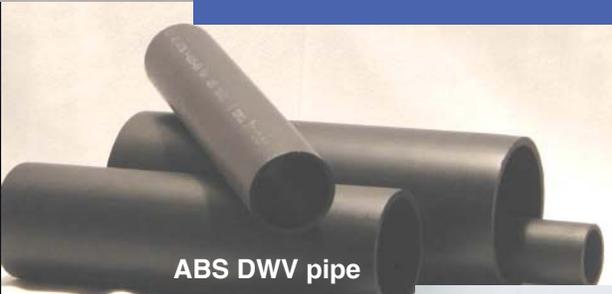


CPVC pipe & fittings

PPFA — leadership for the plastic pipe industry



PVC DWV pipe & fittings



ABS DWV pipe



PE pipe, fittings & coil



PEX coils & fittings

The Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association (PPFA) is the acknowledged leader in the plastic plumbing pipe industry. PPFA was organized in 1978 to create a forum for plastic pipe and fittings manufacturers to address industry issues and the myriad building regulations affecting industry products. Details of those issues and challenges have changed from time to time, but PPFA's mission continues – ***We provide value and growth opportunities for our members through the collective promotion and defense of plastic piping products.***

Despite over forty years of successful installations, despite its numerous advantages and advancements, plastic pipe is still the “new kid on the block.” As the newcomer it has been the target of every imaginable roadblock. Yet none of these roadblocks have been successful – thanks in large part to PPFA.

Twenty-first century technology and economic breakthroughs are reshaping the business world, but external challenges continue to require the unified voice of an industry response. In the plastic plumbing pipe industry, PPFA is that voice, and PPFA uses that voice to facilitate, advocate, communicate and educate.

“There are lots of associations and lots of ways to spend your corporate dollars. However, if you’re a manufacturer of plastic plumbing parts and want to be a player, membership in PPFA is a requirement.” Mark Clark, NIBCO.

“There are so many competing interests for my time, I have to carefully pick and choose those activities that are most important to my company’s business. We’re part of PPFA, because its programs and actions affect our business. We want to help make the decisions on what PPFA does. PPFA is our entire code program.” John Hansen, Mueller Industries.



PPFA's recent accomplishments include:

- ✓ Continued to successfully modernize three model plumbing and mechanical codes for plastic pipe applications.
- ✓ Developed an industry Life Cycle Inventory for plastic pipe.
- ✓ Promoted plastic pipe and fittings in green buildings.
- ✓ Amended a California legislative initiative that would have required additional certification for industry companies.
- ✓ Continued comments on several green rating systems and standards.
- ✓ Added plastic piping systems to the websites and educational materials of several organizations such as NAHB and MCAA.
- ✓ Developed several new marketing/educational materials for the industry, including: Fire Sprinkler Brochure, “Green” brochures for ABS, CPVC, PVC, PE and PEX; Spanish version of the PPFA Plumbers Apprentice Training Manual; etc.
- ✓ Added content to the PPFA website.
- ✓ PPFA has been a trainer at the United Association's “Trainer School.”

Value



PPFA provides value to its members by supplying them with the information to effectively manage and grow their businesses. PPFA communicates often and efficiently with all of its members by phone, fax, mail, e-mail, its website and Electronic Resource Center, as well as in person at semi-annual meetings, committee meetings and industry events. Many issues are too large for one company to handle. PPFA addresses a range of important — even business threatening — issues through finely tuned collaboration. PPFA consistently assembles the people, technical expertise and leadership experience to address industry issues. PPFA semi-annual meetings are simply the “places to be.” They provide opportunities for 200 industry leaders to participate in issue management, educational sessions, and collaborative work on industry matters.

Value



PPFA provides value to the regulatory community by promoting a regulatory environment in which the superior value of plastic piping products is recognized. The market for plastic pipe has grown substantially since it was introduced. Yet there has always been someone, somewhere, who wants to slow the growth of the plastic pipe market through improper regulation. For more than thirty years PPFA has met this challenge. By carefully monitoring regulatory initiatives, educating code officials, and building consensus for action among its own members, PPFA has guarded the industry from crippling regulation and at the same time nurtured its growth in the marketplace.



Value

PPFA provides value to users by disseminating the relevant information needed to properly design, specify and install plastic piping systems. PPFA and its sister organization, the Plastic Piping Educational Foundation (PPEF), have assumed responsibility for education on the specification, use and installation of plastic piping materials. PPFA helps installers, specifiers and contractors maximize plastic pipe use. PPFA offers a wide variety of “how to” materials and partnered with the Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC-NA), to publish the *Plumbing Apprentice Training Manual for Plastic Piping Systems*. They are the first materials of their kind anywhere.



Value

Finally, PPFA provides value to the environment by promoting an understanding of the environmental impact and benefits of thermoplastic piping products. As the knowledge base on plastic piping systems and the collective voice of the industry, PPFA communicates to government and regulatory leaders on all levels, as well as to the public. Finally, PPFA facilitates communications between corporate counterparts throughout the industry.

What PPFA members say about association membership...

PPFA delivers value...

“Like every business we look carefully at every expenditure. We’re looking for value. PPFA delivers value. If you realize PPFA is what keeps this industry viable in the plumbing market by dealing with any and all regulatory problems, you just can’t get a higher value from any other organization. There’s no possible way my company could achieve the same results by itself without spending many multiples of our PPFA dues.” Ricky C. Silver, Silver-Line Plastics Corp.

with education,

“PPFA is an invaluable resource to our company in providing educational materials for all of our customers – from the architect to the homeowner, and all interested parties in between, including code officials. As the market for plastic piping systems has grown, so has the need for information, from the technical to the practical. PPFA always keeps up, and the information is readily available to us for quick and easy distribution.” Martha Lewis Petri, Lewis Pipe Company

industry leadership,

“When I attend a PPFA meeting, I get to see everybody I need to see about all the issues on my agenda. It’s the highest value trip I make. It’s not often you get to make one trip and deal with everybody you need to see.” Bruce Brenier, Rocky Mountain Colby Pipe Co.

and product advocacy.

“Green Building has been an ever changing, expanding and sometimes confusing phenomenon. The Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association has provided the direction, support and analysis that demonstrates the sustainability and design credentials of Plastic Piping Systems. This will provide us with growth opportunities as architects, builders and homeowners go green.” John C. McDonald, LASCO Fittings, Inc.



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